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Our policy is now “masks optional”. Stay tuned to our website and bulletin emails for further updates.

Holy Communion schedule will be reverting to pre-pandemic procedures; that is, Communion is offered at first service (8:15) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at second service (11) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. On months with a 5th Sunday, there will be no communion offered.

Changes

*The [blue tape](#) was removed after the Elder meeting in mid-May. You may sit where you like in the sanctuary.

* With the reimplementation of the [Fellowship Record Books](#) in the pews, we are phasing out Holy Communion registration via SignUp Genius.

*If you remain concerned about [social distancing](#), please be aware that 2nd service is less full than 1st.

*The [livestreaming crew](#) is working on improvements to the experience for those who continue to worship at home. [Hymnals](#) are still available in the office for \$30.



here. They will be installed at both services on Sunday, June 6th.

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The congregation is invited to a graduation reception for **Joshua Worrall** on **May 31st** from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Celebration Center. Hope you can join us!



The congregation is cordially invited to **Jacob Schulz's** Graduation Ceremony and Senior Recital on **June 12th** at 2:00 pm in the Celebration

Center. Following the recital, there will be an open house until 5:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Jacob Schaefer will be graduating from Park Christian High School. The congregation is invited to help him celebrate on **June 5th**, 2-4 pm outside Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Summer Sunday School

will be held in the Student Room for Nursery-5th grade. Grades 6-12 will meet downstairs in the Youth Room with DCE Susie. The layout for this summer will look a little different from previous years with a grab-and-go or grab-and-stay style instead of our usual class with a teacher.

Lessons will be available for different age groups and we

encourage families to do the lesson together! You can either pick up the lesson and do it at home or stay and do it in the Student Room! The 6th-12th graders will be in the basement with DCE Susie this summer. Please contact DCE Susie or Melissa Gornowicz if you have any questions!

Immanuel Lutheran Church Leaders Election

New leaders elected at May's meeting are listed

Show your support by walking up; or, if you're more comfortable, show your support by driving through. Either way, we'd love to have you join us for some curbside treats!



Natalie Tegtmeier's graduation ceremony is at 2 pm on Sunday, **May 30th**. Following the ceremony (about 4 until 7 pm), congregational members are invited to her reception at Hunter

City Hall, 2nd Ave & 1st St W.

(More Graduation info on page 7)



What a Change!

I have a friend who once worked at a gas station and convenience

store. It was something like our "Casey's" or "Holiday" stores. My friend said that they would have a lot of trouble with people who would steal things. It was a kind of shoplifting, only they were very tricky about it. Instead of trying to hide things under their coats they would switch price tags. They would take an item marked 5 dollars and remove its price tag and replace it with a price tag from something marked 2 dollars. They would save three dollars.

You know, there was a time when we were priceless to God. Man lived in a perfect world and had a perfect track record when it came to sin. Sadly, this did not last very long. Because of our sinfulness, our worth—our price tag—went from "priceless" to \$0.00! We were without any value and could do nothing to recoup the loss! Not only did we lose a wonderful relationship with our Heavenly Father, we also found ourselves with a new and terrible eternal fate: an eternity separated from Him!

Now, that's really something, isn't it? Going from priceless to worthless, from Heaven to hell, from being God's children to being God's enemies. A sorry state of affairs for which we could find no solution.

What or who could change this horrible reality? We could do nothing. Those who are without value are also without means! This left the solution in God's hands— the same God we had disobeyed and

rejected. The same God we tried to become. The same God who set us outside the Garden and forbade our re-entry. What would God do?

Amazingly, this God never stopped loving His creation. Even though we were unlovable, God still cared and set the plan for our redemption in motion. God planned from the very beginning to "switch our price tags"! That which once read "\$0" would once again read "priceless" And you know His plan! It's the plan of Good Friday and Easter!

