

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Concordia's Financial Situation as of November 30th, 2023

As of the end of November Concordia had about a \$19,000 DEFICIT in giving versus spending for 2023. If we get some good offerings in December, we can hopefully reduce some or all of this deficit. However, what if we have a DEFICIT at the end of 2023? We currently have about \$49,000 in "padding" to help us with any deficit we may have at the end of 2023. But that "padding" won't last long if our offerings do not continue to meet our budget needs. Therefore, as the members of Concordia give sacrificially in the remaining days of 2023 and on into 2024 we can, by God's grace, continue to move forward in mission and ministry for His Kingdom..

Friday, January 5th, 6:30PM: Help Take Down Christmas Decorations!!

Please join fellow members of Concordia on Friday, January 5th, at 6:30PM at the church as we work together to take down the Christmas tree and other decorations. The more

people we have to help, the more quickly we can get this done.

New Year's Resolution: Start Attending Bible Studies at Concordia!

If you haven't been attending one of the Bible studies offered at Concordia, prayerfully plan to start doing so in 2024 and beyond so that you may grow in the knowledge of God's Word and thereby receive comfort and the wisdom to be an articulate witness for Jesus in our world!

Our **Sunday** Bible class meets from 9:15AM to 10:15AM, and we are currently making our way through the Gospel of Matthew. Plan to attend, and invite a friend!

Also, our **Tuesday** morning Bible class meets from 10:00AM to 11:00AM, and we are currently studying what Holy Scripture teaches us about Holy Baptism. Have you ever wondered why we Lutherans have a different teaching about baptism than other churches OR why we baptize infants and other churches do not? You will find answers to these and other questions in this class. Hope you can join us!

In addition, on **Thursday** mornings from 8:30AM to 9:30AM we have men's Bible class, and we are currently going through The Book of Hebrews. Plan to attend, and invite a friend!

Women of Concordia! **Nayva** offers various Bible studies for **women** every month. Talk to her about times and dates!

Pastor Eckstein & Family on vacation from 12/25/23 – 1/04/24

Pastor Eckstein and his family will on vacation from 12/25/23 through 1/04/24. They will be traveling to the

St. Louis area to spend time with Joshua and his family. Pastor Alan Eppen will be leading the 10:30AM Sunday Service on December 31st. If there is a pastoral emergency while pastor Eckstein is on vacation, contact pastor Bob Hill (701-659-1860).

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Women's Bible Study

New Women's Bible Study

"God's Provision in a Wilderness World"

By Lindsay Hausch

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Jan 2nd and 16th
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us
anytime.

A New Song

Bible Study on the Psalms

Fri, January 5th 10:00am

Marian Duff (Host)

1301 15th St SW

Thurs, January 18th 1:00 pm

Vera Schulz (Host)

114 12th Ave NE

Apt. 2030

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Wednesdays Jan 17th and

24th

1:00 – 3:30 pm

Deaconess Nayva



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

***"The steadfast love of the Lord
 never ceases, his mercies never
 come to an end; they are new every
 morning; great is your
 faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23***

We are often asked what "New
 Year's resolutions" we are making.
 While this may be helpful for some

people, we Christians realize that
 each new day brings **"new mercies"**
 from the Lord, and each act of
 repentance and forgiveness brings a
 fresh start! May today and every day
 be lived in the assurance of such
 great mercy and fresh starts – all
 because of Jesus!

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 identified
 as **"Fargo/Bismarck."** Worship
 services from the 5 other MSL
 broadcast areas, as well as the
 weekly "This Is The Life" programs,
 are also available for viewing on the
 website.

Thank you for your needed financial
 support! Checks may be sent to:

"Main Street Living NORTH," 821 5th
 Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate
 by credit card or your PayPal
 account on the website.

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

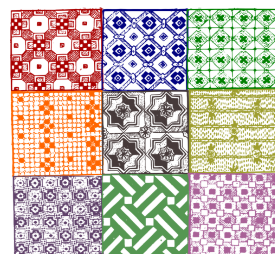


The LWML council will be meeting
 at 3:00pm on Jan. 2nd and we will be
 discussing the plans for the New
 Year. New officers for the 2024 are:

Sue Corwin – President

Ellen Walz – Secretary

Amy Neustel – Treasurer



LWML quilters will meet in January
 on the third Tuesday (1/16) at 1pm.
 Please come and join us as we put
 together quilts that will be given to
 Orphan Grain Train. No experience
 necessary.

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday.

We continue to collect our mites to
 help pay for mission grants. We are
 praying that we will be able to fund
 all our projects for this biennium. If
 you are able to help, please take a
 mite box, fill it with your change, and
 return it to the big mite box – or you
 can just place a donation in the big
 mite box in the narthex. December's
 featured grant has been **Serving
 God's Children with Special Needs**
Journeys Lutheran School,
Milwaukee, WI – \$100,000. (See the
 attached flyer to read more about
 this project)

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



Sunday School will resume on
 January 7th at 9:15. We look forward
 to having your child join us as we
 learn of God's love for all of us.
 --Sunday School Superintendent Sue

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group

Friday, January 5th 6:30 pm

Friday, January 19th 6:30 pm



The Cookie Walk fundraiser for the Youth was a success! Thank you to everyone who participated by baking, decorating, or purchasing cookies to help the Youth. They were able to collect \$557.

BINGO is coming January 28th!



We are asking **our youth** to **serve our congregation** by being an **acolyte** during services. There are still some spaces left on the list. Check out the **sign-up list** on the narthex table.

Volunteers in December:

Communion/Altar preparation:

Doug and Patti Pieske

Musicians:

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Sun. 1/7 | Carmen McBride |
| Wed. 1/10 | Carmen McBride |
| Sun. 1/14 | Daine Flieth |
| Wed. 1/17 | Daine Flieth |
| Sun. 1/21 | Daine Flieth |
| Wed. 1/24 | Carmen McBride |
| Sun. 1/28 | Ione Somsen |
| Wed. 1/31 | Ione Somsen |

Elder and Acolyte Schedule

| Sun. 1/7 | 8am | 10:30am |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | E =Curt S. A = Alexander | E =Gordy L. A = --- |
| Wed. 1/10 | 7pm | E=Quincy B. A = Backen |
| Sun. 1/14 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E=Dernel D. A = --- | E =Ed M. A = |
| Wed.1/17 | 7 pm | E= -NA A = --- |
| Sun. 1/21 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E = Curt S. A= Alexander | E =Doug P. A = |
| Wed. 1/24 | 7pm | E =Quincy B. A = Backen |
| Sun. 1/28 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E =Dave H. A = | E = Larry W.. A = Layla A. |
| Wed.. 1/31 | 7pm | E =-NA A = --- |



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...

