

The Branches

Mayville-Gran Lutheran Church

September 2026



**MAYVILLE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sundays at

10:30 am

**GRAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sundays at

8:45 am



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*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

Bible Verse
John 15:5

"I am the vine;
you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing."



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A Note to My Church Family

Dear Mayville–Gran Lutheran Church Family,

I wanted to share a little update with all of you. Beginning this fall, I will be taking on an additional **part-time position as a Community Health Worker**.

I am excited about this new opportunity and the chance to serve and help people in our community in a different way. At the same time, **my work here at Mayville–Gran Lutheran Parish continues to be very important to me**. I truly value being part of our church family and serving our congregations.

As I begin balancing both positions, my schedule during **September and October may look a little different from week to week**. There will be some changes in my regular office hours as I figure out a schedule that works well for both positions.

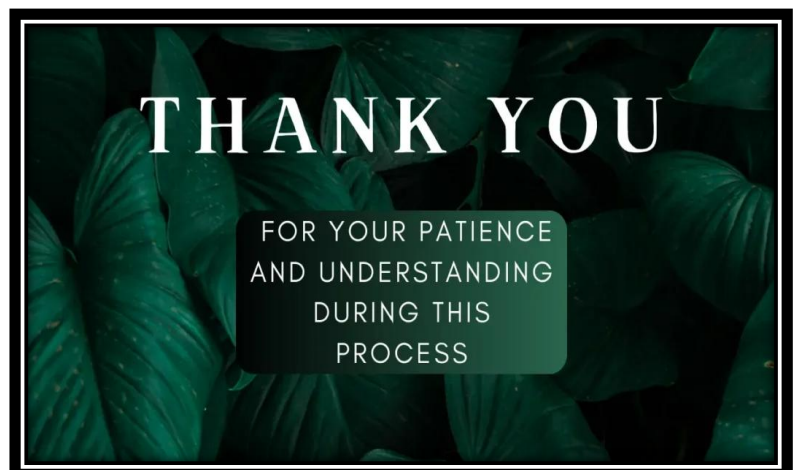
I appreciate your patience, grace and understanding during this transition. My goal is to establish a more **consistent schedule** once I have had some time to see how everything fits together. I will do my best to keep everyone informed about when I will be in the church office and available.

Please know that even if my office hours look a little different, **I am still here for our church family and our ministry together**. I am grateful for your support, kindness, and flexibility as I begin this new opportunity.

Thank you for being such an important part of my life. I look forward to continuing to serve Mayville–Gran Lutheran Parish while also serving our greater community in this new role.

God's Blessings,

Richelle Mewes
Parish Administrator
Mayville–Gran Lutheran Parish



MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

RALLY SUNDAY!

Kickoff the new season
TOGETHER IN FAITH! 

★ **SUNDAY** ★
SEPTEMBER 13TH



SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00AM



WORSHIP
10:30AM

≡ All are welcome! ≡

Wear your
**GREEN BAY
PACKER**
or
**MINNESOTA
VIKING**
gear!

We come
together as 
ONE FAMILY
to celebrate,
connect and
grow in faith!



≡ Bring your ≡
FAVORITE APPETIZER!

Let's share great food,
fellowship and a winning spirit! 

 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on
toward love and good deeds." **Hebrews 10:24**



Luther Memorial Home Fundraiser

Calling all Mayville-Portland Community members! We are collecting pie donations and silent auction items for our fundraising event on September 10th, 2026 to support our Residents and Staff.



How to Help

Questions or to Donate:



Contact Trisha Hickey
Email: thickey@lmhnd.org
Phone: 701-786-3401 Ext. 220



We appreciate your generosity!



Donate a homemade or store-bought pie for our fundraiser.



Contribute a silent auction item to support the cause.

All proceeds benefit Luther Memorial Home Residents and Staff.

DONATE TODAY!

CONTACT US
Activities Department

DONATE
Luther Memorial Home

Mayville-Gran CONFIRMATION CLASS *SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED!*



Our Mayville-Gran Confirmation Class is in need of individually wrapped snacks for our students during confirmation sessions.



