

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



Two Lenten Sermon Series for Sundays & Wednesdays

Starting on Sunday, March 2nd, Pastor Eckstein will begin a special Sunday Lenten sermon series on The Book of Job – and this sermon series will also include Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The dates and sermon titles are as follows:

Sunday, March 2nd: *"Flying Blind"* (Job 1:1–12)

Sunday, March 9th: *"Sweet Surrender"* (Job 1:13–21)

Sunday, March 16th: *"Learning to Lament"* (Job 3:1–26)

Sunday, March 23rd: *"It is Enough"* (Job 14:1–14)

Sunday, March 30th: *"Understanding How it all Works Together"* (Job 23:1–17)

Sunday, April 6th: *"God Speaks in the Storm"* (Job 38:1–11)

Sunday, April 13th: *"On Earth is not his Equal!"* (Job 41:20–34)

Good Friday, April 18th: *"Tearing Down the Spite House"* (Job 42:7–9)

Easter Sunday, April 20th: *"I Know that My Redeemer"* (Job 19:23–26)

Also, starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, Pastor Eckstein will begin a special mid-week Lenten sermon series titled: **"The Hand of the Lord."** In these sermons we will examine both Old and New Testament Scriptures to see how God uses His hands to bless us and give us salvation. The dates and sermon titles are as follows:

Wednesdays March 5th: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives"*

Wednesday March 12th: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves"*

Wednesday, March 19th: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons"*

Wednesday, March 26th: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick"*

Wednesday, April 2nd: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead"*

Wednesday, April 9th: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things"*

Maundy Thursday, April 17th: *"The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us"*

"Soup Suppers" During Wednesdays in Lent

Starting on Wednesday, March 12th, various groups at Concordia

will be hosting a soup supper from 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Free-will donation. The dates for these soup suppers are: 3/12; 3/19; 3/26; 4/02 and 4/09.

Winter Storm Church Cancellation Information

It's March, but we're not done with winter yet! If we need to cancel Services due to bad weather, Pastor Eckstein will put an announcement over KSJB 600 AM radio and also place a written announcement on the home page of Concordia's web page: www.concordiajt.org In fact, the quickest way to find out if church has been canceled will be to check our web page.

Volunteers Needed for Kitchen Help!!

We need members of Concordia who would be able to volunteer to help make beverages, set up tables and help clean up for funeral lunches and "pot-lucks." There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can volunteer for a particular month. Food for funerals is catered in, and so volunteers only need to make beverages and set out paper plates, utensils, etc.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Fellowship

BOOK CLUB

Hannah Coulter

By Wendell Berry

Copies of the books are
available for sale for
\$12 (See Nayva).

Discussion date:

To Be Determined

Grief Support Fellowship

March 9th

Noon

Bible Study

Hymn Study

Friday, March 7th 10:00am

Marian Duff (Host)
Ave Maria B25

A New Song

Bible Study on the Psalms
Thurs, March 13th 1:00pm

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

Women's Bible Study

Unforgivable?

*How God's Forgiveness
Transforms us*

Tuesday
Fellowship Hall 7:00PM
March 4th
March 18th
March 25th

Feel Free to join us
anytime.

Stephen Ministry **Wednesdays**

1:00 – 3:00PM

March 12th and March 26th

Please let Nayva know if you have any
questions.

Deaconess Nayva



Main Street Living TV Program

www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com

**Every Sunday on the local Fox
Station at gam**

Ash Wednesday falls on March
5th this year, and with it we enter
the season of Lent - a time of the
church year set aside for special
reflection on the suffering and
death of our Savior and Lord,
Jesus Christ – as He took on
Himself the necessary and just
payment for our sins and those of
the whole world! Holy Spirit,
Counselor, please help us now to
make good use of this yearly
opportunity to gain a deeper
understanding and appreciation
of God's great sacrificial love for
us!

Please continue to share
information about our LCMS
"Main Street Living" media
ministry with others. 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, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.