- Don Elstad
- Susan Roemmich
- Norman Anderson (Father of Chad Anderson)

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

- Rose Martin
- Delle Stinar (Mother of Jim Anderson)
- Mervin Wohler (Brother-in-law of Ann Snow)
- Mary Sandve (Friend of the Elstad family)
- 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)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)

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

- Hannah Magstadt
- Joyce Carlson
- Amanda Trudeau
- Clarice Spitzer
- Edna Norheim
- Arianna Walch
- Pam Syverson
- Les Wimer (Brother-in-law of Lila Stokkeland)
- Collins Bollinger (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- Evelyn Bollinger (Great grand-daughter of Kathey Ziegler)
- Marilyn Worner (Sister of Ann Snow)
- Roger Strander (Brother of Verny Jorgenson)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Hannalore Doeling (Mother of Deb Doeling)
- James Lunneborg (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Mark Lee (Son of Marvin and Deb Lee)
- Jackie Schraeder; (Friend of Tina and Bill Busche)
- Scott Barefoot; (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)

Please pray for the families who have recently lost a loved one:

Paul Martin; Son of Fred and Carol Martin
Mason Schuster; Friend of Molly Lindberg

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms Confirmations

Mollie Lindberg, daughter of Tammi and Travis Lindberg. 12/17/23

Weddings Funerals/Deaths Transferred Out Transferred In

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-607
Confirmed Members-461
2023

Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-0
Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-2
Weddings-0
Funerals-6
Transferred In-4
Transferred Out-13
Profession of Faith-0

Miscellaneous Announcements

thrivent®

Thrivent Choice dollars can be directed to Concordia Lutheran Church. These funds are then used to support various ministries at Concordia. So far in 2023, through the

Thrivent Choice program, we have received \$1935 from Thrivent funds and we would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this. By committing your Thrivent funds to Concordia Lutheran Church we were able to bring the bluegrass band "Seth Mulder & The Midnight Run" to Jamestown for a public concert in October.



As many of you know, the OGT North Dakota Branch sent our second shipment to the Bible Orphan Ministry in Zhytomyr, Ukraine in December. The following excerpts are from a recent post of the group who is working to disseminate supplies to the people affected by the war. Please keep Alla and her colleagues in your prayers as they continue this dangerous work.

"It was already dark outside, and a terrible and piercing cold rain and wind were whistling. We were happily rushing to the Kherson region! And then bang! In the forest at 2:00AM, far from a settlement, at a speed of 100 km per hour, our tire burst! I immediately turned to the Lord with my thought. 'Do you want to warn us against something? Why did you do this? I thank you that we didn't roll over in the van and die!!!' God's peace and calm filled our hearts. While the guys were changing our tire, we were freezing. But we were happy that they did it in 1 hour and we drove on."

"Having looked at the weather forecast in advance, we were happy that it was supposed to be 9+ and sunny. I even brought sunglasses with me. How naïve

I was! But upon arrival, we were greeted with the exact opposite, changeable and cloudy weather, cold wind and rain."

"People were already waiting for us, half a day in the cold rain and wind. They knew we were coming. They ran to meet us, hugged us and cried. Local (people) poured out all their pain and grief to us, sharing their experiences during the occupation. It still does not fit in my head to hear the horrific stories. I have only one answer, as it is written in the Bible. 'slanderers, blasphemers, assailants, boasters, puffers, inventors of evil...(Romans 1:30)'.....How long O, Lord? The soul cries and the heart cries out! 'Lord, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things: and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, the LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it (Psalm 94:3-7)' "

"For the second time our vehicle stalled. But how timely it happened when there was another van nearby that came on business to our friends! If we had broken down later or earlier, or in another place, there would have been no one to help us! Because the village is large, many locals had their cars stolen by the Russian military by force or at gunpoint. They would break them down and leave only a pile of unusable scrap metal or simply shoot them. We were shocked at how the lord does everything on time and is never late! Maybe that's why we broke down on the road?"

"The shelling of the surrounding villages, explosions, and threats of air strikes were heard all day long. According to the locals the day before we arrived, a village 7 kilometers away was heavily shelled. We were 25 kilometers from the front line. Again, we could hear the sounds of various artillery from the other side. And the explosions were like thunder. But this did not stop us, we continued to distribute aid and witness to people."

"We witnessed and shared the Gospel wherever we could, in crowds, in homes, to passersby, and over a cup of tea in homes. And how timely it was when we were freezing outside in the cold rain and wind!"

"Do you remember how Jesus loved to go door to door and share the good news? It is in the circle of friends and acquaintances that the table is set, even with the simplest, most modest things, but most importantly with love. It unites and warms hearts."

"Kherson residents sincerely thanked us for our help and hugged us! The next day, one woman called and said how timely you brought us the socks! We are so warm now."

"We didn't sleep for 2 nights in a row, having traveled about 1500 km, we were very cold. I was shaking like an aspen leaf on a tree from the cold, testifying to people. We could not warm up for a long time. My bones seemed to be frozen to the core. Several times we almost got into a car accident, under constant shelling, mined by locals, we saw how the Lord led us and kept us safe!!! Praise God!!!"

"The next day after we returned home, a blizzard began, and the roads we were traveling on were covered with snow 1.5-2 meters deep! Passenger buses and various cars were driving off the road and getting into car accidents! Some roads were completely blocked. Unfortunately, there are some dead people. But even in this, the Lord blessed our trip that we returned home in time before this blizzard began! Wow!"

"We sincerely thank you for your prayers!!! We felt them and saw the hand of God and His wing covering us from the enemy's weapons!!!"

"We sincerely thank you for your participation in this vital project!!! You can't even imagine what it means to every soul and every heart broken by grief!!! We sincerely thank you for touching the souls of every Ukrainian with your kindness! The people of Kherson not only feel the warmth of your hearts but also see your love in

action!!! May the Lord bless each of you abundantly!!!"



Bringing the Word of God to people in some places can be a great risk, for the missionaries and those supporting their work. For one family, it has been a lifetime of service and trust. See the enclosed flyer to learn about the Ferderwitz family and their work through the LBT.



The following was received in a Christmas card to Concordia this month:

"I want to say a BIG thank you to Pastor, members and the friends of the church for the prayers, visits, calls, and cards. The Christian love shown to me during this difficult time has been much appreciated. Hopefully the new year will be one of love and peace throughout the world."

"In Christian love,

Thelma Kinzler"

Constitution and Bylaws

The Board of Elders has been working to revise and update the Constitutional Bylaws for Concordia Lutheran Church to better match our current practices. There is a copy of the proposed revisions on the church's website for your review. Please take time to review these revisions as they will be on the agenda at the January Voter's Meeting.

www.concordiajt.org

Council Meeting Minutes:

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2023

Present: Aaron Roberts, Sue Corwin, Kim Murray, Kevin Nelson, Doug Pieske, Don Elstad, Nayva Mulder, Pastor Eckstein, Randy Fleith

Absent: Daine Flieth

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor Eckstein

Treasurers' report: The available balance is approximately \$49,000.

Pastor's report: Pastor is taking several adults through instruction for membership. Advent Services will be on 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 at 7:00 p.m. The theme will be "Peace came to earth." The Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 p.m. The Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service

on Sundays 12/24 and 12/31. Only a 10:30 a.m. service. Pastor Eckstein and family will be on vacation after the Christmas Day service and will return the evening of Thursday, January 4th. Pastor Al Eppen will lead the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 31st. Pastor Bob Hill will be available for pastoral emergencies while Pastor Eckstein is on vacation. Membership changes Thad, Sarah, Eli, Micah and Ben Sankey transfer out to Victory Lutheran in Jamestown, Heidi and Mia Klein transfer out to "Leeds Lutheran" Leeds, ND. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes. Motion carried. Next meeting will be January 8th. Pot Luck and voters meeting after 10:30 a.m. service on January 28th.

Elders report: They set up their schedule. They will serve soup supper on Dec. 20th. There is sound in the basement with sound system on upstairs

Deaconess report: Youth will serve soup supper on Dec. 6th. The youth will participate in the Christmas service for the children. Stephen Ministry continues to meet. Bible studies are going well.

