

# Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



## "PRIDE" SUMMER? IT SHOULD BE "HUMBLE" SUMMER!!

Many of you probably know that the month of June has come to be known as "pride month" – and, sadly, this means that some people are proud of their sin. But this year some people want the whole summer of 2024 to be "pride SUMMER."

For example, **Dr. Rachel Levine** (a biological man pretending to be a woman), who is the Assistant Secretary of Health for the Biden administration, recently stressed that his whole summer should be "pride" summer. In addition, **Planned Parenthood** (an organization that kills developing humans in the womb) also declared this summer a summer of "pride" – and this likely means that they are proud of all the abortions they perform in addition to being proud of various forms of sexual immorality.

As a pastor and a Christian, my

heart breaks when I see people taking ride in their sinful desires and behaviors. I do not say this because I think I'm better than other people. I'm a sinner who needs Jesus as much as anyone! The problem is that a person CAN'T receive God's forgiveness if that person is PROUD of his/her sin because being proud of one's sin means one is affirming a behavior that God condemns (*and thereby calling God a liar!* - see 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8 & 10) and declaring that one does not need forgiveness for it but fully intends to keep on doing it! (See Romans 1:32)

Proverbs 16:18 reads, "**Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.**" When we are proud of same-sex behavior or fornication (*sex between a man and woman who are NOT married*) or adultery or lust (*which includes viewing pornography*) or abortion or disobeying parents or lying or seeing no need to attend church or theft or gossip or greed or gluttony or drunkenness or doubting Holy Scripture or ANY SIN God condemns – we are thereby in a very dangerous spiritual place because we are affirming evil that God condemns and denying the salvation He longs to give us.

That is why the Holy Spirit works through God's Word to convict us of our sin of thought, word and deed and humble us before God so that we will repent and trust in His Son for forgiveness and the strength to live according to God's loving will for our lives.

James 4:7-10 reads, "**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**" Also, in Matthew 23:12 Jesus says, "**...those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**"

We begin almost every Service at Concordia with "Confession of Sin" and "Absolution." As repentant believers, we humble ourselves before God and admit that our sin is evil and that we deserve God's judgment because of it. But we also believe God's Word spoken by the pastor; *that we have complete forgiveness of all our sin through faith in His Son who died in our place of judgment and then conquered death for us by His resurrection!* As God's forgiven and dearly loved children, we then ask Him for the will for the strength to fight against our sinful desires and resist temptation so that we can live according to His loving will for our lives. As it says in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24-25, "**(Christ) himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and**

### Overseer of your souls."

Sadly, many are taking pride in their sin this summer. We must pray for such people and speak God's Truth in love to them so that they may be saved. Along with us, we want them to make this a summer of HUMBLE REPENTANCE and FAITH IN JESUS. May God bless us to this end!

Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Eckstein*

[Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva](#)



### [Women's Bible Study](#)

#### Quenched Christ's Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

By Donna Pyle

**Tuesdays**  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us  
anytime.

### A New Song

Bible Study on the  
Psalms

**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**

**Friday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am**

Marian Duff (Host)  
1301 15<sup>th</sup> St SW

**Thurs, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**

**Thurs, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**

Vera Schulz (Host)  
114 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Apt. 2030

### [Fellowship](#)

### Grief Support

Sunday

July 14<sup>th</sup>

August 11<sup>th</sup>

Noon

Fellowship Hall

Ask Nayva for details

### [Outreach](#)

### Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays

July 10<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>

1:00 - 3:30pm

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 9am**

**WITH SUMMER HERE**, increased traveling often takes us out of town on Sundays and/or at other times when our congregation's worship services are normally being held. And yet, our need for the spiritual nourishment of God's Word and Sacrament – as well as the blessing of gathering together with fellow believers in Jesus - remains as much as ever! With this in mind, please find a sister LCMS congregation wherever you find yourself; and also remember our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry broadcast each week.

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, Volunteer Coordinator of MSL.



The LWML leaders, quilters, and circle groups will not be meeting for the summer. Watch for the dates in the next newsletter to see when activities will resume.

The North Dakota District LWML convention was held in Bismark June 14-16. Our delegates from Concordia were Nayva Mulder and Carmen McBride. Sue Corwin was also in attendance.



### The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected \$188.59 in June.

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....like **LWML Mission Grant #15**

### Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals — \$58,082

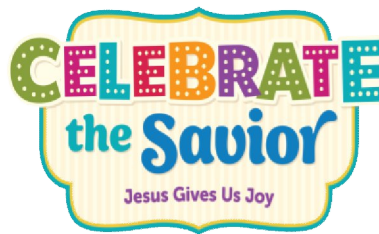
In Haiti, 4.4 million people suffer from acute hunger; the cycle of

poverty is almost never broken. Haitian children attending school have trouble learning with empty stomachs. Trinity HOPE daily feeds and shares the Gospel with children, teachers, and cooks in Christian schools throughout the country.

