

Pastor's Corner

By: Pastor Tom Eckstein



“Rally Sunday” plus Pancake Breakfast on September 7th!!

On Sunday, September 7th, Sunday School for our children resumes. We could always use more adult volunteers to help with Sunday School – even if it’s for just one Sunday a month. If interested, speak with our deaconess, Nayva Mulder.

In addition, we will continue our study of Matthew’s Gospel. We’re soon moving into Matthew chapter 18! Even if you haven’t attended this Matthew Sunday Bible Class yet, there’s still a ton of wonderful stuff to learn from Matthew chapters 18 – 28. Please consider joining us for this class. I, pastor Eckstein, can teach you many more details in Bible Study than I have time to give you in my sermons. So, make a plan to attend Sunday Bible class *in addition* to attending Sunday Services on a regular basis!

Finally, after the 10:30AM Service, our youth will be serving

a **Pancake meal** as a way of saying “Thanks!” for all the support Concordia’s members give them. They will also be making a presentation about their experience at the LCMS National Youth Gathering this past summer in New Orleans.

Pastor Eckstein will Continue to Serve Grace Lutheran in Carrington

After not receiving a seminary candidate in either 2024 or 2025, the tri-parish of Carrington/Cooperstown/Binford has decided that they will NOT be calling a full time pastor. Instead, the congregations of Cooperstown/Binford will continue to be served by pastor Bob Hill and Grace Lutheran in Carrington will continue to be served by pastor Eckstein. Pastor Eckstein will be serving Carrington for a Service and Bible class on Saturday mornings and usually spending the late afternoon/evening (4:00PM to 9:00PM) on Tuesdays in Carrington for office work, shut-in visits, bible study and other things that may be needed. The current reality in the “Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod” is that we have a shortage of pastors. Other LCMS pastors in North Dakota are also serving other congregations in addition to their main congregation – which is common in rural states where there are many smaller LCMS congregations that cannot afford a full time pastor. This will likely be the “new normal” in the future until the

Lord provides us with more pastors in the LCMS.

Pastor Eckstein & Family: October Vacation Plans

As many of you know, our youngest daughter, Christianna Nemec, and her husband, Pastor Charles Nemec, are expecting their daughter to be born around the last week of September. Andrea plans to fly down to Lubbock, Texas (where they live), on September 15th to help Christianna. Once the baby is born, Pastor Eckstein and Birgitta plan to drive down to Lubbock for the baptism. On the way back they plan to spend a few days in O’Fallon, MO, with Joshua and his family. Depending on when the baby is born, Pastor Eckstein will either be gone from 9/29 – 10/16 or from 10/06 – 10/24. This means pastor Eckstein will be gone either on Sundays 10/05 & 10/12 or 10/12 & 10/19. In either case, pastor Al Eppen has agreed to lead the Sunday and Wednesday Services while pastor Eckstein is gone. Pastor Bob Hill (701-659-1860) will be available for emergencies.

“Pot-Luck” and Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 26th!!

After our 10:30AM Service on 10/26 there will be a “Pot-Luck” and then an important voters meeting where we will 1) discuss and approve the budget for 2026 and 2) elect members for various

positions at Concordia for 2026.
Plan to join us!

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom Eckstein*

Newsletter Notes from Deaconess Nayva



Fellowship

Grief Support Fellowship **3rd Sunday 12:00pm**

September 21st: Noon
October 19th: Noon

Outreach

Stephen Ministry

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm
September 10th & 24th
October 8th & 29th

Bible Study

Hymn Study **Friday, Sept. 5st** **10:00am**

Friday, Oct. 3rd
Marian Duff (Host)
Ave Maria B25

A New Song
Bible Study on the Psalms
Thurs., Sept. 11th 1:00pm
Thurs., Oct. 9th 1:00pm
Vera Schulz (Host)
114 12th Ave NE
Apt. 2030

Women's Bible Study

Soul Spa

By Sharla Fritz

Tuesdays
Fellowship Hall 7:00PM
September 2nd, 16th
and 23rd
October 7th and 28th

Feel Free to join us
anytime.



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

Watching the news reports of the recent floods in Texas and other places around the world is a vivid reminder of the tremendous power of out-of-control raging waters – such as those that must have also carved out the Grand Canyon during the time of the Genesis flood. This is but one of the many evidences of a fallen world, where even the created earth itself is “groaning in travail” as we await the end of the age and restoration of all things by our resurrected and returning Lord.

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

Deaconess Nayva

donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website.

God's blessing in Christ! –

Ken Koehler, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator.



