

# Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



## **Explanation of Pastor Eckstein's Installation at Grace in Carrington**

I've been informed that some of Concordia's members may be confused about recent news that I was INSTALLED as pastor at Grace Lutheran in Carrington. Allow me to explain. Since the fall of 2023 I was serving as the vacancy pastor at Grace in Carrington while their tri-parish attempted to obtain a seminary candidate (the vacancy of the other two congregations of Binford and Cooperstown were being served by pastor Bob Hill). The tri-parish was denied a seminary Candidate in both 2024 and 2025.

After May of 2025, the congregations of Cooperstown and Binford decided to end the tri-parish agreement, which left Grace in Carrington alone and unable to support a full time pastor on their own. Grace then asked me if I would continue to

serve them part time, and I agreed.

However, since the Synod does not like "perpetual vacancies," the Synod then requested that Grace extend me a Call, which they did and which I accepted – and that is why I was installed as their official pastor on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

In fact, the same thing happened with Trinity in Adrian. Trinity in Adrian used to be a dual parish with our congregation in LaMoure. But when their pastor took a Call elsewhere, the congregation in LaMoure closed and left Trinity in Adrian alone. I was asked to serve Trinity's vacancy, but it became clear very quickly that they could not afford a full time pastor on their own, and so they asked me if I would consider serving them part time. Once again, since Synod does not like "perpetual vacancies," they asked Trinity to Call me as their pastor – which they did, and I accepted and was installed as their pastor.

Having said all this, being installed at both Grace in Carrington and Trinity in Adrian doesn't change my work schedule with them. I'm still doing what I was doing before. It's just that I'm no longer their "vacancy" pastor but their "official" pastor. I currently serve Trinity in Adrian Sunday afternoons. I serve Grace in Carrington Saturday mornings and usually Tuesday afternoons/

evenings. I have not backed off on my work at Concordia, and this means I often end up working 7 days a week. But I don't mind this because 1) I love serving God's people and 2) there is a pastoral shortage in the Synod and many other pastors in our ND District are also serving other congregations.

Like other denominations in the United States, the LCMS is facing a shortage of pastors. In fact, this coming May of 2026 is the LOWEST amount of seminary candidates we've ever had between our two seminaries - around 50 between BOTH seminaries with over 200 congregations asking for seminary candidates! So, keep this in your prayers.

Finally, most members of Concordia have heard that I plan to retire in May of 2028. We will likely be moving closer to our children and grandchildren after that, although we will hate leaving our church family here in North Dakota. But when the time does come for me to retire, we must trust the Lord that he will provide a new pastor for you in His good time.

*Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Tom Eckstein*

**If you wish to make announcements in the bulletin or newsletter, please contact the church office at:**  
[concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com)

## Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



### Bible Study

#### Hymn Study Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00am

Marian Duff (Host)  
Ave Maria B25

#### Everlasting

By Christina Hergenrader  
Bible Study on the Psalms

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm

Vera Schulz (Host)

114 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

Apt. 2030

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

1:00pm

Eventide Nursing Home

Karen Connell (Host)

Eventide Room 404

*Feel free to join us at any time.*

### Women's Bible Study

#### Soul Spa

By Sharla Fritz

Tuesdays

Fellowship Hall 7:00PM

5/5, 5/19 & 5/26

*Feel Free to join us at any  
time.*

### Fellowship

#### Grief Support Fellowship Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Noon

### Outreach

#### Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>

*Deaconess Nayva*



Main Street Living TV Program  
[www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com](http://www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com)

Every Sunday on the local Fox  
Station at gam

***SO SHALL MY WORD BE that  
goes out from my mouth; it shall  
not return to me empty but it  
shall accomplish that which I  
purpose, and shall succeed in the  
thing for which I sent it.*** (Isaiah  
55:11) These are exceedingly  
reassuring words, and all the  
more as the world seems to  
increasingly crumble around us!  
May God continue to bless the  
words sent out throughout our  
MSLN TV broadcasts and internet  
pathways!

