Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



2026 Approved Budget & Concordia's Financial Situation

At our voters meeting on Sunday, 10/26, the voters approved our 2026 budget totaling \$392,735 — which is a \$16,254 INCREASE over our 2025 budget. The main reason for the increase is our plan to repair the flat roof on the office wing of our building. A copy of the 2026 budget is included in this newsletter...

Regarding Concordia's current financial situation, our bulletin shows that are behind in giving versus spending for 2025. That's the bad news. The good news is that we have not spent all that we planned for our 2025 budget, and so we are not as far behind as our bulletin shows. In addition, as of the end of September we have about \$49,000 in "padding" that we can use to cover a deficit budget for 2025. However, we are hoping that the last 3 months of 2025 will bring in more offerings as has been the case in the past so that we can end 2025 either EVEN or, better

yet, IN THE BLACK! This would allow us to move forward into 2026 with a strong financial position so that we can continue to move forward in mission and ministry to the glory of God. May God bless us to this end!

Thanksgiving EVE Service and Community Thanksgiving Meal

This year we're doing something different. Instead of having a Thanksgiving DAY Service we will be having a Thanksgiving EVE Service on Wednesday, 11/26, at 7:00PM. We hope you can attend!

Also, we will need volunteers in various areas for our Community Thanksgiving Meal on Thanksgiving Day, 11/27. As last year, there will be NO dine-in option. Instead, there will be only pick-up and delivery. There will be a sign-up sheet at church showing the areas where we need volunteers. Please help if you can.

Finally, the Community
Thanksgiving Day committee has
decided that this year will be the
LAST year for Concordia to host
this event. There were various
reasons for this decision. We
thank God and all the volunteers
for the many years we have been
able to bless our community
with this event.

Volunteers needed for Funeral Lunches/Pot-Lucks & Communion Set-up There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for where you can sign up to help set-up and cleanup for funeral lunches and potlucks. We are asking Concordia members to sign up for one month. Funeral lunches are catered in, and so Concordia only needs to prepare beverages and set out catered food. In addition, there is another sign-up sheet for those who would be willing to volunteer for one month to set up for Communion Sundays in 2026. Please consider helping in this way.

Letter about "Charlie Kirk" death by Kim Murray in this Newsletter

Kim Murray, a long time member of Concordia, has written an excellent letter about the murder of Christian speaker, Charlie Kirk. Kim's letter is included in this newsletter.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Tom Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Fellowship

Grief Support Fellowship 3rd Sunday 12:00pm

Sunday November 16th: Surviving the Holidays December: No Meeting

Outreach

Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm November 12th & 19th December 10th Christmas Party

Bible Study

Hymn Study Friday, Nov. 7th 10:00am

Marian Duff (Host) Ave Maria B₂₅

A New Song

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

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

Women's Bible Study

Soul Spa

By Sharla Fritz

Tuesdays Fellowship Hall 7:00PM November 4th, 18th and 25th

Feel Free to join us anytime.

Deaconess Nayva



Main Street Living TV Program
www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com
Every Sunday on the local Fox
Station at 9am

Thanksgiving! As it's been a while, I'd like to briefly mention those who specifically do the work of getting our MAIN STEET LIVING programs on the air. First, we thank the Pastors of our North Dakota and Minnesota North District LCMS congregations for taking the extra time and effort to have their worship services ready months in advance – and for driving to our recording locations. Thanks also to the

congregations who serve as our recording sites: (Bethel/Bismarck, Immanuel/Fargo, Immanuel/Grand Forks, and St. Marks, Minot).

Jay Schafer, a member of Immanuel, Fargo, continues to do all the technical work (recording, editing and getting the programs to the TV stations and our MSL website). Jay also serves as the Executive Director of the MSL Media Ministry network, now covering all or portions of ND, MN, SD, Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Ken Koehler, a member of St. Andrew, West Fargo, continues to serve as the volunteer coordinator for our MSL North operation, including recruiting pastors for the recordings and writing the newsletter and bulletin articles, etc. In addition to Ken, our Lay Leadership Team continues to be Doug Schmidt (VP), Mark Jones (Treasurer), and Carol Borchers (Secretary). Louise Tegtmeier helps with proofing and editing of the newsletter articles. There are of course also others who help our in various ways; including those of you who financially support the programs!

THANKYOU!

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, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.



