

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Missions Supported by Concordia's Offerings in 2024!

As many of you know, 6% of Concordia's offerings were used to support District and Synod LCMS missions in 2023. In 2023 we gave \$20,722 to the ND District LCMS, and 35% of that was forwarded on to the national LCMS to help support mission work on the national and international levels. In **2024** we plan to continue this mission giving to District & Synod – except that in **2024** we are giving **7%** of our total offerings for this purpose.

In addition, in **2024** Concordia will support the following missions with our offerings: **1)** \$1080.00 in support of "Mesiaki Nairinka" (orphan in Kenya); **2)** \$2000.00 in support of "Cullen Flieth" who is studying to be a Director of Christian Education at Concordia University in St. Paul MN; **3)** \$2500.00 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)** \$1000.00 to support the work of missionary "Becky Grossmann" with Lutheran Bible Translators; **5)** Concordia has budgeted \$2500.00 for "social ministry" to help needy individuals/families in our congregation and community; **6)** \$1800.00 for "Youth for Christ" ministry in Jamestown.

Mid-week Lent Services Continue in March!!

1. **March 6th, 7:00PM:** "Baptism: The Gift of Death and Life"
2. **March 13th, 7:00PM:** "Holy Communion"
3. **March 20th, 7:00PM:** "The Lord's Supper"
4. **Maudy Thursday, March 28th, 7:00PM:** "The Lamb of God Who Has Mercy on Us"
5. **Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00PM:** "The Lamb of God Who Bore Our Shame"
6. **Easter Sunday, March 31st,** "Remember His Words!"

Lenten Soup Suppers Continue in March!!

Various groups will be hosting "Soup Suppers" at Concordia from 5:30PM to 6:30PM on the following Wednesdays: **3/06; 3/13; 3/06; and 3/20.**

Pastor Eckstein's Feb. 6th Art Center Lecture on YouTube!

If you were not able to attend the lecture "The Bible & Sexuality"

given by pastor Eckstein on Feb. 6th at the Art Center, you can watch it on YouTube. Go to our congregation's web page (www.concordiajt.org) and click on "Sermons and Resources" on the top far right of the page. Under that you'll find a link to the YouTube video.

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

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
March 5th and 19th
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us
anytime.

A New Song

Bible Study on the
Psalms

Fri, March 1st
10:00am

Marian Duff (Host)
1301 15th St SW

Thurs, March 14th
1:00 pm

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

Outreach

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Wednesdays March
13th and 27th
1:00 – 3:30pm

Deaconess Nayva



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

This month provides us with the remembrance and celebration of the most precious Bible lessons of the church year: the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ! May these Scriptural truths – of what our loving Creator God has done for us – never get too familiar in our ears that we might begin to take them for granted. Rather, they refresh and renew our faith with the sure hope of forgiveness and eternal life!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link identified as "Fargo/Bismarck." Worship services from the 5 other MSL broadcast areas, as well as the weekly "This Is The Life" programs, are also available for viewing on the website.

Thank you for your needed financial support! Checks may be sent to:

"Main Street Living NORTH," 821 5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website.

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



The LWML will meet on march 5th at 3:00pm. We will make plans for the Spring Rally in April. We will be collecting stuffed animals for Orphan Grain Train as an ingathering. If you would like to help with this you can put them in the box labeled Orphan Grain Train. See the poster elsewhere in the newsletter of the day's activities.

The LWML will be serving soup supper on March 6th. Our free will offering will go for our mites. The district has \$10,000 to pay for mites this year. Thank you to everyone for helping with the noisy mites. We collected \$135.07. We will be doing this again the first Sunday in March. Bring your coins to help pay our mites.

