

# Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



## December 2024 & January 2025 COMBINED Newsletter

Our secretary, Andrea Eckstein, will be gone from Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and so we decided to do a combined newsletter for December and January. So there will be TWO calendars in this newsletter.

## Concordia's Financial Situation as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

We had some good offerings in October. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, we were about \$20,000 BEHIND in giving versus spending. However, we historically get some good offerings in November & December. As Concordia's members give to the Lord's Church in November & December, we hope to end 2024 with no deficit or, better yet, in **the black** (as was the case at the end of 2023).

## Special Services in December

1. Pastor Eckstein is preaching a special Advent series for the Sundays in December which he wrote for Concordia Publishing House. The sermon series theme is: "His Name Shall Be Called." The sermons will be on the four titles for Christ found in Isaiah chapter 6. On Sun. 12/01, the sermon will be "Wonderful Counselor." On Sun., 12/08 the sermon will be "Mighty God." On Sun., 12/15, the sermon will be "Everlasting Father." On Sun., 12/22, the sermon will be "Prince of Peace."
2. There will be three midweek Advent Services at 7:00PM on Wednesdays 12/04, 12/11 & 12/18. The sermon titles are:  
12/04 = "Let There Be Light!"  
12/11 = "The Light in Our Darkness"  
12/18 = "Jesus Is The Light of the World!" Plan to attend!
3. The Children's Christmas Service will be at 2:00PM on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Christmas EVE Service will be at 5:00PM. The sermon title is: "Emmanuel!"
5. The Christmas DAY Service will be at 10:00AM. The sermon title is: "We Also Have Come to Worship Him!"

## Pastor Eckstein's Vacation Plans

Pastor Eckstein and family will be on vacation from 12/26/24 until

1/03/25. If there is an emergency while Pastor Eckstein is gone, call Pastor Robert Hill (701-435-2305). On Sunday, 12/29, there will only be ONE Service at 10:30AM. The Service will be led by **Pastor Al Eppen**. (NO 8:00AM Service and NO Sunday School or Bible Class at 9:30AM!!) .

## ND LCMS District Convention in Minot, ND: 1/19/25 – 1/22/25

Every three years the ND District of the LCMS has a District Convention for elections to various District positions as well as voting on various resolutions pertaining to our mission and ministry together. Pastor Eckstein will be our congregation's pastoral delegate and Rob Craig will be our congregation's lay delegate. Deaconess Nayva Mulder, will be attending as an advisory delegate.

**NO Wed. Evening Services on  
12/25 – 1/22.** (Resumes 1/29)

**NO Tues. Morning Bible Class on  
12/24 – 1/21.** (Resumes 1/28)

**NO Thurs Morning Men's Bible  
Class on 12/26 or 1/02.** (Resumes  
1/09)

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Eckstein*



## Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



### Fellowship

#### **BOOK CLUB**

##### The Choir Immortal Harvest Raise

By Katie Schuermann.

Copies of the books (new and used) are available for sale in the church Narthex.

Discussion date:  
Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
2:00pm

#### **Grief Support Fellowship** January 19<sup>th</sup> Noon

\*No meeting in December\*

## Women's Bible Study

### **Women's Bible Study**

#### **NEW Unforgivable?**

*How God's Forgiveness  
Transforms us*

**Tuesday**  
**Fellowship Hall 7:00PM**  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Feel Free to join us  
anytime.

### Hymn Study

**Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**  
**Friday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am**

Marian Duff (Host)  
Ave Maria B25

### A New Song

Bible Study on the Psalms  
**Thurs, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**  
**Thurs, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**

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

Apt. 2030

## Outreach

### **Stephen Ministry Wednesdays**

1:00 – 3:30PM

December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Please let Nayva know if you have any  
questions.

*Deaconess Nayva*



**Main Street Living TV Program**  
[www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com)  
Every Sunday on the local Fox  
Station at gam

*"AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH  
and dwelt among us, and we have  
seen His glory, glory as of the only  
Son from the Father, full of grace  
and truth." John 1:14*

On December 25<sup>th</sup> we will once  
again celebrate the birth of the  
incarnated Son of God, Jesus of  
Nazareth, Savior of the World! May  
we increasingly recognize,  
appreciate, and herald this best  
news of all to our neighbors and  
the world!