Please drop off your items at **Richelle's office** or in the **upstairs library**.



CONFIRMATION BEGINS
⇒ MID-SEPTEMBER!



66 Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

— Matthew 19:14 (CEB)





EaND Synod Fall Youth Retreat

You are invited to join us for the Eastern North Dakota Synod

Fall Youth Retreat, September 25–27, 2026!

This fall, we're excited to expand our retreat by including congregations from across the Northwestern Minnesota Synod to join the Eastern North Dakota Synod for our annual Fall Youth Retreat. Our hope is simple: to welcome as many young people as possible for a weekend of worship, community, fun, and faith formation.

We can't wait! Together we will IMAGINE MORE, and we'll begin leaning into this bigger story of faith, possibility, and God's call in our lives as we ask: *What might God be inviting us to imagine beyond what we can see right now?* This retreat is designed for youth and leaders to:

- Build community

- Deepen faith through worship, learning, and conversation

- Experience fun, rest, and connection

- Explore how God calls us to imagine more for our lives, our churches, and our world

Whether your group has attended for years or this is your first time, this retreat is a meaningful and accessible way to invest in your young people. We know fall calendars fill quickly, so now is the time to begin planning.

Mark your calendars:  September 25–27, 2026

This retreat is geared toward students in **grades 6-10**. For those older than grade 10, we invite you to check out the work crew options below. If you've been looking for an opportunity to reconnect your students after summer, strengthen relationships, and create space for faith conversations, this is it.

LOCATION

THE LOCATION

The location of the retreats returns to Castaway Club. Castaway Club is located in the heart of Minnesota's beautiful lake country, 13 miles south of Detroit Lakes. Fall in the Lake Country is gorgeous!

A few features of Castaway are:

- *game rooms, a climbing wall, waterfront, and the giant hot tubs are BACK
- *frisbee golf course, soccer field, basketball courts, tennis & volleyball, and a gaga pit, silent disco
- *great food & coffee shop with treats for purchase

THEME

This year's theme is **Imagine More** — inspired by the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering theme. At the heart of this theme is the invitation to trust that God is always at work beyond what we can see, understand, or expect.

Imagine More calls us to expand our vision: to imagine a faith that expands beyond Sunday, a love that reaches beyond our comfort zones, a justice that transforms communities, and a God whose possibilities are greater than our limitations.

Throughout the weekend, we'll invite young people to wonder:

- What does it mean to imagine more for my own faith journey?
- Where is God calling me beyond what feels safe or familiar?
- How can the church imagine more for our neighbors, our communities, and the world?

Rooted in the promise that God is always creating, renewing, and calling us forward, this retreat will help youth explore how imagination is not just creativity — it's discipleship. It's the courage to believe God can do something new in us and through us.

Registration fee covers all program and expenses, t-shirt, light snacks and meals.

We invite you to register your group with the total number of participants and leaders. You are welcome to add more adult leaders, students and work crew at a later date. **\$191 (youth + adults)**

Scholarships Available through the MLC Foundation

Looking for a

ORGANIST OR PIANIST



PART-TIME

Organist or Pianist
needed for

Sunday Church Service
at

**Mayville
Lutheran Church**

Sundays at 10:30am

Great compensation!

Contact:



Richelle
218-791-2127



Annette
701-367-5138

Join MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

KIDS WILL SING!

Growing in
Faith Together!



STARTING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
10:00AM – 10:45AM



IN THE MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH BASEMENT!



ALL ARE INVITED
AGES 3 YEARS – 5TH GRADE



BIBLE
LESSON



MUSIC



CRAFT



SNACK!

BIBLES WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO



3 YEAR
OLDS



2ND
GRADERS



3RD
GRADERS



6TH
GRADERS



AND WE WILL
RECOGNIZE OUR
HIGHSCHOOL
SENIORS!



Worship Starts at **10:30AM**

METIGOSHE MINISTRIES YOUTH EVENTS

2026-2027



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Grades 4-6

October 9-10; March 12-13



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Junior High

October 2-3; April 2-3



SKI AND FAITH

Junior and Senior High

February 14-15



COME TO THE TABLE

Church Decides Age

March 5-6

Join us for a little bit of camp during the school year.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO REGISTER**

email program@MetigosheMinistries.com
or call 701-263-4788



165 Lake Loop Road - Bottineau, ND 58318 - www.metigosheministries.com

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

\$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!

MAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are the only church in the Mayville-Portland area
that can broadcast on the radio and TV



ON RADIO
Your message.
Heard locally.



ON TV
Your brand.
Seen widely.



ON FACEBOOK
Your story.
Shared daily.

Thank you
for supporting our community and ministry!

It's Your **Ch_rch** & **U** are needed!

Church
Work
Day



Fall Clean Up!

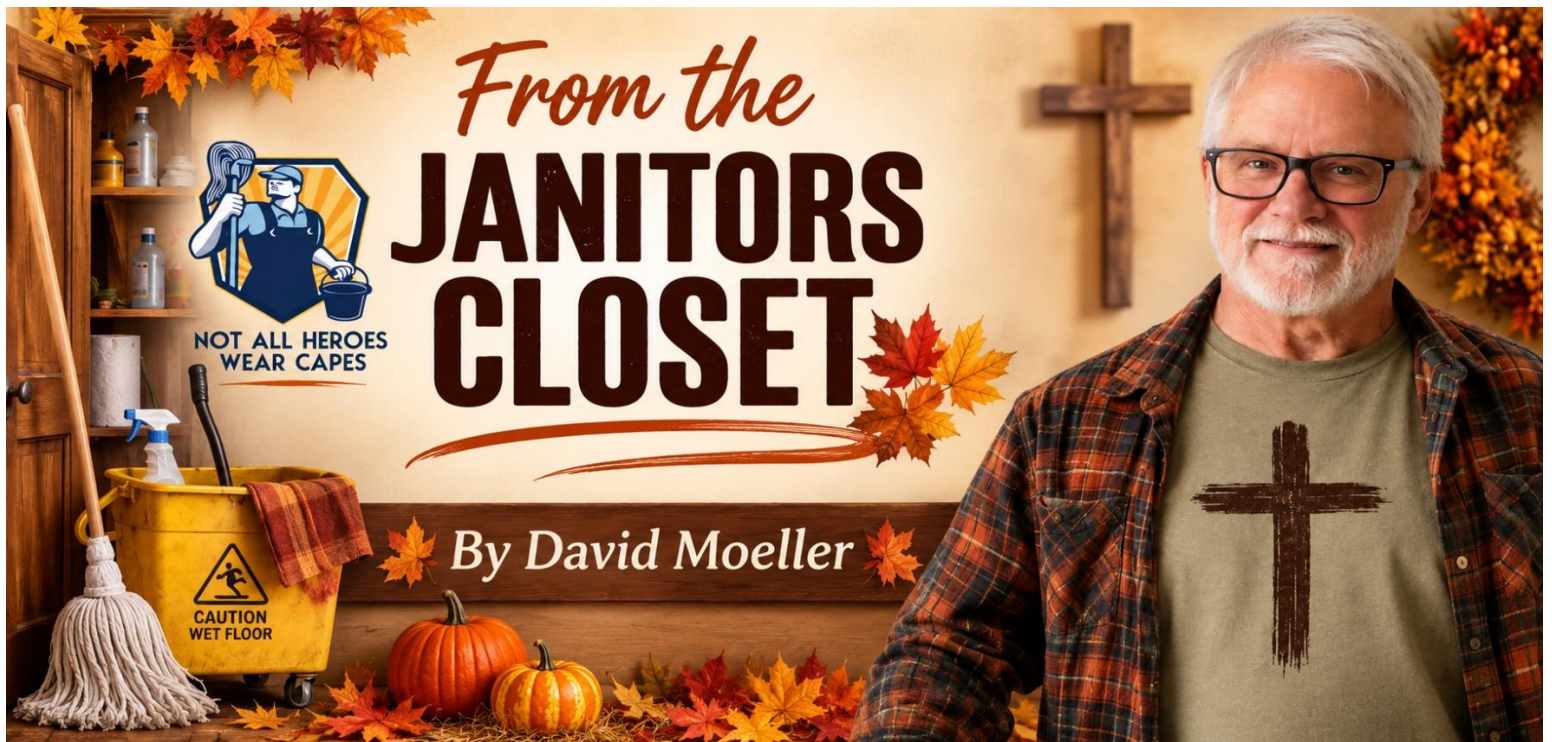
at Mayville Lutheran Church
9:00 AM • September 12th



Help clean up the church grounds and building!

