

"The Branches"

Mayville & Gran LUTHERAN CHURCHES

April 2026

Richelle's Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30am -1:30pm (Office #786-3202)

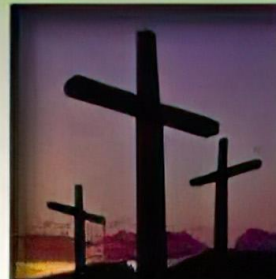
MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S Sundays at 10:30am/ GRAN Sundays at 8:45am

*Broadcasted live every Sunday! **Watch us live on MIDCO Channel 3

***Listen to us live KMAV Radio 105.5 FM

****Watch us live or any time on Facebook live @ Mayville-Gran Lutheran

Holy Week Schedule



Palm

Sunday

March 29th

Gran 8:45am

MLC 10:30am

Maundy

Thursday

April 2nd

Gran Lutheran

Potluck starts
at 6:00pm

Worship Starts
at 7:00pm

1st Communion Families
please attend worship

Good

Friday

April 3rd

Mayville

Lutheran
at 7:00pm

Easter

Sunday

April 5th

Gran Brunch

at 8:00am

Gran Worship

8:45am

MLC Brunch

At 9:30am

MLC Worship

10:30am Worship



The Schaley Family

SPOTLIGHT

Buddy is from Niagara, ND, where he now commutes to work on his family farm.

Colby grew up in Mayville and now manages the therapy department while providing speech therapy at our local hospital, nursing home, and school.

Colby was raised in this church and the couple married here in 2014.

The Schaley family moved to Mayville in 2020 to raise their three children, Blake (soon to be 11), Charles (7), and Hayes (4).

The family stays busy keeping up with the kids' many activities and sporting events.

Buddy helps coach their basketball and baseball teams while Colby brings the snacks. The family enjoys traveling, spending time with family and cousins, and lots of lake time in the summer.





The Meals on Wheels program provides one hot, nutritious meal per day for those ages 60 and older who are home-bound and meet eligibility standards. Volunteers deliver meals Monday through Friday throughout the counties we serve. It usually takes less than an hour to deliver meals! It's great to do it as a family or by oneself as it is very rewarding! Must be at the Mayville Senior Center by 11:15am

April 27th -May 1st Annette Bakken



Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Please call: 701-786-3202 or

Email: maygranlutheranoffice@gmail.com

We are here for you!



701-490-9737

TEXT 701-490-9737 "GIVE" Then the: AMOUNT

First time you'll have to set it up
After that, offering is just a text away

**Two other ways to
GIVE OFFERING
at MLC!!!**

1. Scan the QR Code
2. TEXT to GIVE

Your Offering is Tax Deductible!



COUNCIL MINUTES

MLC Council Agenda Feb 18th 2026, 7pm @ MLC

Tami Parker, Richelle Mewes, Tressta Kunkel, Travis Kraft, Rae Nygord, Mary Hefta, Jessica Bergerson,

Call to Order- Tami Parker 7:15

Opening Prayer “Thank you for bringing us together. Please guide our hearts and minds tonight. Give us wisdom in our decisions and unity in our words, so that everything we do serves your church and honors you.” In Jesus’ name, Amen

Approval of minutes- motion-Tressta, 2nd -Travis, approved

Additions to the agenda-

- Asked Jess to clarify with copier. Due for new one. Monthly- \$249 with approx. \$20 additional due to overage in copies/mo.

Treasurer’s report -Jessica, Jess not present so will wait for her to discuss financial report.