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.



The LWML will meet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm.



Our quilters are a busy bunch. Recently, 23 finished quilts were taken to the Orphan Grain Train for distribution to people in need. The quilters will meet on December the 3<sup>rd</sup> and then be taking a break over the holidays. Quilting will resume on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, continuing with the regularly scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1:00PM. All are

welcome and no experience is needed - we will teach you.

### **The first Sunday of December and January is Mite Sunday**

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$133.25** in November. Thankyou for supporting our mission grants.

We continue to collect our mites to help pay for mission grants and we pray that we will be able to fund all our District and National LWML mission grant projects for this biennium....the mission grant being featured this month is:

### **LWML Mission Grant #26**

### **LIFE CONNECTION EVENTS AND KITS**

### **Lutherans For Life | \$70,000**

The mission of Lutherans for Life (LFL) is to renew hearts with the Word of the Lord and to receive every human being as a sister or brother with whom we may share God's everlasting blessings. Life issues like an unplanned pregnancy or a terminal diagnosis offer us mission moments.

This grant will provide funds to support the outreach effort to young adults to encourage their involvement in LFL Life Teams and Life Chapters. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-26](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-26)

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

your mites. See the enclosed LWML flyer with more suggestions for ministry support.



Please join us for the **Children's Christmas Service on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM**. Sunday School sessions at **9:30AM on Dec. 1, 8, and 15** will be practice sessions for the service. Refreshments will be served after the service.

December 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday School session until it resumes again on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



### **YOUTH OF CONCORDIA-**

You can be a **Light** to others in many ways. One way to let your **light** shine is in service to others e.g. acolyte during the Service. Check out the **sign-up list** on the narthex table for opportunities to acolyte.



## FUNDRAISER SALES

Thank you to everyone who ordered Lefse and Honey, voted for the best chili, bid on pies or brought baked goods to help the Youth raise money for the 2025 Summer National Youth Gathering. The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Honey sale brought in \$39, the Lefse sale brought in \$100, the Chili cook-off brought in \$343, and the Pie/baked goods auction brought in \$560.

## Youth Group December

Friday 6th 6:00 PM  
Church Decorating

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM  
Frosting cookies/Cookie Walk  
Prep and Christmas Party

COOKIE WALK  
Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 9AM

January  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 6PM  
Church Undecorating

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM

## COOKIES!



The annual **Cookie Walk** is coming on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. Sign up to bring cookies to share and/or take home a box of treats for \$10. You pick what you like and you can support the Youth while treating your sweet tooth!

## Chili Cook-off Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place = Kim Murray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Ellen Walz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = Pastor Tom  
(represented by Andrea)



Thanks to everyone for participating!

## Volunteers for the December: Communion/Altar preparation:

December = Sue & Gordy  
Lucht  
January = Open

## Musicians:

Sun. 12/1	Carmen McBride
Wed. 12/4	Carmen McBride
Sun. 12/8	Daine Flieth
Wed. 12/11	Carmen McBride
Sun. 12/15	Daine Flieth
Wed. 12/18	Daine Flieth
Sun. 12/22	Ione Somsen
Christmas Eve	Carmen McBride
Christmas Day	Daine Flieth
12/29	Lile Douglas

## Elder and Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 12/1	8am	10:30 am
	E = Dernel D. A = ---	E= Doug P. A = ---
Wed. 12/4	7 pm	E=Quincy B. A = ---
Sun. 12/8	8am	10:30am
	E =Dave H. A = ---	E = Ed M. A = ---
Wed. 12/11	7pm	E =Curt S. A = ---
Sun. 12/15	8am	10:30am
	E = Dernel D. A = ---	E= Larry W. A = ---
Wed. 12/18	7pm	E =Curt S. A = ---
Sun. 12/22	8am	10:30am
	E =Curt S. A = ---	E = Josh R. A = ---
Christmas Eve	5pm	E = Doug P. A = ---
Christmas Day	10am	E = Ed M. A = ---
Sun. 12/29	No 8am service	10:30am
	----	E = Ed M. A = ---





### 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
- Vanessa Edwards (Friend of Lori Roberts)
- 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...

