

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



New Sermon Series on "The Book of Galatians" started on September 17th !!

On Sunday, September 17th, Pastor Tom started a new sermon series on the apostle Paul's letter to the church in Galatia. Martin Luther viewed Paul's message in Galatians as so important for Christians that he wrote an extensive commentary on this book of the Bible at the end of his life. The Book of Galatians deals with many issues that are very relevant to our lives today as Christians in 2023. Be sure to attend Sunday Services (or our Wednesday 7:00PM Service if you can't make it on Sunday!) so you can be blessed with the teaching of God's Word from this book of the Bible. **Also, if you miss one of these sermons, remember that you can also listen to them on our web page:**

www.concordiajt.org

Awesome Bible Studies at Concordia!!

Our Sunday bible class meets from 9:15AM to 10:15AM, and we are currently making our way through the Gospel of Matthew. We recently started going through "The Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew chapters

5-7) where Christ gives us many important teachings relevant to our lives today. Plan to attend, and invite a friend!

Also, our Tuesday morning bible class meets from 10:00AM to 11:00AM, and we are currently studying what Holy Scripture teaches us about Holy Baptism. Have you ever wondered why we Lutherans have a different teaching about baptism than other churches OR why we baptize infants and other churches do not? You will find answers to these and other questions in this class. Hope you can join us!

In addition, on Thursday mornings from 8:30AM to 9:30AM we have Men's Bible Class, and we are currently going through The Book of Hebrews. Plan to attend, and invite a friend!

Women of Concordia! Nayva offers various bible studies for women every month. Talk to her about times and dates for these bible studies!

We Still Need Sunday School Teachers!!

One of the privileges of our congregation is that we get to raise our children in the knowledge of God's Word – and one important way we do this is Sunday School. However, we need adult teachers to make this happen. As of now, only TWO adult members of Concordia have offered to teach Sunday School – and we thank them for their willingness to serve our children! But it would be awesome if we could have more adults volunteer for this privilege so that we could have "team teaching" so volunteers would not have to teach every Sunday. Some members have taught Sunday School for years, and so if you've never taught Sunday School or

haven't taught for a long time, please prayerfully consider serving and blessing our children in this way. Speak to Sue Corwin or Nayva Mulder if you are interested!

"Midnight Run" Blue Grass Band Concert at Concordia on Saturday, October 28th

On Saturday, October 28th, at 7:00PM, the blue grass band "Midnight Run" (managed by Seth Mulder, Nayva Mulder's son!) will perform a concert at Concordia. Admission is FREE! Please promote this among your friends. Those who attended their concert the last time they played at Concordia enjoyed themselves greatly!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Eckstein

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Wednesdays

1:00 – 3:30 pm

October 11th and 25th

Visual Faith Ministry

Next Event

November 16th

Women's Bible Study

New Women's Bible Study

"God's Provision in a Wilderness World"

By Lindsay Hausch

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Oct. 3rd and 17th
Fellowship Hall 7:00

Feel Free to join us
anytime.

A New Song

Bible Study on the
Psalms

Fri, October 6th,
10:00am

Marian Duff
(Host)
1301 15th St SW

Thurs, October 12th
1:00 pm

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



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

As I write this newsletter article on "9-11" of 2023, it's hard to believe that 22 years have now gone by since the Twin Towers in New York City were destroyed. Many of the news programs are remembering the horrific actions flowing from mankind's sinful hearts which killed and injured so many people! Holy Scripture tells us that "*Out of the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*" Matthew 15:19. But thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, there is power in God's word to renew our fallen hearts and minds – and to forgive repentant hearts!

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 under the picture identified as "Fargo."

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.



The LWML be meet on October 3rd at 3:00pm and we will be discussing the Central Zone Fall Rally that is being held on October 7th. See the flyer in the newsletter. We are hosting the rally and the speaker will be Kirk Rosin, presenting on Orphan Grain Train. The ingathering will be an offering to help pay for shipping costs. We hope that you will be able to join us.

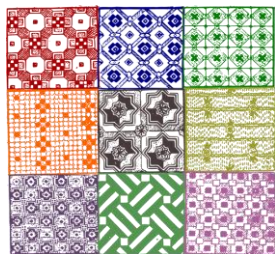


We will be holding LWML Sunday on October 8th. The LWML women will help with the services. We will also be collecting new undies and socks, hoping to collect 80 pairs. You can bring them anytime before then and place them in the baskets (see the display in the narthex).