Pastor’s Report-NA

New Business

- 1. Elections: President (Tami), VP (Richelle), secretary**
 - a. Secretary- Tressta nominated. Mary-motion, 2nd-Travis. Approved.**
- 2. Interim Pastor update**
 - a. Start date: Feb 23rd**
 - b. Housing: ready the 25th :furnished. Includes internet and utilities.**
 - i. Will get him a hotel until his house is ready.**
 - ii. Heather Bolstad is homeowner. Will do a walk through with owner prior to him moving in.**
 - iii. need snow removal, lawn care: Hoping to handle from within.**
 - c. Specialty/strength- look at a church’s needs and address those areas. He has had really great conversations with both Tami and Richelle. Few areas of focus- communication, Pastor turnover, welcoming place for everyone**
 - d. He will step in for confirmation, but Richelle is ok helping with it also**
 - e. Wednesday Lent services- Holden Evening Prayer**
 - f. Preference of communion every Sunday. Richelle will visit with him about this.**
- 3. Mandi: State inspection door requirements**
 - a. State came on Thursday (Feb. 12). Recommended side doors locked to avoid regular use from parents.**
 - b. Would like to discuss a solution for the doors. We would like the doors unlocked throughout the day so congregation members feel welcome in the church.**
 - c. Mandi did send a message to parents asking them to use north door. Will cont to look at options if needed.**
 - d.**

4. Next MLC event ideas
 - a. December was family game night. It was an enjoyable event. Turnout was not ideal. Weather may have been a factor.
 - b. Bingo? Game night? After hours?
 - i. After hours was successful at Richelle's last May. Would be interested in doing this again. (April/May)
 - ii. Meet and greet with Pastor Paul. First service will Feb. 25.(lent). First official Sunday will be March 1. Cake and coffee on March 1 as a welcome.
 - iii. Sunday school can make welcome cards. Would like kids sing March 1 if possible.
5. Potluck for Lent
 - a. Soup- went over well.
 - b. 4 soups and 4 bars would be ideal each week.
 - c. Richelle is working on finding individuals to contribute to this each week.
6. MIDCO TV broadcast options.
 - a. \$100 a month
 - b. Radio is a little more expensive.
 - c. Do we continue with this?
 - d. Would like to discuss this with Pastor Paul. Perhaps he has ideas.
7. Cleaning schedule
 - a. David- would like to have a discussion with him about his return.
 - i. He changes filters
 - ii. Lawn care
 - iii. Timers on lights
 1. Would like to identify roles and create list of duties for clarity.
 - iv. He does like contributing to the Branches. Definitely would like to continue with this.
 - b. We do have a group willing to do a deep clean once a month (would like volunteers for this each month)
 - c. Richelle cleans/tidies up weekly and is willing to cont. this.
8. VBS this year? May 26-28th
 - a. Christian Ed would like this to take place right at the end of the school year. 2-3 days. 9-12. 3year -5th grade
 - b. Looking at cost of a group (Bible camp) to lead.
 - c. Digital Spark House does have a Lesson for this.
 - i. Mary, Isabell, Lauren Soine, seniors? Confirmation students?
9. How to video for usher, greeter, communion, duties
 - a. Will re-address this.

Old Business

1. Committee Reports:
 - a. Worship and music, Christ ED, Activities, JAM- Escape room. The kids had a great time! Attendance was down. Next event thinking of bowling. Transportation would be a concern.
 - b. Formation of Call committee
 - i. Pastor Paul would like to help with this.

2. Window project update

a. Richelle has contacted both options. We are on hold with new Pastor coming in.

3. Sunday Service duties: March: Tressta, April: Rae

4. Library revival update: Foundation will pay for carpet and three lights in entry. Richelle is looking for lights and carpet.

Next Council Meeting:

1. March 18th 7pm @ MLC (after Lent services) Adjourned @ 8:42



Easter



Greetings

Dear friends:

It is an old but true saying that the Resurrection is proved by Christ and not Christ by the Resurrection. Once we get a vision of Christ it is not hard to believe in the Resurrection. Indeed it would be impossible to believe that it could have ended with his being left in the grave.

Soon we will gather again to hear the message of His Resurrection. It is the Easter message that makes the church totally different from anything else in the world. It overcomes darkness and despair, and touches our ordinary days with hope, promise and gladness.

The hours for Divine Worship on Easter Sunday will be 8:00 and 11:00. (Note that the first service will be at 8:00, not 8:30). As usual there will be no Sunday School, Bible Classes, or Kindergarten, but the Nursery will be open for both the 8:00 and the 11:00 hours.

