

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Don't Take A Summer Vacation From Church Services!!

After the long, ugly winter we recently endured in North Dakota I can't blame people for wanting to spend time outdoors enjoying God's beautiful creation – and many only have the time to do that on the weekends. In fact, many people take their vacations during the summer months. **However, even though we all need to take vacations from work, we should NOT take vacations from worshipping God and hearing His Word and receiving His Supper.**

Therefore, if you're in town, make it a priority to attend one of our Sunday morning Services as well as our Sunday adult Bible class. This is only two hours out of the entire weekend, and the rest of the time you can enjoy the outdoors.

Of course, if you travel out of town on the weekend, you can plan to attend another LCMS congregation wherever you're at and use Google or the LCMS web page

(www.lcms.org) to find one. Or another option is that if you're back in Jamestown during the week you can attend our 7:00pm Service on Wednesday which is a duplication of the previous Sunday's Service.

Pastor Eckstein's Summer Sermon Series: "Hymns about Him!"

Once again pastor will be preaching a summer sermon series titled "Hymns about Him!" Each Sunday during the summer pastor will work through the text of one of our hymns from "Lutheran Service Book" and show how it uses Scripture to point us to Christ.

Sunday Adult Bible Class: "The Gospel of Matthew!"

Pastor Eckstein will continue to offer adult bible class every Sunday during the summer from 9:15AM to 10:15AM. We are working our way through the Gospel of Matthew where we get to learn from the words of Jesus Himself! Plan to attend with your entire family, because your children would be blessed to study God's Word with you!

Pastor Eckstein attending continuing education event in St. Paul, MN

Pastor Eckstein will be leaving for St. Paul, MN, the evening of June 25th and returning late on Thursday, June 29th. He will be attending a seminar on the Gospel of John which will be taught by Dr. William Weinrich (author of the Concordia Commentary on the Gospel of John and professor at our LCMS seminary in Fort Wayne, IN).

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Women's Bible Study

"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply"

By Deb Burma

(Tuesday June 20th)
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us anytime.

In-home Bible Study opportunities:

"A New Song"

Bible Study on the Psalms

Friday June 2nd @10:00 am
1301 15th St. SW
Marian Duff (Host)

Thurs. June 8th @ 1:00 pm
114 12th Ave NE
Apt 2030
Vera Schulz (Host)

Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesdays

1:00 – 3:30 pm

June 7 & June 28

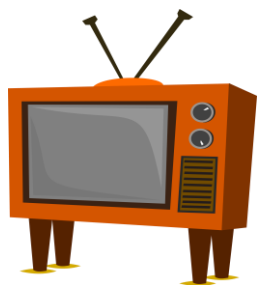
Please let Nayva know if you have any questions.

Join the Board of Stewardship for a card party

June 12th

6:30pm

-Deaconess Nayva



Main Street Living TV Program
www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com
 Every Sunday on the local Fox Station at 9am

Summer has finally arrived – and with it often comes increased traveling taking us out of town on Sundays and/or other times when our congregation's worship services are normally being held. With this in mind, please remember our LCMS "Main Street Living: media ministry broadcast each Sunday morning.

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as " Fargo". Worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as 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



The national LWML convention will be held in Milwaukee June 24-26 and Nayva Mulder will be the delegate to the convention from the ND Central Zone. They are taking an ingathering of gift cards from Wal-Mart and if you would like to help with this you can give it to Nayva to take with her when she goes. You can find information on the LWML website about the convention and it will also be livestreamed if you would like to watch some of it. The website is LWML.org.

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday.



Thank you for your continued support of the LWML through your mite donations. In this current biennium (2021-2023), the LWML has collected enough mites to **exceed the goal of \$2,150,000 and fully fund ALL 28 Mission Grants! Praise God!**

The LWML convention is this month in Milwaukee. Please keep Nayva and all the LWML delegates in your prayers as they carefully consider submitted proposals and decide on the new Mission Grants for the next biennium.

