The Link

Hello September

2022

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Fall Festival 2022
Sunday, September 11th

Happy Anniversary St Ansgar's! Congratulations on your 153rd anniversary since our founding on August 19, 1869. Come celebrate with us on Sunday, September 11 th for our Fall Festival. We have anexciting Sunday of events and fellowship for you.

Pastor Kira Anderson will be installed as our seventeenth pastor since our founding during the 9:30 am service. Following the service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a breakfast meal. There will be a Silent Auction table, Quilt Raffle and games for our Church School K-5 youth.

Come join us for a fun filled Sunday and a "meet n greet" with Pastor Kira and her family.

JAL
W&O Committee

Guest Preacher at Pastor Kira's Installation on September 11, 2022 will be:

Rev. Barb Streed
Assistant to the Bishop
Southeastern Minnesota Synod
ELCA

Pastor's Corner

On Sunday, August 21st, I celebrated my Ordination, becoming an Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Surrounded by congregational members from ministries past and present, supported by mentors and peers, lifted by Pastors and family and blessed with the grace of God and the breath of the Holy Spirit, it was a joy-filled day. Our processional hymn began with the words:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!"
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 543

I could sing that hymn in my sleep. But on that day, it brought tears to my eyes as I soaked it all in. O my soul praised Him!

But my day started long before the Ordination service did. I drove in the wee hours of dawn to prepare for worship with you, St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, my first call congregation!
I was greeted with a sky that started a deep blue and, at dawn, had pink painting the horizon as the sun crested over the country hills. The fog hung on the horizon and filled the landscape with mystery and wonder. As I made my last turn towards Cannon Falls, three shooting stars whisked through the night sky. In that beauty of dawn and peace, I knew God was blessing the start of something new. Praise to the Lord, the King of all creation!

As worship began, everyone graciously welcomed me into the worship space that is now ours together! We are off and running, and I can feel the excitement in all of you. Your warmth and joy-filled laughter fill the day from worship to coffee hour. You drew near to the temple, and you joined in glad adoration!

As we begin our ministry together, know that I rejoice in this new community of faith that God has led me to! From Council, Confirmation, Fall festival, Sunday School, Highway clean-up, and Outdoor Worship, and pastoral care, our congregation is ready and willing to go where the Spirit leads us. Let's ring in the fall and all the newness it will bring by inviting neighbors and strangers to join us in this place. Because I believe God has placed his hand of blessing on our ministry together. And for that, I sing praise to the Lord!

In Christ,
PASTOR Kira

Friendly Reminder®

When scheduling an activity at the Church please contact the Church Office, (507-263-3645) as soon as possible in order to check on availability and fill out a ***"Facilities Use Request"*** *form*
Once approved, it will be placed on the Church Calendar.

Remember to sign up for Coffee and Cookies .

There is also a sign up sheet for "***Flowers on the Altar"*** for your birthday, anniversary, in honor or memory of, or any other occasion you may wish to have recognized.

Fall Festival Silent Auction: The Altar Guild is excited to invite you to participate in, and bring items for, our Silent Auction, which will be held in conjunction with the Fall Festival on, Sunday, September 11.

Tables will be set up in the Narthex for your donated items, along with bidding sheets for each item donated. Bring your items in as soon as you're able.

We can start the bidding as early as August 28th. Items of all kinds are welcome and needed. In the past we've had beautifully sewn items, hand knit items, items crafted of wood and/or tin, Fall, Christmas items, gift baskets, gift certificates, to list a few suggestions. We are grateful for your donated items. Thank you for your participation and we're looking forward to a great Silent Auction!