- Tom Boerger
- Gordy Lucht
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Verney Jorgenson
- Marian Duff
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Hunter Vonasek (Grandson of Pastor Al and Ellen Eppen)
- Tina Martell (Daughter of Betty Hjelmhaug)
- Brad Boerger (Brother of Tom Boerger)

- Harrison Smith (Brother-in-law of Dave Hinz)
- Blair Baker (Cousin of Bill & Tina Busche)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Evelyn Bollinger (Great grand-daughter of Kathey Ziegler)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Eric Lucht (Son of Gordy and Sue Lucht)
- Pam Syverson (Friend in the community)
- Gordie Christenson (Cousin of Randy Flieth)

## **SACRED ACTS:**

### Baptisms Weddings Funerals

#### Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-607

Confirmed Members-455

2024

Baptisms (Infant)-3, (Adult)-3

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-4

Transferred In-7

Transferred Out-5

Profession of Faith-2

Removed due to inactivity-3

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## Miscellaneous Announcements



The Thanksgiving Day Meal Committee would like to thank all the volunteers for helping to make the **Thanksgiving Day Community Meal** the success it is today. We're expecting another big day with 27 turkeys waiting to be prepared. May God bless us with many more successful years ahead!

## thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. Recently we received \$308 at the request of:

Pastor Tom Eckstein  
Gerald Guthmiller  
Allan Ray Hust

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

## 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.

We've had a lot of great activities this fall at Concordia!



This sweet couple was having fun at the NorsktOberfest this year. Make sure you mark your calendars to join in on the festivities in September and October of 2025.



Thanks to everyone for your participation in the recent food drive. Because we were able to collect 300 items, we also were able to facilitate a monetary donation of \$400 to the Great Plains Food Bank. All the food that was donated went to the local Salvation Army. Awesome job church!

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



Christmas cards are available for purchase in the narthex, \$8 per box.

## **Concordia Lutheran Voter's Meeting Minutes October 28, 2024**

The voters meeting was called to order.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Officers who have agreed to serve in 2025 are:

Randy Flieth – President

Doug Pieske – Director of Elders

Daine Flieth – council Secretary

Sue Corwin – Director of Education

Don Elstad – Director of Stewardship

Kevin Nelson – Director Trustees

Kim Murray – Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Josh Ramey – 4<sup>th</sup> term as Elder

Dernel Denning – 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Elder

Motion was made seconded and approved that Josh Ramsey be able to serve for 4<sup>th</sup> term.

Motion made and seconded and carried to approve list of officers.

Budget was presented.

The budget for 2024 is \$363,227.00 and the new budget is \$376,481.00 which is a 3.6% increase.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new budget.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Cards of thanks and a gift were given to Pastor and Nayva for clergy appreciation.

