Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



This Facebook post was written by Christianna Nemec (daughter of pastor Tom and Andrea)

Why do the righteous suffer while the wicked prosper? This is the type of question that is asked throughout many Psalms, including Psalms 10,13, 44, 73, 74, and, most notably, Psalm 22. I have asked myself this type of question before, especially since the death of our son. "Why did my son die while others who don't even seem to love their children continue to receive more?" We tend to think that if we know "why" then we would be satisfied and have comfort. But would we?

If we want to know why the righteous suffer and wicked prosper, first we ought to know who are the righteous and who are the wicked. God reveals to us that, according to our sins, we are the wicked (Psalms 51, 53, Matthew 5:17-48, 15:18-20, Romans 1:28-11, 3:9-18). We have not lived according to God's Law. So who is righteous? God alone (Mark 10:18). How strange is it that this Rightoues One also suffers?

Jesus, the eternal Son of God, took on our human flesh to live a sinless life, suffer, and die (John 1, John 10,

Mark 10:45). Jesus, the Righteous One, is the one who called out from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1, Matthew 27:45-46). We know why this Righteous One suffers. He suffers for our sake; He suffers for our sin. "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:19) We who are wicked prosper and receive God's mercy because the Righteous One suffered for us. Because of Jesus, we will not suffer God's judgement and wrath because of our sin.

But, if we receive Christ's righteousness through faith, why do we still suffer in this life? Rarely if ever do we get an exact answer to the "why" question. I do not know why my son in particular died at such a young age instead of continuing to live. Instead of "why", we are directed to "Who". That "Who" is where our comfort in suffering comes from. That "Who" is Jesus, the Righteous One who suffers.

While Jesus has taken our punishment for sin upon Himself, we still experience suffering in this world corrupted by sin (Romans 8:18-23). We are not to expect an easy and prosperous life because of Jesus. In fact, Jesus teaches us to expect suffering in this life. This same suffering One who teaches us to expect suffering also teaches us to expect deliverance, relief, rest, and resurrection in Him (John 16:33, Matthew 5:1-12, Matthew 11:25-29, John 11). When we suffer, it is not that God has abandoned us, but that God is treating us as sons (Hebrews 12:1-11). This suffering does not seem pleasant to us, especially when we see others who reject God but

receive the earthly things that we long for.

Why does God give good gifts to those who hate Him? Because God wills to have mercy (Matthew 5:43, Acts 14:17). Even so, the earthly blessings of this life are temporary, they will not last (Matthew 6:19-24, Psalm 1). Those who reject God's mercy have only a temporary inheritance. Yet, God desires that all receive His eternal blessings and His heavenly inheritance, and so He is patient with us (1 Peter 1:3-5, 2 Peter 3:8-10).

We are also called to be patient (Psalm 37:7-9). This is not easy. Throughout our life here we continue to lament and call out to God to deliver us, as His Psalms teach us to do. While we suffer in this life, we continue to have the promises of the One who suffers with us and for us. Jesus suffers, and we can expect to suffer like Him. As we suffer, He is with us (Psalm 23:4, Romans 8:31-39, Matthew 28:18-20). As we suffer like the Son, we trust that we will receive the Son's inheritance, just as Jesus has promised us. (Matthew 5:2-12, Matthew 10:26-33, Matthew 11:25-29, Matthew 16:24-27, Matthew 19:28-29, Luke 12:22-34, Luke 16:19-31, John 3:14-18, John 6:27-33, John 14:1-7, John 15:18-20, John 16:33, Galatians 4:1-7, Romans 8:12-17).

