

# Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



## Concordia's Financial Situation: End of March 2026

We are about \$30,000 BEHIND in giving versus spending as of the end of March. The main reason for this is that offerings were lower than usual in January and February and we also had some big expenses that we paid "up front" for the year in January. We currently have some "padding" that enables us to manage the current spending deficit. As Concordia's members continue to give regularly and sacrificially, as they have in the past, we will continue to move forward in mission and ministry and, with God's help, end 2026 EVEN or, better yet, IN THE BLACK!

## Holy Week Services Schedule

- \*NO evening Service on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \*Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00PM on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- \*Good Friday Service @ 7:00PM on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*Easter Sunday (4/05) Schedule:**  
 7:00AM = Service;  
 8:00AM = Easter Breakfast;  
 NO Sunday School or Bible Class (resumes April 12<sup>th</sup>);  
 10:30AM = Service .  
**NO Wednesday evening Services on April 8<sup>th</sup> or April 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## Pastor Eckstein & Family Vacation Plans

Pastor Tom & Andrea and Birgitta will leave on vacation after Services on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be driving down to Lubbock, TX, where they will be visiting Christianna and her husband, Pastor Charles Nemeč, as well as their six month old daughter, Alicia. In addition, Joshua and his family will be joining them in Lubbock along with Andrea's sister, Michelle McIntosh, and Andrea's mother, Corrine Sherman. Pastor Tom & Andrea and Birgitta will be staying in Lubbock until Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and then plan to arrive back in Jamestown the night of Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Al Eppen will lead the Sunday Services plus adult Bible Class on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. If there is a pastoral emergency while pastor Tom is on vacation, contact pastor Bob Hill in Wimbledon, ND.  
*Your servant in Christ,*  
*Pastor Tom Eckstein*

## Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



## Fellowship

**Grief Support Fellowship Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> after the potluck**

## Bible Study

### Hymn Study Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**10:00am**

Marian Duff (Host)  
Ave Maria B25

### Everlasting

By Christina Hergenrader  
Bible Study on the Psalms

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30pm**

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

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00pm**

Eventide Nursing Home  
Karen Connell (Host)  
Eventide Room 404

*Feel free to join us at any time.*

**Women's Bible Study**

**Soul Spa**

*By Sharla Fritz*

**Tuesdays**  
**Fellowship Hall 7:00PM**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Feel Free to join us at any time.*

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 from 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 the REMEMBER and BELIEVE this TRUTH!



LWML Circles are meeting as follows:

Dorcas Circle 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:30pm  
Ruth Circle 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1:00 pm  
Naomi Circle 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm

Quilting will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm.

LWML will meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm..

The latest copy of the Messenger has been printed and can be found on the LWML table in the Narthex.

The Spring Rally is being planned. **The date for the Spring rally was changed to April 25.** It will be held at Grace, Carrington. Since they have worship service on Saturday morning we will meet at 11:30 with lunch and the rally with devotion and Bible study following.

The 2026 LWML North Dakota District Convention will be held June 26-28 in Devils Lake, ND. The theme is "We are Fed by Living Water". See the Winter Messenger for details about accommodations, ingathering items, servant events, etc.

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, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.

**Outreach**

**Stephen Ministry**  
Wednesdays 1pm-3pm  
April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

*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 rose physically from the dead! "The Jews said to Him (Jesus), 'What sign do You show us for doing

**The first Sunday of the month (April 5<sup>th</sup>) is Mite Sunday**

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$164.03** in March!

We collect our mites to help fund all our District and National LWML mission grant projects --33 mission grants were chosen at the national convention for this biennium..

The grant being featured this month is close to home. Mission Grant #8 Building a Place of Care- Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, North Dakota, U.S. | \$60,000

*Since 1952 , Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch has touched the lives of more than 43,000 at-risk children and their families. This grant will help fund the construction and furnishing of the Reflection Room. This room will be within the Zurcher Cottage , a newly planned psychiatric residential treatment facility for the Minot campus. It will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of the children.*

For photos and more information, go to:

<https://www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-7>

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



**Fellowship 9:00-9:30** Treats and Juice  
**Sunday School Classes 9:30-10:15**

Please bring you children to Sunday School so we can teach them about Jesus.