October 8th

Deaconess Nayva



LWML quilters will get back together beginning October 3rd 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.



Sunday School has started and we look forward to having your child join us on Sunday morning.

TEACHERS!

We are in need of teachers for our Sunday School classes. If you are interested in helping to teach our children, please speak to Sue Corwin or Nayva Mulder.

--Sunday School Superintendent Sue



Sunday October 1st 1:00 pm
A-MAZE-N Clown Pumpkin Patch
Families Welcome
Youth Group

Friday, October 6th 6:30 pm



ND District LCMS Youth Gathering

Oct 19-21



Help to support Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and our Concordia Youth Group. When you order honey on Honey Sunday, 70% of the proceeds go to DB&GR and 30% stay here to help our own youth. Watch for flyers in the bulletins. Honey Sunday is October 1, but orders can be taken until November 30th.



No matter what your heritage is, we want you to join us for the 2nd annual NorskT. Oberfest at Concordia. On Sunday, **October 29th at 11:30** we'll have a potluck dinner featuring German and Norwegian foods; plus, a cake walk and other fun activities. Bring along your favorite dish to share!

Volunteers in October:

Musicians:

Sun. 10/1	Carmen McBride
Wed. 10/4	Carmen McBride
Sun. 10/8	Daine Flieth
Wed. 10/11	Daine Flieth
Sun. 10/15	Daine Flieth
Wed. 10/18	Daine Flieth
Sun. 10/22	Ione Somsen
Wed. 10/25	Ione Somsen
Sun. 10/29	Carmen McBride



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.

Elder and Acolyte Schedule

Sun. 10/1	8am	10:30am
	E =Doug P. A = ---	E =Doug P. A = ---
Wed. 10/4	7pm	E =Quincy B. A = Backen
Sun. 10/8	8am	10:30am
	E =Josh R. A = Sankey	E =Ed M. A = Layla A.
Wed. 10/11	7 pm	A = Lexy W.
Sun. 10/15	8am	10:30 am
	E =Dernel D A =Alexander	E =Larry W. A = Jason C.
Wed 10/18	7pm	E =Quincy B A = Backen
Sun. 10/22	8am	10:30am
	E =Josh R. A = Sankey	E =Ed M. A = ---
Wed. 10/25	7pm	A = Lexy W.
Sun. 10/29	8am	10:30am
	E =Gordy L. A = Jason C.	E =Doug P. A = Hoffer

Communion/Altar preparation:

Marleen Councilman



Please pray for those serving our country...

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

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

- Don Elstad
- Dave Hinz
- Duane Remmick
- Susan Roemmich
- Norman Anderson

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

- Rose Martin
- Tammy Michaelson (Sister-in-law of Carmen McBride)
- Colby Schrenk (Great-nephew of Esther Koenig)
- Mike Worner (Brother-in-law of Ann Snow)
- Maya Murray (Great niece of Shari Murray)
- Kevin Koenig (Son of Esther Koenig)
- Ronda Gjestvang (Sister of Dale Neustel)
- Andrea Trampe (Wife of Pastor Heath Trampe)
- Marlane Middlestead; (Sister-In-Law of Shirly Genter)
- Johnny Moreno; (Friend of Shawn Schwandt)
- Jennifer Randall (Friend of Clint & Tracy Arndt and Don & Nancy Elstad)

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

- Kylie Tripp
- Edna Norheim
- Terese Carter
- Sheila Corwin
- Arianna Walch
- 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 lone Somsen)
- Arianna Walch; Batten's Disease
- Paul Schafer (Son of Lila Stokkeland)
- Jason Rector (Friend of Daine Flieth)

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

- Lawrence Jorgenson

SACRED ACTS:

Baptisms

Hazel Evelyn Grace Flieth – Born July 10, 2023; Baptized on September 3, 2023

Confirmations

Robert Craig – Adult Confirmation on August 27, 2023

Weddings

Funerals/Deaths

Lawrence Jorgenson – Death - August 15, 2023; Funeral - August 19, 2023

Transferred Out

Dave and Barb Miller - transferred to Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND

Transferred In

Brandon Anderson – transferred from Peace Evangelical Lutheran, Barney, ND

Nick Lanier – transferred from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND

Sandy Darrow – transferred from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND

Ella Darrow – transferred from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-617

Confirmed Members-466

2023

Baptisms (Infant)-2, (Adult)-0

Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-1

Weddings-0

Funerals-6

Transferred In-4

Transferred Out-4

Profession of Faith-0

Miscellaneous Announcements



Thank you to everyone who helped/contributed to the Concordia booth at the UJ Block party last month. We had a successful turnout with over 600 bags of popcorn given away along with information about our church.