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, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.



LWML Circles are meeting as follows:

Dorcas Circle 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:30pm

Naomi Circle 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm

Quilting will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm.

LWML will meet on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Plans will be made to honor the high school graduates for 2026.

The latest copy of the Messenger has been printed and can be found on the LWML table in the Narthex.

The 2026 LWML North Dakota District Convention will be held June 26-28 in Devils Lake, ND. The theme is "We are Fed by Living Water". See the Winter Messenger for details about accommodations, ingathering items, servant events, etc. Registration forms are on the LWML table in the Narthex.

**The first Sunday of the month (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) is Mite Sunday**

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$134.56** in April!

We collect our mites to help fund all our District and National LWML mission grant projects --33 mission grants were chosen at the national convention for this biennium..

The grant being featured this month is Mission Grant #10 Healing Your Heart – Faith-based Child Counseling- **Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, U.S. | \$100,000**

*Protecting and nourishing the mental health and well-being of children is the mission of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS). They protect a child's integrity, self-worth, spiritual well-being, and mental health through professional compassionate Christian counseling. The outpatient child therapy clinic was expanded in 2023 and grew beyond capacity within six months. This grant will increase the number of therapists working in the clinic, purchase therapeutic toys, and develop promotional materials to present to LCMS churches and groups.*

For photos or more information, go to: <https://www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-10>

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



**Fellowship 9:00-9:30** Treats and Juice  
**Sunday School Classes 9:30-10:15**

The children will be singing at the 10:30 service on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Youth Bible Class would like to thank everyone that participated in our conversations with the youth. It was a wonderful experience to learn through the lives of our Concordia members who came to share their faith with us.

Senior Recognition Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The last day of Sunday School is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring you children to Sunday School so we can teach them about Jesus.



**Youth Group in May**

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Noon Youth Group**

## Volunteers for May:

### Communion/Altar preparation:

**Marleen Councilman**

### Elder Schedule

#### MAY

Sun. 5/03	8am	10:30am
	<b>Gregg K.</b>	<b>Doug P.</b>
Sun. 5/10	8am	10:30am
	<b>Gregg K</b>	<b>Gordy L.</b>
Sun. 5/17	8am	10:30am
	<b>Curt S.</b>	<b>Larry W.</b>
Wed. 5/20	7pm	<b>Quincy B.</b>
Sun. 5/24	8am	10:30am
	<b>Josh R.</b>	<b>Ed M.</b>
Sun. 5/31	8am	10:30am
	<b>Dave H.</b>	<b>Ed M.</b>

### Musician Schedule

#### MAY

Sun. 5/03	8am	10:30am
	<b>Daine F.</b>	<b>Daine F.</b>
Wed. 5/06	7pm	<b>Daine F.</b>
Sun. 5/10	8am	10:30am
	<b>Carmen M.</b>	<b>Carmen M.</b>
Wed. 5/13	7pm	<b>Carmen M.</b>
Sun. 5/17	8am	10:30am
	<b>Carmen M.</b>	<b>Carmen M.</b>
Wed. 5/20	7pm	<b>Carmen M.</b>
Sun. 5/24	8am	10:30am
	<b>Ione S.</b>	<b>Ione S.</b>
Wed. 5/27	7pm	<b>Ione S.</b>
Sun. 5/31	8am	10:30am
	<b>Daine F.</b>	<b>Daine F.</b>



**Please pray for those serving our country...**

- SFC Randy Flieth; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND

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

- Becky Kuhlmann
- Andrew Braun
- Jeremy Wanzek (Friend of Nathan Michaelson)
- Jan Thoreson (Sister of Leon Westerhausen)
- Larry Hewitt (Friend of Elstad family)
- Gayle Schmidt (Sister of Greg Kutz)
- Mark Eckstein (Cousin of Pastor Tom Eckstein)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of Ione Somsen)

