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MN NORTH DISTRICT Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

We have a great God who has delivered us from sin and death through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the dead changed our lives forever. It's not just good news - it is life changing news. Our sins are forgiven - we have new life in His name. Every day is a NEW DAY!

Look at the world around us - look at our community. Individuals, families, communities are in chaos. It's very much like Jesus day...

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ~ Matthew 9:36

When Jesus saw the shepherdless sheep - He got the message out - He ENGAGED the people. His message of forgiveness changed and shaped the world forever. Now we have the same opportunity to get the message of forgiveness out!

In order to do this - we need to get out of our congregations and into our communities. But how do we do that?

Here's a year's worth of ideas - starting in the fall of 2019 to help your congregation engage with your local community. These just might give you the opportunity to share the Gospel and invite your friends/neighbors to your church.

If you need any help in implementing these ideas - or wish to learn how to share the Gospel with them - please call us at the MN North District (218-829-1781). Ask for me (Rev. Monte Meyer) or Rev. Jeff Lee. We would be glad to help you.

Here they are - run them off and pass them around to the leadership in your church. Let's see how God's love works in our communities!

IN CHRIST,

Rev. Monte Meyer - Parish Life Facilitator

September

Our Opportunities - Summer is done - get back to the grind - start thinking family connection to God again - catechism begins - Sunday school kick off

Idea bank - Invite them to the kick off rally for Sunday school - raise money for kid's clothes for local schools – school supply ingathering -

October

Our Opportunities - Harvest (rural areas) - Halloween - school activities

Idea bank - raking leaves for the elderly/infirm and invite them to church - Have a Trunk or Treat - delivering sack lunches to farmers in the field - doing something for the local football/volleyball high school games – host a craft fair – serve a community meal

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Call Day!

MN North welcomes Jeff & Donna Kyler, Called to Mt. Olive & Grace English Lutheran Churches in Bovey & Marble; Eli Voigt, Called to Redeemer in Bagley and Trinity in Bemidji; and Vicar Scott & Tamara Brown placed at Ebenezer & St. James in Leaf Valley & South Effington.



Pictured: Donna & Jeff Kyler, District President Don Fondow & Eli Voight



Pictured: District President Don Fondow with Tamara & Scott Brown.

Congratulations to MN North District Students receiving Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignments



Stafford Thompson, member at Zion in Brainerd, will be serving his vicarage at St. James Lutheran Church in Howard Lake, MN.



Josef Muench, member at Mt. Olive in Duluth, will be serving his vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Capistrano Beach, CA.



Stephanie Wilde, member at Immanuel in Parkers Prairie, will be serving her Deaconess internship at the Office of International Mission in Puerto Rico.

Rogness Family Update

"We had a wonderful opportunity to take the children to the White House Easter Egg Roll this past Monday. They had so much fun! The President and First Lady came out and spoke while we were there, an added bonus for the kids while we were there. It was a great memory for them."



An update on my work: Chaplain Nuckols and I continue to travel and provide care for chaplains and chaplain assistants throughout the Army. We'll make our second trip to Europe in September. Pastor Esget has been gracious in allowing me to assist him by teaching Bible class from time to time and preaching sporadically. It's a joy to be of service."

Rev. Noah Rogness and family are in Washington DC serving a special assignment with the Army.

Summer Opportunity

Rev. Dr. Bernie Lutz is available to churches who'd like to host a Lutheran Heritage Sunday this summer. Call the District Office for Pastor Lutz's contact information.

Lutheran Island Camp News

Retirement: Our wonderful head cook, Deb Keierleber, is retiring this May 17, 2019. We thank her for her many years of faithful service to Lutheran Island Camp. She has been a blessing to many! We would like to shower her with cards and messages of congratulations and thanksgiving (favorite stories). Please join us in wishing her God's blessings by sending her a card by May 14th. We will collect all of them and present them to her on May 17th. If you have any questions please contact Director Ken Erlandsen at 218-583-2905. You may also share your messages by sending them to info@islandcamp.org.

Organ Available

Marcus Lueders, from St. John's in Ottertail, has a Rogers 3-manual organ for sale. They are normally priced around \$75,000, and this one is available for only \$19,000. For questions or inquiries, contact Marcus at 218-770-4631 or via email luedersagridiesel@gmail.com.



Proclaiming Christ Around the World

 Africa

 Asia

 Eurasia

 Latin America

By Kevin Armbrust

The Church continues in the work of the Kingdom to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth until Jesus returns on the Last Day.

