

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Sunday School for Youth Starts September 7th!!

Since Labor Day is September 1st and we normally resume Sunday School the Sunday after Labor Day, Concordia will resume Sunday School on Sunday, September 7th! We encourage parents with Sunday School age children to bring their children for Sunday School and then the parents can stay for adult bible class.

In addition, we need adult volunteers to make Sunday School at Concordia a possibility. Please prayerfully consider helping teach a Sunday School class. Ideally we'd like to get enough adult volunteers so that we can "team teach" and that means an adult volunteer might only teach a class one or two times per month. Please speak with Nayva Mulder ASAP if you are willing to help with Sunday School.

Christian Book Recommendations from Pastor Tom

Over the years I've had member of Concordia ask me to recommend good Christian books. I thought I'd share some recommendations in this newsletter article. For starters, below are some suggestions:

1. **"I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist!"** -- by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek (This is a great book if you're interested in apologetics and how to witness to people who question the existence of God)
2. **"The Christian Faith: A Lutheran Exposition, Second Edition"** -- by Robert Kolb (This is an excellent overview of the basic doctrines of the Christian Faith from a Lutheran point of view)
3. **"Dying to Live: The Foundation, Focus, and Shape of the Christian Life, Second Edition"** -- by Harold Senkbeil (This book does an awesome job explaining the Doctrine of Sanctification from a Lutheran perspective)
4. **"How to Read the Bible with Understanding"** -- by Lane Burgland (Many people are overwhelmed when they try to read the entire Bible for the first time. This book helps you learn how to read the Bible so that you understand its various types of literature and how it is fulfilled in Christ)
5. **"The Lutheran Study Bible"** -- from Concordia Publishing House (If you're looking for a study Bible with commentary notes by

faithful Lutheran scholars, this is for you! This study Bible contains commentary of Scripture on every page as well as various articles, charts and maps that help you understand the theology and historical settings of Scripture)

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Tom Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Fellowship

Grief Support Fellowship
2nd Sunday 12:00pm

August: No Meeting
September 21st: Noon

Outreach

Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays

August 13th & 27th

Bible Study

Hymn Study **Friday, August 1st**

10:00am

Marian Duff (Host)
Ave Maria B25

A New Song

Bible Study on the Psalms

Thurs, August 14th

1:00pm

Vera Schulz (Host)
114 12th Ave NE
Apt. 2030

Women's Bible Study

Soul Spa

By Sharla Fritz

Tuesdays
Fellowship Hall 7:00PM
August 12th and 26th

Feel Free to join us
anytime.

Deaconess Nayva



Main Street Living TV Program
www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com

Every Sunday on the local Fox Station at gam

HAVE YOU been watching the wonderful "*This Is The Life*" programs along with the weekly Divine Worship Services each Sunday? As our LCMS President Matthew Harrison states during his introduction of these programs, "though they were recorded in the 1960's and 70's, the subject matter is still very relevant!" I personally look forward to watching these episodes – and often find my emotions welling up as the story line develops. If you've missed any of these programs, you can watch them at any time by going to : www.mainstreetliving.com and clicking on the MENU, and then click on "Watch This Is The Life". (Binge watching allowed!) These critically acclaimed dramas still do a wonderful job of "bringing Christ to the nations – and the nations to Christ"!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. You can view archived programs anytime at 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
5th 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.



Concordia's LWML group will not
meet in August.

The first Sunday of August is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for
donating to the noisy mites. We
collected **\$102.48** in July.

We collect our mites to help fund
all our District and National
LWML mission grant projects for
this biennium....the 33 mission
grants, selected at the LWML
Convention in June, were chosen
from a list of 47 proposed
projects.

One grant that was accepted was
Building a Place of Care –
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
North Dakota - \$60,000.



Since 1952, Dakota Boys and
Girls Ranch has touched the lives
of more than 43,000 at-risk
children and their families. They
bring Christ-centered hope and

healing to children who have experienced severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral, and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, violence, and other heartbreaking traumas. The Ranch is planning to build the **Zurcher Cottage**, a psychiatric residential treatment facility, replacing the current cottages. Within the Zurcher Cottage, they plan to create the **Reflection Room**, which will serve as a safe and calming environment to support the emotional, spiritual, and psychological wellbeing of the children. Not only will this room benefit the children, but it will also directly support the staff during stressful work shifts and allow them to be more effective caregivers to the children in their care. This grant will help fund the construction and furnishing of the Reflection Room on the Ranch's Minot campus. For more information click on <https://www.lwml.org/convention> and view Mission Grant Proposals in the link.