LWML Circles started meeting again:

Dorcas Circle 2nd Monday 1:30pm

Ruth Circle 1st Tuesday 1:00 pm

Naomi Circle 1st Tuesday 7:00pm

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

Concordia's LWML will meet on November 4th at 3:00 and they will be electing officers for the 2026 year.

The first Sunday of the month is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$191.82** in September and **\$171.50** in October.

We collect our mites to help fund all our District and National LWML mission grant projects for this biennium....the 33 mission grants, selected at the LWML Convention in June, were chosen from a list of 47 proposed projects.

One grant that has been featured is #1 Regional Disaster
Response LERT Shower Trailers,
LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster
Response Ministry, U.S. | \$81,500

Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) serve thousands of individuals and families who are suffering from loss in the wake of disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires, and tornadoes. When deployed, LERT teams traditionally use congregations in the disaster areas as their base camps. The host congregations provide a place for the LERT teams to sleep, eat, rest, recover, and receive spiritual care during their time of service.

One challenge for team members has been the lack of showers and laundry facilities at a host church. This grant will fund half the cost of two combination bathroom/shower/laundry trailers to be used during disaster response work.

For more information, go to: https://www.lwml.org/2025-2027- mission-grant-1

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



The Sunday School children are collecting a mission offering in November and December. We are asking the children and all members to bring a box of cereal that will be given to the local food pantry.

The children are starting to learn songs for Christmas Service. We will be sending home printed copies of the songs so the children can learn the words.



Thanksgiving Day is November 27th and the **Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be happening again this year.
Concordia will once again host the Community Thanksgiving Day Meal from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. However, meals will only be "Drive-thru pick up" OR "delivery" – but NO sit down meal. In addition, we always need volunteers to make this happen. So please consider helping in some way, if you are able. We

need people to help cook and prepare turkeys the night before Thanksgiving Day. We also need people to help with preparing meals for "Drive-thru pick up", delivering meals, answering phones, and clean-up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church entry way, and so please consider volunteering in some area if you are able.

The following is a letter submitted by the Thanksgiving Dinner Committee:

Concordia Family,

The Thanksgiving Dinner Committee wants to THANK YOU our church family for all your donation of time and service to make this dinner a success over the last 35 years.

It is with heavy hearts, we announce this will be out last year doing the meal. Many factors have made it more difficult each year. The committee feels it is time and praise God for all the years we were able to support our community.

May everyone have a blessed thanksgiving,

Sincerely,

Sue, Lisa, Andrea, Jim, Mikaela, Nayva, Amy and Skip



Youth Group in November/December

November

Sunday, Nov. 2nd - NOON Youth Group

Friday, Nov. 7th - Youth 6:30 – 8:30

Friday, Nov. 21st Youth 6:30 - 8:30

Sunday, Nov. 23rd Chili Cookoff & Pie Auction

December

Sunday Dec. 14th - 9:00 Youth Cookie Walk



summer. See Nayva for available

sizes.

The 2025 **Chili Cook Off** is scheduled for **November 23rd**, starting after the 10:30 service. Be sure to sign up to bring your special recipe for everyone to taste. Prizes will be awarded!

And after tasting all the chili, you'll want to have some pie.
Conveniently, the Youth Group will be hosting a **Pie Auction** on the same day. We need people to donate pies and bid on pies for this event to be a success, so please plan to participate.



Shirts for Sale!

*Do you want to support the
Youth in their fundraising efforts?
*Do you have \$20 to spend?
If you answered "YES" to either
one of these questions, then you
should consider buying one of the
Concordia Lutheran Church Tshirts on sale. They were designed
by the Youth for their trip to the

National Youth Gathering this



Volunteers for November:

Communion/Altar preparation:

Larry & Ellen Walz

Elder Schedule

November

Sun. 11/2	8am	10:30 am
	Dernel D.	Doug P.
Wed. 11/5	7 pm	Quincy B.
Sun.11/9	8am	10:30am
	Josh R.	Gordy L.
Sun. 11/16	8am	10:30am
	Josh R.	Doug P.
Wed. 11/19	7pm	Quincy B.
Sun. 11/23	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Ed M.
Wed. 11/26 Thanksgiving Eve	7pm	Ed M.
Sun. 11/30	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Ed M.

