

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Attend Midweek Lenten Services at Concordia!

The 2023 Lenten Sermon theme is: **"Promised Treasures."** These Services will be at 7:00PM, and the sermon titles are as follows:

Ash Wed. 2/22: "Sitting in Dust & Ashes";

Wed., 3/01: "Salt: The Gift That Seasons and Preserves";

Wed., 3/08: "Water Gives You Life";

Wed., 3/15: "Light Shining in the Darkness";

Wed., 3/22: "Bread of Life";

Wed., 3/29: "Palms and Victory";

Maundy Thurs. 4/06: "Water and Blood";

Good Fri. 4/07: "The Old Rugged, Wooden Cross"

Mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers!

Soup Suppers will be hosted by various groups at Concordia from 5:30PM to 6:30PM on the following Wednesdays: **3/01; 3/08; 3/15; 3/22 & 3/29.** There will be a free-will offering that will support various ministries at Concordia.

Attend Bible Studies at Concordia!

The following Bible studies are being offered at Concordia for your spiritual growth in God's Word:

1) Sundays from 9:15AM to 10:15AM – "The Book of Hebrews";

2) Tuesdays from 10:00AM to 11:00AM – "The Book of Titus" *AND we'll soon be starting a study of what Scripture teaches about Holy Baptism!;*

3) MEN'S bible study on Thursdays from 8:30AM to 9:30AM – "The Book of Hebrews";

4) Various WOMEN'S bible studies taught by Deaconess Nayva on certain Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM and other days of the week (*see calendar in bulletin and newsletter*).

Missions Supported by Concordia's Offerings in 2023!

As many of you know, 5% of Concordia's offerings were used to support District and Synod

LCMS missions in 2022. In 2022 we gave \$20,905 to our North Dakota District of the LCMS – and 35% of that was forwarded on to the national LCMS to help support mission work on the national and international levels. Praise the Lord! We plan to continue this mission giving to District & Synod in 2023 – except that in 2023 we are giving 6% of our total offerings for this purpose.

In addition, in 2023 Concordia will support the following missions with our offerings:

- 1) \$1,080.00 in support of "Mesiaki Nairinka" (orphan in Kenya – see attached letter)
- 2) \$2,000.00 in support of "Cullen Flieth" who is studying to be a Director of Christian Education at Concordia University in St. Paul MN
- 3) \$2,500.00 in support of the "Women's Care Center" in Fargo (a pro-life pregnancy center that helps needy parents so they can keep their children or give them up for adoption)
- 4) \$1,000.00 to support the work of missionary "Becky Grossmann" with Lutheran Bible Translators
- 5) Concordia has budgeted \$2,500.00 for "social ministry" in 2023 to help needy individuals/families in our congregation and community.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Eckstein

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent 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.

Recently, Concordia received \$497.00 in contributions from Thriven Choice thanks to Gail & Gordon Bischoff and Lloyd & Rebecca Kuhlmann.



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

This month I thought I'd share a note from one of our viewers: Harriet writes: "I enjoy and appreciate the Main Street Living Program. To have a LCMS program televised in our area is great. It is so nice to hear the different Pastors present their messages, and the choirs singing each Sunday. I am in an assisted living housing and am unable to attend our home church. I am also enclosing a memorial in honor of my late husband."

Thanks so much Harriet. It is a joy to be able to bring these worship services and "This Is the Life" programs into your home 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 – then click on the link under the picture identified as "Fargo."

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!

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

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Women's Bible Study

"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply"

By Deb Burma

1st and 3rd Tuesday

(March 7th & 21st)

Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us anytime.

In-home Bible Study opportunities:

"A New Song"

Bible Study on the Psalms

Thurs., March 9th @ 1:00 pm

114 12th Ave NE

Meet in 2nd Floor Community Area

Vera Schulz (Host)

Fri., March 3rd @10:00 am

1301 15th St. SW

Marian Duff (Host)

–Deaconess Nayva



The LWML will meet on March 7 at 3:00 pm.

The Central Zone **Spring Rally** will be held on **April 15th** in **Edgeley**. The theme for the rally is "Spring Sock Hop". We will be collecting socks for Orphan Grain and there will be a box in the

Narthex for you to put them in if you would like to help. They do need to be **new** socks. Thank you for your support to the LWML.



The quilting ladies will meet on February 7 and 21 in the Fellowship hall at 1:00. They have put together several quilts so far to be given to Orphan Grain Train. If you would like to join us please come and help put together these beautiful quilts.

