

# Greenfield+Good News!

**June 2025**

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## Kicking off for Summer

Many people have been itching to start their summer travels. June is a big month to kick off the summer for many people to visit relatives, camp, or go on vacations. It's good for us to get out of the house or out of our winter routine. That means you might not go to church very much during the summer. However, I will always encourage you to come to church but if you can't, remember that God goes with us even when we leave home and break our normal rhythm of life.

Read what a musician/poet wrote in Psalm 139:7-10.

*Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

God encompasses us with His love, guiding us no matter where our journeys lead. He invites us to connect with the Holy Spirit, who walks alongside us, nurturing that bond through love. We don't need to venture forth without embracing the power of God's love, expressed through Jesus and refreshed in our hearts daily by the Holy Spirit.

As you take any time off, allow yourself to be captivated by the beauty around you. Soak in the fragrances of nature and discover new destinations and faces. Savor foods that tantalize your taste buds and immerse yourself in the local happenings, no matter where you are. In every experience, remember that God's loving hand is holding you securely, wrapping you in His warmth and care. Enjoy each moment with a heart full of hope and gratitude!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Kurt*

# SAILING INTO SUMMER!



**Summer is such a busy time!  
Getting outside while we can to enjoy the warmer  
weather is what we do as Minnesotans!**

**There are lots of fun Greenfield Events and Activities  
coming up, many are listed inside this issue.**

**Please check the Church Bulletin, Facebook and the  
Greenfield Website for the most up to date information.**

**Whatever you do... Happy Sailing!  
And enjoy the Summer!!**

**"He CALMED THE STORM TO A WHISPER AND STILLED THE WAVES." PSALM 107:29**



## **GREENFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM**

### *Greetings from your Youth Group*

As the summer approaches we have a few things in place that will refresh your spirit, motivate your soul and cool you down in the hot summer.

On June 20th (which also happens to be the First Day of Summer) we will have a pool party at the Preston Pool from 6:00 to 8:00. Weather Permitting.

Parents are encouraged to attend, plus Greenfield will cover the cost of the families and kids who want to swim.

On July 4th we will have a Float in the parade. As in past years, we will drive a float and have a banner that will promote our Vacation Bible School themed True North.

I am looking for a driver to drive in the parade and throw candy. It's a great experience and your kids can help as well. Let Josh Krage know if you're interested.

On August 1st thru August 3rd we will be having our Vacation Bible School Greenfield. The Theme is True North and we are asking for volunteers to teach, cook, decorate etc. More details to follow. I also invite all of you to look at the Church's Facebook Page for updates on Youth Events, happenings in the community and pictures of what we are about.

*Peace*  
*Josh Krage*  
Youth Director



# Upcoming EVENTS

## SUMMERTIME'S FUN TIME!!

Hey Greenfield Family  
there's lots going on!

**4th of July Parade**—Helpers  
needed and Kids to walk and  
hand out candy—see Josh



**Summer Camps**—Greenfield pays  
half! Contact Josh for more info.

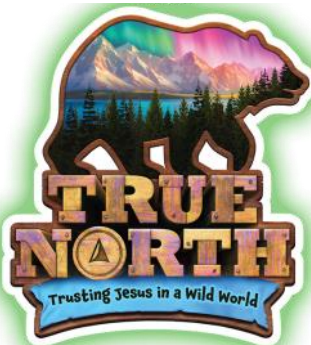
**GLC 6:34**

### **Wednesday Services**

This popular event is a  
great way to spend a  
summer evening. Contact Ashley Haugerud and  
see page in this Newsletter for more details.

GLC "6:34"  
*Summer of Faith*

**Outdoor Services** in June, July & August  
see page in this Newsletter!



**VBS**—Aug 1-3. Theme: **True North**  
*Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*

Visit [www.greenfieldlutheran.com](http://www.greenfieldlutheran.com) or see  
Josh, Mary Beth, Mindy, Ashley, And Tere-  
sa for more information.



# GF 2025 EVENTS

Calendar Events may be added  
after the Newsletter is out,  
information is subject to change.

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ARE ON SUMMER BREAK:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor on break for summer; No Martha Leah in June, July and August; Miriam Circle meets in June, then on break in July & August; Sunday School and Church Choir will resume in the fall;

## June 2025

- **Sunday, June 1 – Worship** at 9 am.
- **Sunday, June 1 – Worship & Music** meets at 11 am.
- **Wednesday, June 4—Adult & Family** meets at 6 pm
- **Wednesday, June 4 —GLC "6:34" Wednesday Service**—6 pm Meal, 6:34 to 7 pm Worship and Service, 7-8 pm Games and Bible Study
- **Sunday, June 8 – Worship—OUTDOOR SERVICE** at 9 am.
- **Wednesday, June 11—Miriam Circle** meets at 10 am—(no meeting July & August)
- **Wednesday, June 11 —GLC "6:34" Wednesday Service**—6 pm Meal, 6:34 to 7 pm Worship and Service, 7-8 pm Games and Bible Study
- **Thursday, June 12—Bazaar Committee** meets at 6 pm
- **Thursday, June 12 – Church Council** Meets at 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, June 15 – Worship** at 9 am. - Happy Father's Day!
- **Wednesday, June 18 —GLC "6:34" Wednesday Service**—6 pm Meal, 6:34 to 7 pm Worship and Service, 7-8 pm Games and Bible Study

