

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Attend Holy Week & Easter Services at Concordia!

The **Maundy Thursday (4/06)**

Service will be at 7:00PM and the sermon title is: **"Water and Blood."**
The **Good Friday (4/07)** Service will be at 7:00PM and the sermon title is: **"The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross"**.

The Easter Sunday (4/09) Services will be at 7:00AM and 10:30AM, with Easter breakfast served from 8:00AM to 9:00AM. (**NO** Sunday School or Bible Class!)

NO Wednesday evening Services on 4/05 or 4/12!!

There will be NO Wednesday evening Services on April 5th or 12th. The Wednesday evening Service will resume on April 19th at 7:00PM.

Church Cancellation Announcements

Lord willing, we will not have to endure any blizzards in April! But if the weather gets bad and you're wondering if we're still having church, the best place to find out is by going to our web page -www.concordiajt.org – where a cancellation announcement will be posted if Services are canceled. In

addition, we will put cancellation announcements on www.csinevsnw.com and www.newsdakota.com

"Pot-Luck" and Voters Meeting on Sunday, April 30th !!

There will be a "pot-luck" after the 10:30AM Service on Sunday, April 30th, followed by a brief voters' meeting. Plan to attend!

New Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Holy Baptism!

Have you ever wondered why Lutheran's baptize infants and other Christian denominations (Baptist; Assembly of God) do not? Do you want to know what Scripture teaches about Baptism – WHAT is it and WHO it's for? We are starting a new bible study on Holy Baptism during our 10:00AM class on Tuesday mornings. Please join us if you are able!

"His Word is Truth" articles by Pastor Eckstein

Pastor Eckstein is once again publishing "His Word is Truth" articles in the Jamestown Sun. These articles appear in the paper on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Pastor will also put his new articles on our web page!

Monthly Newsletters Available on Concordia's Web Page!!

Concordia's newsletters are now on our web page. Just click on the top menu item "newsletters, calendar & pics" and then click on "newsletters" and you can view them from there.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Tom Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Women's Bible Study

"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply"

By Deb Burma

(April 4th & 18th)

Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us anytime.

In-home Bible Study opportunities:

"A New Song"

Bible Study on the Psalms

April 7th @ 10:00 am

1301 15th St. SW

Marian Duff (Host)

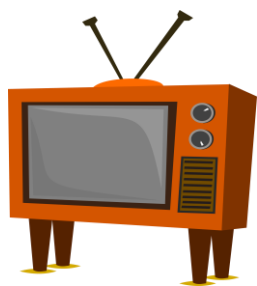
April 13th @ 1:00 pm

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

"He is risen! He is risen indeed!" These are the most important words in all the world! "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:5 This is the message at the center of the Main Street Living Media Ministry.

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"**. Worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as 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



The LWML will meet on April 4 at 3:00 p.m. We will make plans to attend the **Central Zone Spring Rally** being held on **April 15th in Edgeley**. The theme for the rally is "Spring Sock Hop." We will be collecting socks for Orphan Grain; there is a box in the Narthex for you to put them in if you would like to help. (**New** socks only please).

For more information about the Spring Sock Hop or the ingathering, please see the enclosed flyer or the poster on display.



We will also be collecting items to put together hygiene kits for Orphan Grain and these are things that are for the ingathering for the National LWML convention this summer in Milwaukee. Nayva will be attending as the delegate from the Central Zone and will take a report of what we have collected for the kits that will be given to Orphan Grain. You can find more information on the convention at lwml.org. Items needed for hygiene kits are bath towels, washcloths, nail clippers, band aids, soap boxes, travel size Kleenex, regular size soap, toothbrush. These items can be put in the box with the socks as well and we will separate them.

Thank you for your support of this mission project and the LWML.

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday.

Mites are collected to help support 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 focus this month for International LWML is **Mission Grant #27–Deaconess Training in Uganda**. Please see the attached page for more information about the project and a prayer guide.

The LWML quilters continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 1:00. Anyone is welcome to come and help. A beautiful display of their work was seen in the sanctuary the week of March 22nd.





