

**Greetings from the  
 GFF Implementation  
 committee**



Happy Easter from the GFF Implementation committee! The time has come for construction! As you read this, we will be in full demolition mode with asbestos remediation happening in the basement. Please be aware during this phase of the project that we want to have the basement be **“off limits”** until completion. It is important to note that the main level of the church will be open “as usual” and is safe; we have taken all the necessary steps to ensure the containment area encompasses all the hazards and a portion of the project includes DAILY monitoring of the area while work is happening. If there are any specific questions or concerns regarding needing to be in the basement, please speak with Josh Gornowicz or Mitch Semanko.

As a reminder on the **schedule**: April-Asbestos removal and remediation. Once completed, our general contractor will begin complete demolition of the space the remainder of April and into May. Reconstruction should be happening by June to stay on schedule for the planned completion by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Once a certificate of occupancy is in hand, the last step will be prepping classrooms for Sunday School. We will be providing minuteman talks every few weeks with progress and to let everyone know when the asbestos is removed and complete.

Shifting gears a little – those who were able to attend the March voters meeting heard a lot of **good news** regarding our financial situation for GFF. The project is fully funded at this point, with still more commitments for the remainder of 2024 that have a potential surplus of \$150k+. **Praise God** for your generous support of the project! In being good stewards of our resources, the GFF committee along with our church Council have begun discussions on how we should handle the surplus funding allocated for this building project. We feel that there is a good opportunity to revisit many of the “smaller” projects that were identified during our congregational survey from a few years

ago, as well as a more recent item regarding building security. There are a few projects that we believe is wise to engage our general contractor for the basement to leverage their expertise and resources to potentially accomplish some of these, while they have people on site working versus separate times at later dates. These are some of the items on the short list:

- Sanctuary balcony – Remodel/reconfigure layout
- Doorway/emergency exit to the balcony on east side of sanctuary – Replace original doors that do not seal well and water damage to floor/sill area
- North doorway of building-replace full door and/or hardware
- Kitchenette in student room – Full remodel of area
- Building security project – Initial thoughts are this project is in the \$10-\$15k range.

If there are other ideas or priorities you’d like to see addressed or investigated further, please speak to a member of the GFF committee or church Council by the end of April. We have asked the congregation in the March voters meeting to be prepared to vote on project approvals at the May meeting. We plan to have firm bid prices for any project requesting approval at that point.

*The GFF implementation committee,  
 Josh Gornowicz, chair*

*He is Risen*



**Save the Date!**

*Pasta with a Purpose*

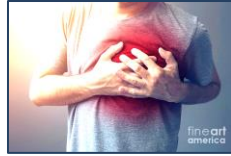
**Saturday, April 27  
 12-7 pm**

**Grace** Lutheran School  
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*They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)*

Heart burn. That's usually a bad thing, right? But here it is good! And notice where it stems from – the Scriptures and Jesus opening those



Scriptures to show Himself revealed in the Word. That's when the heart really starts to burn! We almost always get this wrong in the church. We attribute the movements of the Holy Spirit, and the excitement we find in the church, around superfluous things. We find the music in the church moving, both contemporary or traditional. We fixate on the mood or atmosphere of worship, how the members all speak up in unison. I can sense when the congregation is really getting into the liturgy, and when they hang back. When the clocks were moved forward one hour – yeah, I could sense that one too!