This grant will be used to feed approximately 538 children, teachers, and cooks each school day for two academic years at Paul et Isabel Lutheran School in Hinche, Haiti.

Follow this link to learn more about the 2023-2025 Mission Grants:  
<https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>

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



Thank you parents and grandparents for bringing your children to VBS.



Our VBS this was held June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. There were 11 children attending this year. We learned about the ministry of Jesus on earth – His miracles (healing, the feeding of the 5,000), His teaching, and His birth, death and resurrection for us. Jesus is always with us and provides everything we need.

### JESUS GIVES ME JOY!



Our VBS offering this year was collected to benefit the Mercy Meals of North Dakota program. Our total offerings raised was **\$225**, that's enough to make **900** meals for the school children in Liberian Christian schools!



May 19<sup>th</sup> was our last day of Sunday School before the summer break.

September 8<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Sunday and the beginning of our new Sunday School season. We will be looking for team teachers again this year. Please consider helping our Sunday School children learn about Jesus.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



# YOUTH GROUP

Check out the **sign-up list** on the narthex table for opportunities to acolyte.

## Youth Group for Summer

2024

Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30

Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30

Smile Studio Concert \* Tasha Layton

Car Wash = Date TBD

## Volunteers for the Summer:

### Musicians:

Wed. 7/3	Daine Flieth
Sun. 7/7	Carmen McBride
Wed. 7/10	Daine Flieth
Sun. 7/14	Daine Flieth
Wed. 7/17	Daine Flieth
Sun. 7/21	Carmen McBride
Wed. 7/24	Carmen McBride
Sun. 7/28	Ione Somsen
Wed. 7/31	Ione Somsen
Sun. 8/4	Carmen McBride
Wed. 8/7	Carmen McBride
Sun. 8/11	Daine Flieth
Wed. 8/14	Daine Flieth
Sun. 8/18	Daine Flieth
Wed. 8/21	Daine Flieth
Sun. 8/25	Ione Somsen
Wed. 8/28	Ione Somsen

## Elder and Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 7/7	8am <b>E= Curt S.</b> A = ---	10:30 am <b>E = Gordy L.</b> A = ---
Wed. 7/10	7 pm	<b>E=Quincy B.</b> A = ---
Sun. 7/14	8am <b>E= Dave H.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E = Ed M.</b> A = ---
Sun. 7/21	8am <b>E =Dave H.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E= Larry W.</b> A = ---
Wed. 7/24	7pm	<b>E=Quincy B.</b> A = ---
Sun. 7/28	8am <b>E =Dernell D.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E = Doug P.</b> A = ---
Sun. 8/4	8 am <b>E= Curt S.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E= Larry W.</b> A = ---
Wed. 8/7	7pm	<b>E=Quincy B.</b> A = ---
Sun. 8/11	8 am <b>E =Dave H.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E = Ed M.</b> A = ---
Sun. 8/18	8 am <b>E =Dave H.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E = Doug P.</b> A = ---
Wed. 8/21	7pm	<b>E=Quincy B.</b> A = ---
Sun. 8/25	8 am <b>E= Curt S.</b> A = ---	10:30am <b>E= Josh R.</b> 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
- Bruce Wilkens (Friend of Lyle and Lila Stokkeland)
- Mervin Wohler (Brother-in-law of Ann Snow)
- Mary Sandve (Friend of the Elstad family)
- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Ethan Igl (Friend of Cullen Flieth)
- Mark Peske (Friend of MJ and Leon Westerhausen)

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

- Emerie McIntyre
- Arianna Walch
- Joan Lee
- Don Wirrenga
- Terese Carter
- Carol Miemietz
- Eric Rova
- Norma Morlock

## Communion/Altar preparation:

July = Marjorie Patzer

August = Lisa Boeger

- Reinhold Morlock
- Corliss Fritz (Friend of Karen Connell)
- Lyn Rutherford (Daughter-in-law of Karen Connell)
- Bruce Wilkens (Friend of Lyle and Lila Stokkeland)
- Jim Stokeland (Brother of Ione Somsen)
- Tyanna Weeks (Niece of Duane Remmick, Nell Essig, and Char Kapp)
- Evelyn Bollinger (Great grand-daughter of Kathey Ziegler)
- Roger Strander (Brother of Verny Jorgenson)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Hannalore Doeling (Mother of Deb Doeling)
- James Lunneborg (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Scott Barefoot; (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Eric Lucht (Son of Gordy and Sue Lucht)

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

- Elaine Reimers (Mother of Deb Rova)
- Jeff Pansch (Uncle of Tom Boerger)
- Shirley Flieth (Grandmother of Randy Flieth)
- Joyce Price

## SACRED ACTS:

### Baptisms

Tim Williams 5/29/2024

### TRANSFERS

Douglas family 6/10/2024

Josh & Angie, Lille, Andrew, Patton, and Edith

### Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-616

Confirmed Members-462

2024

Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-3

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-4

Transferred In-7

Transferred Out-0

Profession of Faith-2

### Miscellaneous Announcements

## thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. This quarter we received \$19 by Kim Murray's designation. If you would like more information about the Choice Dollars program at Thrivent, call your Thrivent representative.