Congratulations !

We are pleased to announce the Commissioning and Installation of **Deaconess Christianna Nemec**. The service took place on September 10th with her father, Rev. Tom Eckstein as the officiant. She is now serving with the congregation of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, TX alongside her husband Rev. Charles Nemec.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

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



Join the Kiwanis Club of Jamestown to pack Mercy Meals on October 28th. You can make a donation or come and volunteer for the day. See the attached flyer or call 701-320-4857 for more details.

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: www.wittenbergchapel.com/organ

Campus Ministry

The new academic year has begun. As many know, a student's time at university can be one of the most challenging experiences with regard to their faith. It is critical that they become connected and involved with a local congregation to be fed and nourished with Word and Sacrament and be encouraged by their fellow Christians. If you have children or grandchildren attending a university in North Dakota, I encourage you to contact the local LCMS church in that area and get them connected. Specifically, if you know of students attending NDSU or UND, we have dedicated campus ministries on those campuses. Please pass along NDSU student information to Pastor Worral at Immanuel Lutheran in Fargo (immanuel.fargo@gmail.com) and UND student information to Pastor Suelzle at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel in Grand Forks (wittenbergchapel@gmail.com).

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Thrivent Choice dollars can be directed to Concordia Lutheran Church. These funds are then used to support various ministries at Concordia. Thank you to those who directed their dollars for a total deposit of \$35 in August.

#NDMarchforLife



Hope wins! Come share your hope at the 2023 ND March for Life on Friday, Oct. 6. We invite you to confess with your neighbors, family and friends, the hope you have for life, even when circumstances are painful. Three ways to join the event: 1) Join us at the south steps of the ND State Capitol for a 12:30 p.m. program. 2) Walk to the Capitol with those departing from the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at 11:45 a.m., following 10:45 mass. 3) Walk to the Capitol with those who will be departing from Zion Lutheran Church at 11:45 a.m., following 11:00 Service of Scripture, Prayer and Hymns. Routes from either location will be about a half-hour walk. **March for Life, Oct. 6. It really is about hope.**

The James Valley Youth For Christ

is holding their annual fundraising banquet on Oct. 23rd. See the enclosed flyer for more details about this event. Concordia is hosting a table this year, so if you are interested in attending let Sue Corwin or Andrea Eckstein for tickets.

What's it like living in Liberia? In her September newsletter, **Becky Grossmann of Lutheran Bible Translators** introduces us to some of her neighbors. See the attached flyer to read about some of the people who have touched her life in mission work.

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. They ask that you please read this proposal as it will be on the agenda at the October Voter's Meeting. The website is: www.concordiajt.org

VOTERS MEETING JULY 30, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Roberts with an opening prayer.

Aaron reported that the meeting would be informational, with no proposals presented for action.

1. Treasurer's Report: Year to Date (end of June) we have \$31,000 deficit in the General fund. We currently have \$39,000 in the checking account, \$17,000 in the Luecht memorial fund that is undesignated, and \$40,000 in the Building Fund.

2. Trustee's Report: The office air conditioner units (2) need to be replaced and the bid process has

been done. The bid from Arneson Plumbing and Heating was accepted at \$6,400. The plexiglass for the stained-glass window has been replaced. The east-side parking lot door has been replaced. It was announced that the flower beds need attention and the Council is asking for volunteers to tend to them (Betty Mahlke was the last one to work in the beds regularly). Anyone interested should talk to Kevin Nelson. Possible funding was questioned and it was stated that there is funding available in the budget.

3. The Council has been working on updating Concordia Lutheran Church's constitution and bylaws. Their proposed amendments are being made to make administrative changes so that our constitution aligns with our current practices. These amendments will be discussed at the next voter's meeting in October. The proposed amendments will be presented to the Church, in written form, prior to the meeting. The proposed amendments will also be announced at a service before the meeting.

There being no New Business or further questions, the meeting was called to a close. Aaron Roberts led the members in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Eckstein

COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2023

Present: Aaron Roberts, Sue Corwin, Kim Murray, Kevin Nelson, Doug Pieske, Don Elstad, Nayva Mulder

Absent: Daine Flieth, Pastor Eckstein

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Aaron.

Treasurers' report: The available balance is \$53,044.97.

Pastor's report: No report

Elders report: They set up their schedule.