LWML Circles start meeting again in September:

Dorcas Circle 2nd Monday 1:30pm

Ruth Circle 1st Tuesday 1:00 pm

Naomi Circle 1st Tuesday 7:00pm

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

Concordia's LWML will meet on September 2nd and October 7th. Special events coming up are the LWML Fall Retreat in Garrison, ND on September 12-14 and the LWML Fall Rally for the Central Zone on October 4th. The Rally will be hosted here at Concordia by our own LWML group.

The first Sunday of the month is Mite Sunday

Thank you to everyone for donating to the noisy mites. We collected **\$137.60** in August.

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

from a list of 47 proposed projects.

One grant that was accepted was **#2 Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons**, Orphan Grain Train, Europe, \$100,000

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has been involved in humanitarian aid to Ukraine since the war began. In the past year, seventeen shipments of donated food, clothing, and medical supplies were sent to various locations in the Ukraine. (Several shipments originated from the North Dakota Branch or included items sent by North Dakota). OGT is assisting twelve orphanages in the Kherson area and three orphanages in the Kyiv area. OGT is working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine and other Christian churches as it distributes the aid. The impact the donations have is both lifesaving and soul-saving. The donated supplies assist people who have lost all their worldly goods and help children whose parents have been killed in the war. Through acts of mercy shown by followers of Jesus, recipients see the love of God. This grant will cover the cost of shipping up to seven containers loaded with food, clothing, and medical supplies to the country of Ukraine.

For more information, go to: <https://www.lwml.org/convention> and view Mission Grant Proposals in the link.

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

2025 Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat



Please join us September 26 – September 28, 2025 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together, family style, to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship. Our speaker, Rev. Sean Daenzer, is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. He previously served for seven years as pastor of a dual parish in rural North Dakota. His topic is Liturgical Worship: A faithful vehicle for delivering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 which includes all food and lodging. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat. We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity. For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686, mobile.

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, we 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).



September 7th will be **Rally Sunday** and the beginning of our new Sunday School season. Any child from age 3 through High School is invited. Come join us at 9:00 for treats and special activities.

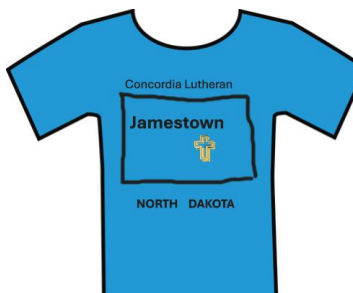
Our current teachers are as follows:

Jen Hoffer age 3- 1st grade
Mollie Lindberg
Elissa Rosin Grade 2-5
Nayva Mulder grades 6-12
Sue Corwin
Carmen McBride

Board of Ed members are:

Susan Lucht
Sue Corwin
Jen Hoffer
Nayva Mulder
Carmen McBride

These saints are giving their time and talents in the instruction of our youngest congregation members. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve the Lord with gladness.



Shirts for Sale!

*Do you want to support the Youth in their fundraising efforts?
*Do you have \$20 to spend?

If you answered "YES" to either one of these questions, then you should consider buying one of the Concordia Lutheran Church T-shirts on sale. They were designed by the Youth for their trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer. Look for the sample on the table in the Narthex and see Nayva for available sizes.

Youth Group in September/October

September

Saturday, Sept. 6th - 10am
Prep. for Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 7th 11:30am
Pancake Breakfast

Youth Gathering Presentation

Sunday, Sept. 14th Noon
Youth Group – pizza served

6th grade and older welcome to attend

Friday, Sept. 26th 6:30-8:30pm
Youth Group

October

Sunday Oct. 12th 28th Noon
Youth Group (BYO lunch)

Oct. 16th-18th Tentative
Youth Retreat

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

Elder Schedule**September**

Sun. 9/7	8am	10:30 am
	Dave H.	Larry W.
Wed. 9/10	7 pm	Quincy B.
Sun. 9/14	8am	10:30am
	Dernel D.	Ed M.
Sun. 9/21	8am	10:30am
	Dave H.	Doug P.
Wed. 9/24	7pm	Quincy B.
Sun. 9/28	8am	10:30am
	Curt S.	Josh R.

Musicians:**September**

Wed. 9/3	Ione Somsen
Sun. 9/7	Carmen McBride
Wed. 9/10	Carmen McBride
Sun. 9/14	Daine Flieth
Wed. 9/17	Daine Flieth
Sun. 9/21	Carmen McBride
Wed. 9/24	Daine Flieth
Sun. 9/28	Ione Somsen

October

Wed. 10/1	Ione Somsen
Sun. 10/5	Carmen McBride
Wed. 10/8	Carmen McBride
Sun. 10/12	Daine Flieth
Wed. 10/15	Daine Flieth
Sun. 10/19	Daine Flieth
Wed. 10/22	Carmen McBride
Sun. 10/26	Ione Somsen
Wed. 10/29	Ione Somsen

Communion/Altar preparation:

September = MJ
Westerhausen and Daine Flieth

October = Nathan and Giang Michaelson



Please pray for those serving our country...

