

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom Eckstein*

In view of the mid-term elections coming up in November, many Christians wonder how their Christian Faith should impact their vote. Below is a brief article put together by Kim Murray. This article contains information that Kim took from various LCMS resources:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Christians, our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20), but God has also placed us in this earthly nation and given us responsibilities as citizens. Voting is one way we can exercise that responsibility and seek the good of our neighbors. The LCMS has encouraged Christians to participate in elections, become informed about candidates and issues, and vote according to God's Word. The LCMS does not

endorse a particular political party or candidate. What should guide our vote?

When we enter the voting booth, we don't leave our Christian faith at the door. At the same time, we should be careful not to treat every political opinion as though it were a direct command from Scripture. There are, however, issues where God's Word gives us clear principles that should shape our thinking.

The sanctity of human life. God is the giver and creator of life. Scripture tells us: "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb." - Psalm 139:13 As Christians, we believe human life is precious-from conception through natural death. We should consider how candidates and laws protect the unborn, the vulnerable, the elderly and those who cannot speak for themselves.

Marriage and the family. God established marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6). The family is God's gift and an important foundation of society. We should consider how laws and policies affect marriage, children and the God-given responsibility of parents to raise and care for their children.

Religious freedom. We should support the freedom of Christians and people of other faiths to worship, teach and live according to their sincerely held beliefs without government

interference. Our faith should never be forced upon another person, but neither should Christians be forced to abandon their faith in order to participate in public life.

Caring for our neighbor. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31). This means we should consider more than simply, "What benefits me?" We should ask: "What will best serve my neighbor?" That includes considering issues such as the poor, families, workers, children, the elderly, public safety, education, taxation, government spending and the responsible use of government authority.

Honesty, justice and good government. Scripture tells us to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), to respect lawful government (Romans 13:1-7), and to pursue justice and righteousness. Our leaders are imperfect people, just as we are. Therefore, we should not place our ultimate hope in a politician, political party, election or government. Our ultimate hope is in Jesus Christ.

The LCMS is not endorsing any political party or telling members which candidate they must vote for. Faithful Christians can sometimes reach different conclusions about particular candidates, policies and questions of government. We should be able to disagree with one another while continuing to love one another as brothers and

sisters in Christ. Finally, our hope does not rest in Washington D.C. or any political party. Our hope rests in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Deaconess Nayva

Outreach

Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm
Nov. 4th and 18th

Fellowship

Grief Support Fellowship

Individual grief care, call
Nayva

Bible Study

Hymn Study **Thursday Nov. 5th** **10:00am**

Marian Duff (Host)
Ave Maria B25

Everlasting By Christina Hergenrader **Bible Study on the Psalms**

Tuesday, Nov. 10th **1:00pm**

Eventide Nursing Home
Karen Connell (Host)
Eventide Room 404

2:30pm
Vera Schulz (Host)
114 12th Ave NE
Apt. 2030

Feel free to join us at any time.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays
Fellowship Hall 7:00PM

**NEW Tapestry-Women
in the Gospel**
Nov. 3rd, 17th, and 24th

*Feel Free to join us at any
time.*



Main Street Living TV Program
www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com
Every Sunday on the local Fox
Station KJRR Channel 7.1 at 9am

"Main Street Living" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service lead by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally, **"This Is the Life,"**) along with occasional church-season specials.

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 have begun meeting again. **Naomi Circle** meets on the **2nd Tuesday evening** of the month at 7pm (Nov. 10th this month). A new **Afternoon Circle** is meeting on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at 1pm (Nov. 11th this month).

Quilting has resumed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1pm. Anyone who would like to assist in making quilts is welcome to come – no prior experience need. If you admired the quilts that were on display for LWML Sunday, many of them are for sale (suggested donation of \$50). Please see Ellen Walz or Shirly Genter if you are interested in making a purchase.

The LWML board will meet on November 3rd at 3pm. They will be holding election of officers.

The first Sunday of the month (November 1st) is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$155.82** in October!