But the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus weren't given heart burn by any of those things. But it was Christ showing himself in the scriptures that really warmed their hearts. Luke tells us, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:25-27)

Our Lutheran Confessions sum it up this way: "We should not and cannot pass judgment on the Holy Spirit's presence, operations, and gifts merely on the basis of our feeling, how and when we perceive it in our hearts. On the contrary, because the Holy Spirit's activity often is hidden, and happens under cover of great weakness, we should be certain, because of and on the basis of his promise, that the Word which is heard and preached is an office and work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He assuredly is potent and active in our hearts." (Formula of Concord; SD, Art II)

Heart burn comes from the Gospel. It comes from seeing Jesus in the Scriptures as the one who suffered and died for our sins, and rose again for the hope of our resurrection. There – in the Word,

sung, taught, proclaimed, and confessed – our hearts are strangely warmed. For the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life always comfort the heart of a Christian. And when the formula speaks of "cover of great weakness" it means that often times this sung, taught, proclaimed, and confessed word is often done by frail and weak individuals. It just sounds like so many words from a very old book. Why should this have any impact upon me? But faith hears the gospel all for me. It hears that Jesus died for me, and rose again, for me.

*Pastor Bernie Worral*

**Thank you** to all of the volunteers who helped move Sunday School classrooms and Sunday morning youth items from the basement! Your many hands were so helpful and appreciated! And your hard work allows the kids & youth ministries to "Stand Firm" as we press on with God's Firm Foundation! To Him be the Glory! Thank you!!

*-Melissa Gornowicz, SS Superintendent (1 Cor. 15:58)*

Lutheran Church Extension Fund  
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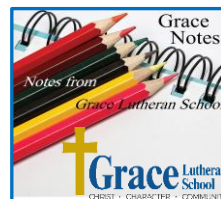
## NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications close April 14, 2024.  
Winners will be announced on May 6, 2024.

Learn more and apply at  
[lcef.org/northdakotascholarship](http://lcef.org/northdakotascholarship)

Questions about this scholarship?  
Connect with **Tami Ulland**  
LCEF District Vice President  
[tami.ulland@lcef.org](mailto:tami.ulland@lcef.org)  
701-360-1469

WIN A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP!



**Spring greetings from Grace Lutheran School.**

**Save the date for Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 27 from**

**12-7 pm.** Sign ups to volunteer will be available on the school's website in April. Please consider assisting with this fun social event.

This summer, Camp Grace will take place at St Andrew Lutheran Church to make way for

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construction at the school. We are looking for part-time or full-time summer childcare workers to work with a great group of kids. If you are interested in a position at Camp Grace, please contact the school for an application before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Calendar:

March 28 – April 1 – Easter Break, No School

April 10 – Donuts for Dads

April 26 – No School

## March 17 Voter's Meeting update:

There are quite a few people in membership classes and transferring in. We will gather to welcome them during a **potluck meal** on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Immanuel voters approved to support the Grace School Phase 1 project last year (**GTIG**). That project will be done this summer. There are some changes in the project (new roof, geothermal heating) since approval. Information on the project and the changes will be provided to members prior to the May Voters Meeting (May 19<sup>th</sup>), and we will decide then whether to add the project changes to our capital campaign.

Donations for **GFF** have been very good, including pledges we pray will be fulfilled. Some contractor costs are down. The Implementation Committee is looking into doing additional projects for which there would be good savings, due to the contractor already being on site this summer. Those will be studied in greater detail, information provided to the congregation about any changes, and the congregation will vote on them at our May Voters Meeting.

It was reported that we had volunteers for 5 of the 10 upcoming **officer vacancies**, and another person agreed to nomination for another office. Since then, the first person asked to consider nomination for two additional vacancies agreed. We are waiting to hear decisions from the first people asked to consider nomination to the remaining two vacancies. Thank you, Immanuel members, for your heart for service to our congregation and the Lord. The **Nominating** Committee members are Myrna Larson, Sara McNett, Dave Manzey, Mitch Semanko, Pastor Worrall, and Jim Walla (chair). If you are asked to consider serving your congregation and the Lord in one of these offices, *please be open to the request* and prayerfully consider whether you are willing and able to be nominated.

*Jim Walla, Congregational President*

**IMMANUEL IMAGE, APRIL 2024**

## Growing Together in Grace Capital Campaign April Update



The Growing Together in Grace campaign continues to move quickly. \$1.91 million is raised and bids were awarded to Meineke Johnson, SA

Mechanical, and Dakota Electric. Construction will begin in late May and tentative completion will be in late August.