VBS 2023



Vacation Bible School will be held June 4-8th from 6-8 p.m. If you haven't registered your child/grandchild/niece/nephew/neighbor there are still forms in the narthex that you may fill out. We would like to know who is coming as we will be ordering shirts for everyone and will need their sizes. Check out the VBS table in the narthex.....you can look for a sign-up sheet for snack items that are needed and/or make a contribution towards the craft/activity supplies. Our theme this year is "God's Living Water". We look forward to having your child join us for this fun event.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue

Amazon Smile

We have received a donation of \$37.18 from Amazon Smile. Because Amazon has discontinued their program (as of Feb. 20, 2023), this will be our final, one-time bonus as we transition to the program termination. Thank you to those who have used this avenue for the last 10 years to make contributions to Concordia.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Choice dollars can be directed to Concordia Lutheran Church which then are used to support various ministry opportunities, not only at Concordia but also in the community.



Youth group activities in June:
Friday, June 2nd 6:30 pm

Other activities to be announced.

*Thank you for
supporting our
Flower Sale!*

Concordia Youth

Volunteers in June: Elder Schedule

	8am	10:30am
Sun. 6/4	E= Dernel D	E= Larry W.
	8am	10:30am
Sun 6/11	E=Gordy L.	E= Ed M.
Sun. 6/18	8am	10:30am
	E=Dernel D.	E = Doug P.
Wed. 6/21	7 pm	E= Quincy B
	8am	10:30am
Sun. 6/25	E=Dave H.	E= Ed M.

Communion/Altar

Preparation:

Esther Koenig

Musicians:

Sun. 6/4	Phyllis Denchfield
Sun. 6/11	Carmen McBride
Wed. 6/14	Phyllis Denchfield
Sun. 6/18	Daine Flieth
Wed. 6/21	Daine Flieth
Sun. 6/25	Ione Somsen



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...

- Susan Roemmich
- Duane Remmick

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

- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Tammy Michaelson (Sister-in-law of Carmen McBride)

- Carol Stahlhut (Family of Esther Koenig and Sherri Hochhalter)
- Marlane Middlestead; Lung (Sister-In-Law of Shirley Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)
- Mike Worner (Brother-In-Law of Ann Snow)
- Kevin Koenig (Son of Esther Koenig)
- Colby Schrenk (Great-nephew of Esther Koenig)
- Maya Murray (Great-niece of Shari Murray)
- Andrea Trampe (Wife of Pastor Heath Trampe)

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

- Kylie Tripp; Difficult pregnancy
- Terese Carter; Medical tests
- Sheila Corwin; Ill health
- Chad Anderson; Heart problems
- Lawrence Jorgenson; Ill health
- Arianna Walch; Batten's Disease
- Fay Tracy; Ill health (Friend of Amy & Skip Neustel)
- Kennadee Boyer; Born with hole in the heart (Great-niece of Ann Schulz)
- David Bass; Healing from stomach abscess (Father of Jen Hoffer)

- James Lunneborg; Ill health (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Chantel McAllister; Difficult pregnancy (Niece of Nayva Mulder)
- Rachel Mulder; Healing (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Jackie Schraeder; Complications from diabetes (Friend of Bill and Tine Busche)
- Scott Barefoot; Leg Infection (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Sue Hedberg; Kidney Disease (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Keith Rutherford (Son of Karen Connell; Friend of Lone Somsen)
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)

Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones...

- Family and Friends of Sandy Fronke

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms
Confirmations
Weddings
Funerals/Deaths
Transferred In
Transferred Out

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-615
 Confirmed Members-466

2023

Baptisms (Infant)-0, (Adult)-0
Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-0
Weddings-0
Funerals-5
Transferred In-0
Transferred Out-1
Profession of Faith-0

Misc. Announcements



A "Thank You" to Mary Schmiess for a gift of \$250 in memory of Richard Schmiess. Mary is a member of one of Pastor Tom's former congregations, and she listens to his sermons online.



