

# Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



## New Sermon Series begins on April 7<sup>th</sup>!

On April 7<sup>th</sup> pastor Tom will begin a new 8 week Sermon Series titled "The Hall of Faith!" – based on Hebrews chapter 11. We will learn how various Old Testament believers witness to Christ and the hope we have in Him! *Plan to attend, and invite a friend!*

## Church Secretary (Andrea Eckstein) "out of office"

3/25 – 4/15

Andrea and Birgitta will be flying out of Jamestown on March 25<sup>th</sup> so they can visit Andrea's mother and sisters in San Antonio, TX. They will be there for 3 weeks and will return on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, there will be no secretary in the church office during this time. However, pastor Tom and Nayva will be at the church at various times throughout those 3 weeks. If you don't have a key and need to enter the church for some reason, contact either pastor Tom or Nayva.

## Pastor Eckstein "out of town"

4/08 – 4/12

Pastor Tom will be gone from April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in order to attend a theological conference in Bloomington, MN, as part of his continuing education. If there are any pastoral emergencies during this time, contact pastor Bob Hill (701-659-1860).

## "Noisy Offering" the FIRST Sunday of Every Month!

As some of you know, for the next few months the FIRST Sunday of every month is "Noisy Offering" Sunday. Some of our youth will be in the back of the sanctuary after the Service holding metal buckets into which you can deposit any coins you may wish to donate to support the mite collection of the "Lutheran Women's Missionary League" which they use to support various missions. Of course, if you want to put PAPER money in the buckets instead of dumping coins, that would be most welcome – it's just that you won't be making any NOISE!

## Awesome Bible Studies at Concordia!!

Our Sunday Bible class meets from 9:15AM to 10:15AM, and we are currently making our way through the Gospel of Matthew. Plan to attend, and invite a friend!

Also, our Tuesday morning Bible class meets from 10:00AM to 11:00AM, and we are currently studying what Holy Scripture teaches us about Holy Baptism. Have you ever wondered why we

Lutherans have a different teaching about baptism than other churches OR why we baptize infants and other churches do not? You will find answers to these and other questions in this class. Hope you can join us!

In addition, on Thursday mornings from 8:30AM to 9:30AM we have men's Bible class, and we are currently going through The Book of Hebrews.

Women of Concordia! Nayva offers various Bible studies for women every month. Talk to her about times and dates for these Bible studies!

Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Eckstein*

## Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



## Outreach

**Stephen Ministry**  
Wednesdays April  
10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 3:30pm

## Women's Bible Study

### "God's Provision in a Wilderness World"

By Lindsay Hausch

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us  
anytime.

## Fellowship

### **Grief Share**

Sundays  
2:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

### **Book Club**

**Book: Prairie Comrade**

*BY: Troy Gunderson*

*By We will be talking with the  
Author on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.*

*Sign up to purchase the book. \$15*

*Deaconess Nayva*



**Main Street Living TV Program**

[www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com)

Every Sunday on the local Fox  
Station at 9am

**HE IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN  
INDEED!**

Of all the truths taught and  
believed, this is the most  
important one, that Jesus  
physically rose from the dead!

*"So the Jews said to Him (Jesus).  
'What sign do You show us for  
doing these things?' Jesus  
answered them, 'Destroy this  
temple, and in three days I will  
raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It*

*has taken forty-six years to build  
this temple, and will You raise it up  
in three days?' But He was  
speaking about the temple of His  
body. When therefore He was  
raised for the dead, His disciples  
remembered that He had said  
this, and they believed the  
Scripture and the word that  
Jesus had spoken." (John 2:18-  
22) May we also continue to  
REMEMBER and BELIEVE!*

Please continue to share information  
about our LCMS "Main Street Living"  
media ministry with others. In  
addition to being broadcast each  
Sunday morning, you can view  
archived programs anytime  
at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) – then  
click on the link identified  
as "Fargo/Bismarck." Worship  
services from the 5 other MSL  
broadcast areas, as well as the  
weekly "This Is The Life" programs,  
are also available for viewing on the  
website.

Thank you for your needed financial  
support! Checks may be sent to:

"Main Street Living NORTH," 821 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate  
by Credit Card or your PayPal  
account on the website.

God's blessing in Christ! –Ken  
Koehler, Volunteer Coordinator of  
MSL.



The LWML will meet on April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 3:00pm to make plans for the  
spring.