CHURCHLINK

Articles due September 19

Fall begins September 22nd

Carsen Eckhoff	September 1
Rick Fox	September 1
Ken Ebert	September 3
Scott Hansen	September 4
Christi Honsey	September 5
Gage Robinson	September 6
Floyd Budensiek	September 7
Bob Durdahl	September 7
Georgia Quiggle	September 9
Judy Forsman	September 12
Savannah Honsey	September 13
Wilma Stinar	September 13
Lillian Pagel	September 14
Gabe Hall	September 18
Sheryl Flom	September 19
Crystal Eckhoff	September 20
Peggy Middlestead	September 20
Chris Busiahn	September 23
Julie Hobert	September 24
Betsy Otto	September 25
Brian Lundell	September 27

August 28, 2022
Coleson Charlie Nelson
son of Justin and
Branda Nelson

St. Ansgar's Library
Christian books and Movies
for adults, children, and
families.
Open: 9 am - 1 pm
Monday - Friday
&
8 am - 11:30 am Sundays

Youth & Learning Meeting
Dates for 2022
Wednesday Evenings
6:00pm on the following
dates:
September 21st
October 19th
November 16th
December 14th

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 21st for students in grades 6th - 8th. Classes will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6pm.

Church EVENTS

Upcoming Events - watch for more information

Church Photo Directory
Reformation Sunday
All Saints Day (Observance) & Program
Bell Choir
Veterans Day Program
Beginning of Advent
Christmas Poinsettia and Gift Form

"Glad You Asked "

What's new at Church School?

Before I get into the topic at hand, let me start by saying thank you to everyone in the congregation for not only the huge congratulations and welcome to the Christian Education Director role, but also the warm welcome to my entire family over the past year when we moved back to Cannon Falls. Thank you for your faith in me to continue to grow our program for children faith enrichment. The Youth & Learning Committee started the process of rebuilding after COVID, and I cannot wait to continue to expand upon their efforts. Thank you to the Youth & Learning Committee (Paul, Lynne, Doug, Danielle and Robin) for their knowledge and support throughout the coming year.

Now, on to Church School! I have heard from so many of you with incredible ideas for our youth, please always feel free to reach out to me! We have such great, new ideas for the coming year and am so excited to start implementing them by having our youth more involved in our church service and creating an environment that encourages them to ask questions, grow in their knowledge and understanding of God and of course, continuing to enhance and grow last year's ministry, but most importantly having FUN!

HOT OFF THE PRESS 2022-2023 schedule for Church School (3 yr old, 4yr old and K-5th Grade) will be Sunday's beginning on September 18th following 9:30 service (10:30 am) until 11:00 am and Wednesday's beginning on September 21st from 6pm – 7pm.

Registration for **Church School** can be completed on our website:
http://www.stansgars.org/church-school-registration.html

Pastor Kira wanted to announce the Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation (6th – 8th Grade) schedule for the 2022-2023 will be on Wednesday evenings, beginning on September 21st from 6pm – 7pm.

Registration for **Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation** can be completed on our ***website: http://www.stansgars.org/confirmation-registration.html***

I've updated our website, so check it out to register for Church School/Confirmation, learn about upcoming events, and to view our calendar!
http://www.stansgars.org/christian-education-and-youth.html

Don't forget to follow us on **Facebook**: StAnsgarsLutheranChurchCannonFallsMn

September Events for Church School:
September 11th: Rally Day! Join us to tie dye t-shirts and stay for the fun Fall Festival!
September 18th: First Day of Sunday Church School!
September 21st: First Day of Wednesday Church School!

I look forward to meeting all the parents and children! We will have an exciting, faith filled year!

