

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Pastor Eckstein's Vacation Plans

Pastor Eckstein and his family left on vacation after the Christmas DAY Service. They are traveling to O'Fallon, Missouri, to spend time with Joshua and his family. In addition,

Christianna and her husband will also be joining them in O'Fallon, Missouri. Pastor plans to return late on Thursday, January 5th.

Pastor Dennis Voss will lead the 10:30AM Sunday Service on January 1st. (There will be NO 8:00AM Service on January 1st!) If there is an emergency while pastor Eckstein is gone, contact pastor Bob Hill (701-659-1860).

New Sunday Bible Class on The Gospel of Matthew!!

Starting on Sunday, January 8th, pastor Eckstein will begin a new Sunday morning bible class on the Gospel of Matthew. We will learn many wonderful teachings from our Lord Jesus from this Gospel. Plan to attend, and invite

a friend! (Also, there will be NO Sunday morning Bible class on January 1st).

Sunday Sermons in January and February

Pastor Eckstein is taking a break from his sermon series on the Book of Exodus so that he can preach on sermon themes for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons of the Church Year.

Pastor plans to resume his sermon series on the Book of Exodus on February 26th.

Joshua Eckstein Receives Historic Artifact for Christmas Gift!

Our son, Joshua, is a Director of Christian Education at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, Missouri. On December 8th Joshua attended a meeting of local LCMS DCEs during which they had a white elephant gift exchange. One of the gifts was brought by the DCE who serves historic Trinity Lutheran in St. Louis where the first president of the LCMS, C.F.W. Walther, served as pastor. The DCE from historic Trinity informed all the DCEs that her gift was a personal item used by C.F.W. Walther over the years. Joshua ended up receiving this item during the white elephant gift exchange. Joshua was very curious as he opened this gift. He was wondering what sort of personal item from C.F.W. Walther it could be. He was overjoyed to find out that he was

given C.F.W. Walther's personal chamber pot!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



NEW

Women's Bible Study

Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply

By Donna Pyle

1st and 3rd Tuesday
(Jan. 3rd & 17th)
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel free to join us anytime.

In-home Bible Study opportunities:

"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply"

By Deb Burma

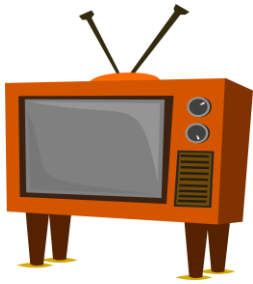
Fri., January 6th @ 10:00 am
1301 15th St. SW
Marian Duff (Host)

“A New Song”

Devotions on the Psalms

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 9am

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS!
 Have you made some of these - perhaps related to diet and/or exercise? I’m not much of a New Year’s resolutions kind of a person; but on the other hand, **FRESH STARTS** are one of the most important aspects of a Christian’s life! Every time we **REPENT** of our sins, we are not only confessing that we have done something contrary to God’s will, but we are also to be intentionally declaring our **RESOLUTION** to change our minds and actions regarding that sin! With God’s forgiveness and on-going process of our sanctification, may our 2023 be filled with resolutions that allow God’s Holy Spirit to continue to “transform us by the renewing of our minds” (Romans 12:2) - in Christ! A Blessed New Year to all!

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!

-Ken Koehler/ MSL North
 Volunteer Coordinator



Mission Mites

The first Sunday of the month is mite Sunday. The January 2023 featured Mission Grant #23 is **Showing God’s Love** in the International District, Albuquerque, NM. For more information about this mission and how your mites are helping others, see the attached flyer.

The **LWML** will meet on January 3rd at 3:00. We will be planning for the Spring events.

Quilting will resume on Jan. 3rd at 1:00pm.



Sunday School will begin again on January 8th at 9:15 am. We look forward to having your children join us as we learn of Jesus and His Love for all of us.

Sunday School Superintendent
 Sue



Youth group activities this month:
Friday, January 6th at 6:30-8:30pm
Friday, January 20th at 6:30-8:30pm
Sunday, January 29th afternoon
 Bingo Fundraiser

Musicians:

Sun. 1/1	Daine Flieth
Sun. 1/8	Carmen McBride
Wed. 1/11	Carmen McBride
Sun. 1/15	Daine Flieth
Wed. 1/18	Daine Flieth
Sun. 1/22	Ione Somsen
Wed. 1/25	Ione Somsen
Sun. 1/29	Phyllis Denchfield

Elder/Acolyte Schedule

	8am	10:30am
Sun. 1/1	N/A	Larry Walz Flieth
Sun. 1/8	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D. Alexander C.	Ed M. Hoffer
Wed. 1/11	7pm	N/A Backen
Sun. 1/15	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D. Jason C.	Doug Pieske Layla A.
Wed. 1/18	10am	Quincy B. Lexi W.
Sun. 1/22	8am	10:30am
	Dave Hinz Jason C.	Josh Ramsey Hoffer
Wed. 1/25	7pm	NA Backen
Sun. 1/29	8am	10:30am
	Dave Hinz Sankey	Quincy B. Ashley L.