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

2025 Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat



Please join us September 26 – September 28, 2025 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the Third Annual Turtle

Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together, family style, to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship. Our speaker, Rev. Sean Daenzer, is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. He previously served for seven years as pastor of a dual parish in rural North Dakota. His topic is Liturgical Worship: A faithful vehicle for delivering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 which includes all food and lodging. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat. We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity. For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686, mobile.



Sunday School will start up after Labor Day. If you are interested in helping please let us know.

Family Fun Night, an alternative to VBS

The Board of Education met and decided to do **family events for all members of Concordia** and all ages this summer. Instead of VBS this year, we planned Family Fun Nights, to bring fellowship opportunities to everyone.

For August we are planning for the evening of **August 5, 5pm – 8pm**. The activities will be various service projects with a meal (pizza) following.

Check the flyer for more details. We hope that you plan to join us.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth Group in August

August

Tuesday, August 5th - 5pm
Family Fellowship

Friday, August 8th 6:30pm
Youth Group

Monday, August 11th
(leaving 5 pm) Thunder Road
Fargo

Sunday, August 17th Noon
(BYO lunch)

Shirts for Sale!

*Do you want to **support the Youth** in their fundraising efforts?

*Do you have **\$20** to spend?



If you answered **"YES"** to either one of these questions, then you should consider buying one of the Concordia Lutheran Church T-shirts on sale. They were designed by the Youth for their trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer. Look for the sample on the table in the Narthex and see Nayva for available sizes.

Elder Schedule

Sun. 8/3	8am	10:30 am
	Gordy L.	Larry W.
Wed. 8/6	7 pm	Quincy B.
Sun. 8/10	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D.	Gordy L.
Sun. 8/17	8am	10:30am
	Curt S.	Doug P.
Wed. 8/20	7pm	Quincy B.
Sun. 8/24	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Josh R.
Sun. 8/31	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Ed M.

Musicians:

Sun. 8/3	Carmen McBride
Wed. 8/6	Carmen McBride
Sun. 8/10	Carmen McBride
Wed. 8/13	Carmen McBride
Sun. 8/17	Daine Flieth
Wed. 8/20	Daine Flieth
Sun. 8/24	Ione Somsen
Wed. 8/27	Ione Somsen
Sun. 8/31	Daine Flieth

Communion/Altar preparation:

Lisa Boerger



Please pray for those serving our country...

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

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

- Rose Martin
- Ann Schulz
- Gayle Schmidt (Sister of Greg Kutz)
- Hazel Thu (Sister of Rose Martin)
- Mark Eckstein (Cousin of Pastor Tom Eckstein)
- Cindy Wimer (Sister of Lila Stokkeland)
- Cassie Rott (Friend of Daine Flieth)

- John Hinz (Brother of Dave Hinz)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirley Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of Ione Somsen)

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

- Lori Roberts
- Sue Corwin
- Joan Lee
- Carl Stangland
- Pauline Stangland
- Clarice Spitzer
- Corrine Scott
- Elden Englund
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Marian Duff
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Paul Schafer III (Son of Lila Stokkeland)
- Rayna Mayhair (Infant daughter of Tom and DeAnn Mayhair)
- Robert Olson (Son-in-law of Berna Kunze)
- Tana Lonefight (Friend of Ione 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)
- Pam Syverson (Friend in the community)
- Gordie Christenson (Cousin of Randy Flieth)

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

- Family of Mervin Wohler (Brother-in-law of Ann Snow)
- Family of Don Brandenburg (Friend of Orphan Grain Train)
- Family of Will Ziegler (Husband of Kathey Ziegler)

SACRED ACTS:

Confirmations

Baptisms

Liliah Willms – July 6th

Affirmation of Faith

Eric Skunberg – July 6th

Lori Smith – July 6th

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-618

Confirmed Members-461

2025

Baptisms (Child)-3, (Adult)-3

Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-2

Weddings-0

Funerals-2

Transferred In-4

Transferred Out-2

Profession of Faith-6

Removed due to inactivity-0

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In this feature of our newsletter, we focus on family concerns. This month we are again looking at the resources from the Connected Families website.

connectedfamilies.org

Connected Families is a non-profit ministry that exists to **support** Christ-centered transformation in families. Some of the topics covered in their content are:

Adoption and Foster Care

Anger

Anxiety

Emotional Regulation

Responsibility

Chores

Discipline & Consequences

Encouragement for Tired Parents

Faith & Your Child

Sensitive & Intense Kids

Sibling Conflict

Parenting Teens

The following is an excerpt from one of the resources from the Learning Hub...

