

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



"Pot-Luck" & Voters Meeting on Sunday, July 30th, after the 10:30AM Service

There will be a "Pot-Luck" after the 10:30AM Service on Sunday, July 30th. Members are asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Elders will also once again be grilling hamburgers, brats and hot dogs. After the "Pot-Luck" there will be a very brief voters meeting.

Concordia's Financial Situation as of June of 2023

As of the middle of June Concordia has around a \$26,000 DEFICIT. This is normal this time of year and we often catch up on offerings during the last four months of the year. We currently have around \$43,000 in "padding" that is not dedicated to anything and available to cover a deficit if needed. The ideal goal would be for us to end 2023 with NO deficit or, even better, in the black. We had about a \$20,000 deficit at the end of 2022, and we were able to cover that with "padding" money that we had available. But if we have another \$20,000 deficit at the end of 2023, that will reduce our "padding" to just over \$20,000 – and that won't

last long if we have another deficit in 2024. As members of Concordia continue to give regular and sacrificial offerings to the mission and ministry of Concordia, we can avoid future deficits and move forward in mission and ministry for Christ's Church. Our community needs congregations that are faithful to God's Word – and so we pray that God will help Concordia to remain faithful and that we will continue to have a healthy congregation in years to come. In order for us to do that, current members need to make regular attendance at Services a priority and also be intentional about supporting Concordia with their offerings as well as becoming active at Concordia by serving our congregation with their God-given time and talents. May God bless us to this end!

Listen to Christian Programs

Online at WWW.KFUOAM.ORG

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod sponsors a radio ministry over KFUA-AM in St. Louis. This radio ministry reaches people around the world through their various programs that can be accessed online at www.kfuam.org. There are various programs dealing with various subjects. In fact, pastor Eckstein is a regular monthly guest on the program called "Thy Strong Word" where various pastors in the LCMS are interviewed about different sections of Holy Scripture. Be sure to check out all the wonderful Christian radio programs that you can listen to online via KFUA's web page!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesdays
1:00 – 3:30 pm
July 5th, 12th, 19th,
and 26th
Please let Nayva know if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study

"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply"

By Deb Burma

3rd Tuesday
(July 18th)

Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us anytime.

Women's Bible Study

In-home Bible Study opportunities:

New Song

Bible Study on the Psalms
Fri., July 7th @10:00 am 1301
 15th St. SW
 Marian Duff (Host)

Thurs., July 13th @ 1:00 pm
 114 12th Ave NE
 Meet in 2nd Floor Community Area
 Vera Schulz (Host)

Deaconess Nayva



Main Street Living TV Program
www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com
 Every Sunday on the local Fox Station at gam

The 4th of July brings thoughts of our nation's freedom - and that's a good thing. Yet another freedom that is ever so much greater is being "*set free from sin*" (*Romans 6:18*) and its bondage! "*For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*" (*Romans 8:2*). Now that's something that every Christian can celebrate every day!

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 – then click on the link under the picture identified as "**Fargo.**"

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!

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



We continue to collect items to celebrate 80 years of the LWML. Items needed are: cloth diapers, rubber pants, travel soap dishes, nail clippers, washcloths, bars of soap, combs, toothbrushes, and bandaids. These items will be used to put together hygiene kits and layette kits for Orphan Grain Train.

If you are able to help, please put the items in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for helping celebrate 80 years of the LWML!

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday.

We also continue to collect our mites to help pay for our mission projects. You may take a box home to collect your change and return to the Church and put in the large mite box in the Narthex. The International LWML convention met in June and determined the recipients for the Mite Mission Grants for this next biennium. There were 45 proposals on the ballot including Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch of North Dakota, Lutheran Hour Ministries in Kazakhstan, Disaster Response Team in Texas, Lutheran Braille Workers, Ministry in Mission in Haiti, Deaf Ministry and Outreach, Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Orphan Grain Train, Lutherans For Life, and Christ's Care for Children in Kenya. The results of the voting will be available in the next issue of the newsletter.



