

“The Branches”

Mayville & Gran
LUTHERAN CHURCHES

December 2025

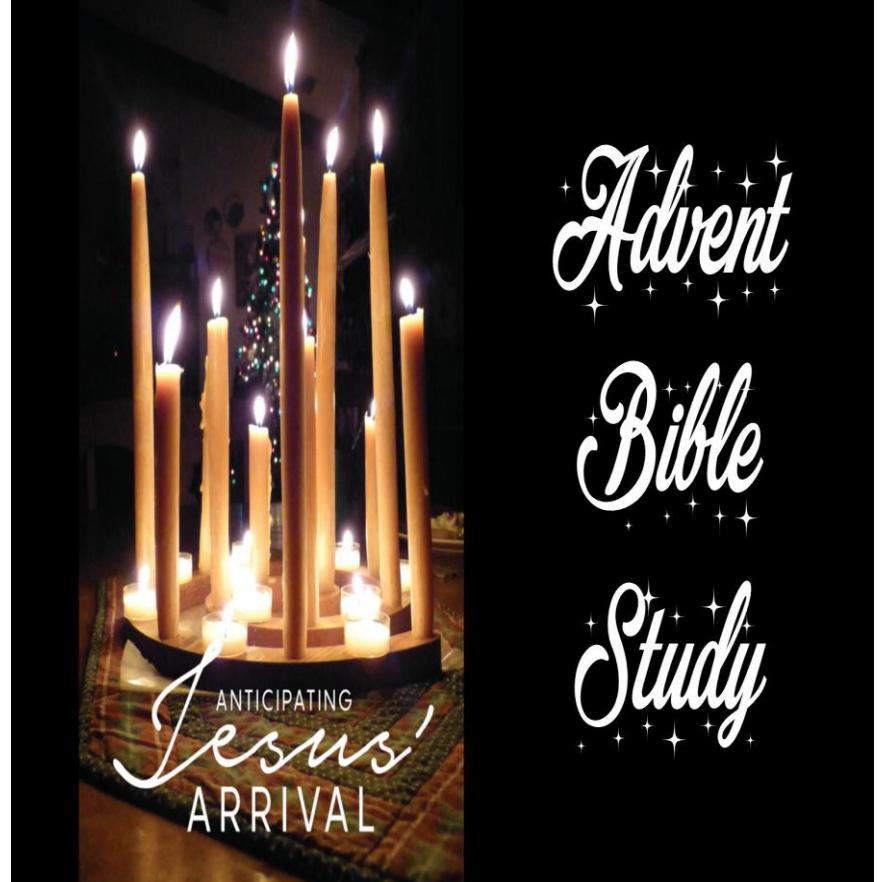
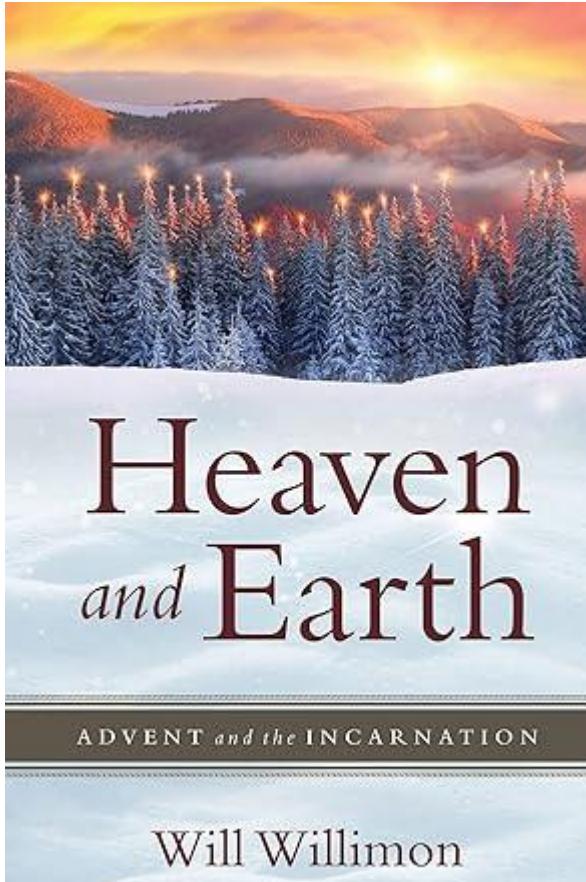
Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30am -1:30pm (Office #786-3202)

MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH’S Sundays 10:30am/GRAN Wednesdays at 6:45pm

*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 Church****



**Wednesdays- Starting December 3rd at 1:00pm
at Mayville Lutheran Church in the Son Room
Book can be purchased on Amazon**



December 22nd -December 26th

(NO December 24th and December 25th)

Doreen Nelson



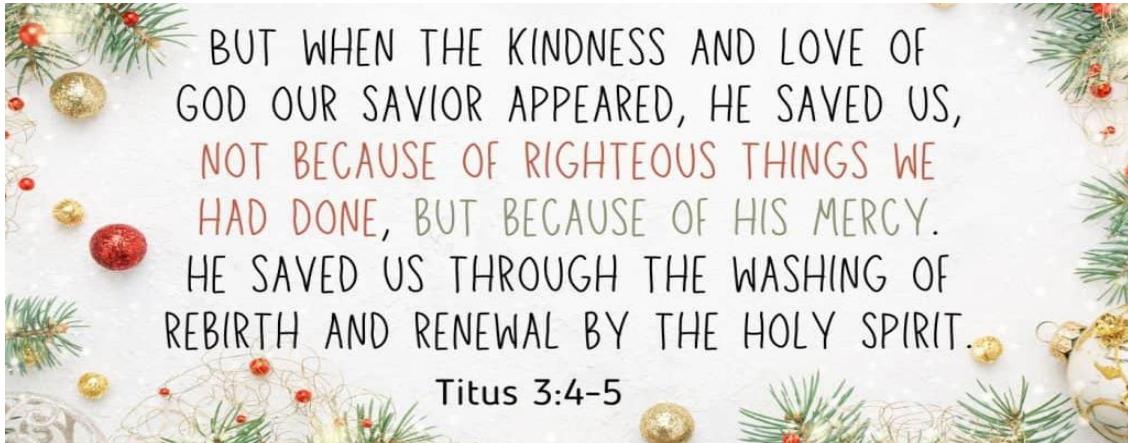
**HOW CAN WE
PRAY
FOR YOU?**

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!



**Text
Give**
701-490-9737



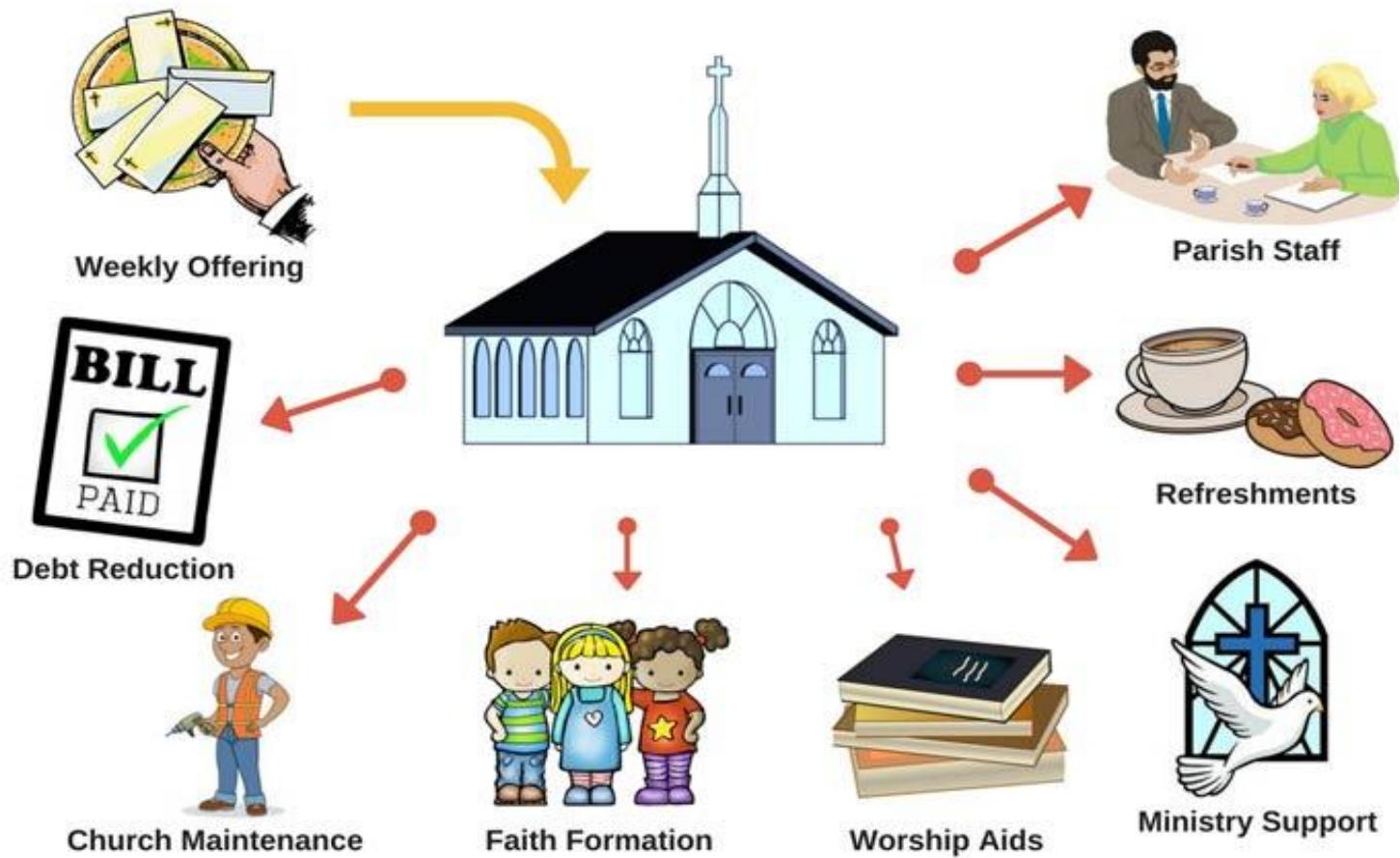
TEXT 701-490-9737 "GIVE" Then the: AMOUNT