Deaconess report: Honey Sunday will be held in October. There is a youth retreat in Fargo they are planning to attend. Bible studies and home visits are going well. Those doing Stephen Ministry will be commissioned on September 17, there are 6 people.

Board of Education: Sunday School has started, and we had 13 attend. There were 3 3rd graders that received Bibles from the LWML. We had one board of ed resign and have a new one. We are still in need of teachers.

Board of trustees: The stained glass is in good shape. They are waiting on Arneson to fix the air conditioner in the secretary and Pastor's office.

Board of Stewardship: The block party went well. They had over 600 bags of popcorn and that went over well.

Board of Evangelism: No report.

Old Business:

Communicating constitution and bylaws: We will make copies available, and it will be on the agenda for the October voters meeting to be approved.

New business:

Parking Lot: Dakota stripping and sweeping gave a previous bid of \$23,000 for repairs, sealing and stripping. Waiting for a new bid.

The LWML and Thanksgiving accounts will be added to the January council meeting agenda to approve the committees.

We will also look at establishing payment for guest speakers and this will be presented at the October council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Corwin, Secretary pro-tem

October 31st is Reformation Day!



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

concordiajtsecretary@gmail.com

or

concordiajt@daktel.com

Concordia Events Calendar – October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 HONEY SUNDAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8am & 10:30am Service (Lord's Supper) Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 1:00pm Pumpkin Patch 2pm -Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train 7:00pm Elder/Stewardship meetings 8:00pm Council	10am -Bible Class 1:00pm Quilting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study @Concordia	7pm Service (Lord's Supper)	8:30- 10:30 am Men's Bible Class 6:30-8:30pm Youth Group	10:00am Women's Bible Class @ Marion Duff home 9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train	9:00am LWML Zone Fall Rally @ Concordia
8 LWML SUNDAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
8am & 10:30am Services Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle Pastor Eckstein in Bismarck for Pastor's Conference	NO 10am -Bible Class (Resumes 10/17) 1:00pm Ruth Circle 7:00pm Naomi Circle Pastor Eckstein in Bismarck for Pastor's Conference	7pm Service	NO Men's Bible Class (Resumes 10/19) 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study @ Vera Schultz apartment Pastor Eckstein in Fergus Fallas for Conference	Pastor Eckstein in Fergus Fallas for Conference	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8am& 10:30am Service (Lord's Supper) Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm -Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train	10am -Bible Class 1:00pm Quilting	5:45pm Confirmation 7pm Service (Lord's Supper)	8:30-10:30am Men's Bible Class Junior High Youth Gathering in Fargo	Junior High Youth Gathering in Fargo	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train Junior High Youth Gathering in Fargo
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8am & 10:30am Service Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 2pm -Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train 6:00pm Youth For Christ Banquet @ Civic Center	10am -Bible Class	5:45pm Confirmation 7pm Service	8:30-10:30am Men's Bible Class		9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train *Pack Mercy Meals with Kiwanis*
29	30	31				
8am & 10:30am Service Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:15 "NORSKTOBERFEST" and Voter's meeting after 10:30 service 2pm -Pastor @ Trinity-Adrian	9-12pm -Orphan Grain Train	10am -Bible Class REFORMATION  DAY				

***Fridays-Pastor's Day Off!**

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

***Chancel Duties: Marleen Councilman**

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 KIM NORHEIM (b.)	2 TROY MORLOCK (b.) BOB SERFOSS (b.)	3 (KAYDENSE) HEWITT (b.) PAUL and MARLEEN COUNCILMAN (w.)	4 LORI RAMSEY (b.)	5 CLINT ARNDT (b.) (PAXTON) DILOCKER (b.) JON LORIG (b.) MIKE MARTELL (b.)	6 DARREN MORLOCK (b.) RYAN and AMANDA KRUEGER (w.) MURRAY and RACHEL LAUBHAN (w.)	7
8 LINDSAY JACOBSON (b.) ALAN RICK (b.)	9 RANDY FLIETH (b.) MARY ORN (b.)	10	11 SYDNEY BIERI (b.) DAVE DRENT (b.)	12 BROOKE DIETRICH (b.) HENRY LUSTERMAN (b.)	13 JON and JANE LORIG (w.)	14 DEB DOELING (b.) RENEE SPITZER (b.)
15	16	17 DARON BIERI (b.) (WESLEY) GRIGGS (b.) JULIE NATHAN (b.) MIKE NEVA (b.)	18	19 BECCA ANDERSON (b.) BECKY and (JERRY) WIDMER (w.)	20 CHAD HOFFER (b.) TROY and CHERYL HANSON (w.) DAVE and BARB MILLER (w.)	21 LAYLA ANDERSON (b.) HEIDI TITZE and ANDREW (w.)
22 JOSH HETLETVEDT (b.) DELVIDA OBENAUER (b.) MIKAILA WALCH (b.)	23 ASHER WIEST (b.) AL and MARSHA HUST (w.)	24	25 KAREN WATSON (b.)	26 LUCAS PAHL (b.) MATT WOLSKY (b.)	27 CORRINE OBERLANDER (b.) WILL and KATHEY ZIEGLER (w.)	28 MARK HETLETVEDT (b.)
29	30 BARB MILLER (b.) KATHEY ZIEGLER (b.)	31 SAM MAYHAIR (b.) AMANDA TRUDEAU (b.)				