Respectfully submitted


Sue Corwin

Secretary pro-tem





## Concordia Events Calendar – December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper)</b>  <b>9- 9:30</b> – Fellowship time <b>9:30</b> - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  <b>2- 4pm</b> Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian  <b>6:30pm</b> Handbells	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>7pm</b> Elders/ Stewardship meets  <b>8pm</b> – Council meets	<b>10am</b> Bible Class  <b>1pm</b> – Quilting  <b>3pm-9pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  <b>7pm</b> -Women's Bible Study @Concordia	<b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b> - Soup Supper (Handbells host)  <b>7pm – Advent Service (Lord's Supper)</b>  <b>8pm</b> - Choir	<b>8:30</b> – Men's morning Bible Class   <b>6pm</b> – Church Christmas decoration  <b>6pm</b> – Youth Group	<b>10am</b> – Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home (Ave Maria – B25)   <b>6pm</b> – Youth Group	<b>7am – 12pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>10am – 4pm</b> District Convention Floor Committee meetings @ Concordia
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Services</b>  <b>9- 9:30</b> – Fellowship time <b>9:30</b> - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  <b>2- 4pm</b> Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian  <b>6:30pm</b> Handbells	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>1:30pm</b> Dorcas Circle	<b>10am</b> Bible Class  <b>1pm</b> – Ruth Circle  <b>3pm-9pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  <b>7pm</b> – Naomi Circle	<b>1pm-3:30pm</b> – Stephen Ministers – Christmas Party  <b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b> - Soup Supper (Quilters host)  <b>7pm</b> - Advent Service <b>8pm</b> - Choir	<b>8:30</b> – Men's morning Bible Class   <b>1pm</b> - Women's Bible Study @ Vera Schultz apartment		<b>7am – 12pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>10am</b> – Youth Group - prep. for Cookie Walk
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper)</b> <b>9am</b> – “Cookie Walk” and Fellowship time <b>9:30</b> - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class <b>2pm</b> – Children's Christmas Service  <b>2- 4pm</b> -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian <b>6:30pm</b> Handbells	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train  <b>7pm-8pm</b> “Everyone His Witness” Class for church leaders @Concordia	<b>10am</b> Bible Class  <b>3pm-9pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  <b>7pm</b> -Women's Bible Study @Concordia	<b>5:30pm –6:30pm</b> - Soup Supper  <b>7pm – Advent Service (Lord's Supper)</b>  <b>8pm</b> - Choir	<b>8:30</b> – Men's morning Bible Class		<b>7am – 12pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Service</b>  <b>9- 9:30</b> – Fellowship time  <b>9:30am</b> - Adult Bible Class (NO Sunday School for children)  <b>2- 4pm</b> Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian  <b>6:30pm</b> Handbells	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train	NO 10am Bible Class  <b>5pm – Christmas Eve Service (Lord's Supper)</b>  <b>7:30pm</b> - Pastor Eckstein leading Christmas Eve Service in Grace/ Carrington	<b>10am – Christmas Day Service</b>  *Pastor Eckstein on vacation after Christmas Day Service, and returns late on Friday Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  NO Evening Service (resumes Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> )	NO 8:30 Men's morning Bible Class		<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>				
NO 8am Service (resumes Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> ) NO Fellowship time OR Sunday School OR Adult Bible Class  <b>10:30am</b> - Service	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train	NO 10am Bible Class ( resumes Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> )				



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

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

**\*Chancel Duties: Susan and Gordy Lucht**



## Concordia Events Calendar – January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 New Year's Day</b> NO evening Service (resumes Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>2</b> NO Men's Bible Class (resumes Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>3</b> 10am – Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home 6pm Youth Group  *Pastor Eckstein Returns	<b>4</b> 7am – 12pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
<b>5</b> 8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper)  9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School and Adult Bible class 2- 4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian  6:30pm – Handbell practice	<b>6</b> 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train  *Pastor Eckstein in Fargo through 1/8 for Pre-Lent Conference	<b>7</b> NO 10am-Bible Class (resumes Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> )  1pm - Quilting	<b>8</b> NO evening Service (resumes Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> )  8pm - Choir	<b>9</b> 8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class  3pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7am – 12pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
<b>12</b> 8am & 10:30am Services  9-9:30am – Fellowship time  9:30am – Sunday School and Adult Bible class  2- 4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian 6:30pm – Handbell practice	<b>13</b> 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train  1:30pm – Dorcas Circle  7pm – Elders & Stewardship meeting  8pm – Council	<b>14</b> NO 10am-Bible Class (resumes Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> ) 1pm – Ruth Circle 3pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  7pm – Naomi Circle	<b>15</b> 1pm-3:00pm – Stephen Ministers  NO evening Service (resumes Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> )  8pm - Choir	<b>16</b> 8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class  1pm – Women's Bible Study @Vera Schulz Apartment	<b>17</b> 6:30- 8:30pm Youth Group	<b>18</b> 7am – 12pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
<b>19</b> 8am & 10:30am Service (Lord's Supper)  9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School and Adult Bible class  12pm – Grief Support Meeting 2-4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian 6pm – ND District LCMS Convention begins in Minot, ND 6:30pm – Handbell practice	<b>20</b> 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train  ND District LCMS Convention in Minot, ND	<b>21</b> NO 10am-Bible Class (resumes Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> ) 1pm - Quilting  ND District LCMS Convention in Minot, ND	<b>22</b> NO evening Service (resumes Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> )  8pm – Choir  ND District LCMS Convention in Minot, ND	<b>23</b> 8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class  3pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington	<b>24</b> 6:30- 8:30pm Youth Group	<b>25</b> 7am – 12pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
<b>26</b> 8am & 10:30am Service 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School and Adult Bible class “Pot Luck” and Voter's Meeting after 10:30 Service 2-4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian 6:30pm – Handbell practice	<b>27</b> 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train	<b>28</b> 10am-Bible Class 3pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  7pm - Women's Bible Study @Concordia	<b>29</b> 1pm-3:00pm – Stephen Ministers  7pm – Service  8pm – Choir	<b>30</b> 8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class	<b>31</b>	