We will be having intergenerational Sunday School on Palm Sunday (April 2nd) at 9:15 a.m. We hope your family will be able to join us as we learn about Holy Week and all that Jesus has done for us. We look forward to seeing you there. There will not be Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner too. This will be held the week of June 4th this year. There is a registration form in the newsletter and we ask that you fill this out and place in the box marked VBS in the narthex. We would like to order shirts for those attending and this will help us to know how many shirts we will need to get. Watch for further information in the May newsletter.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth group activities this month:
Friday, April 7th 2-4pm

April 9th Easter Breakfast-8:00am

Friday, April 28th 6:30-8:30pm



Thank you for supporting the Youth
Soup Supper Bars
Concordia Youth

Volunteers in April:

Elder/Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 4/2	8am	10:30am
Palm Sunday	E = Dave H. A = Alexander	E = Doug P. A = Sankey
Thurs. 4/6	7pm	E = Dave H. A = ---
Fri. 4/7	7 pm	E = Dave H. A = ---
Sun. 4/9	7am	10:30am
Easter Sunday	E = Dave H. A = Jason C.	E = Larry W. A = Hoffer
Sun. 4/16	8am	10:30am
	E = Dernel D. A = Alexander	E = Ed M. & Josh R. A = Layla
Wed. 4/19	7pm	E = Dave H. A = Backen
Sun. 4/23	8am	10:30am
	E = Dernel D. A = Jason C.	E = Ed M. A = Hoffer
Wed. 4/26	7pm	E = --- A = Lexi W.
Sun. 4/30	8am	10:30am
	E = Dernel D. A = Alexander	E = Ed M. A = Hoffer

Musicians:

Sun. 4/2	Carmen McBride
Thurs. 4/6	TBD
Friday 4/7	TBD
Sun. 4/9	Phyllis Denchfield
Sun. 4/16	Daine Flieth
Wed. 4/19	Daine Flieth
Sun. 4/23	Ione Somsen
Wed. 4/26	Ione Somsen
Sun. 4/30	Daine Flieth

Amazon Smile

Although Amazon has discontinued their program (as of Feb. 20, 2023), we have been issued a donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation for \$35.23 based on program activity in the last quarter of the year 2022. We may expect additional disbursements until the end of May, based on what funds were accrued in the first quarter of 2023. Thank you to those who have used this avenue for the last 10 years to make contributions to Concordia.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Choice dollars can be directed to Concordia Lutheran Church which then are used to support various ministry opportunities not only at Concordia but also in the community.

Thank you to for the **March deposit of \$168** in Thrivent Choice Dollars contributed by:
Allan Ray Hust
Verney Jorgenson
Clarice Spitzer
Larry Walz
Bob Whitney

Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesdays

1:00-3:30 pm

Please let Nayva know if you have any questions

Communion/Altar

preparation:

Phyllis Denchfield



Please pray for those serving our country...

- Nick Cherney; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND
- 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...

- Susan Roemmich
- Jennifer Randall

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

- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Marlane Middlestead; Lung (Sister-In-Law of Shirley Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)
- Kevin Koenig (Son of Esther Koenig)
- Colby Schrenk (Great-nephew of Esther Koenig)
- Maya Murray (Great-niece of Shari Murray)
- Andrea Trampe (Wife of Pastor Heath Trampe)

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

- Rob Craig; Arm injury
- Lawrence Jorgenson; Ill health
- Cammy Ost; Broken elbow
- Arianna Walch; Batten's Disease
- Thelma Kinsler; Recovering at home (Mother of Randy Kinsler)
- James Lunneborg; Ill health (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Chantel McAllister; Difficult pregnancy (Niece of Nayva Mulder)
- Jackie Schraeder; Complications from diabetes (Friend of Bill and Tine Busche)
- Kendal Scott; Heart attack (Son of Corrine Scott)
- Scott Barefoot; Leg Infection (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Sue Hedberg; Kidney Disease (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Keith Rutherford (Son of Karen Connell; Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)

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

- Cheryl Leean
- Pastor Barrie Henke (friend of Pastor Eckstein)

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms Confirmations Weddings Funerals/Deaths

Cheryl Leean passed away on March 15th, the funeral was held at Concordia on March 24, 2023

Transferred In Transferred Out Profession of Faith

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-615

Confirmed Members-466

2023

Baptisms (Infant)-0, (Adult)-0

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-4

Transferred In-0

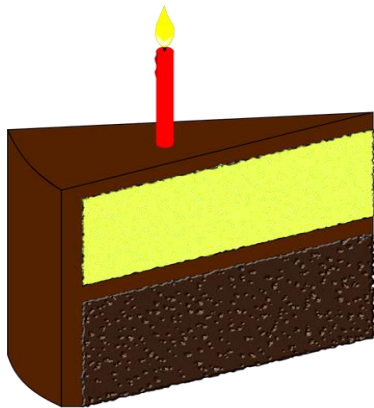
Transferred Out-1

Profession of Faith-0

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Misc. Announcements

Concordia Lutheran Church
Council Minutes were not available
at time of printing.



The family of **Joyce Michaelson** would like to invite everyone to an Open House to celebrate her 90th Birthday. Due to inclement weather in March, the event was rescheduled for **April 29, 2023 2:00-5:00** in the Fellowship Hall of Concordia Lutheran Church. (Hosted by Carmen McBride)

Ladies of the Congregation.....