Thank you to all who helped to pay for the crafts items and for those who contributed the snacks for our VBS this year. We had 11 children registered for God's Living Water. Thank you to those who helped with VBS this year. Our helpers were Kyra, Layna and Jayla Hoffer, Mollie Lindberg who helped with crafts and experiments, Andrea Eckstein who helped with registration and our offering, Susan Lucht who did the snacks, Nayva Mulder for doing the lesson, Jen Hoffer and Nancy Elstad for working on the crafts and

experiments, Pastor Eckstein for doing the music. We thank you for all your work on VBS. Our offering was used to make hygiene kits to be given to Orphan Grain Train and the offering was \$171.00 and we put together 17 kits. Thank you for all your prayers for our VBS this year.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth group activities for July:

Youth Group meetings

Friday, July 7th 6:30 pm

Friday, July 14th 6:30 pm

Car Wash

Saturday, July 8th 10-2

RM Stoudts

Volunteers in July:

Elder Schedule

	8am	10:30am
Sun. 7/2	Gordy L.	Doug P.
Sun. 7/9	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D.	Ed M.
Sun. 7/16	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Larry W.
Wed. 7/19	7 pm	Quincy B.
	8am	10:30am
Sun 7/23	Dernel D.	Ed M.
	8am	10:30am
Sun. 7/30	Josh R.	Quincy B.

Communion/Altar preparation:

Larry and Ellen Walz

Musicians:

Sun. 7/2	Daine Flieth
Wed. 7/5	Daine Flieth
Sun. 7/9	Carmen McBride
Wed. 7/12	Carmen McBride
Sun. 7/16	Daine Flieth
Wed. 7/19	Daine Flieth
Sun. 7/23	Ione Somsen
Wed. 7/26	Ione Somsen
Sun. 7/30	Carmen McBride

Memorials

Memorials have been given to Concordia LCMS in the memory of Elsie Hieb. Thank you to Mary and Elden Englund.



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...

- Gerry Guthmiller
- Duane Remmick
- Susan Roemmich
- Norman Anderson
- Jennifer Randall; Spinal

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

- Tammy Michaelson (Sister-in-law of Carmen McBride)
- Colby Schrenk (Great-nephew of Esther Koenig)
- Mike Worner (Brother-in-law of Ann Snow)
- Maya Murray (Great niece of Shari Murray)
- Kevin Koenig (Son of Esther Koenig)
- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Andrea Trampe (Wife of Pastor Heath Trampe)
- Marlane Middlestead; Lung (Sister-In-Law of Shirley Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)
- Jennifer Randall (Friend of Clint & Tracy Arndt and Don & Nancy Elstad)

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

- Pastor Eckstein (Recovery from surgery)
- Kylie Tripp (Difficult pregnancy)
- Terese Carter (Medical tests)
- Lawrence Jorgenson (Ill health)
- Sheila Corwin (Ill health)
- David Bass (Healing from stomach abscess; Father of Jen Hoffer)

- Kennadee Boyer (Born with hole in her heart; Great-niece of Ann Schulz)
- James Lunneborg (Ill health; Brother of Ann Snow)
- Chantel McAllister; Difficult pregnancy (Niece of Nayva Mulder)
- Jackie Schraeder; Complications from Diabetes (Friend of Tina and Bill Busche)
- Scott Barefoot; Leg Infection (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Rachel Mulder (Ill health; Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; Kidney Disease (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Keith Rutherford; Covid (Son of Karen Connell; Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Arianna Walch; Batten's Disease
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)

Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones...

- Phyllis Denchfield

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms Confirmations Weddings

Funerals/Deaths

Phyllis Denchfield- passed away 6/4/23, funeral 6/9/23 at Concordia Lutheran Church

Transferred In Transferred Out

Shirley Schmitt – transferred to Hope Lutheran Church (Fargo)

Profession of Faith

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-613

Confirmed Members-464

2023

Baptisms (Infant)-o, (Adult)-o

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

Weddings-o

Funerals-5

Transferred In-o

Transferred Out-1

Profession of Faith-o

Miscellaneous Announcements

Every Lutheran home should have a copy of the Luther's Small Catechism. If you need one, we have a few copies that are looking for a new home. Please see the small table in the Narthex next to the mailboxes. Any remaining copies will be donated to the Orphan Grain Train next month.

The Liberian Children's Ministry is an organization that supports 15 rural Christian schools in Liberia, Africa. Our North Dakota Branch of the Orphan Grain Train has been helping this organization by sending food, books (including Luther's Small Catechism), school supplies, and equipment over the last seven years. If you would like more information about Joe Boway and this organization, see the flyer inserted in this newsletter.