Volunteers Needed!





Forgiving Oneself

In the practice of forgiveness, we need to forgive ourselves too. If you can't forgive yourself, how can you begin to forgive anybody else?

The power for forgiving ourselves as well as others comes from God's forgiveness of us as Ephesians 1:7 tells us, **"In him [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,"**

What about forgiving ourselves? Many people go through life bearing the burden of guilt. As the hymn "I Lay My Sins On Jesus" says, we can lay our sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.

When we lay our sins on Jesus, we are rid of them forever. Our conscience and our hearts are clear of guilt and relieved of the burden of sin. All of this is possible because Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of all of our sins. For Jesus' sake all your sins are taken away!

WE SERVE GOD BY
SERVING OTHERS



Serving Teams for September 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters and Ushers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	<u>Communion Distribution</u>	<u>Camera</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
Sept. 6th		Eldra Forsgren	Lois Karlstad	Lois Karlstad		
Sept. 13th	9 th Grade Confirmants	Jaidyn Roder		Mia Mehus & Avery Erickson		Ellie Chimbur Wynne Strand Jacob Porath
Sept. 20th						Veronica Satrom
Sept. 27th						Ellie Chimbur Tyler Porath Jacob Porath

MISSION
of the
MONTH



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 10:30am MLC Worship 6:45pm Gran Worship	31	1	2 Confirmation Starts 4:00pm - 5:00pm	3	4	5
6 Begin Setting #3 <u>Communion Sunday</u> 10:30am MLC Worship	7 Labor Day Monday Richelle off	8 Richelle off Training at Sanford	9 early dismissal @MPCG NO Confirmation	10	11	12 MLC cleaning starting at 9:00am
13 RALLY SUNDAY! <u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am 9th Grade Confirmands Meet after MLC Worship	14 Gideons Meeting at 7:00pm in MLC Library	15	16 Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm	17	18	19 Farmer's Bowl Parade
20 <u>Communion Sunday</u> Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am 9th Grade Confirmands Meet after MLC Worship	21	22	23 Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm	24	25 Synod Youth Retreat at Castaway Club Through Sunday	26
27 David Moeller Preaching Gran Worship - 8:45am Gran SS - 9:45am MLC SS - 10:00am MLC Worship - 10:30am	28	29	30 Confirmation 4:00pm - 5:00pm	1	2	3

JAM

Junior

Pre K – 5th Grade



Leaders:

Krista Hogfoss & Jessica Bergerson

JAM

6th Grade – 8th Grade

Leader is needed!!



Senior JAM

9th Grade – 12th Grade



Leaders:
Tami Parker
&
Richelle Mewes



Come, grow in faith, build friendships,
and make a difference!

JAM is a great time to
connect with children in
our church and our community.

No experience
Necessary

Hello!

My name is Melissa Kornkven but I'm better known as "Sena's mom" or "Iver's mom." I'm excited to help organize Sunday School this year for Mayville Lutheran! I would like to invite you to join us for Sunday School this year. The details:

- Who?** Children 3 years old through 5th grade
- What?** Sunday School. We'll sing, tell stories from the Bible, do crafts, learn from others, serve others, grow in faith, and have fun!
- When?** Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45
- Where?** We'll always begin on the north side of the basement of Mayville Lutheran
- Start date?** Sunday, September 13 ****We'll sing in church this day, too!****
- End date?** Last Sunday School of the year will be May 9. Flip over to see other important date information to add to your calendar.

We'd love to have you join us! Please complete the following brief form below. Then your adult can either drop it off in the church office, or take a picture of it and text it to me (701-871-7066).

I hope to see you at Sunday School!