### **A New Song**

Bible Study on the  
Psalms

**Fri, April 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00am**

Marian Duff (Host)  
1301 15<sup>th</sup> St SW

**Thurs, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm**

Vera Schulz (Host)  
114 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Apt. 2030

The Central Zone rally will be April 6<sup>th</sup> in Edgeley. The rally starts at 9:30am. The theme for the rally is "I'm stuffed. We are collecting stuffed animals to take with us as the in gathering. If you have some to donate, you can put them in the box in the narthex labeled Orphan Grain Train. Pastor Pruess will be presenting the Bible study. See the poster elsewhere in the newsletter of the day's activities.

### The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for helping with the noisy mites. We collected \$183.29 this time. We will be doing this again the first Sunday in April and May. Bring your change to help pay for our mission offerings.



Listen up for the **NOISY OFFERING** on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Our young people will be passing the bucket for coins to give towards mites. We continue to collect our mites to help pay for mission grants and we pray that we will be able to fund all our projects for this biennium....like Mission Grant #8 "Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide" to help bring international students

for pastoral training at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (\$100,000). You can read more about the grant on the website - <https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-8>

Thank you for helping to share God's word through your mites.



The Concordia LWML Quilters can use your finished quilt tops that you may wish to donate. We also have cut fabric if you would like to sew a quilt top. We will put them together and donate them to the Orphan Grain Train. After this busy season we have 28 quilts finished and ready to send.



Our **VBS** this year will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We hope your child will be able to come and hear of God's love for all of us. Our theme this year is **Celebrate the Savior. Jesus gives us Joy.** Look for the registration form in the newsletter, fill it out, and return it to the church office.



Sunday School continues to meet upstairs Sunday mornings at 9:15. We look forward to seeing your child join us.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



#### Youth Group

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm

We are asking **our youth** to **serve our congregation** by being an **acolyte** during services. There are still some spaces left on the list for April. Check out the **sign-up list** on the narthex table.

### Volunteers in April:

#### Communion/Altar preparation:

MJ Westerhausen and Daine Flieth

## Elder and Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 4/7	8am	10:30 am
	<b>E=Curt S.</b> A = Alexander C.	<b>E = Doug P.</b> A = ---
Sun. 4/14	8am	10:30am
	<b>E = Josh R.</b> A = ---	<b>E= Ed M.</b> A = ---
Wed. 4/21	8am	10:30am
	<b>E= Dernel D.</b> A = Alexander C	<b>E = Larry W.</b> A = ---
Wed. 4/24	7pm	<b>E=Quincy B.</b> A = ---
Sun. 4/28	8am	10:30am
	<b>E =Curt S.</b> A = ---	<b>E= Ed M.</b> A = ---

### Musicians:

Sun. 4/7	Carmen McBride
Sun. 4/14	Carmen McBride
Wed. 4/17	Daine Flieth
Sun. 4/21	Daine Flieth
Wed. 4/24	Daine Flieth
Thurs. 4/28	Ione Somsen



**Please pray for those serving our country...**

- SFC Randy Flieth; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND
- Darren Kuhlman; Whiteman Air Base, MO

**Please pray for those having or recovering from Surgery...**

**Please pray for those that are dealing with cancer...**

- Rose Martin

- Ann Scholz
- Jeff Pansch (Uncle of Tom Boerger)
- Jamie Jo Rawley (Friend of Lila Stokkeland)
- Delle Stinar (Mother of Jim Anderson)
- Mervin Wohler (Brother-in-law of Ann Snow)
- Mary Sandve (Friend of the Elstad family)
- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)

- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Braxton Hoff (Friend of Jason Carter)
- Kari Knecht (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- Ethan Igl (Friend of Cullen Flieth)

**Please pray for the families who have recently lost a loved one:**

Collins Arnold

**Please pray for those dealing with various health issues...**

- Arianna Walch
- Terese Carter
- Delvida Obenauer
- Jodi Anfinrud (Daughter of Mary and Elden Englund)
- Joe Hunt (Friend of Kendall Scott)
- Tyanna Weeks (Niece of Duane Remmick, Nell Essig, and Char Kapp)
- David Stout (Son of Rev. Tim Stout)
- Evelyn Bollinger (Great grand-daughter of Kathey Ziegler)
- Roger Strander (Brother of Verny Jorgenson)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Hannalore Doeling (Mother of Deb Doeling)
- James Lunneborg (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Scott Barefoot; (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)

## **SACRED ACTS:**

Baptisms  
Confirmations  
Weddings  
Funerals/Deaths  
Transferred In  
Confession of Faith

### **Current Membership Stats:**

Baptized Members-609  
Confirmed Members-460

**2024**

**Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-0**  
**Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-0**  
**Weddings-0**  
**Funerals-2**  
**Transferred In-1**  
**Transferred Out-0**  
**Profession of Faith-1**

## Miscellaneous Announcements



Our support of Lutheran Bible Translators helps them to reach many language groups. Read more in the "Field Notes" flyer attached to this newsletter.