Lindsay Reid
Christian Education Director
sachurchced@gmail.com

September 2022

Thank You for Serving

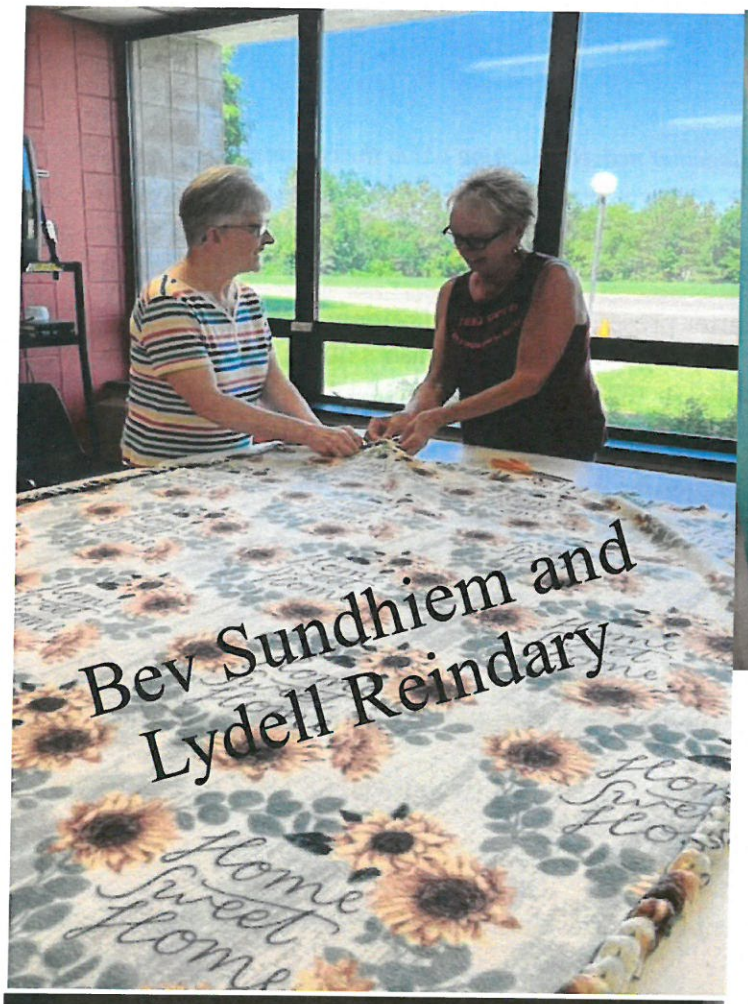
Date	Acolyte	Usher's	Sound board	Computer	Reader	Ring Bell	Communion	Greeters
4-Sep	Owen Hansen	Shari Ekstrom and Dallas Forsman	Bob Durdahl	Kim Durdahl	Paul Jacobson	Jeff Samuelson	Liz Rickert, Paul Jacobson and Mary Johnson	Bob and Kim Durdahl
11-Sep	Cami Anderson	Lydell Reinardy & Deb Norstad	Larry Duncan	Richie Busiahn	Barbara Middaugh	Tony Busiahn		Dave and Mary Johnson
18-Sep	Haley Landon	Linda Henderson & Dallas Forsman	Bob Durdahl	Kim Durdahl	Deb Norstad	Dallas Forsman	TBD	
25-Sep	Kingston Caldwell	Tony Busiahn & John Hobert	Larry Duncan	Tony Busiahn	Debra Norstad	John Hobert		

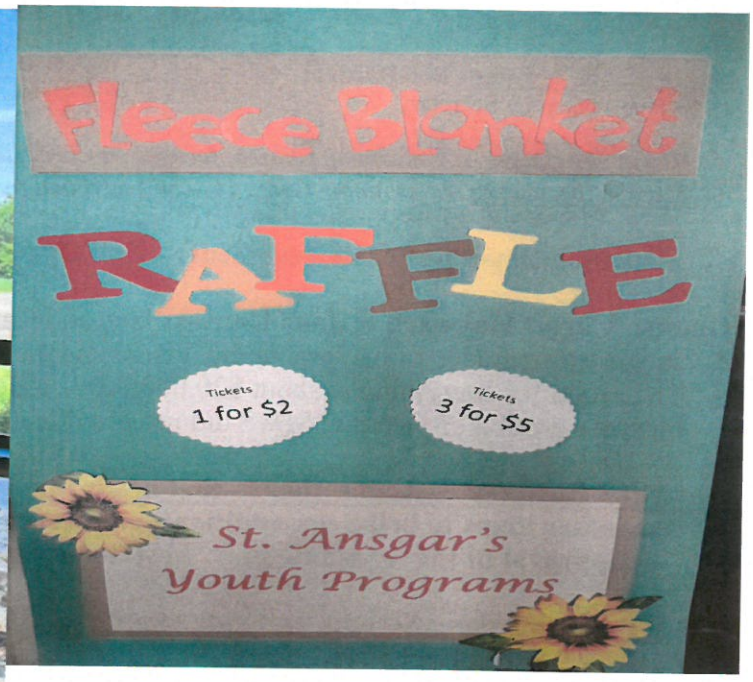
Serving for the Month of September

Altar Guild: Debra Norstad, Lindsay Reid and Barb Middaugh

Offering Counters for September

September 4 - Darlene and Linda
September 11 - Kris and Deb
September 18 - Mary and Debbie
September 25 – Maureen and Charlie





Make sure to enter the raffle for this beautiful fleece quilt. The drawing will be held on September 11, during the Fall Festival.