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 mission grant featured this month is No.19

Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic/ \$10,000

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod sent its first missionary to Latin America. German Lutherans who had immigrated to Brazil needed pastors. From its earliest days, the Lord has blessed this work. In May of 2025, Latin American seminarians, pastors, and professors met for a several-day conference focusing on the past and future of mission work in Latin American countries. One of the participants, who will receive support for his work by this LWML mission grant, is the Rev. Roberto Weber and his deaconess wife, Katie. Together, as career missionaries through the LCMS, they are serving at Concordia el Reformador Seminary.

This grant will help with expenses in the mission field which include transportation in their country, a vehicle for family use, evacuation insurance, health insurance, housing, utilities, a computer, office expenses and supplies, and educational costs for their children, just to name a few. To find out more about the mission grants, go to <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>

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



Youth Group in November/December

Youth Group: Sunday

11/8 11:30 am

Youth Pie baking: Friday

11/13 6:30 pm

Chili Cook-Off and Pie Auction: Sunday

11/15 11:30 am

Cookie Decorating: Saturday

12/12

Cookie Walk: Sunday

12/13 9:00 am

Sunday School Christmas Service:

12/20 9:30am

Volunteers for November:

Communion/Altar preparation:

Doug and Patti Pieske

Elder Schedule

November

Sun. 11/01	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D./ Dave H.	Gordy L./ Doug P.
Sun. 11/08	8am	10:30am
	Greg K.	Larry W.
Sun. 11/15	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D./ Greg K.	Larry W./ Doug P.
Sun. 11/22	8am	10:30am
	Curt S.	Quincy B.
Sun. 11/29	8am	10:30am
	Quincy B.	Larry W.

Musician Schedule

November

Sun. 11/01	8am	10:30am
	Daine F.	Daine F.
Sun. 11/08	8am	10:30am
	Carmen M.	Carmen M.
Sun. 11/15	8am	10:30am
	Carmen M.	Carmen M.
Sun. 11/22	8am	10:30am
	Ione S.	Ione S.
Sun. 11/29	8am	10:30am
	Daine F.	Daine F.



Please pray for those serving our country...

- SFC Randy Flieth; ND Army National Guard-drilling in Fargo, ND
- Hayden Somsen; ND Army National Guard, now drilling in North Dakota

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

- Andrew Braun
- Gord Hauge (Friend of Esther Koenig)
- Bernadette Belzer (Friend of Hoffer family)
- Jeremy Wanzek (Friend of Nathan Michaelson)
- Jan Thoreson (Sister of Leon Westerhausen)
- Larry Hewitt (Friend of Elstad family)
- 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
- Kitty Bender
- Marian Duff
- Joan Lee
- Pauline Stangeland
- Carl Stangeland
- Ann Schulz
- Esther Koenig
- Corrine Scott
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Kathey Ziegler
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Ed and Deb Hagel
- Tina Busche
- Chris Corwin (Son of Sue Corwin)

- Joyce Carlson (Mother of Jenny Carlson)
- Diane Olson (Friend of Bill Kust)
- Peyton Benson (Niece of Tina Busche)
- John Crandell (Son of Daro Crandell)
- Emily Sather (Friend of the Flieth family)
- 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)
- Sue Hedberg (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Sarah Stallings (Friend of Mulder family)

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

*The family of Joy Jerome
(Cousin of Nayva Mulder)

Church Office Hours

The usual church secretary office hours are

Tuesday: 1pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Thursday: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Friday: 9:30am – 3:30pm

If you need access to the church at other times 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.

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-454

Confirmed Members-343
2026

Baptisms (Child)-1, (Adult)-0

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

Weddings-0

Funerals-4

Transferred In-0

Transferred Out-5

Profession of Faith-4

Removed due to inactivity-83

Miscellaneous Announcements



Volunteers Needed for NEW Community Thanksgiving Meal on Sat., Nov. 22nd!!

"As you may be aware, the Thanksgiving meal that Concordia Lutheran Church hosted so admirably for so many years has discontinued as of last Fall. With the excellent help from Concordia Lutheran, the meal will continue under a new name, a different date and a new venue. The meal will be on **Sunday November**

22nd from 11:30AM to 1:00PM and will be distributed from the NEW Senior Citizens Center (formerly IDK building).