## CJ Hager

CJ Hager from Ameriprise Financial will be coming to Concordia to present financial options involving direct charitable contributions and estate planning and will be available to answer any questions that people may have.

Plan on attending this presentation in the Fellowship Hall of Concordia on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Mr. Hager will present for roughly 45 minutes and then take questions.



**CHURCH OFFICE  
HOURS ARE  
CHANGING!**

Our church secretary (Andrea) must make a change in the times she is available at the church office due to a change in hours for Birgitta's Day Support program. **Beginning on April 16<sup>th</sup>**, the church office will be open on **Tuesday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. The church may be open at other times, depending on the schedules of Pastor and Nayva. If you need access to the church at different times, call 252-2819 to see if arrangements can be made.

## thrivent<sup>®</sup>

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. This month we received \$276 through the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. The following have asked to have funds directed to Concordia through this program:

Gail and Gordon Bischoff  
Larry and Shirly Genter  
Lloyd Kuhlmann



Here is the "new" truck recently purchased for Orphan Grain Train's North Dakota branch. Thank you to all of those who contributed and continue to support the mission of Orphan Grain Train!

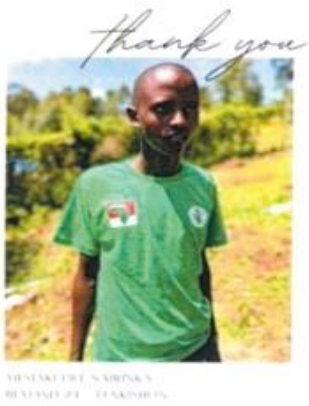


If you would like to see the most recent news about Orphan Grain Train, you can go to [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) for updates on our North Dakota Branch and the Orphan Grain Train International activities.

## Christ's Care FOR CHILDREN: KENYA



*Christ's Care for Children: Kenya* is a child sponsorship program that matches individuals, families or groups in the United States with children who are living in one of the Project 24 boarding facilities in Kenya. These facilities are managed by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and our partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. The children live at one of the Project 24 facilities while attending school and church during the academic school year.



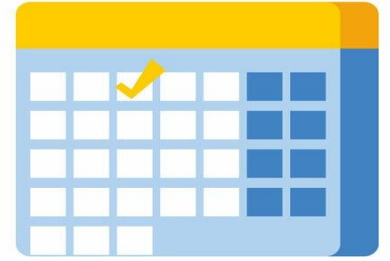
Concordia LCMS, Jamestown sponsors this young man, Mesiaki Nairinka at the Lenkishon Primary School as part of the Project 24 program. He hopes to be a doctor when he grows up.

## Easter Lilies



Thank you to everyone who contributed to purchase Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary this year.

## SAVE THE DATE!



 [publicdomainvectors.org](https://publicdomainvectors.org)

Mark your calendar for **June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Concordia is hosting an evening of Praise and Worship music featuring local musicians. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Orphan Grain Train's ministry in our community. For more information, contact the church office or Carmen McBride.

If you wish to make announcements in the bulletin or newsletter, contact the church office at:  
[concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com).

# BIBLE TRIVIA!

Test your Bible knowledge about the churches in the Book of Revelation. Print the answer page, cut off the bottom of the opposite page, write in your answers, and turn it in to the office for a chance to win a prize.

1. What church had a false prophetess named Jezebel as a member?
2. What church suffered because of the "synagogue of Satan"?
3. What church received letters from two different apostles?
4. What church tolerated the heresy of the Nicolaitans?
5. What is the most commended church in Revelation?
6. What church saw the martyrdom of faithful Antipas?
7. What church was noted for hating the Nicolaitan heresy?
8. To what church did Jesus say, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock?"
9. What church began at Pentecost?
10. What church was told by John to buy white clothing to hide its nakedness?