Board of Education: The children's Christmas service will be held on Dec. 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be no Sunday School on December 24 and December 31.

Board of trustees: Arneson's is still waiting for parts for the air

conditioners. A bid was received from Northland Window to replace the window on the north side of the church for \$2,174. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to have them replace the window.

Board of Stewardship: Cards were sent out for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Board of Evangelism: No report

Old business: None

New business: None

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:

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com or

Concordia Events Calendar – January 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|  | Church Office Closed (New Year's Day) | NO 10am-Bible Class (resumes Jan 9 th) NO 1pm - Quilting 7pm – Women's Bible Study @Concordia | NO 7pm Service (resumes Jan 10 th) | NO 8:30 Men's Bible Class (resumes Jan.11 th) **Pastor and family return this evening. | 10am Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home 6:30- 8:30pm Youth Group 6:30 – Take down Christmas decorations at Church | 7:30-11:30am Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper) Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian | 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train 1:30 – Dorcas Circle 7pm –Elders & Stewardship meeting 8pm – Council meeting | 10am-Bible Class 1pm- Ruth Circle | 5:45pm – Confirmation 7pm Service (Lord's Supper) | 8:30-9:30am - Men's Bible Class @Concordia 1-6pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington | | 7:30-11:30am Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 8am& 10:30am Service Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian | 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train | 10am-Bible Class 1pm – Quilting 7pm Women's Bible Study @Concordia | 1pm – Stephen Ministry 5:45pm Confirmation 7pm Service | 8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class@ Concordia 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Vera Schultz apartment 1-6 – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington | 6:30- 8:30pm Youth Group | 7:30-11:30am Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 8am & 10:30am Service (Lord's Supper) Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm- Grief Share information meeting 2pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian | 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train | 10am-Bible Class | 1pm- Stephen Ministry 5:45pm Confirmation 7pm Service (Lord's Supper) | 8:30-Men's Bible Class (Resumes 11/30) 1-6 – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington | | 7:30-11:30am Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| 8am & 10:30am Service Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 “Pot-Luck”, Voter's Meeting, and BINGO after 10:30 service 2pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian | 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train | 10am-Bible Class | 5:45pm Confirmation 7pm Service | | |  |

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

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

***Chancel Duties: Doug and Patti Pieske**

12/19/2023
05:01 pm

Concordia Lutheran

January 2024

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| | 1 (KELLEN) BJONE (b.) JON and JULIE NATHAN (w.) | 2 NICOLE LAUSCH (b.) | 3 | 4 MARK WILLEY (b.) | 5 JOLYN BIERI (b.) LYNDI KRUEGER (b.) MATT LUCHT (b.) MARY MCCARY (b.) | 6 MICHELLE REITEN (b.) |
| 7 | 8 ALISON ROBINSON (b.) FRIEDA WHITNEY (b.) | 9 BRITLEIGH IRISH (b.) | 10 JOHN NANNENGA (b.) DALE SABINASH (b.) | 11 LORIE DUPPONG (b.) RICHARD OLSON (b.) KAREN ROEMMICH (b.) | 12 (WHITNEY) BOERGER (b.) MARILYN HETLETVEDT (b.) PHILIP and TOBY CHERNEY (w.) | 13 TOM BOERGER (b.) JULE PAHL (b.) |
| 14 JORDAN KRAPP (b.) NICK LANIER (b.) SIERRA SAND (b.) | 15 JULIE MAYHAIR (b.) CODY MICKELSON (b.) | 16 AUSTIN SCHWANDT (b.) | 17 DON and NANCY ELSTAD (w.) TRAVIS and TAMMI LINDBERG (w.) | 18 (JAXSON) SINCLAIR (b.) | 19 MARY ENGLUND (b.) COREY LAUSCH (b.) CAROLYN MIEMIETZ (b.) PAULA OHNSTAD (b.) PAUL SPITZER (b.) | 20 DUKE and CAROLYN MIEMIETZ (w.) ERIC and DEB ROVA (w.) |
| 21 JIM ANDERSON (b.) SANDRA DOCKTER (b.) CHAD PRICE (b.) | 22 CORY GUTHMILLER (b.) JESSE PRICE (b.) | 23 RICK LIPETZKY (b.) | 24 ANDY KINZLER (b.) | 25 | 26 ALEXANDER CHERNEY (b.) STEVE MAYHAIR (b.) LEVI WESTERHAUSEN (b.) | 27 DAWN KRAWCZYK (b.) |
| 28 (MIRANDA) CHERNEY (b.) STEVE HOMES (b.) JAMES LINDBERG (b.) DEBBIE SPEIDEL (b.) | 29 MARVIN ROEMMICH (b.) | 30 AUSTIN BIERI (b.) ZACHARY SPITZER (b.) ASHLEY SYVERSON (b.) | 31 ASHLEY LINDBERG (b.) JEFF OSTROM (b.) KENDALL SCOTT (b.) EMMA WATKINS (b.) | | | |



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

This month, we're spreading Christmas cheer for our Project 24 students. With the Kenyan school year completed, our goal is to make sure that the students have a Christmas gift to bring back to their families during the extended holiday season. This thoughtful gift package comprises of a Project 24 t-shirt, sweets, warm socks, essential cooking oil, baking flour, sugar, and a bar of soap. These are all practical and necessary items that will bring joy and meet the needs of these families during the holiday period. We're delighted to provide assistance to these wonderful families and express God's love through acts of mercy.



THE STUDENTS IN LURAMBI RECEIVING SOAP BARS TO HELP WITH CLEANING WITHIN THE HOME

PROJECT
24

Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students
at the P24 sites: 224
children

- Lenkishon: 28 students
- Tumaini: 28 students
- Orhoro: 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: 211

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

JANUARY

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.

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 3

SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

JOURNEYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL | \$100,000



Transportation for Special Needs Students at Journeys Lutheran School

For 60 years, the distinctive ministry of Journeys Lutheran School has been to serve God's children with special needs such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, autism, anxiety, trauma, emotional behavior disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorders. Families choose Journeys Lutheran School for a variety of reasons, including emotional and spiritual growth, a Christian worldview, an educational approach that works best for their unique student, or a more therapeutic approach to education.

We are all God's children despite our differences, challenges, or experiences. Journeys Lutheran School prepares students in Grades 3–12 with unique learning challenges to maximize their God-given spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and social potential. The resources and experience of Journeys provides academic help to students and provides an opportunity for their lives to be touched by the Holy Spirit through devotions, prayer, Christian counseling, religion classes, and personal witness.

Grant funds will purchase two 15-passenger vans. The vans will allow Journeys to reach and teach more students and meet their academic and spiritual needs. In addition to the school bus already in use, the vans will provide alternative means to reach students in areas outside of Milwaukee. Additionally, the vans will transport youth to Martin Luther High School, a ministry partner, so that Journeys students can take elective classes in a Christian mainstream environment. This will enable Journeys students to earn a high school diploma, not just a certificate of completion. The vans will also transport students to potential school-to-work internship opportunities and to transport students to cultural, historical, and spiritual learning experiences without needing to use the full-size school bus.

Journeys children deserve the same educational and spiritual opportunities that other children enjoy. The van will help them experience the fullness of God's creation by opening the world and all its possibilities and opportunities to them.