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# More Great GF EVENTS



- **Sunday, June 22 – Worship** at 9 am.
- **Wednesday, June 25 —GLC "6:34"**  
**Wednesday Service**—6 pm Meal,  
6:34 to 7 pm Worship and Service, 7-8  
pm Games and Bible Study

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- **Sunday, June 29 – Worship** at 9 am. - Happy Father's Day!

## Coming up in July:

**4TH OF JULY PARADE**—All are welcome

to come participate & help out and

to support Our Youth! Children

please come be in the parade

and help hand out candy!

Please see Josh Krage for more details.



## — OUTDOOR SERVICES CONTINUE —

Ecumenical Outdoor Service is July 6

Last Outdoor Service will be Aug 10

**Good Things Are Always Happening at Greenfield!**



All are Welcome!

# GLC "6:34"

*Summer of Faith*

Come for Fun,  
Fellowship, and Faith!



WEDNESDAYS  
Starting at 6 PM

6PM-6:30PM FOOD

6:34PM-7PM  
WORSHIP & SERVICE

7PM-8PM GAMES &  
BIBLE STUDY

More Events to  
Come!!





## Outdoor Services

• JUNE 8 • JULY 6 (Ecumenical) • AUGUST 10  
9:00 AM

*Bring your lawn chair,  
Bring your Family & Friends,  
Bring your Beautiful Self! We're excited to see you!*

*Please note dates subject to change and services will be held indoors in the case of inclement weather.*



**GREENFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
235 MAIN AVENUE S. ~ HARMONY





November 15, 2025  
9:00 am—1:00 pm

Strawberries will be ready to pick shortly after Father's day!

Contact Marian Morem at 504-951-6661

- You have jelly jars you'll donate
- You'd like to be contacted to help pick
- You'd like to be contacted to help make the jam

Let's get this done and have fun!!!



#### Monthly Spotlight:

- Jam
- Raffle
- Thrivent Action Teams
- Sew Christmas Items
- Checkout the bulletin board in the hallway by the office for more ideas!



## Bucket Raffle

What's a Bucket Raffle? We will have at least three more expensive items to offer at the Bazaar—People will buy a ticket or maybe 5 and put the tickets in the bucket for the item they want to win! At the end of the Bazaar, we'll draw the winner of the item!

So we need those big items! Will you donate:

- ▶ Larger, handmade items such as quilts, wooden items, home raised meat that would normally sell for more than \$100 at a craft sale
- ▶ Experience: Something special that you could offer that would entice people to purchase tickets to add to a bucket in order to win!
- ▶ Contact any of the committee members if you have questions or if you have something you'll donate. Thank you for your consideration!

## thrivent

**Members!** One of the benefits of having an account with Thrivent is that the organization gives you the opportunity to donate seed money to the project of your choice. Last year, Lori & Eric Slindee choose to ask thrivent for a \$250 grant that was used to for the Bazaar publicity. If you are a member of thrivent, you can direct \$250 for a specific purchase to assist the Bazaar's fund raising effort as well. This Membership Benefit truly makes a difference and is a benefit to our church. For more information and/or assistance, please contact Pastor Kurt!



Do you like to sew? Consider making Christmas themed table runners, home décor, Christmas Ornaments, etc. So many ideas and patterns are available on the website <https://www.pinterest.com/>.

**Thank You  
from:**

Bazaar Committee:

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

Be thinking about what you can contribute to this year's Bazaar.

A postcard asking for your support will be coming to your mail box this summer. Please take time to complete and return back to the church by the due date. We hope to have a good idea of the items we can be expecting to arrive at the Bazaar! Thank you so much for your support of this fundraising effort!!!

# *Save the Date* **Men's Breakfast**



Saturday, August 9, 2025

9:00 am

Greenfield Lutheran Church  
Dining Room

Cost is free

RSVP is required by July 26

We'll treat you to a delicious breakfast  
and then enjoy a presentation by  
Larry Reise, Naturalist with Winneshiek  
County Conservation Board.



Larry Reise

His photography is  
amazing and you  
might just learn a  
thing or two!



## *Adult & Family Committee*





Allie Blagsvedt, Kessa Bockoven  
Evelyn Dornink, Everly Pepin

**Received blessings of First Communion on Sunday, April 27, 2025.**

May God's love shine upon you and may the Holy Spirit be your constant guide as you embark on this sacred journey of faith. Congratulations on your First Holy Communion.





