



Granite Falls Lutheran News May, 2024



GRANITE FALLS LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Spring Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Menu

Variety of Salads

Ham & Turkey Sandwiches

Bars & Beverage

Free Will Offering for the Meal

Available for Sale

Baked Goods,

Quilts, Greeting Cards





Worship in May 2024

Worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am.

Come let us worship together as we sing praises to our God and grow in faith together.



Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
Scripture: John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter
Scripture: John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 19, Day of Pentecost
Holy communion
Scripture: John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Sunday, May 26, The Holy Trinity
Scripture: John 3:1-17

April Ministerial Acts

Baptisms:

Lane Howard Koepke - April 7

Kade Douglas TeBeest - April 14

Laramie Nadia Cole - April 21

Funeral

Ralph Helgeson - April 13

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE AT THE MAY 26TH SUNDAY SERVICE

We would like to recognize our veterans who are no longer with us. Please drop off or email pictures (recent or in uniform) of your beloved family veterans. Please include: Name, Branch of Service (US Army, Navy, etc.) years served (if known).

We would like the photos by Sunday, May 19th, to ensure they are included in the slideshow/video. You may email to office@granitefallslutheran.com or drop off at the office.

If your loved one was submitted in the past, there is no need to resubmit.

Online Worship Services

Worship services will continue to be livestreamed on the GFLC Facebook page.

If you are unable to tune in live, the services will be posted to Facebook and YouTube after the livestream.

Worship services are also aired on the local cable channel 8 on Sundays at 7:00 PM.

GFLC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GFLCGFMN/>

GFLC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/gflcMNeIca/feed>



Summer is just around the corner

May is certainly a month of transition. We continue our Easter through to Pentecost on the 19th and then we celebrate Trinity Sunday before we settle into the season after Pentecost and the activities of summer growth.

Along with Pentecost we see the transition of our youth as we will recognize those who will be moving into the next phase of life with high school graduations. Then there are the graduations from college or technical schools.

May is definitely a month of transitions as snowbirds have fully returned, farmers and gardeners are busy finishing up planting, cabins are being opened up for summer activities, schools' schedules are ending. But Christ stays constant, and we continue to gather for worship. God is and needs to be glorified as we too need to keep our faith strong.

As I am writing this I am thinking about how important it is for us to keep our balance and I think of the Wholeness Wheel. To have true balance one keeps God first. We spend time in worship and Bible study so that God is our guide and strength for everything else. Keeping the first three commandments is not easy but are essential to having any balance anyplace else.

That then leads to the constant work of the balancing of the six areas on the Wholeness Wheel: financial, vocational, social, emotional, intellectual and physical.

Which part of the wheel is out of balance for you? As you make the changes in your and your family routines for the summer take time to share what areas you are going to be working on this summer. Take time to rethink your schedules to keep the important time with God and whatever else to bring true balance as you transition to the schedule of summer.

Blessings,
Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen

Want to Sign Up for Electronic Giving?

Go to the Granite Falls Lutheran Website. (www.granitefallslutheran.com) On the home page you will see a link titled "Give Online" towards the upper right part of your screen. From there you will be able to complete the easy sign-up. This is a simple way to pre-arrange offerings to the church. Direct link to Simply Giving sign up: click [here](#)

*FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES
THE LORD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR
EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

Come and celebrate with our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 19th, as we honor them and give thanks for this milestone of graduation in their lives. We give thanks for the support of their families and this congregation who have encouraged them. Keep them in your prayers.



We are grateful for the following youth who are graduating:

<i>Jordan Bakkelund</i>	<i>Hailie Bjorndal</i>	<i>Connor Fagen</i>	<i>Andrew Flaten</i>
<i>Quinn Kotek</i>	<i>Ryan Brouwer</i>	<i>Sylvia Skjefte</i>	<i>Andrew Winter</i>

May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest. May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.

May God bless you with discomfort for easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger for injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done. May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always. Amen.



Prayer for Graduates by Fr. Michael Graham

We give thanks to the women of Granite Falls Lutheran for making quilts for the graduating seniors. May God continue to bless the work of the hands of these faithful women. May the quilt warm the seniors and remind them that they are surrounded by the love of God and the blessings of this congregation.

*To Everything
there is a Season,
and a time
to every Purpose
under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Children's Church & Sunday School Schedule

CC (age 4 thru 1st Grade) SS (2nd thru 6th Grades)

Last Day of Sunday School! Come and have fun!

May 5 Children's Church - 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:00 am

*Last Day of
Confirmation
Class is May 1st!
May 8th for pre-
confirmation.*

Thank you

to all the Sunday School
teachers and volunteers who
helped in handing down the faith
to our young people.

**Vacation
Bible
School**

is set for Monday
through Thursday,
August 5-8.
Watch for more
information in the
Summer newsletter!