**Youth Group in April**

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 10am**  
**Easter Breakfast Prep**

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 8am** Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Noon**  
**Youth Group**

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 7-10pm**  
**Nerf Night in Fargo**

**Elder Schedule**

**April**

M. Thurs 4/2	7pm	Quincy B.
G. Fri. 4/3	7pm	Josh R.
Easter Sun. 4/5	7am	10:30am
	<b>Doug P.</b>	<b>Larry W.</b>
Sun. 4/12	8am	10:30am
	<b>Curt S.</b>	<b>Josh R.</b>
Sun. 4/19	8am	10:30am
	<b>Dave H.</b>	<b>Larry W.</b>
Wed. 4/22	7pm	Quincy B.
Sun. 4/26	8am	10:30am
	<b>Dave H.</b>	<b>Ed M.</b>

**Musician Schedule**

**April**

M. Thurs 4/2	7pm	Daine F.
G. Fri. 4/3	7pm	Daine F.
Easter Sun. 4/5	7am	10:30am
	<b>Carmen M.</b>	<b>Carmen M.</b>
Sun. 4/12	8am	10:30am
	<b>Carmen M.</b>	<b>Carmen M.</b>
Sun. 4/19	8am	10:30am
	<b>Daine F.</b>	<b>Daine F.</b>
Wed. 4/22	7pm	Daine F.
Sun. 4/26	8am	10:30am
	<b>Ione S.</b>	<b>Ione S.</b>
Wed. 4/29	7pm	Ione S.



**Volunteers for March:**

**Communion/Altar preparation:**

**April**

Nathan Michaelson

Please pray for those serving our country...

- SFC Randy Flieth; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND

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

- Becky Kuhlmann
- Andrew Braun
- Jeremy Wanzek (Friend of Nathan Michaelson)
- Jan Thoreson (Sister of Leon Westerhausen)
- Larry Hewitt (Friend of Elstad family)
- Gayle Schmidt (Sister of Greg Kutz)
- Mark Eckstein (Cousin of Pastor Tom Eckstein)
- Cassie Rott (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of lone Somsen)

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

- Anita Scholz
- Norma Morlock
- Nancy Elstad
- Kitty Bender
- Marian Duff
- Joan Lee
- Pauline Stangeland
- Corrine Scott
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Kathey Ziegler
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Chris Suprenant (Mother of Elissa Rosin)
- Emily Sather (Friend of the Flieth family)
- Erik Lucht (Son of Gordy and Sue Lucht)

- Rose Norheim (Friend of lone Somsen)
- John Bull (Friend of Lyle and Lila Stokkeland)
- Robert Olson (Son-In-Law of Berna Kunze)
- Tana Lonefight (Friend of lone Somsen)
- Blair Baker (Cousin of Bill & Tina Busche)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Gordie Christenson (Cousin of Randy Flieth)

**Please pray for those dealing with the recent loss of a loved one.**

**Family of Harry Johnson**  
(Brother-in-law of Duane Remmick and Char Kapp)

**SACRED ACTS:**

Baptisms

Confirmations

Funerals

**Current Membership Stats:**

Baptized Members-454

Confirmed Members-346

2026

**Baptisms (Child)-o, (Adult)-o**

**Confirmations (Junior)-o, (Adult)-o**

**Weddings-o**

**Funerals-2**

**Transferred In-o**

**Transferred Out-o**

**Profession of Faith-o**

**Removed due to inactivity-83**

**Miscellaneous Announcements**

**Gratitude Calendar**

The Gratitude Calendar is a simple, powerful tool to help us grow in thankfulness and strengthen our walk with God. Each day, it prompts us to reflect on something we're grateful for. By intentionally focusing on gratitude, we shift our hearts toward God's goodness, even in difficult times. Using the calendar takes just a few minutes a day, but it can deepen our faith, build a more joyful spirit, and encourage us to see God's hand in every part of our lives. Let's use it together as a church to cultivate a heart of praise and thankfulness. See the **Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar** attached.



Pastor Worrall is celebrating 40 years in the holy ministry. Join him for a special service and supper at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo on April 26<sup>th</sup>. (See flyer for more details).

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Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. Recently Concordia received a deposit of \$207 because of the requests made by the following members:

- Larry and Shirly Genter
- Allan Hust
- Clarice Spitzer
- Lawrence Walz

If you would like more information about the Choice Dollars program at Thrivent, call your Thrivent representative.



Lutheran Bible Translators work tirelessly to bring God's Word to life in many communities. Can you support them with prayers? The following prayer requests were made in a recent LBT publication:

1. Pray for Mekane Yesus Seminary students serving in language projects. May God use them to connect churches and translation teams, helping communities engage deeply with Scripture and grow in faith through His Word.
2. Pray for students in the Bible translation track at Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as they prepare to graduate. Ask God to equip them to boldly bring His Word to their communities with clarity and courage.

3. Lift up Janine Pluger as she trains teams to implement Rev79 software. Pray that this tool strengthens project coordination, boosts efficiency, and helps more people access Scripture in their language.



Concordia Publishing House has a promotion going on for select products until June. See the "Spring Fling" pamphlet in the Narthex for the items on special (many more items included than the attached flyer depicts). If you are interested in making a purchase, please see Nayva or contact the church office to place an order.



## GAME NIGHT 2026

Mark your calendars on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 6:00pm, Concordia is hosting a game night at the church. Everyone is invited. Bring your own favorite game to play or join in with others for a fun time. Bring a snack to share.