We know that God planned to redeem the world from sin and death by sending His only begotten Son. We know that! We rejoice in that! Jesus came into our world to carry out God's plan to "switch our price tags". We know that we who once were worthless, are now the apple of God's eye. We know all of this, but do we truly understand the cost? Do we really appreciate what took place? Flesh and blood nailed to a cross to suffer and die. The beloved Son of God offered up as a sacrifice in our place, as our Substitute. Jesus laid down His life to change ours. And, what a change! Worthless to priceless, hell to Heaven, death to life, God's enemies to God's children. What a change!

And now, every day is a new beginning for you and for me! Every day we are privileged and blessed to live as those whose "price tags" have been changed. We now rejoice to receive anew the abundance of God's grace and mercy through His Word and Supper. Each day we walk in the forgiveness of God and soak up His overflowing love in Christ that caused Him to change us and to reclaim us as His own – forever!

Rejoicing with you in the joy that is ours in Jesus!

Pastor Schulz



Summer is here. Why not take a load off your mind by having your donations to Immanuel automatically paid? Go to our website's "Donate" tab to begin your giving online.

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Officer Installation

All Officers and Board members (whether newly elected or continuing their terms) should come forward at the appropriate time during services on **Sunday, June 6th**. Installation will take place **both services**.

Officer Retreat Scheduled

The Immanuel Officer Retreat will be at **6:30 pm** on **Wednesday, June 9th**. All officers and Board members (new and experienced) are encouraged to attend. There will be time to determine the chairman of each Board. Plan now to attend.

Greetings from Grace Lutheran School!

Dear Friends of Grace,

God has answered our prayers in His good timing, and it is with great excitement that we announce Mrs. Susan Jahnke has accepted the call as Principal of Grace Lutheran School. We are so thankful for Mrs. Jahnke's leadership and her dedication to serving our school.

We thank all of our family and friends who joined us for Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner. We served approximately 500 people.

On Tuesday, May 25th, graduation ceremonies were held for five 8th graders and 20 kindergarten students (*including Immanuel's Kendall Kittelson*). The outgoing 8th graders are Anna Kempel, Andrew Grothman, Annalise Steege, William Hankel, and Troy Freitag. All five have been Grace students since Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten. Please pray for these young men and women as they move to new high schools this fall that they might be strong in their faith and a light to others.

Grace's summer childcare program, Camp Grace, begins on June 1! We are excited to invite over 40 kids into our care for crafts, field trips, devotions, and plenty of time to play. Camp Grace is directed by Ms. Briana Kowalke this summer.

GLS's summer landscaping project is well underway. A volunteer work crew has prepared the yard for a new sign, new trees, and many new plants and flowers. A Work Day will take place on **Saturday, June 19th at 9 am** to continue the work. We invite the entire association to take part in this project with their time, talent, or treasure. Details on how you can help and items needed are on the website:

www.gracelutheranschoolfargo.org

Enrollment is open year-round at Grace Lutheran School, so there is still plenty of time to register for

school this fall. We offer a robust scholarship program and some of our association churches have generous scholarships for their members. Grace is here to equip children, through daily immersion in God's Word, to navigate the fallen world where Satan tries to take root in every crack. There has never been a more urgent need for the establishment of a strong Christian foundation in every child.

In Christ's service, Amy Hirsch, Office Mgr. at GLS

"Main Street Living" Media Ministry – June Update



MAIN STREET LIVING announces **Jay Schaefer** as the new Executive Director starting June 1st. Jay has served as a music teacher, youth director, and most recently as Chaplin for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch treatment facility in Fargo. He has been recording and editing episodes for the Main Street Living "North" market since it began 5 years ago. Jay is currently editing all episodes for the Main Street Living network, which include 6 episodes per week on 10 television stations in a 6-state area. He is looking forward to continuing and growing the reach of this ministry starting this summer. Jay and his wife ReNae and two children live in Moorhead, MN. Their youngest son Adam will be a 7th grader at Park Christian School. Jacob, their oldest, recently graduated from Park Christian and will be studying Electrical Technology at M State in Moorhead in the fall. Jay is taking over (and grateful) for **Dutch TeSlaa** and the team in Sioux Falls, SD, who began this ministry 20 years ago.