The four corners of the world — the four regions of LCMS International Mission — are not just a goal. They are home for many LCMS missionaries and the locations of partner churches and those with whom we work to share the Gospel.

A new website from the LCMS Office of International Mission (OIM) provides a reservoir of resources reflecting the work of the OIM.

"This is where you go to find out what the LCMS is doing throughout the world," said the Rev. Roy Askins, manager of Witness and Communications for the LCMS Asia Region.

The OIM divides its work into four regions: Africa, Asia, Eurasia and Latin America.

The new website, international.lcms.org, collects information in one place to highlight the latest from LCMS missionaries and those with whom they work.

Some examples of stories already available are:

- On Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, four seminarians graduated from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ghana (**Africa**).
- The Rev. J.P. Cima and his wife, Aimee, are working in Cambodia (**Asia**) to provide theological education.
- A newly remodeled church building for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Georgia was dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, in Kutaisi, Georgia (**Eurasia**).
- Obot Ite, a pastor of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria and funded by the LCMS, has a thriving ministry centered around Christ and His saving Word as Ite works to plant the island's second Lutheran church in downtown Kingston (**Latin America**).

Written stories, pictures, podcasts and videos bring the international work of the Synod to people who cannot travel to see the work themselves.

The LCMS has a long and storied history of world missions. The generous members of LCMS congregations provide the majority of support for missionaries and projects overseas. This donor base is essential for the ongoing mission work of the Synod.

"As an international missionary who has visited LCMS congregations all over the USA, I marvel at how members of the LCMS delight to support the international witness of the Church," said Askins. "The new website will provide us the opportunity to connect with these supporters through stories, photographs, videos and podcasts."

"We will share opportunities to support this work, and we will show how the Lord uses this support to sow the seed of His Word all over the world."

God continues to grow His Kingdom. LCMS missionaries provide theological education, plant Lutheran churches and work to bring Christ's mercy to the world.

international.lcms.org

Posted at The Reporter, April 30, 2019



CHURCH TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 8th

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

@ Good Shepherd
in Alexandria

We are excited to present the 1st Annual MN North District Church Technology Workshop. Cost is \$10 to cover lunch expenses. Registration is online using the link below. There will be 3 break-out style sessions giving you the opportunity to choose from several technology topics. Improve your church's online presence and learn more about worship and online giving resources as well! We hope to see you there!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

DOXOLOGY

The duties of a pastor are many and manifold yet the call of a pastor is centered around administering the Word of God and the holy sacraments.



DOXOLOGY seeks to refocus pastors on this foundational work by training men to diagnose souls and apply the healing Law and Gospel in their congregations and communities.

The three parts of the DOXOLOGY Classic program help refocus ministry on the cure of souls by the Spirit's power.

The promises of God are many and manifold. But sometimes in the press of duties, preaching, counseling, and the administrative details of running a church, those promises can seem far away or almost a footnote to the daily grind. DOXOLOGY can be a way of getting wholeness in Christ back and putting it front and center of your ministry.

Please consider joining us this summer for one of our Classic programs so we can continue to assist pastors to be the best pastors they can be.

IDAHO

STARTING JUNE 10-13, 2019

[**LEARN MORE**](#)

INDIANA

STARTING NOVEMBER 4-7, 2019

[**LEARN MORE**](#)

Wait, what is the Classic program?

The Classic program is comprised of three retreats: the Gathering, the Encore, and the Grand Reunion. Pastors attend the Gathering for the foundation. At the Encore they are joined by some of their congregation's lay leaders. Finally, at the Grand Reunion, pastors and their wives enjoy opportunities for advanced learning, engaging conversations, and spiritual refreshment.



**MN North District
Parish Nurse Meeting
June 7, 2019**

JOY

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

**MN North District Office
7264 Fairview Rd., Baxter, MN 56425**

- ♥ Understand the difference between Happiness and Joy
- ♥ Choose four ways to nurture and build Joy in our lives
- ♥ Celebrate the Joy of being a Christian

Parish Nurses, please come for fellowship and learning about Joy in our lives. Bring a friend. We are offering lunch and 3 CEUs for \$5.

This conference has been designed to meet the Minnesota Board of Nursing Continuing Education requirements for three (3) contact hours. It is the responsibility of each participant to determine whether this program meets the requirements for acceptable continuing education.