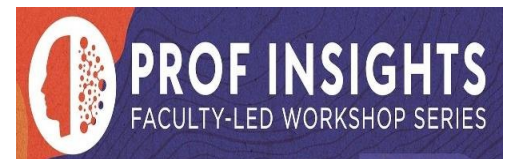


Are you looking for summer activities to engage your kids now that school is out? Lutheran Hour Ministries offers two Bible-based learning opportunities this summer.

In partnership with Group Publishing, LHM takes grade school- through middle school-aged children on a week-long adventure. **Gospel Adventures: Awesome Australia**, an informative and interactive virtual learning experience, is complete with five days of **FREE** curricula in two age-appropriate formats, and bonus materials. Visit [gospeladventures.org](http://gospeladventures.org) to sign up today!

**AND...**

**The Gospel Adventures Show** is a weekly kids program created in partnership by LHM and Group Publishing. Through Bible stories, songs, storytelling, and activities, kids will encounter clear and compelling Gospel themes. Listen to the Gospel Adventures Show at [gospeladventures.org/show](http://gospeladventures.org/show) or wherever you listen to podcasts.



If you ever wanted to take a class to gain a better understanding of theology, now is your chance. Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology and Ministry at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN is coming to Fargo. He will be teaching a 3-Day course titled **"In the Beginning: Studies in**

**Genesis”.** This workshop is open to everyone! Deadline to register is July 1, cost is \$150. See the enclosed flyer or learn more about the workshop at [CSL.EDU/WORKSHOP-SERIES](http://CSL.EDU/WORKSHOP-SERIES)



Orphan Grain Train, North Dakota Branch is preparing to make a delivery of items to two ministries in the border towns of Texas. They are requesting donations of food, hygiene items, small appliances, and back to school supplies. Items they mentioned specifically were:

- infant formula**
- diapers (newborn and all sizes)**
- microwave ovens**
- electric heaters**
- fans**
- backpacks**
- children’s tennis shoes**

If you would be able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church (see box in the Narthex) or you can bring them to OGT to drop them off.

Thank you for your continued support.



The church office will be closed while Andrea is out of town (late July and late-August) If you need access to the church, call the church office (252-2819), Pastor

Eckstein (658-9057), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

## Blessing Bags!

As you travel this summer, make plans to be a blessing to those around you. The youth have assembled some “Blessing Bags” for us to hand out to anyone in need. Each bag contains hygiene items, socks and snacks. You can pick one up from the tote in the narthex. Feel free to add a Christian pamphlet to provide a spiritual blessing too.



## Popcorn Needed!

The Board of Stewardship is preparing for the UJ Block Party. If you would like to help, donate packages of microwave popcorn to be passed out to the students as they visit Concordia’s booth. Our goal is to collect 1,000 packages of popcorn before the Block Party on August 28. Look for the collection box in the narthex. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

## Do you play pinochle?



We are looking for people who are interested. Contact Don Elstad for more information @ (701) 251-2590.

## WELCOME HOME!



July 26-28<sup>th</sup> will be the JHS 1984 class reunion. Welcome back to those who are coming home for the weekend.

Pictured here are the Concordia members of the '84 class in their 1980 confirmation photo with Pastor Richard Ames: Sidney Canham, Mary Ellen Duff, Jodi Englund, Kimberly Harr, Randall Jorgenson, Deano Krueger, Brian Lux, Doene Moos, Daniel Rucker, and Terri Stebner.



July 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to complete the survey for **Lutheran Family Services**. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.



# Praise the Lord!

Praise be to God for the safe delivery of Kari Knecht's son, Emmett!!! After a high-risk pregnancy, mother and baby are doing well. Kari is a friend of Daine Flieth.



*past year has been a struggle and we had to make a decision we didn't necessarily want. We are at Eventide Independent Living in Fargo. I enjoyed my LWML group and will miss them - such a fun bunch and good workers too. Please kee us in your prayers as we adjust. Special thanks to Pastor Eckstein for his guidance.  
Gerry and Jan Guthmiller*

*Thank You*



PROJECT 24



Thank you to all of the people to volunteered their time, tallents, and treasures to make our VBS happen this year. A special "thank you" to Sue Corwin, Sue Lucht, Jen and Chad Hoffer, Mollie Lindberg, Layna Hoffer, Kyra Hoffer, Jayla Hoffer, Emma Flieth, Layla Anderson, and Andrea Eckstein for helping to make the activities run smoothly.