**\*Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**  
**\*Mondays-Deaconess Nayva's Day Off!**  
**\*Chancel Duties: Open**

11/19/2024

04:52 pm

Concordia Lutheran

December 2024

***Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries***

Search: =December; 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> VERNON HERMAN (b.) DAVE HINZ (b.) MATT WEGENKE (b.)	<b>2</b> DREW MURRAY (b.) JAMES NORMAN (b.) KENDRA ROBERTS (b.)	<b>3</b> MEL BROWN (b.) BRADY KRUEGER (b.) TRAVIS LINDBERG (b.) CHRISTINA SANDBERG (b.) KAIDA WALCH (b.)	<b>4</b> SHARON DUNAWAY (b.) MIKE DRONEN and COLLEEN OSTER (w.)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AMY DIETRICH (b.) HELENA EPPEN (b.)	<b>7</b> JAMES ROSIN (b.) (AREYNA) THOMPSON (b.) MARVIN and KAREN ROEMMICH (w.)
<b>8</b> KYRA HOFFER (b.)	<b>9</b> JIM ENGLUND (b.) DARLENE FLIFLET (b.) ARLENE HORST (b.) VERNEY JORGENSEN (b.) BRUCE TOLTZMAN (b.) CARTER ZIEGLER (b.)	<b>10</b> MATT and (BONNIE) LUCHT (w.)	<b>11</b> JOSHUA RAMSEY (b.) MJ WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	<b>12</b> SHERRI HOCHHALTER (b.) KADEN MURRAY (b.) ERIC ROVA (b.)	<b>13</b> MARK CHAPIN (b.) ISABELLA MCINTYRE (b.)	<b>14</b> JANE LORIG (b.) EDNA NORHEIM (b.)
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> MATTHEW HALL (b.) BRITTNEY HETLETVEDT (b.)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> DUANE GAHNER (b.) (DELILAH) JACOBSON (b.) PARKER LIPETZKY (b.) JAMIE MORLOCK (b.)	<b>20</b> EMILY DILOCKER (b.) KATHY GOLDE (b.) RHONDA MICHEL (b.) DUANE RUDNICK (b.) ABRIANA SOULIS (b.)	<b>21</b> SAVANNAH and COLE ROLFSRUD (w.)
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January 2025

***Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries***

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> (KELLEN) BJONE (b.) JON and JULIE NATHAN (w.)	<b>2</b> NICOLE LAUSCH (b.)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> MARK WILLEY (b.)
<b>5</b> JOLYN BIERI (b.) EDITH DOUGLAS (b.) LYNDI KRUEGER (b.) MATT LUCHT (b.) MARY MCCARY (b.)	<b>6</b> MICHELLE REITEN (b.)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ALISON ROBINSON (b.) FRIEDA WHITNEY (b.)	<b>9</b> BRITILEIGH IRISH (b.)	<b>10</b> JOHN NANNENGA (b.)	<b>11</b> LORIE DUPPONG (b.) RICHARD OLSON (b.) KAREN ROEMMICH (b.)
<b>12</b> (WHITNEY) BOERGER (b.) MARILYN HETLETVEDT (b.) PHILIP and TOBY CHERNEY (w.)	<b>13</b> TOM BOERGER (b.) JULE PAHL (b.)	<b>14</b> JORDAN KRAPP (b.) NICK LANIER (b.) SIERRA SAND (b.)	<b>15</b> JULIE MAYHAIR (b.) CODY MICKELSON (b.)	<b>16</b> AUSTIN SCHWANDT (b.)	<b>17</b> DON and NANCY ELSTAD (w.) TRAVIS and TAMMI LINDBERG (w.)	<b>18</b> (JAXSON) SINCLAIR (b.)
<b>19</b> MARY ENGLUND (b.) COREY LAUSCH (b.) CAROLYN MIEMIETZ (b.) PAULA OHNSTAD (b.) PAUL SPITZER (b.)	<b>20</b> DUKE and CAROLYN MIEMIETZ (w.) ERIC and DEB ROVA (w.)	<b>21</b> SANDRA DOCKTER (b.) CHAD PRICE (b.)	<b>22</b> CORY GUTHMILLER (b.) JESSE PRICE (b.)	<b>23</b> RICK LIPETZKY (b.)	<b>24</b> ANDY KINZLER (b.)	<b>25</b>
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# DECEMBER