## Mental Health Fitness

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota is offering access to quality resources for mental wellbeing. See the attached flyer for information on exploring these programs.



## SHARE! your heart & home

Families in our community have an opportunity to host an **international high school exchange student** for the upcoming school year. **SHARE!** is a "nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to promoting international understanding and friendship. Many of these students come from Christian families and are excited to experience life, faith, and community in the United States." For more information please see the attached flyer.



The following are excerpts taken from the recent LFS **Crosswalk**, a monthly eNewsletter. The article this month addresses caring for persons with chronic mental illness. It was

written by Susan Shields, LMHC,  
LIMHP,LPC.

*Loving someone who lives with chronic mental illness is a journey that requires patience, compassion, and resilience... Many caregivers quietly wrestle with questions like: **Am I doing enough? Why does this feel so heavy? Shouldn't my faith make this easier?***

*When someone we love is hurting, it's natural to want to fix things – to offer solutions, cheer them up, or help them "snap out of it." But chronic mental illnesses don't resolve quickly and your role isn't to cure them.*

*What you **can** provide is meaningful:*

*\*A steady calm presence*

*\*A listening ear*

*\*Consistent encouragement*

*\*Practical support on hard days*

*You need care too. When someone you love is struggling, it's easy to focus so completely on their needs that you forget your own. But you are human, You need rest, connection, and encouragement.*

*Allow yourself breaks.*

*Reach out to trusted friends or pastors.*

*Seek counseling if you need a safe place to process.*

*Caring for yourself is part of loving well.*

For the complete article and helpful resources, go to

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/2026/01/5-signs-social-media/>

## Christ's Care for Children: Kenya/Project 24

See the enclosed flyer for the most recent newsletter from Project 24. The newsletter gives a summary of the program's growth and development. It also highlights the first young adults from Project 24 who have successfully completed their university education. All 4 graduates earned bachelor's degrees in education and are preparing to serve schools across the nation, investing in the next generation.

### SOLA

NEW LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRY  
LAUNCHED IN MINOT!

**SOLA** (*Students Of Lutheran Apologetics*) officially launched this January 2026 in Minot, becoming the first confessional Lutheran campus outreach in the city of Minot, ND. In a time when college students are bombarded with relativism, identity confusion, and vague spirituality, SOLA offers something different: Christ crucified, the clarity of Scripture, and the bold confession of our Lutheran faith.

This isn't just another student club. It's a *Gospel-centered ministry of apologetics, catechesis, evangelism, and fellowship*—grounded in the Lutheran Confessions. **SOLA** exists to form students who not only survive the university years with their faith intact but *thrive* as articulate, faithful witnesses of Christ.

- First Advisory Committee met on January 11
- Weekly Table Talks already underway
- Weekly Bible Study to start February 13
- Local LCMS congregation fundraising has begun

Pray for this new LCMS-U work in our state! Support it. Share it. Let's confess Christ at Minot State University!

For any questions, contact Mr. Caleb Hoverson at:

[calebhoverson@yahoo.com](mailto:calebhoverson@yahoo.com)

## Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Randy Flieth.

**Attendance:** Present: Pastor Eckstein, Nayva Mulder, Randy Flieth, Don Elstad, Kevin Nelson, and Kim Murray.

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor reported that we continue to have visitors, with some expressing interest in membership. He reviewed the remaining Lenten soup suppers and the upcoming Holy Week schedule.

Pastor requested that the Council appoint Greg Kutz as an additional Elder. Kim made a motion to appoint Greg Kutz. Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor shared his upcoming vacation plans.

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, April 20, 2026. There will be no meeting in May. The potluck and Voters' Meeting will be held Sunday, April 26, 2026, following the 10:30am service.

### Financial Report:

The financial report was presented:

- Income: \$16,589.00
- Expenses: \$31,688.85

Bank balance as of this date: \$80,661.92. Less dedicated CDs, available "padding" funds total \$28,842.83.

If additional funds are needed, funds may be accessed from the LCEF account.

The Building Fund CD will mature on March 22 and will be used for Northland Door & Window to replace the window. The next padding CD will mature in April.

Kim expressed that mission payments could be paid later in the month or in the following month if necessary to ensure sufficient cash flow. She also recommended paying bills closer to their due dates rather than immediately upon receipt.

### Board & Ministry Reports

Nayva:

- Youth are preparing for the soup supper and Easter breakfast.
- Grief support continues to go well.

- Stephen Ministry is growing and will require additional recruitment and training of helpers.
- Sunday School is going well and will be singing with palms on Palm Sunday.
- Youth group has been hosting "Mystery Faith" guest speakers – members who share their faith stories with the youth.

Don:

- Stewardship met and prepared Easter cards.

Kevin:

- Northland Door & Window plans to install the new window next month, weather permitting.