"MSL North" Programs for June 2021:

June 6: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message **"So, What Do You Call a Crazy, Crooked, Kleptomaniac?"** based on Mark 3:20-35. "This Is The Life" episode: **"Some People Need Help"** – 1975; A crusty amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

June 13: Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: **"While in the Body..."** based on 2 Corinthians 5:1-17. "This Is The Life" episode: **"Jeremy"** – Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

June 20: Rev. Joel Newton, St. John's Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: **"Peace, for You,"** based on Mark 4:35-41. "This

Is The Life” episode: “**Flight Plan**” – A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

June 27: Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, presents the message “**Stewardship**,” based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. “This Is The Life” episode: “**Amazing Grace**” – A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith. Programs are broadcast **at 9:00am CST on the following local FOX stations:** KVRP Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, **AND at 10:00am Central (9:00am Mountain)** on the following WDAY & affiliate **Xtra** Channel: WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead.

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 “North (Fargo).”

Thank you for your much-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

To request prayers for the PRAYER CHAIN, contact one of the coordinators: Clarice Michel (Claricemichel39@gmail.com; 701-237-9759) or Sandi Gardner-Leikas (701-237-9661; srendrag@gmail.com). *Note: Prayer Chain items do NOT go on the Prayer Page of the Immanuel News unless directed to do so.*



Our world is alive with all the signs of Spring - so refreshing, and giving us a new ‘lift’ to our lives. And now God is providing us some much-needed rain to help things grow! The theme for our Women’s Spring Brunch, held on May 1, was ‘Bloom and Grow’, focusing not only on plants blooming and growing, but also on us, and the ways we can plant the seeds of faith, nurture faith in others, and be a witness in the world. We had 49 women and children in attendance, enjoying a

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
4-30-2021			
	BUDGET	2021	2020
* RECEIPTS *			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$560,000.00	\$197,218.91	\$175,570.60
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$5,000.00	\$993.50	\$1,722.00
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$10,000.00	\$7,463.00	\$5,788.50
ASSETS RELEASED	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$630,000.00	\$205,675.41	\$183,081.10
* EXPENSES *			
MISSIONS	\$115,000.00	\$41,040.66	\$36,551.41
ELDERS	\$28,550.00	\$11,336.72	\$9,662.34
EVANGELISM	\$4,750.00	\$1,287.50	\$1,250.00
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$3,400.00	\$1,319.97	\$1,160.08
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$46,000.00	\$14,915.92	\$5,491.54
TRUSTEES	\$110,000.00	\$26,598.09	\$25,538.45
ADMINISTRATION	\$270,150.00	\$93,519.30	\$82,985.83
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$69,025.00	\$23,844.39	\$22,078.88
ENDOWMENT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$649,125.00	\$213,862.55	\$184,718.53
HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)	(\$19,125.00)	(\$8,187.14)	(\$1,637.43)
YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D			
BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND		\$6,004.14	\$6,065.00
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS		\$7,381.00	\$9,235.00

morning of devotion, fellowship, entertaining skit, songs, May Basket craft for the children, and, of course, good food! THANK YOU to all those who helped with planning, decorating and purchasing supplies: Deanna Mayland, Karen Woyen, Joan Miller, Patty Walla, Deb Bubach, Brenda Preuss; preparing the skit: Karen Woyen, Joan Miller, Deanna Mayland, Connie Grondahl; preparing the food, and clean up. A BIG THANK YOU to Russ Bubach, who was our master cook, preparing all the egg bakes for us, and then graciously staying to help with serving the coffee before leaving! Also, THANK YOU to Faith Luebke, who provided us with piano music as people were arriving, and then, on short notice, stepped in to accompany our songs during the program. Her talent is appreciated! And THANK YOU to Louise Tegtmeier for creating and printing the invitations and programs! THANK YOU also to those who provided treats and/or helped serve for Mighty Mites Sunday on May 2nd! It was so nice to be able to provide the homemade treats again! Please continue to collect your **Mites** throughout the summer. You can bring them to church in an envelope, box, or bag, labeled, so Deanna, our treasurer knows what the money is for, and place it

into the 'LWML Treasurer' mailbox in the church office. Also, if you have not picked up your **Quarterly magazine** for Spring or the new Summer edition which just arrived, or the **Messenger** newsletter from the ND District, please stop by the purple LWML table in the Welcome Hall and get yours!!