The LWML will meet on March 4th at 3:00pm. We will be planning the Spring Rally.



Quilting has resumed, continuing with the regularly scheduled 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1:00PM. All are welcome and no experience is needed - we will teach you.

The first Sunday of March is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$147.95** in February. Thank you for supporting our mission grants.

We collect our mites to help fund all of our District and National

LWML mission grant projects for this biennium....the mission grant being featured this month is:

LWML Mission Grant #30 Showering Love on the Least of These for \$100,000 for the Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in Sacramento, California.

This grant will enable them to increase the frequency of mobile hot shower services and haircuts from two to three days per week and serve 2,000 more people annually. A mobile clothing trailer will be purchased and operated to give away clean clothing and hygiene kits. God's Word will be shared by distributing 10 to 15 Bibles and prayer books every week. In the last several years the homeless population in Sacramento has about doubled to 10,000 people. These services will enhance the feeling of worth, provide hope in Jesus, and give counseling to aid the homeless in applying for jobs or securing an apartment. All people are created in God's image, loved by God in Jesus Christ, and need to experience that love every day in a multitude of ways.

To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-30

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



Sunday School continues on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Come early and enjoy the fellowship time at 9:00 before Sunday School.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth Group

All dates are tentative and subject to change, but here is the proposed schedule:

March

Friday 7th 6:30PM

Sunday 16th NOON – 1:30pm
(bring your own lunch)

Friday 21st 6:30PM

Youth will be serving soup suppers on 3/12, 3/26, and 4/9.

(see Nayva for sign-up sheet)

YOUTH OF CONCORDIA-

Youth, you can be a **Light** to others in many ways. One way to let your **light** shine is in service to others

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

Volunteers for March:

Elder and Acolyte Schedule

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sun. 3/2 | 8am | 10:30 am |
| | E = Curt S. A = --- | E= Doug P. A = --- |
| Wed. 3/5 | 7 pm | E=Quincy B. A = --- |
| Sun. 3/9 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E = Dernel D. A = --- | E = Ed M. A = --- |
| Wed. 3/12 | 7pm | E = Ed M. |
| Sun. 3/16 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E = Dernel D. A = --- | E= Larry W. A = --- |
| Wed. 3/19 | 7pm | E = Ed M. |
| Sun. 3/23 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E=Josh R. A = --- | E = Ed M. A = --- |
| Wed. 3/26 | 7pm | E=Quincy B. A = --- |
| Sun. 3/30 | 8am | 10:30am |
| | E=Quincy B. A = --- | E=Josh R. A = --- |

Musicians:

| | |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Sun. 3/2 | Carmen McBride |
| Wed. 3/5 | Carmen McBride |
| Sun. 3/9 | Daine Flieth |
| Wed. 3/12 | Daine Flieth |
| Sun. 3/16 | Lille Douglas |
| Wed. 3/19 | Carmen McBride |
| Sun. 3/23 | Ione Somsen |
| Wed. 3/26 | Ione Somsen |
| Sun. 3/30 | Daine Flieth |

Communion/Altar preparation:

Amy Neustel



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
- Cassie Rott (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- Vanessa Edwards (Friend of Lori Roberts)
- John Hinz (Brother of Dave Hinz)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of Ione Somsen)

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

- Sue Corwin
- Corrine Scott
- Dave Hinz
- Elden Englund
- Tom Boerger
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Marian Duff
- Lyn Rutherford

- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Toni Lonefight (Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Jodi Anfinrud (Daughter of Mary and Elden Englund)
- Stener Anfinrud (Grandson of Mary and Elden Englund)
- Brad Boerger (Brother of Tom Boerger)
- Harrison Smith (Brother-in-law of Dave Hinz)
- Blair Baker (Cousin of Bill & Tina Busche)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Evelyn Bollinger (Great granddaughter of Kathey Ziegler)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Pam Syverson (Friend in the community)
- Gordie Christenson (Cousin of Randy Flieth)

