

# Greenfield + Good News!

**March 2025**

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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



During Lent, we make a conscious effort to strengthen our faith and become more mindful of our spiritual disciplines. As we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we engage in actions that help us feel closer to God and our fellow Christians. Some may choose to make sacrifices during this time, such as giving up a favorite food or beverage. Others may opt to incorporate new practices as a demonstration of their desire to please God.

One of the most valuable disciplines we can adopt during Lent is prayer. By praying together with others and interceding for them, we deepen our connection to God and our community. Take a closer look at the names of individuals listed on the prayer list, whether they are members of our church or friends, and intentionally keep them in your prayers.

Through daily prayer, we not only increase the frequency of our conversations with God but also open our hearts to express gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. Try living with an attitude of gratitude for all that you have and observe how God bestows favor upon you in various ways.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Kurt*

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
REMINDER  
SUNDAY, MARCH 9**





# LENT

& Holy Week  
2025

- **ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 5, 6:30 pm Service
- **Lent Wednesday**, March 12, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service
- **Lent Wednesday**, March 19, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service
- **Lent Wednesday**, March 26, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service
- **Lent Wednesday**, April 2, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service
- **Lent Wednesday**, April 9, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service

- **PALM SUNDAY**, April 13, 9 am Service
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 17, 6:30 pm Service
- **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 18, 6:30 pm Service
- **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 20, 7 am & 9 am Services

*Soup is available Lenten Wednesdays at 5:30 pm prior to 6:30 pm service.*

Please come and partake and enjoy the fellowship.

**Thank you to our Fantastic Soup Groups!!**

March 12–Adult & Family    March 19–Stewardship

March 26–Property    April 2–Worship & Music

April 9–Youth & Family





# GF March 2025 EVENTS

**Calendar Events may be added  
and information is always  
subject to change.**

Please check the bulletin, website and  
Facebook for most current information.

## MARCH

- **Sunday, March 2** – Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service
  - **Tuesday, March 4** – Stewardship meets, Worship & Music meet – times and locations TBD
  - **Tuesday, March 4** – Quilters meet
  - **Wednesday, March 5**—Bible Study with Pastor Kurt at Gabby Lou’s in the back room. Coffee’s on us, treats are on you. 8:15 am.
  - **Wednesday, March 5** – **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** with Communion – 6:30 pm (No Confirmation during Lent & Holy Week. Confirmation resumes April 23)
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- **Sunday, March 9**—**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**— Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service
  - **Wednesday, March 12** —Bible Study with Pastor Kurt at Gabby Lou’s in the back room. Coffee’s on us, treats are on you. 8:15 am.
  - **Wednesday, March 12** – **LENTEN SERVICE** with SOUP – 5:30 pm Soup, 6:30 pm Service. Soup provided by Adult & Family Committee. (NO council meeting tonight – moved to Sunday March 16)
  - **Saturday, March 15** – **ST. PATRICK’S DAY HIGH TEA** – 10:30 am to 12 noon. In the fellowship hall. RSVP Required by March 1 to Janet Ewalt, Laurie Magnus or the church office.
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- **Sunday, March 16** – Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service – **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS TODAY** AT 11 AM
  - **Wednesday, March 19** —Bible Study with Pastor Kurt at Gabby Lou’s in the back room. Coffee’s on us, treats are on you. 8:15 am.
  - **Wednesday, March 19** – **LENTEN SERVICE** with SOUP – 5:30 pm Soup, 6:30 pm Service. Soup provided by Stewardship Committee.

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# GF EVENTS continued...

- **Sunday, March 23** – Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service
- **Tuesday, March 24** – Quilters meet
- **Wednesday, March 26** —Bible Study with Pastor Kurt at Gabby Lou’s in the back room. Coffee’s on us, treats are on you. 8:15 am.
- **Wednesday, March 26** – **LENTEN SERVICE** with SOUP – 5:30 pm Soup, 6:30 pm Service. Soup provided by Property Committee.

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- **Sunday, March 30** – Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service
- **Wednesday, April 2** —Bible Study with Pastor Kurt at Gabby Lou’s in the back room. Coffee’s on us, treats are on you. 8:15 am.
- **Wednesday, April 2** – **LENTEN SERVICE** with SOUP – 5:30 pm Soup, 6:30 pm Service. Soup provided by Worship & Music Committee.

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- **Sunday, April 6** – Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service
- **Wednesday, April 9** – **LENTEN SERVICE** with SOUP – 5:30 pm Soup, 6:30 pm Service. Soup provided by Youth & Family Committee.

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- **Sunday, April 13** – **PALM SUNDAY** - Worship at 9 am. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service
- **Wednesday, April 16** – NO CONFIRMATION – HOLY WEEK – UNSURE IF COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT
- **Thursday, April 17** – **MAUNDY THURSDAY** – 6:30 pm Service
- **Friday, April 18** – **GOOD FRIDAY** – 6:30 pm Service

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- **Sunday, April 20** – **EASTER SUNDAY** - **Worship at 7 AM AND 9 AM.** Sunday school 10 am? Choir Practice after service?
- **Wednesday, April 23** – CONFIRMATION REVIEW CLASS - meal 6 pm, class 6:30 pm.