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to set up for communion in 2023:

Communion/Alter Preparation

Month	Volunteers
January	Amy Nuestel
February	Nancy & Don Elstad
March	Twyla Anderson
April	Phyllis Denchfield

May	Marjorie Patzer
June	Esther Koenig
July	Larry & Ellen Walz
August	MJ W & Daine Flieth
September	Lisa Boerger
October	Marleen Councilman
November	Doug and Patti Pieske
December	Susan & Gordy Lucht



The youth frosted 240 cookies for the cookie walk. They raised over \$400.

Thank you for all those excellent bakers who donated cookies for our cookie walk.

Concordia Youth



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...

- Kevin Koenig
- Will McIntyre (Kidney)
- Susan Roemmich
- Jennifer Randall; (Spinal)
- Mark Lee; (Heart)

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

- Art Mielke (Throat Cancer)
- Clarice Spitzer
- Maya Murray (Great-niece of Shari Murray)
- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)
- Pastor Toby Heller
- Pastor Barrie Henke (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Andrea Trampe (Wife of Pastor Heath Trampe)
- Mona Leuhr (Niece of Lou Ann Wayne)

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

- Malakai Robinson; Concussion (Grandson of Bill and Sharon Dunaway)
- Arianna Walch; Batten’s Disease
- Kendall Scott (Son of Corrine Scott)
- Scott Barefoot; Ill health (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Becky Cooper (Friend of Jolyn Bieri)
- Sue Hedberg; Kidney Disease (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Keith Rutherford; Ill health (Son of Karen Connell; Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Lynn Spitzer; Recovering from Stroke (Mother of Lisa Sand-Barton)
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)

Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones:

- Leona Ruer Family
- Pastor Robert Rowan Family
- Sylvia Martin Family
- Alvin Grubele Family
- Dan Heuer Family

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms

December 6th – Helena Linn Eppen, infant daughter of Daniel and Alissa Eppen, granddaughter of Al and Ellen Eppen.

Confirmations Weddings Funerals/Deaths

December 6th – Leona Reuer, whose funeral was held at Concordia on December 10th.

Transferred In Transferred Out Profession of Faith

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-621

Confirmed Members-472

2022

Baptisms (Infant)-3, (Adult)-0

Confirmations (Junior)-4, (Adult)-0

Weddings-0

Funerals-6

Transferred In-6

Transferred Out-4

Profession of Faith-0

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

Amazon Smile

When shopping at Amazon, don't forget to use **SmileAmazon.com** and **choose Concordia Lutheran Church as your charity!** If you use Amazon Smile which

uses your current Amazon account, you may elect a charity to receive a percentage of your total purchase as a donation!! We received a **\$30.57** donation for activity between July 1 and September 30, 2022. Thank you to those that elect to have Concordia as your Charity of choice!



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our church for Christmas; from those who purchased poinsettia plants to those who braved the weather to place/hang decorations. Many thanks for your beautiful work!

**Concordia Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
December 5, 2022**

Present: Pastor Eckstein, Aaron Roberts, Sue Corwin, Kim Murray, Kevin Nelson, Doug Pieske, Don Elstad, Nayva Mulder.
Absent: Daine Flieth

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron and opened with prayer led by Pastor Eckstein.
Treasurer's Report: No report
Pastor's Report: Member changes, Will Ziegler to Zion in Edgeley, ND. Motion made and seconded to approve the change. Motion carried. Advent services will be on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be on 12/24 at 5:00 p.m. There will be one service on Dec. 25th at 10:30 a.m. as

well as one service on 1/1/23. The 8:00 a.m. service will resume on January 8 th . Pastor and family will be on vacation from December 26 th through January 5 th . Pastor is now publishing a "His Word is Truth" article twice per month in the Jamestown Sun. They will be published on the second and fourth Saturday paper.

Elders report: They set up their schedule and planned soup supper.

Deaconess Report: The Youth collected over 800 items for the food pantry. Setting up acolyte schedule for January-March. Doing two Bible Studies in homes, Women's Bible study on Tuesday evenings, waiting on information to start Stephen's Ministry.

Board of Education: The children's Christmas service will be on December 18th at 2:00 p.m. There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st .

Board of Trustees: Snow removal is going well when it snows. Had fire department inspection and need to fix exit lights and emergency lights.

Board of Stewardship: They are planning a card party for January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Evangelism: No report

Board of Social Ministry: No report

Old Business: Northeast door update: The cost to replace the door is \$4,950.00. The funds approved at the voters meeting for building repairs will be used to pay for the door. The handbells are on hold for the present.

New Business: There was a request from Washington School to use the church as an emergency site. This was approved by the council.

There was a request to update the phones and the system. There was a quote from Dakota Central to update phones for a cost of \$1,538.00. A motion was made to do 4 phones

from Dakota Central with changing from 5 to 4 phones. Seconded and carried.

Pipe organ system: After discussion it was decided not to pursue at this time and no action was taken.

Upgrade Kitchen sink: A letter was read from the Thanksgiving committee to update the kitchen sink and countertop and they will pay to upgrade the sink to a bigger one. A motion was made and seconded for them to do so. Motion carried.

There were several DVD players not being used at the time and after discussion a motion was made and seconded to donate these items to Orphan Grain to be sent to places that could use them. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 9th at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted:
Sue Corwin, Secretary pro-tem

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

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or

concordiajt@daktel.com

If anyone has questions, comments or concerns to present to the Church Council, please contact the Congregational President:

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