Please contact me and let me know IF and HOW you could help volunteer for this important community event. Thank you so very much!!!!!"

**Deacon/Dr. Tom Geffre
Jamestown, ND
(701) 430-1161**

Please note that the meals will be only delivery or pick up, no sit-down meal service will be provided.



The following are excerpts from an letter from the ND Family Alliance.

"Exactly 250 years ago, on July 4th, 1776, America officially became an independent nation."

"The Founders understood that freedom cannot survive on laws and institutions alone. It requires strong families, strong communities, and a people willing to take responsibility for themselves and their neighbors....we must ask ourselves an important question: Are we still cultivating the virtues our forefathers believed in and which sustain our nation's free society? Unfortunately, there are some gaping holes that have emerged over the intervening centuries."

"In our nation, many simply do not value life." "This is why NDFA exists. For decades we have stood in the gap for faith, family, and freedom in North Dakota, and with your help, we will continue to do just that!"

**We helped defeat the radical pro-abortion bill proposed in the 2025 legislative session.*

**We successfully fought against physician-assisted suicide, and we will continue to fight against this practice.*

**We helped draft and fight for bills to help those who are enslaved and trafficked right here in our state – language that is now part of our Century Code and protecting these vulnerable individuals."*

"Your donations are the sole source of funding for all the successes we just mentioned, so would you prayerfully consider making a generous, tax-deductible gift to North Dakota Family Alliance today? Together, we can preserve the virtues that have sustained our nation for 250 years and pass them on to those who follow us."

Mark Jorritsma, Executive Director

mark@ndfamilyalliance.org

www.ndfamilyalliance.org

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 Family Service is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing Christ-centered care and services that strengthen individuals, marriages, and families. For more than a century, they have been there for people in their time of need—offering unplanned pregnancy support, marriage and mental health counseling, Christian adoption services, church worker wellness, and outreach.

As part of their Christian charitable mission, all services are offered to help people experience hope, healing, and life through Jesus Christ.

Information covering a variety of subjects, from a Lutheran perspective, can be found on the website. Some of the resources include:

- *Support Groups & Workshops
- *Webinars & Education
- *Adoption services
- *Life Advocacy
- *Surprise Pregnancy Outreach
- *End of Life issues
- *Gender Identity

For more information see:

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



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our clothing drive for Orphan Grain Train. Through the month of October, we were collecting new socks and underwear, with a goal of gathering 80 pieces. Thanks to your generosity, we collected **138 pairs of socks and 83 pairs of underwear**, surpassing our goal!



How does Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Work?

Choice Dollars are designated in full at the beginning of the year and can be directed any time until Dec. 31st. Balances are based on the activity of a member's prior-year qualifying product (i.e. insurance policy or annuity product). Every person holding a Thrivent qualifying product will have a minimum of \$25 that is eligible for the Choice Dollars® program. Each Choice Dollar directed = \$1 in grant funding to the organization you choose. Members have until December 31st to direct Choice Dollars® before they refresh for the new year. As of this date, Concordia has received **\$1,798** in Thrivent Choice Dollars® contributions for 2026. These funds have been set aside to use for various programs (i.e. kitchen supplies and treats for

fellowship time on Sunday mornings).

If you would like more information about the Thrivent Choice Dollars® program, go to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/faq/thrivent-choice> or call your Thrivent representative.

Message From the Stewardship Committee

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026 GIVING • A LASTING GIFT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your generosity helps Concordia continue its ministry today—and for generations to come.

REGULAR OFFERINGS

Your weekly or monthly offering is the foundation of Concordia's ministry. Cash, checks and other qualifying monetary gifts made during 2026 may be deductible for federal income-tax purposes, subject to the tax rules that apply to your situation. Please keep your contribution records and your year-end statement from the church.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift is a meaningful way to honor someone special while supporting the ministry of Concordia Lutheran Church. You may designate a gift "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one. Concordia will keep a record of the donor, amount, date and person being remembered.