The Easter offering at both services will go toward the mission work of our church - in our state, nation, and world.

To those who will be out of town for Easter, I take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Easter - and to remind you to drive carefully.

Sincerely,

Pastor Spanda



LOOK BACK IN TIME



Easter

Dear friends:

Hearing the 1812 Overture last night at the school concert reminded me of Easter fourteen years ago. I was conducting a service in a large school on the edge of town. On the other side of town fighting was in progress. Above the singing of the Easter hymns could be heard the crack of the German 88's and the duller boom of the American guns. Men moving up to the combat area came and went. They had heard there was an Easter service and wanted to partake in the worship, even if only for a few moments. It seemed incongruous, and yet Easter is not so far removed from the idea of battle -- it was His battle, and He won.

"The strife is o'er, the battle done.

Now is the Victor's triumph won.

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia".

This is a great day in the Christian Church and a great day in the Christian's heart.

There will be two communion services - Holy Thursday at 7:30 and Good Friday at 2:30. There will also be two Easter services, one at 9:30 and one at 11:00. The festival offering at the Easter services will go to missions.

The Lenten Dime folders may be brought to church the Sunday after Easter, April 5th.

A blessed Easter to you all.

Pastor Spande

"Woman, why weepst thou?"

LUTHER MEMORIAL HOME

Spring Gala

HORS D'OEUVRES & MUSIC
WITH SHORT PROGRAM @ 7 PM

SAVE THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 22ND, 2026
6:30-8 PM
LMH DINING ROOM

A fundraiser



LINDAAS BARN DANCE 2026

Saturdays 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

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June 6 & 27						

July						
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August 1 & 22						

September						
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September 19						

Join us again for

Bluegrass Sunday

July 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Located at 735 153rd Ave NE - 2 miles east of Mayville on Hwy 200, then 1 1/4 miles North on County Rd 12

Good, wholesome family fun
No alcoholic beverages allowed
Coffee and soda provided along with potluck snacks/treats
Free admission; Donations are accepted to help defray expenses.
A variety of musicians each week.
Everyone welcome!

The schedule is subject to change in case of threatening weather.
Check our Facebook page for the most current updates

We are looking for K-Cups for Sunday Coffee



Thank you for helping us to reach out to our community through the broadcast of Sunday Morning Worship Service. Because of your sponsorship we are able to do this very important ministry.

Every morning at 10:30am we broadcast worship on the Radio (KMAV 105.5) and on cable TV (Midcontinent).

The cost of sponsorship is **\$60.00** for the Radio and **\$40.00** for the TV.



We have many opportunities available every month! Recognize Birthdays, Anniversaries, Baptisms, Graduations, Confirmation in memory of, in honor of, or just because!

Thank you very much for touching people's lives with God's Word and for keeping in contact with those who are unable to attend with us every Sunday!



He Is Risen!

April



- Day 1: Genesis 3:14-15
- Day 2: Genesis 12:1-3
- Day 3: Numbers 24:17
- Day 4: Psalm 22:16-18
- Day 5: 2 Samuel 7:12-13
- Day 6: Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 7: Isaiah 35:3-4
- Day 8: Isaiah 35:5-6
- Day 9: Isaiah 53:4-5
- Day 10: Isaiah 53:6-7
- Day 11: Isaiah 53: 8-9
- Day 12: Isaiah 53:10-11
- Day 13: Isaiah 53:12
- Day 14: Matthew 26:31-32
- Day 15: Matthew 26:38-39
- Day 16: Matthew 26:53-54
- Day 17: Matthew 27: 45-46
- Day 18: Matthew 27: 50-51
- Day 19: Mark 15:46
- Day 20: Luke 24:1-2
- Day 21: Luke 24:3-4
- Day 22: Luke 24:5-7
- Day 23: John 20:11-14
- Day 24: John 20:15-17
- Day 25: John 20:26-27
- Day 26: John 20:28-29
- Day 27: John 20:30-31
- Day 28: Romans 8:33-34
- Day 29: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
- Day 30: Revelation 5:11-13