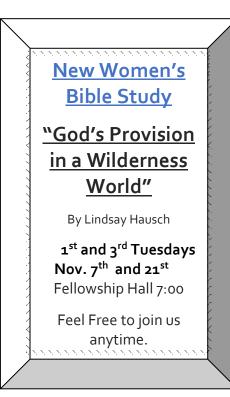
"Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You will guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works." (Psalm 73:25-28)

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Eckstein

<u>Newsletter Notes from</u> <u>Deaconess Nayva</u>



Women's Bible Study



STEPHEN MINISTRY Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:30 pm November 8th and 29th

A New Song

Bible Study on the Psalms

Fri, November 10th, 10:00am Marian Duff (Host)

1301 15^{th} St SW

Thurs, November 9th 1:00 pm

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

Visual Faith Ministry Next Event November 16th 7pm

Deaconess Nayva



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

A month ago, I wrote about the Twin Towers in New York City destroyed by terrorists 22 years ago. And now today, as I prepare this newsletter for November, I am watching the news reporting on the war between Israel and Hamas! We read in Matthew 24 "Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you...You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains...Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Our MLS Media Ministry is a part of the preaching of the gospel to the world! By the power of God's Word and the working of the Holy Spirit through it, stand firm!

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 <u>www.mainstreetliving.com</u> – then click on the link identified as **"Fargo/Bismarck."** Wordship services from the 5 other MSL broadcast areas, as well as the weekly "This Is The Life" programs, are also available for viewing on the website.

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

"Main Street Living NORTH," 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ! –Ken Koehler, Volunteer Coordinator of MSL.



Lutheran Women in Mission

The LWML be meet on Nov. 7th at 3:00pm. We will be electing officers for the coming year and making plans for the December meeting.

The Central Zone Fall Rally was held at Concordia on October 7th with over 30 ladies in attendance.

The LWML Sunday was held on October 8th to recognize the work of the women in our congregation. A beautiful display of quilts was a visual reminder of how our ladies provide comfort and caring to others through the work of their hands.



LWML guilters meet on the first and third Tuesday at 1pm. Please come and join us as we put together quilts that will be given to Orphan Grain Train. No experience necessary, we will show you what to do.

The first Sunday of the Month is Mite Sunday.

We also continue to collect our mites to help pay for our mission grants and at this point we are behind in paying our grants for the district. Please take a mite box, fill it with your change, and return it to the big mite box - or you can just place a

donation in the big mite box in the narthex. Thank you for helping to support our mission grants.



We are starting to work on songs, etc. for the Children's Christmas program. If you would like to have your child in the Christmas program, we ask that you please see that they come to Sunday School on Sunday mornings. This is where our practice will be held this year. Please let us know if your child will be part of the service so we can make other plans as well for parts, etc. We look forward to having your child join us to learn of Jesus and His love for all of us.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Youth Group

Saturday, Nov. 4th @ 5pm **Pizza Party!**

Wednesday, Nov. 15th @ 7pm

Friday, Nov.17th @ 6:300pm



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



Nov. 19th is the Chili **Cook Off and Pie** Auction

There will be lots of chili to sample and a chance to vote for your favorite. Or better yet - bring your own and compete for the "life changing prize"! See the sign-up sheet in the narthex. And after the chili, there's more excitement with the pie auction. Sign up to bring a pie and/or plan to bid on a pie to take home. Everything will take place after the 10:30 service on the 19th. All proceeds will go to the Youth Group Fund to help them raise money for future events.



Thanksgiving

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee is excited to be planning 32nd dinner this year.

We will only have drive through pick-up or delivery. NO in house fellowship dinner. We were blessed to serve a record 1060 meals last year.

We will still need volunteers to assist with answering phones, prepare prior to the Thanksgiving or assist on Thanksgiving with driving meals, assisting at the church. We will have the sign-up sheet up in the narthex on the first Sunday of November for you to review to assist with your talents.

Thank be to God for the many blessings we receive to make this meal possible.

Happy Thanksgiving from us to you.

Community Thanksgiving Committee



FOOD DRIVE

We are blessed to be a blessing to others! Concordia is holding a food drive to benefit the local Salvation Army food pantry. Our goal is to collect **500 food items** between now and November 12th. Thrivent will **donate \$500** to the Salvation Army if we meet our goal! Bring your items to the church narthex. Items to collect include: Canned foods Boxed mixes Cereal Toiletries Non-perishable items

Volunteers in November: <u>Musicians:</u>

Wed. 11/1	Daine Flieth
Sun. 11/5	Carmen McBride
Wed. 11/8	Carmen McBride
Sun. 11/12	Daine Flieth
Wed. 11/15	Daine Flieth
Sun. 11/19	Carmen McBride
Thurs.11/23	Daine Flieth
Sun. 11/26	Ione Somsen
Wed. 11/29	Ione Somsen

