

Greenfield+Good News!

August 2025

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Things We Know

We know and we don't know. We don't know the crazy weather throws at us, if our job will be eliminated, or if the Gophers will have a great season. We do not know what our spouse is thinking or how our kids will turn out. We sometimes don't even know what we should pray for. But according to Paul ***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*** Romans 8:28 we can be absolutely certain about a few things. We know:

- God works. He works behind the scenes, when we sleep, and is always busy working right before your very eyes. He hasn't given up or forgotten. He is persistent and never tired. He never stops working.
- God works for the good. Not for our comfort, pleasure, entertainment, or fun but for our own good. We may not always be in a position to see this now or when it seems our prayers are not answered, but how could we possibly expect anything else from Him? He is the ultimate good.
- God works for the good of those who love him. What a blessing this is! Trust in him and your life will have a happy ending. Salvation is yours.

We are in the hands of an awesome, loving God. We may not know the answers to many things that happen in our lives but we can rest assured that God has a plan for each and every one of us. God's grace is all we need. We can trust him to do what He feels is best for us.

Peace,
Pastor Kurt



Bo Rodney Johnson

July 13, 2025

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.



GF 2025 EVENTS



Calendar Events may be added after the Newsletter is out, information is subject to change. Groups will be starting back up. Please check with your members for dates. We will put them in the newsletters and the bulletin as we get the information.

August 2025

- Friday AUGUST 1-3— **VBS –TRUE NORTH** *Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* Friday 5-8 pm, Saturday 9 am to 12 pm, Sunday 9 am Program at Church
- Sunday, August 3 – **Worship** at 9 am. VBS Program during service
- Wednesday, AUGUST 6—GLC “6:34” Wednesday Service —6 pm
- Saturday AUGUST 9— **Men’s Breakfast** 9 am. *RSVP was required*
- Sunday, AUGUST 10 – **Worship** at 9 am **LAST OUTDOOR SERICE**
- Wednesday, AUGUST 13—Church Council meets at 6 pm
- Thursday, AUGUST 14—Bazaar Committee meets at 6 pm
- Sunday, AUGUST 17— **Worship** at 9 am.
- Wednesday, AUGUST 20—LAST GLC “6:34” Wednesday Service —6 pm
- Sunday, AUGUST 24— **Worship** at 9 am.
- Sunday, AUGUST 31— **Worship** at 9 am. Church Choir Practice today after service.

Other circles & committees and events that will be coming back:

Confirmation, Martha Leah, Miriam Circle, Children’s Choir, Coffee Fellowship. This is not a complete list. Please contact group members or watch the bulletin for more information on dates and times for these groups.

Please remember to contact the office with dates and times for any events you would like in the bulletin or newsletter.

Thank you and have a great August!!

Greetings! FROM THE GREENFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

Hello Friends—

As usual Summer tends to fly by and we're now in August preparing for Fall. In July we had our annual Float during the July 4th parade...our goal was to promote Vacation Bible School (VBS) in August. I consider that event a major success as we have 25 kiddos signed up for VBS. This is a major improvement from last year.

The theme for Vacation Bible School is True North - This is an interactive program where we visit the Great Outdoors and explore the many gifts God has given us. The program is from August 1st thru August 3rd at our Church, with the presentation during Service on Sunday, August 3rd.

The next Big Thing is our Rally Sunday in September followed by the start of Sunday School.