Please pray for those dealing with the recent loss of a loved one:

- Bonnie Matthias
- Marlene Pieske
- Edna Norheim
- Mary Ann Smith (Mother of Scott Murray)

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

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com

SACRED ACTS:

Confirmations

Hunter Vidal – 1/26/2025

Nicole Shipley – 2/9/2025

Profession of Faith

Lynn Shipley – 2/9/2025

Funerals

Bonnie Matthias 2/13/2025

Marlene Pieske 2/14/2025

Edna Norheim 2/22/2025

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-608

Confirmed Members-457

2025

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

Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-2

Weddings-0

Funerals-2

Transferred In-0

Transferred Out-0

Profession of Faith-1

Removed due to inactivity-0

The Family Matters

This is a new feature in our newsletter, focusing on family concerns. Whether your raising teens in your home, helping to take care of your grandkids, or you have young people in your sphere of influence in some other way -everyone is part of a family. Our resource to share this month is "Connected Families" at connectedfamilies.org

Connected Families is a non-profit ministry that exists to **support** Christ-centered transformation in families by **stewarding** a growing worldwide community of parents, parent coaches, and ministry partners **equipped** with a biblical framework for parenting. The ministry reaches people through writing (blog and books), speaking (podcasts and guest interviews), coaching, and online parenting courses. Contact Elissa Rosin for more information about this resource and others. Small group sessions may be developed if there is an interest.

(elissarosin@proton.me or 368-1456)

Miscellaneous Announcements

thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. In February we received a deposit of \$265 on behalf of these Thrivent clients who requested funds to be directed to Concordia:

Gerry and Janice Guthmiller
Larry Walz

If you would like more information about the Choice Dollars program at Thrivent, call your Thrivent representative.



The Marlene Pieske family would like to extend our sincere thanks, to our Concordia family for your support during our Mom's recent health issues and eventual passing. Whether it was with flowers you sent, a memorial, a card, a hug, a handshake, a prayer or helping with the funeral in some way, we truly appreciate your support. Thank you also to Pastor Tom for his uplifting message of hope we have at the funeral service. Mom knew and we know that her spirit is in heaven awaiting the final resurrection where we will all be joined once again with our loved ones forever.

Fellowship Time

Has everyone been enjoying the Fellowship Time between 9:00 and 9:30 on Sunday mornings? If you haven't made this part of your Sunday morning routine, you should try it out. This is a time to come together and visit, greet one another, and see the people we miss because they go to that "other service". Thank you to those who have volunteered make coffee and provide treats for us. We would like to invite more people to offer help in this way; there is a sign-up sheet available downstairs in the kitchen area if you are willing to help. (Financial contributions to support purchases of treats are also welcome).

California Wildfire Disaster

The Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS has established a Disaster Relief fund to help those who have been affected by the wildfires in southern California. If you would like to contribute to the fund, go to the website at www.psd-lcms.org/give. Scroll down and click on the box marked "Emergency/Disaster Relief". That will take you to the page where you can donate online through PayPal, Credit Card, or Debit Card.

You can also contact the Disaster Relief Coordinator Jon Niederbrach at disaster.response@psd-lcms.org

Church Office Hours

If you need access to the church during the week please call the church office (252-2819), Pastor Eckstein (658-9473), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

2025 ND District Convention Summary

Dear Saints of the North Dakota District,

What joy it was for us to gather last week for the 60th Regular Convention of the LCMS

North Dakota District in Minot under the theme of "Clothed in Christ's Righteousness"!

I have been asked to provide a summary of the convention to our district churches of the proceedings.

The Convention was opened with the Divine Service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot. Rev. Phillip Beyersdorf served as liturgist. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, proclaimed the word of Clothed in Christ's Righteousness.