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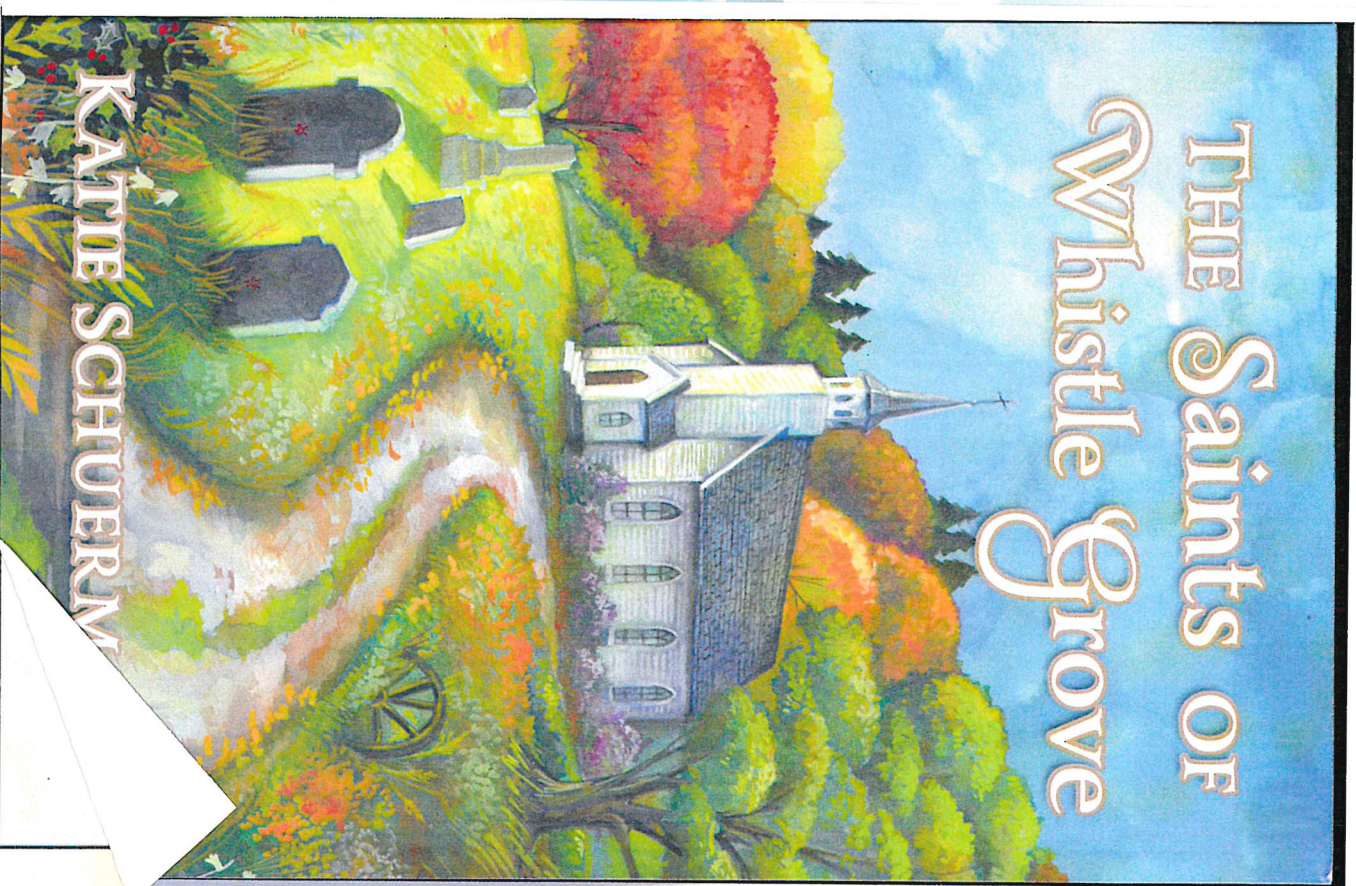
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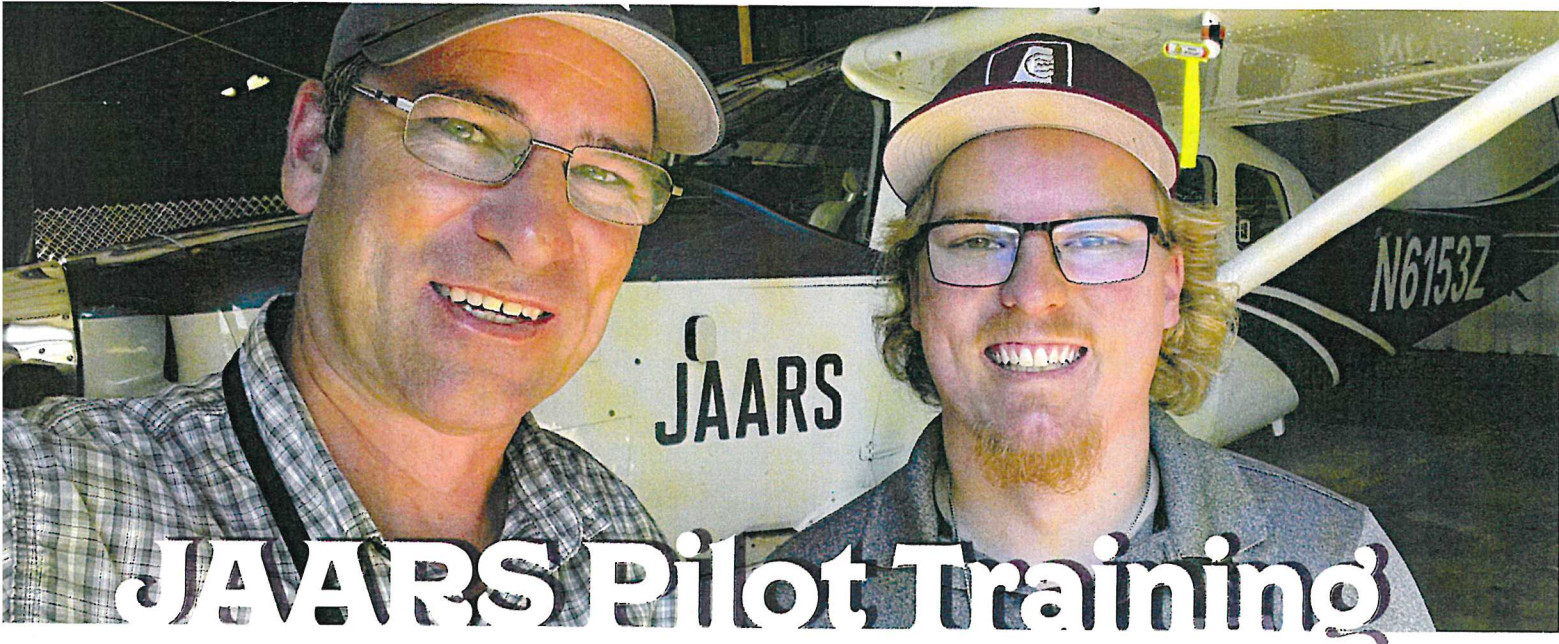
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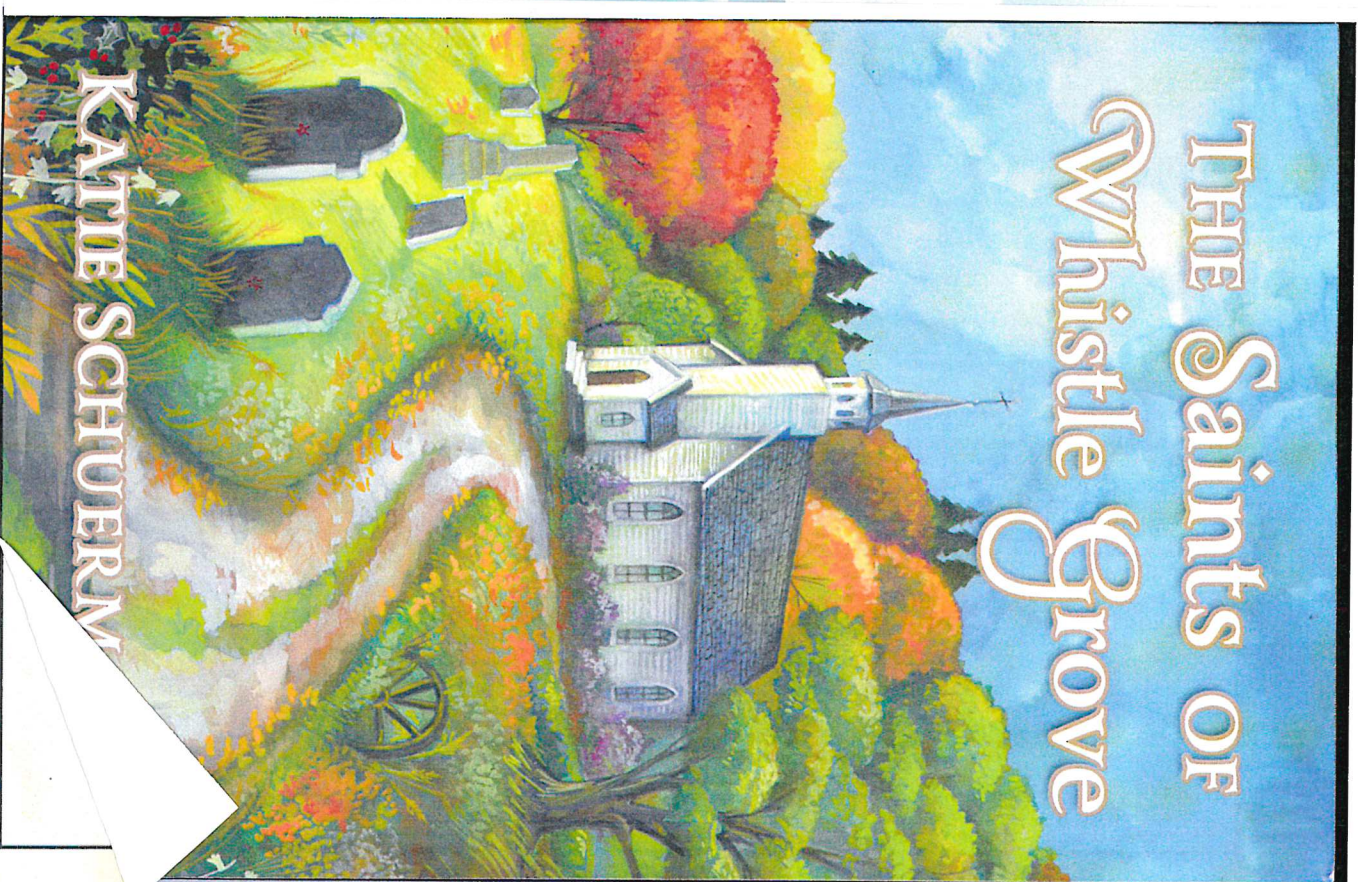