ESTATE & LEGACY GIFTS

Consider remembering Concordia in your will or estate plan. A gift can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a gift of the remainder after other beneficiaries are provided for. A charitable bequest to Concordia can be a lasting expression of your faith and values. Estate gifts are generally handled by the estate and may receive different tax treatment than annual gifts; consult your attorney or tax adviser for advice specific to your circumstances.

NEW FOR 2026: A TAX BREAK FOR MANY WHO DON'T ITEMIZE

Beginning with tax year 2026, individuals who do not itemize deductions may be able to deduct up to \$1,000 of qualifying cash contributions to eligible charitable organizations. Married couples filing jointly may be able to deduct up to \$2,000. This means some people who take the standard deduction can still receive a federal income-tax deduction for qualifying cash gifts.

Important: This is a deduction—not a \$1,000 tax credit. The new non-itemizer deduction applies to qualifying cash contributions made during 2026. Noncash gifts such as clothing, stock or other property do not qualify for this particular non-itemizer deduction. Donor-advised fund contributions and certain other gifts are also excluded.

PLEASE KEEP GOOD RECORDS

For cash, check or other monetary contributions, keep a bank record or

written communication from Concordia showing the church's name, date and amount of the contribution. For any single contribution of \$250 or more, the IRS requires a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from the church to substantiate the deduction. Concordia can provide appropriate documentation.

EVERY GIFT MATTERS

Thank you for helping Concordia Lutheran Church continue its mission, ministry and witness for future generations.

Tax information is provided for general educational purposes and is not tax or legal advice. Please consult your tax professional or attorney regarding your individual circumstances.



Join us for the 6th Annual Chili Cook Off and Pie Auction!

**Sunday November 15th
11:30 AM**

There are 3 ways to participate:

1. Sign up to bring your chili for the competition. The best chili will be determined by the quantity of votes (\$\$\$ donations), and the winners will receive bragging rights and

possible "FABULOUS PRIZES"!

2. Come and try the chili, and be sure to vote for your favorite(s) with a free-will offering in the corresponding \$\$\$ jar.
3. Buy a pie. A silent auction will be held during the chili cook off, with all proceeds going to support the Youth Group activities.

If you're not a big fan of chili, come anyway. A non-chili option will be available.

FREDDY'S HOMEMADE POTATO LEFSE



The Youth Group is taking orders for FREDDY'S Lefse again this year. This is lefse made fresh to order for our group, and delivered to you on November 14th (at church). Orders must be made by November 12th to ensure an adequate supply. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex to place your order. Contact Nayva if you have questions.

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 5, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Daine Flieth, Kim Murray,
Pastor Eckstein, Nayva Mulder,
Doug Pieske

Absent: Don Elstad, Kevin Nelson

Pastor Tom called the meeting to
order and opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

*A motion was made by Daine and
seconded by Kim to approve
\$21,000 of Pastor Eckstein's salary
to be designated for housing
allowance for 2027. The motion
carried.

*Pastor will be in St. Louis from
Oct. 7-14 for continuing ed and
vacation. Pastor Al Eppen will lead
the Sunday Service on October
11th.

*Pastor is in need of hip surgery
scheduled for December 21st. This
recovery period is recommended
to be 3-4 weeks. Pastor will be off
from Dec. 21-Jan.16. pastoral
coverage will include Dennis Voss
of Bismarck leading the Sunday
Services Dec. 24, Dec. 27, and Jan.
3 with Circuit pastors available for
Pastoral emergencies including
funerals. There will be no
Christmas Day Service.

Deaconess's Report:

* A motion was made, seconded
and carried to designate \$22,000 of
Nayva's salary to housing
allowance for 2027.

***Youth**

- +There is a hayride scheduled at
the Westerhausen Farm for the
next youth group.
- +Parents were notified about the
upcoming Youth Retreat
opportunities are available for
October.
- +Planning has begun for the 2028
National Youth Gathering in San
Antonio, TX.
- +A Chili Cook-Off and Pie Auction
fundraiser is planned for
November.