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

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

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

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

- Carol Martin
- Nayva Mulder
- Lori Roberts
- Sue Corwin
- Joan Lee
- Pauline Stangland
- Clarice Spitzer
- Corrine Scott

- Elden Englund
- Arianna Walch
- Delvida Obenauer
- Marian Duff
- Lyn Rutherford
- Karen Connell
- Sheila Corwin
- Paul Schafer III (Son of Lila Stokkeland)
- Rayna Mayhair (Infant daughter of Tom and DeAnn Mayhair)
- Robert Olson (Son-in-law of Berna Kunze)
- Tana Lonefight (Friend of Ione Somsen)
- Blair Baker (Cousin of Bill & Tina Busche)
- Rachel Mulder (Mother of Nayva Mulder)
- Joy Jerome (Cousin of Nayva Mulder)
- Sue Hedberg; (Daughter of Gerri & Lloyd Bauske)
- Gordie Christenson (Cousin of Randy Flieth)

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

- Family of Cindy Wimer (Sister of Lila Stokkeland)

SACRED ACTS:

Confirmations

Baptisms

Transfers

Douglas family – Josh & Angie, Patton, Andrew, and Edith

Current Membership Stats:

Baptized Members-613
Confirmed Members-459

2025

Baptisms (Child)-3, (Adult)-3
Confirmations (Junior)-0, (Adult)-2
Weddings-0
Funerals-2
Transferred In-4
Transferred Out-7
Profession of Faith-6
Removed due to inactivity-0

For more information see
<https://connectedfamilies.org/about/framework/>

Miscellaneous Announcements



Come Join Us at Our 28th Annual Quilt Craft and Culinary Arts Auction at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads! On September 13, 2025, we will begin with a **pie social at 12:30 pm** followed by the **Auction starting at 1pm**. This auction isn't just any old event - it's our big fundraiser! Folks from every nook and cranny of the state have chipped in and donated stunning quilts, mouthwatering treats, and crafts galore! No haggling here - it's all about spreading the love with donations and walking away with fabulous goodies. See the attached flyer for more information.

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—whether it's a blessing, a person, or a small moment of joy. By intentionally focusing on gratitude, we shift our hearts

toward God's goodness, even in difficult times. Using the calendar takes just a few minutes a day, but it can deepen our faith, build a more joyful spirit, and encourage us to see God's hand in every part of our lives. Let's use it together as a church to cultivate a heart of praise and thankfulness. See the **Grateful Hearts, Faithful Hands Calendar** attached.

thrivent®

Thank you for considering Concordia Lutheran Church when making your Choice Dollars donation. In June we received a deposit of \$57 on behalf of Andrea and Pastor Tom Eckstein, the Thrivent clients who requested funds to be directed to Concordia. If you would like more information about the Choice Dollars program at Thrivent, call your Thrivent representative.

Generosity Adds Value to Life

You're Invited to a Gift Planning Presentation – Sunday, October 26th @ Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown from 9:30AM to 10:15AM!! Presenter: Josh Douglas

As St. Paul reminded the believers in Corinth, God blesses us abundantly—so that we might become a blessing to others (2 Corinthians 8–9).

The Family Matters

In this feature of our newsletter, we focus on family concerns. This month we are again looking at the resources from the Connected Families website.
connectedfamilies.org

Connected Families is a non-profit ministry that exists to **support** Christ-centered transformation in families. One of the topics covered in much of their content is Discipline & Consequences

The following the **Framework** behind all the parenting content on their website.



4 ACTIONS | 4 MESSAGES

Many of life's most joyful people are those who live generously. Generosity isn't something we teach ourselves—it's a gift from our generous Creator.

- **Those who give their time** often find it gives back to them. Their hearts are encouraged by appreciation, and they feel the joy of serving others.
- **Those who offer their talents** know the blessing of using their unique gifts to build up others and glorify God. They experience fulfillment in their service.
- **Those who give their treasures**—no matter the amount—often feel a deep satisfaction in sharing what God has entrusted to them. Many find even greater joy when their family joins them in these acts of generosity.

As Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

For the Christian, generosity is an expression of our baptismal identity—living in Christ and serving as His hands and heart in the world. Generosity isn't just something that flows *from you*—it's something God gives *for you*. It adds value and meaning to life.

Pastor Tom Eckstein



October 26th is the date for the Fall Festival with a Pot Luck, Cake Walk, and other festivities at Concordia. See the attached flyer for more details, and plan to be there.