Thank you to all the Ladies on the Quilting Committee for their time and dedication.

St. Ansgar's Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting called to order - Bob Durdahl
Minutes taken by Secretary

Vision Statement: ***A Welcoming Church, focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.***
Mission Statement: ***Proclaiming God's Love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.***

Opening Devotions & Refreshments – Bob Durdahl

Guests: Carter Hayward & Jane Umnus: Jane and Carter presented a detailed review of our needs and suggested upgrades from Vasa Audio/Visual and a company called SIMS. Vasa's quote was very detailed. Their total for everything is about $20,000.00+/- Added as item "H" under new business, to discuss during business portion of meeting. SIMS did not provide a quote.

Any "new business" – Action Items - that needs to be brought up tonight, to add to the business agenda?
Any other items to bring up, additions, or corrections to the agenda?
Approval of the Agenda – Bob MSP to accept with the addition of H under new bus.

Read, Proof, Motion / Second, and vote to approve the June Minutes –
Communion Servers – still spots open!

Financial Reports: Motion/ Second, and vote to approve the June Financial Report, along with the reports of Finance Comm.

June Income: $17,603.	Building Fund: $ 29,964 (we moved $89,957 to Des.)
June Expenses: $20,642.	Designated Svgs: $243,203
Net difference: $ (3,039)	Parking Lot Fund: $124,530
YTD: (16,058)	

We received a refund check from the IRS for overpayment of salaries during CoVid (940 Cares Act) Finance Team will discuss what to do with those funds.
Parking lot bill $130,xxx.- not received yet.
We'll pay $ 80,xxx
We are going to withhold the rest until any and all repairs, fixes, corrections are done. Still no bill received.

Pastor's Report:
Updates from Pr. Tim Pr. Tim talked with Pr. Diane. She is happy to fill in July 31, Aug 7 & 14 and will be available for any Pastoral needs/emergencies.

Parish Action Committee Reports:
(Note: Please turn in minutes by email word document attachment to Kim the Friday before the meeting so that they can be put in the council packet.)

Motion/ Second **to approve as one motion all reports as written**, No PAC reports were submitted

Old Business:
"Glad You Asked" article for August Link – Deb will write the article - Thanking Paul for leadership, results of Special Meeting and welcoming Pr. Kira.
Chris Ed Director Update – 1 Application received – an interview is being set up
July 17 Congregational Meeting Update – Congregation approved the offer to Kira Anderson; Kira accepted the offer. Start date is August 15.
Parking Lot finishing touches, payment, etc. – most of the rough spots have been fixed. The soft spots have seemed to harden and are not an issue.

New Business:

A. St. A's Facilities Use Guide – Jim gave copies to everyone for review and to come back in August to discuss any questions/changes/additions, etc.

B. Summer Outdoor Worship schedule: July 31, August 28

C. Campfire Worship: Skip for July – schedule for later August (temps)

D. Funs Fests/Open Air Fairs – all set? July Open Air Fair went well. It was hosted by the Youth Committee. August Fun Fest will be hosted by Youth Committee and Sept Open Air Fair by Welcome and Outreach.

Help needed for the Computer/Slide Show for services and for the Sound board. (can this be a requirement of the confirmands) – Tabled until Pr. Kira gets settled in and we can get her input.

Call Committee to host a welcome gathering for Pr. Kira on August 21. Coffee, muffins, fruit and juice (and gluten free for Pr. Kira)

Bruce Brage – Breakfast Club idea - we need more info. Deb will google them. (Deb sent the link to the Council members to review) tabled until Pr. Kira starts.