Questions? 320-248-8878

PRESENTERS:

Mary Scott, RN, BS, Parish Nurse

District Parish Nurse Rep to Synod

Parish Nurse at Zion Lutheran 2004 - present

Retired Regional Educator, Centracare Health

MNA member 1989-2014, Member of Central MN CISM team 1991-present

Pastor Jeff Lee

MNN District Mission and Ministry Facilitator 2014 – present, Naval Hospital Corpsman 1976-1980, BA-Concordia College, St. Paul 1983, M. Div, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN, 1987, has served in multiple churches in the mid-west.

Genevieve Keranen, RN, BSN, Parish Nurse

Representative to Parish Nurse Council, MNN

Parish Nurse at Trinity Lutheran, New York Mills, 2008-present. She has also been a Certified Diabetic Educator, Facilitator of Health and Wellness Committee, and has planned several congregational events. She leads a senior exercise group and bible studies.

Children and Family Ministry Conference

On behalf of the Pacific Southwest District, we would like to make you all aware of a fantastic conference currently being planned. We all know the critical importance of teaching the faith to the youngest among us. We also know how essential it is to equip the Christian home to be a place of faith formation and Christian nurture. Therefore, we are asking you to put June 16-18, 2020 on your calendars for the Children & Family Ministry Conference to be held on the campus of Concordia University Irvine.

Our theme will be *Rally Together* drawn from our theme verses of Nehemiah 4:14b & 20. The conference is being designed with both the professional and volunteer in mind. Price breaks will be provided to allow ministry teams to attend, learn, strategize, and grow together. Encourage church & school staff members, Sunday school teachers, volunteer children ministry workers, and anyone who values ministry to children and families to rally together to attend.

Our keynote speaker will be David Kinnaman of the Barna Research Group. Many

breakout sessions, networking time, worship and much more is being planned by our team. Housing options will be provided both inexpensively on the CUI campus as well as hotel options. So, please mark your calendar and share this information with those you know who have a passion to bring the life-giving Word of Christ to children and their families.

Information for the Children & Family Ministry Conference can be found at <https://www.psd-youthandfamily.org/children-and-family>. Information will be up-dated as planning continues.

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November

Our Opportunities - Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas Prep

Idea bank - community thanksgiving - helping those less fortunate with a turkey and all the fixings before Thanksgiving - Bring someone over for dinner to celebrate Thanksgiving – host a “Thank You” breakfast for local volunteers/health care workers/police/fire fighters – pie social - food drive for the local food bank

December

Our Opportunities - Advent/Christmas

Idea bank - Advent calendars to give out with treats in them - Christmas invites - Social media advertising for Christmas – cookie walk/exchange – caroling – one day “Christmas VBS” – offer babysitting so parents can get their shopping done

January

Our Opportunities - New Years, winter blahs

Idea bank - hand out resolution cards with “Physical - Spiritual - Emotional” resolutions for them to fill out – invite families with children for an indoor carnival/story time

February

Our Opportunities - Super Bowl - Valentines Day - Ash Wednesday

Idea Bank - Sending valentines with an invitation for worship - a sweetheart dinner - babysitting for families to go out - a sermon on bringing love back in your home – host a father/daughter or mother/son event

March

Our Opportunities — Daylight savings - St. Patricks - First day of Spring

Idea bank – open your doors (provide a place to play and connect, people are usually tired of winter) – Host an indoor summer picnic

April

Our Opportunities - Holy Week - Easter - Tax Day - spring planting

Idea Bank - social media blitz for Holy Week - Tax day treats at the local mailbox for those mailing their taxes - food for farmers planting – egg hunt, Easter carnival, stations of the cross – theater/drama presentation

May

Our Opportunity - National day of Prayer – mother's day - Opening Fishing - spring planting - Memorial Day – end of school/graduation

Idea Bank - lunch to farmers planting/ prepping - designing an invite for mother's day - encouraging kids to take their mom's to church - Helping out at the docks during

fishing opener - Hosting memorial day service for the community – host a “senior breakfast” for graduating seniors

June

Our Opportunities - VBS - Father's Day

Idea Bank - VBS kick-off party ideas - VBS invites - A salute to dad's in the church (having a distinctively “dad’s” day at worship, themes, decorations, seminars? – Senior VBS (youth host a week of activities for senior citizens)