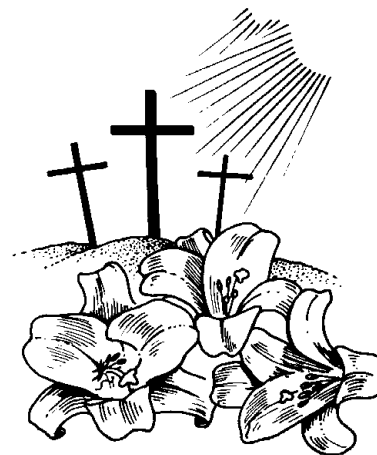
There are some of us who have been reminiscing about traditions of our past. The recent Ladies Tea Party was a catalyst. Now, we are interested in reviving the tradition of wearing Easter bonnets/hats for Easter Sunday. Please grab a hat and join us to celebrate in this special way. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

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

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com

or

concordiajt@daktel.com



*Have a Blessed
Easter!*

Concordia Events Calendar – April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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						9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8
8am & 10:30am-Services (Lord's Supper) 9:15am- Palm Sunday event for ALL AGES!! 2pm-Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train 7pm- Board of Elders & Stewardship 8pm- Council	10am -Bible Class 1pm- Quilting 7pm- Women's Bible Class @Concordia	1-3:30pm – Stephen Ministries Class NO Confirmation class (resumes 4/12) NO Service (resumes 4/19)	NO Men's Bible Class (resumes 4/13) 7pm-Maundy Thursday Service (Lord's Supper)	10am- Ladies Bible Study @ Home of Marian Duff 2pm-4pm Youth Easter Breakfast prep. 7pm-Good Friday Service	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train
9 Easter Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15
7am & 10:30am-Services (Lord's Supper) 8 am-Easter Breakfast , NO Sunday School & NO Bible Class (resumes 4/16) 2pm-Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train 1:30pm- Dorcas Circle	10am -Bible Class 1pm- Ruth Circle 7pm- Naomi Circle	1-3:30pm – Stephen Ministries Class 5:45pm- Confirmation (last class) 7pm- NO Service (resumes 4/19)	8:30am- Men's Bible Class 1pm- Ladies Bible Study @ home of Vera Schultz		9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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***Fridays are Pastor Eckstein's Days off!**
***Mondays are Deaconess Nayva's Days Off!**
***Chancel Duties: Phyllis Denchfield**

Mite Challenge Calendar

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS: *I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing (Ezekiel 34:26b).*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ Is this your birthday month? Donate 50¢
² Palm Sunday, wave a palm branch. Donate 25¢	³ Read the Passion story, John 18:1–19:42. Donate 82¢	⁴ Pray that all will know and love Jesus. Donate 40¢	⁵ Explore walking/hiking trails. Donate 25¢	⁶ Maundy Thursday, attend Holy Communion. Donate 60¢	⁷ Good Friday! Thank Jesus for His sacrifice. Donate 75¢	⁸ Memorize LSB 461 vs 1, I Know That My Redeemer Lives. Donate 30¢
⁹ Easter Sunday, wear a hat to church. Donate 50¢	¹⁰ Dance with joy in the Resurrection. Donate 20¢	¹¹ Thank Jesus for all the blessings in your life Donate 15¢	¹² Enjoy grilled cheese sandwiches with friends. Donate 25¢	¹³ Put a puzzle together with a friend. Donate 45¢	¹⁴ Learn how to scan pictures. Donate 10¢	¹⁵ Paint rocks with children. Donate 20¢
¹⁶ FaceTime with your family Donate 85¢	¹⁷ Hide painted rocks around your neighborhood Donate 35¢	¹⁸ Have a karaoke night with friends. Donate 15¢	¹⁹ Bike ride outside or use a stationary bike inside. Donate 65¢	²⁰ Cook/bake something new. Donate 10¢	²¹ Babysit for a Pastor or a Church Worker. Donate 20¢	²² Earth Day! Plant flowers. Donate 45¢
²³ Thank God for the blessing of His creation. Donate 75¢	²⁴ Take or paint a sunset picture. Donate 25¢	²⁵ Invite family/friends for an indoor picnic. Donate 40¢	²⁶ Pretzel Day! Learn how to make or just eat pretzels. Donate 10¢	²⁷ Meditate on God's blessings. Donate 30¢	²⁸ Arbor Day! Visit a park or plant a memory tree. Donate 55¢	²⁹ Look for new things on the LWML website. Donate 15¢
³⁰ Open the windows (if possible). Donate 45¢						

CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24



STATE OF PROJECT 24 FORUM

"AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS, NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER, AS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR" HEBREWS 10:24-25

Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, the P24 site managers along with their teams, as well as members of the LCMS Africa field office met together in the northwest region of Kenya to hold the annual State of Project 24 Forum. The beautiful hills of West Pokot and the cooler air were a wonderful treat for those who had traveled far from the dusty and dry parts of Kenya. We gathered together once again to discuss the progress of the Project 24 program. This was a time for the site managers to share their challenges as well as their successes with the greater audience, receiving good commentary and support from the two church bodies. We thank God for bringing this partnership together and for continuing to bless their efforts to help the vulnerable children in Kenya.