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

- Anita Scholz
- Norma Morlock
- Nancy Elstad
- Kitty Bender
- Marian Duff
- Joan Lee
- Pauline Stangeland
- Corrine Scott
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer

- Kathey Ziegler
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Emily Sather (Friend of the Flieth family)
- Erik Lucht (Son of Gordy and Sue Lucht)
- John Bull (Friend of Lyle and Lila Stokkeland)
- Robert Olson (Son-In-Law of Berna Kunze)
- Tana Lonefight (Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Blair Baker (Cousin of Bill & Tina Busche)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)

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

- Family and friends of Rose Norheim (Friend of Ione Somsen)

## **SACRED ACTS:**

Baptisms

**Thomas Harvey Reimers  
4/5/2026**

Infant son of Doug and Mary Reimers

**Weddings**

Confirmations

**Funerals**

## Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-455  
Confirmed Members-346  
2026

Baptisms (Child)-1, (Adult)-0  
Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-0  
Weddings-0  
Funerals-2  
Transferred In-0  
Transferred Out-4  
Profession of Faith-4  
Removed due to inactivity-83

## Miscellaneous Announcements

### Gratitude Calendar

The Gratitude Calendar is a simple, powerful tool to help us grow in thankfulness and strengthen our walk with God. Each day, it prompts us to reflect on something we're grateful for. By intentionally focusing on gratitude, we shift our hearts toward God's goodness, even in difficult times. Using the calendar takes just a few minutes a day, but it can deepen our faith, build a more joyful spirit, and encourage us to see God's hand in every part of our lives. Let's use it together as a church to cultivate a heart of praise and thankfulness. See the **Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar** attached.



Lutheran Bible Translators work tirelessly to bring God's Word to life in many communities. Can you support them with your prayers? The following prayer requests were made in a recent LBT publication:

1. Pray for wisdom and unity as LBT and international partners meet after the Bible Translation Conference. Ask God to guide their discussions and strengthen collaboration in bringing His Word to every language.
2. Pray for Pastor Passe and his family in Papua new Guinea as they lead translation efforts. May their passion inspire others and bear lasting fruit for God's kingdom.
3. Pray for safe and joyful celebration in Ghana as the Komba people receive the full Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring life and transformation through His Word.

### Volunteers Needed!



#### Church Flower Bed Care

If you have a green thumb and some extra time, we are looking

for people who are interested in helping to care for the flower beds around the church. If you would be able to help, please contact Andrea Eckstein at [concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com) or call 252-2819.



# SHARE!

your heart & home

Families in our community have an opportunity to host an **international high school exchange student** for the upcoming school year. **SHARE!** is a "nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to promoting international understanding and friendship. Many of these students come from Christian families and are excited to experience life, faith, and community in the United States." For more information please see the attached flyer.

## thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. If you would like more information about the Choice Dollars program at Thrivent, call your Thrivent representative.



Concordia Publishing House has a promotion going on for select products until June. See the "Spring Fling" pamphlet in the Narthex for the items on special. If you are interested in making a purchase, please see Nayva or contact the church office before May 15<sup>th</sup> to place an order.



### LFS Offers Telehealth Counseling For Rural LCMS Churches

Did you know that LFS provides compassionate, faith-based mental health counseling no matter the distance? We bring licensed therapists to your area via secure and confidential telehealth in Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois, and Wyoming — counseling rooted in Scripture and the love of Christ.

For more information follow this link...

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/contact/>



Concordia makes a donation to the Women's Care Center as part of the annual budget. The following letter was received by Concordia recently:

**"Some stories begin quietly.** When Renee first walked through the door, she was too afraid to even reveal her real name. She introduced herself as Esther. She was seven weeks pregnant and determined to have an abortion. As Renee sat with her counselor, she began to share fragments of her story: a childhood of instability, a mother who had raised her alone, years spent helping to care for her younger siblings. 'I don't want to end up like my mom.' To her, becoming a parent felt like repeating a bad cycle."