July

Our Opportunities - 4th of July - VBS

Idea bank - giving away popcorn at 4th of July - parade floats – throw a neighborhood ‘sprinkler’ party – host a movie night on your lawn

August

Our Opportunity - VBS - prepping for School - focus on the needy school kids – National Night Out

Idea bank - starting a fundraiser for the kid's clothes/school supplies pushing in September – Host a National Night Out/ Block Party event in your parking lot (serve hot dogs and watermelon, rent a bounce house, invite local law enforcement to participate)

Letter of appeal to congregations in MN North District

Subject: Short-term Puerto Rico Mission Trips

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the fall of 2017, two major hurricanes blew across the island of Puerto Rico. Almost 80% of all the homes were damaged. Many of the homes had their roofs peeled off by the high winds and the power grid was knocked out for several weeks and in some places for months. “The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod responded quickly through LCMS Disaster Response and the work of LCMS missionaries in the region.” While many people fled the island and found refuge in Florida and other parts of the United States, others had nowhere to go. LCMS mission teams helped meet the immediate needs of food for residents who stayed behind. The work of ministry on the island has continued to move forward...

William Torres, a lay evangelist for the Lutheran church in Mayaguez, has been working to coordinate the ongoing disaster response for the people in his community. His primary role has been to identify people who are willing to receive help rebuilding their homes or having their roofs repaired. Torres is working with Rev. Arturo Gustavo Maita, the pastor of Principe de Paz (Prince of Peace) Lutheran Church in Mayaguez. They also work with the ministry team of a newly formed congregation in Ponce. In the publication, *Lutherans Engage* (summer 2018), it was reported, “even as bags of food and other staples continue to be distributed weekly in Mayaguez and Ponce, the team is organizing to repair damaged roofs and homes in both communities, all while proclaiming the Gospel.” (See article <https://engage.lcms.org/puerto-rico-recovery-summer-2018>)

Last October at a FORO meeting in Baxter at the LCMS Minnesota North District office, we had the privilege to meet both Rev. Maita and William Torres. They spoke to us about the work they were doing and the need for short-term mission teams to come to Puerto Rico to help them in their ministry. MN North District LCMS was given the opportunity to sign-up for two trips in 2019. The first will take place on July 20-27 and the second on November 9-16.

The first team will be led by myself, DCO Peter Keyes from Zion Lutheran in Little Falls, and Pastor Robin Collins from Trinity Lutheran in Staples. We have ten people on our team. We will be working with the missionaries in Mayaguez or Ponce on construction projects. The second team will be led by Pastor Jeffrey Walther from St. Matthew in Esko. They will be addressing needs of mercy with elderly people.

These mission trips are opportunities for our congregations to reach out beyond our communities to meet the needs of others and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ. They are also opportunities for your congregation to participate in the work of ministry being done in Puerto Rico. WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. The estimated cost per team member is around \$1000. We have been holding fund raisers to help cover some of these cost, however we would also like to have your congregation consider collecting a one-time door offering in support of our mission teams. The money collected would be sent to MN North District – designated as Puerto Rico Mission Teams 2019.

As we have some pressing financial deadlines to meet for the July trip, I would like to personally encourage your congregation (appropriate board or committee) to address our needs at your next meeting and prayerfully consider how you might financially support our teams.

In Christ's service,

DCO Peter Keyes

Zion Lutheran Church, Little Falls MN

Call/text: (320) 232-3108

email: mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com



News

The Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Kantorei has released a new album, "Oh, Praise Our God," available as a CD or for digital download. This is the first recording of the seminary Kantorei in six years, featuring music that represents several seasons of the Church Year, including hymn settings, psalms, classic favorites, and new compositions written expressly for the Kantorei.

"Part of the Kantorei's objective is to represent the Seminary and proclaim the truth of God's Gospel in the rich variety of the Church's song," stated Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, director of the Kantorei. "Since its founding by Kantor Resch forty years ago, that's what has defined us, and this recording continues that tradition."

The CD is available for purchase at the CTSFW Bookstore, or you can order a copy online at <https://bookstore.ctsfw.edu/oh-praise-our-god-cd-kantorei>. You can listen to preview clips of all 18 songs or purchase the album for immediate digital download at <https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/thekantoreiofconcordiatheologi>.

For questions, email Music@ctsfw.edu or call (260) 452-2224.

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing Education

May–November

Registration has opened for 33 Continuing Education sites across the country, covering a variety of subjects taught by faculty from CTSFW and other theologians. The current list of locations, times, topics, and teachers can be viewed [HERE](#). Learn more and register for courses at www.ctsfw.edu/CE.