Lutheran Bible Translators is celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. To date, your support has led directly to 48 publications. These Scriptures impact more than 15 million people around the world. **Be part of bringing God's Word to every language through Lutheran Bible Translators.** Your voice, prayers, and generosity help expand the reach and impact of Bible translation around the world. Visit <https://lbt.org/#> to learn more.



Fall is here and the cold weather isn't far away. Concordia will be collecting socks and underwear again this October, starting with the 5th. Please bring NEW socks and/or underwear (any size) and place them in the collection box in the Narthex. All items collected will be donated to our

local Orphan Grain Train for local and international distribution.



The annual sale of honey from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is taking place in October. **Honey Sunday** will be on Oct. 19th with a guest speaker from the **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**. By purchasing your honey through our Youth Group, Concordia's youth also share in the fundraising benefits, keeping 30% of the sales. (not applicable for online sales). Look for the flyers in the bulletins to place your order.



The Board of Stewardship wants to thank everyone who donated popcorn for the UJ Block Party. We

surpassed our goal of 1,000 bags by collecting over **1,805 bags!!!** A crew from Concordia attended the UJ Block Party and distributed all the popcorn, along with Christian literature and some "Jimmy swag" donated by the Orphan Grain Train.



Church Office Hours

If you need access to the church during the week please call the church office (252-2819), Pastor Eckstein (658-9473), or Nayva (430-9049) to see if arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Pastor's Report

Pastor shared his ongoing efforts to contact inactive members and presented a list of individuals recommended for removal from membership. Doug will review the

church bylaws to determine the appropriate process.

Pastor will be on vacation for approximately 16 days at the end of September and beginning of October, depending on the arrival of Christianna's baby. Pastor Al Eppen will lead worship services in his absence. Pastor Bob Hill will be available for emergency pastoral care.

Pastor is seeking volunteers to take digital photos for an in-house pictorial directory, tentatively starting after Labor Day.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 8, 2025. The Budget Meeting will also be held at the September meeting, beginning at 8:00 PM.

3. Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance: (not available at this time)

July Income: \$17,995.00

July Expenses: \$23,249.56

Notable expenses included:

- Q2 payroll taxes
- Encounter Camp registration for Emma Flieth
- National Youth Gathering expenses

4. Youth Report

135 people from North Dakota attended the National Youth Gathering, which was a meaningful experience for both youth and adults.

A congregational Thank You meal is being planned for September to express appreciation for all the support.

There are currently four Sunday School teachers, and more volunteers are welcome.

Nayva will be on vacation August 15–22.

5. Board Reports

Christian Education

A church clean-up day will follow the final session of Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Stewardship

Plans for the College Block Party on August 27 include preparing and distributing 1,000 bags of popcorn with labels promoting Concordia.

Elders

The September worship schedule has been prepared. The board also discussed developments in the Carrington District.

Trustees Report – Submitted by Kevin

1. Power-Assisted Front Door: Ordered over a month ago; contractor has not yet received it.
2. Storm Damage:
 - One plexiglass panel (behind the sanctuary) blew off—appears to be a single panel.
 - A tree branch damaged the south-side rain gutter. Northland Window & Door has been contacted for a repair estimate.
3. Discarded Items:
 - A broken green step ladder was removed and disposed of.
 - A burnt-out wet/dry vacuum from the janitor's closet was discarded; no replacement planned at this time.

4. Window Blinds Behind Sanctuary:
Tyler from Goldade (Jamestown) will evaluate the situation.

5. Other Concerns:

- Elevator lights have been cleaned.
- Sidewalk near the corner is heaving and uneven.

Discussion on flat roof repair.
Insurance deductible is high, so repairs will be made at church's cost.

6. New Business

The Corn Feed will be held on Aug 31.

A recommendation was made to purchase additional padded chairs for the downstairs fellowship area.

It was suggested to donate the old metal chairs to Orphan Grain Train. This will be discussed at the next Voters Meeting.

7. Old Business

None reported.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025, with Budget Meeting at 8:00 PM



Thank you to everyone who helped support the Youth Group to raise money for the trip to the **National Youth Gathering**. As a way to show their thanks, the Youth Group will host a



Pancake Breakfast

on Sept. 7th, at 11:30.

Included with the food there will be a presentation about the Youth Gathering experience.