From the Janitors Closet By David Moeller



Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

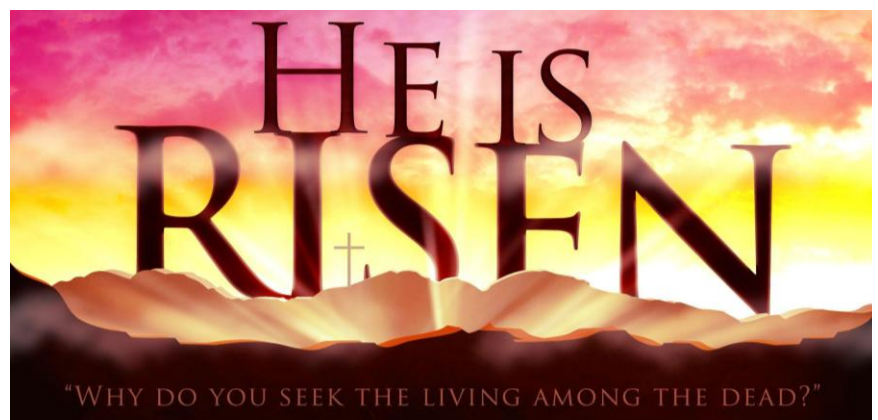
Easter is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It is when Christians glorify and give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus. After His crucifixion, death, and burial, Jesus rose from the grave three days later. By this, He conquered death and redeemed us from our sins.

We celebrate God's victory over the grave. The resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday signifies the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation and offers believers the promise of eternal life. Jesus' resurrection guarantees eternal life to all who believe in Him.

If Jesus had not risen from the dead or simply died and not been resurrected, He would have been thought of as just another teacher or prophet. However, His resurrection rebuked all that and provided final and undeniable proof that He was the Son of God and that He had overcome death once and for all.

Easter Sunday is a profound reminder of the transformative power of faith and the enduring message of hope that resonates throughout the ages. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the core of the Christian Gospel. Saint Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:14, that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and hope are in vain.

Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!





Serving Teams for APRIL 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters and Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	<u>Communion Distribution</u>
April 3 rd Good Friday		Camden Ree Doreen Nelson LaLynda Blotsky Melissa Kornkven Dennis Peterson Thomas Parker John L. Pederson Helen Hoyt		
April 5 th Easter Sunday	Melissa and Erik Kornkven Family	Lauren Soine	Rae Nygord	Rae Nygord
April 12 th 1st Communion	Ron and Mary Germundson	Mary Hefta	Russ Angen	Russ Angen
April 19 th	Kelsey and Kasey Karlstad Family	Mary Hefta	Eldra Forsgren	Eldra Forsgren
April 26 th	Sheri and Andy Evans	Mary Hefta	Lois Karlstad	Lois Karlstad

MISSION
of the
MONTH

Mayville
Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible
School
May 26th
May 27th
May 28th