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday.

We also continue to collect our mites to help pay for our mission projects. You may take a box home to collect your change and return to the Church and put in the large mite box in the Narthex. The focus this month for International LWML is **Mission Grant #26 – Mission to Kuna, Idaho – Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church**. Please see the attached page for more information about the project and a prayer guide.



Sunday School classes continue at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. We look forward to having your child join

us as we learn of God’s love for us. We will be having some special activities for Palm Sunday and Easter so watch for the next newsletter with more details.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth group activities for March:

***LYF Retreat in Carrington**

Friday, March 3rd 7:00pm through

Saturday March 4th 4:00pm

*Friday, March 17th at 6:30-8:30pm @Concordia

*Friday, March 24th **Nerf Night Fargo** 7:00-10:00pm (leaving Jamestown @5:30pm)

***Soup Suppers: Youth Serve**

Wednesday, March 8th 4:30

Wednesday, March 22nd 4:30



Nayva and the Concordia Youth would like to thank you for supporting **Taco Bar** fundraiser.

**Stephen Ministry
Introductory Meeting
Sunday, March 12th 2:00 pm**

Are you interested in becoming a Stephan Minister? We will be having an introductory class where you can find out more about the program.

Training Classes will be starting soon!!

Please let Nayva know if you have any questions.

Volunteers in March:

Elder/Acolyte Schedule

Wed. 3/1	7pm	E =Quincy B. A = Lexi
Sun. 3/5	8am	10:30am
	E =Dernel D. A= Alexander	E= Doug P. A = Hoffer
Wed. 3/8	7pm	E=Larry W. A= Flieth
Sun. 3/12	8am	10:30am
	E= Dave H. A= Jason C.	E =Josh R. A= Isabella
Wed. 3/15	7pm	E = Quincy B. A= Backen
Sun. 3/19	8am	10:30am
	E=Dernel D. A=Alexander C.	E=Doug P. A=Joe L.
Wed. 3/22	7pm	E=Larry W. A=Lindbergs
Sun. 3/26	8am	10:30am
	E=Dave H. A= Jason C.	E=Josh R. A=Hoffer
Wed. 3/29	7pm	E = Quincy B. A=Backen

Communion/Altar
preparation:
Twyla Anderson

Musicians:

Wed. 3/1	Ione Somsen
Sun. 3/5	Phyllis Denchfield
Wed. 3/8	Phyllis Denchfield
Sun. 3/12	Daine Flieth
Wed. 3/15	Daine Flieth
Sun. 3/19	Carmen McBride
Wed. 3/22	Carmen McBride
Sun. 3/26	Ione Somsen
Wed. 3/29	Ione Somsen



Please pray for those serving our country...

- Nick Cherney; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND
- 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...

- Ann Schulz
- Cheryl Leean
- Susan Roemmich
- Jennifer Randall

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

- Clarice Spitzer
- May Murray (Great niece of Shari Murray)
- Kevin Koenig (Son of Esther Koenig)
- Colby Schrenk (Great-nephew of Esther Koenig)

- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Pastor Barrie Henke (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Andrea Trampe (Wife of Pastor Heath Trampe)
- Marlane Middlestead; Lung (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)

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

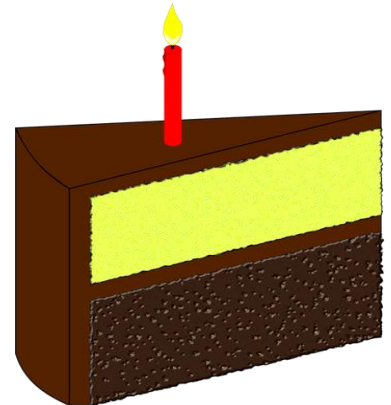
- Cammy Ost; Broken elbow
- Lawrence Jorgenson; Ill health
- Arianna Walch; Hospitalized, meningitis and complications of Batten's Disease
- Berna Kunze ; Pneumonia
- Kendal Scott; Heart Attack (Son of Corrine Scott)
- Thelma Kinzler; Hospitalized (Mother of Randy Kinzler)
- James Lunneborg; Covid (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Chantel McAllister; Difficult pregnancy (Niece of Nayva Mulder)
- Jackie Schraeder; Complications from Diabetes (Friend of Tina and Bill Busche)
- Scott Barefoot; Leg Infection (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Sue Hedberg; Kidney Disease (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Keith Rutherford; Covid (Son of Karen Connell; Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)
- Rachel Mulder (Ill health)

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

- Judy Lill (Sister of Sue Corwin)
- Art Mielke
- Pearl Swanson (Grandmother of Jen Hoffer)



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers for my sister during her illness. Thank you for all the cards at her passing and for prayers of comfort for my family.
Sue Corwin



The family of **Joyce Michaelson** would like to invite everyone to an Open House to celebrate her 90th Birthday.

March 11, 2023 2:00-5:00 in the Fellowship Hall of Concordia Lutheran Church. (Hosted by Carmen McBride)

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms
Confirmations

Weddings

Funerals/Deaths

Art Mielke passed away Feb. 13th, the funeral was held at Concordia Feb. 17th.

Transferred In Transferred Out

Will Ziegler – Transferred to Zion Lutheran Church in Edgeley

Profession of Faith

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-616

Confirmed Members-467

2023

Baptisms (Infant)-0, (Adult)-0

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-3

Transferred In-0

Transferred Out-1

Profession of Faith-0

Memorials:

Contributions have been made to Concordia Lutheran Church recently in memory of **Marlys Pieske**. We would like to thank Harlan E. Hall, Dick Pieske, Vera Schulz and Clarice Liechty for their kindness.

Contributions have also been made to Concordia Lutheran Church in the memory of **Art Mielke**. Thank you to the Art Mielke family and Daniel and Linda Kay Burdette.

Letters to Concordia

Several of the organizations that Concordia supports have sent letters recently. This newsletter has included excerpts from some of these letters (included in the newsletter attachments) following. These would include;

**Christ’s Care for Children:
Kenya/Project 24
Mesiaki Narinka’s Letter
Orphan Grain Train,
International**

For the complete letters, please see the display on the bulletin board above the guest book.

Other letters/cards that have been received and are on display are:

**LBT: Grossman Prayer Letter
Boway Prayer Letter
Salvation Army
Women’s Care Center of Fargo**

Concordia Lutheran Voters Meeting January 29, 2023

Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer.

Treasurer report shows we ended the year (\$22,820.37) short of income compared to expenses.

Old Business:

Trustee report: Back door will be replaced in February or March. A new sink will be installed in the kitchen and paid for by the Thanksgiving committee. The new phone system is being installed.

Constitution and By-Laws Update: They are still in review and

anticipated for presentation to the voters at the July 2023 meeting.

Handbell Update: There is \$8,000 in a dedicated account allocated for Hand bells. The stated verbal purchase agreement that was the basis for the vote is not able to be realized. The consensus of the voters was to leave the money in the dedicated account fund from the Lueck memorial that is currently allocated for hand bells and additional funds could be donated to that dedicated account to achieve the goal of purchasing them in the future.

There was no further business and meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Corwin, secretary pro-tem

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 7, 2023

Present: Pastor Eckstein, Sue Corwin, Kim Murray, Kevin Nelson, Doug Pieske, Don Elstad, Nayva Mulder, Daine Flieth, and, Aaron Roberts.

Absent: None

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

Pastor’s report: Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 22 at 7pm. The Sermon theme is, “Promised Treasures”.

The Exodus Sermon Series will resume after Easter.

The bi-monthly Jamestown Sun articles have been well received.

Lenten soup suppers were discussed and planned. 3/1 – LWML, 3/8 – Youth, 3/15 - Elders, 3/22 - Youth, 3/29 – Council.

Deaconess report: The youth recently brought in \$310 with the Bingo fundraiser. The next fundraiser will be a Taco Bar being served on Feb. 26th.

The LYF retreat is scheduled in March.

The Stephen Ministry program is planned to start up in March.

The Bible Studies and Shut-in visits are going well.

Board of Education: VBS is being planned for June.

Easter activities are being planned.

May 21st will be the last Sunday for Sunday School until the fall.

Board of Elders report: The March schedule was planned along with the soup supper on the 15th.

Board of Evangelism: None

Board of Social Ministry: None

Board of Stewardship: Cards were written for Lent.

It was discussed that the Board would like to review finances monthly to stay abreast of financial activity as per By-Law articles.

Board of Trustees: The replacement door is on its way.

The plexi-glass will be fixed when the temperature warms up.

The kitchen sink is being replaced by the Thanksgiving Committee.

Old business: The phone system has been upgraded and the new phones installed.

New business: Concordia's 70th Anniversary is coming up this summer.

A new pictorial directory for Dutton's was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Daine Flieth,
Council Secretary

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