Audio/Visual quotes: Council decided to table this for Exec. Committee and hold off until Pr. Kira starts and can offer her input. Then have Mark come and make his presentation. (Can we do this in parts and add more as we grow/need? What committee should own this? Determined it would fall under Worship Committee along with Council input/ feedback.)

Universal Church Directories will be here Oct. 18 – 22.

Tickler File: Three Month Calendar Review –

Any highlights, FYI's, follow ups, announcements of events, or questions?

Next Council Meeting: Tues. August 16; 6:30 p.m.
Devotions & Refreshments: Kirk Johnson

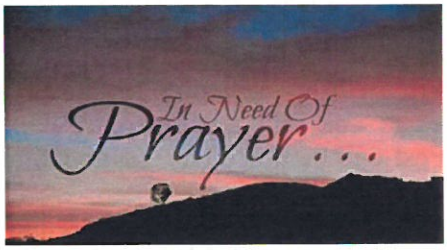
Motion for Adjournment

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Kira's "Rite of Ordination" at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN on August 21, 2022

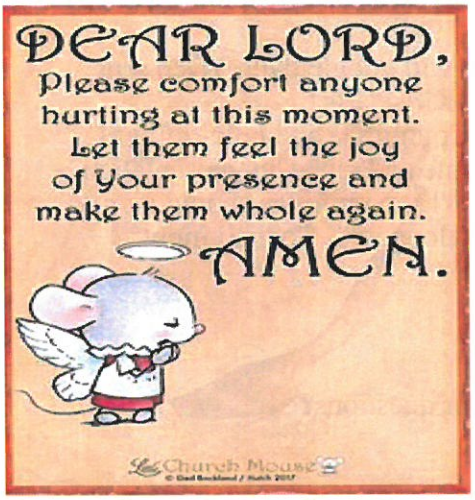
Congratulation's Pastor Kira and Welcome to St. Ansgar's.

Please keep the Pastor/ Church Office informed about the need for people to be on the prayer concern list



Prayers of the People (St. Ansgar's Members)

Brad Hall, Richard and Jan Gehrke, Angela (Angie) Lee, Teresa Emery (Daughter of Gerald and LuRene Taube), Lil Pagel,Carter Hayward, Linda Rifenberick and Jane Umnus



Prayers for Friends of St. Ansgar's Members

Ashlee Hering (Kris Sande's niece) (Lois Nelson's sister) Ione Tomesetti (Larry Grimm's Sister-in-Law) Andy Stein, Melvin (Junior) Johnson, Mary Jill Bringgold,

When:
September 29

Time: 12pm –6pm

Where:
St. Ansgar's
Fellowship Hall

It's time for the Annual Lutefisk and Norwegian Meatball Supper at

Vang Lutheran Church
2060 County 49 Blvd
Dennison MN 55018

Wednesday, October 12th 2022
Ticket price - $20.00

Lutefisk with melted butter, Norwegian Meatballs with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Fruit Soup, Cranberry Sauce, Lefse and Norwegian baking's

Curbside pick-up 11:00-2:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm
Pre-orders required with credit card by 10/01/22

For Reservations
call 507-789-5186 or
email vanglutefisk@gmail.com
Website - https://dennisonvang.org
Follow us on Facebook

Delivery available to home or business

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service	29	30 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Welcome and Outreach	31 6:30pm Choir Practice	1	2	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study
4 9:30am Holy Communion Service & Hymn Sing 10:40am Executive Committee	5 Office Closed	6 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Mission Committee Meeting	7 6:30pm Choir Practice	8 4:30pm Open-Air Fair (Mill Street)	9	10 7:00am Men's Bible Study
11 Fall Festival and Silent Auction Pastor Kira's Installation Rally Day - Tie Dye Shirts 9:30am Worship Service	12 8:00am Finance Committee Meeting 1:00pm Mission Quilting	13 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:45pm Property Committee	14 6:30pm Choir Practice	15	16 City Wide Garage Sale	17 City Wide Garage Sale 7:00am Men's Bible Study
18 Forum Meeting Sunday School Begins 9:30am Holy Communion Service	19 Link Articles Due	20 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Church Council	21 6:00pm Confirmation 6th-8th graders 6:00pm Youth and Learning 6:30pm Choir Practice	22 	23	24 7:00am Men's Bible Study
25 Bible Presentation during service 9:30am Worship Service	26 9:30am Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers) 1:30pm Elizabeth Circle 7:00pm Ruth Circle	27 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Welcome and Outreach Committee	28 6:00pm Confirmation 6th-8th graders 6:30pm Choir Practice	29 12:00pm Blood Drive at St Ansgar's	30	1 7:00am Men's Bible Study