Mayville Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

May 26th ⊕ 27th ⊕ 28th ⊕

9:00am- 12:00pm

VBS Program on the 28th

at 11:30am

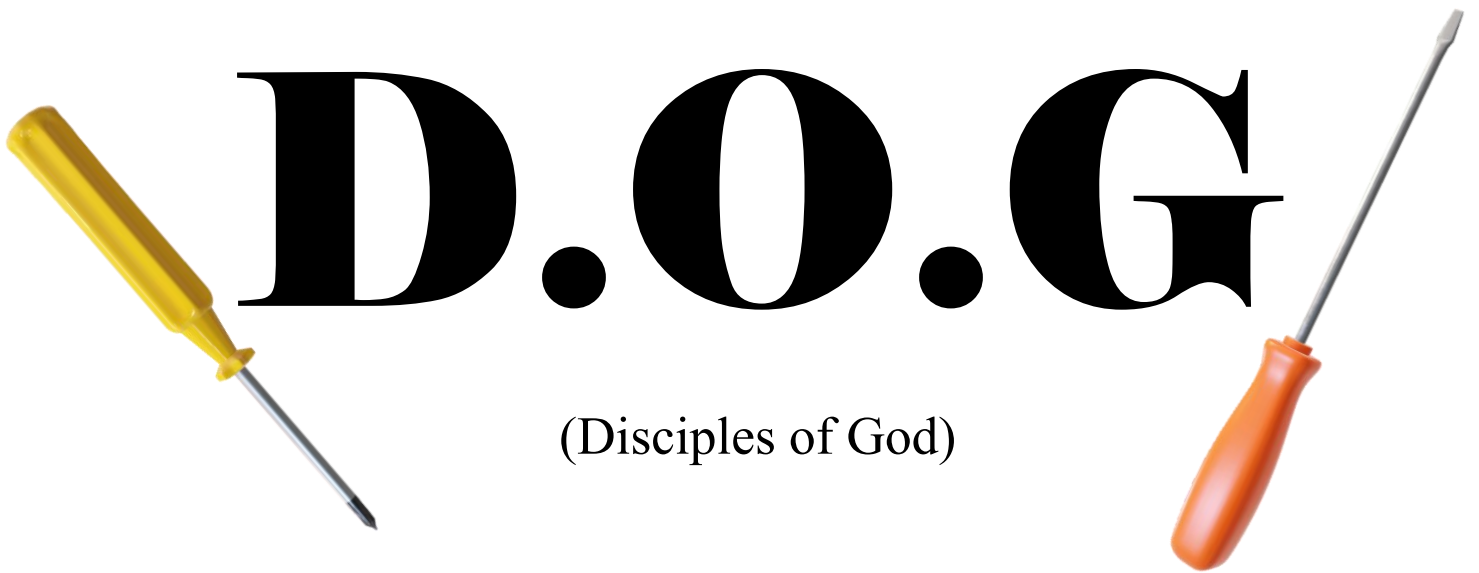
3-year-old thru 5th Grade

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>29 Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship</p> <p>Reader: Sue Strand</p>	30	31	1	<p>2 @ Gran... Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Potluck/ 7:00pm Worship</p>	<p>3 @ MLC.. Good Friday 7:00pm</p>	4
<p>5 Easter Sunday</p> <p>8:00am Gran Brunch 8:45am Gran Worship GRAN KIDS SING 9:30 ML Brunch 10:30am MLC Worship</p> <p>Reader: Lauren Soine</p>	6	7	<p>8 1st Communion Class Starts at 2:00pm</p>	<p>9 Richelle Off</p>	10	11
<p>12 1st Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship</p> <p>Reader: Mary Hefta</p>	13	14	<p>15 Music & Worship 4:30pm ***** Social gathering at Richelle's Home 5:30-7:30pm</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship</p> <p>Reader: Mary Hefta</p>	<p>20 Deadline For the Branches</p>	21	<p>22 Making Of Pillow Cases 8am-5pm</p>	23	24	25
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All, as you begin "spring cleaning" and you find you have extra tools taking up space, keep MLC in mind.

We are in need of tools to fill two toolboxes named "The Gospel of Torque" and "Noah's Spare Parts".

We could use hammers, wrenches (all types), pliers (all types), vice grips, socket sets, screwdrivers, electrical tape, voltage tester, utility knives, safety glasses, and a level.

*If we have extra tools donated, we can always fill a third toolbox.

Thank you for helping us replenish our supplies.

Roger (D.O.G. Group)





God's work. Our hands.



God's Work, Our Hands - Parish Service Sunday - May 3rd

Join us for the morning of May 3rd! There will be opportunities for all ages! Experience the joy and blessing of serving God and our neighbor with sisters and brothers in Christ from Gran and Mayville Lutheran!

9:30 am – Coffee – Sonshine Room – Mayville Lutheran

10:00 am - Worship – Mayville Lutheran Sanctuary

10:30 am-Noon – Sending to Service Sites & Serving

12:00pm – Enjoy a meal together at Mayville Lutheran & celebrate all that was accomplished!