Elections for district offices were the first order of business as our essayist was delayed to weather. Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Luther, Cavalier; St. Paul Lutheran, St. Thomas; and Redeemer Lutheran, Langdon; was elected to his first term district president on the fourth ballot. Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran, Ellendale, was elected to his first term as vice-president from the Eastern Region and first vice-president of district. Western Region vice-president for a third term is the Rev. Kirk Peters, St. Matthew Lutheran, Hazen, who will also serve as second vice-president of the district.

Circuit visitors for the next triennium will be: Central Circuit, Rev. Brandon Woodruff, Bethlehem Lutheran, Forbes; East Circuit, Rev. Christopher Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Fargo; Northeast Circuit, Rev. Daniel Provost, Trinity Lutheran, Drayton and Zion English Lutheran, Grafton; Northwest Circuit, Rev. Timothy Stout, St. Martin Lutheran, Anamoose, St. John Lutheran, Kongsberg, and St. Peter Lutheran, Sawyer; Southeast Circuit, Rev. Michael Grieve, Zion Lutheran, Gwinner; and Southwest Circuit, Rev. Jonathan Walla, Bethel Lutheran, Bismarck.

Elected to the board of directors are: Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran, Grand Forks, district secretary; Mrs. Kay Kreklau, Drayton, treasurer; Rev. Dr. Adam Filipek, Immanuel Lutheran, Lidgerwood, and Holy Cross Lutheran, Lidgerwood; Rev. Christopher Brademeyer, St. John Lutheran, Oakes; Mr. Thomas Langer, Mandan; Mr. Eric Poppinga, Minot; Mrs. Tana McKenna, Maplewood; Mr. Scott Pfennig, Minot; Mr. Marty Visto, Oakes.

Below is the result of the resolutions which were brought to the floor. For the wording of each resolution, I refer you to the LCMS North Dakota website. Click on the "2025 District Convention" tab and look for "Today's Business". Resolutions are found on pages 273-294.

Resolution 1-1 "To Require the Use of Synodically-Approved Agendas and Hymnbooks at Youth Gatherings in the North Dakota District" was adopt.

Resolution 1-2 "To Encourage the Use of North Dakota District Pastors at Youth Gatherings in the North Dakota District" was adopted.

Resolution 1-3 "To Encourage Synod to Memorialize the Use of Synodically-Approved Agendas and Hymnbooks at the LCMS Youth Gathering". The resolution was adopted with an amendment to remove the final "resolved" from the resolution.

Resolution 1-4 "To Address Release and Use of Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications" was adopted.

Resolution 1-5 "To Memorialize Synod to Declare the Gideons a Heterodox Tract and Mission Society". This resolution was not adopted.

Resolution 2-01 "To Continue International Mission Opportunities in Santiago, Chile" was adopted.

Resolution 2-02 "To Support Christ's Care for Children, Kenya" was adopted with the financial support increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Resolution 2-03 "North Dakota District Convention Encouragement for Shepherd's Hill" was adopted with the financial support increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Resolution 2-05 "To Address the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya's Membership in the Lutheran World Federation" was adopted.

Resolution 2-06 "To Encourage Secular Vocational Training for Current and Potential Ordained and Commissioned Ministers" was adopted.

Resolution 2-04 "To Partner with Lutheran Family Service" was adopted with lines 43-46 on page 281 removed.

Resolution 2-07 "To Admonish the Council of Presidents to Prioritize Assignment of Seminary Candidates to Sole Vacancies over Associate Pastors" was adopted with the word "admonish" in the title changed to "Encourage".

Resolution 3-01 "To Ratify Revisions to Constitutions and Bylaws of LCMS Congregations" was adopted.

Resolution 3-02 "To Update and Clarify the LCMS North Dakota District Bylaws" was adopted.

Resolution 3-03 "To Update the LCMS North Dakota District Bylaws Regarding Circuit Forums" was adopted.

Resolution 3-04a "To Create a District Fund for Sudden Financial Hardships" was adopted.

Resolution 3-05 "To Condemn the Use of Women as Lectors" was adopted.

Resolution 3-06 "To Properly Dispose of Sacred Items at the Dissolution of a Congregation" was adopted.