To Christ be the glory for the success of this campaign. Thanks to all of our churches, friends, and supporters for believing in this project and working hard to bring it to life. The committee continues to work toward fully funding the project by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you wish to support the Growing Together in Grace campaign, gifts may be sent to PACE at 1025 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or through the online giving link at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org). Questions? Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glfargo.org).

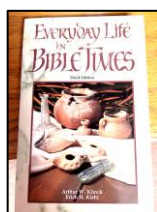
## Board for Human Care update

The Board for Human Care hosted a food drive for the Emergency Food Pantry over the month of March. All items will receive a proportional match through Minnesota FoodShare! The Immanuel News will list our final tally.

Also, Immanuel is hosting a week of volunteering at the Emergency Food Pantry April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer times run from 9:30 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm. See sign-up in the Sign-Up Center.

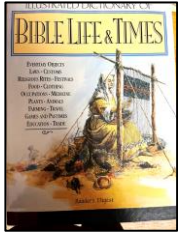
## Greetings from Immanuel Lutheran Library!

Spring is here! And with spring, we see God's handiwork around us... trees start to bud, green blades of grass shoot up and gardens come to life. Think for a minute... what plants were around during Biblical times? Could we grow these in our own garden? What vegetables were grown and eaten? What kind of fruits did people enjoy? If this planted a seed of curiosity in your mind and you would like to find out more about this, the

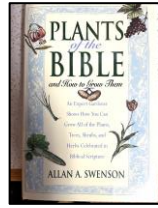


library has books for you! Everyday Life in Bible Times has a chapter on Food and Drink which includes the use of vegetables and herbs. Bible Life & Times has chapters on agriculture, vineyards, and

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orchards. Plants of the Bible and How to Grow Them reviews the plants, trees, shrubs, and herbs celebrated in the Bible. Water your curiosity ... **check them out!!**



*Connie Grondahl, Librarian*

## Family Serving Groups

Ed Bean, FSG Coordinator, has stated the **Mea** group (Menze-Podoll) is set for April, the May group will be **Pre** (Preuss to Severson), and the **Sha** (Sharpe to Trautman) group is assigned to June. Thank you for volunteering once or twice per year to assist with serving coffee time and the occasional congregational dinner.

## Synodical College/Seminary/Colloquy Scholarship Application

The Immanuel Board of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the 2024-2025 Synodical College/Seminary Scholarship application. All interested members are encouraged to apply. The link to the application is <https://forms.gle/1FfCdENetDRWBNka8> Should you prefer the link in email, request the link from [ilcboardofed@gmail.com](mailto:ilcboardofed@gmail.com) The application is due **April 28, 2024**. Please contact the email or a member of the Immanuel Board of Education with your questions or comments.

## Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Application

The Immanuel Board of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the 2024-2025 Grace Lutheran School Scholarship application. All interested families are encouraged to apply. The link to the application is <https://forms.gle/P4fEhEpJBWT4D1eG6> Should you prefer the link in email, request the link from [ilcboardofed@gmail.com](mailto:ilcboardofed@gmail.com) The application is due **April 28, 2024**. Please contact the email or a member of the Immanuel Board of Education with your questions or comments.

## Immanuel's 75th Anniversary Cookbook update

A cookbook is the only project proposed to date to help us commemorate Immanuel's 75th anniversary in 2025. The project committee is led by Tiffany Menze. Recipes can be submitted anytime over the next several months (no deadline at this time). We want to have the cookbook printed and available during our anniversary celebration. It is planned to be a memento cookbook, of course, with many great recipes from members and with a large dash of Immanuel history sprinkled in.