Concordia Lutheran Church received a newsletter from **Lutheran Bible Translators**. A copy of the correspondence is included in this newsletter if you would like more information about some of the current projects.



Thank you to everyone for their calls, texts, cards, and prayers during Pastor's illness. Your kindness is appreciated. We feel blessed to have such a caring church family!

The Eckstein Family

Christ Cares for Children – Kenya/Project 24 has sent us their June 2023 newsletter. This is one of the missions that our North Dakota LCMS District funds support. If you're interested in this outreach ministry, there is

more information about how to get involved (see attached flyer).

SAVE THE DATE

September 29-October 1,
2023

All ladies who are interested in studying theology in the beautiful setting of the Turtle Mountains (at the **Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads** center).

Please see the attached flyer for more information. Registration forms are available, just contact the church office.

Serving the Lord in the Cayman Islands

The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. They both hail from South Africa and grew up speaking four languages (German, Afrikaans, English, and Zulu) and now speak Spanish also. This greatly benefits their mission work in the multi-cultural, multilingual population on the island. Come and hear more about their life in the mission field on **July 18th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hazen, ND** (see flyer for more details)

Lutheran Family Services

Some of you may have noticed that there have been notices in our bulletins from **Lutheran Family Services** in the last few weeks. They are in the process of developing their counseling

services in our area. The June ND District News indicated that LFS is currently accepting clients and members were invited to call for an appointment. **This is not correct.** We have been asked to post this announcement.

"There has been some confusion about the roll out for Lutheran Family Service in the ND District. They are ready to receive church worker only clients beginning July 1. They expect to have their counselors licensed in North Dakota by September 1. Once they are licensed, they will begin figuring out how to take congregational members and other clients for counseling. Please keep this process in your prayers as we partner with Lutheran Family Service to assist in the care of the emotional and mental health of our members in a Christ-centered manner."

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

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com

or

concordiajt@daktel.com

Concordia Events Calendar – July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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						9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train
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8am & 10:30am Service (Lord's Supper) 9:15am- Adult Bible Class 2pm Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train	OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4 TH OF JULY! 	1:00-3:30pm Stephen Ministry Class @ church NO 7pm Service (resumes 7/12)	8:30-9:30am Men's Bible Class 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group	10:00am Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train Youth Car Wash 10am-2pm RM Stoudts
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8am & 10:30am Service 9:15am- Adult Bible Class "Pot Luck" and Voter's meeting after 10:30 Service 2pm- Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train					

***Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**

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

***Chancel Duties: Larry & Ellen Walz**

6/22/2023

03:12 pm

Concordia Lutheran

July 2023

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 MATTHEW HUST (b.) ANITA SCHOLZ (b.)	3 LAYNA HOFFER (b.) JODI MADDOCK (b.) JEFF WOLSKY (b.) LLOYD and BECKY KUHLMAN (w.) KEN and (CAROL) ROEKER (w.) LYLE and LILA STOKKELAND (w.)	4 MARSHA HUST (b.) SANDRA JOHNSON (b.)	5 LILA STOKKELAND (b.)	6 LAKYNN DIETRICH (b.) BROCK HOCHHALTER (b.)	7 ANDREA ECKSTEIN (b.) (STEPHANIE) LOOSE (b.) LEVI and DANIELLE WESTERHAUSEN (w.)	8 AMANDA KRUEGER (b.) (NELLI) LIPETZKY (b.)
9 SUSAN DODDS (b.) JAYLA HOFFER (b.) (RYLEY) SMITH (b.)	10	11	12 DARRELL and MARJORIE PATZER (w.)	13 STEPHANIE FOX (b.) KINZLYANN LAVALLIE (b.) KELSEY PARISIEN (b.) NICK STARKEY (b.) JOSEPH and (KRISTEN) HOGGARTH (w.)	14 BRANDON KRAWCZYK (b.) KURTIS LUSTERMAN (b.) PAUL and PEGGY SPITZER (w.)	15 NICK WEBBER (b.) AARON WOLSKY (b.)
16 ROSEMARIE CLAUSON (b.) TRACY DENNING (b.) PAM HARTMANN (b.) MOLLIE LINDBERG (b.) DANIELLE WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	17 TRAPPER DEPEW (b.) KIRK DIETRICH (b.) JODEE HANSON (b.) GLORIA MORLOCK (b.) KIMBERLY and (KELLEN) BJONE (w.)	18 LISA BOERGER (b.) ALEX PIESKE (b.) KEN ROEKER (b.) FLYNN WATKINS (b.) HUDSON WATKINS (b.) JAMES and JULIE NORMAN (w.)	19 MARJORIE PATZER (b.) BILL and TINA BUSCHE (w.)	20	21 DARIN HUST (b.) SARAH ROWELL (b.) VERA SCHULZ (b.) ALISSA SHEALY (b.)	22 (ETHAN) HOLMQUIST (b.) LOUISE ROERICK (b.) DARIN and LAURA HUST (w.)
23 LEAH THOMS (b.)	24 DEBORAH FODE (b.) JEN HOFFER (b.) MICHAEL HUST (b.) GAGE MCCLEAN (b.) ELI SANKEY (b.) LYLE STOKKELAND (b.)	25 BRITTANY and BRADY VEN HUIZEN (w.)	26 DAWSON DENNING (b.) ARIANNA WALCH (b.)	27 KAREN JUNG (b.) SORA MILES MICKELSON (b.) (PAYTON) WIEST (b.)	28 SUE CORWIN (b.) AUBRIE MCINTYRE (b.) BLAKE and ASHLEY HOCHHALTER (w.)	29 JOSHUA and LORI RAMSEY (w.)
30 JIM COFIELD (b.) DENNIS and DAWN KRAWCZYK (w.) BOB and FRIEDA WHITNEY (w.)	31 ELDEN ENGLUND (b.) RHONDA and (TODD) MICHEL (w.)					