October 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



SERVING THE SAINTS: *For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do (Hebrews 6:10).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>¹</p> <p>Gather supplies for the October Mission Service Activity. Donate 40¢</p>	<p>²</p> <p>Read, I Love to Tell the Story — "God's Intentional Friendship." Donate 75¢</p>	<p>³</p> <p>Pray for LCMS missionaries. Donate 50¢</p>	<p>⁴</p> <p>Read Psalm 30:4. Donate 65¢</p>	<p>⁵</p> <p>Take a walk in the crisp morning air. Donate 40¢</p>	<p>⁶</p> <p>Print an LWML Pastor Appreciation Card for Sunday. Donate 95¢</p>	<p>⁷</p> <p>Bring an LWML Fall Coloring Card to a homebound friend. Donate 60¢</p>
<p>⁸</p> <p>Go pumpkin picking. Donate 35¢</p>	<p>⁹</p> <p>Indigenous People Day! Read about <u>Lutheran Indian Ministries</u>. Donate 90¢</p>	<p>¹⁰</p> <p>Sing "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Donate 55¢</p>	<p>¹¹</p> <p>Print October's Mission Grant Story and post it at church. Donate 20¢</p>	<p>¹²</p> <p>Read Romans 12:13. Donate 95¢</p>	<p>¹³</p> <p>Donate food items to your local food pantry. Donate 30¢</p>	<p>¹⁴</p> <p>Carve a pumpkin with a child. Donate 85¢</p>
<p>¹⁵</p> <p>Pray for your church choir and music ministry! Donate 90¢</p>	<p>¹⁶</p> <p>Bake a pumpkin pie and share it with your family. Donate 35¢</p>	<p>¹⁷</p> <p>Read LWML Bible study: <i>Sharing Our Gifts as We Work for the Lord</i>. Donate 80¢</p>	<p>¹⁸</p> <p>Share a hot cup of cider with a friend. Donate 65¢</p>	<p>¹⁹</p> <p>Recite the LWML Pledge. Donate 40¢</p>	<p>²⁰</p> <p>Invite a friend to Bible study. Donate 85¢</p>	<p>²¹</p> <p>Rake leaves for a neighbor. Donate 50¢</p>
<p>²²</p> <p>Volunteer to provide the church coffee hour goodies! Donate 35¢</p>	<p>²³</p> <p>Share with family how God's light shines through LWML. Donate 80¢</p>	<p>²⁴</p> <p>Bake pumpkin cookies for a preschool. Donate 25¢</p>	<p>²⁵</p> <p>Read about the LWML Mailbox craft. Donate 70¢</p>	<p>²⁶</p> <p>Print LWML Thanksgiving Note Cards. Donate 35¢</p>	<p>²⁷</p> <p>Assist the church secretary with a task. Donate 90¢</p>	<p>²⁸</p> <p>Sing <i>LSB #677</i> "For All the Saints." Donate 15¢</p>
<p>²⁹</p> <p>Sign up to be a Substitute Sunday school teacher. Donate 60¢</p>	<p>³⁰</p> <p>Read 2 Corinthians 9:12. Donate 25¢</p>	<p>³¹</p> <p>Reflect on the faith of saints who have gone before us. Donate 80¢</p>				

YOUTH FOR CHRIST[®] **JAMES VALLEY** Annual Fundraising Banquet **Monday Oct. 23rd**