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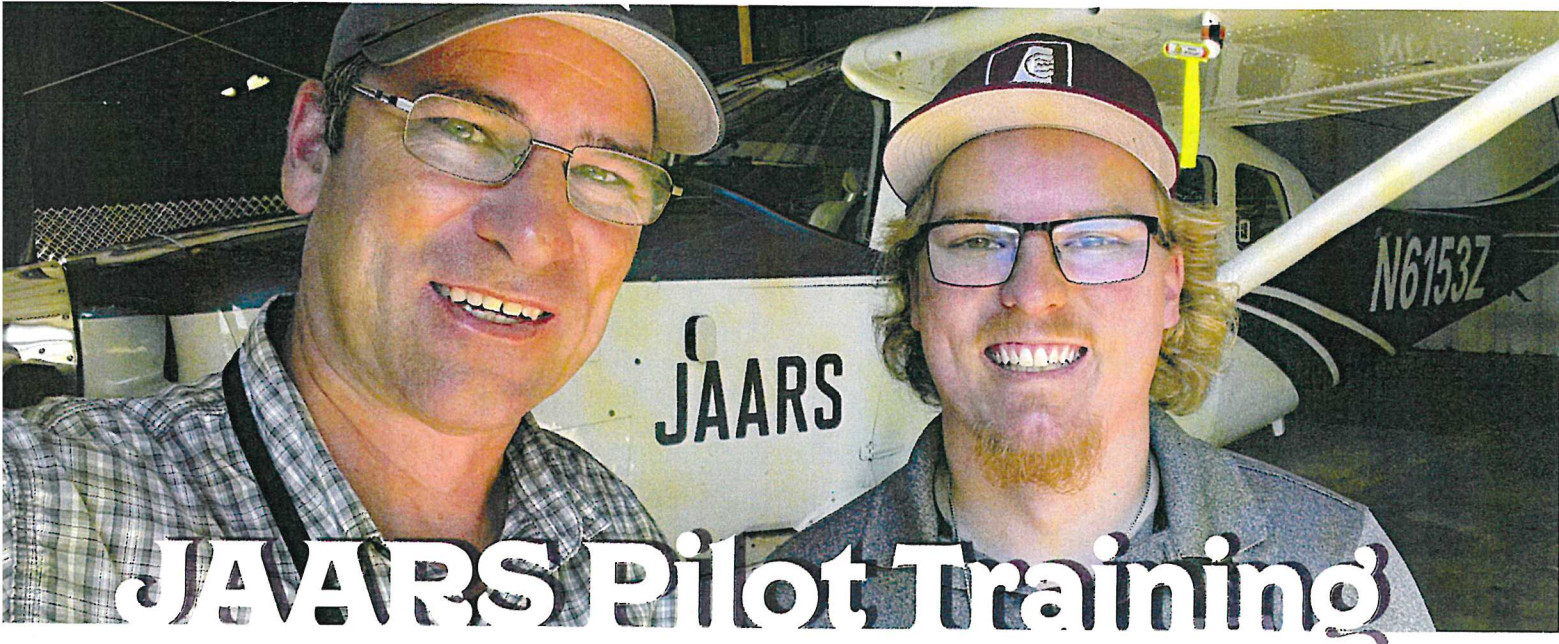
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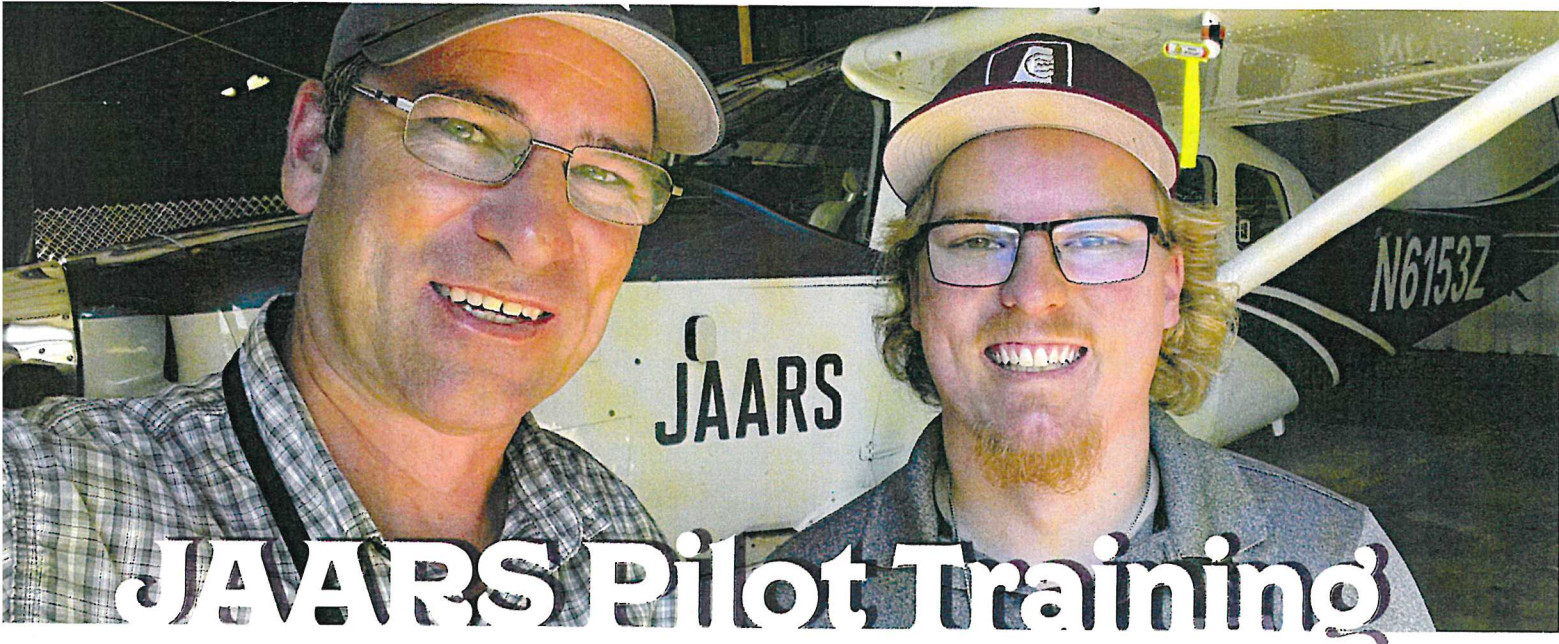
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