To Submit: A format has been set up so people can submit recipes directly (go to <https://forms.gle/omrhin4Fig1xeuY4A>). Scanning the QR code below with your cell phone camera also brings you to that form. Direct submission



reduces retyping errors and prep time. Paper forms are also available for submission of hard copies of recipes for those that can't submit by email (on the Welcome Table). There is an initial limit of two recipes per person per category – we would like you to share your very

favorite recipes. There are 16 categories, as listed on the submission page, so anyone that wishes will be able to get many recipes included.

There are more recipes that have been submitted this last month, but certainly not enough for a whole cookbook yet! A new section will be titled "Food for a Crowd," where all our church's favorite recipes for Advent, Funeral, and Lenten meals will be listed. For questions, email Tiffany at [immanuelcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelcookbook@gmail.com) or talk to her at church.



Two (2) cemetery plots at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Fargo are still available for purchase. If interested, contact Clint Podoll (701-793-7133.)

## Concert – save the date:

FM Bach Choir Summer Concert, Thursday, August 8, 7pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church. *Interested in participating in the Bach Choir? Contact Katie Rolf at [Kathryn.rolf@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.rolf@gmail.com); 651-336-1012.*

**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; srendrag76@gmail.com). You may also wish to join the prayer chain. Contact Clarice or Sandi to volunteer. *Note: Prayer Chain items do NOT go on the Prayer Page of the Immanuel News unless directed to do so.*



**“Main Street Living” Media Ministry – March Update**

**HE IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN**

**INDEED!** Of all the truths taught and believed, this is the most important one, that Jesus rose physically from the dead! *“So the Jews said to Him [Jesus], ‘What sign do You show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking about the temple of His body. **When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.**”* (John 2:18-22) May we also continue to REMEMBER and BELIEVE!

*Ken Koehler, MSLN Coordinator*

**“MSL North” Programs for April 2024:**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Daniel Provost, Trinity Lutheran Church, Drayton, ND, and Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, ND, presents the message: “Peace” based on John 20:19-31. *“This Is the Life” program: “Three Days” - The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.*

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, ND, St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural St. Thomas, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, ND, presents the message: “The Good Shepherd Laid Down His Life for You” based on John 10:11-16. *“This Is the Life” program: “Break up” - A divorced couple struggles with direction in their lives after meeting again.*

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rev. Jim Meyer, member of St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: “What Kind of Shepherd Is Christ?” based on John 10:11-18. *This Is the Life” program: “Alibi” - A father tries to*

*reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother.*

**April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: “Where is Jesus?” based on Acts 8:26-40. *“This Is the Life” program: “No Place to Hide” - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.*



**“4x4”**

The Board of Outreach at Immanuel is continuing our “in-reach and outreach” initiative. Four by Four is a fellowship program designed to create an evening (or afternoon) of interaction and fun among members of a congregation who might otherwise never have an opportunity to get to know each other. The sign-up is open in the Sign-Up Center for meetings during April, May, and June.

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
2-29-2024			
	BUDGET	2024	2023
<b>* RECEIPTS *</b>			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$585,000.00	\$116,365.46	\$106,004.16
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$12,000.00	\$1,918.00	\$1,426.00
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$13,000.00	\$1,181.80	\$960.00
ASSETS RELEASED	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>*TOTAL RECEIPTS*</b>	<b>\$670,000.00</b>	<b>\$119,465.26</b>	<b>\$108,390.16</b>
<b>* EXPENSES *</b>			
MISSIONS	\$122,000.00	\$23,826.69	\$21,624.04
ELDERS	\$30,400.00	\$4,960.49	\$3,152.43
EVANGELISM	\$6,675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$3,900.00	\$652.46	\$1,309.47
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$66,650.00	\$10,553.68	\$9,071.48
TRUSTEES	\$89,100.00	\$17,726.81	\$18,556.29
ADMINISTRATION	\$275,700.00	\$45,343.18	\$42,387.55
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$70,850.00	\$3,533.66	\$9,215.36
ENDOWMENT	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>*TOTAL EXPENSES*</b>	<b>\$669,525.00</b>	<b>\$106,596.97</b>	<b>\$105,316.62</b>
<b>HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>	<b>\$12,868.29</b>	<b>\$3,073.54</b>
<b>*YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D*</b>			
<b>BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND</b>		\$3,210.64	\$3,951.74
<b>GFF (Basement Remodel)</b>		\$26,902.76	\$6,938.72
<b>GTIG (Grace Bldg Project)</b>		\$1,024.78	\$0.00
<b>THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS</b>		\$2,158.00	\$2,790.00