Peace,
Melissa Kornkven

Name (s) _____

Age(s) _____ Grade(s) _____ Birthday(s) (m/d/y) _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

***Please circle the name of the primary parent/guardian contact for communication. If both parents/guardians would like information, please provide both sets of information below.*

Primary Parent Email(s) _____

Primary Parent Phone(s) _____

Would you be willing to fill in and teach Sunday School occasionally?	Yes	No
Would you be willing to provide a snack for Sunday School occasionally?	Yes	No
Would you like text updates regarding Sunday School?	Yes	No
Would you like email updates regarding Sunday School?	Yes	No

If 'no' to the last two, please keep an eye on bulletin announcements and the church facebook page for information.

Sunday School Dates

The following is what we anticipate the Sunday School year to look like at Mayville Lutheran. There could be changes - I'll do my best to share any updates in a timely fashion. We'll share updates on plans for the kids to sing in church if we add any dates to the calendar.

September

13 - Rally Sunday (sing in church)
20 - 10:00 S. School
27 - 10:00 S. School

October

4 - 10:00 S. School
4 - Parent meeting TBA
11 - 10:00 S. School
18 - 10:00 S. School
25 - No S. School (school break)

November

1 - 10:00 S. School
8 - 10:00 S. School
(Kids take over church day!)
15 - 10:00 S. School
22 - 10:00 S. School
29 - No S. School (school break)

December

6 - 10:00 S. School
13 - 10:00 S. School
20 - S. School (Christmas Program)
27 - No S. School (school break)

January

3 - No S. School (school break)
10 - 10:00 S. School
17 - No S. School (school break)
24 - 10:00 S. School
31 - 10:00 S. School

February

7 - 10:00 S. School
14 - 10:00 S. School
(Kids take over church day!)
21 - No S. School (school break)
28 - 10:00 S. School

March

7 - No S. School (school break)
14 - 10:00 S. School
21 - 10:00 S. School
(sing in church)
28 - No S. School (Easter Sunday)

April

4 - 10:00 S. School
11 - 10:00 S. School
18 - 10:00 S. School
25 - 10:00 S. School

May

2 - 10:00 S. School
9 - 10:00 S. School
(Last day + sing in church)

