

# Greenfield + Good News!

*April 2025*

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## Easter People

Because of the resurrection, everything is renewed! The transformative power of the resurrection shines through in the way people's lives are changed, creating fresh starts all around us. It's through the living power of God in Jesus Christ that we see death overcome. We are all unique individuals because of this remarkable resurrection power!

Easter calls to mind the joyous "Alleluia" that echoes from mountaintops to valleys, from bustling cities to quiet farms, and across continents. The celebration of life triumphing over death resonates from the farthest galaxies to our own planet. In this vast universe and beyond, God's great affirmation is embodied in the power of life.

As we gather to celebrate Easter, let our hearts overflow with shouts and songs of joy. Christ is risen! Christ is risen Indeed! However, it's important to remember that Easter Sunday is just one day of the year. The Easter season spans seven weeks, culminating in Pentecost Sunday on June 8th this year. Beyond that, we are called to be "Easter people," living in the joy of the resurrection each and every day of the year!

So why is it that our churches are bustling on Easter Sunday, only to return to normal in the following weeks? Are we here just for the grand celebration? Are we seeking only a fleeting high? Or might it be that we overlook the profound impact of Easter on our daily lives?

These are important questions worth reflecting on. While I may not have a definitive answer, I believe it's crucial to examine our relationship with God. If our faith is limited to occasional spiritual moments or if our gratitude is relegated to "I'll show up when I can," we might be missing out on the true power of the resurrection and its potential to transform our lives.

My prayer this Easter is for everyone reading this to experience God's power working within you, inspiring joy and gratitude each day of the week. Let's celebrate the gift of new life together with our brothers and sisters in Christ each weekend at Greenfield. If we truly embody the spirit of being "Easter people," then let us live each day filled with thanks to God, expressing our joy throughout the year!

**Blessings,**  
*Pastor Kurt*



● **Lent Wednesday**, April 2, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service

● **Lent Wednesday**, April 9, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm Service

# LENT

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

Please come and partake and enjoy the fellowship. A big 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.



**Palm Sunday  
Service April 13  
9 am**



**Maundy Thursday  
Service April 17  
6:30 pm**



**Good Friday  
Service April 18  
6:30 pm**

# EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

**April 20  
Services at 7 am  
AND 9 am**





# GF April 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.

## APRIL

- **Tuesday, April 1** —Worship & Music Meet at 6:30 pm.
  - **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
  - **Monday, April 7**—Quilters meet
  - **Tuesday, April 8,** - Martha Leah 2 pm at Drucie's
  - **Tuesday, April 8** – Stewardship Meets at 4:30 pm
  - **Wednesday, April 9** —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 9**—Miriam Circle 10 am
  - **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.
  - **Monday, April 14**—Quilters meet
  - **Tuesday, April 15** —**CENTERPIECE MAKING CLASS**—Adult & Family is

# GF EVENTS continued...

sponsoring this fun event! 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Sign up and pay in the hallway by the big bulletin board prior to class.

- **Wednesday, April 16** —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 16** – NO CONFIRMATION – HOLY WEEK
  - **Wednesday, April 16** – Church Council Meets at 6:30 pm
  - **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.
  - **Wednesday, April 23** —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 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** —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 30** – CONFIRMATION Affirmation of Baptism Walk-Thru CLASS - meal 6 pm, class 6:30 pm. (CONFIRMATION Sunday is May 4<sup>th</sup>)
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## Coming up in May

Sunday, May 4 Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 18 Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 18 Baccalaureate







## GREENFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

# Greetings!

Another month has gone by and we continue to be blessed by God's Awesomeness. We've had a very busy and productive time with this past month with Sunday School, Children's Choir and making sure to stay in touch with the Senior Youth of Greenfield Lutheran.

This month our Sunday School lessons focused on Kindness, Jesus being the light and the story of Lazarus.

Kindness - Matthew 7:12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" The focus was on teaching the children of God's Love for everyone and that we need to treat everyone with Kindness like Jesus does.

Jesus and the Light - John 8:12-20 "I am the light of the world" The focus is on how the Love of God can brighten one's day if we allow him into our lives.

The story of Lazarus - John 11 - Sometimes it's hard to talk about death and sadness especially at a young age. In this lesson, we discussed that God is with us in death, our sadness and our mourning over the loss of loved ones.

All three lessons can be found on the Church's Facebook page.

The Senior Youth has also been busy but in a different way. We have very talented kids who are more busy than I think anyone of us ever were when we were that age. I've scheduled our Senior Youth to help with the Soup Supper during lent and have been talking to them about activities we can do together once the school activities have calmed down.

With that being said...I attended the Solo/Small Group Local Recital competition last night at the Fillmore Central High School. I am so impressed with voices they have, the confidence they sing with and the passion they have. On the next page are pictures of a few performances from the competition.