Food Shelf Distribution Schedule:

1st Saturday of the Month
10 am - Noon
2nd & 4th Thurs of the Month
10 am-Noon
3rd Thursday of the Month
4:30 – 6:30 pm
Food donation drop-off is
M-F: from 9-noon & 1-3 pm

Needs are:
cereal
pancake mix & syrup
can. chick. breast
Hamburger Helper
soups
saltine crackers
jelly
laundry detergent
dish soap
toilet tissue
cookies & snack crackers
appreciated

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Sue Banks
Cannon Falls Food Shelf
The Cannon Falls Community Food Shelf is housed at
1st English Lutheran Church:
511 W. Belle Street
Cannon Falls, MN
507.263.3042
507.263.3257

Funerals will now be Catered

After considerable discussions, the funeral coordinators who organize and coordinate the serving of lunches after funerals, have agreed that all meals will be catered until further notice.

We do believe the fellowship after the funeral is of vital importance to the family and friends. Having a caterer provide and serve the food will not disrupt the fellowship for family and friends after the funeral.

Funeral Coordinators.

St. Ansgar's Cemetery

Grave-sites are
available for sale. The grave cost is $500 per lot.
Maintenance fee paid to the cemetery for burial of casket is $675.
Cremation burial is $200, winter cremation burial is $250.

For more information, call:
Darryl Banitt
Charlie Sabrowsky
Loren Evenrud
Paul McNamara or Jarle Norstad.

Globe Offering for September is Cannon Falls Food Shelf

Our local food shelf has been struggling with shortages lately! According to Sue Banks, who works there, there are so many reasons for this.

~The U.S.D.A. Program has run out of funds since January.

~Manufacturers are no longer donating over-runs to food shelfs.

~The trucking supply problems.
~And of course, prices are going up.

Please help!
Simple items in short supply include, cereal, pancake mix, and syrup and jelly. Also, soup, crackers, canned chicken breast and hamburger helper type meals. Detergent and toilet paper are also short. Of course, checks can be put into the globe to help Sue when she shops at retail stores.

As recorded in the Book of Matthew, Jesus said;

"Whatever you do for one of your brothers or sisters, you do for me"

Thank You!
St. Ansgar's Mission Committee

St. Ansgar's is pleased to announce that Lindsay Reid will be our new Christian Education Director. Lindsay is a member of St. Ansgar's and has a strong interest in developing programs for children to help them get started on their faith journey.

Registrations for church school are available online, or in the church office. The program will kick off in mid September with first classes scheduled to start the week of Sept 18th.

Sign up soon!!

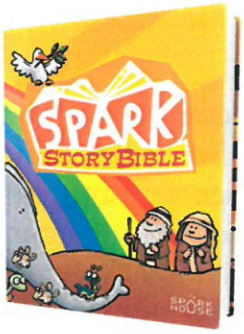
Join us on September 11th after 9:30am service to for t-shirt tie dying, face painting and other fun events! FREE Breakfast after service. Stay for the Fall Festival!

St. Ansgar's Chancel Choir

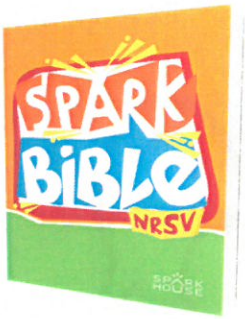
Our choir is getting ready to return to the sanctuary for the 2022-2023 choral season. Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Our practice sessions are 45 minutes to an hour long in length. Please come and join us starting Wednesday, 8-31-2022 at 6:30 PM. All who love to sing and/or play musical instruments are welcome to join us. We have a lot of fun making music for our worship service and we love singing and praising God.