Musicians:

November

Sun. 11/2	Carmen McBride
Wed. 11/5	Carmen McBride
Sun.11/9	Daine Flieth
Wed.11/12	Daine Flieth
Sun. 11/16	Carmen McBride
Wed. 11/19	Carmen McBride
Sun. 11/23	Ione Somsen
Wed. 11/26	Ione Somsen
Sun.11/30	Daine Flieth



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
- Larry Hewitt (Friend of Elstads)
- Gayle Schmidt (Sister of Greg Kutz)
- Hazel Thu (Sister of Rose Martin)
- Mark Eckstein (Cousin of Pastor Tom Eckstein)
- Cassie Rott (Friend of Daine Flieth)
- John Hinz (Brother of Dave Hinz)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Marcella Lange (Friend of lone Somsen)

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

- Carol Martin
- Marvin Lee
- Joan Lee
- Sue Corwin
- Pauline Stangland
- Corrine Scott
- Elden Englund
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Marian Duff
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Daniel Pollard (Friend of Bill and Tina Busche)
- Paul Schafer III (Son of Lila Stokkeland)
- Robert Olson (Son-in-law of Berna Kunze)
- Tana Lonefight (Friend of lone 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)
- Gordie Christenson (Cousin of Randy Flieth)

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

- Family of James Lindberg
- Family of Carolyn Miemietz

SACRED ACTS:

Confirmations

Baptisms

Transfers

Deaths

James Lindberg 9/3/25 Carolyn Miemietz 9/7/25

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-611 Confirmed Members-458

2025

Baptisms (Child)-3, (Adult)-3 Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-2 Weddings-0

Funerals-4 Transferred In-4 Transferred Out-7

Profession of Faith-6

Removed due to inactivity-o

The Family Matters

In this feature of our newsletter, we focus on family concerns. This month we are looking at the resources offered by Lutheran Family Services.



Families are central to child safety, permanency, and wellbeing, and all families need support. For families with limited resources, or those facing additional challenges, the need for assistance is even greater. LFS provides a number of services that cater specifically to the needs of each parent and child that needs our support. Every situation is different, and we are here to help no matter the challenges you may be facing.

Various programs are offered including parent education, behavioral health, and children's services providing prevention and early intervention. For more information see

https://www.onelfs.org/familyservices/

> Miscellaneous Announcements

Gratitude Calendar

During the Thanksgiving season, we find more people focusing on the "attitude of gratitude". But as Christians, we really should be practicing thankfulness every

day. 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 forwhether it's a blessing, a person, or a small moment of joy. 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.

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.

NERSK BERFEST

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Fall Festival activities. Not only did we all have the opportunity for food and fellowship, but there was some fun involved too. Several people won cakes and other sweet

treats at the "cake walk". Thanks to all the people who donated items for the activity. Also, thanks to Curt Speidel for the donation of all the pumpkins, especially the giant one weighing 190 lbs. Lawrence Flieth won the pumpkin for coming closest to guessing the weight. Andrea Eckstein won the jar of candy corn for coming closest to guessing the number (160 pc).



Did you know that LBT supports early faith formation? Through their Audio Scripture program, even the youngest listeners are engaging with God's Word in a language they understand, building faith from an early age and planting seeds for a lifetime of spiritual growth. Be part of bringing God's Word to every language through Lutheran Bible Translators. Your prayers, and generosity help expand the reach and impact of Bible translation around the world. Visit https://lbt.org/# to learn more.



Thank you to everyone for all the items collected for Undie Sunday. As of the publication of the newsletter, there were 183 pairs of socks, 2 bras, and 126 pairs of underwear. Everything will be donated to our local Orphan Grain Train for local and international distribution.



Concordia recently gifted \$1,550 to Youth For Christ during their fundraising campaign. The following note was sent to the church office from Youth For Christ:

Concordia Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. You are helping to create opportunity for youth to hear the greatest news they will every hear.

Until He returns, Allison Roorda Administrative Assistant

"Letter About Charlie Kirk's Death" - by Kim Murray

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

With the recent news of Charlie Kirk's passing, many of us are reflecting on his life, his faith, and what it means for us as Christians to live with courage and hope. Charlie Kirk was outspoken about his Christian faith and lived it publicly. He often reminded others that faith in Jesus Christ was the foundation of his life, and he encouraged believers to be bold and unashamed in confessing their faith. In this, he gives us an example of what it means to stand firm in the promises of God, even when our culture pushes in a different direction.