### Old Business

Pastor reported that Elissa has been taking pictures of members. An online pictorial directory will be created, and the company can provide printed copies for members upon request for a fee.

### New Business

Pastor is working on obtaining a new church credit card. The current card is under his Social Security number; he has identified an option that will use the church's Federal ID number instead.

A new CD was purchased/renewed in late February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Murray


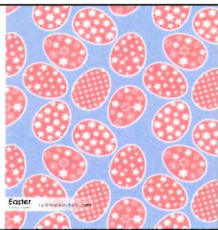
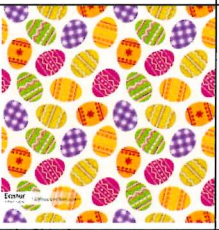
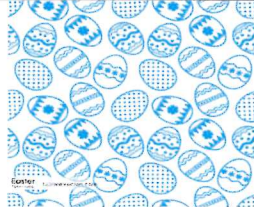

Secretary Pro Tem

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

### Church Office Hours

If you need access to the church during the week please call the church office (252-2819), Pastor Eckstein (419-5797), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

## Concordia Events Calendar – April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>The Beginning of Holy Week</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2 Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>3 Good Friday</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>7pm – 9:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington	<b>NO</b> Men's Bible Class (resumes 4/23)  <b>9-11am</b> – Pastor Eckstein serving Trinity/Adrian  <b>7pm – Maundy Thursday Service (Lord's Supper)</b>	<b>9-11am</b> – Pastor Eckstein serving Trinity/Adrian  <b>10am</b> – Women's Bible Study @Ave Maria - B25 (Marian Duff, Host)  <b>7pm – Good Friday Service</b>	<b>7:30am – 12:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>10am</b> – Youth Group prep for Easter Breakfast
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>7am Easter Service (Lord's Supper)</b>  <b>8-9:30am</b> – Easter Breakfast served by Youth <b>8:45</b> – Pastor Eckstein leads service at Trinity/Adrian  <b>NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Class</b> (resumes 4/12) <b>10:30am Easter Services (Lord's Supper)</b>	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  *Pastor Eckstein and family on vacation through Thursday evening, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO</b> morning Bible Class (resumes 4/21)  <b>1pm</b> – Quilting  <b>7pm</b> – Women's Bible Study @Concordia	<b>1-3pm</b> – Stephen Ministry meeting  <b>NO Wed. Evening Service (resumes 4/22)</b>	<b>NO</b> Men's Bible Class (resumes 4/23)  <b>1pm</b> – Women's Bible Study @Eventide – Room 404 (Karen Connell, Host)		<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Services</b>  <b>9-9:30am</b> – Fellowship time  <b>9:30am</b> – Adult Bible Class & Sunday School for children  NOON – Youth Group	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>1:30pm</b> – Dorcas Circle  *Pastor Eckstein returns later this evening.	<b>NO</b> morning Bible Class (resumes 4/21) <b>1pm</b> – Ruth Circle <b>2:30pm</b> – Women's Bible Study @Vera Schulz Apartment <b>4pm</b> – Bd. of Ed <b>7pm</b> – Naomi Circle	<b>NO Evening Service</b> (resumes 4/22)	<b>NO</b> Men's Bible Class (resumes 4/23)  *Pastor Eckstein returns later this evening.	<b>7-10pm</b> – Youth "Nerf Night" in Fargo	<b>7:30am – 12:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  Pastor Eckstein installed at Grace LCMS in Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper)</b> <b>9-9:30am</b> – Fellowship time <b>9:30am</b> – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  <b>2- 4pm</b> -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>7pm</b> – Elder/ Stewardship  <b>7:30pm</b> - Council	<b>10am</b> -Bible Class  <b>1pm</b> – Quilting  <b>3pm-9pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington	<b>1-3pm</b> – Stephen Ministry meeting  <b>7pm</b> - Service	<b>8:30-9:30</b> Men's Bible Class	<b>6pm</b> – Game Night at Concordia	<b>7:30am – 12:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Service</b> <b>9-9:30am</b> – Fellowship time <b>9:30am</b> – Adult Bible Class, & Sunday School for children Pot Luck/Voter's meeting after 10:30 Service Grief Support Meeting after Voters Meeting  <b>2-4pm</b> -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian <b>6:30</b> – Hand Bells	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train	<b>10am</b> -Bible Class  <b>3pm-9pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  <b>7pm</b> – Women's Bible Study @Concordia	<b>7pm</b> - Service	<b>8:30-9:30</b> Men's Bible Class		

\*Chancel Duties: Nathan Michaelson

Mondays – Deaconess Nayva's Day Off!

Fridays – Pastor's Day Off!

**Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			<b>1</b> (LIAM) JUELFs (b.)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> LEONA BRAUN (b.)	<b>4</b> (IONE) SOMSEN (b.) ELLEN WALZ (b.)
<b>5</b> NOLAN LEEAN (b.)	<b>6</b> PATTI PIESKE (b.) JUSTIN SCHMIDT (b.) CARLA WILLEY (b.)	<b>7</b> KEVIN O'NEIL (b.) TESSA SPITZER (b.)	<b>8</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.)	<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> LEAH and (JASON) THOMS (w.)	<b>18</b> ALI WILLEY (b.)
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> BETH MARSOLEK (b.) MALAKAI ROBINSON (b.)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> MARK MCBRIDE (b.)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BECKY KUHLMANN (b.)
<b>26</b> FRED MARTIN (b.) NOAH SPITZER (b.) LILIAH WILLMS (b.)	<b>27</b> HANNAH KOSEL (b.) (JASON) SCHMIDT (b.)	<b>28</b> NATHAN and GIANG MICHAELSON (w.)	<b>29</b> SCOTT MURRAY (b.) ADELLE WESTERHAUSEN (b.) LEON WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	<b>30</b>		

# APRIL

*This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings.*

*Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For us to be “fools for Christ” (1 Cor 4:10).
2. For LWML Mission Grant #8.
3. For the LWML Michigan District.
4. For Eritrea, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
5. For your pastor and his family. Send them a thank you note.
6. For the opportunity to pay it forward at a drive through today.
7. For the country of Estonia.
8. For the many blessings in your life.
9. Praise the Lord for having Easter in our hearts every day.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Gospel Outreach.
11. For those who work in the harvest field.
12. For immigrants.
13. For LWML Mission Grant # 9.
14. For the opportunity to invite a friend to dinner and pray how you can bless them.
15. For your LWML group.
16. Praise God for our founding fathers and a godly heritage.
17. For your own district grants and mite goal.
18. For the homeless in your community.
19. For the country of Finland.
20. For our national LCMS President and Board of Directors.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #10.
22. For Gods' wonderful creation of the earth.
23. For the LWML Indiana District.
24. For the country of France.
25. For delivery people. Thank them and give them a sweet treat.
26. For law enforcement officers. Thank them when you see them.
27. For the country of Ghana.
28. For people who are in school to be pastors and church workers.
29. For being able to be still before the Lord and know that He is God.
30. For the country of Guatemala.

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# SPRING PICKS

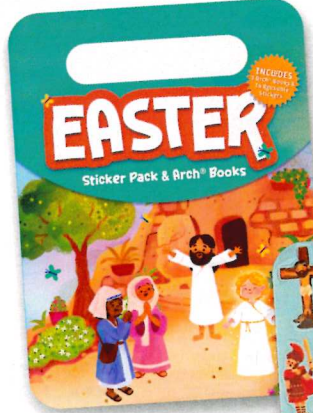
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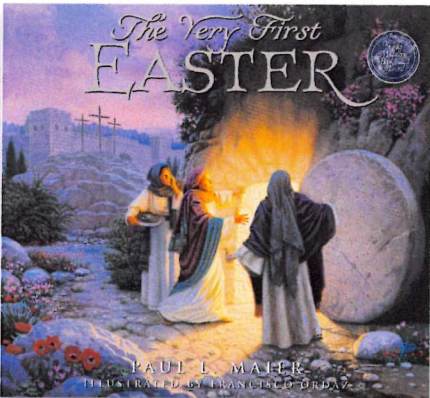
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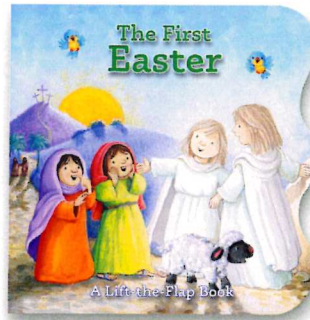


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Paul L. Maier

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This book is perfect for children who want to rejoice in Holy Week and Easter. As they lift the flaps inside the book, children will see Christ riding in on His donkey as well as His death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter.