Concordia Events Calendar – September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day – Church Office Closed	10am -Bible Class 4pm-8pm – Pastor Eckstein @ Grace/Carrington 7pm -Women's Bible Study @Concordia	7pm – Service	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 10am – Youth Pancake Breakfast Prep.
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***Chancel Duties: MJ Westerhausen and Daine Flieth**

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*Chancel Duties: Giang & Nathan Michaelson

8/28/2025

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Concordia Lutheran

September 2025

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 KEN AUNE (b.) AMBER TREASURE (b.) BRENT WALKER (b.)	2 WILL MCINTYRE (b.)	3 (BLAIRE) IRISH (b.) PETE RASMUSSEN (b.) RICKY WILLIAMSON (b.) KEN and (HEATHER) AUNE (w.)	4 GERALD GUTHMILLER (b.) LORI and (DARWIN) REMMICK (w.)	5 TOBY CHERNEY (b.) DARRELL PATZER (b.) CARL STANGELAND (b.)	6 ELLA SEDLACEK (b.)
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14	15 BOB KAISER (b.) MURRAY LAUBHAN (b.) DANIEL MAHLKE (b.) DALONNA WEGLEITNER and Cory (w.)	16 CHERYL HOGGARTH (b.) STEPHANIE WALCH (b.) DAVE and SHERI DRENTH (w.) KELSEY PARISIEN and Cobretti (w.)	17 STEPHANIE and (KENNETH) FOX (w.)	18 BRITTNEY NORMAN (b.) BRANDON SCHMIDT (b.) CHERYL and (DUANE) HOGGARTH (w.)	19 TOM MAYHAIR and DeAnn Schmitt (w.)	20
21 TRISTAN CHAMPAGNE (b.)	22 MYLAH RAE KAPPENMAN (b.) KARLI REMMICK (b.)	23 TRAVIS MAHLKE (b.) JON NATHAN (b.)	24 PHILIP CHERNEY (b.)	25 MICK FODE (b.) TROY HANSON (b.) LOCHLYN KRUEGER (b.)	26 AMBER HOOVESTOL (b.) KIM MURRAY (b.) BOB and JERILYN KAISER (w.)	27 SHIRLY GENTER (b.) MILLIE MORK (b.) GERALD and JANICE GUTHMILLER (w.)
28 QUINCY BACKEN (b.) DIANE NEVA (b.)	29 CARSEN LIPETZKY (b.)	30 RAY REMMICK (b.) (BRANDTON) VEN HUIZEN (b.) (COURTNEY) WIEST (b.) CARLA and (PAT) WILLEY (w.)				

8/28/2025

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Concordia Lutheran

October 2025

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ANGELINA DOUGLAS (b.) 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 DRENTH (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 BECKY and (JERRY) WIDMER (w.)	20 CHAD HOFFER (b.) TROY and CHERYL HANSON (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.)	28 MARK HETLETVEDT (b.)	29	30 KATHEY ZIEGLER (b.)	31 SAM MAYHAIR (b.) AMANDA TRUDEAU (b.)	

SEPTEMBER

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 LWML Mission Grant #21.
2. For men who heed God's call to serve His people as pastors.
3. For Papua New Guinea, one of the 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
4. For our will to follow God's will, as we grow in relationship with Him.
5. For ways to serve your neighbors with acts of kindness.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission LWML Recording Secretary.
7. For the countries of Panama and Peru.
8. For the LWML Montana and New Jersey Districts.
9. Pray this 10-second prayer. "Lord, I pray for my friend, _____. You love her and I love her. Be with her today. Amen."
10. For your family. Pray that they draw near to Jesus.
11. For the country of the Philippines.
12. For gratitude of the Savior's gift of salvation.
13. For the Lord to heal our world and for His return to put the world right.
14. For our countenance to show the love and grace of the Savior, Jesus Christ.
15. For the country of Myanmar (Burma).
16. For the LWML Nebraska North and Southern Illinois Districts.
17. For the opportunity to show kindness to enemies.
18. For the many around the world who do not yet know You, Lord.
19. For the country of Paraguay.
20. For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our churches, and Christian work throughout the world.
21. For LWML Mission Grant # 22.
22. For the sick and those without shelter.
23. For those hungry and in prison.
24. For those around the world who suffer persecution because of their faith.
25. For the ability to love like Jesus.
26. For the LWML Nebraska South District.
27. For new and future LWML Mission Grants.
28. For an increase in zeal for the Gospel.
29. For random acts of kindness as a way to show the love of God.
30. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
31. For the LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District.