Elder and Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 11/5	8am	10:30am	
	E =Dernel D	E =Gordy L.	
	A =Alexander	A = Hoffer	
Wed. 11/8	7pm E=Quincy		
		A = Backen	
Sun. 11/12	8am	10:30am	
	E =Josh R.	E =Ed M.	
	A = Jason C.	A = Layla A.	
Wed.11/15	7 pm	A =	
Sun. 11/19	8am	10:30 am	
	E =Dernel D	E =Doug P.	
	A=Alexander	A =	
Thanksgiving	10am	E =Ed M.	
Day 11/23		A =	
Sun. 11/26	8am	10:30am	
	E =Josh R.	E =Ed M.	
	A =	A =	
Wed. 11/29	7pm	A =	

<u>Communion/Altar</u> <u>preparation</u>: Doug and Patti Pieske

There are multiple sign-up sheets in the narthex right now. Look and see if there's something you would like to help with.



Please pray for those having or recovering from Surgery...

- Don Elstad
- Dave Hinz
- Susan Roemmich
- Norman Anderson
- Pastor Tom Eckstein

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

- Rose Martin
- Mary Sandve (Friend of the Elstad family)
- Colby Schrenk (Greatnephew of Esther Koenig)
- Mike Worner (Brother-inlaw of Ann Snow)
- Mervin Wohler (Brotherin-law of Ann Snow)
- Maya Murray (Great niece of Shari Murray)
- Kevin Koenig (Son of Esther Koenig)
- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)

- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)

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

- Amanda Trudeau
- Clarice Spitzer
- Edna Norheim
- Sheila Corwin
- Arianna Walch
- Hannalore Doeling (Mother of Deb Doeling)
- James Lunneborg (Brother of Ann Snow)
- Mark Lee (Son of Marvin and Deb Lee)
- Jackie Schraeder; (Friend of Tina and Bill Busche)
- Scott Barefoot; (Friend of Pastor Eckstein)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Keith Rutherford; (Son of Karen Connell; Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)

Please pray for the friends and family of those who have recently passed away...

Louise Roerick

Please pray for those serving our country...

- SFC Randy Flieth; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND
- Darren Kuhlman; Whiteman Air Base, MO

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms Confirmations Funerals/Deaths

Louise Roerick – Death 10/24/23, Funeral 10/30/23

Transferred Out

Allan & Pam Hartmann - transferred to Immanuel Lutheran (LCMS), Walker, MN

Transferred In

Sandy Darrow, Ella Darrow, and Nick Lanier – transferred from St. Paul's LCMS, Minot

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-614 Confirmed Members-463 2023 Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-0 Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-1 Weddings-0 Funerals-7 Transferred In-4 Transferred In-4 Profession of Faith-0

> Miscellaneous Announcements



Thank you to everyone who supported the Honey Sunday campaign in October. Through your orders, we were able to support the work of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and the Youth Group was able to raise \$48 to fund future activities.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

OGT hours of operation, for donations or volunteer experience, are 9:00 to noon on Mondays and Saturdays.





Undie Sunday was a big success! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us collect over 300 pairs of new socks and underwear for Orphan Grain Train. Most of these items will be packed and sent to Ukraine to help those affected by the war.

Wittenberg Chapel Needs a New Organ

Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel in Grand Forks is a campus ministry serving students at the University of North Dakota. There is currently a fundraising campaign to collect money for replacement of their organ. There is now a **matching grant** to multiply gifts given before January 31, 2024. For updates, more information, and to help them reach their goal, please visit: <u>www.wittenbergchapel.com/organ</u>

thrivent Choice dollars can be

directed to Concordia Lutheran Church. These funds are then used to support various ministries at Concordia.

You can also help us earn Thrivent funds to support our local food pantry. Concordia is collecting food items to support the Salvation Army Food Pantry – if we **collect 500 items Thrivent will give a \$500** gift to our local **Salvation Army** unit.

Constitution and Bylaws

The Board of Elders has been working to revise and update the Constitutional Bylaws for Concordia Lutheran Church to better match our current practices. There is a copy of the proposed revisions on the church's website for your review (under the About Us section). The web site is: <u>www.concordiajt.org</u> Please take time to review these revisions as they will be on the agenda at the January Voter's Meeting. Contact the church office if you would like a paper copy delivered to your mailbox.

