

Greenfield+Good News!

October 2025

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Who holds the top position in your life?

In challenging times, it's typical for individuals to reassess what truly matters in life. Various resources will be redirected to support what each person or household deems most important. Nevertheless, while we prioritize different aspects of our lives, it's crucial to have a clear understanding of the values that guide those choices. Who holds the top position in your life? You have been redeemed by Christ and called to lead a life filled with love and service. This truth about your eternal existence should be your foremost consideration as you set your priorities.

The following aspects are vital for developing our identity and purpose:

- **Worship:** The first priority is participating in weekly worship where the Word is shared and the sacraments are received.
- **Study:** The Holy Bible serves as our faith's foundation, and we must immerse ourselves in its streams of grace every day.
- **Giving:** Christ has given everything to us and encourages us to do the same with our time and resources.

We all have opportunities for growth, and if each of us took just one step forward in these three areas, the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through our churches could greatly impact the world.

To be clear and straightforward:

- Attend church, as you need God, and we desire your presence on this incredible journey; we are a family.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or neighborhood kids to join Sunday School and Confirmation. This is too significant for your children to overlook. Participate in circles; there is much for you to learn as well.
- Be generous with your contributions; this encompasses far more than just financial resources. God desires all of you—not merely an hour here and there or a random ten or twenty-dollar donation. In return, you will receive blessings that are unparalleled. You can rely on that.

May God bless us all as we endeavor to grow in faith, love, and service throughout our journey.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

GF OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS



Calendar Events may be added after the Newsletter has gone out, information is subject to change. Groups and events may change times or dates. Please check with your members for more information. Please watch the Bulletins, Facebook and our website for updates.

OCTOBER 2025

- **Wednesday, Oct 1 - Bible study** at Gabby Lou's 8:15 am
- **Wednesday, Oct 1 – Confirmation** 6 PM Meal, 6:30 PM Class
- **Wednesday, Oct 1 – Bazaar Committee** meeting 6 pm
- **Sunday, Oct 5 – Worship** at 9 am. Church Choir practice after service. Ham & Meatball supper at Union Prairie. See flyer in this newsletter for details.
- **Monday, Oct 6 – Quilters** meet
- **Wednesday, Oct 8 - Bible study** at Gabby Lou's 8:15 am
- **Wednesday, Oct 8 - Miriam Circle Meets at Harmony Historical Society** at 10 am. Please bring your own drink.
- **Wednesday, Oct 8 – Confirmation** 6 PM Meal, 6:30 PM Class
- **Saturday, Oct 11 – Youth Group** to Rochester Arcade and out for Pizza
- **Sunday, Oct 12 – Worship** at 9 am. **PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY**—Show Pastor Kurt some love and appreciation!! Thank you Pastor Kurt for all you do!! Church Choir practice after service. Pastor to Union Prairie after Service.
- **Wednesday, Oct 15 - Bible study** at Gabby Lou's 8:15 am
- **Wednesday, Oct 15 – NO CONFIRMATION MEAL WEEK**
- **Sunday, Oct 19 – Worship** at 9 am. Church Choir practice after service.
- **Sunday, Oct 19 – Church Council Meets** (now the 3rd Sunday of the Month)
- **Monday, Oct 20 – Quilters** meet
- **Wednesday, Oct 22 - Bible study** at Gabby Lou's 8:15 am
- **Wednesday, Oct 22 – Confirmation** 6 PM Meal, 6:30 PM Class

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OCTOBER EVENTS continued...

- Saturday, Oct 25 – Haunted Harmony – **TRUNK OR TREAT**
- Sunday, Oct 26 – Worship at 9 am. Reformation Sunday. **KIDS CHOIR SINGS! AND Sunday School HALLOWEEN PARADE!** Church Choir practice after service. Pastor to Union Prairie after Service.
- Wednesday, Oct 29 - Bible study at Gabby Lou's 8:15 am
- Wednesday, Oct 29 – Confirmation 6 PM Meal, 6:30 PM Class

**COMING UP IN NOVEMBER—All Saints Sunday is November 2nd
AND THE 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS
NOVEMBER 15, 9AM—1 PM!!!**

CIRCLES & COMMITTEES AND EVENTS ARE STILL COMING BACK

This is not a complete list of events. Please contact group members or watch the bulletin for more information on dates and times for these groups. Contact the office for information about getting your event into the Greenfield Good News!