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!



Where Does My Sunday Offering Go?



Gran Lutheran Church



Free-Will Donation!!

Sunday December 7th

11:30am-1:00pm

@ Mayville Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Menu: Ham, Corn and Scalloped
Potatoes & Dessert

Annual Fall Meal Hosted by Gran Lutheran Church



Join us at
Mayville Lutheran Church
on Wednesday December 17th
at 6:00pm for a Potluck
and games for all ages!
Bring a dish to share and your
favorite game!

Council will provide sloppy joes!



Treasurer's Corner

Hello again!

I'm grateful to share that our total offerings for the year have reached **\$102,071.59**. Thank you for your generosity and for all the ways you support our congregation. Your gifts truly make a difference in our worship, ministries, and community outreach.

We are still working toward our full 2025 budget of **\$149,282.92**, and there is time for us to close the gap together. As we move through the last part of the year, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might help us reach that goal.

Thank you again for your faithful support and all you do for our church family.

With gratitude, Jessica

*Merry
Christmas!*

**May the Lord Jesus Christ
grant you peace and renew your
strength for the years ahead!**



**Sella Mae Johnson
Baptized on November 23rd
at Mayville Lutheran Church**



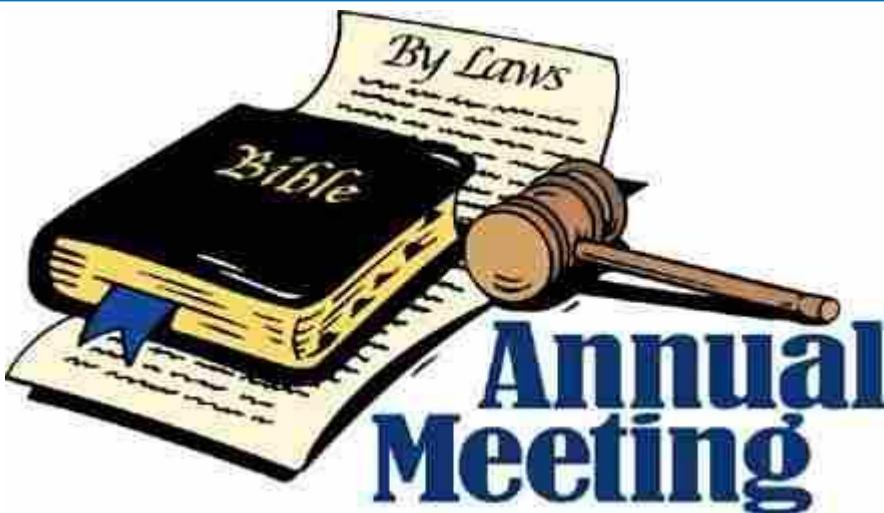
*God is
With her
She will not
fall*
PSALM 16:5

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

Join in what God is doing
in and around our church!