"Renee had an ultrasound then, and on the screen, she saw a tiny heartbeat she hadn't expected. In that moment, everything changed. Renee began to believe that maybe, just maybe, she could write a different ending to her story. She returned to the counseling room, eyes wide, and said, 'Can you tell me about those parenting classes again?'"



"This is baby Jonathan - and he's here because of you. 'He's so precious,' Renee says now. 'I've never felt a love like this before.' **Jonathan is just one of the little miracles you have helped bring into the world.**"

"So many moms like Renee and babies like Jonathan need a

champion like YOU. This year, Women's Care Center will serve hundreds of women in Fargo and Moorehead – and with your help, 9 in 10 moms will choose life. "

**"You may never meet the moms you help. You may never hold the babies you save. However, your impact is real – and it's a big one!"**

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Lisa Eggert

**SOLA**  
NEW LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRY  
LAUNCHED IN MINOT!

**SOLA** (Students Of Lutheran Apologetics) officially launched this January 2026 in Minot, becoming the first confessional Lutheran campus outreach in the city of Minot, ND. In a time when college students are bombarded with relativism, identity confusion, and vague spirituality, SOLA offers something different: Christ crucified, the clarity of Scripture, and the bold confession of our Lutheran faith.

This isn't just another student club. It's a *Gospel-centered ministry of apologetics, catechesis, evangelism, and fellowship*—grounded in the Lutheran Confessions. **SOLA** exists to form students who not only survive the university years with their faith intact but *thrive* as articulate, faithful witnesses of Christ.

Pray for this new LCMS-U work in our state! Support it. Share it. Let's confess Christ at Minot State University!

For any questions, contact Mr. Caleb Hoverson at:

[calebhoverson@yahoo.com](mailto:calebhoverson@yahoo.com)



Congratulations graduates! The following are members of Concordia who are graduating, or have graduated, from high school in 2026.

- \*Alexander Cherney
- \*Brooke Dietrich
- \*Emma Flieth
- \*Ashley Lindberg
- \*Isabella McIntyre
- \*Autumn Roberts
- \*Elise Roberts
- \*Kaida Walch

We congratulate these young people on their accomplishments and wish them God's Blessings in their future endeavors.



In celebration of his graduation, the Cherney family invites members of Concordia to a party for Alexander. Our church has been a big part of his life and anyone who wants to come is more than welcome! The party is Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Bar & Grill (back party room), after 4pm.

#### **Church Office Hours**

If you need access to the church during the week please call the church office (252-2819), Pastor Eckstein (419-5797), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

## Concordia Events Calendar – May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					10am – Women’s Bible Study @Ave Maria - B25 (Marian Duff, Host)	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 – Adult Bible Class 11:30 Hand Bell practice 12 noon - Youth Group 2-4pm-Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train  *Pastor Eckstein at ND Pastors’ Conference in Minot, returning Wednesday night (5/06)	10am-Bible Class 1pm – Quilting  7pm – Women’s Bible Study @Concordia	NO evening Service (resumes 5/13)	8:30-9:30 Men’s Bible Class  7pm - Choir		7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington  9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train
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**\*Chancel Duties: Marleen Councilman**