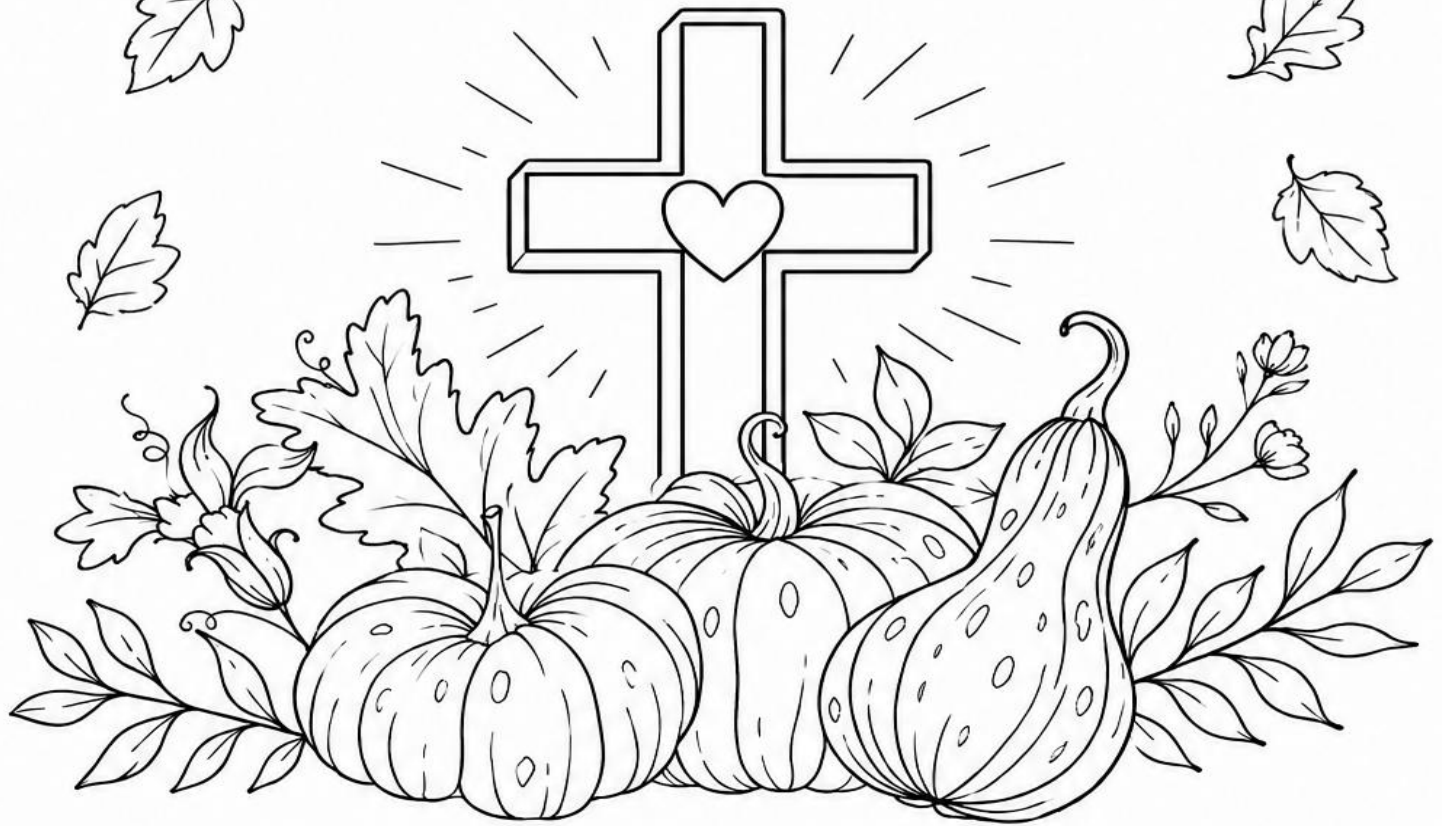
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and receive a sweet treat from

Richelle

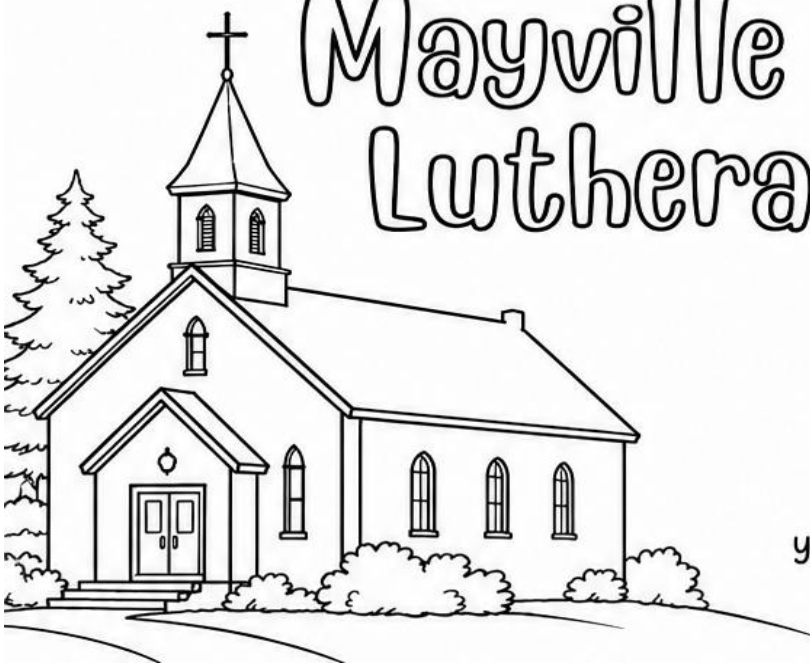


Fall for Jesus

He Never Leaves



Mayville and Gran Lutheran Church



♥
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you are the branches.
If you remain in me
and I in you,
you will bear much fruit.
John 15:5

PLACE
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HERE

THE BRANCHES

— NEWSLETTER —

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