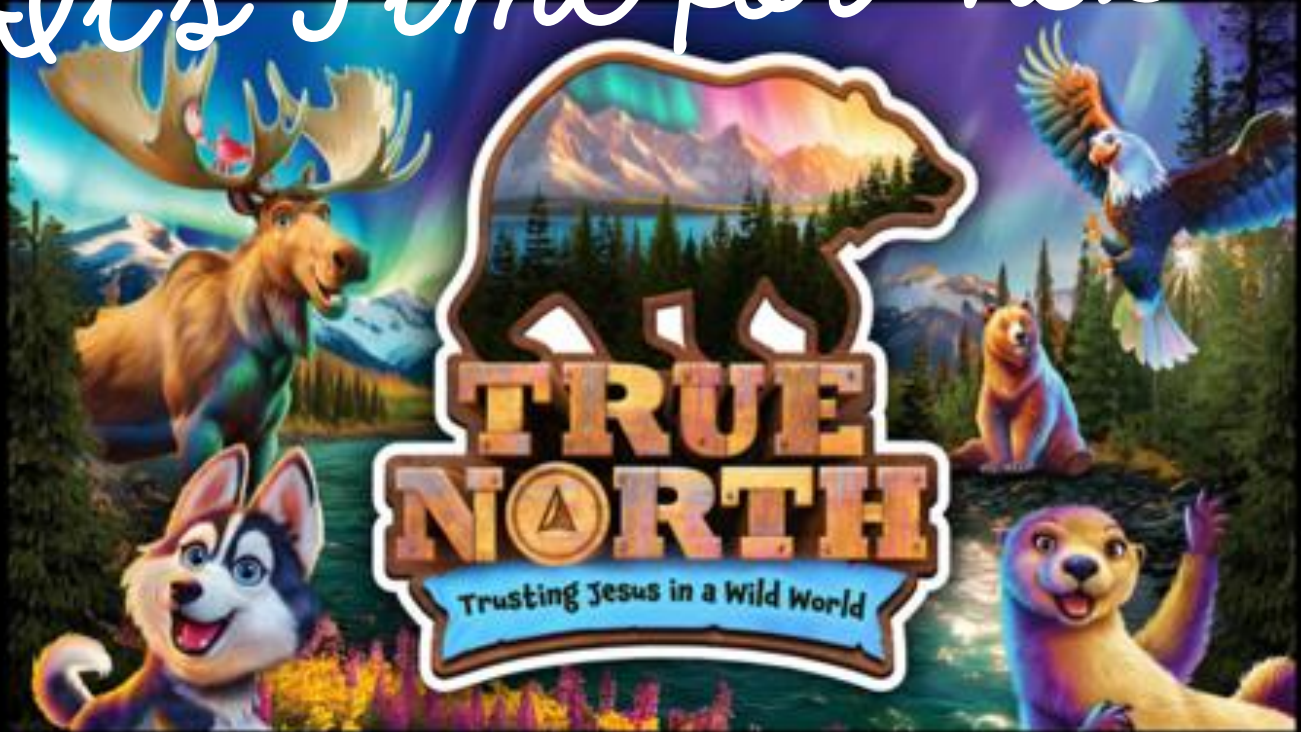
As always – Thanks for allowing me to work with your kids on their Faith Journey –

Peace,

Josh Krage
Youth Director



It's Time for VBS!!!