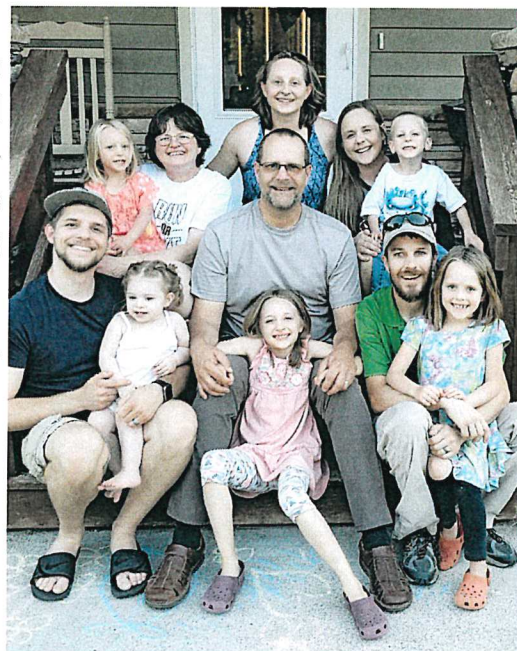
Join us as we celebrate twenty-nine years of ministry in the Jamestown and Valley City area. Enjoy a good meal and hear stories of what God is doing in and through the ministry of YFC.

Keynote Speaker: Troy Gunderson

This year's speaker will be our very own Executive Director, Troy Gunderson. He is excited to share the many stories and experiences he's had over the last 26 years of ministry in the Jamestown area.

Troy was born and raised in Minot ND and was a student in YFC. In fact, he even met his high school sweetheart, Sheri, in YFC. After college he became a volunteer and later joined the staff of Minot YFC. He was called to Jamestown in 1997 as Executive Director. Sheri and Troy have four children and 5 grandchildren.

Troy has lots of creative talent and his fun personality and passion for the Gospel will no doubt leave you in tears of laughter and joy. He has recently become a published author of a fiction work titled *The Prairie Comrade*. We have been blessed to have Troy for so many years and look forward to many more. We hope you can join us for this fun and inspirational evening.



To sponsor a table or to obtain tickets, please contact the YFC office at 701-252-5501 or for more information go our website at JamesValleyYFC.org

Banquet begins at 6:30 PM – Doors Open at 6:00 PM

UNDIE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 8th , 2023

New Socks & New Underwear
Drive

Suggested Items

any size



Goal

40 Pairs of New Underwear

40 Pairs of New Socks

for

Orphan Grain Train

NorsktOberfest & Fall Festival

Sunday, OCTOBER 29th / 11:30 am

CONCORDIA FAMILY
FUNDAY/ SUNDAY

German-Noweigan Potluck
Cake walk
Card Games
Photo Booth





"Who are the people in your neighborhood, in your neighborhood, they're in your neighborhood?
Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood?
They're the people that you meet as you're walking down the street.
They're the people that you meet each day."

My Neighbors

Remember that ditty from Sesame Street?

Over the years I have developed relationships with a number of Liberian neighbors. These people are dear to me in a number of ways.

I first met **Helena Kesselly** when she was introduced to me at her fruit stand directly across from the Bible house. She always makes sure I have good fruit and vegetables. **Her fruit stand** helps support her, her mother, and her brother who watches it when she is in school. She shares living quarters with her older sister.

I will never forget the night I came in late from upcountry and needed some food. I walked to her stand, but it was getting dark. She was so worried about my safety, she left her stand to walk me home even though it was just a couple blocks away.

She is currently 21 years old and is training to be a **nurse**. She wants to gain more knowledge and not just sell things. She recently attended her capping ceremony in her new uniform.



Helena and I by her fruit stand

Edward Kesselly Gbelay, no relation to Helena, is from the Kpelle ethnic group. Helena is from the Loma. Edward is **guest house manager and also a security guard** where I usually stay in Monrovia. He is married and has five living children. The oldest is in the tenth grade. One of his challenges is keeping up with his children's school fees. Edward has studied refrigeration and air conditioning as a trade and now he is in school studying travel, culture and tourism. When he graduates

in six months, he wants to go back to school and make himself marketable wherever life will take him.

Edward works hard. He was selected out of all the security guards to be the supervisor of the guesthouse. He has worked here for six years. He hopes to eventually become manager. As supervisor, he takes his work seriously. He makes sure all the rooms and bathrooms are clean and in working order. Under his watch, all the rooms now have private bathrooms with water heaters, some have AC, and all have a fan. He wants all the guests to be satisfied and to make reservations whenever they are in Monrovia. He enjoys his current job because it is a very supportive work environment. Several of the security guards have been able to get training in the trades just as he has.