*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 the gift of Jesus, coming as a vulnerable child to open heaven to us through His sacrifice on the cross.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #28.
3. For the privilege of waking to a new day full of fresh mercy.
4. For The United Kingdom.
5. For those serving in the LWML at the local, district, and national levels.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Pastoral Counselors.
7. For the country of Uruguay, one of 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
8. For the LWML South Wisconsin District.
9. For thanksgiving of God's peace in a world of tribulation.
10. For our country, the United States of America.
11. For those who don't have enough to eat, Lord, please provide.
12. For LWML Mission Grant #29.
13. For those who need miraculous healing: spiritual and physical.
14. For our families during this Advent season.
15. For the country of Venezuela.
16. For the LWML North Illinois District.
17. For vulnerable children around the world.
18. For the tender love and mercy that the Lord shows us daily.
19. For those considering service in church vocations: pastors, deaconesses, and teachers.
20. For discernment to see the lost and hurting.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #30.
22. For those who are caregivers.
23. For the country of Vietnam.
24. For those grieving, give them hope.
25. For the birth of God's only Son.
26. For the country of Zambia.
27. For LWML Mission Grant #31.
28. For God's faithfulness to us.
29. For thanksgiving for God's amazing gift of grace in Christ Jesus.
30. For those who are persecuted because of their faith.
31. For the glory of God, may it be shown all around the world through us who profess His holy name.



# JANUARY

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*Use this prayer guide for the month of January. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. What a joy it is to lift these needs to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For God's direction in your life during this new year.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #1.
3. For Afghanistan, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For your pastor.
5. For your LWML District Board of Directors.
6. Epiphany! Thank God that Jesus came to save us!
7. For the country of Angola.
8. For the LWML Texas District.
9. For young people to follow Jesus.
10. For all church workers.
11. For the country of Argentina.
12. For your community and the opportunity to share the Gospel with other people groups.
13. For LWML Mission Grant #2.
14. For our Lutheran Women in Mission President.
15. For the country of Austria.
16. For the LWML Oklahoma District.
17. For all Lutheran Braille Workers and volunteers.
18. For all law enforcement officers.
19. For the Bahamas.
20. For your vocation.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #3.
22. For those who receive needed staples from food pantries.
23. For the country of Bangladesh.
24. Recite the Lord's Prayer today.
25. For the editors of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.
26. For the homebound in your congregation.
27. For your dear friends.
28. For countries that have not yet heard the Gospel.
29. For the homeless in your area.
30. For the country of Belize.
31. For Sunday school teachers.

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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

His Name Shall Be Called




AN AFTERNOON OF SONGS & SCRIPTURES

**Sunday, December 15th 2:00 pm**

Followed by Birthday Cake & Hot  
Chocolate Bar





Concordia's

*Christmas*  
**TREE**  
**Decorating**

**December 6**

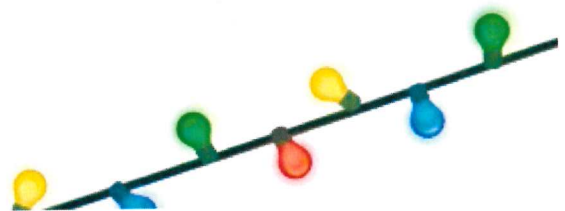
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Come , bring the  
family and help us  
decorate the  
sanctury and church

SEASONAL  
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Concordia's  
*Christmas*  
**TREE**  
unDecorating  
Friday, January 3rd



6:00 pm

Come , bring the  
family and help us  
undecorate the  
sanctury and church

SEASONAL  
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JOIN US FOR A

# CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

*Hosted by*  
CONCORDIA YOUTH



DECEMBER

15

9:00 AM

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JAMESTOWN, ND

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$10 A BOX

WHAT TO BRING?