The National LWML Convention will be held June 24-27 in Lexington, KY with the theme 'Running the Race... Looking to Jesus'. The majority of those of us attending from the ND District and the MN North District will be traveling together by bus, with an extra day taken on the return trip to spend at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Please pray for safe travels for all those in attendance, for inspiring sessions, and for wisdom for delegates voting on Mission Grants for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Bloom and Grow through the next weeks and months, planting seeds, nourishing those in need, reaching out to others with the love of Christ! God's blessings to you as you step into summer!

Patty Walla, LWML Immanuel President

Family Serving Groups

Ed Bean, FSG Coordinator, has made calls to the **Bro-Dow** Elder Group for the month of **June**. Please volunteer when you are called to serve coffee or to assist with potlucks. Our first post-health crisis Potluck Meal is set for **September 26th**. (Sorry, **no potluck on June 6th**, which had only been tentatively set).



Thank you, teachers and other helpers for making this health-crisis year a little smoother for our Sunday-School-age children.

Sammi Hintz, Nursery

Brenda Preuss & Sara McNett, Pre-K & Kind.

Krista Klein, 1st Grade

Sara Danielson & Sophie Semanko, 2nd Grade

Mariah Moltzan, 3rd & 4th Grades

Val Severson, 5th Grade

Sue Schulz, 6th & 7th Grades

Adam Presler, 8th Grade

Katie Rolf, Closing Music for N-1

Lisa Esping, SS Secretary

Melissa Gornowicz, SS Superintendent

DCE Susie Danner, SS Opening

Also, thanks to all the parents who 'homeschooled' their Sunday School children during this health-crisis-year.

Many thanks also to Bible Class Leaders, who persevered through this difficult year, too:

Todd Evensen & Ed Bean, Men's Tuesday BC

Pam Sommer, "Rachel" BC

Clarice Michel, "Joanna" BC

Samantha Albrecht, Young Adult BD

Sue Schulz, "Hannah" BC

DCE Susie, HS Youth Group (Weekday & Sun); SS Teachers

Pastor Schulz, Sunday Adult & LSF @ NDSU

Pastor Worrall, Confirmands & Parents; Sun Adult



1Jun – Andria Hulke
 2Jun – Trudy Anderson;
 Joanne Kaeding
 3Jun – Debby Bickle;
 Michael Hallman
 5Jun – Sarah Swenson;
 Kari Lugo; Emily Gress
 6Jun – Ray Albrecht
 7Jun – Vas Soori
 8Jun – Millie Rebsom;
 James Zinke
 9Jun – Lorinda

Semanko; Rebekah Collins

10Jun – Sophie Semanko

11Jun – Erik Baron; Mckinley Esping

13Jun – Lisa Patterson

14Jun – Derek Diers; George Kruger

15Jun – Marlene Ochsner

16Jun – Katelyn Ressler

17Jun – Carolyn Bean; Judy Rossman

18Jun – Nichole Klemz; Tanner Lee

19Jun – Shawn Smith

21Jun – Courtney Emerson; Scott Gunnerson; Evan Woyen

22Jun – Marla Schatzke

23Jun – Jane Moltzan

24Jun – Aryn Dilger; Silas Halstenson (4); Misty Good

25Jun – Sandi Gardner-Leikas; Bernett Rotzien; Beckett Klemz (3)

26Jun – Chad Moen; Shea Tollefson

27Jun – Shara Diers

29Jun – Laura Freitag; Brit Sevens

30Jun – Leenae Gunnerson; Oliver Wendlick (5)

Editor's Note: It has been decided to

combine the July and August **newsletters** this year. The news deadline will be **June 17th** for July-August & **August 19th** for the September issue.