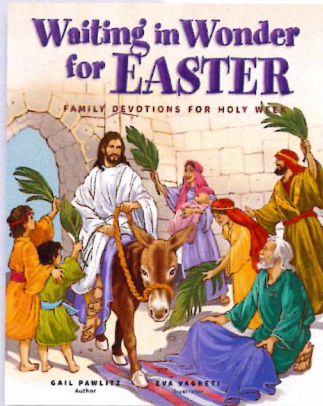
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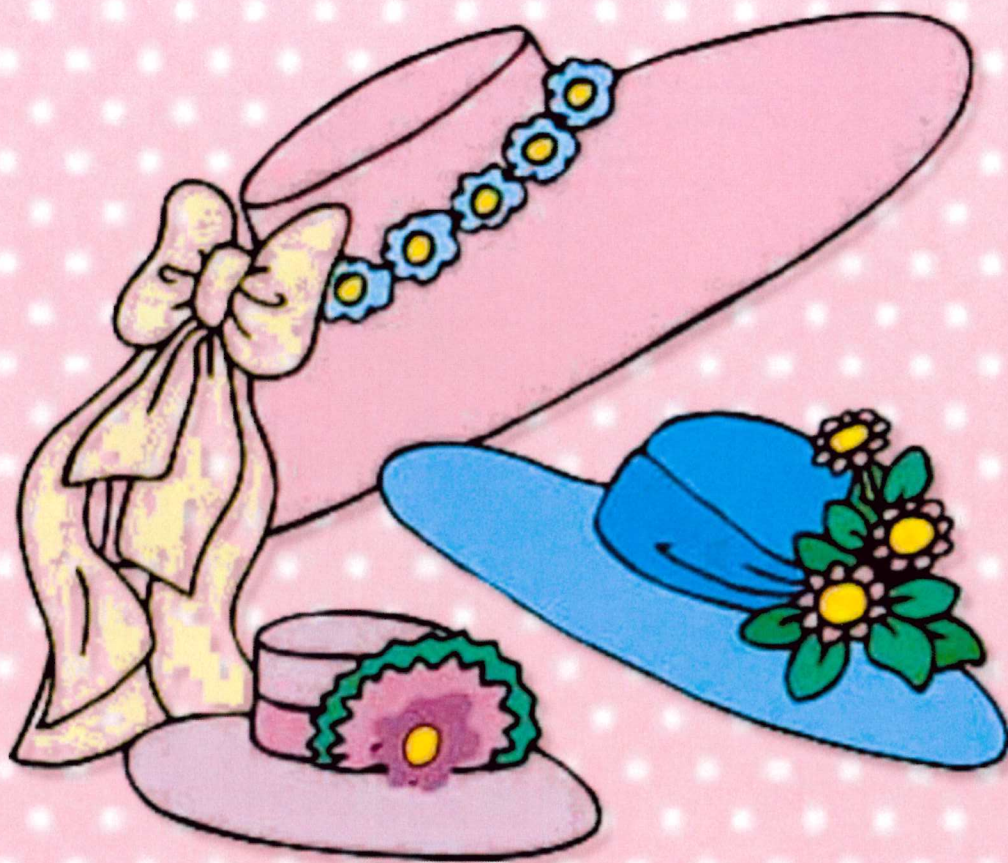
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WITH ALL THE FRILLS  
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Easter Sunday  
April 5th

JOIN US FOR

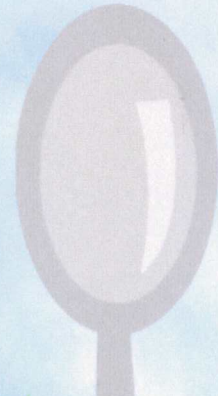



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BREAKFAST

**Concordia Lutheran Church**

**APRIL 5TH 8:00 AM**





*Our Beautiful Easter Lilies were given in  
honor/memory of those listed below:*

*Edwin and Emma Hust, by the Hanson/Hust families*

*Darlene Brummund, by Bill and Sharron Dunaway*

*Kalei Kahumoku, by Bill and Sharron Dunaway*

*Family members, by Sue Corwin*

*Elden Englund, by Mary Englund*

*Blondina Drevlow, by Carla and Pat Willey*

*Cathy Herman and David Hanson, by Troy and Cherly Hanson*

*The Clifford & Bella Belgarde Family, by Bill and Tina Busche*

*Bill Busche, by Bill and Tina Busche*

*Emanuel, Charlie, Noel and Faith, by Pastor and Andrea Eckstein*

*James Lindberg and Tucker Depew, by Travis and Tammi Lindberg*

*Cathy Herman, Albert & Caroline Herman, by Vern Herman*

*Glenda & Butch Neustel, Ernie & Ann Scholz, by Skip and Amy Neustel*

*Parents, family, and friends, by Ellen and Larry Wallz*









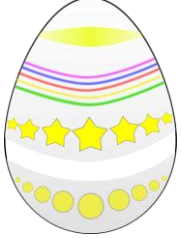



*Mother..Ruth McCoy, by Susan and Gordy Lucht*

*Jenner and Kevin Koenig, by Esther Koenig*

*Lilies were also provided by the contributions of  
the LWML and the Reimer Family.*