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday

Fellowship

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays
2:00pm

Fellowship Hall
No Class Easter
Sunday

Book Club

Book: Prairie Comrade

BY: Troy Gunderson

*By We will be talking with the
Author in May TBD.*

Sign up to purchase the book. \$15



Listen up for the **NOISY OFFERING** on March 3rd. 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 and we pray that we will be able to fund all our projects for this biennium....like Mission Grant #25 **"Bringing God's Word to India"** You can view the check presentation of \$100,000 on this YouTube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlMg2SlwZhw>

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



Sunday School continues on Sunday mornings at 9:15. We invite your child to join us for Sunday School as we will be learning of Jesus and His love for us as we go through the Easter story. We will have an intergenerational activity on Palm Sunday as we hear about Holy Week. See the poster elsewhere in the newsletter.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth Group

Friday, March 1st 6:30 pm

Friday, March 8th & 9th
Retreat Carrington

Youth serve Soup Supper March 20th

Nerf Night Fargo March 22nd

Easter Breakfast Prep March 30th 2:00pm

Easter Breakfast March 31st
8:00am

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

Volunteers in February:

Communion/Altar preparation:

Carol Martin

Musicians:

Sun. 3/3	Carmen McBride
Wed. 3/3	Carmen McBride
Sun. 3/10	Carmen McBride
Wed. 3/13	Carmen McBride
Sun. 3/17	Daine Flieth
Wed. 3/20	Daine Flieth
Sun. 3/24	Ione Somsen
Thurs. 3/28	Daine Flieth
Fri. 3/29	Daine Flieth
Sun. 3/31	Daine Flieth

Elder and Acolyte Schedule

	8am	10:30am
Sun. 3/3	E=Dernel D. A = ---	E = Doug P. A = ---
Wed. 3/6	7pm	E=Ed M. A = ---
Sun. 3/10	8am	10:30am
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Wed.3/13	7 pm	E= Ed M. A = ---
Sun. 3/17	8am	10:30am
	E = Dave H. A = ---	E =Doug P. A = ---
Wed. 3/20	7pm	E =Quincy B. A = ---
Sun. 3/24	8am	10:30am
	E =Curt S. A = ---	E = Ed M. A = Layla A.
Thurs. 3/28	7pm	E = Dave H. A = ---
Fri. 3/29	7pm	E = Dave H. A = ---
Sun. 3/31	7am	10:30am
	E =Curt S. A = ---	E = Larry W. A = ---



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...

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

- Rose Martin
- Jeff Pansch (Uncle of Tom Boerger)
- Jamie Jo Rawley (Friend of Lila Stokkeland)
- 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 Shirley Genter)

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

- Hannah Magstadt
- Arianna Walch
- Terese Carter
- Delvida Obenauer
- Les Wimer (Brother-in-law of Lila Stokkeland)
- Collins Arnold (Friend of Daine Flieth)

- 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)
- Mark Lee (Son of Marvin and Deb Lee)
- Scott Barefoot; (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Braxton Hoff (Friend of Jason Carter)
- Kari Knecht (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- Ethan Igl (Friend of Cullen Flieth)
- David Stout (Son of Rev. Tim Stout)
- Tyanna Weeks (Niece of Duane Remmick, Nell Essig, Char Kapp)

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

Lillian Dorr
Jack Bethke

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms

Brody Blumhagen, son of Taylor Anderson and Nathan Blumhagen, baptized on Jan. 28, 2024

Mylah Kappenman, daughter of Raime and Dana Kappenman, baptized on Feb. 11, 2024

Confirmations Weddings Funerals/Deaths

Lillian Dorr, passed away Jan 27, 2024

Jack Bethke, passed away Jan 30, 2024

Transferred In Confession of Faith

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-609

Confirmed Members-460

2024

Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-0

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-2

Transferred In-1

Transferred Out-0

Profession of Faith-1

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Miscellaneous Announcements

thrivent®

Attention Thrivent Members – Please direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to Concordia Lutheran Church before they expire on Sunday, March 31, 2024.

There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Either go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollar" at automation.

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



As many of you know, the OGT North Dakota Branch has been raising funds to purchase a "new" truck. The good news is that we collected enough money to pay for the truck **and** to have the logo applied to the sides (coming soon). Thank you to all of those who continue to support the mission of Orphan Grain Train!



If you would like to see the most recent news about Orphan Grain Train, you can go to www.ogt.org for updates on our North Dakota Branch and the Orphan Grain Train International activities.



Lutheran Bible Translators has a bold goal to reach; that by the end of 2033, "all languages will have access to at least a portion of God's Word in the language they understand best". Read more about the milestones of the LBT in the flyer attached to this newsletter.



