

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



SPECIAL JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please note that this newsletter is for the months of July and August (so there will be no separate August newsletter).

CONCORDIA'S FINANCIAL SITUATION AS OF THE END OF JUNE

As of the end of June, we are almost \$50,000 behind in giving versus spending. We are able to cover expenses because we have some financial "padding," but we need to increase offerings in the coming months so that we can end the year "even" or, even better, in the BLACK. As Concordia's members continue to give regular offerings we will achieve this goal, with God's help. The Lord has provided in the past, and we trust Him to provide in the future so that we can continue mission and ministry for His Church.

NEW "BIBLE FELLOWSHIP" CLASS, 7:00PM WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

As of Wednesday, July 1st, we will start a new "Bible Fellowship" class that will replace our usual Wednesday evening Service that was a duplication of the previous Sunday Service. This new "Bible Fellowship" class will be on various topics – starting with the "End Times" on July 1st. We will also sing a hymn or two as well as having the Lord's Supper twice per month. PLAN TO JOIN US!!

PASTOR & FAMILY VACATION PLANS

After the Services on Sunday, July 19th, pastor Eckstein and family will leave on vacation and return the evening of Friday, July 31st. We will be traveling to O'Fallon, MO, where pastor Tom and Andrea will be watching their three grandchildren while their son, Joshua, and his wife, Kara, go on a special trip to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

The Services on Sunday, July 26th, will be led by pastor Dennis Voss. The bible study on Sunday, July 26th, will be led by pastor Al Eppen. If there is a pastoral emergency while pastor Eckstein is on vacation, contact pastor Bob Hill in Wimbledon, ND.

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom Eckstein*

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Bible Study

Hymn Study
Thursday, July 2nd
Friday Aug. 7th

10:00am

Marian Duff (Host)
Ave Maria B25

Everlasting

By Christina Hergenrader
Bible Study on the Psalms

Tuesday, July 14th
Tuesday, Aug. 11th

1:00pm

Eventide Nursing Home
Karen Connell (Host)
Eventide Room 404

2:30pm

Vera Schulz (Host)
114 12th Ave NE
Apt. 2030

Feel free to join us at any time.

Women's Bible Study

Soul Spa

By Sharla Fritz

Tuesdays

Fellowship Hall 7:00PM

7/7, 7/14, 7/21 & 7/28

8/4, 8/11, 8/18, & 8/25

Feel Free to join us at any time.

Grief Support Fellowship

No group meetings until Fall
Individual grief care, call Nayva

Outreach

Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm

July 8th and 22nd

Aug 19th

Deaconess Nayva



Main Street Living TV Program
www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com

Every Sunday on the local Fox Station at gam

HAVE YOU been watching the "This is the Life" programs along with the MSL Divine Services each Sunday? As our LCMS President Matthew Harrison states during his introduction of these programs. "Though they were recorded in the 1960's and 70's, the subject matter is still very relevant!" I personally look forward to watching each week's episode – and often find my emotions welling up as the story line develops. These critically acclaimed dramas still do a wonderful job of "bringing Christ to the nations"!

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, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.



LWML Circles are not meeting for the months of July and August.

Quilting will be taking a break for the summer and resume again in the Fall (probably October).

The latest copy of the Messenger has been printed and can be found on the LWML table in the Narthex.

The first Sundays of the month (July 5th and August 2nd) is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$127.07** in June!

We collect our mites to help fund all our District and National LWML mission grant projects --33 mission grants were chosen at the national convention for this biennium.

One of the grants featured in July is Mission Grant #13 Reaching God's Children in Haiti/ Trinity HOPE, Haiti. | \$61,782 **FULLY FUNDED**

Trinity HOPE began working with Lutheran schools in Haiti in 1999. The ministry now feeds 65,000 children, teachers, and cooks in over 265 Christian schools across the country. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where more than 4.7

million people suffer from acute hunger.

Eleven of the 36 feeding program directors are Lutheran pastors who visit their schools twice a month to teach lessons from God's Word.

Before each meal a prayer is said, and children profess their faith in Jesus. The children receive the light, love, and warmth of knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior with each meal served.