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

The LCMS Africa team extends heartfelt thanks for your support of the work in the Africa region. Your generous gifts of love, unwavering encouragement, and heartfelt prayers enable us to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus with many. Your partnership means a lot to us. God's abundant blessings now and always.

*In Christ,  
Cynthia Awor*



A special thank you to Doug & Pattie Pieske for volunteering to take care of the flower beds and containers around the Church for 2024.

## Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2024

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

Doug Pieske called the meeting to order and Pastor opened with prayer.

**Financial report:** The financial report was presented.

**Pastor's Report:** Nathan Michaelson was accepted as a member of Concordia by Profession of Faith on Sunday, May 5th. Giang and Mia Michaelson were accepted as members of Concordia by baptism on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The "Everyone His Witness" program was postponed until this fall.

### The following letter was received:

*To our Concordia family:*

*Gerry and I would like to thank the members of Concordia for making us feel welcome since joining in December of 2019. This*

Pastor will be in St. Paul from June 24-27 for a seminar on the Book of Romans.

Pastor and his family will be on vacation from Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> through Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. During this time, Pastor Eppen will lead the Sunday and Wednesday Services. Pastor Bob Hill will be available for emergencies.

**Deaconess's Report:**

\***Vacation:** May 22-31

\***Youth:**

\* 3 Youth are attending Shepherd's Hill Encounter Camp in July.

\* Nayva, Daine, Mollie and Cullen are attending a NYG training even in New Orleans, July 20-25

\* Youth group will continue to meet throughout the summer.

\***Grief Share:** Meeting once a month

\* **Stephen Ministry:** No new report.

\***Bible Studies:** No new report.

\***Shut-in Visitations:** No new report.

**Elders Report:** The June schedule was planned.

**Education Report:** May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday School session until the fall. VBS is planned for June 2-6 from 6-8pm. Mercy Meals will be the recipient of the VBS offerings.

The LWML will present quilts to the seniors on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Report:** An estimate was given from Advanced Striping & Seal Coating on the cost of sealing and striping the parking lot. The recommendation was to have the

parking lot resurfaced before going forward with striping.

Doug and Patti Pieske have volunteered to maintain the flower beds for the summer. A motion was made by Pastor and seconded by Kim to spend up to \$1,000 on flowers and supplies. The motion carried.

The fellowship floor has been rewaxed.

**Stewardship Report:** The financial planner, CJ Hager with Ameriprise Financial presented at Concordia on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm.

**Social Ministry Report:** No report

**Evangelism Report:** No report

**Old Business:**

\* Inactive Members – A list of members with no current contact information was discussed.

\***Parking Lot Repairs/Stripping** – A discussion was held and decided to contact Dakota paving for a current estimate on repairs and re-striping.

**New Business:**

\* Organ – Discussion was held on the possibility of replacing the organ as it occasionally stops working. Daine will check on information on replacement organs and also on available service agents to fix the organ.

The next Council meeting will be on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted By,  
Daine Flieth  
Council Secretary

## Concordia Lutheran Special Voters Meeting June 2, 2024

A special voter's meeting was called to order by Head Elder, Doug Pieske and opened with prayer led by Pastor Eckstein.

A motion was made by Doug to spend up to \$50,000 to resurface the north side of the parking lot and then sealcoat and stripe both the north and south side. Sue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The project will be done in the coming weeks as Buck's Paving (the resurfacing company) will be doing other projects in town.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Daine Flieth  
Council Secretary

## Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes June 10, 2024

Members Present: Sue Corwin, Don Elstad, Daine Flieth, Nayva Mulder, Kim Murray, Doug Pieske, Pastor Eckstein, Randy Flieth, Kevin Nelson  
Absent: None

President Randy called the meeting to order and Pastor opened with prayer.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was presented.



**Pastor's Report:** A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Doug to accept Josh and Angie Douglas and their children, Lillie, Andrew, Patton and Edie into membership by transfer from St. John (LCMS) in Cole Camp, Missouri. The motion carried.

**Deaconess's Report:**

\* **Youth:** The youth are planning a car wash at Stoudt's later this summer.

\* **Grief Share:** Next meeting is Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ noon

\* **Stephen Ministry:** No new report

\* **Bible Studies:** No new report

\* **Shut-In visitation:** No new report

\*Nayva will be attending the ND LWML Convention, June 14-16 and then will be in San Antonio, TX from June 17-21; followed by the National Youth Gathering leadership event in New Orleans, July 20-25.

**Elder's Report:** July and August schedules were made

\* A discussion was held on hosting a corn feed in August.

**Education Report:** VBS was a success with 11 kids who attended. \$200+ was raised for Mercy Meals.

**Trustee Report:**

**Stewardship Report:** There was discussion held on the August UJ Block Party.

\*Greeting cards will go out in August.

**Social Ministry Report:** No Report

**Evangelism Report:** No Report

**Old Business:**

\*Inactive Members-An effort will be made to contact the out-of-state members and encourage transfers.