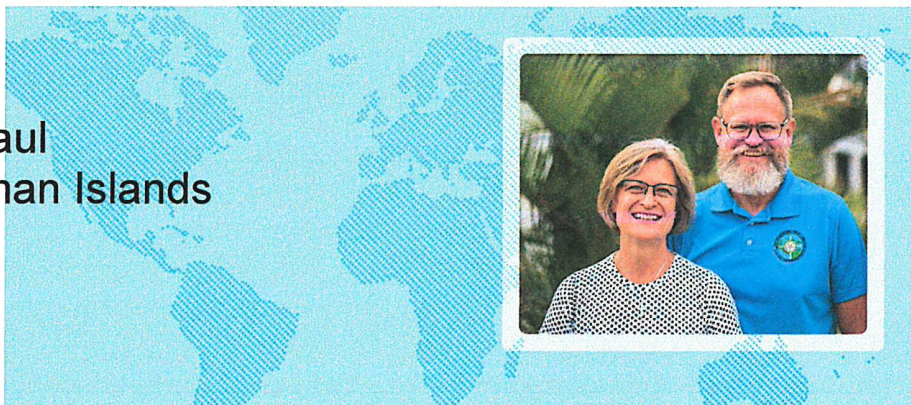


Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year!

- Donations of craft/science items
- Monetary donations
- Volunteer hours

God's Blessings to everyone who was involved!

Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul Serving the Lord in the Cayman Islands



Bio

The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Islands — both locals and expats — with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gerald also seeks to serve the transient Cuban refugee population on Grand Cayman. He is an adjunct professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic.

Heidi supports these mission efforts and has been using her background in early childhood education to explore the possibility of starting an early childhood center for children in the community. Recently, an education committee has been formed. Conversations with the LCMS Latin America and the Caribbean region leadership and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund have forged a solid start to make this dream a reality. They are currently in the process of finding property for a church, an early childhood center, a parsonage and accommodations for future teachers.

Gerald and Heidi both hail from South Africa. Gerald's home congregation is the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wittenberg near Piet Retief, Mpumalanga, and Heidi's is St. John's Lutheran Parish in Shelly Beach, Kwa-Zulu Natal. Gerald graduated with his Master of Divinity and doctorate in missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Heidi earned her teaching degree in South Africa and master's degree in early childhood education in Montana. They grew up speaking four languages (German, Afrikaans, English and Zulu), and now speak Spanish, which they started studying in 2021. This greatly benefits their mission work in the multi-cultural, multilingual population on the island. Gerald has served as parish pastor in South Africa, Wyoming and Montana prior to serving on Grand Cayman.

Please pray for Gerald and Heidi as they serve the Lord in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean. Let us give thanks that they are ministering to God's children in this part of the world.