This grant will fund 160,472 meals served to children and teachers over two years.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-13>

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



Join us for VBS this summer. This year, VBS will be a one-day event on **August 9th**, starting at 11:30 with lunch and ending at 3:00. This year's theme is **Set Sail!**

with the Son. Watch for more details in the bulletins.



Youth Group in July/August

Carwash: 7/11 10am-2pm

Summer Bash: Wednesday, 7/15 @ 6-8pm

Youth Group: 7/19 NOON

Jr. High Encounter Camp 7/12-7/17

Sr. High Encounter Camp 7/26-7/31

VBS: 8/9, 11:30am-3pm

Thunder Road: Monday, 8/10

Youth Group: 8/16 NOON

Tanner Olson: Wed. 9/16

Volunteers for May:

Communion/Altar preparation:

**Marjorie Patzer – July
Lisa Boerger - August**

Elder Schedule

JULY

Sun. 7/05	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Larry W.
Sun. 7/12	8am	10:30am
	Quincy B.	Ed M.
Sun. 7/19	8am	10:30am
	Curt S.	Doug P.
Sun. 7/26	8am	10:30am
	Quincy B.	Josh R.

AUGUST

Sun. 8/02	8am	10:30am
	Curt S.	Gregg K.
Sun. 8/09	8am	10:30am
	Quincy B.	Ed M.
Sun. 8/16	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Doug P.
Sun. 8/23	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Josh R.
Sun. 8/30	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Josh R.

Musician Schedule

JULY

Sun. 7/05	8am	10:30am
	Daine F.	Daine F.
Sun. 7/12	8am	10:30am
	Daine F.	Daine F.
Sun. 7/19	8am	10:30am
	Carmen M.	Carmen M.
Sun. 7/26	8am	10:30am
	Ione S.	Ione S.

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Sun. 8/16	8am	10:30am
	Daine F.	Daine F.
Sun. 8/23	8am	10:30am
	Ione S.	Ione S.
Sun. 8/30	8am	10:30am
	Daine F.	Daine F.



Please pray for those serving our country...

- SFC Randy Flieth; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND
- Hayden Somsen; Basic Training in Army National Guard, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

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

- Becky Kuhlmann
- Andrew Braun
- Jeremy Wanzek (Friend of Nathan Michaelson)
- Jan Thoreson (Sister of Leon Westerhausen)
- Larry Hewitt (Friend of Elstad family)
- Gayle Schmidt (Sister of Greg Kutz)
- Mark Eckstein (Cousin of Pastor Tom Eckstein)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of lone Somsen)

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

- Clarice Spitzer
- Anita Scholz
- Norma Morlock
- Nancy Elstad
- Kitty Bender
- Marian Duff
- Joan Lee
- Pauline Stangeland

- Carl Stangeland
- Esther Koenig
- Corrine Scott
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Kathey Ziegler
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Dori Kinzler (Daughter of Randy Kinzler)
- Tom Surprenant (Father of Elissa Rosin)
- Peyton Benson (Niece of Tina Busche)
- John Crandell (Son of Daro Crandell)
- Emily Sather (Friend of the Flieth family)
- John Bull (Friend of Lyle and Lila Stokkeland)
- Robert Olson (Son-In-Law of Berna Kunze)
- Tana Lonefight (Friend of lone Somsen)
- Blair Baker (Cousin of Bill & Tina Busche)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)

Please pray for those dealing with the recent loss of a loved one.

- *The family of Thilmer Roemmich
- *The family of Delilah Guthmiller (Sister-in-law of Esther Koenig)
- *The family of Joyce Bentz (Sister of Carol Martin)

SACRED ACTS:

- Baptisms
- Confirmations
- Funerals

Ellen Jo Eppen, May 29th
Thilmer Roemmich, June 19th

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-453

Confirmed Members-344

2026

Baptisms (Child)-1, (Adult)-0

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-4

Transferred In-0

Transferred Out-5

Profession of Faith-4

Removed due to inactivity-83

Miscellaneous Announcements



Ice Cream Social

Come join us on **August 4th** at **6:00PM** for an Ice Cream Social. Bring your favorite topping/add in and meet us in the Fellowship Hall to help celebrate the Summer!



The following are excerpts from an LBT letter of thanks.