Florence Smith some of you know because you have one of her beautiful bags. She along with Alberta brought me another bundle that they have sewn. Florence has been running the **Resurrection Bag business** for 12 years. She currently has 5 employees. The business venture started out to give women without other means of support a way to make a living for themselves and their children. At one time she had as many as 13 employees, all with an hourly wage which could give them a decent and sustainable living. Ebola, Covid and other factors have forced the business to decrease in size but not in quality and beauty. It would be great if she had a steady market outside of Liberia. The market in Liberia is very limited.



Helena at her capping ceremony



Edward Kesselly Gbelay



Florence has several of her own children, but she has taken many other children under her care. Currently, she is caring for 12 children, but counts up to 17 that she still assists. She always has a smile on her face and is grateful for all God has done for her.

John Flomo is another friend who **makes his living selling purses and jewelry**. He has computer bags and coconut shell bags, as well as beaded bags. He sells earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. Some are made from shells, others from wood, and others from plastic beads. He even has a purse that is made from a whole coconut shell, split in half which zips together. It's very clever. I'm not sure he makes these goods, but he is eager to sell his wares.

He hopes to buy some land soon. The house he currently lives in floods so much he has had to provide rain boots for all in his household. He has two young girls at home with him yet by the names of Blessing and Favor.



John with his wares



*Zinne with supplies
I brought for her schools*



*Alberta, seamstress,
with Florence Smith*

Zinne Dossen aka Mary Frances is a good friend that goes back many years to the time I first came to Liberia in 1987. When we returned in the 90's, she was one of the people who helped care for our children and would cook and clean so we could work.

While she was a refugee in Ghana, she took advantage of **teacher** training. She has two large schools she runs with over 800 children from kindergarten through 6th grade. She has one of the few schools which teach children to read with phonics rather than by rote. They can read most anything, and so they excel.

I have spent a few weekends with her. She is special because she is a Liberian mother to some of my children. She has been trying to get a visa to come and visit, but just getting an interview has so far proven impossible. She has one daughter who lives in Canada.

These are some of my neighbors. I am thankful for their service in this community and to me. I am thankful for your service as well as we continue to put God's word in the hands of people here.

Becky

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for my Liberian neighbors as they continue to serve the Lord in their respective roles. Praise for the blessing they are to me.
- for peaceful elections. People are concerned for safety as the time gets closer and there can be riots and ritual activities which put people in danger.
- Praise that Charles is on the schedule to receive his prosthetic leg. Pray that the transition to using it well will go smoothly.
- Pray for complete healing for Rev. Levi, Dan translator, recovering from a stroke. He is getting stronger and walks daily.
- Pray that all the teams will meet their translation goals this year.

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ND District LCMS Youth Gathering
For grades 6 and up!
Thursday - Saturday, October 19-21
Ramada Inn
3333 East 13th Avenue South, Fargo, ND

♥ Four Bible studies ♥ worship ♥ music ♥ interest sessions
♥ packing Mercy Meals ♥ variety show ♥ Set Apart to Serve
♥ learn & practice doable, repeatable, livable skills ♥ + MORE!



Registration cost: \$175 (prorated fee available for partial attendance)
Registration forms available for download at <https://www.nodaklcms.org/ministries/youth-fellowship/>
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 4

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FOR GATHERING INFORMATION:

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♥ BIBLE STUDY LEADER

Rev. Jason "Doogie" Neel has served as pastor at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake, MN, for 19 years. He has served as an adjunct professor of Theology at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN for 17 years, and was a theology instructor at Lutheran High School of Greater Minneapolis for four years. Doogie also served as a youth minister at Jehovah Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN and at Cross View Lutheran, Edina, MN.

He is married to Sara and they have two children, Judah (17) and Elijah (12). Doogie enjoys fantasy sports, music, podcasts, his springer-doodle Jazzy, and his addiction to Diet Dr. Pepper. He's thankful for every chance he gets to tell the story of God's gracious, forgiving love shown to us in Jesus the Messiah!



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♥ MUSICIAN

LLOYD GARRELTS
Nokomis, IL
Guitars, vocals

Currently lives and
works on the
family homestead
in the USA
heartland.



MICHAEL HARVEY DCE

Michael Harvey is the Director of Faith Formation at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN. He grew up in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Tennessee. Michael graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. His work experience brought him to Fairbanks, AK and Vancouver, WA. He's spent the most time in Rochester, moving there in 2001, the same year he started at Redeemer. He is married to Erin and they have two sons Gabriel (gr 10) and Caleb (gr 8).