COUNCIL MEETING October 1, 2023

Members present: Sue Corwin, Pastor Eckstein, Don Elstad, Daine Flieth, Kim Murray, Nayva Mulder, Doug Pieske, Aaron Roberts Members absent: Kevin Nelson

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor is continuing to take adults through instruction classes for membership.

Pastor will be attending the ND District LCMS Pastors' Conference in Bismarck, Oct. 9-10 and a continuing education conference in Fergus Falls, MN, Oct. 12-13.

The vacancy at Grace Lutheran in Carrington will be served by Pastor Eckstein after Pastor Biberdorf retires at the end of October. This will not change Concordia's service times.

Deaconess's Report: 14 youth attended the Pumpkin Patch.

4 youth are planning to attend the LYF Retreat in Fargo, Oct. 18-20.

The annual cookie and cake walk is being planned along with a Thrivent supported food drive.

Stephen Ministries is going well with 6 people involved.

Bible Studies and visits continue to go well.

Board of Education: Group Sunday School is being held with 8 kids using an online curriculum from CPH.

The Board is deciding whether or not there is enough involvement to warrant planning a Christmas Program.

Board of Elders: The November schedule was planned.

The Elders will grill for the Oct. 29th Potluck.

The budget and Carrington vacancy were discussed.

Board of Evangelism: None

Board of Social Ministry: None

Board of Stewardship: The budget was discussed.

A card party is planned for Nov. 6 at 6pm to prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas cards.

Board of Trustees: The parking lot project will be revisited in the Spring.

Quotes are being gathered for replacement windows.

Doug & Aaron have volunteered to trim trees and bushes on the north side of the parking lot.

Pastor will follow up with the A/C project from Arneson's.

Old Business:.

New Business: A motion was made by Pastor Tom and seconded by Don to purchase 2 CD's from Unison: 1) \$20,000 from the Building Fund for 6 months and 2) \$17,316.48 from the Lueck Memorial Fund for 6 months. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to make the following membership changes:

- Allan & Pam Hartmann transfer out to Immanuel (LCMS) in Walker, MN
- 2. Rob Craig, member by Profession of Faith
- Brandon Anderson by transfer in from Peace (LCMS) in Barney, ND
- Sandy Darrow by transfer in from St. Paul's (LCMS) in Minot, ND
- Ella Darrow by transfer in from St. Paul's (LCMS) in Minot, ND
- Nick Lanier by transfer in from St. Paul's (LCMS) in Minot, ND

The motion carried.

The following members have agreed to serve Concordia in 2024 and are being nominated for election by the Council at the October 29th Voter's Meeting:

- Congregational President-Randy Flieth
- 2. Director of Elders-Doug Pieske
- 3. Director of Education-Sue Corwin
- 4. Director of Stewardship-Don Elstad
- 5. Director of Trustees-Kevin Nelson

- 6. Council Secretary-Daine Flieth
- 7. Treasurer-Kim Murray
- 8. Elder (1st Term)-Curt Speidel
- 9. Elder (2nd Term)-Ed Matthiesen

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

Respectfully Submitted by Daine Flieth Council Secretary

If you wish to make announcements in the bulletin or newsletter, contact the church office at: <u>concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com</u> or <u>concordiajt@daktel.com</u>

Concordia Events Calendar – November 2023

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thanksgiving y gather thankful family blessed grateful together blessings november			5:45 Confirmation 7pm Service	8:30- 9:30am- Men's Bible Class		9-12pm-Orphan Grain Train 9am-3pm – LWML Board meeting @Concordia 5:00pm-Youth
						Group Pizza Party
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	8pm – Council					
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2pm- Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian		7pm Naomi Circle				Grace/Carrington
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2pm- Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington		7pm Service			

*Fridays-Pastor's Day Off! *Mondays-Deaconess Nayva's Day Off! *Chancel Duties: Doug and Patti Pieske 10/6/2023 01:22 pm