Giving by Check: You can also make a donation towards Gerald's ministry by check. Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated with their last name, to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

(Or call 888-930-4438 to speak with someone.)



Dear Concordia Lutheran Church,

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works..."

Hebrews 10:24 ESV

As a sports team enters the final minutes of a high-stakes game, their energy and determination must increase. Now is not the time to let down their guard and relax. Even a winning game can turn sour. The fans sitting on the sidelines also cannot relax; **their presence and cheers will provide the support necessary for the team to make it through to the end.**

The Wayeyi people are in the final countdown before receiving the completed Shiyeyi New Testament. The translation team is focused and determined to finish strong. Yet, this is more than a high-stakes game – this is the Word of God in the language they understand best. This is God's message of salvation for them.

In the early days of the project, the team struggled to gain community support. It was the distribution of the Gospel of Mark, audio Scripture, and **Scripture engagement opportunities that began to illuminate the blessings of Scripture to the Wayeyi people.** During a community review, one woman surprised the team with her excellent reading. Neighbors in the community knew her. They marveled at how her skill had grown through ongoing

practice. The project's coordinator, Portia, **rejoiced as the Wayeyi people grasped that "[learning to read Shiyeyi] is not just theory, but is possible!"**

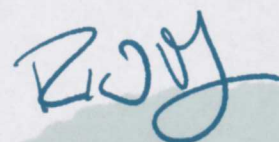
As the excitement builds, your financial support will go to sustain the energy and effort as this project nears completion. Community testing will not only check the readability of the text but will also help the community connect with Scripture. As coordinator Portia said, "Now is the time for [the community] to identify with the project, giving their knowledge and expertise."

**"...AN ACCURATE, BEAUTIFUL,
AND CLEAR SHIYEYI NEW
TESTAMENT."**

These final stages, while joyful, can be tedious. Big decisions will be made. Tiny details must be amended. But the result is worth the effort: an accurate, beautiful, and clear Shiyeyi New

Testament. You are invited to provide the cheers and support the Wayeyi translation team so desperately needs in these final moments. Your gift today will relieve the financial burden; your prayers will fight back against the spiritual forces seeking to discourage and dishearten.

The goal is to complete the New Testament in 2024. The time of need is now – and your support offers so much more than words. **Give today and encourage the Wayeyi team as they bring the light of Scripture to their people. Visit lbt.org/wayeyi**



Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske,
Executive Director & CEO

Contributions are solicited with the understanding that Lutheran Bible Translators has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. Lutheran Bible Translators will attempt to honor gift preferences to support particular workers, but the final decision on the use of the funds rests with the organization.

**PUT GOD'S WORD
IN THEIR HANDS**
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"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10 NIV

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THE LIBERIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Changing Children's Lives—Spiritually and Physically

Dear Partner in Mission:

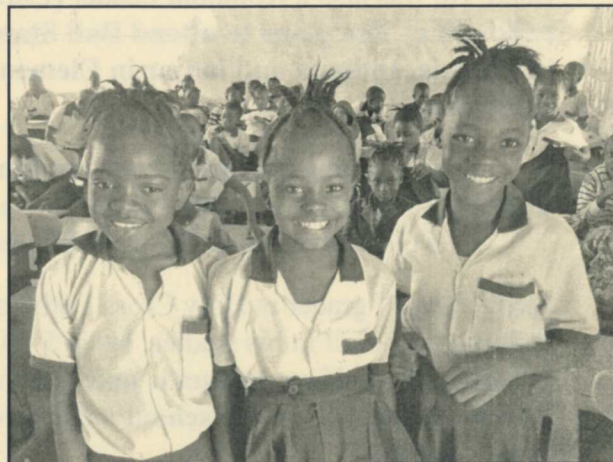
Thank you for your prayers for my February–March trip to Liberia. **Our ministry to the children in our 15 schools in rural Liberia is going well.** I was able to visit seven of our 15 schools during this trip. It was truly a blessing to once again see the faces of the children and their teachers and see how **God is molding and changing the lives of the children spiritually and physically.**

I met with the church leaders in Liberia during their National Convention in Monrovia. While at the convention, I had the opportunity to meet and visit with **Rev. Shaun Trump, LCMS International Mission Regional Director for Africa.** He was very moved by our school ministry and our goal of providing Luther's Small Catechisms to 5000 children in our schools.