4 Summer Tips for Parents Excited for (or Dreading) Summer Break

Tip #1: Guide kids to brainstorm their own fun *and* be a blessing. Let kids brainstorm [creative alternatives to screen time](#). This communicates two key messages: "*You are responsible for your own activity choices*" and "*You are capable of creative ideas!*" Ultimately, your kids are created by God to be a blessing – help them discover ways to use

their time and skills to bless others.

Tip#2: Focus on building valuable skills in sibling conflict.

When the "all together, all the time" stress builds, parents can view the increased sibling conflict as a great opportunity to [build life-long relational skills](#), [empathy](#), and insight. (The more frequent the conflict, the greater the opportunity! Check out our [Sibling Conflict online course](#).)

Tip #3: Travel purposefully.

Planning a family road trip or vacation this summer? Check out our [guide to planning a purposeful family trip](#) as well as these tips to [retain your sanity during a family car trip](#). Traveling with your family may not always be as relaxing as you imagined, but it can be a great opportunity to connect and grow as a family. As we often say (especially if your kids are young), "**Don't call them vacations — call them trips!**"

Tip #4: Have grace for yourself!

As you embark on this summer journey, remember that you don't have to be perfect—you just want to be more present. Trust that God has equipped you with everything you need to guide your family through these long days. When challenges arise, lean into His grace and remember: This summer holds incredible potential for your family to grow closer to each other and to Him!

[The Family Matters](#)

For more information about these tips, visit

<https://connectedfamilies.org/4-summer-tips-for-parents/>

Miscellaneous Announcements



Also at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads camp, there are some exciting fundraising activities coming up in August and September. See the attached flyer for more information.

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—whether it's a blessing, a person, or a small moment of joy. 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.

thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. In June we received a deposit of \$23 on behalf of Allen Ray Hust, the Thrivent client who requested funds to be directed to Concordia.

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



Thank you to everyone who helped support the recent Lutheran Family Service fundraising campaign.



Thank you to everyone who helped support the Youth Group at the Car Wash on July 12th. Through your generosity, they were able to raise \$810 dollars for the trip to the National Youth Gathering.



Here's the group from Concordia as they start their journey to New Orleans. Stay tuned for more pictures of their adventures at the National Youth Gathering.

Fellowship Time

I hope everyone has been enjoying the Fellowship Time between 9:00 and 9:30 on Sunday mornings. This is a time to come together to visit and greet one another. Thank you to those who have volunteered make coffee and provide treats for us. We would like to invite more people to offer help in this way; there is a sign-up sheet available downstairs in the kitchen area if you are willing to help. (Financial contributions to support purchases of treats are also welcome).

If you wish to make announcements in the bulletin or newsletter, contact the church office at:

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com



Daily devotions and many other resources (like podcasts, Bible studies, and news features) are available through the Lutheran Hour Ministries on their website.

One resource is the **Gospel Adventures™: Wild About Kenya**. This is a free online tool available to Christian schools, homeschools, churches, and individuals. The curriculum is filled with fun activities and an interactive website for students to learn about Christian children in Kenya.

Visit gospeladventures.org/kenya to register for the virtual "trip" and access this content to get a glimpse into the newest interactive experience. The full curriculum and supporting materials are available now for everyone who registers.



Be part of bringing God's Word to every language through Lutheran Bible Translators. Your voice, prayers, and generosity help expand the reach and impact of Bible translation around the world. Visit <https://lbt.org/#> to learn more.



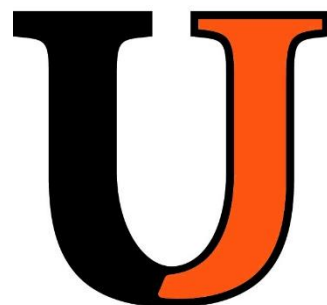
The Founders established the Supreme Court of the United States as guardian and interpreter of the Constitution. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty offers a free booklet that summarizes the major Supreme Court decisions in the areas of Religious Liberty, Life, Education, and Marriage. See <https://LCRLFreedom.org/resources> to download your copy.

Church Office Hours

If you need access to the church during the week please call the church office (252-2819), Pastor Eckstein (658-9473), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.



The board of Stewardship is collecting Microwave popcorn again this year for the UJ Block Party. Help us welcome the UJ students back to Jamestown by providing them with a snack and a message of greetings from Concordia. Just deposit your popcorn near the display in the Narthex and watch as the pile grows bigger! Our goal this year is 1,000 bags.