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

Galatians 5:13



**Mayville Lutheran
Sunday
January 18th 2026**

**Gran Lutheran
Sunday
January 25th 2026**

All Annual reports for both Mayville Lutheran
& Gran Lutheran are due in email
by January 14th by noon

We are looking for K-Cups for Sunday Coffee



You can drop them off at the MLC Office or upstairs' kitchen! Thank you!



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!



WINTERFEST EVENT SCHEDULE

December 3-7

WED.
12/03

3-5PM : **Taste of the Holiday's** - Miller's Fresh Foods
7-8PM : **Pucks and Pizza** - Hockey Arena / Mayport Youth Center

THUR.
12/04

5 & 6:30PM : **Ladies Night Out - Holiday Porch Pot** - Norsemen Hall, Portland
6-8PM : **Festival of Trees** - Mayville Senior Center
7-8PM : **BINGO** - Top Hat Lounge, Mayville

FRIDAY
12/05

1PM : **Coffee, Cider and Cookies** - Countryside Creations, Mayville
1-5:30PM : **Make your own Candle** - Countryside Creations, Mayville - Prices start at \$15
3PM : **FREE Christmas Photos** - Jacobson Studio, Mayville
4-8PM : **Winterfest Vendor Show** - Mayville Armory
4:00PM : **Sledding** @ the bowl - Mayville
4-5:30PM : **Stories with Mrs. Clause** - Mayville Public Library
4-7PM : **Festival of Trees** - Mayville Senior Center
4:30PM : **Meet Santa Clause** - Goose River Bank, Mayville
4:30PM : **Letters to Santa** - Nilson Brand Law, Mayville
4:30PM : **Pizzelles & Hot Apple Cider** - Hardware Hank, Mayville
5PM : **Mason's Chili Feed** - Goose River Lodge #19, Mayville
6:10PM : **Elementary School Caroling** - Mayville Town Square
6:30PM : **Winterfest Parade of Lights** - Downtown Mayville
7PM : **Fireworks** - the bowl, Mayville - Provided by First State Bank

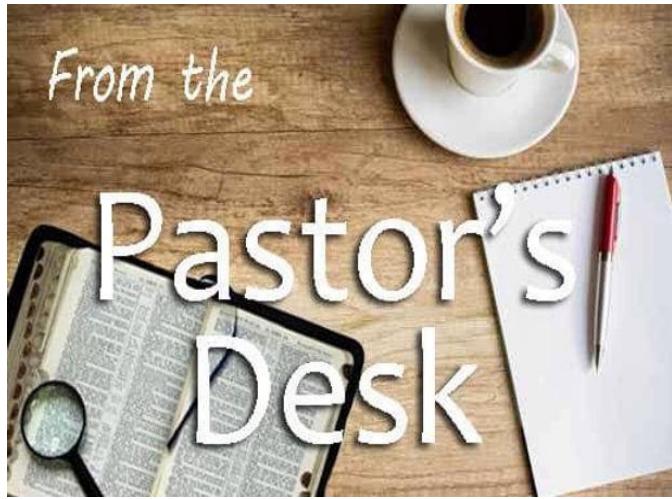
SATURDAY
12/06

8-10AM : **Mayville Fire Breakfast** - Mayville Armory
8AM-12PM : **Winterfest Vendor Show** - Mayville Armory
9AM : **Winterfest Workout** - Priority PT, Main Street Mayville - Bring your own Yoga Mat
10AM-12PM : **Festival of Trees** - Mayville Senior Center
3PM : **FREE Family Bingo** - Mayville Armory
3PM : **4H Hot Cocoa and Treat Fundraiser** - Mayville Armory
5:30PM : **Portland Volunteer Fire Supper** - Norsemen Hall - \$60/ticket
8PM : **Ugly Sweater Karaoke Party** - Top Hat Lounge, Mayville
8-11PM : **Safe Ride Shuttle** - Pickup & Drop off locations: Floyd's- Portland, Top Hat- Mayville