\*Parking Lot Repairs/Striping – The resurfacing has been completed by Buck's Paving. Striping will be done in the near future.

\*The A/C units have been installed. The bill is roughly \$6,5000. There is a final wiring project that will be completed by Advantage Electric.

\*Pictorial Directory - Tabled until August meeting

\*Organ – Daine will ask questions of the salesman at Allen Organs and report back to the council.

**New Business:**

\* Daine made a motion to cash 1 CD of \$25,000 when it comes due on July 11<sup>th</sup> which will be put into the building fund which was used to pay for the parking lot project. Doug seconded the motion. The motion carried.

\*Nayva is going to purchase 2 round tables out of the youth account.

The next Council meeting will be on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted By,  
Daine Flieth  
Council Secretary

Answers to last month's Scramble Puzzle: An Eyeful

1. GRAPES
2. BRING
3. SAYING
4. CITIES
5. TENTS
6. STRONGER
7. HONEY
8. SOUTH
9. FATHER
10. JORDAN
11. COURAGE
12. MILK

GIANTS, SONS OF ANAK

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

**July, 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT	<b>2</b> NO morning bible class (resumes August 6th) 7:00PM - Women's Bible Study @ Church	<b>3</b> 7:00PM - Service	<b>4</b> NO Men's morning Bible Class (resumes August 1st) Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> 10:00AM - Women's Bible Class @ Marian Duff Home 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington	<b>6</b> 7:30AM to 12:30PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT
<b>7</b> Services @ 8:00AM & 10:30AM (Lord's Supper) Adult Bible Class @ 9:15AM 2:00PM to 4:00PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Trinity/Adrian	<b>8</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT	<b>9</b> NO morning bible class (resumes August 6th) 7:00PM - Women's Bible Study @ Church	<b>10</b> 1:00PM to 3:30PM - Stephen Ministry Training @ Church 7:00PM - Service (Lord's Supper)	<b>11</b> NO Men's morning Bible Class (resumes August 1st) 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30AM to 12:30PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT
<b>14</b> Services @ 8:00AM & 10:30AM Adult Bible Class @ 9:15AM 12:00PM - Grief Support Meeting 2:00PM to 4:00PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Trinity/Adrian	<b>15</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT **Pastor Eckstein & Family on vacation through Monday, July 29th	<b>16</b> NO Tuesday morning Bible class (resumes August 6th) 7:00PM - Women's Bible Study @ Church	<b>17</b> 7:00PM - Service	<b>18</b> NO Men's morning Bible Class (resumes August 1st) 1:00PM - Women's Bible Study @ Vera Schulz Apartment	<b>19</b> 6:30PM to 8:30PM - Youth Group	<b>20</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT
<b>21</b> Services @ 8:00AM & 10:30AM (Lord's Supper) NO Adult Bible Class (resumes August 4th)	<b>22</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT	<b>23</b> NO Tuesday morning Bible class (resumes August 6th)	<b>24</b> 7:00PM - Service (Lord's Supper)	<b>25</b> NO Men's morning Bible Class (resumes August 1st)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT
<b>28</b> Services @ 8:00AM & 10:30AM NO Adult Bible Class (resumes August 4th)	<b>29</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT **Pastor Eckstein & Family return from vacation later today	<b>30</b> NO Tuesday morning Bible class (resumes August 6th)	<b>31</b> 7:00PM - Service			

**August, 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8:30AM to 9:30AM - Men's Bible Class @ Concordia 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington	<b>2</b> 10:00AM - Women's Bible Class @ Marian Duff Home	<b>3</b> 7:30AM to 12:30PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT
<b>4</b> Services @ 8:00AM & 10:30AM (Lord's Supper) Adult Bible Class @ 9:15AM 2:00PM to 4:00PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Trinity/Adrian	<b>5</b> 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT 7:00PM - Elders/Stewardship 8:00PM - Council	<b>6</b> 10:00AM - Bible Class 7:00PM - Women's Bible Study @ Church	<b>7</b> 7:00PM - Service (Lord's Supper)	<b>8</b> 8:30AM to 9:30AM - Men's Bible Class @ Concordia 1:00PM to 5:00PM - Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington 1:00PM - Women's Bible Study @ Vera Schulz Apartment	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30AM to 12:30PM - Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9:00AM to 12:00PM - Volunteer @ OGT
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***Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries***