Resolution 3-07 "To Fully Fund District Mission Projects before Applying Designated Gifts" was adopted.

Resolution 3-08 "To Condemn the Delivery of Children's Sermons in the Divine Service by Laity" was adopted.

Resolution 3-09 "To Hold District Conventions in Churches Rather than in Convention Centers" was adopted.

Resolution 3-10 "To Encourage the Use of the Chalice in our Congregations" was adopted.

Resolution 3-11 "To Encourage Congregations of the District to Tithe Their Income for Missions" was adopted.

In addition to the elections and voting, our essayist, Dr. Mark Seifrid of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was able to be with us on Tuesday and presented on our new life with a renewed mind and identity in Christ Jesus as we are clothed in Him. President Chepulis and Rev. Peters

lead us in study of God's word on our convention theme. Many greetings from organizations and Synod officers were brought to the delegates.

It was a productive time in Minot as we gathered in convention for the study of God's word, daily Matins and Vesper services, hearing from President Harrison and others around our Synod, and the business matters before us. Please pray for our district as we move forward in this next triennium. Keep our district president, vice-presidents, circuit visitors, and the board of directors in your prayers as they work with our congregations to proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected in our district, nation, and world. Please also keep President Emeritus Bertsch in your prayers as he transitions to retirement with his wife Doris. We thank him for his dedicated service to Christ's church as pastor and president here in North Dakota. encouraging us to remain steadfast as Book of Concord Lutherans Clothed in Christ's Righteousness.

In closing, hear again the final words of President Bertsch's report: "May the blessing of you being 'Clothed in Christ's Righteousness' be ever before you this day and into eternity which is already yours, because your gracious and merciful God has done it all for you."

In Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior,
Rev. Daniel Voth
District Secretary

Concordia Events Calendar – March 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 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) 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School and Adult Bible class 2- 4pm -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian 6:30pm – Handbell practice | 9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train 7pm – Elders & Stewardship meeting 7:30pm – Council | 10am -Bible Class 1pm - Quilting 3pm-9pm – Pastor @ Grace/Carrington 7pm -Women's Bible Study @Concordia | 9am – 11am Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian 7pm – Ash Wednesday Service (Lord's Supper) 8pm - Choir | 8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class 6:30- 8:30pm Youth Group | 10am – Women's Bible Study @Marian Duff Apartment 6:30- 8:30pm Youth Group | 7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train |
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***Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**

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

***Chancel Duties: Amy Neustel**

2/20/2025

12:51 pm

Concordia Lutheran

March 2025

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | 1 ANDREW DOUGLAS (b.) 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 | 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.) | | | | | |

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.

CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24



BEYOND 24 YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

“DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY.” 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

This December, students from our secondary and university programs gathered in northwest Kenya for our annual youth Bible camp. Since these students attend different educational institutions and may not often see each other, this event provides a meaningful opportunity for fellowship. They reconnect, reminisce about their days at Project 24 facilities, and share updates on their current pursuits.

During the two-day camp, students engaged in various workshops, both as a group and in age-specific sessions. Topics included youth and salvation, Christian courtship and marriage, navigating new religious movements, and the challenges and opportunities in higher education. These workshops were led by pastors from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. Additionally, university students provided mentorship, sharing their experiences and insights with the secondary students. Transitioning to university life, with its academic and personal challenges, is significant, and this mentorship is invaluable.

We are thankful for this special time that allows the students to come together and deepen their spiritual growth.



CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Every year, we uphold the tradition of giving Christmas gifts to all Project 24 students, whether they are in elementary, secondary school, or university. This cherished tradition allows sponsors in the U.S. to send thoughtful gifts during the holiday season that benefit both the students and their families. These gifts are always received with heartfelt gratitude, as they include items that help enhance the family's Christmas meal. We extend our sincere thanks to the sponsors whose generous contributions transform into meaningful gifts for our Project 24 families here in Kenya.