Thanks again for your valuable part in this ministry.

In Christ,
Joe Boway

The smiles on the faces of the children in our schools in rural Liberia show how happy they are to attend school and learn about Jesus!



Boway Family Updates

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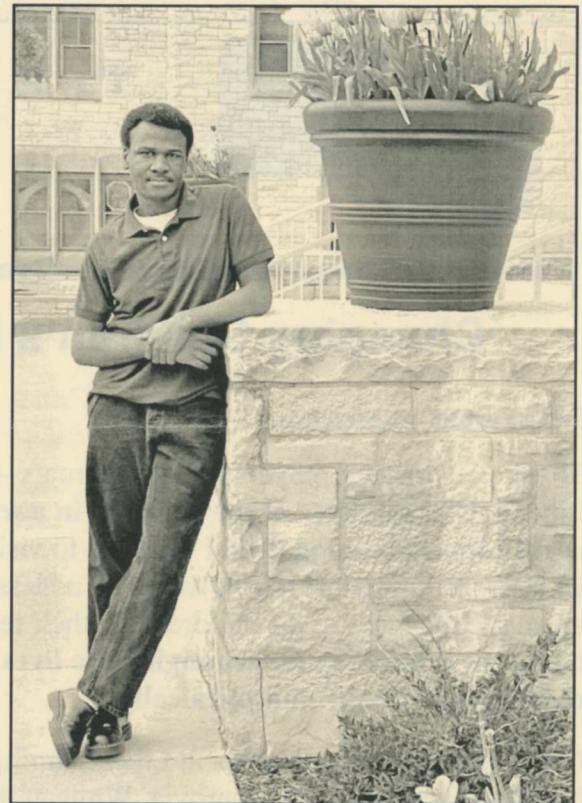
Joe Jr. will graduate from Concordia Lutheran High School on May 28th. Please join us as we celebrate this milestone. The last four of his 17 years have gone by so quickly. We always give thanks to God for you when we think back on all the milestones you have celebrated with us.

While at Concordia High School, Joe played the clarinet and saxophone. He participated in Concert Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Symphonic Band. He was also a Koinonia Leader (Christian Fellowship). **Joe plans to attend Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana and major in Elementary/Special Education.**

Joe's graduation open house is June 10th

Please join us if you are able - at the Boway's residence
5120 Cloverbrook Dr., Fort Wayne, IN

Joshua is a 7th grader at Holy Cross Lutheran School and is doing very well in his studies. He is 5 foot 11 inches tall and still growing. **Joshua is now the tallest in the Boway family. He on the school's track team and he loves running.**



Joe Weatu Boway



5000 Catechisms

The Liberian Children's Ministry has set a goal of providing a copy of *Luther's Small Catechism* to 5000 children in our schools in rural Liberia. We are collecting new and gently used copies of this book. If you would like to donate books to help us reach this goal, please contact Joe using the information below.

If you need a speaker for your Church, School, or Organization,
Joe, Glendora, Joe Weatu Jr., & Joshua Glenn Gbweah Boway would be happy to come
to tell stories about the children of Liberia and encourage your group in missions.

Contact info: Joe & Glendora Boway
5120 Cloverbrook Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46806
Tel: 260-447-7639; email: Bowayj@aol.com

Contributions: New Life Lutheran Church
2424 S. Coliseum Blvd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46803
Tel: 260-420-3024; email: info@NL4U.org

Make checks payable to: New Life Lutheran Church. (Contributions are tax deductible)

Online Donation: go to <http://www.nl4u.org/give/> Use the links under "Online giving through Tithe.ly"

On the drop menu next to the box "Give To:" change the option to "Liberian Children's Ministry"
before you make your donation. There is also an option for automated giving.

CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24



A FRIENDLY COMPETITION

"ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISES UPON YOU. SEE, DARKNESS COVERS THE EARTH AND THICK DARKNESS IS OVER THE PEOPLES, BUT THE LORD RISES UPON YOU AND HIS GLORY APPEARS OVER YOU. NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR DAWN." ISAIAH 60:1-3

In April of this year, we had the opportunity to once again organize the highly anticipated Catechetical Club Competition after a pause due to Covid restrictions. This special event brought together 200 students residing in eight children boarding facilities for a friendly competition, where they showcased their year-long achievements. They demonstrated their skills in various areas, including memorizing Bible verses, studying Luther's Small Catechism, singing hymns as a choir, and displaying their unique talents. The competition was a joyous celebration, and each site performed very well. Overall, it was a time of fellowship and enjoyment for all the participants.