*Thank You to all.*

## Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar – April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<h1>Holy Week</h1>			This month, share a daily gratitude at the dinner table.			Donate food or clothes to someone in need. 
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	Say a prayer of thanks before each meal today.	Pray for the leadership of Concordia Lutheran Church.	Share something you're thankful for with a friend.	Gratitude transforms every negative situation.	What is something you're thankful you were able to experience this week?	And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." <small>Col.3:15</small>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Express your gratitude in songs of praise and joy!	Bake something and deliver it to a neighbor. 	Write a note to someone who encouraged you in faith.	"Give thanks to the LORD for He is GOOD. His love endures FOREVER." <small>Psalm 107:1</small>	Give thanks for someone who has passed their faith to you.	Thank someone for their quiet service behind the scenes.	Volunteer for a church or community project. 
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Thank God for the beauty of creation – enjoy the Spring flowers around town.	Write down a personal story of God's provision.	Support a church ministry with time, talent, or treasure.	Thank God for His faithfulness in your life. 	Thank a veteran for his or her service to our country.	Share a verse about gratitude on social media or in a text.	What has been your biggest blessing this week?
<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>					
Pray for a family you know at church.	"We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!" <small>Psalm 75:1</small>					





**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT  
42<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE, DEVILS LAKE, ND  
JUNE 26-28, 2026**



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY (Use blue or black ink)

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A. \_\_\_ Delegate  
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 D. \_\_\_ ND District LWML Past President  
 E. \_\_\_ General Registration  
 F. \_\_\_ Clergy  
 G. \_\_\_ Exhibitor

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2026**

Registration – June 26-28, 2026	\$100.00	\$
First Time or age 12-22 Attendee	\$ 90.00	\$
Exhibitor (One person)	\$150.00	\$
Late registration (postmarked after June 1, 2026)	\$125.00	\$
Saturday Meal Package	\$ 30.00	\$
Sunday Mite Walk (includes t-shirt)      Shirt Size: _____	\$ 20.00	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	Ck #	\$

Make check payable to: **LWML ND District** and mail with this form to:

LWML ND District, PO Box 264, Minto ND 58261-0264  
 Email: tamiulland.lwml@gmail.com

Please send my registration confirmation via: \_\_\_ email \_\_\_ mail

**PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:**

Convention Choir Rehearsal, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m. _____
<b>OR</b>
Servant Event, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m. _____
Hygiene Kit assembly for Orphan Grain Train _____
Delegate meeting, Friday 4:15-5:00 p.m. _____

**SATURDAY MEALS:**

Lunch: **Soup and Sandwich Bar**  
 Banquet: **Roast Beef Dinner**

**With the exception of gluten free buns, dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated.**

<p><b>HOUSING INFORMATION</b>  <b>(mention LWML for room rate)</b>          Holiday Inn Express – 701-665-3200 \$99.00/night plus tax          Sleep Inn – 701-350-3010 Queen \$129.00/night plus tax; King \$119.00/night plus tax          Cobblestone – 701-544-0129 \$125.00/night plus tax          Fireside Inn – 701-662-6760 \$119.99/night plus tax</p>
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# LWML HEALTH AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Each person attending the convention must complete this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

List any health conditions to be aware of before emergency treatment:

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List medications medical personnel should be aware of:

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## **DIETARY NEEDS:**

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## **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS:**

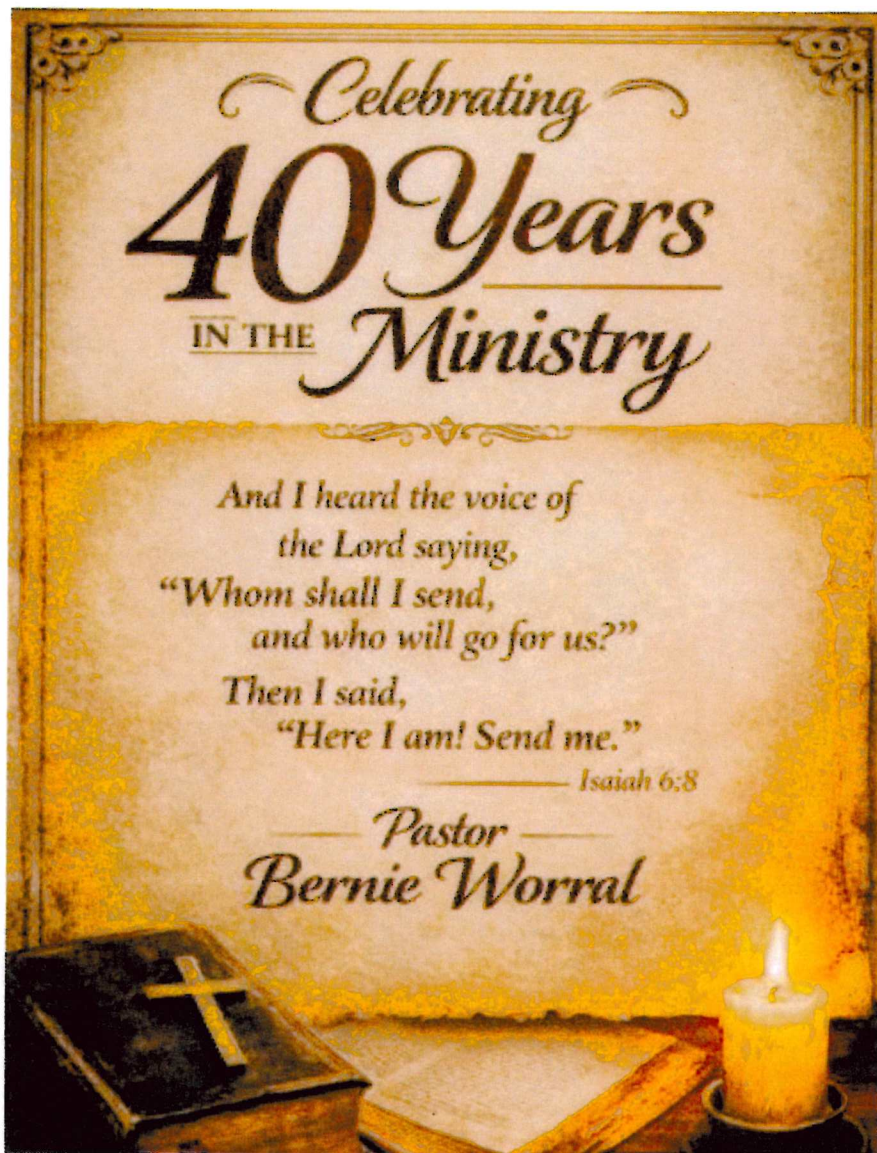
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# Noisy Offering