Happy
October!!!



*Father, thank You for
the farmer. We are so
blessed to have men
and women willing to
put in the time and
toil it takes to produce
crops and livestock.*

*Thank You for
blessing their efforts
to produce healthy
foods that provide my
family's nourishment
and enjoyment. In the
name of Jesus. Amen*

Union Prairie Lutheran Church

31872 State Hwy 16
Lanesboro, MN 55949

Ham & Meatball Supper

October 5, 2025
12:00—6:00 P.M.



Menu

Ham - Meatballs - Mashed Potatoes - Gravy
Squash- Corn -Lefse - Buns- Homemade Pie

Bake Sale Items:

Apple pie, lefse, donuts and rosettes

Price: \$20.00

Carry Outs Only

Call Union Prairie Church
507-467-3363



Maybe



There is a story of an old farmer who had worked his crops for many years. One day his horse ran away. Upon hearing the news, his neighbors came to visit. "Such bad luck," they said sympathetically. "Maybe," the farmer replied.

The next morning the horse returned, bringing with it three other wild horses. "How wonderful," the neighbors exclaimed. "Maybe," replied the old man.

The following day, his son tried to ride one of the untamed horses, was thrown, and broke his leg. The neighbors again came to offer their sympathy on his misfortune. "Maybe," answered the farmer.

The day after, military officials came to the village to draft young men into the army. Seeing that the son's leg was broken, they passed him by. The neighbors congratulated the farmer on how well things had turned out. "Maybe," said the farmer.

Good and bad don't have to be the only two only ways we view things. With time the whole story made clear. When we can get some space between the story and reality it helps us to reduce stress and to move through life with more grace. Farmer here does not care what happens, he doesn't divide life into good events and bad events, he experiences life as one - with calmness and an even temper.

Perhaps his story will remind us to pause, take a moment, and to think...
"Maybe."



Greetings!

FROM THE GREENFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

Rally Sunday was held on September 7th and it was a successful and beautiful Sunday morning. Not only did we have a Children's Sermon, but Pastor blessed the backpacks as well.

September 14th was the first day of Sunday School and both appointed Teams did a great job at teaching the message. Both groups discussed Matthew 7:12 which is the Golden Rule of doing unto others as they have done unto you. I tied this message in with bullying at school.

On September 21st both groups discussed John 14:27 "Peace I leave with, my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." I correlated this verse with being anxious or nervous and how God's Love and peace can help with that.

I am writing the Sunday School lessons this year that identify what our kids are going through in today's society such as bullying, being anxious, feeling sad, being angry etc. By finding Bible Verse that specifically addresses these issues, I am hoping that we can reach our kids in a different way and build a more meaningful and interactive relationship with God. I am also going to throw in a few parables as well. In my Council Packet this month I included the Sunday School Teams - I have six teams for grades PreK thru 4th Grade and six additional teams for 5th & 6th grade. I will have the same lesson for each class, but I will challenge the 5th & 6th graders more.

Our Sunday School/ Youth Schedule is from September thru December. As in years past, I will switch things up the second half of the year.

Please note the following dates: **October 19-** No Sunday School- MEA Week; **October 26** - Children's Choir Sings – and kids Halloween Party; **November 16-** Prepare for the Christmas Program -Teacher Volunteers are needed and welcome & Children's Choir Sings; **November 29** - No Sunday School- Thanksgiving Week-End; **December 21-**Children's Christmas Program and Sunday School Christmas Party

Peace,
Josh Krage
Youth Director



Greenfield Lutheran Church at
Haunted Harmony!

Trunk or Treat October 25

Join the fun at Haunted Harmony and get some treats. Bring your little pumpkins and have fun seeing all of the decorated cars!!