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		MATTHEW HUST (b.) ANITA SCHOLZ (b.)	LAYNA HOFFER (b.) JODI MADDOCK (b.) JEFF WOLSKY (b.) LLOYD and BECKY KUHLMANN (w.) KEN and (CAROL) ROEKER (w.) LYLE and LILA STOKKELAND (w.)	MARSHA HUST (b.) SANDRA JOHNSON (b.)	LILA STOKKELAND (b.)	LAKYNN DIETRICH (b.) BROCK HOCHHALTER (b.)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
ANDREA ECKSTEIN (b.) (STEPHANIE) LOOSE (b.) LEVI and DANIELLE WESTERHAUSEN (w.)	AMANDA KRUEGER (b.) (NELL) LIPEZKY (b.)	SUSAN DODDS (b.) JAYLA HOFFER (b.) (RYLEY) SMITH (b.)	HAZEL FLEETH (b.)		DARRELL and MARJORIE PATZER (w.)	STEPHANIE FOX (b.) KINZLYANN LAVALLIE (b.) KELSEY PARSIEEN (b.) NICK STARKEY (b.) JOSEPH and (KRISTEN) HOGGARTH (w.)
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
BRANDON KRAWCZYK (b.) KURTIS LUSTERMAN (b.) PAUL and PEGGY SPITZER (w.)	NICK WEBBER (b.) AARON WOLSKY (b.)	ROSEMARIE CLAUSON (b.) TRACY DENNING (b.) MOLLIE LINDBERG (b.) DANIELLE WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	TRAPPER DEPEW (b.) KIRK DIETRICH (b.) JODEE HANSON (b.) GLORIA MORLOCK (b.) KIMBERLY and (KELLEN) BJONE (w.)	LISA BOERGER (b.) ALEX PIESKE (b.) KEN ROEKER (b.) FLYNN WATKINS (b.) HUDSON WATKINS (b.) JAMES and JULIE NORMAN (w.)	MARJORIE PATZER (b.) BILL and TINA BUSCHE (w.)	
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DARIN HUST (b.) SARAH ROWELL (b.) VERA SCHULZ (b.) ALISSA SHEALY (b.)	(ETHAN) HOLMQUIST (b.) DARIN and LAURA HUST (w.)	LEAH THOMS (b.)	DEBORAH FODE (b.) JEN HOFFER (b.) MICHAEL HUST (b.) GAGE MCCLEAN (b.) LYLE STOKKELAND (b.)	BRITTANY and BRADY VEN HUZEN (w.)	DAWSON DENNING (b.) ARLANNA WALCH (b.)	KAREN JUNG (b.) SORA MILES MICKELSON (b.) (PAYTON) WIEST (b.)
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
SUE CORWIN (b.) AUBRIE MCINTYRE (b.) BLAKE and ASHLEY HOCHHALTER (w.)	JOSHUA and LORI RAMSEY (w.)	JIM COFIELD (b.) DENNIS and DAWN KRAWCZYK (w.) BOB and FRIEDA WHITNEY (w.)	ELDEN ENGLUND (b.) RHONDA and (TODD) MICHEL (w.)			

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<b>4</b> BRITTANY VEN HUIZEN (b.)	<b>5</b> (BRIANA) SATROM (b.)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CHAD and JEN HOFFER (w.) TRISH and ORIN KENDALL (w.)	<b>8</b> JOSEPH HOGGARTH (b.) MELISSA SOULIS (b.)	<b>9</b> TINA JACOBSON (b.) TINA MARTELL (b.) AUSTIN REMNICK (b.)	<b>10</b> KRISTEN HALL (b.) DEVON HORNBY (b.) JAKE LORIG (b.) CORRINE SCOTT (b.) TODD TARNO (b.)
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> DEVIN SCHUMACHER (b.) BECKY WIDMER (b.)	<b>13</b> DALE and AMY NEUSTEL (w.)	<b>14</b> NAVYA MULDER (b.) KIRK and AMY DIETRICH (w.)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> BERNA KUNZE (b.) DEB ROYA (b.) DAVE and (CINDY) HINZ (w.) CARSEN and (MEGAN) LIPETZKY (w.) REUBEN and GLORIA MORLOCK (w.)	<b>17</b> NELL ESSIG (b.) LARRY GENTER (b.) MATT MCGREGOR (b.)
<b>18</b> SHIRLEY AHNER (b.) LLOYD KUHLMANN (b.) JENA MARSOLEK (b.) JASON MCKENNEY (b.) WES MORLOCK (b.)	<b>19</b> DESTINY CONZEMIOUS (b.) (QUINT) IRISH (b.) JODI and (MATTT) MADDOCK (w.)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> JASON and MARIAH MCKENNEY (w.)	<b>22</b> TINA BUSCHE (b.) (ANDREW) CHERNEY (b.) ART DODDS (b.) MATTHEW NORMAN (b.) LYN RUTHERFORD (b.)	<b>23</b> JOLENE BILOFF (b.)	<b>24</b> SAVANNAH CHAPIN (b.) PIPER LAVALLIE (b.)
<b>25</b> BRIANNA MAYHAIR (b.)	<b>26</b> CODY CHAMPAGNE (b.) MACIE KRAAP (b.) RAIME and (DANA) KAPPENMAN (w.)	<b>27</b> MIKE ANDERSON (b.) JASON CARTER (b.)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> KIM STIEFEL (b.) MIKE and DIANE NEVA (w.) MARISSA and (JAKE) SINCLAIR (w.)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> JANICE GUTHMILLER (b.) MARLYN and TRACI BERTSCH (w.)