“An old African proverb reads, *‘If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.’* Collaboration is the key for Bible translation that speaks to a community, and Shekgalagari translator Pontsho is a living example of going far together.”

“As part of LBT’s regional sustainability efforts, Pantsho has learned how to lead workshops, mentor youth, and share translation tools with local pastors. *‘Before, we relied on people coming from outside to help’*, she explains. *‘Now, we are building our own capacity. We are learning to stand on our own.’* She believes in preparing others to carry the work forward. *‘If we train one person’*, she says, *‘we train many. Because they will go and teach others.’*

“The Lutheran Bible Translators approach is unique. We not only emphasize accurate Scripture translation but also embrace the receivers. We invest locally. We involve the community. We prioritize engagement. A stale Bible translation won’t be used because it doesn’t connect with the communities. This is why equipping leaders like Pontsho is vital to success.”

“Thank you for giving to Lutheran Bible Translators.”

Church Office Hours

The usual church secretary office hours are

Tuesday: 1pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Thursday: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Friday: 9:30am – 3:30pm

If you need access to the church at other times during the week please call the church office (252-2819), Pastor Eckstein (419-5797), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

Gratitude Calendar

The Gratitude Calendar is a simple, powerful tool to help us grow in thankfulness and strengthen our walk with God. Each day, it prompts us to reflect on something we’re grateful for. By intentionally focusing on gratitude, we shift our hearts toward God’s goodness, even in difficult times. Using the calendar takes just a few minutes a day, but it can deepen our faith, build a more joyful spirit, and encourage us to see God’s hand in every part of our lives. Let’s use it together as a church to cultivate a heart of praise and thankfulness. See the **Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar** attached.



Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars

donation. Recently we received a deposit of **\$57** from the Thrivent Choice Dollars program, on behalf of the following Concordia members:

- * Shirly Genter
- * Lloyd Kuhlmann

As of this date, Concordia has received **\$1,578** in Thrivent Choice Dollar contributions for the year. These funds have been set aside to use for various programs (i.e. treats for fellowship time on Sunday mornings).

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



The following is an excerpt from the online publication of LFS, *Crosspoint*.

Parenting With Patience During Long Summer Breaks

As summer break stretches on, many parents find themselves spending more time with their children than usual. While summer can create opportunities for connection, it can also bring challenges, frustration, and moments when patience wears thin. During these long days, it’s important to remember one powerful truth: your child does not need a perfect parent.

The Value of “Good Enough” Parenting

Did you know that research shows children need a “good enough” parent, not a perfect one, but one

who consistently shows up and does their best?

This concept was first introduced in the 1950s by pediatrician and psychoanalyst Dr. Donald Winnicott. His work demonstrated that children thrive when they have a reliable, attuned caregiver who responds to their needs and offers support during moments of distress. Decades of research continue to support this idea. Children do not benefit from perfection; they benefit from connection, consistency, and care. In a world where social media often showcases idealized versions of parenting, it can be easy to feel pressure to get everything right. But the goal isn't perfection, it's presence.

Connection Is The Goal

As summer days grow longer and challenges inevitably arise, remember that connection, not perfection, is what children need most. Strong relationships are built through everyday moments of care, repair, and presence. When parents focus on connection, they help their children develop resilience, emotional intelligence, and confidence. And when mistakes happen, as they always will, those moments can become opportunities to strengthen the bond rather than weaken it. The goal is not to be a perfect parent. The goal is to be a connected one.

The full article by Janel Lincoln, LMSW, and other resources, can be found at:
<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/resources/>



University of Jamestown Block Party – Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help represent our church at the University of Jamestown Block Party on August 26, 2026! This is an easy and fun opportunity to connect with students and members of our community by greeting people and handing out items at our booth.

No special skills are needed—everyone can help, and every volunteer makes a difference! We especially encourage youth and parents to participate together. It's a wonderful way to serve, meet new people, and share Christ's love in our community.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. We hope you'll join us!

We are also collecting bags of microwave popcorn to give away during the UJ Block Party. Please consider bringing a box or two to support this effort. Our goal this year is **1,000 bags**. You can watch our progress on the popcorn display in the narthex this summer.