OCTOBER

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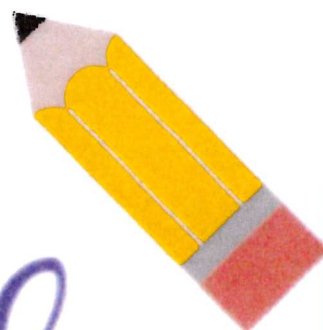
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1. For Autumn and cooler weather.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #23.
3. For Poland, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the LWML North Dakota District.
5. For immigrants and the people who help them settle in the USA.
6. For coaches who give their time to young athletes.
7. For the country of Russia.
8. For musicians who bring us wonderful Christian music.
9. For Youth Group leaders.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Meeting Manager.
11. For LWML Mission Grant #24.
12. For the LWML South Dakota District.
13. For the Florida-Georgia District.
14. For the country of Rwanda.
15. For our senses that allow us to enjoy our beautiful world.
16. For people who struggle to put food on the table.
17. For the country of Siberia.
18. For the LWML Minnesota North District.
19. For our local, state, and national elected leaders.
20. For Sunday school teachers.
21. For the country of Sierra Leone.
22. For the stars God created that are too numerous to count.
23. For beautiful sunsets that bring us to the close of each day.
24. For the country of South Korea.
25. For LWML Mission Grant #25.
26. For God's promise through a rainbow after a storm.
27. For our waste and recycling collectors.
28. For food pantries and people who donate and volunteer their time.
29. For the country of Sri Lanka.
30. For the sun that brightens our days.
31. For the Lutheran Reformation.

Back to

Sunday
School



Rally Day!

SUNDAY SEPT 7TH - 9:00-10:15AM

Concordia Lutheran Church

502 1st Ave N

Jamestown

Inf: Nayva (701) 252-2819



JOIN US FOR A
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

Let's eat some delicious food and hear about the Youth's Trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans . A meal to thank you for your generous support.

Sunday, September 7th
11:30 ish

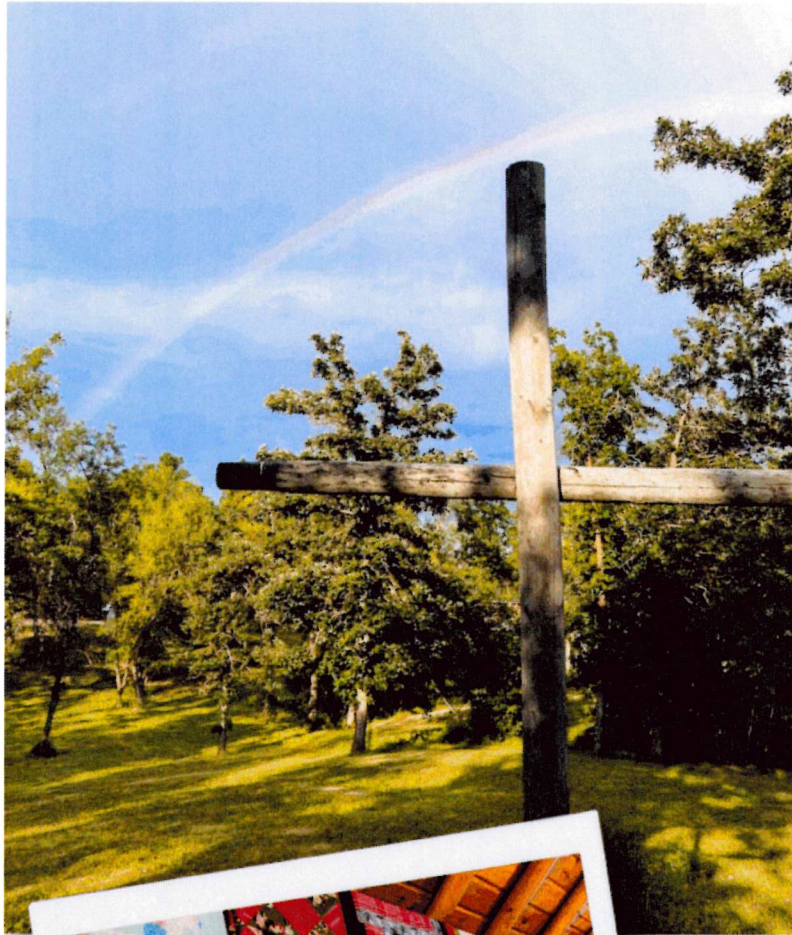
Hot Off the Griddle Pancakes, Farm Fresh Eggs, Sausages, Bisquits and gravy , Fruit Toppings, Cafe Du Mund Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice





**SHEPHERD'S HILL
AT THE
CROSSROADS**

ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA



**COME JOIN US AT
OUR 28TH ANNUAL**

QUILT, CRAFT AND CULINARY ARTS AUCTION

September 13, 2025

Pie Social to begin at
12:30 pm

Auction begins at 1 pm

This auction isn't just any old event -
it's our big shindig to raise funds!
Folks from every nook and cranny of
the state have chipped in and
donated stunning quilts,
mouthwatering treats, and crafts
galore! No haggling here - it's all
about spreading the love with
donations and walking away with
fabulous goodies. Whether you're
celebrating a milestone, welcoming
a new bundle of joy, or simply
spreading joy in the neighborhood,
this auction has a little something
for everyone!