# JULY

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*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 LWML Mission Grant #16.
2. For God to bless our national LWML and LCMS leaders.
3. For the country of Lebanon.
4. For the opportunity to serve angels in disguise (Hebrews 13:2).
5. For the willingness to *Serve the Lord with gladness!* (Psalm 100:1-2).
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Public Relations Director.
7. For Mexico, one of the 83 countries support by an LWML grant.
8. For the LWML Pacific Southwest and the California-Hawaii-Nevada Districts.
9. For neighbors. Ask God to bless them through you.
10. For those who need healing.
11. For the country of Liberia.
12. For wisdom to see those who are lonely and need God.
13. For mentors.
14. For our leaders to be given wisdom and discernment.
15. For Lutheran Indian Ministries.
16. For the LWML Oregon and Washington-Alaska Districts.
17. For your family, extended family, and church family.
18. For the community where you live.
19. For the country of Malaysia.
20. For friends and acquaintances who are far from God.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #17.
22. For your coworkers in mission.
23. For the country of Lithuania.
24. For the persecuted around the world.
25. For your ability to extend forgiveness.
26. For the country of North Korea.
27. For the missions of your church and your support of them.
28. For those who work in service jobs.
29. For those living with pain.
30. For those struggling with relationship challenges.
31. For those experiencing loss.



# AUGUST

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1. For LWML Mission Grant #18.
2. For God to work through and bless our national LWML and LCMS leaders.
3. For Macau, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the opportunities to share your faith story.
5. For someone to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this week.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator.
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.
31. For more time to read God's Word and listen to God's voice.



# GRIEF SHARE

## Support Group

**Sundays @ NOON**

**June 23rd, July 14th, August 11th**

***Concordia Lutheran Church***

502 1st Ave N Jamestown, ND

Fellowship Hall

**Questions : contact Nayva 701-430-9049**



# 2024 Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND



Please join us for the second annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together family style to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship all in the beautiful Turtle Mountains of northern North Dakota. Event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat.

For information contact Noreen Linke at [noreen@linkes.net](mailto:noreen@linkes.net) or 281.770.6686 mobile.



## GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher

*The Rev. Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher II is Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary, teaching primarily in the area of homiletics.*

*He has published extensive articles, essays, sermons, and curricular pieces, receiving an award from Concordia Historical Institute in 2012 for a series of articles on the preaching of C. F. W. Walther.*

*For an extensive and interesting biography, go to <https://www.ctsfw.edu/about/faculty/dr-carl-fickenscher/>*

SAVE THE  
DATE

## SECOND ANNUAL TURTLE MOUNTAIN *Ladies' Retreat*

### DATES:

September 27 – September 29, 2024

### LOCATION:

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads,  
St. John, ND

### SPEAKER:

Rev. Dr. Carl C. Fickenscher

### TOPIC:

*"Walther's Law and Gospel: How to  
Read and Apply the Bible"*

### ORGANIZER:

Noreen Linke

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bottineau

### COST:

**\$150** - includes two nights  
lodging and food

### DEPOSIT:

**\$50** - Non-refundable



# Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat Registration Form

Geared for members in good standing of an LCMS church or a church in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with LCMS

Inquire for exceptions made on a Case by Case basis

## September 27 – September 29, 2024

(Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, North Dakota)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

LCMS  
Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Retreat Cost is \$150. Registration is capped at the first 50 to secure their spot with a \$50 NON-refundable deposit. You may also pay in full if you wish.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration cost does not cover the full retreat expense. Are you willing to give an additional donation toward the event? If so, please indicate here: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(Donations will receive a Tax-deductible receipt. Registration fees are NOT Tax-deductible.)

Please indicate any special dietary requirements. Some dietary requirements may be accommodated upon request. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Mobility or physical constraints \_\_\_\_\_

Can you navigate a TOP BUNK? Y / N                      Are you willing to share a bed? Y / N

All Checks should be made out to: **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Please put "Turtle Mountain Ladies Retreat" in the memo line

and **mail to:**

**Noreen Linke, 301 Ohmer Street, Bottineau, ND 58318**

281.770.6686 mobile or [noreen@linkes.net](mailto:noreen@linkes.net) for questions

# BOOK CLUB

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KATIE  
SCHUERMANN  
House of Living Stones



Book Discussion Date: TBD



Ladies'