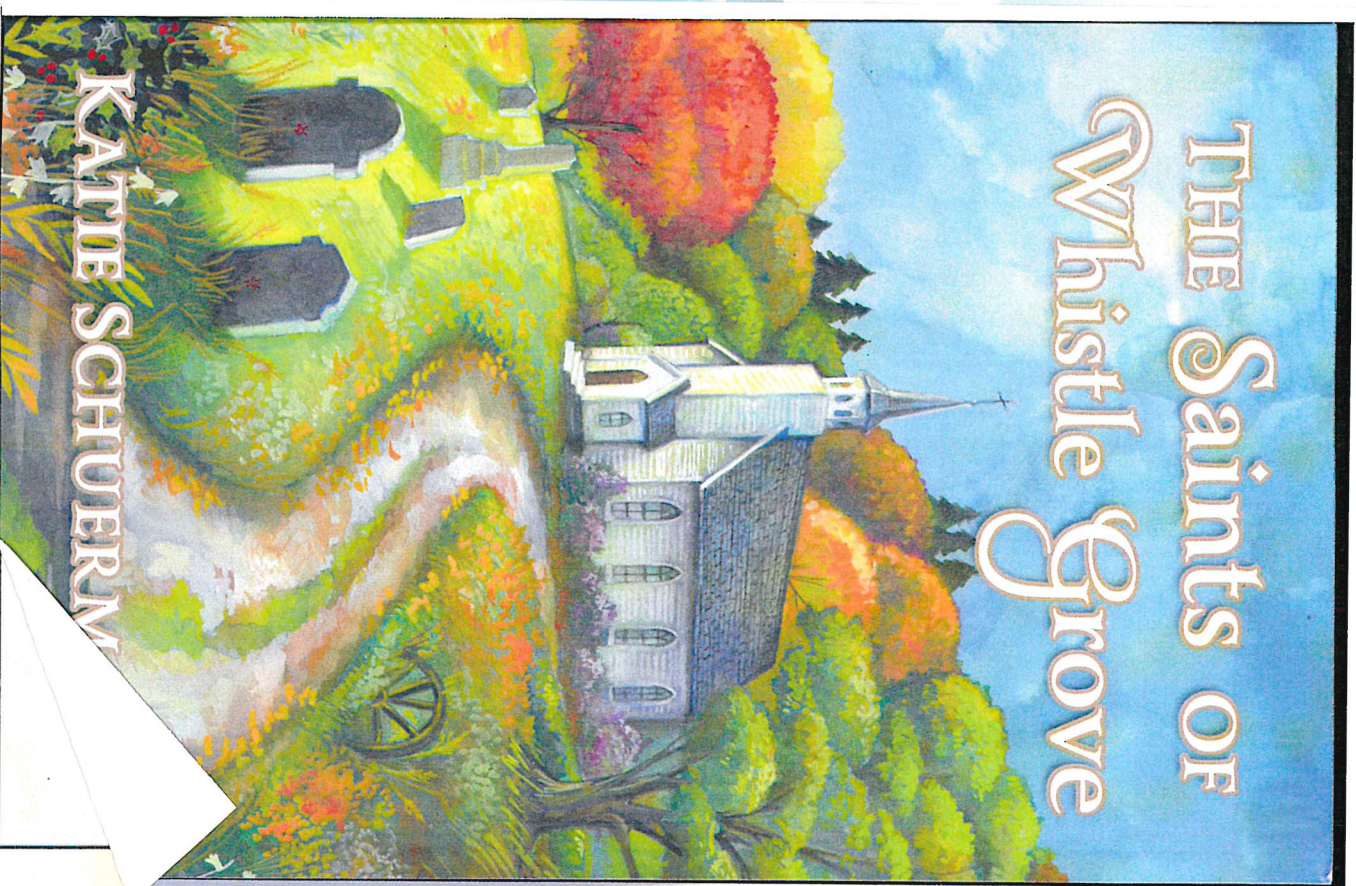
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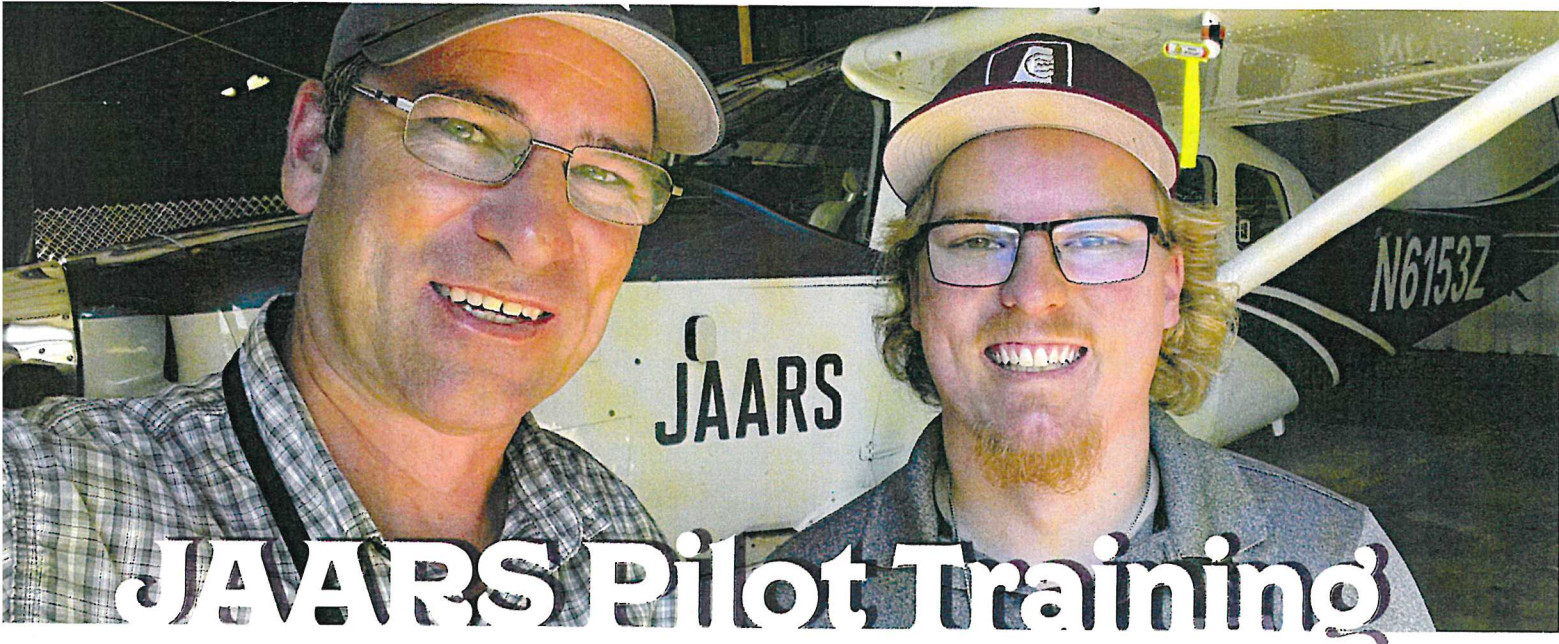
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2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 3

SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

JOURNEYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL | \$100,000



Transportation for Special Needs Students at Journeys Lutheran School

For 60 years, the distinctive ministry of Journeys Lutheran School has been to serve God's children with special needs such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, autism, anxiety, trauma, emotional behavior disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorders. Families choose Journeys Lutheran School for a variety of reasons, including emotional and spiritual growth, a Christian worldview, an educational approach that works best for their unique student, or a more therapeutic approach to education.

We are all God's children despite our differences, challenges, or experiences. Journeys Lutheran School prepares students in Grades 3–12 with unique learning challenges to maximize their God-given spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, and social potential. The resources and experience of Journeys provides academic help to students and provides an opportunity for their lives to be touched by the Holy Spirit through devotions, prayer, Christian counseling, religion classes, and personal witness.

Grant funds will purchase two 15-passenger vans. The vans will allow Journeys to reach and teach more students and meet their academic and spiritual needs. In addition to the school bus already in use, the vans will provide alternative means to reach students in areas outside of Milwaukee. Additionally, the vans will transport youth to Martin Luther High School, a ministry partner, so that Journeys students can take elective classes in a Christian mainstream environment. This will enable Journeys students to earn a high school diploma, not just a certificate of completion. The vans will also transport students to potential school-to-work internship opportunities and to transport students to cultural, historical, and spiritual learning experiences without needing to use the full-size school bus.

Journeys children deserve the same educational and spiritual opportunities that other children enjoy. The van will help them experience the fullness of God's creation by opening the world and all its possibilities and opportunities to them.

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Grief Support Group

**Help and encouragement after the
death of a spouse, child, family
member, or friend**

Grief Share

a weekly grief support group

information meeting

Concordia Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 21st, 2PM

JOIN US

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

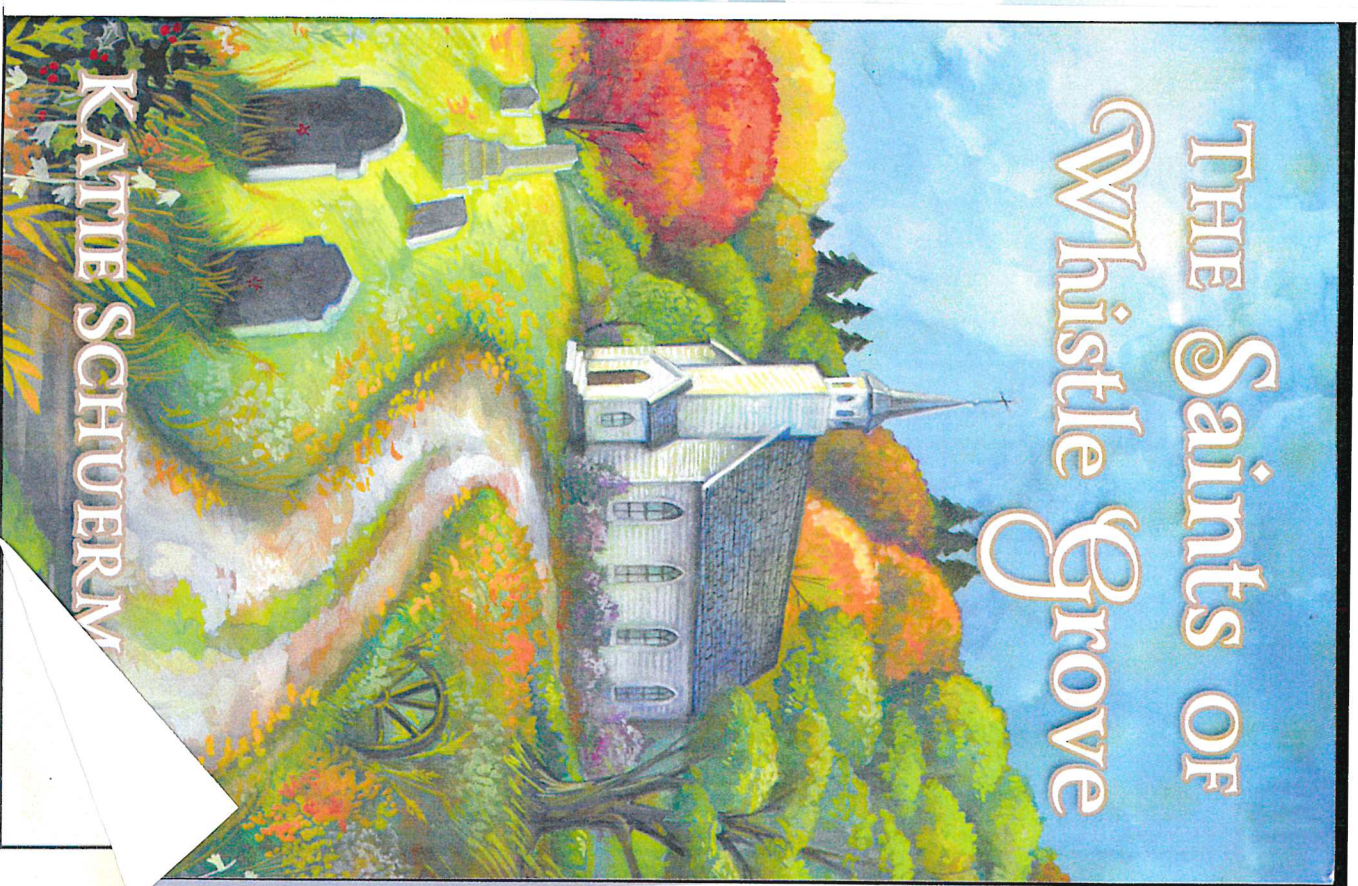
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Concordia's New Adventure