NOISY OFFERING

*There will be a Noisy Offering held on **Sunday, May 5th**, with the proceeds going towards the Woman's Rural Advocacy Program (WRAP).*

May's Thankful Thought:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Blessings, Stewardship Committee

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Children's Church - During Worship</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> <p>10:00am Spring Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am YMLC Office Hours</p> <p>7:00pm Confirmation grades 7-9</p> <p>7:00pm Pre-conf. 6th grade</p>	<p>2</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>Wee Praise & Kid's of the Rock choirs sing during worship</p> <p>Noisy Offering - WRAP</p> <p>9:00am Children's Church - During Worship</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30am WELCA Salad Luncheon</p> <p>5:00pm Outreach Committee</p> <p>5:30pm Executive Committee</p> <p>7:00pm Property Committee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00pm Worship at Granite Ridge</p> <p>2:00pm Worship at GFH Care Center</p> <p>5:30pm Education Committee</p> <p>5:30pm Worship & Music Committee</p> <p>7:00pm Pre-conf. 6th grade</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2:30pm Espresso Time</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's</p> <p>11:00am Evelyn Olson Funeral</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>9:00am Celebration Worship Service</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am WELCA Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am YMLC Office Hours</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's</p> <p>10:00 - noon Baby Shower @ GFLC</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Day of Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>Graduating Senior Sunday</p> <p>4:15pm Pre-Community Dinner Music</p> <p>5:00pm Community Dinner</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am MIA Quilting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am MIA Quilting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:30pm Espresso Time</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's</p> <p>4:00pm Dennis Kessler Prayer Service at KCC</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Worship Service</p> <p>Council/Committee Installation during worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's</p>

May Birthdays

2 Jordan Bakkeland	9 Sheri Parliament	19 Woodrow West	25 Kathy Balfany
2 Addison Doyle	9 Aniyah Trost	20 Linda Sorenson	25 Brian Panitzke
2 John Nordaune	10 London Luepke	21 Sharon Cole	27 Richard Hamre
2 Bradley Rude	10 Todd Reishus	21 JoAnn Hildahl	27 Aaron Schuler
3 Anders Linden	12 Charles Balfany	21 Myron Wee	27 Camille TeBeest
4 Madilynn Koepke	12 Daniel Olson	22 Christopher Balfany	28 Neal Eggebraaten
5 Mitchell Brovold	13 Troy Halvorson	22 Rori Buchman	28 Emma Eisenbacher
5 Collins Hoffman	14 Karen Mills	22 Verona Dalin	28 David Finnes
6 Hailie Bjorndal	14 Marlene Peterson	22 Ryan Reishus	28 William Flaten
6 Anthony Mensink	15 Jamie Golberg	23 Dennis Lewison	28 Kris Jacobson
7 Mary Hoffman	16 Luella Knutson	23 Suzanne Martinson	28 Patrice Johnson
7 Rhett Kleinhuizen	16 David Nordaune	23 Galen Skjefte, Jr	28 Pamela Peyton
7 William Niemeyer	16 Jacklin Thielen	23 Kelly Ullrich	29 Elizabeth Hutson
7 Gage Wilke	17 Lorelei Carter	24 Steven Enstad	29 Kathleen Kimpling
7 Laine Christians	17 Todd Hofteig	24 Steven Midthun	29 Wyatt Ansell
8 Debra Burgeson	17 Scott Jans	24 Patricia Springer	31 Jenna Luepke
9 Brian Olson	17 Nels Wilkening	24 Gregory Wilkening	31 Connie Peterson

May Worship Leaders

	5/5/2024	5/12/2024	5/19/2024	5/26/2024
Greeters	Doug & Nicole Jans Al & Barb Lund	Jim & Kathy Hendrickson Paul & Pat Sheggeby	Caron Aeikens Margaret Holien Dave & Amy Nordaune	Carl & Karla Imes Mike & Sally Ohliger
Usher Team	Scott Jans	Doug Peterson	Mark Jensen	Jeff Koepke
Acolytes	Hanna Bjorndal	Addison Fagen	Brody Sannerud	Emry Jans
	Chase Bjorndal	Gunnar Fagen	Kalli Sannerud	Kiptyn Jans
Reader	Darlene Santjer	Kathy Hendrickson	Dana Baldry	Elaine Halverson
Communion	*Dana Baldry	X	Jon Barber	X
Assistant	*Jon Tjosvold		Shelley Loose	
	Dave Haroldson		Joanelle Sannerud	
	Val Santjer		Kyle TeBeest	
	Assisting Minister		Assisting Minister	



Better Than a Tranquilizer:

Paul wrote; "Here is a last piece of advice ...Fix your minds on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good ...Think about all the things you can praise God for ... and you will find that the God of peace will be with you" Philippians 4:8-9

As you enjoy the beautiful season of spring and all that it brings – spring cleaning, yard work, gardening, shopping, travels, tournaments, graduations and so much more, may you take time to think on Paul’s words to the Philippians and let them be your *tranquilizer*. God’s peace be with you!!

Tuesday, May 7, is the date for the spring salad luncheon. Please help to make it a success with your contribution of baked goods and by your attendance.
Invite a friend ---- enjoy the food & fellowship.

Thank you:

- + Terri Dinesen for creating and suppling fabric for the Senior quilts.
- + To all who have sent in your \$20 annual donation.

Coming Events:

- + **SW MN WELCA convention** – May 4 at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Redwood Falls
- + **Spring Salad Luncheon:** May 7, 10:30 – 12:30
- + **Executive Board Meeting:** May 13, 9:30 am
- + **Quilting:** May 20-22, 9:00-(Come when you can and stay as long as you’d like.)
- Snacks provided by Group 5 .
- + **Dinner at Your Door:** May 20-24 – Group 6



Espresso Time!

Women gathering around the coffee table for fellowship and scripture.

Please join us at the

Church on the

2nd and 4th Thursdays

of the month at 2:30 pm.



Saturday

Men’s Breakfast

at Hardee’s

7:00 am



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