Another key part of his message was the importance of family. He believed that God's design for family-parents raising children in love, respect, and

faith-was at the heart of a strong community and a faithful life. For us as Missouri Synod Lutherans, this reminds us of the Fourth Commandment and the blessing that comes through honoring our father and mother, and building our lives around the family as God intended. At the same time, we know that death is a reminder of the brokenness of our world. As Scripture teaches, death entered creation through sin, but Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death through His death and resurrection. This is our hope and comfort:

"Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

As Missouri Synod Lutherans, we do not make personal judgments about any Individual's eternal destiny - that is God's alone. Yet we can give thanks for Charlie's public witness to the Christian faith, his courage to speak the truth, and his defense of the family. These are reminders to us all to live with courage, to confess Christ without fear, and to treasure the gifts of faith and family that God has entrusted to us. For our young people especially, Charlie's life can serve as an encouragement: to know what you believe, to stand strong in God's Word, and to build your lives on the solid foundation of Christ.

Life is uncertain, but God's promises never fail. Let us grieve with hope, give thanks for the witness of a fellow Christian, and remain steadfast in our own faith until the day of Chris's return, when He will wipe away every tear and unite us forever with Him.

In Christ's love,

Kim Murray

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.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Eck stein, Daine Flieth, Randy Flieth, Sue Corwin, Don Elstad, Kim Murra, Nayva Mulder, Kevin Nelson, and Doug Pieske

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order by president Randy and opened with prayer led by Pastor Eckstein.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for August was presented. As of August 31, the available balance was \$52,887.09

Pastor's Report

A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Don to approve the removal of members for whom there is no contact. The motion carried.

Another letter has been sent out to out-of-state members with a response deadline of Oct. 1. Those who do not respond will be removed from membership.

Pastor plans on taking 16 days of vacation, dependent upon the birth of his granddaughter. Pastor Eppen will cover services and Pastor Hill will cover emergencies.

Deaconess Report:

The youth provided a pancake meal and presentation in the National Youth Gathering. The following are upcoming events: Fall Festival, Chili Cookoff, Pie Auction and Hayride.

Stephen Ministry, Bible Studies and Grief Support are all going well.

Elder's Report:

The September schedule was set. The budget was discussed and approved to present to the council.

Stewardship Report:

The UJ Block Party was well attended and all the popcorn was handed out! The budget was discussed and approved to present to the council.

Don Elstad has agreed to continue to serve as Chairman for 2026.

Education Report:

Sunday School has resumed with 16 in attendance!

A meeting was held and the year planned out. The Children's Christmas Service is planned for Sunday, Dec. 21st at 2pm.

Social Ministry Report: None

Board of Trustees:

The handicap door has been ordered.

Repairs are needed for storm damage from the June storm.

The sidewalk on the southwest side of the church is heaving.

Old Business:

Pictorial Directory – Elissa Rosin has agreed to take pictures for members.

New Business

Safety measures were discussed.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27th at 7:30pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Daine Flieth, Council Secretary

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

concordiaitsecretary@qmail.com

Concordia Events Calendar – November 2025

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Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries Search: =November; Who = (everyone except removed); Filter = Birthday or Wedding

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 JOE LINDBERG (b.) RON MORLOCK (b.) KEVIN NELSON (b.) JAMIE REMMICK (b.) (ANGEL) SATROM (b.) DAKOTAH SPITZER (b.)	(DAKOTA) HEWITT (b.) CAMMY and (STEVE) OST (w.)	4	(BEVERLY) KRACHT (b.) GARY SCHULTES (b.) HEIDI TITZE (b.) TAYLOR WEBBER (b.)	G (JAKE) TIMM (b.) MIKE and SHELLEY ANDERSON (w.) ARICCA and (JASON) MARKS (w.)	ARMANI COLLINS (b.) LINETTE GUTHMILLER (b.) LEAH and (BEN) WILLMS (w.)	8 BRANDON ANDERSON (b.) NICOLE MORLOCK (b.)
9	DYLAN BILOFF (b.) AL HUST (b.)	BROCK DRENTH (b.) DAVID JORGENSON (b.) EASTON LOFTSGARD (b.) CHAD NANNENGA (b.) PEGGY SPITZER (b.) LOUANN WAYNE (b.)	CORA HARR (b.)	REGAN LUSTERMAN (b.)	LLOYD BAUSKE (b.) MEL and JOANN BROWN (w.)	GABRIEL LAVALLIE (b.) NANCY WOLSKY (b.)
MARVIN LEE (b.) PEYTON SPITZER (b.)	17 CHRISTY NANNENGA (b.)	18 PHYLLIS MUNSON (b.) ELIJAH ROSIN (b.)	CARISSA KRAWCZYK (b.) ELLIE KRUEGER (b.) SAWYER LOFTSGARD (b.) EVALYN ROSIN (b.) DESTINY and (JAMES) CONZEMIUS (w.)	20	21	CHRIS CORWIN (b.) JENNIFER SCHULTES (b.)
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NOVEMBER