TWO STUDENTS FROM WAMBA SHARING THEIR CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

PROJECT
24

Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students
at the P24 sites: 252
children

- Lenkishon: 28 students
- Tumaini: 28 students
- Othoro: 28 students
- Udom: 28 students
- Rongo: 28 students
- Nyambiri: 28 students
- Kabichbich: 28 students
- Lurambi: 28 students
- Wamba: 28 students

Students in the Beyond 24 program:
310 students

Number of Students

Sponsored as to date: 251

To be added to, or to remove your
name from the Project 24 newsletter
list, please contact:
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To sponsor a child at one of the
Project 24 sites please contact:
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Project 24 Kenya

Noisy Offering



**1st Sunday of
the Month**



Lutheran Early Response Teams [LERT]

TRAINING ~~ Immanuel Lutheran Church, [1258 Broadway N, Fargo, ND](#)

Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 9am till 3pm.

Free pancake breakfast and lunch will be provided to participants.

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training events and resources are available for congregations and members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to serve their neighbors in times of need following a disaster.

While providing immediate support and long-term rebuilding assistance, disaster response also allows LCMS congregations and members to confess Christ to their community and the world.

A registration fee of **\$35** per person for the Training Event helps cover the cost of lunch and snacks, training materials, and a LERT T-shirt; \$15 will be sent to LCMS Disaster Response to help cover the cost of materials and shipping. Registration for the training will take place through the LERT Volunteer site: lcms-lert.org. The website is where LERT volunteers can see opportunities for LERT training and deployments, and your DDRC will coordinate and communicate LERT activities in your district through the site. To get started, click the “Sign Up” button on the top right of the site.

Our [District Disaster Response Coordinator \(DDRC\)](#) is Kirk Rosin from St. Andrew Lutheran in West Fargo (701-361-6441; krosin@juno.com). He is responsible for coordinating all LCMS LERT training in the ND District. After training is completed, you will hear about upcoming opportunities to serve throughout the United States. Kirk also plans our ND District’s trips, such as the previous trip to Iowa in October, 2024.

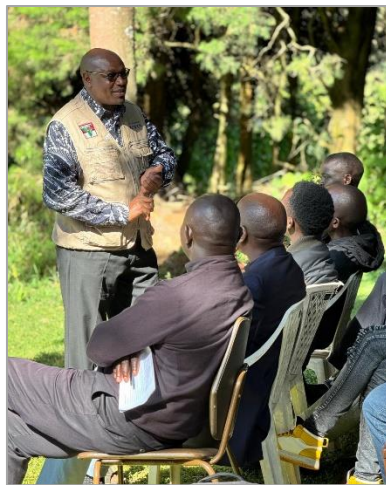
Student: Mesiaki Nairinka Project 24 Site: B24 Lenkishon Date: January 2025

Dear Sponser.

It is my hope that you are fine and doing well as even me here in Kenya I am doing well and praising God for his Protection and good health. My solution of writing this letter is to thank you for deciding to provide for me since I am an orphan student and I really thank you a lot and may God bless you and continue to add for you more here in Kenya I am really doing well with my parents and I usually help them in any activity like looking after the animals and also milking the animals in the evening.

The whole heart of mine wishes you a Sweet Coming Christmas and a happy new year 2025 full of God Protection and his blessings. May God provide for you more that you may continue to uphold me as an orphan.

Yours faithfully
Wilson Mesiaki.



The Beyond 24 Youth Conference was held at the Kapenguria Bible College in Northwest Kenya. The ELCK diocese leadership accompanied students in high school and college to this very important 2-day event. The theme this year "The Horizon" is based on Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". Morning and evening devotions were held each day, the various PLA Choir groups performed, and sessions included "Youth & Salvation", "Christian Marriage & Courtship", "Mentorship", "Coping with New Religious Movements", "Campus Life" and "General Life Skills". Each day ended with open discussions, including "How to advance ties that bind Project 24".