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- **Sunday, April 27** –Worship at 9 AM. Sunday school 10 am. Choir Practice after service.
- **Wednesday, April 30** – CONFIRMATION Affirmation of Baptism Walk-Thru CLASS - meal 6 pm, class 6:30 pm. (CONFIRMATION Sunday is May 4<sup>th</sup>)

## ***More to come in next month’s Greenfield Good News...***

Please let us know if you have something you would like included in the Greenfield Good News. This is YOUR newsletter. Submissions would be greatly appreciated by the second week of the month for the next month’s issue.





# ***Greenfield*** ***YOUTH PROGRAM***

## *Greetings and Salutations from the Youth Team—*

The weather is great and God is amazing with the blessings he has given us. This past month the Flu bug has in a sense decimated our Sunday School class with limited participation. However, once that is over I feel our numbers will be back on track.

This past month our Sunday School teachers made Valentines Day Cards and handed them out to the patients at the Gundersen Care Center. I was told this was a nice surprise and that the patients really enjoyed them.

The Children's Choir will be singing on March 16th so please spread the word.

I am going to make a push with the Youth and Sunday School kiddos to get ideas for events that they may want to do as well as having them perform the service one Sunday. In addition, we are in the planning stages of VBS, the July 4th parade and future activities.

***Peace to all of you -***

**Josh Krage**  
Youth Director

***Thank you*** received from the Gunderson Care Center to the Greenfield Youth:

*"Thank you for remembering us with handmade Valentines! We appreciated reading all the verses and appreciate you thinking of us! We have them hanging up on our Altar area. It means so much."*





Women of the church you are cordially invited to attend

## A St. Patrick's Day **HIGH TEA**

March 15 at 10:30 am

In the Church Fellowship Hall

Wearing o' the Green is highly encouraged!

RSVP was required by March 1 to Janet Ewalt or Laurie Magnus, or Sandy Strozyk. Please contact them for more information.



### Confirmation Reminder

*NO class on Ash Wednesday, or any Wednesdays during Lent, or Holy Week.*

**Confirmation resumes**

**April 23** with Review Class.

**April 30** Affirmation of Baptism walkthrough.

**May 4** Confirmation Sunday



### **Senior Recognition Greenfield Celebrates our Graduating Seniors!**

*Congratulations to:*

Atlee Hershberger  
Josh Haugerud  
Owen Schoepski  
Alex Gulbranson  
Tyler Gulbranson  
Olivia Whalen  
Brooklyn Simon  
Camden Twait

**Senior Recognition  
Sunday is May 18**

# Become Part of *Our* Church Family

*New Members are Always Welcome!*

We invite you to become a part of our Church Family. We are a community of believers, and as disciples we share with the world God's love and grow in that love ourselves. We believe Jesus' invitation includes sharing the **Good News** in word and deed as we live with compassion and work for justice in this world.



*If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Kurt,  
Or the church office at 507-886-3272 or email [office@greenfieldlutheran.com](mailto:office@greenfieldlutheran.com)*

**Romans 15:7: *Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.***



*My  
First  
Communion*

**1st Communion  
Retreat will be  
in April.**

The actual date  
of 1st Communion  
is to be determined.

Please watch the church Bulletins and the  
Newsletter for updates.

Contact Pastor Kurt at [pastorbockoven@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbockoven@gmail.com)  
or call his cell at 563-202-0725  
with questions or for more information.

# Adult & Family CENTERPIECE MAKING EVENT

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**  
**6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall**

Pre-registration and payment required-  
please sign up in the hallway across from  
the office and drop your payment off at the  
office.

## ***2 Options:***

1. Easter/Spring Centerpiece with  
spring flowers \$40
2. Bunny centerpiece made with  
large mums, bunny ears, nose,  
whiskers \$45



*Class is taught by LeAnne from Mabel Flowers*



*Save the Date!*

*2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar*

*Saturday November 15, 2025*

*9:00 am - 1:00 pm*

*Greenfield Lutheran Church*

*Please be thinking about what you'll want to  
make and or donate to this year's event. Your  
support and participation are so important,  
Plus, you don't want to miss it!*





# Meet our new **CHURCH COUNCIL** 2025

## Council Members

\*indicates new term

Matthew Anderson (2026) 507-822-3154 matthew.anderson@isd2198.k12.mn.us

Mindy Kingsley (2026) 507-259-9274 mjosmonson@gmail.com

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Scott Snyder (2025) 507-886-9644 scottsn54@gmail.com

Gretchen Olson (2025) 507-993-5421 rgolson101@gmail.com

Clayton Schoepski (2025) 507-517-4053 clayton.schoepski@isd2198.k12.mn.us

Ashley Haugerud (2025-2027)\* 507-216-2569 ashleyhaugerud10@gmail.com

Sandy Strozyk (2025-2027)\* 507-438-6110 sandy.strozyk@gmail.com

Zach Haugerud (2025-2027)\* 507-273-5343

Pastor Kurt Bockoven 563-202-0725 pastorbockoven@gmail.com



**Church Council Officers:** President - Mary Beth Ostrom ~ Vice President - Gretchen Olson  
Secretary - Matt Anderson ~ Treasurer - Sandy Strozyk