**We are SO PROUD of YOU!**

# **Congratulations Once More to Our Greenfield Confirmands!**

*Brooke Zwart, Ella Diersen, Ella Michel, Erik Tieskotter,  
Madilyn Zwart, Zach Morem*



***Brooke Zwart***



***Ella Diersen***



***Ella Michel***



***Erik Tieskotter***



***Madilyn Zwart***



***Zach Morem***





# One More time to say Congratulations to our **GREENFIELD GRADUATES!**



*Alex Gulbranson*



*Atlee Hershberger*



*Brooklyn Simon*



*Josh Haugerud*



*Olivia Whalen*



*Owen Schoepski*



*Tyler Gulbranson*



HEY...

# LAWN-MOWING TEAM



## NEEDED:

### People to Mow the Church Lawn

Please sign up on the table outside  
the Sanctuary

## Thank you!!





# Greenfield 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

## Council Members

*\*indicates new term*

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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** - David Kiehne

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

## **Church Council Minutes\***

**May 18, 2025 11 AM**

### **Members Present**

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

**Call to Order – Mary Beth, President 11:00 am**

**Devotions:** Pastor did devotions

**Code of Conduct**

**Any additions to the agenda—No additions**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship**

**Worship and Music**

**Property**

**Children, Youth, Family**

**Adult and Family**

**Endowment**

Reports reviewed by the council.

### **1. Consent Agenda:**

#### **a. Approval of April 2025 Minutes**

Motion to approve by Gretchen, 2nd by Janet. Motion carried.

### **2. Financial Report**

**Bank Balance is \$74,896.08**

**April giving is up from last year April.**

**Revenue vs expenses year-to-date is -\$7,635.59**

### **3. Old Business**

#### **a. The new Wednesday night service - GLC 6:34 update**

Two services so far. Food is provided at the services. They're still figuring out some logistics to make it run smoother. Ashley is doing really well.

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**b. Radon project in Parsonage update**

Legacy money will be used to authorize the \$3,185.88 for radon mitigation. It was authorized last year, but a date could not be worked out last year. Since it is a new year, it needs to be approved for the new year.

Motion to approve bill of \$3,185.88 for radon mitigation at the Parsonage by Scott, 2nd by Matt. Motion carried.

**4. New Business**

**a. Approve David Kiehne to fill in the vacant council seat and be the new Treasurer.**

Gretchen moved to approve David Kiehne as treasurer, Janet 2nd. Motion carried.

**b. Remove Sandy Strozyk from the Greenfield Lutheran Church Line of Credit Agreement and all other checking accounts under Greenfield Lutheran Church.**

Motion by Scott to approve above motion, 2nd by Mindy. Motion carried.

**c. Add David Kiehne as another signer to the Greenfield Lutheran Church Line of Credit Agreement to establish Credit and advance the line of credit and all other checking accounts**

Motion by Janet to approve above motion, 2nd by Gretchen. Motion carried.

**d. HVAC to Pastor Office and Historical Room needs to be replace**

Motion to approve the replacement of both of the HVAC Split Units for \$2,850 each. Motion by Scott, 2nd Gretchen. Motion carried.

**5. Children/Youth Directors Report**

VBS will be Aug. 1-3rd. It will be at our Church and we are not combining with any other church. Flyers will go out to the elementary school.

We will participate in the 4th of July parade to promote VBS.

**6. Pastor's report**

The Internet is installed in the sound booth. We are waiting on Sim Sound to come with the part so we can live stream from the booth.

Busy month with confirmation, senior graduation, Mother's Day, and Baccalaureate coming up.

After next Sunday, Pastor will go to the Synod Assembly. So, he will be gone for a few days.

Pastor is wondering if we will be willing to donate \$100 to the synod for tithings.

**Motion to donate \$100 donation to the SE Synod made by Gretchen, 2nd by Janet. Motion carried.**

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Synod will get back to the Pastor about a retreat date. It's a busy time for the Synod right now with the Assembly and the electing of a Bishop.

Lori Slindee said we should maybe do a rededication to the stained glass windows. Pastor is working on bringing in a special musical guest. Pastor will work with music and worship to get a date.

Pastor would like to digitize the church records. There are many thick books that go back to the 1950's. Pastor was wondering if we could hire somebody to do data entry. Dave brought up a company that does this kind of work named archisearch. (spelling is probably wrong). Dave will ask them about this.

Pastor is going to have foot surgery on June 1st. He will be in a boot and will be off his feet for 3 days. He will have another pastor on stand-by for emergencies. He will be able to do services in a boot.

June 8th, July 6th, and August 10 will be outdoor services. For the July 6th outdoor service, the Methodist Church will not be participating. They are getting a new pastor on that day. The July 6th service will be in our parking lot.

July 12, 6:00 PM will be a council meeting.

## 7. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm

Submitted by Secretary Matt Anderson

## *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

### APRIL 2025

- **APRIL 2025 Revenue:**.....\$20,365.00
- **APRIL 2025 Expenditures:**.....\$20,145.55
- **APRIL 2025 Balance:**.....\$219.45

**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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