

# Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



## Concordia's Financial Situation as of April 30<sup>th</sup> of 2024

First, all in all, Concordia is doing well financially. We have about \$80,000 in "padding" and also some additional funds in dedicated accounts (for example, about \$40,000 in the "building fund dedicated account" to help with church repairs and maintenance).

HOWEVER, as of the end of April we have a \$24,000 **DEFICIT** – *which means that we've spent \$24,000 more so far in 2024 than offerings received.* But this is not unusual this time of the year, since we have some big expenses (e.g., church insurance; various mission gifts) in January – April that we do not have the rest of the year. Nevertheless, it would be great to LOWER that deficit from May – December of 2024 so that we can end the year even or, better yet, in the black.

*As God continues to provide through the offerings of His people, we will accomplish this goal!*

## Pastor Eckstein "out of town" June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Tom will be attending a continuing education course on The Book of Romans from 6/24 – 6/28 at Concordia University in St. Paul. This course is being taught by **Dr. Michael Middendorf** who was a former pastor here at Concordia in the early 1990s. Dr. Middendorf is the author of the two volume Concordia Commentary on the Book of Romans.

## Pastor Eckstein & Family on Vacation July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>

We plan to leave on vacation on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be spending one week in the St. Louis area with Joshua and his family. Christianna and her husband will also come up from Lubbock, TX, to spend some time with us while we are there.

On Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will leave for Columbia, MO, to spend time with friends there. On Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be traveling to Ackley, IA, to spend time with friends there. From July 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> we will be spending time in the Minneapolis area, and visiting friends there. From July 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> we will be in Ottertail, MN, spending time with Pastor's brother and sister and their families. We plan to be

home sometime on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

## DON'T Take a "Summer Vacation" From Church

Summer is a gift from God during which we can enjoy the beautiful weather and travel. But we can be tempted to come up with excuses to avoid receiving God's gifts during Church Services during the summer months. So, if you're in Jamestown on the weekends during the summer months, be sure to attend Services at Concordia. If you are *out of town* on the weekend, plan to attend an LCMS congregation in whatever area you are at. You can use the "church locator" at the LCMS web page:

[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) Another option, if you are gone over the weekend, is that you can attend Concordia's Wednesday evening Service @ 7:00PM. ***So, we have plenty of options to hear God's Word and receive His gifts during the summer!!***

Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Eckstein*

## Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



## Women's Bible Study

### **"God's Provision in a Wilderness World"**

By Lindsay Hausch

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays**  
**June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us  
anytime.

### **Stephen Ministry**

Wednesdays  
June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 3:30pm

Please let Nayva know if you have any  
questions.

## Fellowship

### **Grief Support**

Sunday  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Noon

Fellowship Hall  
Ask Nayva for details

*Deaconess Nayva*



### **Main Street Living TV Program**

[www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com)

Every Sunday on the local Fox  
Station at gam

**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.



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

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.

Please pray for the LWML convention being held in Bismarck June 14-16. Our delegates from Concordia are Nayva Mulder and Carmen McBride. Please pray for all delegates as they vote on the mission projects and new officers for the next two years.

## Outreach

### **A New Song**

Bible Study on the  
Psalms

**Fri, June 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**  
Marian Duff (Host)  
1301 15<sup>th</sup> St SW

**Thurs, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm**  
Vera Schulz (Host)  
114 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Apt. 2030

## The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected \$198.19 in May. We will be doing this again one more Sunday in June. Bring your change to help support the mission projects.



Listen up for the **NOISY OFFERING** on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our young people will be passing the bucket for coins to give towards mites. We continue to collect our mites to help pay for mission grants. We praise God that the ND District LWML was able to fund *all of their projects for this biennium!* We continue to pray that we will be able to fund all our National LWML mission grant projects for this biennium....like **LWML Mission Grant #6 Mobile Kitchen, Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. — \$85,000**

Forged by Fire is an active Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT). Since its beginning, Forged by Fire has prepared and served food for over 150,000 people. Because of generous donations from individuals and organizations like LWML, they

have never had to stop cooking due to lack of funding.

With the funds they receive, they plan to purchase a mobile, self-sufficient kitchen that will allow them to cook and serve from the roadside. The mobile kitchen will benefit smaller communities in need that are often overlooked by larger organizations.

Follow this link to learn more about this grant:

<https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-6>

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



Our **VBS** this year will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We hope your child will be able to come and hear of God's love for all of us. Our theme this year is **Celebrate the Savior. Jesus gives us Joy.** We ask that you please register your children soon so we can plan for supplies. Look for the registration form in the newsletter, fill it out, and return it to the box in the narthex or bring it on the first evening.