Ladies of the Congregation.....

There are some of us who have been reminiscing about traditions of our past. Because of this, we are interested in reviving the tradition of wearing Easter bonnets/hats for Easter Sunday. Please grab a hat and join us to celebrate in this special way. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Easter Lilies



There will be an opportunity to purchase a lily in honor of a loved one this Easter season. The lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. The suggested donation for lilies is \$10 - \$12. The funds can be designated "Easter Lilies" and place in the offering plate.



The **Mercy Meals** packing event on **February 24th** was a success! Thank you to everyone who participated. Check the bulletin for the exact tally. The food packets that we packed will be going to Liberia sometime in the next few months.

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

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com.

BIBLE TRIVIA!

Test your Bible knowledge about Holy Week. Print the answer page, tear off the bottom of the page, write in your answers, and turn it in to the office for a chance to win a prize.

1. What holiday is being celebrated when Jesus makes his return to Jerusalem?
2. What priest announced that Jesus should die because it was appropriate for one man to die for the people?
3. Who did Jesus send to prepare the Upper Room for the Passover with his disciples? (Hint: 2 men).

4. According to Matthew's Gospel, what did Jesus and the disciples do after the meal and before going out to the Mount of Olives?

5. Which apostle cut off a man's ear at Jesus' arrest and then watched Jesus heal the ear?

6. According to John's Gospel, what priest was the first to examine the arrested Jesus?

7. According to Luke's Gospel, how did Jesus respond to Herod's questioning?

8. Who did the resurrected Jesus appear to first?

9. Who was the first witness of the resurrection to enter the empty tomb of Jesus?

10. According to Matthew's Gospel, what is the great promise Jesus makes to his disciples (and to us) after He gave them the Great Commission?

Concordia Events Calendar – March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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					10am Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group	7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
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8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper) Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm-4pm Grief Share meeting 2pm Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train 7pm –Elders & Stewardship meeting 8pm – Council meeting	10am-Bible Class 1pm -Quilting 7pm – Women's Bible Study @Concordia	9-11am - Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian 5:30-6:30pm Soup Supper 5:45-Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service (Lord's Supper)	8:30-9:30am - Men's Bible Class @Concordia 2pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington	Youth Retreat in Carrington	Youth Retreat in Carrington 7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
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31 Easter Day						
7am Easter Service (Lord's Supper) 8am “Easter Breakfast”@ Concordia No Sunday School or Bible Class (resumes 4/7/24) 10:30am Service @Concordia 2pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian			*Chancel Duties: Carol Martin	*Fridays: Pastor's Day Off!	*Mondays: Deaconess Nayva's Day Off!	

2/22/2024

10:16 am

Concordia Lutheran

March 2024

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BECKY HOMES (b.) TAMMI LINDBERG (b.) ANNETTE OVA (b.)	2 JANICE KIDD (b.)
3 JOAN LEE (b.)	4 (PIPER) DUPPONG (b.) LEXIE KRAPP (b.)	5 (JASON) THOMS (b.)	6 KERRY HOCHHALTER (b.) TYLER SCHULTES (b.) KYLIE TRIPP (b.) ERIC WILLIAMSON (b.)	7 AL EPPEN (b.) (BRYLEE) IVERSON (b.) RICHARD PIESKE (b.)	8 TERESE CARTER (b.) SANDY DARROW (b.) SHARI MURRAY (b.)	9 AMANDA LAWRENCE (b.) (GLORIA) PALMER (b.)
10 DOREEN ALBOHM (b.) ELDEN and MARY ENGLUND (w.)	11 PETER LINDBERG (b.)	12 KENNY DENNING (b.) DAINE FLIETH (b.)	13 GRETA MCKENNEY (b.) MALIA ROBINSON (b.)	14 TERRY MCCREEDY (b.) JAY MICKELSON (b.) MELINDA SCHMIDT (b.)	15	16 AVA HOCHHALTER (b.)
17 KASEN KRUEGER (b.) KYLEE WHISMAN (b.)	18 REINHOLD MORLOCK (b.) RACHEL NELLES (b.)	19 (LUKAS) SCHUMACHER (b.)	20 TAMMY CHAPIN (b.) KATHY WEGLEITNER (b.)	21	22 SHEILA PFEIFFER (b.) ED and DEB HAGEL (w.)	23 JERRY BRAUN (b.) RUSSELL DUPPONG (b.) DALE NEUSTEL (b.)
24 ELLEN EPPEN (b.) JERILYN KAISER (b.) (COOPER) TIMM (b.)	25	26 ASHLEY MARAGOS (b.) TY SPITZER (b.)	27 SOPHIE DILOCKER (b.)	28 ELI ANDERSON (b.)	29 REUBEN MORLOCK (b.) CLARICE SPITZER (b.)	30 MELISSA MURRAY (b.) (ROBERT) WALTON (b.)
31 ZACHARY CHAPIN (b.) LAURA HUST (b.) CAMMY OST (b.) CORLENE WALKER (b.)						