**Our Church Choir & Children's Choir
will be singing
together during
service on
October 26!**

There will also be
a special
**Halloween
Parade**
for Sunday School!



Bucket Raffle



Drawing for the Bucket Raffle will be held on
November 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm
during the
Holiday Bazaar, Greenfield Lutheran Church
Harmony MN

Ticket price:
\$2.00 for 1
\$10.00 for 5
\$20.00 for 10

- ⇒ Need not be present to win.
- ⇒ Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket or win prize
- ⇒ Winner responsible for any applicable fees or taxes

Prizes:



Prize 1: Jasion E-Bike valued at \$800.
Donated by Scott & Janet Ewalt



Prize 2: Handmade oak shelf with beveled mirror and
coat hooks valued at \$700.
Donated by Gerri Ehler



Prize 4: Harmony Dollars valued at \$200
Donated by Laurie Magnus



Prize 5: Meat bundle and ground beef
valued at \$110
Donated by Ross Kiehne and Jim Harstad



Prize 3: Handmade Twin sized Quilt valued at \$200
Donated by the Greenfield Quilter's Group

Ticket sales beginning soon!

Fun preping for the Bazaar



Watch for the cooking decorating kits to be sold at the Bazaar!
Special thanks to MaryBeth Ostrom, Mary Sanders, Natty Lattner, Stephnie Henderickson, Laura Armstrong, , Patty Todd, Marian Morem, Eileen Schansberg, and Linda Snyder



Smooth moves, no wrinkles



Sew much fun!



Measure twice, cut once!



Sport Pillows will be sold at the Bazaar!
Special thanks to Mary Sanders, Linda Snyder, Patty Todd, Marian Morem, Lantha Stevens, Gerri Ehler, Sarah Dornick, and Laurie Magnus



Caramel Making—Monday, November 3rd

9:00 am in the Greenfield Lutheran Church Kitchen

Caramels and Fudge were a quick selling items last year. Shelle Johnson will share her time, talent, and recipe as we make Caramels for the Bazaar. All are welcome to come and help!!!



Save the Date

Date	Time	Place	What
Monday, November 3	9:00 am	Church Kitchen	Candy Making Session: Caramels
Saturday, November 8	9:00 am	TBD	Wreath Decorating
Saturday, November 8	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Church Fellowship Hall	Craft Drop Off and set up
Friday, November 14	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Church Fellowship Hall	Bake Sale items drop off Set up for Bazaar
Saturday, November 15	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Greenfield Lutheran Church	2 nd Annual Holiday Bazaar



Saturday, November 15th
9am - 1pm

Come enjoy a sweet treat while you shop for
 holiday porch pots, wreaths, crafts, baked
 goods, homemade salsa, homemade lefse,
 Norwegian Meatball Kits and MORE!

Enter through the electric doors on the west side.

Good Things Are Always Happening at Greenfield!



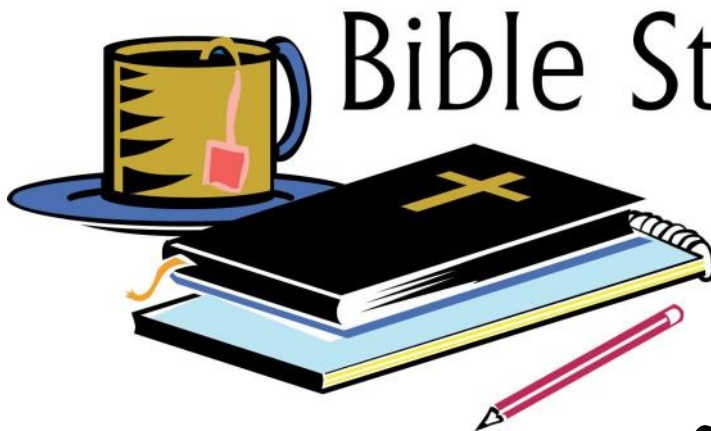
Have you been missing a little Harmony in your life? Come Join the Greenfield Church Choir!