If you have questions, please feel free to talk to me on Sunday in church. Looking forward to seeing you on August 31.

Cindy Hayward
Choir Director

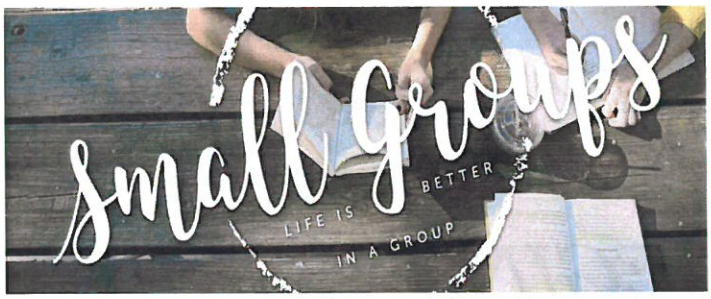


Join us on Sunday, September 25th at 9:30 a.m. for our Bible Presentation. This is an important Milestone Ministry event, please help us celebrate!



Our First Sunday Church School will be Sunday, September 18th following the 9:30am service until 11:00am. Our First Wednesday Church School will be Wednesday, September 21st from 6pm – 7pm. Make sure to register at:

http://www.stansgars.org/church-school-registration.html



Please let Kim know if any Small Groups are missing, changed or have been added.

Men's Bible Study
All men welcome to join. Study meets on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am in the church library. The Bible is read from cover to cover with lots of discussion around current events.

Lydia Prayer Group
Meet in the church library Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. Lydia Prayer is a group that gets together to pray for the community, country and all people.

Mission Quilting
Join us on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 pm, to make quilts for LWR and other missions.

Elizabeth Circle
Meets every fourth Monday of the month at 1:30 pm.

Morning Circle:
Morning Circle meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9:30 am at the Cannon Rivers Senior Living.

Coloring
Coloring meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 in the narthex. Bring your color books and pencils or use ours. We will begin with a devotion, and visit while we color.

the Forum

To our audiences, "Welcome back".!! If you weren't our audience last year, we hope you'll consider joining us this year.
We are The Forum, Once a month, September thru April. we present programs of interest to the congregation and community. They are presented right after the church service and are usually on the third Sunday of the month. All ages are invited to attend, (If you need more incentive, we serve beverages and bars or cookies). We meet in the church basement. Our 2022-2023 agenda is just about finalized, and we very excited about it. Our first presentation is September 18. Our presenter will be Sasha Lugovskyy, who has moved to Minnesota from Ukraine. Sasha and his family live in Cannon Falls; he has relatives who still live in Ukraine. See you there.

Dates—Times
October 18 –22

Weekdays
2pm-8:30pm

Saturday
10am -4pm

St. Ansgar's Church
Directory

Please be a part of our new family directory - we need you to make our new family album complete!

Universal Church Directories will photograph at St. Ansgar's Church. In your session you will:
· Check-in
· Be professionally photographed
· Immediately view your portraits
· Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating.

1. Go to the Universal Church Directories website ***(www.ucdir.com)***
2. Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
3. Enter your church code: ***mn209***
4. Enter your church password: ***photos***
5. Click on the Enter button
6. Click on the desired photography date
7. Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
8. Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
9. Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
10. If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
11. Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment

Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel or schedule your photography appointment

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Check out our WEB SITE:
www.stansgars.org

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Morning
9:30 am Worship Service

Our Vision Statement:
"A welcoming church, focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community."

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St. Ansgar's Staff

Pastor: Kira Anderson
Council President: Bob Durdahl
Ministers: EVERY member of the Congregation
Finances: AnnMarie Otto
Administrator: Kim Durdahl
Organist: Jane Bracken
Choir Director: Cindy Hayward
Custodian/Maintenance: Jane Umnus
Christian Education Director: Lindsay Reid

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
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Cannon Falls
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