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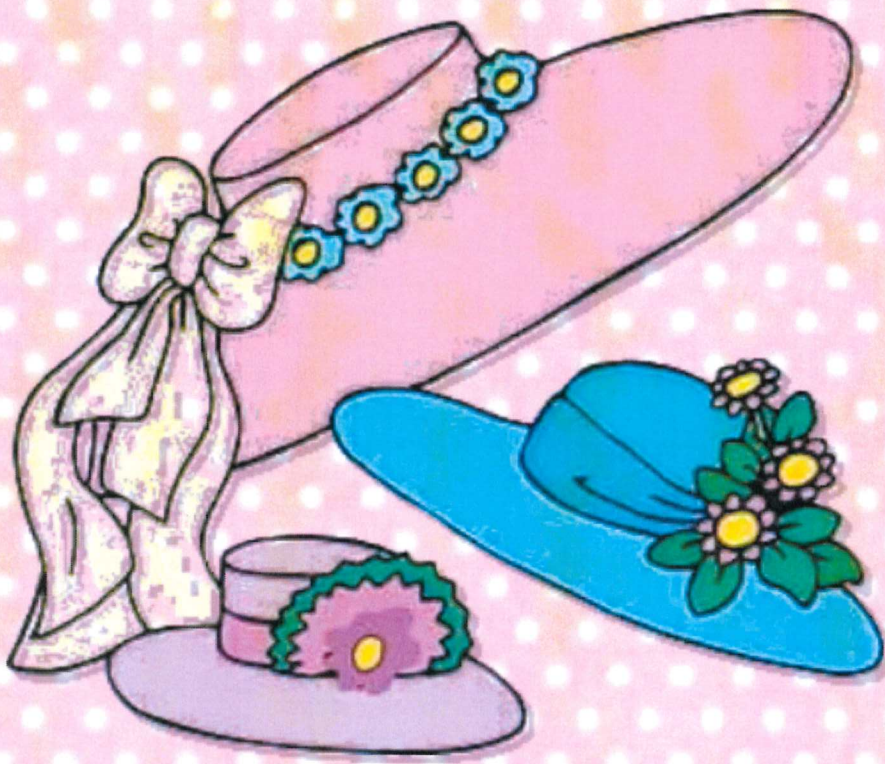
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BREAKFAST

Concordia Lutheran Church

MARCH 31ST 8:00 AM





WEAR YOUR
EASTER BONNET
WITH ALL THE FRILLS
UPON IT.

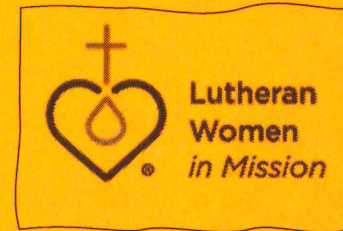
Easter Sunday
March 31st



LWML Central Zone

Spring Rally 2024

I'm Stuffed



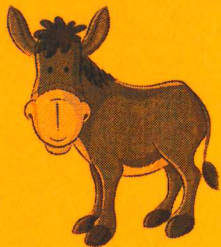
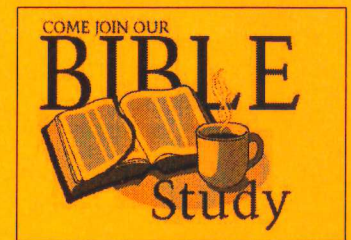
Saturday, April 6, 2024
Zion, Edgeley, ND
Registration: 9:30am



Bible study will be led by

Rev. Paul Preus

Join us as he shares God's Word
with us in Christian Fellowship
What are you stuffed with?