TURTLE MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR ARCHERY SHOOT

August 2, 2025

Shoot begins at 10:00 am
Range opens at 8:30 am



A fundraising
event Sponsored
by Shepherd's Hill
at the Crossroads,
St. John, ND



**SHEPHERD'S HILL
AT THE
CROSSROADS**

ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

**COME JOIN US AT OUR 28TH
ANNUAL**

QUILT, CRAFT AND CULINARY ARTS AUCTION

Pie Social to
begin at 12:30 pm
Auction begins at
1 pm

September 13, 2025


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are always in need
of volunteers at
Shepherd's Hill. If you
have a skill you would
like to contribute, or if
you want to help but are
uncertain what you can
do, email us at
volunteer@shretreat.org
or call us at
(701) 244-5225

This auction isn't just any old event - it's our
big fundraiser! Folks from across the state
have chipped in with stunning quilts and
crafts, and mouthwatering treats. No haggling
here - it's all about spreading the love with
donations and walking away with fabulous
goodies. Whether you're celebrating a
milestone, welcoming a new bundle of joy, or
simply spreading joy, this auction has a little
something for everyone to swoon over!

Do you like our newsletter? Would you like
to receive it in your email or snail-mailed
to you? Let us know by sending an email
to news@shretreat.org or give us a call at
701-244-5225

Concordia Events Calendar – August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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					10am – Women's Bible Study @Ave Maria - B25 (Marian Duff, Host) LERT team hosted by Concordia	7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train LERT team hosted by Concordia
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper) 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Adult Bible Class 2- 4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train 7pm – Elders & Stewardship meeting 8pm – Council meeting	10am-Bible Class 4pm-8pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington 5pm – Youth & Family Fellowship	7pm – Service (Lord's Supper)	8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class	6:30 – Youth Group	7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
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7/23/2025

11:41 am

Concordia Lutheran

August 2025

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 JASON BRAUN (b.) LAWRENCE FLIETH (b.) AIDAN MCKENNEY (b.)	2 DAYTON DENNING (b.) NANCY ELSTAD (b.) ROSE MARTIN (b.) FARON SCHMIDT (b.)
3 ROGER ZILLMER (b.)	4 BRITTANY VEN HUIZEN (b.)	5 (BRIANA) SATROM (b.)	6	7 CHAD and JEN HOFFER (w.) TRISH and ORIN KENDALL (w.)	8 JOSEPH HOGGARTH (b.) MELISSA SOULIS (b.)	9 TINA JACOBSON (b.) TINA MARTELL (b.) AUSTIN REMMICK (b.)
10 KRISTEN HALL (b.) DEVON HORNBY (b.) JAKE LORIG (b.) CORRINE SCOTT (b.) TODD TARNO (b.)	11	12 DEVIN SCHUMACHER (b.) BECKY WIDMER (b.)	13 DALE and AMY NEUSTEL (w.)	14 NAYVA MULDER (b.) KIRK and AMY DIETRICH (w.)	15	16 BERNA KUNZE (b.) DEB ROVA (b.) DAVE and (CINDY) HINZ (w.) CARSEN and (MEGAN) LIPETZKY (w.) REUBEN and GLORIA MORLOCK (w.)
17 NELL ESSIG (b.) LARRY GENTER (b.) MATT MCGREGOR (b.)	18 SHIRLEY AHNER (b.) LLOYD KUHLMANN (b.) JENA MARSOLEK (b.) JASON MCKENNEY (b.) WES MORLOCK (b.)	19 DESTINY CONZEMIUS (b.) (QUINT) IRISH (b.) JODI and (MATT) MADDOCK (w.)	20	21 JASON and MARIAH MCKENNEY (w.)	22 TINA BUSCHE (b.) ANDREW CHERNEY (b.) ART DODDS (b.) MATTHEW NORMAN (b.) LYN RUTHERFORD (b.)	23 JOLENE BILOFF (b.)
24 PIPER LAVALLIE (b.) SAVANNAH ROLFSRUD (b.)	25 BRIANNA MAYHAIR (b.)	26 CODY CHAMPAGNE (b.) MACIE KRAPP (b.) RAIME and (DANA) KAPPENMAN (w.)	27 MIKE ANDERSON (b.) JASON CARTER (b.)	28	29 KIM STIEFEL (b.) MIKE and DIANE NEVA (w.) MARISSA and (JAKE) SINCLAIR (w.)	30
31 JANICE GUTHMILLER (b.) MARLYN and TRACI BERTSCH (w.)						