SUNDAY
12/07

11:30AM- 1PM : **Gran Lutheran Church Drive Thru Dinner** - Mayville Lutheran Church Parking Lot
1PM : **Matinee Pajama Movie Party** - Delchar Theater, Mayville
1-3PM: **Winterfest Tables du Jour Social/ Early Viewing** - Mayville Golf Course - \$5 entry
3-5PM : **Winterfest Tables du Jour** - Mayville Golf Course - Pre-purchased ticket needed
3PM : **Festival of Carols** - MSU Classroom Building Auditorium
6:30PM : **Festival of Songs** - Riverside Church, Mayville

For more information visit our website www.mayportcommunityclub.com



Dear Mayville and Gran, Lutheran Churches,

First, I'd like to thank you for the past four years of ministry that we were able to do together, first as an Interim Pastor and then having been invited into Extended Service. Now, as I follow onto the next step in my spiritual journey, I'm grateful for the time to serve as your pastor, sharing life's joys and sorrows, developing relationships and growing in faith together.

As you may know, my son, Rider, enter junior high this year at Horizon in Moorhead, MN. His involvement with more activities and my desire to attend those activities, has caused the commute to be a strain, and I have made the decision to pursue ministry closer to our home.

Change can be difficult, but with new faith leadership there will be new opportunities to grow in faith individually and as a congregation. Each pastor and each church are unique and yet joined together in the desire to grow in faith. My heart is with you as you continue to learn and grow.

In the next step in my faith journey, I am pursuing a position at a church in Fargo, as well as serving as Part Time Associate Chaplain, with Sanford Health. I will continue to serve Mayville and Gran Churches through the Christmas Services, and the baptism scheduled in Mayville on Sunday, December 28th.

I'd like to thank you once again for the privilege to serve Mayville and Gran Churches and the member of each.

Fare the well,

Pastor Martin





From the Janitors Closet By David Moeller



One in Ten

On the way to Jerusalem, he [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

You remember reading or hearing about when Jesus healed those lepers? There were ten of them. Only one said thank you. There is nothing worse than leprosy and that was Jesus they failed to thank.

Thanksgiving season may be over now. Yet all year long, we can always thank the people in your life. Thank family members, friends, and even strangers who help you and show kindness to you. More importantly, always give praise and thank God for all of the blessings He gives to you each and every day.

Always be the one in ten!

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year! -

David Moeller

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. We praise You for His birth and the hope that He brings to our lives. As we celebrate His birth, help us to also remember Your great love for us. Let this Christmas season, be a reminder of all He has done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**merry
christmas**



Festival of Carols

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 7 • 3 p.m.

MSU Classroom Building Auditorium

featuring the

University Choir • Instrumental Ensemble • Small Groups

under the director of Dr. Cyril Myers, Jr.

The event will feature a Traill County Carol Sing-a-long.

Community members are invited to bring their voices
and sing in parts while celebrating the season.

The instrumental ensemble and community instrumentalists
will provide the accompaniment.

Enjoy a post-concert reception featuring music and a yule array of treats.

WHY SERVE IN THE CHURCH

JOHN 13:1-17



Ways to Serve

Serve at the Church
Serve in the Community
Serve throughout the World



Serving Teams for DECEMBER 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters and Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
December 7 th	Debbie & Gary Hagen	Helen Hoyt
December 14 th	Tim & Sheila Evans	Myrna Lyng
December 21st	LaLynda Blotsky and family	Lon Jorgensen
December 24 th	Tim & Sheila Evans and family	HELP
December 28 th	Mandi & Garrett Erickson	HELP

Communion Sunday in DECEMBER 2025

December 7th 2025

Set Up

Communion:

Terri and Lucas Soine

Distribute

Communion:

Terri and Lucas Soine

December 21st 2025

HELP

HELP

MISSION
of the MONTH

Weston
Gregor
Son of
Julie & Ty Gregor
and
Grandson of Andy
and Jean Neset

DECEMBER

THE BRANCHES NEWSLETTER

Mayville-Gran Lutheran Church
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Tresta Kunkle

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Julie Tillberg Pederson

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Ina Paulson & Dorothy Grage



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God's work. Our hands.

Mayville-Gran Churches are congregations of the ELCA.

The Rev. Elizabeth Presiding Bishop

Rev. Tessa Moon-Leiseth -Eastern ND Synod Bishop

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