If you spontaneously burst into song during everyday activities, been looking for a note-able way to serve, or singing in the shower just isn't cutting it anymore, we need you! We are like a musical family, except we only disagree about tempo not who gets the last cookie :)

Be part of something bigger than yourself and get to wear a fancy robe once in a while! Bring a friend, bring a family member, grab a coworker! Practice is on Sundays just after worship. Contact Stephanie for more information.

Come Make a Joyful Noise

With the Greenfield Church Choir!



Bible Study with Pastor Kurt

**Bible Study at Gabby Lou's
is on Wednesdays,
at 8:15 in Gabby Lou's back room**

All are Welcome!

Come for a short scripture reflection with Pastor Kurt. Coffee's on us. Treats are on you. Let's gather together in fellowship, reading and study of the Word.



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 September 21, 2025

Members Present

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

Call to Order – Mary Beth, President 11:00 AM

Devotions: Matt led devotions.

Code of Conduct

Any additions to the agenda:

None

Committee Reports:

Stewardship

Worship and Music

Property

Children, Youth, Family

Adult and Family

Endowment

Holiday Bazaar

Reports reviewed by the council.

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1. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of August 2025 Minutes

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

2. Financial Report

Adjusted Bank Balance is \$30,476.12

Revenue vs Expenses: Positive \$20,198.39

Giving is up for the year about \$11,000.

Giving was down in August compared to previous years.

3. Old Business

Lightning struck the church

. Organ, Fire system, Telephone, Video system

An organ piece was ordered and installed. We are waiting on the bill. Pastor is documenting for insurance purposes. Our deductible is \$10,000 so we probably won't meet that threshold.

Two of our fire system areas are offline right now. Parts are ordered to be fixed.

The telephone system has been repaired and rewired.

Our video system had a piece blown out from the lightning strike. The sound works but the video does not. The part has been ordered. The insurance company believes that the lightning hit a lightning rod above the sanctuary.

There were some trees damaged as well.

We will take approval for church repairs to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting. The endowment committee can allocate money for repairs in the budget for next year.

4. New Business

Snow Removal for winter

Discussed recommendations for companies for snow removal. Pastor will get bids.

Piano and Violin Concert

Pastor was approached by Kurt Weber for a church concert with freewill donation. They would play hymns. We discussed having it on a Sunday after fellowship. The youth could maybe do a pancake breakfast between.

Motion to approve for Pastor to talk to Kurt Weber to set up a freewill concert by Scott, 2nd by Gretchen. Motion carried.

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Accept resignation from Zach Haugerud

Motion to accept resignation of Zach Haugerud made by Janet, 2nd Ashley. Motion carried.

We are looking for a replacement.

5. Youth and Children Director Report

Read Josh's report on youth activities and Sunday school lessons.

6. Pastor's report

Pastor has been dealing with the lightning strike and did one funeral.

Union Prairie and the Pastor have agreed to another of the Holy Experiment.

Pastor still wants to do the dedication for the windows but it's been pushed back until video can be fixed so it can be recorded.

Twelve students in confirmation. The first youth group was last week and 14 kids attended. They love playing hide and seek in the church!

Somebody hacked into an old email and sent out over 1,000 spam emails. The email is deleted now. Pastor wants to get a new website.

We will be looking for bids on the copier because our lease is running out soon. Pastor would like to take October 16-18 off.

Motion to approve Pastor's PTO time off for October 16-18 by Janet, 2nd by Scott. Motion carried.

Council retreat is on hold. We will try to schedule for February with the new council.

Sunday October 19, will be our next council meeting. We will plan to have council meetings on the 3rd Sundays.

7. Adjourn/Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by Secretary Matt Anderson

Thank you **Church Council Members**

Your dedication to this important role in the body of our church helps fulfill our mission, vision and values.

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



Greenfield 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Members

*indicates new term

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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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Income
&

Expenses

Greenfield Lutheran Church Income and Expense **SEPTEMBER 2025**

Revenue: \$9,625.00
Expense: \$27,746.27
Shortfall of: -<**\$18,121.27**>



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