1st Sunday of  
the Month



*Pastor Worrall says:*

*"April 26, 2026 will be the 40th anniversary of my call into the ministry. My first parish was in Chadron, Nebraska. And then Immanuel Fargo since 1991. What a journey rich in the favors of God's blessings!"*

*Join us for a celebration of the office of the Holy Ministry that afternoon at 4 PM with a service of Matins. Pastor Mike Suelzle (from Grace, Fargo) will be preaching.*

*Carolyn and I are sponsoring a pork sandwich supper afterwards as our way of saying thank you to your support and encouragement. Bring also a dish to share."*

*Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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# CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24



## OUR GRADUATES

“LET THE WISE HEAR AND INCREASE IN LEARNING, AND THE ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS OBTAIN GUIDANCE”. PROVERBS 1:5

Project 24 continues to be a meaningful and life-changing program, and this past year marked a significant milestone. After more than ten years of walking alongside these students, we celebrated the graduation of four young adults who have successfully completed their university education. They are the first group from Project 24 to finish their formal studies and step into their chosen careers.

All four graduates earned bachelor's degrees in education and are preparing to serve in schools across the country. Two specialized in mathematics and business studies, one in chemistry and physics, and another in special needs education at the secondary level. Their desire is to teach in local secondary schools and invest in the next generation.

We give thanks for their perseverance, hard work, and the many people who have supported them along the way. It is our prayer that they will not only make a positive impact in their communities, but also serve faithfully in their local congregations. The future is bright, and we look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through them.



## STATE OF PROJECT 24 FORUM

Last week, we gathered at Othoro for our annual State of Project 24 Forum. This important meeting brings together key leaders and stakeholders to reflect on the past year’s highlights, review financial reports, and celebrate the ways God continues to work through this ministry.

One area that has shown tremendous growth over the years is financial reporting. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Project 24 Director John Kissinger and LCMS Africa Field Office accountant Hillary Omodhi, each site manager now uses a unified reporting template for their monthly reports. This consistent system has made the reports clearer, easier to compare across sites, and more transparent for everyone involved. It also creates space for meaningful review, collaboration, and constructive feedback among stakeholders.

Beyond the reports and presentations, this forum serves as a time of fellowship and encouragement. ELCK leadership, bishops, site managers, and board chairs gather not only to discuss ministry, but to support one another personally and spiritually. Before Project 24 began, it was rare for church leadership to meet this regularly. One of the beautiful outcomes of this project has been the unity it has fostered—bringing leaders together with a shared mission to serve vulnerable children and strengthen the Church across Kenya.

We are deeply grateful for our partnership with the E.L.C.K. and pray that the Lord will continue to bless and sustain this alliance for years to come.

### Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students at the P24 sites: 297 children

- Lenkishon: 33 students
- Tumaini: 33 students
- Othoro: 33 students
- Udom: 33 students
- Rongo: 33 students
- Nyambiri: 33 students
- Kabichbich: 33 students
- Lurambi: 33 students
- Wamba: 33 students

Students in the Beyond 24 program: 348 students

Number of Students

Sponsored as to date: 362

To be added to, or to remove your name from the Project 24 newsletter list, please contact:

[britt.odemba@lcms.org](mailto:britt.odemba@lcms.org)

To sponsor a child at one of the Project 24 sites please contact:

[jennifer.hummel@lcms.org](mailto:jennifer.hummel@lcms.org)

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