**Invite your friends!**



May 19<sup>th</sup> was our last day of Sunday School before the summer break. (But don't miss our VBS opportunity to Celebrate the Savior).

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



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

**Youth Group in June**  
Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm

## Volunteers in June:

### Communion/Altar preparation:

Sandy Darrow

### Musicians:

Sun. 6/2	Carmen McBride
Wed. 6/9	Carmen McBride
Sun. 6/12	Carmen McBride
Wed. 6/16	Daine Flieth
Sun. 6/19	Daine Flieth
Wed. 6/23	Ione Somsen
Sun. 6/26	Ione Somsen
Wed. 6/30	Daine Flieth

### Elder and Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 6/2	8am	10:30 am
	<b>E= Curt S.</b> A = ---	<b>E = Gordy L.</b> A = ---
Sun. 6/9	8am	10:30am
	<b>E = Curt S.</b> A = ---	<b>E= Gordy L.</b> A = ---
Sun. 6/16	8am	10:30am
	<b>E= Curt S.</b> A = ---	<b>E = Doug P.</b> A = ---
Wed. 6/19	7pm	<b>E=Quincy B.</b> A = ---
Sun. 6/23	8am	10:30am
	<b>E =Dave H.</b> A = ---	<b>E= Larry W.</b> A = ---
Sun. 6/30	8am	10:30am
	<b>E =Dave H.</b> A = ---	<b>E= Larry W.</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
- Shirley Flieth (Grandmother of Randy Flieth)
- Jeff Pansch (Uncle of Tom Boerger)
- Delle Stinar (Mother of Jim Anderson)
- 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...

- Arianna Walch
- Don Wirrenga
- Terese Carter
- Carol Miemietz
- Eric Rova
- Norma Morlock
- Reinhold Morlock

- Elaine Reimers (Mother of Deb Rova)
- Lyn Rutherford (Daughter-in-law of Karen Connel)
- 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)
- Kari Knecht (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- Eric Lucht (Son of Gordy and Sue Lucht)

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

Margaret Samuelson

## SACRED ACTS:

### Baptisms

Giang Michaelson 5/5/2024

Mia Michaelson 5/5/2024

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nathan Michaelson 5/5/2024



## Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-610  
Confirmed Members-459

2024

Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-2  
Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-0  
Weddings-0  
Funerals-4  
Transferred In-1  
Transferred Out-0  
Profession of Faith-2  
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## Miscellaneous Announcements

# thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. Some of the items that have been supported by the Thrivent funds this year are:

Lecture fees  
Newspaper articles  
Adult Education materials  
BINGO supplies/prizes

## (UN)SAVE THE DATE!

The plans for the 6/21 evening concert of Praise and Worship at Concordia has been postponed for the time being. More information will be published when it becomes available.



### Do you want to have more meaningful spiritual conversations online?

LHM has developed an online space at Thred.com which can 'empower, equip, and inspire you to engage in meaningful conversations with confidence'.

At Thred.org, you'll discover:

#### Free Resources

Download free content to help you embrace your God-given purpose, share your faith online, and more.

#### In-Depth Courses

Grow your skills and confidence to truly listen to others and initiate spiritual conversations as you engage online.

#### The Thred Blog

Explore diverse voices from our growing community of contributors speaking into matters of faith and culture.

#### Dynamic Community

Share ideas and learn from others who are creating authentic, relevant, and meaningful digital experiences.

Visit the new site to explore how to use your digital voice and engage in more meaningful spiritual conversations with confidence.



Perhaps you've seen the items from Lutheran Family Service (LFS) in our bulletins these last few months. As a result of the 2022 LCMS ND District convention resolution regarding a partnership with the LFS, the agency has been active in North Dakota district for one year now. They offer counseling in unplanned pregnancy, adoption services, marriage and family counseling, mental health counseling along with life advocacy outreach programs. The ND District is seeking feedback regarding Lutheran Family Service and their presence in the North Dakota District. Please see the enclosed flyer about providing your opinions.



Are you handy with a sewing machine and looking for a project this summer? Orphan Grain Train is working on putting together some Feminine Hygiene kits for young ladies. Talk to Andrea Eckstein@658-9057 for more details.

Thank you for your continued support.



Do you play pinochle? The Board of Stewardship is looking for anyone who is interested in playing pinochle. Contact Don Elstad for more information @ (701) 251-2590.