Michael will be leading an interest session. Throughout the Gathering he will be teaching various doable, repeatable, livable skills for sharing our faith.

Gathering Schedule

Thursday, October 19

4:00 PM	Teen counselor registration & room check-in
5:00	REQUIRED teen counselor orientation (SUPPER PROVIDED FOR TEEN COUNSELORS ONLY)
5:00 - 7:00	General registration & supper on your own
7:00 - midnight	Gathering ♥ Bible study ♥ music ♥ recreation ♥ snack ♥ worship

Friday, October 20

8:00 AM - midnight	Gathering ♥ Two Bible studies ♥ music ♥ worship ♥ interest sessions ♥ packing Mercy Meals ♥ variety show ♥ meals ♥ snacks ♥ free time + more!
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Saturday, October 21

8:00 - 11:00 AM	Gathering ♥ breakfast ♥ Bible study ♥ worship
Noon	Lunch on your own

WHAT TO BRING:

- ♥ **Your Bible**
- ♥ **Worship service offering** to defray Mercy Meals supply cost (approx. 12¢ per meal)
- ♥ **Variety show act** – (optional) Prepare an act for the variety show on Friday night! Songs or skits that convey a Christian message are encouraged. While not all acts need to be of a Christian nature, there should be nothing in them which would in the slightest way compromise our Christian witness. This includes the words, messages and actions in any songs or comedy acts.
- ♥ **Casual clothes, swim suit.**
- ♥ **Sleeping bag** (optional) Attendees will mostly be housed four people per sleeping room.

COST: The \$175 registration fee includes:

- Meals on Friday, Saturday breakfast and three snacks
- Two nights housing at the Ramada Inn, four people per room.
- Program costs (including partial cost of Mercy Meals supplies)

If a youth/congregation group makes other housing arrangements (i.e. sleep at a relative's house or at home), a reduced fee is available as shown on the registration form.

Part-time attendees are also welcome! If you can attend only parts of the Gathering, please specify which part(s) on your registration form. The cost for each segment is \$30 and does not include breakfasts or sleeping room.

ADULT COUNSELORS will be expected to help with small group Bible study discussion, prayer time, congregation sharing times and room checks. Each youth and teen counselor will be assigned to an adult counselor, with one adult counselor for approximately every seven students. If a congregation registers with less than seven youth, one or more youth from another church may be assigned to your congregation group.

It is the responsibility of congregations to provide adult (over age 21) drivers for transportation to and from the Gathering.

TEEN COUNSELORS: Confirmed young people may serve as teen counselors if recommended by their pastor or adult counselor. Teen counselors are an important component of this Gathering because their role is to be a positive influence for the middle school age youth.



KIWANIS
KAH
AGAINST HUNGER



YOU CAN HELP KIWANIS FILL HUNGRY BELLIES ACROSS THE WORLD

Saturday, October 28th • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm • Rural Fire Department

Every minute, 12 children die from starvation. The Kiwanis Club of Jamestown has packaged over one million meals for hungry kids. These highly nutritious, life-saving meals are distributed regionally through Great Plains Food Bank and internationally through Mercy Meals of North Dakota.

Any business, service organization, school, church, club or individual is invited to lend a helping hand.

How to Help

MAKE A DONATION in any amount by October 28th to help purchase the needed supplies. Less than 1 quarter = 1 full belly!

VOLUNTEER! 175 volunteers are needed the day of to help pack our goal of 65,000 meals, Saturday, October 28 at The Rural Fire Department, 1209 9th St SE, Jamestown, ND 58401.



More Information

For more information about the event, call 701-320-4857 or email JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com.

YES! I WANT TO HELP KIWANIS AGAINST HUNGER

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☐ VOLUNTEER AT KAH EVENT: Total Volunteers _____ or sign up online at <https://2023KAH.eventbrite.com>

☐ DONATE FUNDS: Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Please make checks out to Kiwanis Club.

OR Charge my credit card # _____ Exp. ____/____ CVC _____

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address _____

Return form to: Jamestown Kiwanis Club, PO Box 1462, Jamestown, ND 58402 OR E-mail JamestownKiwanis@gmail.com



Purchase a bottle of honey: Change the life of a child

Honey Sundays, hosted by congregations all across the United States, support the residential treatment and educational programs for the troubled, complicated, and amazing children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.



To purchase a bottle of honey (\$10 suggested donation), and provide hope and healing for a child at the Ranch, complete the form at www.dakotaranch.org/ORDERHONEY.