Anita Scholz is turning 99 on July 2nd. Please help her celebrate by wishing her a **Happy Birthday!** Send cards and greetings to:

Anita Scholz
 c/o Ave Maria
 501 19th St. NE, C26
 Jamestown, ND 58401



Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Pastor Eckstein who led in an opening prayer.

Attendance:

Present: Pastor Eckstein, Doug Pieski, Kevin Nelson, Kim Murray, Don Elstad, and Nayva Mulder

Pastor's Report:

Vacation - Pastor reported that he has 28 days (5 Sundays) left for the period of June 2026 through 2027. His next vacation will be Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 31st. He will plan to have Pastor Eppen or another pastor fill in, but if one is not available, he will ask one of the elders to lead a written Service and read one of his sermons.

New Plan for Wed. Services- Due to continued low attendance on Wednesday evening Services, Pastor is planning to make a change. He will do a Bible Study, and hymn singing on Wednesday evenings instead of a duplication of the Sunday Service. The Lord's Supper will be offered twice a month, with informal liturgy. This change will start in July with the usual Advent and Lent Services resuming at the appropriate times. Pastor hopes

that this might increase mid-week attendance.

Financial Report:

No financial report was presented.

Elder's Report:

Doug reported that the Elders met and discussed the Wednesday evening Service and Elder's schedule.

Nayva's Ministry Report:

***Youth** We have 2 youth and 1 adult going to the Michigan State Youth Gathering at Mackinac Island, June 27 – July 1. We have 4 youth going to Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill. Mollie Lindberg is working at the camp this summer.

***VBS** is planned for August 9th from 11:30 – 3:00. The Board of Ed is working on the details.

***Grief Group** is off for the summer. Nayva is meeting with individuals dealing with a recent loss on a regular basis. People are encouraged to contact her if they would like a visit.

***Shut-In Visits** and small group Bible Study are going well.

***Travel Plans** - Nayva will be attending the Annual Deaconess Conference in Dublin, OH June 15-18. She will be taking a few vacation days before and after the Deaconess Conference. Nayva will be attending the ND District LWML Convention in Devil's Lake June 26-28.

Stewardship Report:

Don reported that discussions took place regarding:

*The Running of the Pink

*The University of Jamestown Block Party

*Donations of microwave popcorn are needed for the Block Party outreach effort

*Creating a church communication/calling tree to notify members of

important church information, including worship services, meetings, cancellations, funerals, and special events.

Board of Trustees Report:

Kevin reported the following:

*Northland Door will be working on the new door this week.

*He will obtain estimates for repairing or replacing the blinds in the altar area.

*He will seek estimates for sealing cracks in the parking lot.

*A bid will be obtained for repairs to the flat roof.

*Doug and Kevin will inspect the tree where a branch recently broke off.

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

*Amy Neustel requested that the Community Thanksgiving Dinner funds be transferred to the new group interested in taking over the dinner. Discussion was held.

*Pastor reported that there is an individual interested in providing matching funds of up to \$10,000 toward the organ fund.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Murray

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

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com

Happy 4th
Of
July



Concordia Events Calendar – JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4th of July
	<i>God Bless America!</i>		<p>7pm – Bible Fellowship on “End Times”</p>	<p>8:30-9:30am Men’s Bible Class</p> <p>10am – Women’s Bible Study @Ave Maria - B25 (Marian Duff, Host)</p>		<p>7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington</p> <p>9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>8am & 10:30am Services (Lord’s Supper)</p> <p>9-9:30am – Fellowship time</p> <p>9:30am – Adult Bible Class</p> <p>11:30 Hand Bell practice</p> <p>2-4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian</p>	<p>9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train</p>	<p>10am-Bible Class</p> <p>4pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington</p> <p>7pm – Women’s Bible Study @Concordia</p>	<p>1-3pm – Stephen Ministry meeting</p> <p>7pm – Bible Fellowship on “End Times” (Lord’s Supper)</p>	<p>8:30-9:30am Men’s Bible Class</p>		<p>7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington</p> <p>9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train</p> <p>10am-2pm – “Youth Car Wash” fundraiser at RM Stouds</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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***Chancel Duties: Marjorie Patzer**

Mondays – Deaconess Nayva’s Day Off!