When you see a Youth Member simply ask about their day, listen to them and learn from them. Why.....because we used to be them and we need to guide them as others have guided us.

*Peace*

*Josh Krage*

Youth Director



# Solo/Small Group Recital Competition at Fillmore Central High School

## AMAZING! So PROUD!



**1 Peter 4:10-11**

~ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others ~



# Adult & Family CENTERPIECE MAKING EVENT

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

**Pre-registration and payment required-**  
please sign up and pay in the hallway across from 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*





## 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.

# 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.***





# Senior Recognition

**Greenfield Celebrates our  
Graduating Seniors!**

## ***Congratulations to:***

Alex Gulbranson  
Atlee Hershberger  
Brooklyn Simon  
Josh Haugerud

Olivia Whalen  
Owen Schoepski  
Tyler Gulbranson

**SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 18**

The  
season  
will be  
upon us  
before  
you know  
it!! Watch  
for the  
sign-up  
sheet on  
the table  
outside  
the  
Sanctuary.



## **Looking for Volunteer Lawn Mowers**

**Greenfield will now be using volunteers  
to maintain the grounds at the church.**

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to help mow and edge the church lawn. The church provides the mower.

The more volunteers, the fewer times each person needs to mow.

Please sign up on the sheet provided if you would be willing to help with this important stewardship activity of time and talent. See Pastor with any questions.

**Thank you!**

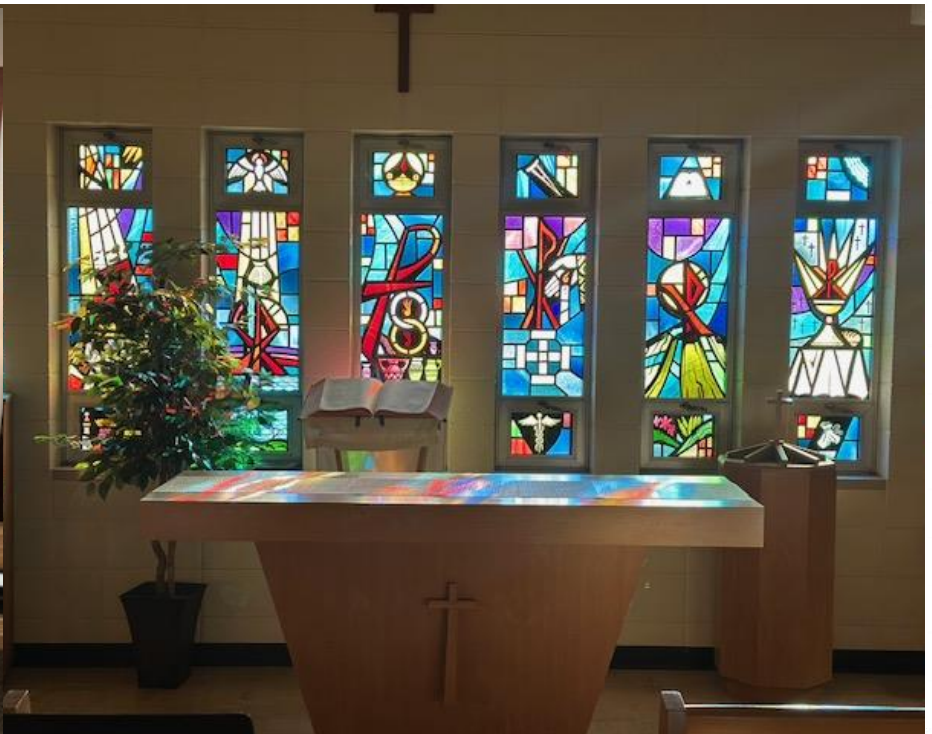
## THE CHURCH WINDOWS ARE FINISHED

Kevin O'Brien did a wonderful job working on restoring and cleaning Greenfield's beautiful stained glass windows.

If you haven't seen them when the sun is just coming through, it's a sight to behold. Please come take a moment when you can, to sit in the quiet Sanctuary on a sunny day. What a great place to calm your mind and restore your soul.



The addition of the crystal cross in the middle Sanctuary back window was a repair idea from Kevin's brother who has since passed. When the sunlight hits it just right it reflects the symbol of the cross down the aisle between the pews. *What a beautiful reminder of the Easter Journey.*





# Easter Lilies

**Symbolize the resurrection of Jesus and beautify the church.**

What a great way to honor loved ones here and those we've lost. They can be dropped off during open hours at the church.