### Building Healthy Families:

If you or someone you know and love has experienced the heartbreaking loss of a newborn through miscarriage or stillbirth, please plan to attend **Heartache & Hope with Infant Loss** on Saturday, April 6 from 1:00 pm –

4:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot or Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. Come to learn what is helpful – and not helpful – following such a painful, life-changing experience. Brought to you by the North Dakota District of the LCMS and led by Thanatologist (grief specialist) Dr. Mark VandeBraak with Lutheran Family Service, this informational program will be an important help to any parent, family member, or loved one who has suffered such a loss. No cost to attend, but please register your intent to come by contacting Rev. Les Wolfram by email at [pastor.wolfram@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.wolfram@gmail.com) or by phone call or message to his office at (701)258-4231 or cell phone at (701) 400-0646.

**Lutheran Family Service**  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)



We are still in need of more **greeters** [15-minute commitment about 6-8 times per year] and **ushers (especially for second service)** [serving on a team about once every 3-5 weeks]. Contact the

office for more information about these volunteer opportunities.



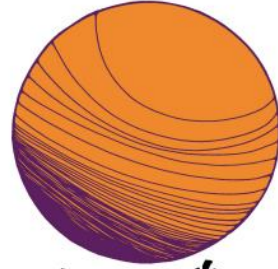
We are into our Spring activities with

LWML, and looking forward to warmer spring days in which to get out and participate. You are encouraged to join with us in Christian fellowship and service as often as you can!

Put these dates on your calendar and bring your bright smiles and willing participation:

**Saturday, April 13, 8:45–12:45** – Eastern Zone Spring Event, hosted at Grace Lutheran Church. Theme: “Gathering,” focusing on the work of Orphan Grain Train, with Kirk Rosin speaking about OGT in the USA. Ingathering: 10 listed items needed by OGT (see poster). If you choose to give

money, make checks payable to Orphan Grain Train. MITES offerings given as checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church, memo ‘Mites.’ A noon meal will be served.



*He chose us  
in Christ  
before the  
foundations  
of the world*

EPHESIANS 1:4

God has lavished on us so many blessings as related in Ephesians 1 which we can put to use in mission in lively witness to all of Jesus Christ, echoing God's will that all be saved and kept under the shadow of His wing.

#### Spring Event 2024

April 13 at Grace Lutheran Church

- 8:45 - 9:15 ~ Registration and coffee
- 9:15 - 9:30 ~ Welcome and opening devotions
- 9:30 - 10:15 ~ Speaker - Kirk Rosin from OGT
- 10:15 - 10:30 ~ Break
- 10:30 - 11:15 ~ Bible study - Pastor Allen Kramp
- 11:15 - 11:45 ~ Activity
- 11:45 - 12:30 ~ Lunch
- 12:30 - 12:45 ~ Closing and Announcements



*Still Gathering...*

Ingathering items for Orphan Grain Train:

Items to make hygiene and layette kits:	Specific items needed are:
towels / wash cloths	combs
nail clippers (no files)	regular bars of soap
cloth diapers	rubber pants

They also collect monetary donations to help with the cost of shipping.