## Concordia Events Calendar – April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train	NO morning Bible Class (resumes 4/16) 1pm -Quilting 7pm -Women's Bible Study @Concordia	NO evening Service (resumes 4/17)	NO Men's morning Bible Class (resumes 4/18)  1pm-6pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington	6:30-8:30pm Youth Group	7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train  9:30am- 1:pm - LWML Spring Rally in Edgely
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper)  Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15  2pm – Grief Share meeting  2- 4pm Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train  1:30 pm Dorcas Circle **Pastor in Bloomington, MN for theology conference until Friday 4/12	NO morning Bible Class (resumes 4/16)  1pm – Ruth Circle  7pm Naomi Circle	1pm-3:30pm – Stephen Ministers  NO evening Service (resumes 4/17)	NO Men's morning Bible Class (resumes 4/18)  1pm - Women's Bible Study @ Vera Schultz apartment	10am – Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home	7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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**\*Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**

**\*Mondays-Deaconess Nayva's Day Off!**

**\*Chancel Duties: Mary Jane W. and Daine F.**



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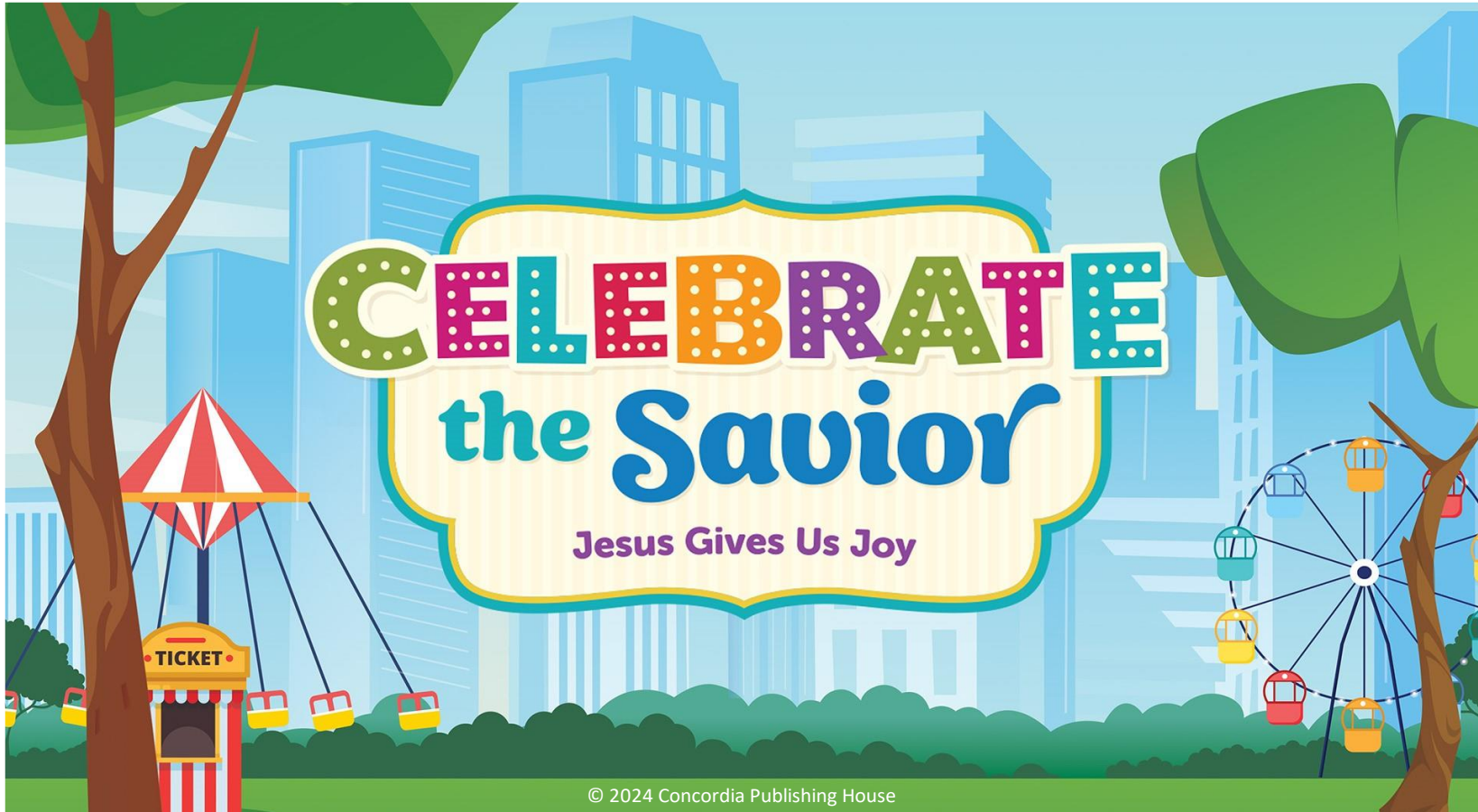
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April 2024

**Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

Search: =April; Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday or Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> LEONA BRAUN (b.)	<b>4</b> AIDEN BJONE (b.) (IONE) SOMSEN (b.) ELLEN WALZ (b.)	<b>5</b> NOLAN LEEAN (b.)	<b>6</b> PATTI PIESKE (b.) JUSTIN SCHMIDT (b.) KARLIE SIEGEL (b.) CARLA WILLEY (b.)
<b>7</b> KEVIN O'NEIL (b.) TESSA SPITZER (b.)	<b>8</b> LYNN BAILEY (b.) SHEILA CORWIN (b.) AMY FRAUENBERG (b.)	<b>9</b> GORDON BISCHOFF (b.) ELIZABETH SCHMIDT (b.)	<b>10</b> ART and SUSAN DODDS (w.) LARRY and (KAY) HUST (w.)	<b>11</b> BEN ALBRECHT (b.) LORI ROBERTS (b.)	<b>12</b> BILL BUSCHE (b.) LAUREN HOCHHALTER (b.) RACHEL LAUBHAN (b.)	<b>13</b> KALE BACKEN (b.) MARK KALBUS (b.) SHAWN SCHWANDT (b.)
<b>14</b> BRANDON CHADWICK (b.) MARLEEN COUNCILMAN (b.) CHERYL HANSON (b.) (LACI) HETLETVEDT (b.) TRISH KENDALL (b.) ELISSA ROSIN (b.)	<b>15</b> CULLEN FLIETH (b.) ANN SNOW (b.)	<b>16</b> (SHANNON) WIEST and Courtney (w.)	<b>17</b> JODEE and (DAVID) HANSON (w.) LEAH and (JASON) THOMS (w.)	<b>18</b> KIMBERLY BJONE (b.) ALI WILLEY (b.)	<b>19</b> BRODY BLUMHAGEN (b.)	<b>20</b> BETH MARSOLEK (b.) MALAKAI ROBINSON (b.)
<b>21</b> MARISSA SINCLAIR (b.)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> GAIL BISCHOFF (b.) MARK MCBRIDE (b.) RENITA QUAM (b.)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BECKY KUHLMAN (b.)	<b>26</b> FRED MARTIN (b.) NOAH SPITZER (b.) BETH VIPOND (b.)	<b>27</b> HANNAH KOSEL (b.) (JASON) SCHMIDT (b.) STACEY SCHULTES (b.)
<b>28</b> JERRY PURCELL (b.) (NATHAN) and (GIANG) MICHAELSON (w.)	<b>29</b> ADELLE WESTERHAUSEN (b.) LEON WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	<b>30</b> JIM FLIFLET (b.) SKYLER SAND (b.)				



Join us for VBS as we learn to Celebrate the Savior!

June 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm

Ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

(Adult volunteers welcome too!)



*Concordia Lutheran Jamestown, ND*  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION  
(One form per child, please)

\*Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female

Grade just finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Issues or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Place my child in the same group as (child's name): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pickup (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pickup Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

General Information: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: XS Ym YL XS S M L XL

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Date

# Field Notes

NEWS AND EVENTS IMPACTING THE BIBLE TRANSLATION MOVEMENT



## 1 MOBILE BOOKSTORE

“[The Bible Society of Sierra Leone] can get their bookstore into marketplaces...even elementary school campuses...they can get Scripture into the hands of kids at a faster rate,” shared the Regional Director of West Africa about the success of mobile bookstores, which led to the purchase of a third vehicle.

## 2 PUTTING A BIBLE IN THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

Rev. Kierien Ekpang Ayugha presented the C’Lela New Testament at the 2023 More Than Words Gathering in Washington, D.C. The book was added to the permanent collection of translated Bibles on exhibit in the illumiNations room.



## 3 PNG VISIT

After a four-hour boat ride, Regional Director Sarah Esala received a walking stick to help her scale a small, steep mountain to reach the Zaka Church Circuit headquarters. The Waria language projects greeted her with a full ceremonial welcome: traditional attire, dance, and music. Hefty travel budgets and timing logistics are challenging, but worth the effort for the joyful commitment of the people.



Dear Friends in Christ.

Greetings from Kenya! We express our gratitude for sponsoring one of our Project 24 students. Your love and support bring the Gospel to this student. Thank you for your mission-minded heart.

Blessings.

Cynthia Anwar