SPONSORS MEET THEIR STUDENTS

This last spring, the LCMS extended an invitation to all of the Project 24 sponsors to visit Kenya and participate in the April Catechetical Club, organized by Project 24 Lurambi. The aim was for sponsors to witness the children's achievements through the program and personally meet the student(s) they support. It marked the first occasion where sponsors were specifically invited, and we were delighted to seize the opportunity to introduce this wonderful ministry to two American couples. They had the chance to explore several locations, observe the children's way of life and education, and interact with numerous beneficiaries of this program. These two couples have now become enthusiastic advocates of Project 24 and intend to share their experience with others across the United States. We thank God for all of the people who support Project 24.

Pictures above: The two couples from America visiting their sponsored students.

Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students
at the P24 sites: 224
children

- Lenkishon: 28 students
- Tumaini: 28 students
- Othoro: 28 students
- Udom: 28 students
- Rongo: 28 students
- Nyambiri: 28 students
- Kabichbich: 28 students
- Lurambi: 28 students

Students in the Beyond 24 program:
: 234 students

Number of Students
Sponsored as to date: 193

To be added to, or to remove your
name from the Project 24 newsletter
list, please contact:
britt.odemba@lcms.org

To sponsor a child at one of the
Project 24 sites please contact:
jennifer.hummel@lcms.org
Like us on Facebook:
Project 24 Kenya



SAVE THE DATE

First Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat

Dates: September 29 – October 1, 2023

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

Speaker: Rev. William Cwirla

Topic: Simul Justus Et Peccator - "Simultaneously justified and sinner"

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 the first 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.

Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat Registration Form

Must be a member in good standing of an LCMS church or a church in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with LCMS

September 29 – October 1, 2023

(Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, North Dakota)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LCMS

Congregation: _____

Pastor: _____

Total Retreat Cost is \$150. Registration is capped at the first 50 to secure their spot with a \$50 NON-refundable deposit. You may also pay in full if you wish.

Check # _____ Amount: _____

Registration cost does not cover the full retreat expense. Are you willing to give an additional donation toward the event? If so, please indicate here: _____

Donation amount: _____

(Donations will receive a Tax-deductible receipt. Registration fees are NOT Tax-deductible.)

Please indicate any special dietary requirements. Some dietary requirements may be accommodated upon request. _____

All Checks should be made out to: **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Please put "Turtle Mountain Ladies Retreat" in the memo line

and **mail to:**

Noreen Linke

301 Ohmer Street

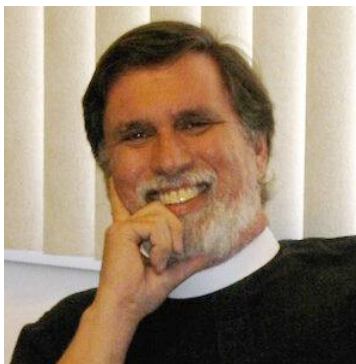
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281.770.6686 mobile or noreen@linkes.net for questions

2023 Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat

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

Speaker



Rev. William Cwirla

The Rev. William M. Cwirla recently retired and moved from Hacienda Heights, CA, where he served Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, to beautiful Port Angeles, WA, the epicenter for the Olympic Peninsula. Rev. Cwirla is a former president of Higher Things, and was the co-host of the acclaimed podcast, The God Whisperers. He was also a member of the Liturgy Committee for the Lutheran Service Book.

SPLISH SPLASH

LET'S RAISE SOME CASH!




CONCORDIA LUTHERN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Saturday

July 8th



all FREE WILL donations go to the youth group

The poster features a central blue rectangle with white and orange text. Surrounding this rectangle are several stylized hands in orange and yellow, some holding red hearts. Small red dots are scattered around the hands. The main title is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

CAYMAN ISLAND MISSION PRESENTATION

Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul
will present work as Pastor and Church Planter

JULY
18

5:30 SUPPER

7:00 PM
PRESENTATION

**ST. MATTHEW
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

302 3rd Street NW
Hazen, ND 58545

Supper:
You are welcome to bring a side
dish and /or dessert to go with
pulled pork.