Orphan Grain Train is in need of some items for hygiene and layette kits if you would like to help with these you can put them in the box in the narthex. Items needed are soap, bath towels, wash cloths, soap boxes, nail clippers, travel size Kleenex, cloth diapers, rubber pants, and large safety pins. Thank you for any help you can give.



This newsletter is now available in 3 formats:

1. Printed on paper – delivered to your church or home mailbox
2. Digital copy – delivered to your email address
3. Digital copy – posted on the website to view or download

Please let the office know how you would like to receive the newsletter from now on. If you missed the form in the bulletins in May, just call the church office at **252-2819**. (If you are home-bound and already receiving a paper copy in the mail, no changes will be made unless you request it).

Congratulations Graduates!



Kyra Hoffer (daughter of Jen and Chad Hoffer) is a 2023 graduate from Jamestown High School. She plans on attending North Dakota State University in the fall and studying Engineering.



Christianna Nemec (daughter of pastor Tom and Andrea) recently graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, with a Masters of Art degree in Deaconess Studies. She will be receiving a part time Call to serve as deaconess at Redeemer Lutheran in Lubbock, Texas where she and her husband, Rev. Charles Nemec currently serve.

Christianna thanks Concordia Lutheran for all their support and prayers over the years of her church work education.

Meeting Minutes

Concordia Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting April, 30 2023

The meeting was called to order by Doug Pieske, Pastor Tom opened with prayer.

The brief overview of the finances was presented. Contributions are approximately \$10,000 behind the annual budget needs.

A report was given by the Board of Education on upcoming events.

A report was given by the Board of Trustees on recent completed and upcoming projects.

It was mentioned that a new website company has taken over for Faith Websites and that the website has now been converted over and updated.

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

Sue C. made a motion to adjourn and Randy K. seconded the motion, The motion carried.

Submitted By,
Daine Flieth,
Council Secretary

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 8, 2023

Members Present: Sue Corwin, Pastor Tom Eckstein, Don Elstad, Daine Flieth, Kim Murray, Kevin Nelson, Doug Pieske, Aaron Roberts

Absent:

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

Pastor's Report: The sermon series on the Book of Exodus will conclude on May 28th. The new sermon series, "Hymns about Him" will begin on June 4th and run through the summer concluding the Sunday before Labor Day. Beginning after Labor Day will be a sermon series on the Book of Galatians.

The new and updated website for Concordia is complete. Monthly newsletters are now available on the website.

Deaconess's Report: \$500 was raised through the Easter Breakfast! "Carnations for Mom" is the next fundraiser on Mother's Day where carnations will be sold by the youth for \$1.

2 youth are registered to attend this year's Encounter Camp at Shepherd's Hill.

Board of Elders: The June schedule was planned.
The Constitution/Bylaws were reviewed.

Board of Education: Senior Recognition is set for May 14th with 1 graduate being honored at the 10:30am Service.

The last day of Sunday School until Rally Sunday is May 21st with teachers being honored with a gift and recognition given in the bulletin.

VBS is set for June 4-8 from 6:30-8:30pm. A sign-up list is in the Narthex for snack and craft supplies.

Board of Stewardship: A card party has been set for June 12th at 6:30pm to send cards to shut-ins.
The monthly financial statements were reviewed.

Board of Trustees: The new NE door (parking lot by the storage shed) has been replaced and new keys made.
The new plex-glass will be installed in the near future over the stained glass windows on the east side of the Church.

A carpet sample has been received and accepted to replace the carpet in the downstairs room to the left of the stage in the Fellowship Hall. This was needed due to a window being broken via vandalism and glass shards embedded in the old carpet.
The vandalized window is being replaced and installed by Hochhalter Carpentry.

All the downspouts appear to be crushed. Northland Windows and Siding will be contacted for a replacement bid.

Old Business:

New Business: The Constitution/Bylaws were reviewed.
With no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned.