502 Shepherd's Hill Drive
St. John, ND 58369
shretreat.org/auction



Ladies' **BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAYS
7:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Soul Spa

40 Days of Spiritual Renewal

By Sharla Fritz

Bible Study with a glass of Iced Tea

2025 Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND



Please join us for the third annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together family style to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship all in the beautiful Turtle Mountains of northern North Dakota. Event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat.

For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686 mobile.



GUEST SPEAKER: **Rev Sean Daenzer**

The Rev. Sean Daenzer is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. He previously served for seven years as pastor of a dual parish in rural North Dakota.

Daenzer holds a Bachelor of Music in Organ from Hope College, Holland,

Mich. (2006), and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (2011).

He and his wife, Audrey, have four living children (Lucia, Monica, Renata and Christina) and two awaiting the resurrection (Perpetua and Matthias).

**SAVE THE
DATE**

—THIRD ANNUAL— **TURTLE MOUNTAIN** *Ladies' Retreat*

DATES:

Sept 26 – Sept 28, 2025

LOCATION:

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads,
St. John, ND

SPEAKER:

REV. SEAN DAENZER

TOPIC:

*"Liturgical Worship:
A faithful vehicle for delivering the
Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

ORGANIZER:

Noreen Linke

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bottineau

COST:

**\$150 - includes two nights
lodging and food**

DEPOSIT:

\$50 - Non-refundable

Jamestown Area Grief
Support Team
Presents

A Widow's Retreat



October 10-12, 2025
At Maryvale
Retreat Center
Valley City, ND

For a brochure and registration form
or for more information
call Carol at 701-320-3801



YOUTH FOR CHRIST®
JAMES VALLEY

31st Annual Fundraising Banquet

Monday, October 20th, 2025

Jamestown Civic Center

Tim Boyd is a born storyteller, known for his talents as a comedian, fundraiser, and former pastor. For twenty years he cultivated invaluable skills in communication, empathy, and understanding, which continue to shape his approach to comedy and fundraising.

In addition to his pastoral work, Tim serves as the director of a Christian foster care nonprofit, where he works tirelessly to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families. His unique perspective, coupled with his lightning quick wit and relatable humor, has made him a sought-after entertainer and speaker at various events, fundraisers, and churches across the nation.



Mostly, Tim is a husband and father. He and his wife have been married for 23 years. They have 5 children... and little else!

Tim is the author of "Loser: The Two-talent Servant," a hilarious look at the amazing truth found in one of Jesus' parables. Tim's life is a testament to the power of love, laughter, and service. Through his fundraising efforts, he continues to inspire others to find joy in the midst of life's challenges and to make a positive impact in the world.

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



**Concordia
Lutheran's**

NORSK TIDBERFEST

**Pot Luck
(ethnic dishes welcome)**

Photo Booth

Cake Walk

OCT 26th 11:30

SUNDAY MAKE IT FUNDAY

COME GET HOOKED ON JESUS!



**The 2025 LWML ND District
FALL RETREAT in Garrison!**
SEPTEMBER 12, 13 & 14, 2025
Celebrating our 58th Fall Retreat!



*Therefore as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk in him,
rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (Colossians 2: 6-7).*

Deepen your faith in Jesus at the 2025 LWML North Dakota District Fall Retreat. Held at various locations in Garrison, ND, the Fall Retreat will be filled with scripture, worship, service work, music, food, fun & fellowship planned to foster a strong connection to our Lord. Rev. Michael Suelzle will lead Bible Studies and Sing-a-longs and we will attempt to set a new record amount of Mercy Meals! Make plans now to attend with your sisters in Christ! Go to lwmlnd.org for registration form.

2025 LWML FALL RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday Night:

5/5:30..... Hot dogs, dips, chips, etc. At Campfire; bring your chair. *Alternate plans; meet at the church*

Saturday Morning:

7:00..... Breakfast at the church. Registration packet available.

8:30-9:15... Opening devotion

9:30-11:30.. Mercy Meals

12:00..... Lunch in the park; sloppy joes, salads, etc. Free time; shop, ride the trolley, or walk

1:45..... Bible study at the church

2:45..... Singing-For-Mites (*separate from in gathering*)

3:30-4:30... Bible study

4:30-5:30... Make cards for Phil's Friends

5/5:30..... Supper at the church, play yard games, coloring table, & card games at the church

Sunday Morning:

9:00..... Brunch before church

9:30..... *Depending on the status of the pastor*



Trolley Rides



Campfire at [Fort Stevenson State Park campground](#) on Friday night. Hot dogs & s'mores served. Bring along your lawn chair, a snack & drink.