AN APPETITE FOR COOKIES



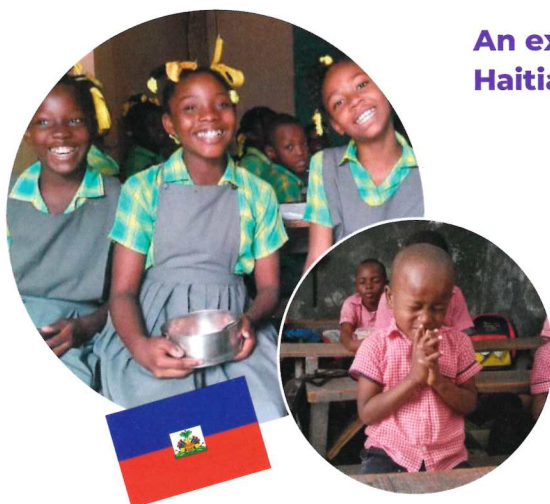
# Make a *difference* for the **future**



## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I wish you tidings of comfort and joy during Advent and Christmas. We are reminded of the importance of life and salvation as we reflect on the gifts God has bestowed upon us — most notably His Son, humbly born as a helpless child. Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is dedicated to sharing these gifts with others around the globe.

In 2024, we were honored to present **\$1,576,988** to 18 LWML Mission Grant recipients.



### An example of our impact—Mission Grant 15: Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals at Trinity HOPE.

LWML Recording Secretary Brenda Piester was thrilled to present the check to Trinity HOPE. In Haiti, more than four million people suffer from acute hunger, and the cycle of poverty is nearly impossible to break. Your support of LWML makes a tangible and eternal difference in the lives of children who are taught to thank Jesus before eating food bought with mission grant funds. Your faithful support is what enables LWML to joyfully proclaim the Gospel and support missions in 84 countries worldwide.

See the next page for a list of all 31 of our mission grants and read more about them at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

## As the year ends, I invite you to consider the many ways you can support our ministry.

Donating to our **General Fund** helps cover the day-to-day costs of operating our international non-profit ministry so that 90% of district mite offerings can be directed to missions.

Our **Endowment Fund** helps us build a reserve for future ministry and security in times of crisis.

Our **Gifts of Love Gift Planning Ministry** provides guidance on how to arrange charitable giving in a way that will support ministry and family, even after we join our Savior in heaven. It is awe-inspiring to consider how God can use us now through our faithful giving and how He will continue to work through charitable gift planning.

Lutheran Women in Mission has been here since 1942, and with your help, we will continue to serve for years to come. Please consider making a gift today by visiting [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) or using the enclosed form. Your generous support ensures we can continue proclaiming the Gospel and helping those in need for generations.



Wishing you a blessed Advent and Christmas season,

*Edén M. Keefe*

**Edén Keefe**  
Lutheran Women in Mission  
President 2023–2027



# Thank you

**for considering the many ways  
you can support our ministry!**



## Mission Grants

These help spread the love of Jesus to the hurting, helpless, and unbelieving people of the world.

### LWML General/Unrestricted Fund

Supports our day-to-day needs as an organization.

### LWML Endowment Fund

Since being established in 2001, generous donations, along with prudent investments, have allowed the LWML Endowment Fund to grow. It provides funding for the training of LWML leaders and covers many operational costs, allowing 90% of district mite offerings to directly impact people around the world.

### IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Individuals age 70½ and older may make gifts directly from their IRA to a qualified charity. Individuals age 73 and older must take “required minimum distributions” from their IRA each year. With the IRA charitable rollover, these individuals can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly to charity and it satisfies the required minimum distribution. If you are interested in blessing Lutheran Women in Mission with a charitable distribution from your IRA with the added benefit of reducing your income taxes, please contact one of our LWML Gift Planning Counselors so they can show you how.

Linda Gage | [linda.gage@LFND.org](mailto:linda.gage@LFND.org)

Carol von Soosten | [carol.vonsoosten@LFND.org](mailto:carol.vonsoosten@LFND.org)

### Gifts of Love Gift Planning Ministry

Our Gift Planning Counselors, Linda Gage and Carol von Soosten, provide support and guidance on how to arrange your charitable gift plan in the most effective way to share your faith, bless your family, and impact ministry. Your donations to the Gifts of Love Gift Planning Ministry allow us to provide this service at no cost to members and their families and without using Mite Box offerings.