Submitted By,
Daine Flieth,
Council Secretary

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

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or

concordiajt@daktel.com

Concordia Events Calendar – June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				8:30-9:30 am Men's Bible Class	10:00am Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group	9-12pm- Orphan Grain Train
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	30
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***Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**

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

***Chancel Duties: Esther Koenig**

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TOM and MELISSA SOULIS (w.)	2 AMBER BACKEN (b.) SHAUNA FENNERN (b.) DALONNA WEGLEITNER (b.)	3 MAKENZIE ANDERSON (b.) MAJESTIC BJERKE (b.) MIKE DRONEN (b.) ALLAN and PAM HARTMANN (w.) DALLAS and ELISSA ROSIN (w.) THAD and SARAH SANKEY (w.)
4 KEVIN LARSON (b.) MARIAH MCKENNEY (b.) THOMAS and ANDREA ECKSTEIN (w.) MARY MCCARY and Christopher (w.) DOUG and PATTI PIESKE (w.)	5 ZOE FLIETH (b.)	6 COLE HOMES (b.) CLINT and TRACY ARNDT (w.)	7 RANDY and DAINE FLIETH (w.)	8 JOANN BROWN (b.) COOPER KOSEL (b.) JIM MARSOLEK (b.) BROCK and NICOLE HOCHHALTER (w.) MARK KALBUS and (w.)	9 AMBER MCINTYRE (b.) PARKER and (KASSY) LIPETZKY (w.) REINHOLD and NORMA MORLOCK (w.)	10 TYSON WALKER (b.) YVONNE and (JOHN) MCGREGOR (w.)
11 SYDNEY SPITZER (b.) KERRY and SHERRI HOCHHALTER (w.) LARRY and ELLEN WALZ (w.) JEFF and NANCY WOLSKY (w.)	12 HAYDEN WATKINS (b.) JIM and DARLENE FLIFLET (w.) MARVIN and JOAN LEE (w.)	13 LYNN KOSEL (b.) DENNIS KRAWCZYK (b.)	14 ANDREA BOERGER (b.) ADAM OTTO (b.) JORDAN TRIPP (b.)	15 JIM and BECCA ANDERSON (w.) LLOYD and GERRI BAUSKE (w.)	16 CHAR KAPP (b.) LYNDI and (BLAKE) KRUEGER (w.)	17 BOB and KARLENE SERFOSS (w.)
18 PAULINE STANGELAND (b.) STEVE ZIMMER (b.)	19 RAEGAN ANDERSON (b.) (PENN) BOERGER (b.) WILL ZIEGLER (b.) TERESE and JEFF CARTER (w.) LARRY and SHIRLY GENTER (w.)	20 CATHY and LARRY NANNENGA (w.)	21 PHILLIP BOERGER (b.) ED HAGEL (b.) JULIE NORMAN (b.) BOB WHITNEY (b.) QUINCY and AMBER BACKEN (w.) FRED and CAROL MARTIN (w.) JERRY and MARY ORN (w.)	22 ANDRE FLIETH (b.) SARAH SANKEY (b.)	23 MICHELLE HOGGARTH (b.) WES MORLOCK and JACQUELINE (w.) CARL and PAULINE STANGELAND (w.) LEON and MJ WESTERHAUSEN (w.)	24
25 RUSSELL and LORIE DUPPONG (w.)	26 ED MATTHIESEN (b.) WADE and AMBER SPITZER (w.)	27 AARON ELSTAD (b.) HANNA MAGSTADT (b.) JERRY and LIANE BRAUN (w.) GORDY and SUE LUCHT (w.)	28 TAMMY HOGGARTH (b.) MAIZEE KAPPENMAN (b.) DERNEL and TRACY DENNING (w.) BILL and SHARON DUNAWAY (w.) AMBER HOOVESTOL and Keith Hoovestol (w.)	29 CAROL MARTIN (b.) JERRY ORN (b.)	30	



The Bible Society of Liberia (BSL) is one of our main partners on the ground in Liberia. They are one of the many Bible societies around the world that make up the United Bible Societies. They focus on reaching the people of Liberia with the word of God in a variety of ways.