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 thanksgiving for all the saints who have gone before us.
- 2. For LWML Mission Grant #26.
- 3. For the day of activity and the night of rest.
- 4. For The Sudan, one of the 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
- 5. For those in elected offices.
- 6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Treasurer.
- 7. For the country of Taiwan.
- 8. For the LWML Iowa West District.
- 9. For thanksgiving of God's goodness and love.
- 10. For the country of Tanzania.
- 11. For those who have served in the Armed Forces.
- 12. For the opportunity to give thanks through song.
- 13. For medical researchers.
- 14. For church camps.
- 15. For the country of Thailand.

- 16. For the LWML Iowa East District.
- 17. For school students.
- 18. For the country of Pakistan.
- 19. For the peace that only God can provide.
- 20. For teachers and those studying to be teachers.
- 21. For LWML Mission Grant #27.
- 22. For those who provide transportation for others.
- 23. For the country of Togo.
- 24. For those mourning a loss.
- 25. For the opportunity to profess God's name.
- 26. For the country of Turkey.
- 27. For those who might not have a bountiful Thanksgiving meal.
- 28. For the blessings given by the Lord.
- 29. For the North Wisconsin District.
- 30. For the country of Uganda.



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 **Concordia Youth Presents**

Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice



PieAuction & Bake Sale

SUNDAY, NOV. 23RD

Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24







LEADERSHIP FROM WITHIN OUR BEYOND 24

"WHERE THERE IS NO GUIDANCE, A PEOPLE FALLS, BUT IN AN ABUNDANCE OF COUNSELORS THERE IS SAFETY." PROVERBS 11:14

Once a year, our secondary, college, and university students gather for the Beyond 24 Youth Camp—a special time for fellowship, learning, and encouragement in their faith. This year's camp took place in August, scheduled to allow as many students as possible to attend before heading off to their studies at colleges and universities. It was a joy to see many of our young people step into leadership roles within the group. The camp was chaired by Paul Omondi, a recent university graduate who hopes to serve as a full-time teacher. His example, along with the guidance of other student leaders, provided a meaningful model of Christian service for their peers.

Workshops were led by ELCK bishops and Project 24 site managers, covering topics such as living out the Christian faith in daily life, navigating relationships from a biblical perspective, and the importance of mentorship. These sessions gave the students both practical tools and spiritual encouragement as they prepare to face the challenges of academic and campus life.

Of course, the camp was also a time for joy and connection. Students shared about their studies, enjoyed fellowship, and strengthened the bonds that unite them as brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank God for making gatherings like this possible and for the many partners who continue to walk alongside these young men and women, helping them remain rooted in Christ as they step into new seasons of life.



FEEDING THE 5000

Our Project 24 primary students recently gathered at P24 Tumaini for the Catechetical Club competition. More than 250 children traveled from across Kenya to the western region to take part in this joyful event. Together, they sang songs, recited Bible verses and sections of the Catechism, and even performed the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000.

Beyond the competition, the children enjoyed leisure time exploring the city of Kisumu and visiting the shores of Lake Victoria—the largest lake in Africa and the source of the Nile River. For many, it was their first opportunity to see such places and to spend time with friends from other Project 24 sites.

Experiences like this remind us of the importance of nurturing faith in young hearts while also giving them a chance to learn, grow, and see more of God's creation. The children returned home with joy, new friendships, and memories that will stay with them for years to come.



