

# “The Branches”

## Mayville & Gran LUTHERAN CHURCHES

# January 2026

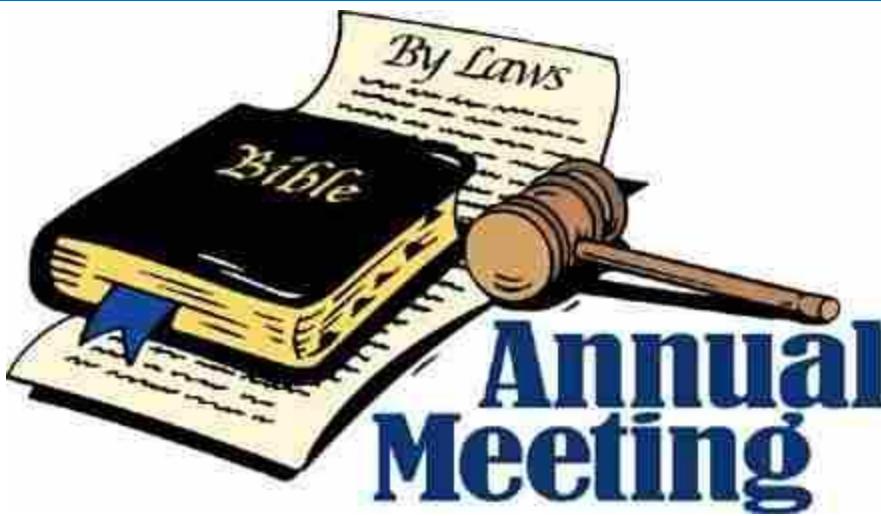
**Parish Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 8:30am -1:30pm (Office #786-3202)

**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



**Mayville Lutheran  
Sunday  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Gran Lutheran  
Sunday  
January 25th 2026**

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



# Bergerson Family

## SPOTLIGHT

Josh and Jessica, along with their sons Drake (4) and Zander (2), make their home in Mayville.

Both Josh and Jessica are CPAs. Josh works with SRS Commodities, while Jessica is employed by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Beyond their professional work, they are also active in the community. Jessica serves as treasurer and teaches Sunday school, while Josh is beginning to get involved with the new local Pheasants Forever chapter.

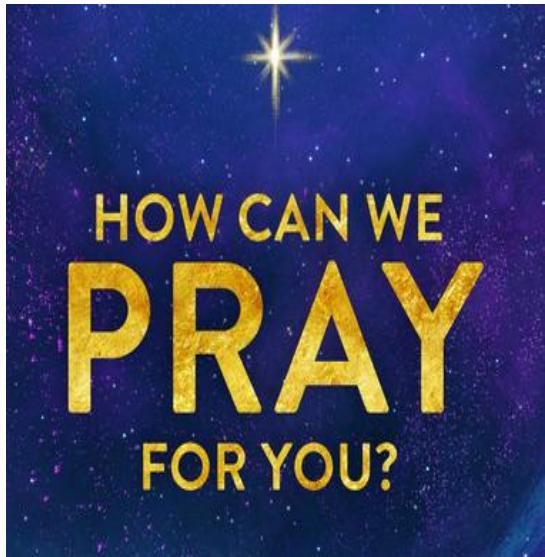
Drake and Zander are curious, playful, and already showing an interest in sports, especially basketball and baseball. With that shared love of sports, Jessica also coaches t-ball and hopes to continue coaching in the future as the boys grow. They enjoy watching and cheering on their favorite teams together, and when the Olympics come around, they proudly root for Team USA.

As a family, the outdoors is where they feel most at home. They enjoy both hunting and fishing, but fishing has a special place in their hearts, especially chasing after walleyes. If there's a free weekend, you'll likely find them on the water, enjoying the quiet beauty of nature and the thrill of reeling one in.





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



### 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  
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**We are here for you!**



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!**



# Benefit for Weston Gregor

Weston, son of Ty and Julie Gregor of rural Milnor, ND, was born on September 29, 2025. Just a month later, he was diagnosed with heart failure and was flown to the U of M Children's Hospital in Minneapolis where he remains surrounded by family and a skilled medical team.

On November 12, he received a Berlin Heart pump. Weston's medical team is working to keep him as healthy and comfortable as possible as he awaits a heart transplant.

**Sunday, February 8, 2026 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Milnor Area Community Center (MACC)**  
**528 5<sup>th</sup> Street | Milnor, ND**

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Free-will offering meal provided by The Black Pelican: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Silent Auction: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Live Auction: 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Raffle Boards

## DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

(Please specify that the donation is for the Weston Gregor Benefit.)