AUGUST








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 LWML Mission Grant #18.
2. For God to work through and bless our national LWML and LCMS leaders.
3. For Macau, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the opportunities to share your faith story.
5. For someone to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this week.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator.
7. For the country of Madagascar.
8. For the LWML Utah-Idaho District and the Gospel work there.
9. For those who are suffering from loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
10. For all LCMS pastors and church workers.
11. For the country of Mongolia.
12. For the opportunity to meet someone new this week.
13. For the opportunity to pray for someone who has a special need.
14. For our church to be united.
15. For the country of Malawi.
16. For the LWML Rocky Mountain District.
17. For your extended family who need Jesus.
18. For the mission work of the LWML.
19. For the country of Nicaragua.
20. For the LWML Wyoming District.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #19.
22. For opportunities to reach people who are still far from knowing God.
23. For the country of Namibia.
24. For the LWML Minnesota South District.
25. For the gifts and talents in your church.
26. For the country of Nigeria.
27. For LWML Mission Grant #20.
28. For volunteers with hearts of service.
29. For the LWML Central Illinois District.
30. For healing of strained relationships.
31. For more time to ready God's Word and listen to God's voice.

Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar – August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 List some people you are grateful for. Write what you appreciate about each person.	2 Bake a treat and share some with someone. 
3 Share a small act of generosity anonymously. 	4 Say thank you to someone who inspired you.	5 What friend are you grateful for? Tell them.	6 Write a card or note of encouragement to a shut-in.	7 Go one day without complaining – replace each grumble with a gratitude.	8 Cook a meal for someone who is tired or stressed.	9 Recognize how blessed you are to have an abundance of what you need, declutter and donate to someone.
10 Thank God for His unchanging love – read Lamentations 3:22-23	11 Encourage someone who is serving in a hidden or humble way.	12 Send a loved one a hand-written note. 	13 Offer someone a heartfelt compliment.	14 Thank a veteran in your life for their service.	15 List 5 sensory blessings (sight, smell, touch, hearing, and taste)	16 What are you grateful to be able to give? Give it.
17 Thank your pastor for his hard work. 	18 Cheer on someone else's achievements out loud.	19 Lend a hand to someone needing help.	20 Write down Colossians 2:6-7 and put it someplace you will see it.	21 Choose a mistake you have made. List 5 things that you learned or were blessings from it.	22 Leave a note of encouragement in a public place.	23 Write about what made you smile or laugh today
24 Be watchful and thankful in your prayers today (Colossians 4:2)	25 Pray for churches around the world facing persecution. 	26 Make a stranger's day with an act of kindness	27 Go on a walk and find something beautiful.	28 Call a parent or grandparent and be an active listener.	29 Volunteer to do an unpleasant task.	30 Write a note of encouragement to a church musician or choir member
31 Tell a friend what you see God doing in their life.						



Ladies' **BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAYS
7:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Soul Spa

40 Days of Spiritual Renewal

By Sharla Fritz

Bible Study with a glass of Iced Tea

The poster features a central white rectangular area with a red and white diamond-patterned border. The top-left corner of the border is decorated with a branch of autumn leaves in shades of orange and yellow. The text is centered within the white area. At the bottom of the border, there is a row of colorful, stylized houses in various colors including red, orange, yellow, and blue.

Microwave Popcorn for UJ BLOCK PARTY

Goal : 1000 bags

2025 Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND



Please join us for the third annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together family style to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship all in the beautiful Turtle Mountains of northern North Dakota. Event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat.

For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686 mobile.



GUEST SPEAKER: **Rev Sean Daenzer**

The Rev. Sean Daenzer is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. He previously served for seven years as pastor of a dual parish in rural North Dakota.

Daenzer holds a Bachelor of Music in Organ from Hope College, Holland,

Mich. (2006), and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2011).

He and his wife, Audrey, have four living children (Lucia, Monica, Renata and Christina) and two awaiting the resurrection (Perpetua and Matthias).

**SAVE THE
DATE**

—THIRD ANNUAL— TURTLE MOUNTAIN Ladies' Retreat

DATES:

Sept 26 – Sept 28, 2025

LOCATION:

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads,
St. John, ND

SPEAKER:

REV. SEAN DAENZER

TOPIC:

*"Liturgical Worship:
A faithful vehicle for delivering the
Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

ORGANIZER:

Noreen Linke

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bottineau

COST:

**\$150 - includes two nights
lodging and food**

DEPOSIT:

\$50 - Non-refundable

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday,
August 5th 5PM - 8PM
Service Project

Deep Cleaning the Church,
Pizza, and Fellowship

All Concordia family is invited to join us,
working together to take care of our church
home.

MORE INFO:

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**1st Sunday of
the Month**