Fridays – Pastor’s Day Off!

Concordia Events Calendar – AUGUST 2026

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Fridays – Pastor's Day Off!

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ANITA SCHOLZ (b.)	3 LAYNA HOFFER (b.) JEFF WOLSKY (b.) LLOYD and BECKY KUHLMANN (w.) KEN and (CAROL) ROEKER (w.) LYLE and LILA STOKKELAND (w.)	4 MARSHA HUST (b.) SANDRA JOHNSON (b.)
5 LILA STOKKELAND (b.)	6 LAKYNN DIETRICH (b.) BROCK HOCHHALTER (b.)	7 ANDREA ECKSTEIN (b.) (STEPHANIE) LOOSE (b.) LEVI and DANIELLE WESTERHAUSEN (w.)	8 AMANDA KRUEGER (b.) (NELLI) LIPETZKY (b.)	9 SUSAN DODDS (b.) JAYLA HOFFER (b.) (RYLEY) SMITH (b.)	10 HAZEL FLIETH (b.)	11
12 DARRELL and MARJORIE PATZER (w.)	13 STEPHANIE FOX (b.) KINZLYANN LAVALLIE (b.) NICK STARKEY (b.)	14 BRANDON KRAWCZYK (b.) PAUL and PEGGY SPITZER (w.)	15 NICK WEBBER (b.) AARON WOLSKY (b.)	16 TRACY DENNING (b.) MOLLIE LINDBERG (b.) DANIELLE WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	17 TRAPPER DEPEW (b.) KIRK DIETRICH (b.) GLORIA MORLOCK (b.)	18 LISA BOERGER (b.) KEN ROEKER (b.) FLYNN WATKINS (b.) HUDSON WATKINS (b.)
19 MARJORIE PATZER (b.) BILL and TINA BUSCHE (w.)	20	21 DARIN HUST (b.) VERA SCHULZ (b.)	22 (ETHAN) HOLMQUIST (b.) DARIN and LAURA HUST (w.)	23 LEAH THOMS (b.)	24 DEBORAH FODE (b.) JEN HOFFER (b.) GAGE MCCLEAN (b.) LYLE STOKKELAND (b.)	25
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23 JOLENE BILOFF (b.)	24 PIPER LAVALLIE (b.) SAVANNAH ROLFSRUD (b.)	25 BRIANNA MAYHAIR (b.)	26 CODY CHAMPAGNE (b.) MACIE KRAPP (b.) RAIME and (DANA) KAPPENMAN (w.)	27 MIKE ANDERSON (b.) JASON CARTER (b.)	28	29 MIKE and DIANE NEVA (w.)
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5. For someone to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this week.
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7. For the country of Madagascar.
8. For the LWML Utah-Idaho District and the Gospel work there.
9. For those who are suffering from loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
10. For all LCMS pastors and church workers.
11. For the country of Mongolia.
12. For the opportunity to meet someone new this week.
13. For the opportunity to pray for someone who has a special need.
14. For our church to be united.
15. For the country of Malawi.
16. For the LWML Rocky Mountain District.
17. For your extended family who need Jesus.
18. For the mission work of the LWML.
19. For the country of Nicaragua.
20. For the LWML Wyoming District.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #19.
22. For opportunities to reach people who are still far from knowing God.
23. For the country of Namibia.
24. For the LWML Minnesota South District.
25. For the gifts and talents in your church.
26. For the country of Nigeria.
27. For LWML Mission Grant #20.
28. For volunteers with hearts of service.
29. For the LWML Central Illinois District.
30. For healing of strained relationships.
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LET'S RAISE SOME CASH!



CONCORDIA LUTHERN CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP

Saturday

July 11th

10am-2pm



all FREE WILL donations go to the youth group

Noisy Offering



1st Sunday of
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Join us for

ICE CREAM SOCIAL







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GOAL : 1000 BAGS

August 26th

JOIN the **CREW!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



SET SAIL!

with the Son

Place: Concordia
Dates: August 9th
Time: 11:30 Lunch VBS 12-3 pm
Phone: 701-252-2819

Lesson-related Snacks • Songs • Friends

Bible Truths • Bible Story Skits • Sailing-type Activities • Theme-related Games • Crafts