**Coming up...**

**April 23**  
Review Class.

**April 30**  
Affirmation of Baptism  
walkthrough.

**May 4**  
**Confirmation  
Sunday**

GREENFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2nd Annual  
**HOLIDAY**  
Bazaar  
HARMONY, MN  
November 15, 2025  
9:00 am—1:00 pm

## Monthly Spotlight:

- Porch Pots
- Jam
- Salsa



Last year our Porch Pots sold within the first hour! This year we will be making more so:

- ⇒ Please let us know if you'd donate any **Large Plastic Flower Pots** around 11 - 16" wide
- ⇒ Keep an eye out at any garage sales, if you can pick them up inexpensively, please do!



This year we are going to be making jams and salsa to sell at the Bazaar. We're looking for...

- ⇒ Experienced Jam and/or Salsa Makers who might lend a hand and teach some willing students, Is that you?
- ⇒ **Pint jars** you'd donate
- ⇒ Are you willing to pick strawberries, donate vegetables for the salsa, or be part of the canning crew, etc.? Let us know!
- ⇒ Are you willing to make at home and donate to the Bazaar? Let us know what you're willing to do so we can plan accordingly!



## Thank You

Bazaar Committee:

Marian Morem, Linda Synder, Laurie Magnus, Patty Todd, MaryBeth Ostrom, Kris Torgerson, Gerri Ehler, Janet Ewalt





# Meet our new **CHURCH COUNCIL** 2025

## Council Members

\*indicates new term

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

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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\***

**March 16, 2025      11:00 am**

### **Members Present**

x MaryBeth Ostrom  
x Scott Snyder  
x Mindy Kingsley  
x Matt Anderson  
x Sandy Strozyk  
x Gretchen Olson  
x Ashley Haugerud  
x Pastor Bockoven  
x Janet Ewalt  
x Zach Haugerud  
Clayton Schoepski

Call to Order – Mary Beth Ostrom, President 11:02 AM

Devotions: Sandy Strozyk

Code of Conduct

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Add, talk about council retreat and mutual ministry/personal committee. Motion to approve Scott and Janet. Approved.

### **1. Introduction of council members**

Each council member spoke a little about themselves.

### **2. Consent Agenda:**

a. Approval of the 2025 February council meeting minutes

Add Matt Anderson was present. Motion by Sandy, 2nd by Gretchen to approve. Motion carried.

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### **3. Financial Report**

Ending checkbook balance is \$79,328.69

\$10,000 from a single donor was given in February.

Approval of corrected financial report: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Gretchen. Motion carried.

### **4. Committee Reports:**

Stewardship

Worship & Music

Property

Children, Youth, Family

Adult & Family

### **5. Any Old Business**

#### **a. Internet cable to Audio/Sound equipment in Balcony Bid**

A motion to use undesignated memorial money to pay the \$1,750 estimate to install internet cable to the balcony. Sandy motioned, Scott seconded. Motion carried.

#### **b. Wireless receiver and mic w/ lapel from Sim Sound**

Wireless receiver and mic ordered.

### **C. Retreat**

We discussed having a retreat and inviting church staff. Motion to hold a council retreat on Sunday, June 1st, 11 am. Sandy Motioned, Janet 2nd. Motion carried.

### **6. Any New Business**

#### **Adding a mutual ministry/personal committee**

Duties would include reviewing staff and reviewing salaries.

If there are issues, the staff can go to the committee.

It is a private committee.

A motion to reissue the mutual ministry and for the executive committee to serve on it. Motioned by Sandy, 2nd by Gretchen. Motion Carried.

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Janet spoke that several people came to her that Sandy Strozyk should receive recognition for volunteering her time as Financial Secretary in the past year. We recognize all that Sandy has done for this church.

### 7. Pastor's Report

Pastor is pleased with the Lenten services.

Confirmation students will start doing their expressions of faith in April.

### 8. Children/Youth Directors Report

Written report was given and reviewed by Josh Krage.

Janet discussed a youth committee project to help an elderly person with yard work and clean up.

### 9. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

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.**

## *A Thank you* to our Church Council Members

Just to take a moment to reflect on all that you do in your service as a church council member and let you know that your efforts are seen and appreciated. Your dedication to this important role in the body of our church is what helps our church to fulfill its mission, vision, and values. Your time spent in meetings ensures that we are being responsible stewards of the gifts we've been given. The steps you take to address and resolve issues in a way that keeps Christ at the center of it all reinforces the single important truth that every person is loved and seen!

***We are grateful for the wisdom you bring and to the precious gift of time that you give to Our Greenfield Church Family!***

# Income & Expenses



## Greenfield Lutheran Church Income and Expense

### FEBRUARY 2025

- **February 2025 Revenues: \$87,768.26**  
(includes \$62,985 endowment yearly transfer and a one time gift of \$10,000)
- **February 2025 Expenditures: \$37,725.76**  
(includes \$19,423 endowment yearly allocations to outside organizations)
- **Positive monthly balance: \$50,042.50**

**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!**



## 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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