Concordia Lutheran

November 2023

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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			CODY HOMES (b.)	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.)	ROBERTA SCHMIDT (b.)
5 (BEVERLY) KRACHT (b.) GARY SCHULTES (b.) HEIDI TITZE (b.) TAYLOR WEBBER (b.)	6 (JAKE) TIMM (b.) MIKE and SHELLEY ANDERSON (w.) ARICCA and (JASON) MARKS (w.)	7 ARMANI COLLINS (b.) LINETTE GUTHMILLER (b.) LEAH and (BEN) WILLMS (w.)	8 BRANDON ANDERSON (b.) NICOLE MORLOCK (b.)	9	10 DYLAN BILOFF (b.) AL HUST (b.)	11 BROCK DRENTH (b.) DAVID JORGENSON (b.) EASTON LOFTSGARD (b.) CHAD NANNENGA (b.) PEGGY SPITZER (b.) LOUANN WAYNE (b.)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CORA HARR (b.)	REGAN LUSTERMAN (b.)	LLOYD BAUSKE (b.) MEL and JOANN BROWN (w.)	GABRIEL LAVALLIE (b.) DALLAS ROSIN (b.) NANCY WOLSKY (b.)	MARVIN LEE (b.) PEYTON SPITZER (b.)	CHRISTY NANNENGA (b.)	PHYLLIS MUNSON (b.) ELIJAH ROSIN (b.)
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CARISSA KRAWCZYK (b.) ELLIE KRUEGER (b.) SAWYER LOFTSGARD (b.) EVALYN ROSIN (b.) DESTINY and (JAMES) CONZEMIUS (w.)	ζ.	HEIDI KLEIN (b.)	CHRIS CORWIN (b.) PAUL MARTIN (b.) JENNIFER SCHULTES (b.)	ROBERT JOHNSON (b.) KAELYN KRAFT (b.) JESSICA NORHEIM (b.) LUKE and TESSA SPITZER (w.)	TRAVIS HOPKINS (b.) TOM LUCHT (b.) PETE ROERICK (b.)	CHELSY BORTHWICK (b.) (JAZMINE) RUDLAND (b.) MARK and CARMEN MCBRIDE (w.)
26 CURTIS SPEIDEL (b.) LEXI WALCH (b.)	27	28	29	30 AYDYN WALCH (b.)		

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November 19, 2023 Sign up to bring your favorite pie or other dessert.



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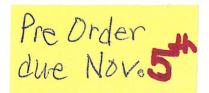
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EVENT SPONSPORED BY Concordia Youth



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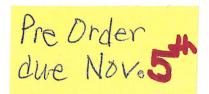
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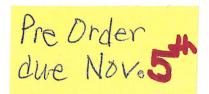
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CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN: KENYA/PROJECT 24







LIVING WATER VS. PHYSICAL WATER

"BUT WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE THEM WILL NEVER THIRST. INDEED THE WATER I GIVE THEM WILL BECOME IN THEM A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE." JOHN 4:14

Water is an essential element for sustaining life, and it is frequently underappreciated. Neverless, in Kenya, water plays a vital role in nurturing households and communities. Last week, Project 24 Udom students celebrated with songs of praise as they prepared to dig a borehole on their compound. This borehole will not only supply water to the P24 site but also to the primary and secondary schools, as well as the surrounding neighbors. We hope that this new source of clean water will be a way for sharing God's spiritual blessings throughout the region.







HOLY SACRAMENTS FOR THE P24 STUDENTS

"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:13

"For by grace you have ben saved through faith. And this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not a result of works so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

A cornerstone of the Project 24 progam lies in the teachings taught by our partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya. Their dedicated efforts encourage P24 students to delve into Bible study, deepening their understanding of Jesus and nurturing their spiritual growth. In the previous month, a number of students from P24 Nyambiri were baptized and several others confirmed their faith in Christ Jesus, partaking in Holy Communion. Administering both of these sacraments within the context of Sunday worship created a strong sense of community, where fellow congregants can rally around the students, providing ongoing guidance in their faith. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for the ministry and positive influence they offer to our students



Project 24 Sites

Total Number of Students at the P24 sites: 224 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

Students in the Beyond 24 program: : 234 students Number of Students Sponsored as to date: 211

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



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