**Sat, April 27, 9:30 am** – Immanuel’s Women’s Spring Brunch. Our theme this year is “*Serve the Lord with Gladness.*” With this theme, we are focusing on the History of Aprons, as aprons were often donned as women busied themselves with various ways of service. We ask you to wear an apron, or bring aprons to put on display, sharing memories/stories of their use and those who wore them. So, get looking for those old, as well as new, aprons and enjoy recalling the many memories! We will have aprons provided for our young daughters/granddaughters attending to decorate with fabric markers. There will be a delicious brunch served – no charge for the brunch, but we will have a collection for MITE offerings to go toward meeting our District and National selected Mission Goal projects. To assist in our planning, there is a sign-

up sheet at the LWML display area in the Welcome Hall. We encourage you to join us, also bringing friends and family members, including your daughters, to celebrate and fellowship with us, rejoicing in the many ways we can be, and have been, God's hands and feet, serving others.

**Sun, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Mighty Mites Sunday – LWML will be serving coffee and treats between Services. Each Circle is asked to provide 5 doz. cookies/bars. Chancel Circle serves.

**June 14-16, 2024** – LWML ND District Convention in Bismarck. Information about the convention is in the ND Messenger newsletter, found on the LWML table in the Welcome Hall, including registration forms and motel information.

Registration deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*May God bless you and fill you with Easter joy as we rejoice in the salvation and eternal victory won for us on the cross by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

*Patty Walla, LWML Unit President*

### **My Faith Story...**

Perhaps you can submit an article for next month? A booklet of all the "My Faith Stories" will be made for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025 – won't you consider contributing?

memorials & gifts	
From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Dave/Karlene Gilster (3-3)	STEVE STREGE
Nyla Nolte (3-24)	PAUL NOLTE
Tim Flakoll	ALDEN FLAKOLL
Clint/Pat Podoll	ALDEN FLAKOLL



2Apr – Jim & Melody Spangelo (47<sup>th</sup>); Dan & Sarah Swenson (8<sup>th</sup>)  
 3Apr – Bryan & Liz Danielson (31<sup>st</sup>)  
 4Apr – Ken & Marla

Schatzke (37<sup>th</sup>)

7Apr – Paul & Lori Ill (23<sup>rd</sup>)

8Apr – Lowell & Melissa Halstenson (9<sup>th</sup>)

11Apr – Larry & Sheila Bakken (43<sup>rd</sup>)

17Apr – Travis & Krista Klein (20<sup>th</sup>)

18Apr – Bruce & Nancy Manzey (55<sup>th</sup>)

22Apr – Trent & Lydia Westphal (7<sup>th</sup>)



1Apr – Lydia Westphal  
 2Apr – Violet Tegtmeier-Flores  
 3Apr – Keaton Klemz

4Apr – Gretchen Amundson

6Apr – DeLores Koenig (98); Kelly Kittelson

8Apr – Kendall Kittelson (9); Prescott Kreklau (2); Becca Rolf

10Apr – Cassidy Johnson; Nathan Ochsner; Jason Wilkie

11Apr – Aaron Simmons; Andrea Engebretson

12Apr – Alyssa Briggs; Shayla Marohl; Vivian Schroeder (7)

13Apr – Brent Wilkens; Rose Soori; John Trandem; Malaki Cruz (7)

14Apr – Dila Bierdeman (82)

15Apr – Ted Gangelhoff; Brant Jacobson; Wyatt Sather

17Apr – Lori Ill, Ben Bernard

18Apr – Kellen Bubach; Jenna Carr

20Apr – Louise Tegtmeier; Mike Maassel

21Apr – Esther Stevenson (89); Marsha Rau; Paul DeBoer

22Apr – Nancy Liberda; Joel Preuss; Brecken Walla (6)

23Apr – Dianne Foster

24Apr – Mark Manzey, Eden Riesen (9)