Here is a message from Connie Grondahl to Immanuel's Prayer Chain. It is a good one that sparks a number of things in each of our minds for which to be thankful, so it is included here, too:

"I would like to request a prayer of thanksgiving. I just got back from grocery shopping and it filled my heart. I was able to give and receive beautiful smiles. The store was colorful, bright and fully stocked with no limit signs in sight. The smell of the brat stand greeted me as I left along with voices of friends conversing over lunch. God is good and we are truly blessed!!"



The Board of Education is pleased to announce that Vacation Bible School: God's Wonder Lab will take place on **August 16-20, 2021** from 8:30-11:45 am.

"A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. He does marvelous things!"



Please follow the link below to register your child for VBS by **Sunday, July 25th**.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfCw_a50sudMzqZfCV4fVqWzK4eUYaMY39sg9rHeDeCgv_JQ/viewform

Please follow the link below to sign-up as a volunteer for VBS by Sunday, **July 25th**.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvVXUcW_Gz2CmD_Bjd6aiufw9MtCe8Rs5_9Wl7XO2uqeKgSw/viewform

You can also find these links on the Sunday School tab on the church website (**immanuelfargo.org**). If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to either DCE Susie or any member of the Board of Ed.

Thank you! – DCE Susie Danner

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JUNE Sunday Worship Assistants				
Jun 6	8:15 am	Elder: Andrew E Acolyte: Milan G Usher Team: Stahlecker Greeter: M Larson Video: Kay Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Andrew Eggebraaten A: Ethan H UT: Roesler G: S/C Trautman
Jun 13	8:15 am	E: Russell Bubach A: Hillary H UT: Montana G: M/L Semanko V: Jack Bumgarner	11 am	E: Russell Bubach A: TBD UT: Diers G: R Roesler
Jun 20	8:15 am	E: Jeremy Rolf A: Milan G UT: Semanko G: C/P Sommer V: Jacob Schulz	11 am	E: Jeremy Rolf A: Ellyse M UT: Kosel G: E/L Esping
June 27	8:15 am	E: Steve Larson A: Aryn D UT: Rachow G: D Montana V: Kay Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Steve Larson A: Dillan T UT: McCoy G: B/J Jacobson

- 1Jun – Caleb & Hannah Worrall (2nd); Lisa & Todd Vasichuk (5th)
- 2Jun – Jerry & Dila Bierdeman (5^{8th})
- 5Jun – Sandi & Len Leikas (28th); Stan & Jill Schroeder (17th)
- 6Jun – Mike & Laura Nikolich (6th)
- 7Jun – Jay & ReNae Schaefer (24th)
- 8Jun – Terry & Dolly Meyer (17th); Emma & Stafford Thompson (2nd)
- 9Jun – Wayne & Elaine Hankel (58th)
- 11Jun – Paul & Jenny DeBoer (21st); Layne & Jenni Jenkins (3rd)
- 16Jun – Jim & Bernett Rotzien (31st)
- 17Jun – Angela & Ryan Haring (15th)
- 18Jun – Gretchen & Adam Amundson (5th)
- 19Jun – Dorothy & Michael Bartz (6th)
- 21Jun – Ray & Kerri Albrecht (35th); Bruce & Val Severson (56th)
- 23Jun – Chris & Lisa Olson (20th)
- 24Jun – Joe & Sherry Maly (43rd)
- 25Jun – Duane & Gayle Langeberg (61st)
- 26Jun – Bill & Rachelle Fortier (11th)
- 27Jun – Tiffaney & Jeffery Wiedeman (18th)
- 28Jun – Clint & Pat Podoll (47th); Bernie & Carolyn Worrall (35th)
- 29Jun – Evan & Carol Hass (53rd); Les & Patty Ressler (25th)
- 30Jun – Jay & Pam Beam (20th)