***Grief Share:** Individual visits have
been made with widows and
widowers with a transition planned
for Grief Share group sessions.

***Stephen Ministry:** Meeting
monthly.

***Bible Studies:** Continue to go
well.

***Shut-In Visitations:** Pictures of
shut-ins are being taken for the
pictorial directory.

Elder's Report:

November schedule was set.

*The 2027 budget was discussed.

Education Report:

Sunday School has been going well
with an average of 12-15 students.

*The Children's Christmas Service
is scheduled for Sunday, December
20th during the Sunday School hour
with no Adult Bible Class to give
opportunity to attend the
Children's Service.

Trustees Report: The installation
of the handicap door is still in
progress with the electrical work
being installed in the near future.
*The vertical blinds are being
repaired.

*An inspection of the flat roof
section will be arranged.

Stewardship Report: No report.

Social Ministry Report: No report

Evangelism Report: No report

A motion was made by Pastor and
seconded by Nayva to approve the
Board reports as presented.

Old Business:

*Daine will reach out to a rep from
Allen Organs to see what options
are for replacing the organ. Kim
will also look into organ options.

New Business:

*The 2027 budget was planned and
will be proposed at the Voter's
meeting on October 25th

*A motion was made by Pastor and
seconded by Kim to move forward
with Amy Neustel closing the
Community Thanksgiving Fund at
Unison Bank with the remaining
funds being donated to the
Community Meal Fund under the
care of Tom Geffre. The motion
carried.

*The following people were
nominated to be elected as officers
for 2027:

- +Congregational President -
Doug Pieske
- +Board of Elders –
Curt Speidel
- +Treasurer and Council Secretary-
Kim Murray
- +Financial Secretary –
Daine Flieth
- +Board of Education Chairwoman
Nayva Mulder

- +Board of Trustees Chairman-
Kevin Nelson
- +Board of Stewardship Chairwoman
Amy Neustel
- +Elder (New Term) –
Ed Matthiesen

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

*Resolutions were made by Kim
and seconded by Nayva and carried
as follows:

- +Resolved, Douglas L. Pieske and
Thomas R. Eckstein are
authorized to claim death
benefits on the annuity contract
listed on behalf of the Entity of
Concordia Lutheran Church.
- +Further Resolved, in the event of
any change in the office or power
of the Designees, the
officer/Authorized Party will
immediately certify those
changes to AGL/USL in writing.
- +Further Resolved, the Life
Company is hereby released from
any liability and shall be
indemnified against any loss,
liability or expense arising from
honoring these Resolutions.

The next Council meeting will be
on Monday, November 2nd at
7:30pm.

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

Submitted by,
Daine Flieth
Council Secretary



Concordia Events Calendar – November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper) 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 2- 4pm -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train	10am -Bible Class 1pm – Quilting 4pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington 7pm – Women's Bible Study @Concordia	1pm – 3pm Stephen 5:45 – 6:45 Confirmation 7pm – Bible Fellowship on "End Times" (Lord's Supper)	8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class 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
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8am & 10:30am Services 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30am – Youth Group 2- 4pm -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train	10am -Bible Class 1pm – Bible Class @Karen Connell's room 404 (Eventide) 2:30pm – Women's Bible Study @Vera Schulz Apartment 4pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington 7pm – Naomi Circle	1pm – LWML Afternoon Circle NO Confirmation (resumes Nov. 18 th) NO Bible Study Fellowship (resumes Nov. 18 th)	8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class	6:30pm – Youth Group (Pie Baking)	7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8am & 10:30am Services (Lord's Supper) 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 – Youth Group Chili Cook Off and Pie Auction 2- 4pm -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train	10am -Bible Class 1pm - Quilting 3pm – LWML meeting @Concordia 4pm-9pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/ Carrington 7pm -Women's Bible Study @Concordia	1pm – 3pm Stephen Ministers 5:45-6:45 – Confirmation 7pm – Bible Fellowship on "End Times" (Lord's Supper)	8:30- 9:30am Men's Bible Class		7:30am – 12:30pm Pastor Eckstein serving Grace/Carrington 9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
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29	30					
8am & 10:30am Service 9-9:30am – Fellowship time 9:30am – Adult Bible Class and Sunday School for children 2-4pm -Pastor @ Trinity/Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train					

*Chancel Duties: Doug and Patti Pieske

Mondays – Deaconess Nayva's Day Off!