**Effective immediately**, the church office will be open on **Tuesday from 1:00- 4:00pm and Wednesday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. As usual, if you need access to the church at different times, call 252-2819 during office hours 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 beginning to prepare 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 this August. Look for the collection box in the narthex.

## Praise the Lord!

This is a new feature in the newsletter. We've made a space where you can post your words of praise and positive comments about what's going on in our church community or your own life. The following was submitted this month by Becca and Jim Anderson:

"Our son Kasey and his wife, LiYun Anderson had their 2nd baby girl May 1<sup>st</sup> in Taiwan! Mom & baby are healthy and happy. They named her Roselle Kay (middle name not definite yet) Anderson. She has big sister, 17-month-old Lilly who is excited to have a sister and she loves

babies. Kasey just arrived to Taiwan last weekend, just in time. They will be living in Taiwan where Kasey got a new teaching job at a Christian School. God is so good!"

Now it's your turn. Let me know who or what you have to praise God for and let us share it on this page.

## Concordia Lutheran Voters Meeting April 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Doug Pieske.

Financial report – There 2 CD'S renewed at 5% for now until need.

Carrington did not receive a candidate. Pastor will continue to serve. They are looking at calling from the field.

Trustee: The window in the basement was replaced and the window upstairs in the room off the altar was replaced as all the wood was rotten. We are looking at getting bids to repair, stripe and seal coat the parking lot and also get a bid from Lux for a complete concrete replacement for the parking lot. The floors in the fellowship will be stripped and waxed. Arneson's has been contacted to fix the air conditioners by the end of May and if they are not, we will look for another bid. There are problems with the organ and looking at maintenance or replacing the organ.

CJ Hagar from Ameriprise Financial did a presentation at the church on April 21st concerning ways to make a donation to the church from retirement accounts in ways that can reduce taxes paid and satisfy Required Minimum donations from an IRA.

There was no further business and 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](mailto:concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com)**

## Concordia Events Calendar – June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						<b>7:30am – 12:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper)</b>  Adult Bible Class @ <b>9:15</b>  <b>2- 4pm</b> Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian  <b>6-8pm</b> VBS	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train   <b>6-8pm</b> VBS	<b>10am</b> -Bible Class   <b>6-8pm</b> VBS	<b>NO</b> evening Service (resumes 7/12)   <b>6-8pm</b> VBS	<b>8:30- 9:30am</b> Men's Bible Class  <b>1pm-6pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington  <b>6-8pm</b> VBS	<b>10am</b> – Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home  <b>6:30- 8:30pm</b> Youth Group	<b>7:30am – 12:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>8am &amp; 10:30am Service</b> Sunday School & Bible Class @ <b>9:15</b>  <b>2pm</b> - Grief Support meeting  <b>2-4pm</b> -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	<b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train *Pastor Eckstein in St. Paul, MN through Thursday for Continuing Education	<b>10am</b> -Bible Class  <b>7pm</b> -Women's Bible Study @Concordia	<b>1pm-3:30pm</b> – Stephen Ministers  <b>7pm</b> - Service	<b>NO</b> Men's Bible Class (resumes 8/1)	<b>1pm-6pm</b> – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington	<b>7:30am – 12:30pm</b> Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  <b>9-12pm</b> -Orphan Grain Train
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**\*Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**  
**\*Mondays-Deaconess Nayva's Day Off!**  
**\*Chancel Duties: Sandy Darrow**



***Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries***

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

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



# Forged by Fire

BY PAUL ERNEWEIN WITH MISSION EDITOR BRIANNE STAHLECKER

We take so many things for granted until they are no longer there — family, friends, jobs, homes — even something as simple as a meal. If you have lived through a major disaster like a hurricane, tornado, flood, or wildfire, you know the feeling that follows. It is almost like an out-of-body experience. Confusion about what to do next invades. How do we start trying to recover? Something as simple as a warm meal, once taken for granted, is missed.

In Forged by Fire serving lines, we hear stories and see the faces of people who are simply lost: seniors who haven't had a warm meal in weeks; families who had food insecurity issues before the disaster; families struggling just to find one meal a day. Yet, they are thankful that we are there serving them.

Even in "the greatest country in the world," people and communities

can get overlooked in disasters. Paths of destruction during hurricanes can be so wide that it is virtually impossible to cover every community with relief efforts. This is where churches and volunteer organizations become vital. That is how Forged by Fire started. In the Gulf Coast, major disasters have affected our lives. Our leadership team and many of our volunteers have "been there."