2021 HS Graduates (continued):



Conner
Asche



Abbie
Evensen



Ben Diers



Sofia
Jacobson



Noah
Olson



Bryce
Ressler



Caden
Sannes



Rylee
Hoppe



Jordan
Engebretson



Laura
Simmons

Graduate	HS	Next Step	Major
Conner Asche	Oak Grove	Dordt Univ, Iowa	Engineering
Ben Diers	Fgo Davies	NDSU	Music Ed.
Jordan Engebretson	Top scores on GED	NDSU	Mech. Eng.
Abbie Evensen	Fgo South	MSUM	Elem/Sp. Ed.
Rylee Hoppe	Fgo Davies?		
Sofia Jacobson	Fgo North	SPA Academy	<i>(already started)</i>
Noah Olson	Homeschool	NDSU	Architecture
Bryce Ressler	WFgo Sheyenne	NDSU (also NDArNG)	Criminal Justice
Caden Sannes	Fgo North	Undecided	Graphic Arts
Jacob Schaefer	Park Christian	MN State	Electrician
Jacob Schulz	Homeschool	Hillsdale College	Political Journ/ Pastor
Laura Simmons	Homeschool / Fgo North	NW Medill Sch/Journalism	Journalism
Natalie Tegtmeier	Northern Cass	Univ of Iowa	English (Cr. Writing/Publ)
Josh Worrall	Fgo North	Itasca Comm College	Materials Engineering

corner has a tab called “Locators” which is so easy to use *(really! 😊)*.

A Place Where Children Can Thrive Partnering to Care of the Least of These in Kenya

(from the LCMS website – though the article is from 2016, it is a good snapshot of this project that we periodically feature here)

Story by Megan K. Mertz | Photography by Erik M. Lunsford

Fifteen-year-old Pamela Cherotich gets up at 5 a.m. every day. Although it’s early, she doesn’t mind, because she has the opportunity to go to school — something she hasn’t always been able to do. Until two years ago, Pamela was struggling to take



Vacation Plans?

Go to lcms.org in order to find LCMS churches (and their worship times) wherever you go this summer. The upper-right

care of herself and her seven younger siblings. The children were left to fend for themselves after their father died and their mother was inherited by another man — a custom still practiced among traditional Pokot people of western Kenya.

As a young woman on her own in rural Kenya, Pamela also faced an additional danger: being taken as the third or fourth wife of a much older man.

That’s when the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) learned of Pamela’s situation and “rescued” her, according to Deaconess Peris Kipchumba, manager of the Udom Children’s Center in Chepareria.

Pamela is one of 50 children — 26 girls and 24 boys — who live at Udom, one of four boarding-school facilities operated by the ELCK with assistance from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). The site, which opened in 2010, provides a Christ-centered, safe environment for children who might otherwise not be able to attend school. While there, children also receive meals, medical care and daily opportunities to learn about the Word of God. The four facilities were built as part of Project 24, a partnership between the ELCK, the LCMS Office of International Mission, and various LCMS individuals and organizations. The LCMS recently launched a sponsorship program called Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya (CCCK), which matches donors in the United States with children at the Project 24 sites.

Although each child at Udom has a different story, they are all now safe and cared for because church and community leaders in the ELCK’s Northwest Diocese identified them and took action.

“The children in the [CCCK] project are vulnerable in some way, as determined by the community and the church,” said the Rev. Shauen Trump, LCMS area director for Eastern and Southern Africa.

“Perhaps they are orphans. Perhaps their parents are extremely poor. Perhaps they only have one parent or there’s a disability in their family.

Perhaps they are the youngest of a great number of siblings or the oldest of a great number of siblings.

“In some aspect of their lives, they are vulnerable to dropping out of school or not completing primary school,” he continued. “So the program allows those children to go into a place where they can focus on their studies.”

Students at Udom and the other three Project 24 facilities attend nearby primary schools, many of which are sponsored by the ELCK.

Although each child at Udom has a different story, they are all now safe and cared for because church and community leaders in the ELCK’s Northwest Diocese identified them and took action.