VBS

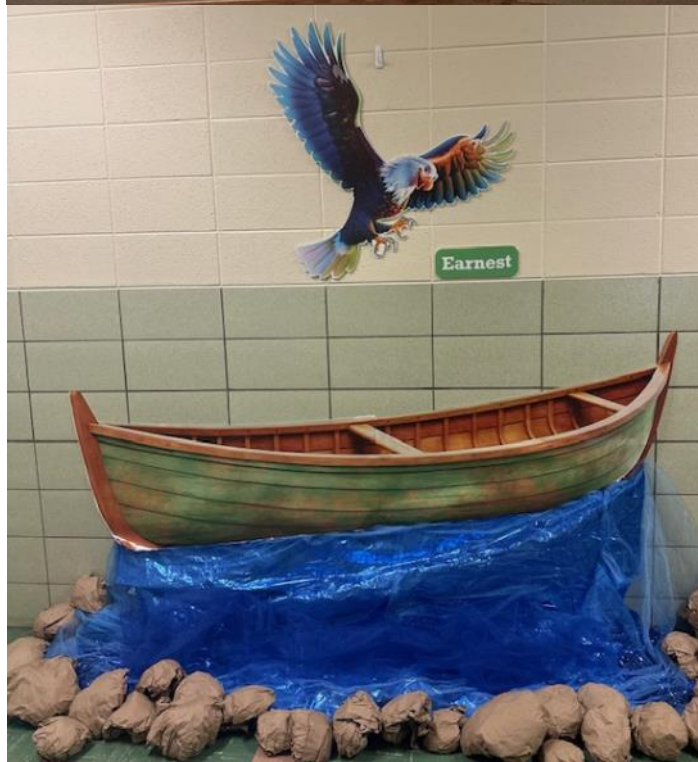
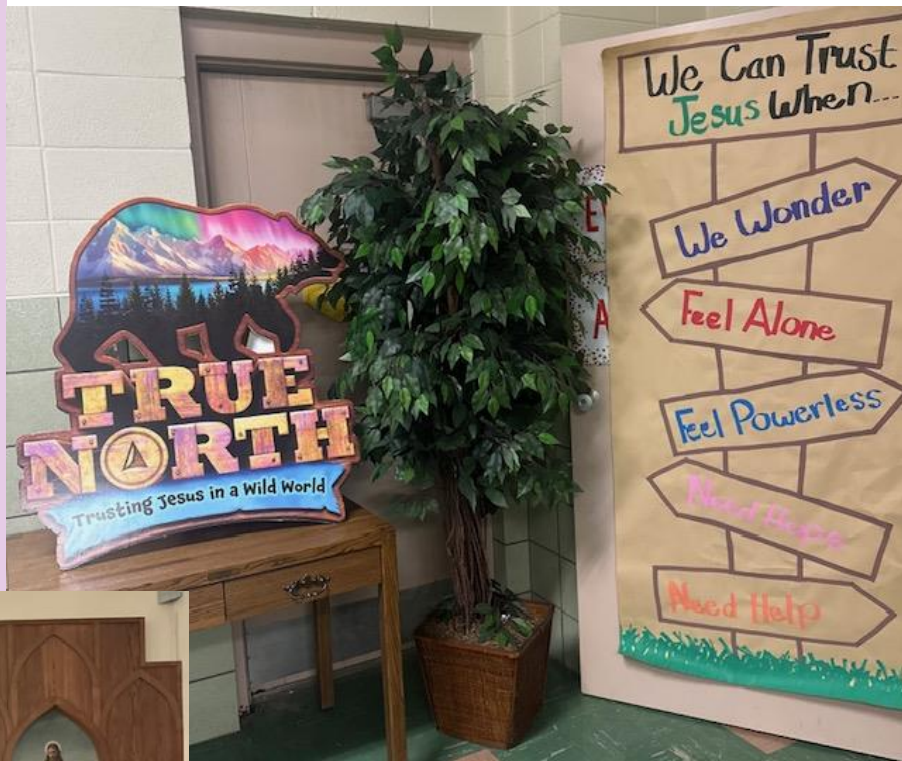
At Greenfield Lutheran Church

August 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Program is Sunday, August 3rd at 9 am!

About the True North VBS Program: Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Take kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

*True North
VBS at
Greenfield!
Program Sunday,
Aug. 3 at 9 am*



THANK YOU to Everyone who worked so hard for Our Kids VBS Program!

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

New this year!

We will be serving coffee,
juice, cinnamon rolls &
muffins beginning at 9:00

Coming in September

Craft Nights are coming back!
Watch the newsletter and
bulletin board for the dates
and times! No skills needed
just the willingness to come
together and have some fun
making items to sell at the
Bazaar!

Lefse

It's probably not a surprise that our Lefse was a huge hit at last year's Bazaar. We sold out in the first hour! We are needing more! This year, use your own recipe and make the lefse at home. We'll provide you with the instructions for packaging the lefse.

Last year's 1st Bazaar raised \$10,173.20 that went directly into the Greenfield Lutheran operating budget. It helped make sure that our church finished the year with a positive balance. This year, \$10,000 has already been figured into the budget at the beginning of the year - This is a major fund raiser for our church. We are counting on the support of every member of Greenfield Lutheran.

Postcards were mailed to you early in July asking for what your contribution will be to the Bazaar. We've asked them to be returned the end of July. This is so we can plan what to sell at the Bazaar and what we may need to make during the next few months.

We want to offer a nice selection of quality items to our customers and we appreciate your donations!

If you haven't returned your postcard yet, please, do so as soon as possible.

Thank You

Bazaar Committee:

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

Donation Idea: Gift Baskets

Are you someone that is "hard to buy for"?

Believe it or not—there are a lot of people like you! Why not put together a gift basket that you would love to get! Make it reasonably priced, and it will be a lovely gift from someone who struggles to find the perfect gift for a very special person!





RALLY SUNDAY
is SEPTEMBER 7

**Blessing of the Backpacks
And so much more!**

Who's getting ready for the beginning
of the new Sunday School year and
excited for fall activities at Greenfield.!!

*Let's "Rally" with Renewed
Energy & Purpose!*

First Day
of Sunday
School
is Sept.14

Contact Josh
for more
information!