**Mondays – Deaconess Nayva’s Day Off!**

**Fridays – Pastor’s Day Off!**

**Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> EMERIE MCINTYRE (b.) AMY NEUSTEL (b.)	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AMBER SPITZER (b.) DON WIRRENGA (b.)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> GERALD CHAMPAGNE (b.) THOMAS ECKSTEIN (b.)	<b>7</b> DEB HAGEL (b.) LORI LIPETZKY (b.)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> JACOB FISCHER (b.) ANDREW WESTERHAUSEN (b.)	<b>11</b> KAI BACKEN (b.) JACOB ROBERTS (b.)	<b>12</b> BILL DUNAWAY (b.) (AMANDA) IRISH (b.) GORDY LUCHT (b.)	<b>13</b> (KAREN) CONNELL (b.) BROCK MICHAELSON (b.) MARK and TAMMY CHAPIN (w.)	<b>14</b> BIRGITTA ECKSTEIN (b.) COLE RASMUSSEN (b.) (SHANNON) WIEST (b.)	<b>15</b> ASHLEY FOX (b.) LYNN FOX (b.)	<b>16</b> NORMA MORLOCK (b.)
<b>17</b> NICOLE HOCHHALTER (b.) (HESSTON) KINZLER (b.) RHONDA TARNO (b.)	<b>18</b> (JASONDRA) SCHMIDT (b.) ANDREA STILWELL and JAKE (w.)	<b>19</b> SHERI DRENTH (b.) MARIAN DUFF (b.) COREY MURRAY (b.)	<b>20</b> LUCA HOCHHALTER (b.) MAKENZIE ANDERSON and (ERIK) LOFTSGARD (w.)	<b>21</b> WADE SPITZER (b.)	<b>22</b> TRACY ARNDT (b.) DUKE MIEMIETZ (b.) MARY PURCELL (b.) ANDY and LEONA BRAUN (w.)	<b>23</b> ANDY BRAUN (b.) LYDIA ROSIN (b.)
<b>24</b> ACE OTTO (b.)	<b>25</b> MINON BENDER (b.) AUSTIN OTTO (b.)	<b>26</b> JOYCE CARLSON (b.) DYLAN MARSOLEK (b.)	<b>27</b> JODI NELSON (b.)	<b>28</b> AL and ELLEN EPPEN (w.)	<b>29</b> BRODY HETLETVEDT (b.)	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> TWYLA ANDERSON (b.)						

# MAY

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*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 flowers. Bring some to a friend or neighbor.
2. For school teachers, school workers, and students.
3. For Ethiopia, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the LWML Ohio District.
5. For nurses and healthcare workers.
6. For the opportunity to be able to invite someone to lunch so you can get to know them better.
7. For the country of Guinea.
8. For godly mothers.
9. For the opportunity to help a young mom.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Organizational Resources.
11. For LWML Mission Grant #11.
12. For God to strengthen ordained pastors everywhere.
13. For the country of Haiti.
14. For the many things you can be thankful for today.
15. For our national LCMS Council of District Presidents.
16. For the country of Hong Kong.
17. For the LWML English District.
18. For Mite Goals in all the districts.
19. For friends and strangers you meet today.
20. For the country of India.
21. For flower and vegetable gardens.
22. For firefighters.
23. For LWML Mission Grant #12.
24. For the country of Indonesia.
25. For the LWML SELC District.
26. For your neighbors and for ways to serve them.
27. For an opportunity to buy someone a cup of tea or coffee.
28. For the country of Israel.
29. For the armed forces who gave their lives and for their families left behind.
30. For the LWML Eastern District.
31. For the country of Latvia.

## Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar – May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					This month, share a daily gratitude at the dinner table.	Be grateful for the opportunities to learn new things.
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” Col.3:15	Say a prayer of thanks before each meal today.	Pray for the leadership of Concordia Lutheran Church.	Share something you’re thankful for with a friend.	Gratitude transforms every negative situation.	What is something you’re thankful you were able to experience this week?	Donate food or clothes to someone in need. 
<b>10 Mother’s Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Treat your mother to something special, tell her how much you appreciate her!	Bake something and deliver it to a neighbor. 	Write a note to someone who encouraged you in faith.	“Give thanks to the LORD for He is GOOD. His love endures FOREVER.” <small>Psalm 107:1</small>	Give thanks for someone who has passed their faith to you.	Thank someone for their quiet service behind the scenes.	Volunteer for a church or community project. 
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
What is a kind act someone did for you recently? Did you express your gratitude to them yet?	Write down a personal story of God’s provision.	Support a church ministry with time, talent, or treasure.	Thank God for His faithfulness in your life. 	Thank a veteran for his or her service to our country.	Send a card to a missionary or ministry partner. 	What has been your biggest blessing this week?
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Pray for a family you know at church.	“We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!” <small>Psalm 75:1</small>	Share a verse about gratitude on social media or in a text.	Joy is the simplest form of gratitude.  <b>Karl Barth</b>	Thank God for the beauty of creation – enjoy the Spring flowers around town.	Call or visit someone who may feel lonely.	Reflect on a song or hymn that brings you joy. 
<b>31</b>						
Thank your pastor for his service to the church.						



# MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday  
May 12  
6:00 pm

Concordia Lutheran Church

FEATURED MOVIE

Esther

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT  
42<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
LAKE REGION STATE COLLEGE, DEVILS LAKE, ND  
JUNE 26-28, 2026**



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY (Use blue or black ink)

NAME (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home church: \_\_\_\_\_ LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_  
 First time attending a LWML District Convention: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select an applicable category**

A. \_\_\_ Delegate  
 B. \_\_\_ Alternate delegate  
 C. \_\_\_ ND District LWML BOD  
 D. \_\_\_ ND District LWML Past President  
 E. \_\_\_ General Registration  
 F. \_\_\_ Clergy  
 G. \_\_\_ Exhibitor

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2026**

Registration – June 26-28, 2026	\$100.00	\$
First Time or age 12-22 Attendee	\$ 90.00	\$
Exhibitor (One person)	\$150.00	\$
Late registration (postmarked after June 1, 2026)	\$125.00	\$
Saturday Meal Package	\$ 30.00	\$
Sunday Mite Walk (includes t-shirt)      Shirt Size: _____	\$ 20.00	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	Ck #	\$

Make check payable to: **LWML ND District** and mail with this form to:

LWML ND District, PO Box 264, Minto ND 58261-0264  
 Email: tamiulland.lwml@gmail.com

Please send my registration confirmation via: \_\_\_ email \_\_\_ mail

**PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:**

Convention Choir Rehearsal, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m. _____
<b>OR</b>
Servant Event, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m. _____
Hygiene Kit assembly for Orphan Grain Train _____
Delegate meeting, Friday 4:15-5:00 p.m. _____

**SATURDAY MEALS:**

Lunch: **Soup and Sandwich Bar**  
 Banquet: **Roast Beef Dinner**

**With the exception of gluten free buns, dietary restrictions cannot be accommodated.**

<p><b>HOUSING INFORMATION</b>  <b>(mention LWML for room rate)</b>          Holiday Inn Express – 701-665-3200 \$99.00/night plus tax          Sleep Inn – 701-350-3010 Queen \$129.00/night plus tax; King \$119.00/night plus tax          Cobblestone – 701-544-0129 \$125.00/night plus tax          Fireside Inn – 701-662-6760 \$119.99/night plus tax</p>
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# LWML HEALTH AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Each person attending the convention must complete this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

List any health conditions to be aware of before emergency treatment:

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List medications medical personnel should be aware of:

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## **DIETARY NEEDS:**

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## **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS:**

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# Noisy Offering



1st Sunday of  
the Month



Families and adults in our community are invited to host an international high school exchange student for the upcoming school year through SHARE!, a nonprofit educational foundation.

Students speak English, bring their own spending money, and are fully covered by medical insurance. Host families simply provide a safe, caring home and include the student as part of daily family life.

Hosting is a wonderful way to share American culture, build lifelong friendships, and make a meaningful difference in a young person's life.

For more information about becoming a host family, contact SHARE!:

800-941-3738  
[sharesouthwest.org/contact](https://sharesouthwest.org/contact)





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**Table Talk**



Ladies'

# **BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAYS  
7:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# Soul Spa

*40 Days of Spiritual Renewal*

*By Sharla Fritz*

*Bible Study with a glass of Iced Tea*