P24 KABICHBICH PERFORMS THE FEEDING OF THE 5000 ONE OF OUR P24 LENKISHON STUDENTS TAKING COMMUNION

PROJECT

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: 305 students

Number of Students Sponsored as to date: 260

To be added to, or to remove your name from the Project 24 newsletter list, please contact: britt.odemba@lcms.org

To sponsor a child at one of the Project 24 sites please contact: jennifer.hummel@lcms.org Like us on Facebook:

Project 24 Kenya

MAKE FUNDRAISING FRESH WITH

FREDDYS

HOMEMADE POTATO LEFSE



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November 23rd, 2025

Fellowship Hall Concordia Lutheran Church

PRE-ORDER BY November 16th

EVENT SPONSPORED BY Concordia Youth



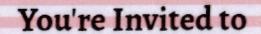
Contact at 701-430-9049 with any questions.

Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar – November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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T		A	N	K	S!	Donate food or clothes to someone in need.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Thank God for the beauty of creation – go for a walk!	Say a prayer of thanks before each meal today.	Send a card to a missionary or ministry partner.	Share something you're thankful for with a friend.	Reflect on how God has provided for you financially.	Thank a Sunday School teacher or Youth Leader.	Make a list of 5 blessings from this past week.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Thank your pastor or church worker for their service.	Bake something and deliver it to a neighbor.	Share a verse about gratitude on social media or in a text.	Pray for a family you know from church.	Give thanks for someone who has passed their faith to you.	Volunteer for a church or community project.	Thank someone for their quiet service behind the scenes.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Reflect on a hymn or worship song that brings you joy.	Write down a personal story of God's provision.	Support a church ministry with time, talent, or treasure.	Thank a child or teen for being part of the church.	Light a candle and reflect on God's presence in your life.	Re-read your favorite Bible passage about thankfulness.	Text or call a family member to say "thank you".
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pray over your financial giving with gratitude.	Thank God for the people of Concordia Lutheran Church!	Thank God for His faithfulness in your life.	Write a note to someone who encouraged you in your faith.	Thank God for the many blessings we have in this country!	Pray for the leadership of Concordia Lutheran Church.	Call or visit someone who may feel lonely.

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Concordia Youth's

5th ANNUAL

COOKOFF & PIE AUCTION!

Sunday, November 23rd 11:30 AM

SIGN UP TO BRING YOUR CHILI!

There will be a non-chili option .

Free will donation!

Best chili -determined by votes

2026 Budget Proposal Board of Elders-2026

2025				Board of Elders-2026		e .	
Pastor's Salary	\$	81.887.00	016-00-01-01	Pastor's Salary	\$	83,854.00	
Pastor's Housing	\$		016-00-01-02	Pastor's Housing	\$	12,000.00	
Pastor's Car/Travel	\$		016-00-01-03	Pastor's Car/Travel	\$	4,000.00	
Pastor's Utilities	\$		016-00-01-04	Pastor's Utilities	\$	2,400.00	
Pastor's Medical	\$		016-00-01-05	Pastor's Medical	\$	25,000.00	
Pastor's Pension/Disability	\$		016-00-01-06	Pastor Disability/Pension	\$	11,610.00	
Pastor's Conferences	\$		016-00-01-07	Pastor's Conferences	\$	800.00	
Pastor's Education	\$		016-00-01-08	Pastor's Education	\$	1,000.00	
Deaconess Salary	\$		016-00-01-09	Deaconess Salary	\$	51,113.00	
Deaconess Housing	\$		016-00-01-10	Deaconess Housing	\$	12,000.00	
Deaconess Car/Travel	\$		016-00-01-11	Deaconess Car/Travel	\$	4,000.00	
Deaconess Utilities	\$	•	016-00-01-12	Deaconess Utilities	\$	2,400.00	
Deaconess Medical	\$		016-00-01-13	Deaconess Medical	\$	11,220.00	
Deaconess Pension/Disability	\$		016-00-01-14	Deaconess Disability/Pension	\$	6,858.00	
Deaconess Conferences	\$		016-00-01-15	Deaconess Conferences	\$	1,000.00	
Deaconess Education	\$		016-00-01-16	Deaconess Education	\$	1,000.00	
Guest Speaker	\$		016-00-01-17	Guest Speaker	\$	500.00	
Secretary Salary	\$		016-00-01-17	Secretary Salary	\$	20,000.00	
Musician	\$		016-00-01-19	Organist/Pianist	\$	9,600.00	
Music Director	\$		016-00-01-19	Music Director	\$	1,800.00	
Synod/District Convention	Φ		016-00-01-21	Synod/District Convention	\$		
Total	<u>φ</u>	261,601.00	- 010-00-01-21	Total	-	263,155.00 Increase	1554
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Sunday School	\$		016-00-02-01	Sunday School	\$	3,000.00	
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Junior Confirmation	\$		016-00-02-03	Junior Confirmation	\$	200.00	
Youth	\$		016-00-02-04	Youth	\$	5,000.00	
Young Adult & Adult Education	\$		016-00-02-05	Adult Education	\$	2,000.00	
Family Ministry	\$		016-00-02-06	Family Ministry	\$	500.00	
Stephen Ministry	\$	500.00		Stephen Ministry	\$	500.00	
Lutheran Witness	\$		_016-00-02-08	Lutheran Witness	\$	200.00	500
Total	\$	11,900.00		Total	\$	12,400.00 Increase	500
				Board of Evangelism			
Good News Magazines	\$		016-00-03-01	Good News Magazines	\$	200.00	
Christ the Way	\$		016-00-03-02	Christ the Way	\$	500.00	
Evangelism Events	\$		_016-00-03-03	Evangelism Events	\$	400.00	
Total	\$	1,000.00		Total	\$	1,100.00 Increase	100
				Board of Trustees			
Janitorial Services	\$	8,500.00	016-00-05-01	Janitorial Services	\$	8,000.00	
Janitor Supplies	\$	1,000.00	016-00-05-02	Janitor Supplies	\$	500.00	
Property Insurance/Taxes	\$	9,000.00	016-00-05-03	Property Insurance	\$	11,500.00	
Utilities	\$	17,500.00	016-00-05-04	Utilities	\$	17,500.00	
Building & Property Maintenance	\$	8,000.00	016-00-05-05	Building & Property Maintenance	\$	20,000.00	
Elevator Contract	\$	1,300.00	016-00-05-06	Elevator Contract	\$	1,500.00	
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Total	\$	45,300.00		Total	\$	59,000.00 Increase	13700