**Church Council Members:** Matthew Anderson, Janet Ewalt, Ashley Haugerud, Zach Haugerud, Mindy Kingsley, Gretchen Olson, Mary Beth Ostrom, Clayton Schoepski, Scott Snyder, Sandy Strozyk

## **Church Council Minutes\*** **February 12, 2025 8:00 pm**

**Members Present:** MaryBeth Ostrom, Scott Snyder, Mindy Kingsley, Sandy Strozyk, Gretchen Olson, Ashley Haugerud, Pastor Bockoven, Janet Ewalt

**Absent:** Zach Haugerud, Clayton Schoepski

Called to order at 8:03 PM

Pastor led devotions.

Outgoing president addressed the council before he goes off as council president. He reviewed the Code of Conduct and responsibilities of being on council.

Offering counters and devotion sign-ups were passed around.

Descriptions were passed around of council positions.

Election of Officers (Executive Board)

President- Mindy nominated MaryBeth Ostrom. Janet seconded.

Motion Carried.

Vice President- Gretchen Olso Nominated. Mindy seconded.

Motion Carried.

Secretary- Janet nominates Matt. Mindy seconded. Motion Carried.

Treasurer- Janet nominates Sandy. Matt 2nded. Motion carried.

New Council executive committee:

President-MaryBeth Ostrom

Vice President: Gretchen Olson

Secretary: Matt Anderson

Treasurer: Sandy Strozyk

### **3. Approval of Committee Reports**

Descriptions of committees were given. Reports were read.

Organ was taken apart, tuned, and a pipe was repaired. The cost was \$500.

In the tuner's opinion, the organ is bad in design and layout. The repairs needed to rebuild would be \$50,000-\$70,000.

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One change to January Minutes was Janet Ewalt was present. Scott Approved and Janet seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Council reviewed Congregational Annual Meetings minutes.

### **Financial Report**

Beginning checkbook balance was \$39,434.15.

Ending checkbook balance was \$29,286.19

Three or four families gave substantial gifts for our budget last year to help balance it.

Sandy motioned to approve the financial report by, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Sandy brought up having a possible council retreat. 2025 Lent Services and meals. Starting March 12th through April 9th. Pastor is suggesting that committees sign up for making soup for lenten meals. Council members should reach out to their committees. Soup for maybe around 40-50 people. A sign-up via email will be sent. All Lent services will be at 6:30 pm.

We will be hosting the Root River Conference Assembly on Sunday, February 16th at 2 pm.

Sandy motions to approve the payment of the amended bid for the Stained Glass windows out of the legacy fund for \$30,300. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

The cost for a new mic with label is \$954.54.. Another quote was for \$1031.91.

Sandy Motions to approve the payment for the \$954.54 mic to come out of the undesignated memorial fund. Seconded by Gretchen.

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### Pastor Report

Pastor wants to thank everyone for all the prayers for his family. Pastor thanks everyone for letting him sit when giving the services. He is slowly gaining strength each day. Pastor thanked the Synod for finding the supply pastor.

Pastor will not do visitations until March as he regains his strength.

We still need members to go to the election of the bishop in Mankato. It will be overnight.

Pastor will be doing Lenten Services at Union Prairie after our Lenten Services.

Next Council meetings will be Sunday, the 16th of March at 11:00 AM.

On April 16, the council meeting will be at 6:30 pm.

Move to add Samantha Grabau, financial secretary and Sandra Strozyk, church council treasurer to a \$40,000 line of credit at First Southeast Bank and both the ability to access the line of credit as needed.

Gretchen motioned to approve. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Move to add Sandra Strozyk and Samantha Grabau to the general fund, memorial fund, youth fund, pastoral discretionary fund as signers and remove Vicky Tribon.

Sandy motioned to approve. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary Matt Anderson

**\*Please note, these Church Council Minutes are unapproved so they can be in the Newsletter in a timely fashion. Minutes for each month are approved at the next month's Church Council Meeting.**

**Reminder:** When you do automatic giving from your checking or savings accounts you can use this slip shown for the offering plates. **They will be in the pews with the regular offering envelopes. Thank You!**



## Greenfield Lutheran Church Income and Expense

### JANUARY 2025

January Receipts: \$7,533.01  
January Expenses: \$17,680.97  
Deficit for January: \$-(10,147.96)

## Reminder!

Pastor Kurt, Josh, Sam, and all of the church staff will NEVER EVER ask for gift cards or anything else by email.

Please remember to double check email addresses carefully and when in doubt always call. The email might say our name but have a different email address.

Email scams are getting more difficult to detect,. ALWAYS call before responding to any suspect emails.



## SCAM ALERT!!



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