Fridays – Pastor's Day Off!

10/21/2026

04:45 pm

Concordia Lutheran

November 2026

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CODY HOMES (b.)	2 JOE LINDBERG (b.) KEVIN NELSON (b.) (ANGEL) SATROM (b.) DAKOTAH SPITZER (b.)	3 (DAKOTA) HEWITT (b.) CAMMY and (STEVE) OST (w.)	4	5 HALLIE ECKSTEIN (b.) (BEVERLY) KRACHT (b.) TAYLOR WEBBER (b.)	6 (JAKE) TIMM (b.) MIKE and SHELLEY ANDERSON (w.) ARICCA and (JASON) MARKS (w.)	7 LINETTE GUTHMILLER (b.) LEAH and (BEN) WILLMS (w.)
8 BRANDON ANDERSON (b.)	9	10 AL HUST (b.)	11 BROCK DRENT (b.) EASTON LOFTSGARD (b.) PEGGY SPITZER (b.) LOUANN WAYNE (b.)	12 CORA HARR (b.)	13 REGAN LUSTERMAN (b.)	14 LLOYD BAUSKE (b.)
15 GABRIEL LAVALLIE (b.) NANCY WOLSKY (b.)	16 MARVIN LEE (b.) PEYTON SPITZER (b.)	17 CHRISTY NANNENGA (b.)	18 ELIJAH ROSIN (b.)	19 CARISSA KRAWCZYK (b.) ELLIE KRUEGER (b.) SAWYER LOFTSGARD (b.) EVALYN ROSIN (b.)	20	21
22 CHRIS CORWIN (b.)	23 ROBERT JOHNSON (b.) KAELYN KRAFT (b.) LUKE and TESSA SPITZER (w.)	24 TOM LUCHT (b.) PETE ROERICK (b.)	25 GRIFFIN REIMERS (b.) (JAZMINE) RUDLAND (b.) MARK and CARMEN MCBRIDE (w.)	26 CURTIS SPEIDEL (b.) LEXI WALCH (b.)	27	28
29 WOLFRAM ANDERSON (b.)	30 AYDYN WALCH (b.)					

Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar – November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Start the month by thanking God for new beginnings.	Write a thank you letter to your future self.	Send a card to a missionary or ministry partner. 	Pray for the children and youth in your church.	Share a testimony of God's goodness with someone.	Call or visit someone who may feel lonely.	Thank God for His patience and grace in your life.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Bake something and deliver it to a neighbor. 	Offer a prayer of thanks for your health, however it is today.	Encourage a fellow believer to keep going.	Thank God for your home and a place to belong.	Make a list of 5 people who shaped your faith journey.	Pray for your pastor's physical, mental, and spiritual health.	Take time to thank God during a walk or quiet moment.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Leave a thank you note for a church staff member.	Send a thank you card to someone you haven't spoken to in a while.	Thank God for music and art that lifts your spirit. 	Do something kind for a church member you don't know well.	Make a prayer list and spend time thanking God for each person.	Give thanks for your Bible – spend time reading it today. 	Text a staff church member with a word of appreciation.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Thank God for the seasons and His creation – go outside and notice!	Share a simple devotional or Bible verse with a friend.	Offer a prayer of thanks during a difficult moment.	Support a local ministry or nonprofit with prayer or giving.	Thank God for someone who forgave you or showed you mercy.	Help prepare something for church-behind the scenes.	Invite someone to attend church with you this week.
29	30					
Make a gratitude jar – add a note each day this week.	Write a list of reasons you love your church family.	End the month by thanking God for every blessing, big and small 				

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.



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