The personnel at BSL coordinate the translation projects. They manage all the language team personnel, the finances for the projects, the equipment, and the training. They oversee the printing and distribution of all written and recorded Bible materials. Following is an overview of the various other ministries BSL is conducting to share the Good News around Liberia.

BSL Radio Broadcast -- The radio programming was created to increase awareness of BSL's vision, mission, programs, and activities. It is a one-hour Bible-based program aired every Wednesday. Various topics are covered, biblically sound preachers and teachers are featured, and listeners can call in with their questions. Every broadcast can be accessed and shared. The program has created awareness of the Bible Society, their bookstore, and other programs offered by BSL. Bible sales have increased. The program is being shared on social media.

Rural Pastoral Training – Most Liberian untrained pastors reside in rural areas. They lack training because they cannot afford to underwrite the cost of attending a seminary or Bible institution. This training

program focuses on areas of church administration, discipleship, evangelism, Biblical interpretation and preaching, marriage and family life, and unity in the body of Christ. So far training has taken place in four counties, in more than twenty churches, and equipped over 1000 ministers of the Gospel. Each pastor receives a copy of the Bible at the end of training. The training serves to give these faithful servants tools by which they can preach the word accurately and better minister to the people in their communities.



Trauma Healing Program – Many Liberians have experienced trauma whether from the prolonged civil crisis or other domestic and economic crises which are faced on a daily basis. BSL uses a Bible-based program to help educate people about the nature of trauma. The lessons focus on knowing God amid struggle, God's love, forgiveness, and hope. Participants are encouraged to surrender their lives to Jesus if they haven't already.

This program is seeing results as people's lives have been rejuvenated. Hope is restored. While mostly women have been in attendance, some men have also attended to help heal their hidden wounds. One woman traumatized by the disability of her daughter received a wheelchair from BSL in cooperation with a local hospital.





people. Partnering with Samaritan's Purse, BSL provided a complete set, all 66 books, of the Braille Bible to the School for the Blind located in Mango Town. They also distributed an audio New Testament Proclaimer. The students were very excited. Now they can read the Bible, conduct their devotions, and grow spiritually. During the presentation, students were selected randomly to read from their favorite books. They did not disappoint. They read with clarity and distinction. If you want to hear for yourself go to <https://www.facebook.com/biblesocietylib> and witness some students reading.

Youth Program – Like elsewhere, Liberia is not immune to the struggles young people face. Drugs and crime, homelessness, and poverty are taking their toll. It is estimated that Liberia has over 250,000 at-risk youths. Seeing this need, BSL has designed a special youth program aimed first at showing them that only Jesus can completely change lives and destructive habits. Lessons also focus on substance abuse, its dangers, and prevention. BSL partners with various Christian rehab centers, directing some participants to a center and providing provisions and programs at the centers.

Over 5000 youth have been reached with the message of Jesus Christ and saying no to drugs. The programs have been conducted at public and private high schools, communities, prison compounds, and churches. Out of this are seen new converts and those rededicating their lives again to Jesus without hesitation. Schools are encouraged to establish discipleship programs to nurture spiritual growth in these young people.

Sunday School Teacher training – This is the newest of the BSL programs. BSL recognizes the importance of children's ministry in the church and the need for trained teachers. Educational psychology, classroom management, and teaching methods are taught in a participatory manner. Teaching materials and other Sunday School materials are given to the participants. Over 20 members of God's Divine Favor Church showed up to be trained at the first workshop. Pray for more churches to recognize the need to train the children in their faith.

People with Visual Disability outreach – BSL has designed a special ministry for visually impaired



Thank you for joining me and BSL in their mission to witness Christ to everyone,

Becky

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for solar equipment repairs. A bad inverter recently ruined a new battery.
- Praise for the May checking sessions. I travel May 4-28.
- Pray for the Maan and Dan teams striving to complete their Bibles.
- Pray for continued healing for Charles and good health for all the translators.
- Pray for a peaceful election year in Liberia.

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