25Apr – Mary Moen

26Apr – Colleen Czichotzki; Patrick Moltzan

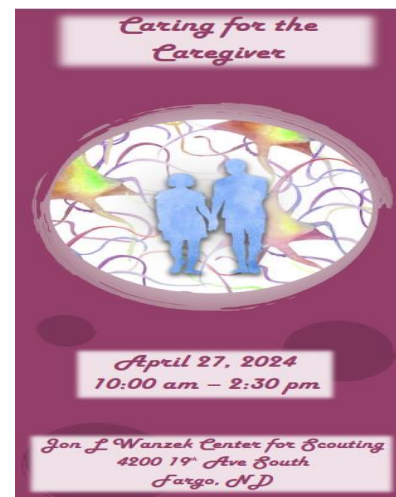
27Apr – Shawn Gangelhoff; Donna Piper; Jacob Dettling; Weston Amundson (7); Kampbell Zellers (6)

28Apr – Patty Walla; Ashley Odegard

29Apr – Jeff Salmonson

30Apr – Nancy Sornsin; Clarice Michel (90)

**Event Sponsored by Lutherans for Life:**





### Save the Date!

VBS at Immanuel is set for mornings from August 5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>.

*I can't thank you, my dear church family, enough for the unbelievable kindness you've shown me. Not only by the generosity of the gift of money, but by the unending support & love I've received from all of you since that sunny May day I walked through the doors of Immanuel. I love and cherish you all. Love, Amy Walker*

**LCMS Youth Gathering Interest Meeting**

**Sunday, April 14th**  
**after 2nd Service**

**Meet in the Celebration Center**

**ENDURE**  
2024 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

SERVING THE LORD IN

**PUERTO RICO**

NEWS FROM ASHLEY LEHR

### WORKSHOPS

*We continue to host workshops at our Mercy Centers on topics that may be of interest and of help to the community. Crafts are of high interest with a lot of ladies in our area. Two friends of the congregation in Ponce - who first came to know us through ESL classes over three years ago and are now in confirmation classes - led a Valentine Day card making workshop for us on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We always begin the workshop with a short devotion and prayer for our time together.*



**PICNIC IN THE PARK OUTREACH**  
On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios, our congregation in the San Juan Metro area hosted an outreach event at the Isla de Cabras (like a state

*park). The day started off rainy, windy, and cold but turned into a beautiful day. We sang hymns, enjoyed a picnic lunch, and fellowship time together while telling others at the park about the Lutheran Church. It was worth waking up before the sunrise and driving across the Island to join these joyful Lutherans.*

You can support my work by giving online to [www.lcms.org/lehr](http://www.lcms.org/lehr) or sending a check to Mission Central.

**SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS**  
ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

Camps, Retreats, Camping, Cabin Rentals and Outdoor Adventures.

**RISEN! SUMMER 2024**  
1 Corinthians 15:4  
*he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures*

**CAMPERS AT EACH OF OUR SUMMER CAMPS WILL ENJOY GOD'S WONDERFUL CREATION THROUGH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING, CANOEING, KAYAKING, PADDLE BOATS, SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND HIKING. HORSE-BACK LEAD RIDES AND TRAIL RIDES ARE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE.**

**CAMPS FOR THOSE UNDER 10**

- Kinder Camp** June 16-17 or June 30-July 1 \$135
- Discovery Camp** June 16-18 or June 30-July 2 \$175
- Kids Camp** June 23-27 \$305

**CAMPS FOR THOSE 10 AND UP**

- Chess Camp\*** July 7-12 \$335
- Adventure Camp** July 7-12 or July 21-26 \$335
- Fishing for Memories** July 7-12 \$335
- Jr. High Encounter Camp** July 14-19 \$335
- Guitar Camp\*** July 21-26 \$335
- Art Camp\*** July 21-26 \$335
- Expedition Camp** July 28-August 2 \$335
- High School Encounter Camp** July 28-Aug. 2 \$335