		Treasurer's Budget		
Office Supplies	\$ 2,700.00 016-00-06-02	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	
Office Equipment	\$ 2,000.00 016-00-06-03	Office Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	
Copier Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00 016-00-06-04	Copier Maintenance	\$ 2,800.00	
Postage	\$ 1,200.00 016-00-06-05	Postage	\$ 1,600.00	
Worship Expense	\$ 4,000.00 016-00-06-06	Worship Expense	\$ 4,300.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,200.00 016-00-06-07	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,200.00	
Withholding Benefits	\$ 2,700.00 016-00-06-08	Withholding/Benefits	\$ 3,800.00	
Web Page	\$ 800.00 016-00-06-09	Web Page	\$ 900.00	
Meal Expenses	\$ 1,100.00 016-00-06-10	Meal Expenses	\$ 800.00	
Total	\$ 17,700.00	Total	\$ 19,400.00 Increase	1700
		Missions		
Synod/District	\$ 25,000.00 016-00-07-01	Synod/District	\$ 25,700.00	
Christ's Care For Children-Kenya	\$ 1,080.00 016-00-07-02	Christ's Care for Children-Kenya	\$ 1,080.00	
Church Worker Support	\$ 4,000.00 016-00-07-03	Church Worker Support	\$ 2,000.00	
Women's Care Center-Fargo	\$ 2,500.00 016-00-07-04	Women's Care Center-Fargo	\$ 2,500.00	
Youth For Christ	\$ 1,800.00 016-00-07-05	Youth For Christ	\$ 1,800.00	
Lutheran Bible Translators	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u> 016-00-07-06	Lutheran Bible Translators	\$ 1,000.00	
Total	\$ 35,380.00	Total	\$ 34,080.00 Decrease	-1300
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		Board of Social Ministries		
Social Ministry	\$ 2,500.00 016-00-11-01	Social Ministry	\$ 2,500.00	
Total	\$ 2,500.00	Total	\$ 2,500.00 No Change	0
		Board of Stewardship		
Stewardship Education	\$ 400.00 016-00-12-01	Stewardship Education	\$ 400.00	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 700.00 016-00-12-02	Offering Envelopes	\$ 700.00	
Total	\$ 1,100.00	Total	\$ 1,100.00 No Change	0
Total	\$ 376,481.00	Total Budget Expenses	\$ 392,735.00 Increase	16254