# **BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAYS**

**7:00 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**July 2nd, 9th, 16th**

**August 6th and 20th**

# Quenched

*Christ's Living Water for a Thirsty Soul*

*By Donna Pyle*





**Microwave  
Popcorn  
for  
UJ BLOCK PARTY**

*Goal : 1000 bags*





# Thank You



## PROJECT 24

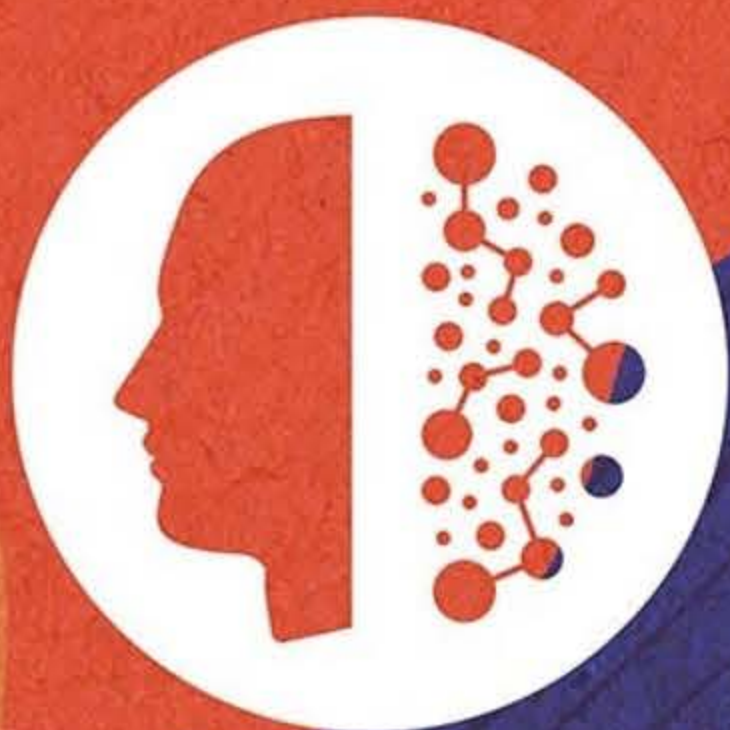
Dear Friends in Christ,

The LCMS Africa team extends heartfelt thanks for your support of the work in the Africa region. Your generous gifts of love, unwavering encouragement, and heartfelt prayers enable us to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus with many. Your partnership means a lot to us. God's abundant blessings now and always.

In Christ,

Cynthia Awuor





# PROF INSIGHTS

## FACULTY-LED WORKSHOP SERIES

JULY  
15-17,  
2024

In the Beginning:  
Studies in Genesis

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
1005 First St.  
West Fargo, ND 58078



**DR. REED LESSING**  
*Professor of Theology and  
Ministry, Concordia University,  
Saint Paul, Minn.*

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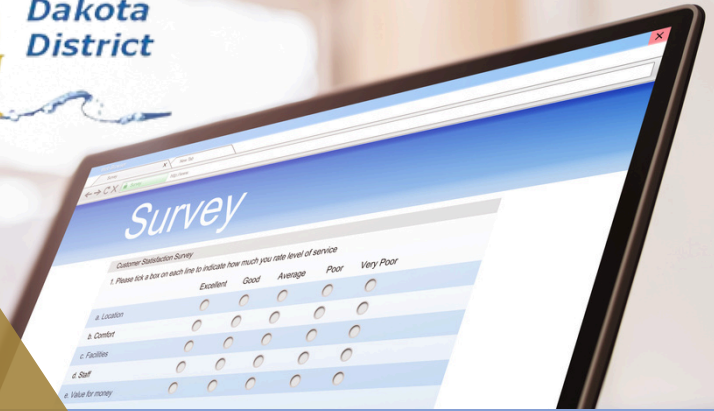




Lutheran  
Family Service



North  
Dakota  
District



# THE LCMS ND DISTRICT INVITES YOU TO COMPLETE A SURVEY ABOUT LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE

Will you give us a few moments of your time to help us understand your views on Lutheran Family Service continuing its partnership with the LCMS ND District?

SCAN ME



## [Click these words to be routed to the survey](#)

At the 2022 LCMS ND District convention a resolution was passed to vigorously pursue an ongoing partnership with Lutheran Family Service to provide counseling services and training to pastors, church workers and lay people in North Dakota; that the pastors and members of our congregations be encouraged to partner with, use, and encourage others outside of our church family to use the services provided by Lutheran Family Service; and that this partnership would be regularly evaluated by the District Board of Directors and that at the 2025 Convention of the District a long-term partnership would be discussed and pursued if found to be beneficial. Lutheran Family Service is a recognized service organization of the LCMS based in Fort Dodge, IA. Lutheran Family Service offers counseling in unplanned pregnancy, adoption services, marriage and family counseling, mental health counseling, along with life advocacy outreach programs. Having secured a signed agreement with Lutheran Family Service from February 2023 through February 2024, we desire your feedback based on your knowledge of Lutheran Family Service and their presence in the North Dakota District. This information will be valuable as we look toward the 2025 LCMS ND District Convention regarding our relationship with Lutheran Family Service.

## GET IN TOUCH

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