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

This month also brought two other special events: the graduation of our first Project 24 student who is going into church work and a few Project 24 advocates visiting from the United States. As you may recall, we have shared with you the story of Daniel. He began the Project 24 program as a young boy, residing at P24 Udom site. He continued on into secondary school, the Pre-College Luther Academy program and then on to the evangelism certificate program at Kapenguria Bible College. He graduated this month and will now be serving as the chaplain for the P24 Kabichbich site. We know that he will have a lot to share with the 25 boys who reside there and we pray that God will continue to bless his ministry.

We also hosted a team of six people who are strong supporters of the P24 program here in Kenya. They were able to visit all eight sites and see first hand the love and support that is given to the children of the ELCK. We are grateful for their continued support as they share the story with others in the U.S.

Pictures above: P24 Director congratulates P24 student Daniel Sengoi in front of the forum. The visitors from the U.S. visit P24 Othoro.



Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students
at the P24 sites: 200
children

- Lenkishon: 25 students
- Tumaini: 25 students
- Othoro: 25 students
- Udom: 25 students
- Rongo: 25 students
- Nyambiri: 25 students
- Kabichbich: 25 students
- Lurambi: 25 students

Students in the Beyond 24 program:
: 234 students

Number of Students

Sponsored as to date: 177

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

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Project 24 Kenya



Deaconess Training in Uganda

Expanding God's Love in Uganda LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region — \$92,000

Pray for the development of a deaconess training program in Uganda.

Prayer #1

Dear Lord, we pray that You will bless the Lutheran Church of Uganda and the LCMS as they work together to establish a deaconess training program in Uganda. As the project moves forward, be with them as they purchase land next to the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda, build a dormitory, and train new students in the Word so they can serve You as they serve others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer #2

Dear Lord, we ask that You be with the missionaries, pastors, and deaconesses in Uganda as they go and reach out to the people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be with the new students as they train to become deaconesses. Empower them by Your Holy Spirit to go and teach Your Word, reaching people who do not know about You and Your saving grace in Jesus. Be with all the people that are working to make this happen serving You in this part of the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Prayer #3

Dear Lord, the Lutheran Church in Uganda is steadily growing and needs more help to spread the Good News of the Gospel. We ask You to help them through this grant to establish a training center for deaconesses who will aid the pastors. May they train up faithful women who will work to provide spiritual care, teach, and show mercy in communities throughout Uganda. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer #4

Dear Lord, Uganda in eastern Africa is an area that is growing in faith, and they need more teachers and spiritual leaders to help guide them to You. We ask that You bless this project of building a new dormitory for housing the ten new students who will be trained as deaconesses. We ask You to guide this project and bring it to fruition. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



lwml.org/mission-grants

CUT OR FOLD THIS LWML PRAYER GUIDE ON THE DASHED LINE AND KEEP IN YOUR BIBLES FOR DAILY MISSION SUPPORT REMINDERS.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is steadily growing in eastern Africa. It has requested LCMS assistance to train deaconesses locally so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to communities throughout Uganda. The LCU wants to be able to provide training to qualified women at their seminary, Lutheran Theological College of Uganda (LTCU).

There are 30 pastors and two deaconesses serving 150 congregations in Uganda. The LCU leadership serves to share the Gospel message to all corners of Uganda. On average, there are twenty-five baptisms per week throughout the Lutheran churches.

The two deaconesses currently serving were trained at the Neemia Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya, and lived apart from their families, including young children, for up to three years. Their service with the LCU started in May 2019. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, they have helped strengthen Bible study groups, started or expanded children's Sunday school, expanded a Lutheran day school, and educated individuals and families about God's design for the family in various ways, thus encouraging a change in habits and behavior. They have also strengthened music ministries in their various communities.

This grant will help establish a training center for women who wish to serve as deaconesses. The funds will purchase land next to the seminary, purchase fencing, and allow for the building of a small dormitory. It will help support ten students with healthcare, food, utilities, books, and transportation. Women who wish to serve their Lord, can remain in their home country as they learn to care for their people and assist the pastors in the LCU.

Uganda is a patriarchal society, which means the needs of women and children are often placed secondary to the men and many opportunities are not available to them. Trained deaconesses serving in communities throughout Uganda will help combat the stigma towards women and children. Their presence will provide opportunities to educate communities as to the value of all people within the Christian household and their various vocations, as well as show mercy and care to those in need.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants