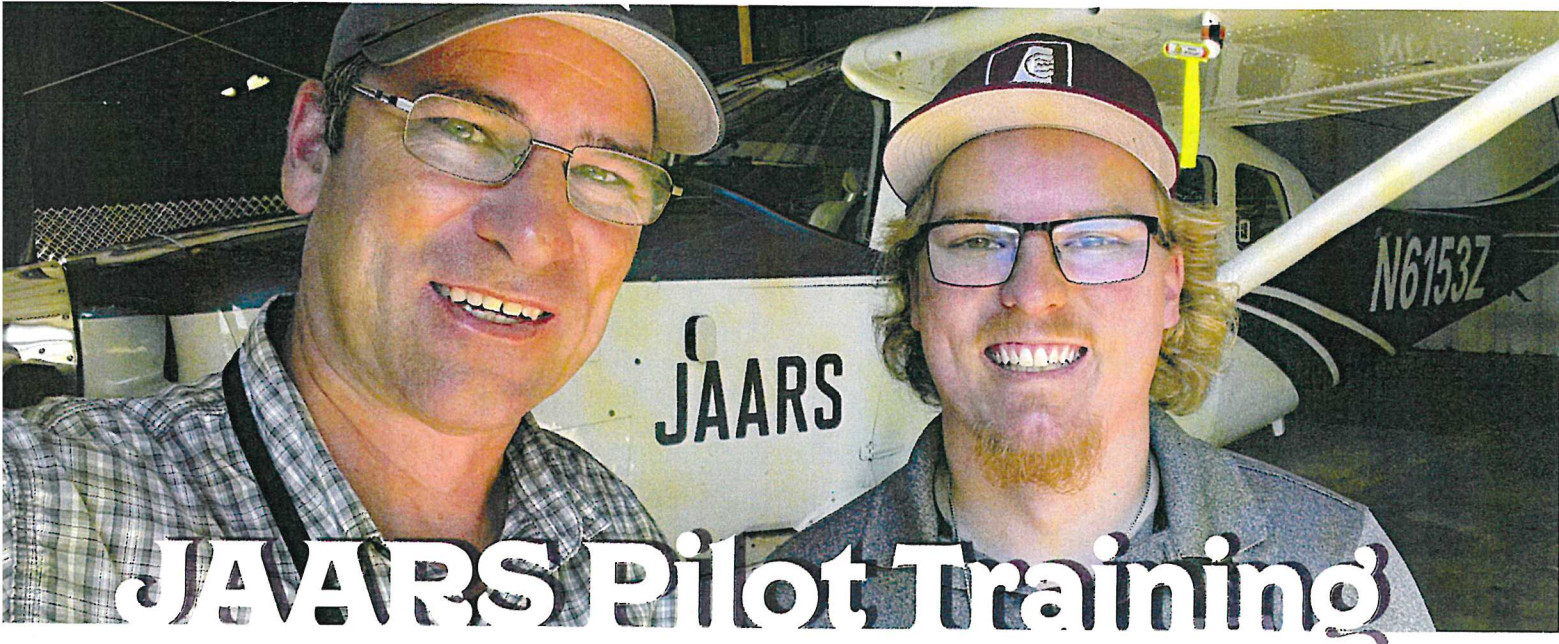
BOOK CLUB

We will be discussing
the book at our meeting.

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JAARS Pilot Training

After 24 months of intense mechanics and flight study, new Lutheran Bible Translators missionary Nathan Federwitz began the next level of training: Jungle Aviation and Relay Service (JAARS).


Training is vigorous, but Nathan has a strong support system. His wife, Sarah, an LCMS Deaconess, encourages him through long hours of studying manuals. Alvina Federwitz, Nathan's grandmother, served as a Lutheran Bible Translators missionary for over fifty years and is thrilled to have her grandson join the mission. Nathan's father, Jonathan Federwitz, is a former missionary pilot and Lutheran Bible Translators associate.

Jonathan will be Nathan's primary trainer at JAARS. "I have trust in him I don't have with anybody else," Nathan expressed, "We understand each other at a level nobody else understands... we're both working toward the same

goal." This trust will prove vital as Jonathan instructs Nathan in the specifics of missionary piloting. Nathan laughed, "[As a missionary pilot] **you're not just going to follow a GPS straight down all the way to touchdown.** You're going to have to have a better understanding of how weather and navigation work without all the helpful aids we have in the U.S."

...we're both working towards the same goal.

Through this season of JAARS training, Nathan and Sarah remember, "We're enabling the people working on translation to get God's Word to the people as efficiently as possible."

The Federwitzes will be traveling and speaking. **"It allows us to connect with Lutheran churches on an impactful level, so they can be a part of taking God's Word to the nations."** 

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Nathan, Sarah, and their son, Enoch

Nathan's JAARS training is funded in part by the Missionary Training Fund. To support this fund, visit go.lbt.org/misstraining.

Learn more about the Federwitzs at go.lbt.org/nsfederwitz.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

BINGO

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 28TH 1
NOONISH***

After the potluck

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

**\$5 PER
CARD**

24

**GAMES | FUN | PRIZES
(MEATS/FOOD ITEMS
OTHER FUN STUFF)**

Prize Donations welcome

JANUARY

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!



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CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24



BEYOND 24 YOUTH CONFERENCE

3 JOHN 1:4 "I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN
ARE WALKING IN THE TRUTH"

We were thrilled to finally host our Beyond 24 youth conference this year after its initial postponement due to Covid-19. Over 150 young individuals from secondary schools, colleges, and universities gathered at the Project 24 Nyambiri site for an enriching two-day conference. The event covered a wide array of topics, from delving into the historical aspects of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to exploring evangelism within school communities, as well as discussions about courtship and marriage.

The conference also provided a platform for the youth to hear from four Project 24 students who have successfully transitioned to university. These students shared their experiences, shedding light on both the challenges and joys associated with pursuing higher education. We extend our gratitude for this invaluable time and commend the leadership of the ELCK for orchestrating this wonderful program, which contributes to the students' faith journey.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

This month, we're spreading Christmas cheer for our Project 24 students. With the Kenyan school year completed, our goal is to make sure that the students have a Christmas gift to bring back to their families during the extended holiday season. This thoughtful gift package comprises of a Project 24 t-shirt, sweets, warm socks, essential cooking oil, baking flour, sugar, and a bar of soap. These are all practical and necessary items that will bring joy and meet the needs of these families during the holiday period. We're delighted to provide assistance to these wonderful families and express God's love through acts of mercy.



THE STUDENTS IN LURAMBI RECEIVING SOAP BARS TO HELP WITH CLEANING WITHIN THE HOME

PROJECT
24

Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students
at the P24 sites: 224
children

- Lenkishon: 28 students
- Tumaini: 28 students
- Orthoro: 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: 211

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:
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