Home Projects Needed for May 3rd:

Do you have a home project you would like done? ...Such as washing your windows, picking up branches & raking in your yard, cleaning out the winter refuge from your gutters or flower beds, changing light bulbs in your home, dusting ceiling fans or those hard to reach cob webs in ceiling corners, light cleaning or tidying up?

If so, call Richelle at our parish office at 786-3202, to let us help you out with your home project on May 3rd! Please leave your name, phone number, address of your home, and the work you would like to have completed, and a member of the GWOH planning committee will contact you.

The deadline for accepting home service projects is Sunday, April 26th.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

FABRIC KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

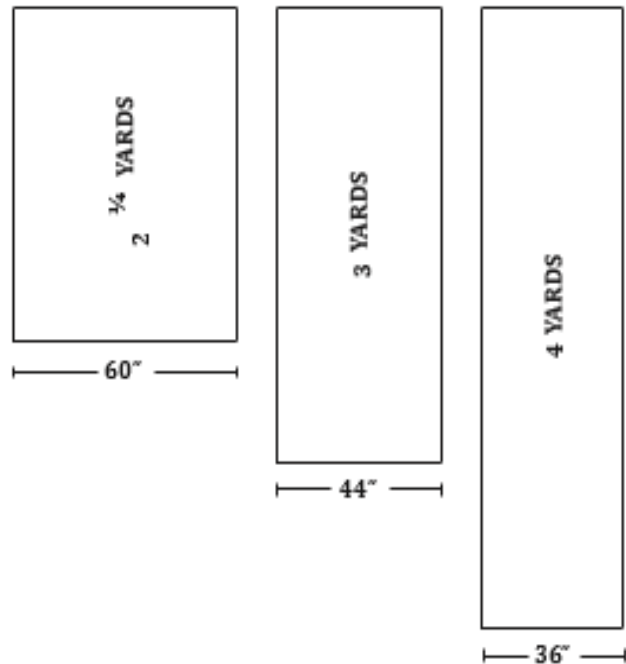
- Fabric should have no stains or holes.
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

- TWO spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each
- TWO pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester).

Each piece should match one of the following sizes:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric



Spring Cleaning?! . . .Have a sewing project you never started?! . . .Time to downsize your fabric supply stored in totes?! . . . We can help you out !!

Bring your unused fabric and unused spools of thread to Mayville or Gran Lutheran during the month of April! They will be assembled into Fabric Kits on May 3rd.

****Please read the directions above for the sizes of fabric needed, the type of fabric, etc.****

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel
(between 20"x40" & 52"x27"),
dark color recommended



x2

Two bath-size bars
(4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any
brand, in original wrapping

April
Gathering



x1

One sturdy comb,
remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clippers
(attached file optional),
remove packaging

*New Items Only.
*Place items in
marked tote
at church.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

HS Senior Recognition

Sunday May 17th

Gran Lutheran Church

🎓 Sofie Hofer 🎓

Mayville Lutheran Church

🎓 Lauren Soine 🎓 Broden Huard 🎓 Kalista Schark
🎓 Corbin Schreiner 🎓 Teagan Domier 🎓

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the life of these graduates
Thank you for seeing them through school
We dedicate their lives to you now,
We pray that you will continue to be their
guide and protector
Help them to live a godly life that will bring
glory and honor to your name
Open up their hearts and their minds to you,
so they will know you and please you
Fill them with hope and confidence for the
future
Order their steps and lead them to the future
that you have planned for them
In Jesus' name,

Amen





Soup's on for Hunger

Benefit Dinner

for the

Northlands Rescue Mission

Serving the Hungry and Homeless in the Greater Grand Forks Area

Sunday, April 19th

11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m./

at the Hatton Community Center

Free Will Offering and Silent Auction

(Silent Auction ends at 12:30 p.m.)

Menu: Homemade Soup, Sandwiches, & Dessert

Take-outs available!

For More Info: Faye Duncan 701-430-9869 or Donalee Strand 701-371-1036

To Donate to the Silent Auction:
Contact: Fred Strand 701-371-4393

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God's work. Our hands.

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