- Stock Growers Bank, Milnor
- The Schoolhouse, Delamere
- Mayville (ND) Lutheran Church

**Monetary donations can be made at any Stock Growers Bank location. Please make checks payable to the Weston Gregor Benefit.**

For more information or questions, reach out to Danica Undem at 701-680-2951 or [danicajdusek@gmail.com](mailto:danicajdusek@gmail.com)



# Mayville Lutheran Church Christmas Program



# Gran Lutheran Church Christmas Program



# 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!





# From the Janitors Closet By David Moeller



## Pray for All People

**“First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people” 1 Timothy 2:1**

We are encouraged in this 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy verse to pray for all people. There are four key words in this verse that represent four different parts of a prayer: Petitions, Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving.

Petitions are to fight against all kinds of evil. Prayers are to ask for good. Intercession is to lay the needs of others before our Savior. Last, but not least, Thanksgiving is to recognize all of the blessings we have received from God.

So, when you pray, petition Jesus to protect you and others from any harm or evil. Pray for their good and that their hearts would be open to Jesus’ voice and God’s will for their lives. Make intercession for help in any challenges they are facing. Then, thanksgiving which flows with great joy for all the blessings God gives each of us every day.

God’s Phone Number is Jeremiah 33:3 **“Call to me and I will answer you,”** Call on Him. He loves to hear from you.

As Matthew West sings,  
Don’t Stop Praying!

Happy New Year!

David Moeller



# 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 JANUARY 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters and Ushers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
January 4 <sup>th</sup>		Lauren Soine
January 11 <sup>th</sup>		Lauren Soine
January 18 <sup>th</sup>		
January 25 <sup>th</sup>		

## Communion Sunday in JANUARY 2026

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

Set Up

Communion:

Distribute

Communion:

MISSION  
*of the* \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH

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



Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for the precious gift of Liam Darrell Evans. Bless him with health, joy, and a heart full of love. Guide his steps as he grows, and surround him with kindness and wisdom. May his life be filled with laughter, purpose, and your unending grace.  
Protect him always, and let him shine as a light in this world. Amen.

Liam Darrell Evans  
Baptized November 30th 2025  
at Mayville Lutheran Church



# January

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> 8:45am Gran Worship 10:30am MLC Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
		<b>Richelle is on a family vacation thru January 12<sup>th</sup></b>				
<b>4 Melissa Kornkven</b> 8:45am Gran Worship 10:30am MLC Worship  <u>MLC Reader:</u> Lauren Soine	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Scouts at 6:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>11 Julie Tillberg</b> 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship <u>MLC Reader:</u> Lauren Soine	<b>12</b> Gideons at 7:00pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship  <u>MLC ANNUAL MEETING</u>  <u>MLC Reader</u>	<b>19</b> <b>Deadline For the Branches</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:45am Gran Worship 9:45am Gran Sunday School 10:00am MLC Sunday School 10:30am MLC Worship <u>GRAN ANNUAL MEETING</u>  <u>MLC Reader</u>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# January Self-Care Journaling

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
28 <b>O &amp; H</b> Ordinary & Happy	29	30	31		1 Rather than being 'perfect', what 5-10 minutes of a new routine or goal could be.	2 Three things you're proud of from last year.	3 Three simple things you're leaving behind in the past year.
4 Kind words to say to yourself when things don't go as planned.	5 What kindness to yourself today could look like.	6 Simple ideas for daily self-care this year.	7 Simple ideas for weekly self-care this year.	8 Ideas for simple 5-minute breaks when there's a lot going on.	9 What brings you joy on a regular weeknight.	10 Ways to make your home cozier.	
11 One thing you trust yourself to do this year that you didn't last year.	12 Positive things to tell yourself when setbacks arise this year.	13 What you notice if you pause and listen, right now.	14 Routines you already have that ground you.	15 What you want to be beyond 'productive' this year.	16 What you'd do this year if you had 10 extra minutes every day.	17 Ways you already show up for yourself every day.	
18 Times last year you felt most like yourself.	19 Joyful things you could do today.	20 What progress from last year you can continue this year.	21 What motivated you last year when you were really tired.	22 A time you expressed yourself last year.	23 What is distracting you too much.	24 How you can take a break from those distractions.	
25 What you love about yourself in this moment.	26 Putting goals aside, what you want to do this year.	27 People who make you laugh and feel confident.	28 Ways to have more time with those people this year.	29 Ways you've embraced the winter so far.	30 One way you've shown resilience this winter.	31 One way you surprised yourself this month.	

# THE BRANCHES NEWSLETTER

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