Ingathering

- **Stuffed Animal(s)**: For Orphan Grain Train and/or shelters
- **Monetary Donations**: are always welcome –
 - shipping for OGT Supplies

Save the Date! June 14–16, 2024 Mark Your Calendars! — The LWML ND District Convention In Bismarck

- ❖ Location: Ramada Hotel in Bismarck, North Dakota
- ❖ Convention Theme: "Lord of All Creation" Convention Verse: "For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16).
- ❖ Saturday evening entertainment: River Rhapsody Chorus is the Bismarck/Mandan local Sweet Adeline's International women's barbershop chorus singing acapella in 4-part harmony.
- ❖ Selecting Mission Grants
- ❖ Electing new officers for the following offices: President, VP of Mission Grants, VP Human Care, VP Communications, Treasurer, Junior Pastoral Counselor and Nominating Committee Chair.
- ❖ If you have a desire to serve your Lord through any of these offices, our current Nominating Committee Chairman
- ❖ **The Date: Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 16, 2024**
- ❖ **The Place: Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND**

Spring Rally 2024
Graciously hosted
by:
Zion: Ellendale
Thank you!

What to Bring

- ❖ Bible
- ❖ Mite Offering
- ❖ \$10 per unit
Counselor Fund
- ❖ **Stuffed Animal(s)**
- ❖ Friends
- ❖ Smile
- ❖ Your LWML Heart

MARCH

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 LWML at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!



1. For a clean heart (Psalm 51:10).
2. For LWML Mission Grant #6.
3. For China, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the work you do.
5. For things that make you smile or laugh (Psalm 68:3).
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Communication.
7. For the country of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).
8. For the LWML Mid-South District.
9. For trials that strengthen and refine you (James 1:2-4).
10. For your basic needs.
11. For the country of Cuba.
12. For wisdom (James 1:5).
13. For government and world leaders.
14. For church leaders.
15. For the Czech Republic.
16. For the LWML Gulf States District.
17. For your family.
18. For the city/community where you live.
19. For the Dominican Republic.
20. For friends who are nonbelievers.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #7.
22. For your coworkers.
23. For the country of Ecuador.
24. For the persecuted.
25. For your enemies (Matthew 5:44).
26. For the country of Egypt.
27. For the missions of your church.
28. For those in nursing home facilities.
29. For those who clean and maintain your church.
30. For those facing life changes.
31. For those with serious illness.

Dear Concordia Lutheran Church,

Have you ever faced a task that seemed impossible to complete? Or perhaps you encountered a problem that felt insurmountable; too much for you to take on yourself?



Datoga, Kara, and Sumbwa speakers gathered for a language workshop in Tanzania

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In the story of Nehemiah, God put a desire in one man's heart to rebuild the fallen walls of Jerusalem. The city was in ruins, its massive walls leveled to the ground. The Israelites were exiled to the farthest corners of the Babylonian empire. Instead of despairing for what was lost, Nehemiah stepped boldly forward in prayer for God's direction, provision, and protection, trusting completely in the Almighty as he set out to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. **It was a task too big for one man, so Nehemiah gathered those few who remained near the city, and they worked shoulder-to-shoulder to rebuild those once mighty walls.** Scripture tells us that it pleased God to see His people working together with a unified purpose, as if with one mind, one spirit, and one heart.

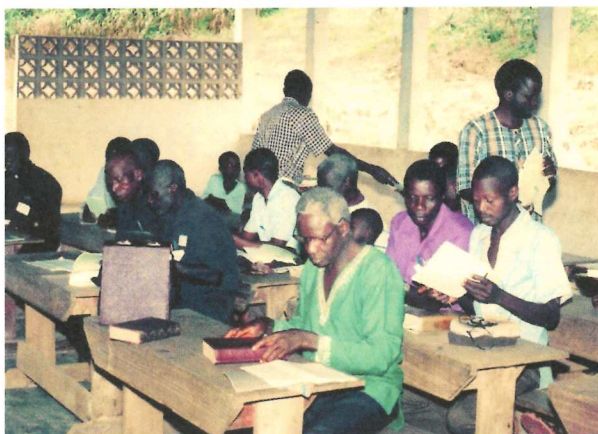
IT PLEASED GOD TO SEE HIS PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER...