Church services at Peace Lutheran Church, [505 2nd St SW, Garrison](#)



Meals provided, including lunch under the Big Fish garrisonnd.com



Hotel rooms are available at North Shore Inn, Garrison. Say code: LWML Cost: \$102.46 (double queens) Call 701-463-7202 northshoreinnsuites.mydirectstay.com. Please make reservations ASAP. (You can cancel by 3:00 p.m. (CDT) previous day if needed) More accommodations are available in Garrison. Please contact Kathy Rubbert at 701-460-0747



Fort Stevenson: Call 1-800-807-4723 ASAP to reserve a site for tenting, rent a cabin, or camper area. [Fort Stevenson State Park — camping](#)



Registration Cost: **\$80.00** and \$50.00 for ages 13-22 years old.



Ingathering: donation to Mercy Meals. The Mercy Meals service project will take place at the Garrison Auditorium located at: [15 S Main St, Garrison](#). We need about 60 people for Mercy Meals. **Register by September 8** so we can plan accordingly.

Bring BIBLE • Wear PURPLE or LWML shirt for SATURDAY • Bring MITES for Ingathering OFFERING for Mercy Meals • Bring Favorite Songs for SINGING-FOR-MITES!

(email completed form or fill out, trim here & mail)



Mail registration with payment to: **Melissa Sutton, PO Box 15 Alamo, ND 58830**
Phone: (701) 641-1783 Register by mail or email to: lissasutton@nccray.net
Cost: \$80 (\$50 FOR STUDENTS) "Retreat Cost" check payable to: **LWML North Dakota District**

LWML Unit/Church (if applicable):

Check box for: Adult Regis. ☐ Student Regis. ☐

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

List dietary restrictions (food allergies, etc.) _____ Total Amount Due: \$ _____



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

**AT ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN
103 4TH AVE SE, JAMESTOWN, ND**

9:00am: OGT Servant Event

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Bible Study

1:30pm: Annual Meeting

**To attend the Bible study &
afternoon meeting via
Zoom, contact Kirk Rosin.**

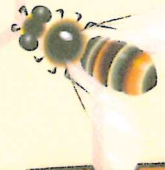
**For more information,
please contact Kirk Rosin**

(701) 361-6441

krosin@juno.com



HONEY SUNDAY



Honey Sundays, hosted by congregations across the United States, support the residential treatment and educational programs at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Purchase a bottle of honey to change the life of a child.

To purchase an 11-ounce bottle of honey:

1. Complete the form below or order online using the QR code on back.
2. Look for the Honey Table set up in your church, and give them your completed form and payment (\$10 suggested donation/bottle).
3. Wait for a sweet bottle of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch honey to arrive in your mailbox.

Please print carefully the name and address of the person you want to receive the honey. (Complete a separate form for each address.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Number of honey bottles purchased for this address.



Use the following prompts to show gratitude each day:

1. Thank God for His faithfulness in your life.
2. Write a note to someone who encouraged you in your faith.
3. Share a verse about gratitude on social media or in a text.
4. Pray for the leadership of Concordia Lutheran Church.
5. Thank a church staff member or volunteer.
6. Reflect on a hymn or worship song that brings you joy.
7. Call or visit someone who may feel lonely.
8. Donate food or clothing to someone in need.
9. Thank God for the beauty of creation – go for a walk!
10. Say a prayer of thanks before each meal today.
11. Send a card to a missionary or ministry partner.
12. Share something you're thankful for with a friend.
13. Reflect on how God has provided for you financially.
14. Thank a Sunday School teacher or Youth Leader.
15. Make a list of 5 blessings from this past week.
16. Bake something for a neighbor.
17. Pray for a family you know from church.
18. Give thanks for someone who has passed their faith to you.
19. Volunteer for a church or community project.
20. Thank someone for their quiet service behind the scenes.
21. Write down a personal story of God's provision.
22. Support a church ministry with time, talent, or treasure.
23. Thank a child or teen for being part of the church.
24. Light a candle and reflect on God's presence in your life.
25. Meditate on your favorite Bible passage about thankfulness.
26. Pray over your financial giving with gratitude.
27. Thank God for His faithfulness in your life.
28. Say a prayer of thanks before you go to sleep today.
29. Text or call a family member to say "thank you".
30. Name someone you are grateful for and why.
31. Thank God for the people of Concordia Lutheran Church!





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Noisy Offering



**1st Sunday of
the Month**