## 2023-2025 Mission Grants

✓ = fully funded!

	Goal
<b>1 Orphan Grain Train Servant Center</b> USA.....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>2 A Healing Space for At-Risk Children</b> Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND .....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>3 Serving God's Children with Special Needs</b> Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI .....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>4 Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment</b> Lutheran Braille Workers .....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>5 Disaster Response Team</b> Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, TX .....	\$50,000 ✓
<b>6 Mobile Kitchen Forged by Fire Services</b> Gulf Coast Region, USA .....	\$85,000 ✓
<b>7 Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach</b> LCMS Life Ministry .....	\$96,500
<b>8 Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide</b> Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO .....	\$100,000
<b>9 Equipping Young Leaders</b> LCMS Youth Ministry .....	\$50,000
<b>10 Set Apart to Serve</b> LCMS Office of Pastoral Education.....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>11 Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job</b> Ministry in Mission, Haiti.....	\$85,000 ✓
<b>12 Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth</b> Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, LA .....	\$35,000 ✓
<b>13 Water and the Word Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> Kenya .....	\$80,000 ✓
<b>14 Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach</b> Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, USA .....	\$47,000 ✓
<b>15 Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals</b> Trinity HOPE .....	\$58,082 ✓
<b>16 Care for Street Children of Western Kenya</b> Capstone Ministries.....	\$50,000
<b>17 Nurturing Faith for the Aging</b> Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew).....	\$100,000
<b>18 Zoe's Home Support</b> Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO.....	\$75,000
<b>19 Tanzania Children's Homes</b> Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa .....	\$74,500 ✓
<b>20 Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan</b> Lutheran Hour Ministries .....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>21 Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church</b> Lutheran Family Services, USA .....	\$106,000 ✓
<b>22 Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in U.S.</b> Lutheran Hour Ministries .....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>23 A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children</b> Lutheran Special Education Ministries, USA.....	\$100,000
<b>24 God's Word for Central and South American Missions</b> Lutheran Heritage Foundation.....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>25 Bringing God's Word to India</b> India Bible Translation Project.....	\$100,000
<b>26 Life Connection Events and Kits</b> Lutherans for Life.....	\$70,000
<b>27 Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry</b> Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, NE .....	\$50,000
<b>28 Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students</b> Our Place After School Care, Inc., NE .....	\$20,000 ✓
<b>29 Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School</b> Cullman, AL .....	\$50,000 ✓
<b>30 Showering Love on the Least of These</b> Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA .....	\$100,000 ✓
<b>31 Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit</b> Camp Restore Detroit, MI.....	\$58,989 ✓



# Noisy Offering



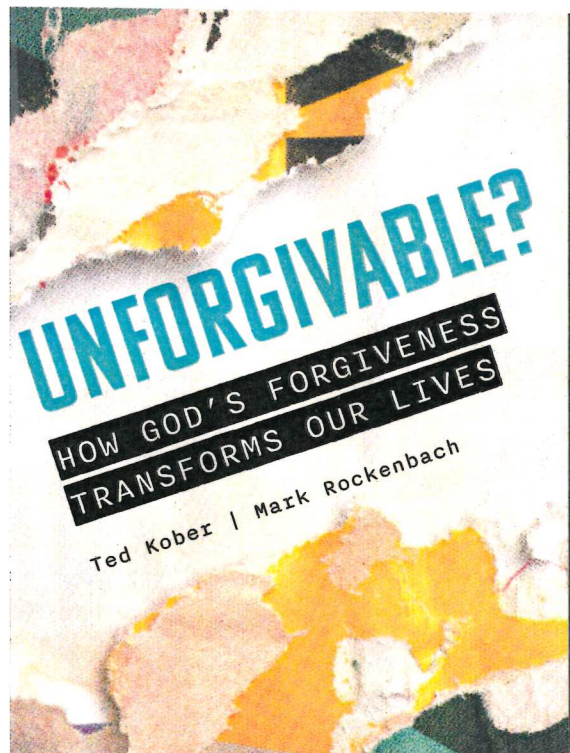
1st Sunday of  
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# Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS AT 7PM

12/3, 12/17, 1/28



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