Like Nehemiah, we are faced with a holy assignment that is much bigger than we can accomplish on our own. **3,749 languages still have little to no access to Scripture.** We want to see that number reach zero in the next ten years. We have claimed prayer as our strategy, and just like Nehemiah as he prayed, **"Oh Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant...and give success to Your servant today,"** we also trust in God's faithfulness.



The Komba Translation team at work

The third chapter of Nehemiah is an accounting of the men and women who all worked together with a unified purpose to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. They faced opposition from their enemies and many challenges along the way and yet, because they remained unified in purpose: to restore the walls of Jerusalem for the Glory of God, the impossible task was completed. It took this small group of dedicated workers 52 days (about 1 month and 3 weeks) to rebuild the wall. Scripture notes that when the enemies of the Israelites heard that the wall was rebuilt, **"all the nations around [them] were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of [their] God."** (Nehemiah 6:16)



Bandi translation workshop from 1989

PARTNERED WITH PURPOSE

As we enter 2024, we do so with excitement. This is a big year for Lutheran Bible Translators with major milestones!

1. The More Than Words campaign, launched in 2019, comes to a close. This drive has been aimed at expanding Bible Translation capacity globally and providing support for missionaries and local leaders.
2. 2024 also marks the 60th anniversary for Lutheran Bible Translators. We have seen much change over those passing decades and, with the Lord's guidance, we confidently step into this next season with an audacious goal. **By the end of 2033, all languages will have access to at least a portion of God's Word in the language they understand best.**

Lutheran Bible Translators is blessed by Bible translation ministry partners around the world. From organizations like illumiNations and Seed Company, to congregations who host Bible Translation Sundays, to dedicated and faithful Prayer Partners, and to all of those who support the financial needs of the ministry. You are an essential part of the Bible Translation movement.

Your prayers and your generosity make it possible for people who are living in the darkness to step into the light of knowing Jesus and His love for them. Recently a story came back from the field of a woman who came to faith through hearing God's Word spoken in her own language for the first time. She now teaches her grandchildren about God. Generations of her family have come to know Jesus through the ministry of Lutheran Bible Translators and the Bible Translation movement.

PRAY. GIVE. ADVOCATE.

- **The first is to PRAY.** Prayer is the strategy at Lutheran Bible Translators. Sign up as a Prayer Partner and commit to praying daily for the ministry and those driving translation word forward.
- **The second is to GIVE.** Whether you give one gift or prefer to become a monthly donor. Financial gifts accelerate the mission.
- **The third is to ADVOCATE.** Share with others the good work that God is doing through His Word and through His people around the world. Invite others to work alongside us, just like the men and women who worked alongside Nehemiah.



Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske
Executive Director + CEO

Contributions are solicited with the understanding that Lutheran Bible Translators has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. Lutheran Bible Translators will attempt to honor gift preferences to support particular workers, but the final decision on the use of the funds rests with the organization.

Noisy Offering



1st Sunday of
the Month

LCMS NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

**WIN A \$1,000
SCHOLARSHIP!**



Learn more and complete
your application at
lcef.org/northdakotascholarship.

What is the **LCEF North Dakota District College Scholarship?**

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) North Dakota District College Scholarship was developed to encourage college students in the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) to pursue their educational goals.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA or a current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining and a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants must also be a member of a congregation belonging to the North Dakota District of the LCMS.

Applications close April 14, 2024. Winners will be announced on May 6, 2024.

Questions about this scholarship?
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PALM SUNDAY

Intergenerational Activity

Sundayschool/Bible Study

March 24th

9:15am

Fellowship Hall



REGISTER



The LWML hosted a Valentine Tea Party on February 18th at 2pm.

All ladies and young women of the congregation were invited.

Approximately 30 gathered together for food and fellowship.

There were special treats, games and awards...everyone went home with some chocolate treasures!



Bible Trivia Answer Sheet

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- 10.

Name: _____