**HORSE CAMPS** \*Ages 10 and up \*New this year!!

- Wrangler Week** June 16-21 \$200
- Beginner Horse Camps** June 23-28 or July 7-12 or July 14-19 \$445
- Saddle Club** July 21-26 \$445
- Advanced Horse Camp** July 28-August 2 \$445

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facebook.com/shretreat | director@shretreat.org

**TURTLE MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR ARCHERY SHOOT**

**May 11, 2024**  
Shoot begins at 10:00 am  
Range opens at 8:30 am

A fundraising event Sponsored by Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND

**600 Point Tournament**

- 300-point Bullseye target shoot (5 arrow/12 ends) and
- 300-point 3D target shoot (25 target/12 points) through the forest

Target prizes and top score prizes for each division

**Divisions:** Youth (ages 17 and under)  
Adult (ages 18-64)  
Senior (65+)  
Traditional (non-compound)

**\$50 per Adult and Senior shooter for all 600 points**  
**\$10 per Youth shooter for all 600 points**

Pulled pork dinner provided with archery fees. Additional meals are available at \$10 per plate



## ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

March 2024

Questions often come up about what the phrase "Funds Given used for Current Expenses" on the Financial Information page means. Here's an attempt at explaining:

District gifts fall into two categories — restricted and unrestricted. Restricted gifts can be permanently restricted (such as endowments) or temporarily restricted, which are given for a specific purpose to be used in the near future. Unrestricted gifts can be used for any type of expense. The Board of Directors (BOD) usually will set aside (designate) large, unrestricted gifts for a specific purpose. Temporarily restricted and BOD designated gifts are not included in the financials until they are used. When the "Funds Given used for Current Expenses" are needed, they are added to the financial page. This month that line includes gifts given for the Wittenberg Organ Fund. If you have questions, call Tami at 701-360-1469. Thank you for your continued support of the District's various needs each month.

### Congregations' Status

**Pres. Arie Bertsch**  
St. Peter-Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer-Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Crosspointe-Fargo: Applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Chris Waldvogel).

Peace-Garrison; St. Matthew-Max: vacancy (Rev. Nathan Schieber).

Grace-Fargo: Extended a call to Rev. Michael Suelzle (Rev. Bernie Worral).

Immanuel-Fargo: Associate pastor vacancy.

Grace-Carrington: applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

Zion-Binford; Grace-Cooperstown: applying for a seminary candidate (Rev. Bob Hill).

Bethlehem/St. John-Upham; Zion-Kramer; Faith-Towner: vacancy (Rev. Carlyle Roth and Rev. Rick Jones).

Zion-Bismarck: applying for a seminary candidate as associate pastor.

## NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS

### Financial Information

February 2024

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$59,810.32
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$20,933.61)
<b>Net Congregational Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$38,876.71</b>
Other Unrestricted Gifts	5,294.40
1-1-1 Mission Giving	594.00
Current gifts/fees for missions	6,247.52
<b>Available Income</b>	<b>\$51,012.73</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$52,205.22
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	38,482.88
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Chile Mission – Special Events	0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention.)	
They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
<b>Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$90,688.10</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR FEBRUARY</b>	<b>(\$39,675.37)</b>
Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$27,708.85
<b>Year To Date NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$11,966.52)</b>

February giving was average, and as usual, since we are at the beginning of the fiscal year, we are behind a bit. Expenses include some annual payments and the first installment on the Wittenberg Organ.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts/payments made to these missions as of January 31, 2024:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$25.00/\$0.00
Chile Partnership	\$25.00/\$0.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$25.00/\$0.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or call 701-360-1469 if you have more questions.

**You can now use your credit/debit card to donate directly to the District. Click on the Give button on [nodaklcms.org](http://nodaklcms.org) to pick where you would like your donation directed.**

### Pastors & DCE's

Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Peter-Devils Lake, Grace-Lakota, St. Andrew-Niagara is considering a call to Grace-Fargo.

Rev. Brian Doel, Our Savior-Minot is considering a call to St. Peter-Portage, IN.

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