SIGN UP FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!

WE NEED YOU! to make coffee, bring a treat - homemade or store bought - it's all good and so very welcomed! Come join coffee fellowship with our church family on Sundays after service.

Sign up in the fellowship hall
or contact the church office for more information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO RUN THE SOUND AND VIDEO SYSTEM AT THE CHURCH?!!

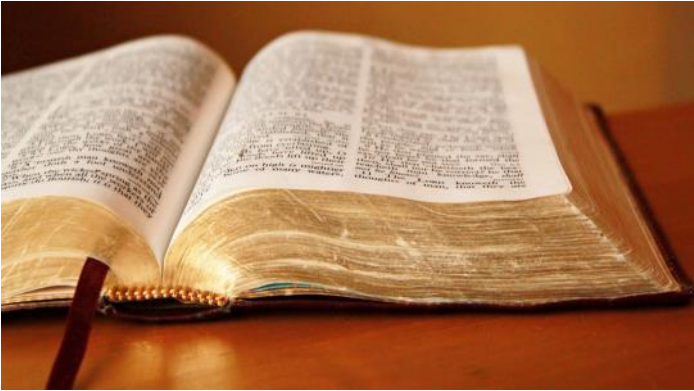
NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Help bring services to those who are unable to attend in person. Come **JOIN** the Rotation!

Learn about running the church video recording system. Our video team rotation already in place means you only need to help about once every six weeks or so. Please reach out to Pastor or the office for more information.



~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You~ Thank You~ Thank You~ Thank You~ Thank You



SCRIPTURE READERS TEAM...

New Schedules will come out in October and go through January of 2026. Please contact the office with any dates that do not work for you to read. As always, we can change and trade dates as things come up.

New Readers are always welcome! Please contact the office to join!

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ALTAR GUILD TEAM...

We will have a new schedule in October that runs through January of 2026. As always, we can change and trade dates as things come up. Please let the office know if you have any dates in that time that do not work for you.



Our Altar Guild Team is open to all. Join the rotation, we have a great team, you only serve about once every month and a half. Please contact the office for more details.

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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 took a break for July.

Look for Council Minutes in the next Newsletter.

THANK YOU Greenfield Church Council Members for all you do!!



Greenfield 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Members *indicates new term

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Email scams are going around again, please be careful!!

Just a reminder: Pastor Kurt, Josh, Sam or anyone else from Greenfield Church ***will never*** ask you for a gift card. Please ALWAYS call Pastor or the office when in doubt.

How Email Scams Work...

Impersonation: The scammer pretends to be someone you trust, like your Pastor or a government official to gain your trust.

Urgency: They often create a sense of urgency, claiming the request is time-sensitive and needs immediate action.

Gift Card Request: The core of the scam is the request to purchase gift cards,.

Money Transfer: Scammers then ask for the card numbers and PINS, which allow them to immediately redeem the cards for cash or spend the balance online.

Red Flags to Watch Out For: If the email creates a sense of urgency and pressure to act quickly it's a strong indication of a scam. Many scam emails contain errors in grammar and spelling. Check the sender's email address carefully. Scammers often spoof email addresses to make it look like they are coming from a legitimate source.

If you suspect a scam what to do?

Do not respond. Do not click on any links in the email. Verify by calling Pastor or the office.



- REMEMBER -
PASTOR KURT OR ANY GREENFIELD STAFF
WILL NEVER ASK FOR A GIFT CARD!



Tithes and Offerings

Giving back to God

Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

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Consider making your contribution with our on-line giving tools. You can make a one-time gift or set up reoccurring giving.

Two ways to sign up:

Fill out a paper form—we can email to you or you can pick up at church. OR Download the free Vanco app from the App Store or Google Play. Then Choose "Greenfield Lutheran Church," and Click "Donate." It's that easy. You can pay as a guest or set up an account. If you need assistance with either option, please let the office know someone will call to help you.

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!**



Income
&

Expenses



Greenfield Lutheran Church Income and Expense JULY 2024

Revenue: \$10,376.48
Expense: \$14,368.39
Shortfall of: **<-\$3,991.91>**



A New Way To Join In The Worship Of Giving

You can give using your smartphone. Just download the Vanco Mobile App from Apple or Google Play.



- Enter our church's name and click Search. Then, select our church.
- Log in, don't have an account? Sign up.
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