Our feeding ministry has its roots in providing that very basic need for human survival — food. We don't serve just average food; we serve food cooked with love — delicious food that can be found in your grandmother's or mother's kitchen. Every time we serve, we try to serve food like that.

Since its beginning, Forged by Fire has prepared and served food for over 150,000 people. Because of generous donations from individuals and organizations like

LWML, we have never had to stop cooking due to lack of funding. God truly provides for all our needs!

Those receiving our meals often ask, "Why?" and "How are you able to do this?" What an opportunity to share Christ while being the hands and feet of our Savior Jesus! Our answer is always the same, "Because we can." This is who we are in Jesus. We serve. It really is that simple.

Where does the LWML fit in? Smaller communities are the ones often

overlooked by major relief organizations in recovery work. The LWML Mission Grant for Forged by Fire Services, prayed for and approved at the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, will help serve those communities. The mobile, self-sufficient kitchen will allow us to cook and serve from the roadside. A smaller team of volunteers will be able to comfortably serve up to 500 people. What a blessing this unit will be to those in need! We cannot thank you enough. *Q*

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**To learn more about our work, please visit [forGEDbyfireservices.com](https://forGEDbyfireservices.com). We are an active Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT). To learn about opportunities to volunteer with the LCMS after a disaster strikes, and learn more about LERT, visit [lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response](https://lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response). Your prayers and your service are vital to our work that we share together.**

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Rev. Paul Ernewein, a 2007 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, serves as pastor of The Village Church Lutheran in Lacombe, Louisiana and as president and managing director of Forged by Fire Services. He also serves as a zone pastoral counselor for the LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District. Because he has experienced multiple hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding events firsthand, he and his wife are committed to helping those in need after these devastating events.

# JUNE

*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 all the blessings in your life.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #13.
3. For Japan, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the LWML Chesapeake District.
5. For graduates as they look for work and start new jobs.
6. For opportunities to help or pray for people today.
7. For the country of Jordan.
8. For farmers and the wonderful food they produce.
9. Gratitude for our earthly fathers and especially for our heavenly Father.
10. For our Lutheran in Mission Vice President of Special Focus Ministries.
11. For LWML Mission Grant #14.
12. For the LWML Carolinas District.
13. For the ability to go outside and praise God for the little and big things we see.
14. For our USA flag and our country that it represents. Wear red, white, and blue today.
15. For the country of Kazakhstan.
16. For the ability to rest in the Lord today.
17. For God's Word and being able to hide it in our hearts.
18. For the LWML Atlantic District.
19. For the country of Kenya.
20. For the safety of people traveling.
21. For the country of Germany.
22. For summer and friends.
23. For the country of Kyrgyzstan.
24. For all church workers.
25. For LWML Mission Grant #15.
26. For the ability to enjoy ice cream or other treats with a friend and pray for them.
27. For the country of Laos.
28. For our senses. Enjoy your senses of smell, taste, touch, and hearing.
29. For those workers who work overnight.
30. For the LWML New England District.

*Concordia Lutheran Jamestown, ND*  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION  
(One form per child, please)

\*Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male Female

Grade just finished: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Issues or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Place my child in the same group as (child's name): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*City: \_\_\_\_\_

\*State: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pickup (first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Pickup Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

General Information: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: XS Ym YL XS S M L XL

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

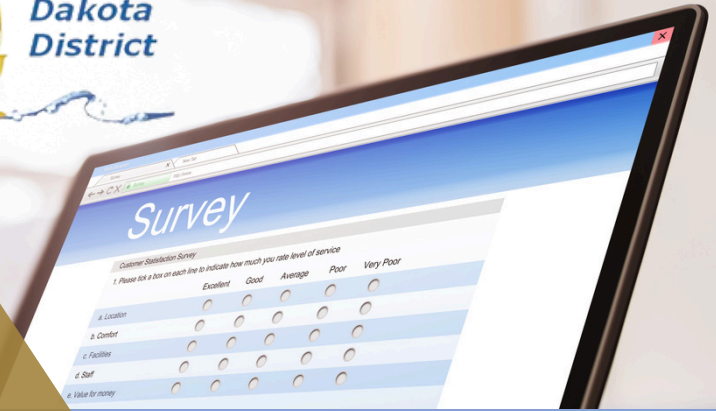




Lutheran  
Family Service



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





# Microwave Popcorn for UJ BLOCK PARTY

*Goal : 1000 bags*







# 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**

# Noisy Offering



1st Sunday of  
the Month