Listen to the ‘Essential Translatable’ Podcast from *February 05, 2021: Episode 22: “The ABCs of Bible Translation,”* which features Dr. Grossmann. Here is a ‘teaser’: “Once upon a time...” The phrase may sound beautiful, but it would not be an accurate way to begin the story of Jesus’s birth. Now try to begin to imagine all the struggles of translating in another culture and language! Join Dr. Becky Grossmann and co-hosts, Emily Wilson and Rich Rudowske, to discuss the idea of discourse, why it’s important, implementation and outcomes in translations, and the joy found in God’s Word. “*When you’re translating, you want to make sure that you’re using features that are natural in their language...*” –



Becky



Dr. Becky Grossmann, Bible translation consultant, Lutheran Bible Translators

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memorials & gifts	
From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Jim/Patty Walla (5-3)	LAVERNE SOMMER
Clint/Pat Podoll	LAVERNE SOMMER
Bruce/Kay Levenson	DAVE VIKER
Rhoda Viker (5-9)	LAVERNE SOMMER
Richard/Norma Frohberg	LAVERNE SOMMER
Bob/Donna Roach	LAVERNE SOMMER
Delores Berndt	LAVERNE SOMMER
Beth Heller	LAVERNE SOMMER
Nyla Nolte	LAVERNE SOMMER; BILL & GINA NOLTE
Vi Aasland	LAVERNE SOMMER
Steve/Janet Asche	DAVE VIKER; KEN STEVENSON
Brad/Pam Loose	DAVE VIKER
Rhoda Viker	DAVE VIKER
Myrna Larson	LAVERNE SOMMER
Virginia Lepage (5-17)	LAVERNE SOMMER
Steve/Janet Asche	LAVERNE SOMMER
Sandi Gardner-Leikas	LAVERNE SOMMER
Bob Stahlecker (5-23)	DICK DEMRO; LUCILLE GLESSING
Wayne/Elaine Hankel	CRAIG FIEDLER

North Dakota District LCMS Message in the Pew May 2021

1-1-1 Mission Giving

What is 1-1-1? What is it used for? Why one dollar per Sunday? Our congregational members would like some answers!



1-1-1 Mission Giving is our LCMS members giving \$1 per baptized member per week to help fund missions in the North Dakota District. **It is simple!** Place your dollar for each member of your family in the box located in your church each Sunday. These dollars are sent to the District with the congregation's regular mission offerings and are used only for North Dakota District missions. Don't carry cash? You can send a check directly to the District office for \$52 per member and mention it's for 1-1-1. Thanks to all of you who support 1-1-1!

Who are these ND missions? Wittenberg Chapel, All Faith's Chapel at Life Skills and Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth Ministry, Main Street Living North, Church Worker Assistance Program, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya, and our Chile Partnership all benefit. The mission expenses (except for the International missions) can be found in the first expense line of the Financial Information. The 1-1-1 Mission Giving money sent to the District is also listed.

The North Dakota District has 18,150 baptized members. \$1/1 member/1 week x 52 weeks = \$943,800. Just imagine the mission work we could do!!! Look for a special collection box and an informational brochure at your church!

Congregations' Status

Pres. Arie Bertsch

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (Rev. Aaron Filipek).
Trinity, LaMoure: vacancy (Rev. Chris Brademeyer).
Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (Rev. Tom Eckstein).
St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).
Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel, Wahpeton is considering a call to First Lutheran, El Cajon, CA.
Mrs. Susan Jahnke has accepted the call for Principal at Grace Lutheran School, Fargo.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS Financial Information April 2021

INCOME	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$74,535.23
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(26,087.33)
Other Gifts	1,357.39
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$49,805.29
EXPENSES:	
Local Missions and Committee Activities:	\$13,135.11
(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	
Congregational Support	39,143.51
(Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,917.19)
Current gifts given for these missions	(3,676.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$10,000)	2,500.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	6,750.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Net Expenses	\$55,935.43
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR APRIL	\$6,130.14
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$0.00
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$23,732.70

April was an average month for giving in the District and at first glance it looks like a loss, but we did pay out over \$9K to our International missions. And we are still in the black! Praise be to God! In our digital age, online giving options make a lot of sense. If your congregation does not take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of April 30, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$2,180.00
Chile Partnership	\$1,420.00

Please contact Tamí Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

You can now give to the District via on-line through Joyful Response. Click on the GivePlus+ button on nodaklcms.org.

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