Church Interpreter Training Institute

June 13–16

Instruction in American Sign Language for trained interpreters, church members, and professional church workers to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Deaf people. Students of all experience levels are welcome to the campus of CTSFW.

Register: www.lutheranfriendsofthedea.org/citi

Registration Deadline: May 24, 2019

Christ Academy: Timothy School

June 16–29

Summer learning retreat for theologically-minded high school men. Applications will be accepted until all spaces are filled. Only a few openings remain.

Apply: www.ctsfw.edu/CATS

Christ Academy: Phoebe School

June 16–29

Summer learning retreat for theologically-minded high school women. Space is limited and applications will close as soon as those last few spots fill.

Apply: www.ctsfw.edu/CAPS

Organist and Pianist workshops

Register: www.ctsfw.edu/musicianworkshops

UPDATE

The 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering is in **93 days!** [Local volunteers register by April 30!](#) Many local churches have volunteered to fill needs or be servant event sites--will your church help, too? Please contact [Local Volunteer Coordinator Kristine Marlatt](#) if you can assist in any way or know someone who can.

Another Call for Volunteers

Concordia University, St. Paul (CSP) invites you to volunteer for "**A Minnesota Lumberjack Experience**".

From July 10-15, CSP will be hosting nearly 10,000 youth and leaders for District Events during the National Youth Gathering. Joy-filled volunteers are needed for checking people in, serving food, way-finding, and more. Register to volunteer at www.ave.csp.edu/nygvolunteers. Email questions to districtevents@csp.edu.

LCEF at the National Youth Gathering

Lutheran Church Extension Fund is blessed to sponsor the National Youth Gathering again this year. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Gathering! Before you go, be sure to check out how LCEF can make your NYG experience much less stressful with free prepaid Visa cards, youth group StewardAccounts® and more. Check it out at <https://lcef.org/youth-gathering/>.

GATHERING WEBSITE



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A Message from the MN North District Life Coordinator

Rev. Jason Wolter, Benson, MN

Happy Mother's Day! As much as we enjoy offering these words of encouragement to the women in our lives, we have to be careful.

Some women were not able to become pregnant; others may have lost children to death- either before or after birth. In those cases, these words could actually do more harm than good. Some women may have lost their own mothers... or had mothers that were not much of a blessing. They, too, can be hurt by the thought of "Mother's Day". Unfortunately, this is the world we live in: one that God intended to be beautiful, blissful and abundant. But- due to sin- our world has been corrupted: no longer resembling the paradise that God spoke into existence.

But these are not the only women who struggle with this holiday. There are many women who are also hurting: because they chose to kill their unborn child. They were driven to desperation, believing that they had no other choice. There are other choices, of course. But many women may not know about them... or they may believe the lies that Planned Parenthood has told them: that no one cares about them, except for those who want to end their pregnancy.

As Christians who know that life is truly a precious gift from God, we thank Him for godly women who faithfully carry out their vocations in service to their families and- ultimately- to God. And we remember those, for whom Mother's Day may be a difficult or painful time. But let us not forget the mothers who are unable to see their preborn children as blessings. As we celebrate the gifts that God has given us through our own mothers, let us remember them... and help them to see that they are blessed, too.

Being a mother is one of the greatest vocations there is; but it's also the hardest. Therefore, let us come alongside those who have been surprised by motherhood: that they would see what a gift they have been given... and what a gift they are to that child. Let us use our voices to pray for them... but also to encourage and comfort them. And let us use our hands to embrace them... but also to gather up and deliver the things that they will need in order to be a blessing to their child.

In our District, there are many Pro-Life pregnancy resource centers available for women and families. I wasn't aware of how many there were- or where they were- until I did some checking. Turns out: there are a lot resources available, which is good: because there is a great need out there for those resources. Please take a look at this list and find the Pro-Life pregnancy resource center that is nearest to you; and then consider supporting it. Through our support of those centers, lives (of children) are being saved... and lives (of mothers)

are being affirmed. Most of all: God's love is being made complete among us.

Please keep this list handy, in case you ever know of someone who is in need of these resources. A link to more information about each of these can be found here:

<https://www.care-net.org/find-a-pregnancy-center> (you'll have to click on "MN")

Bemidji	Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center
Brainerd	Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center
Cambridge	Pregnancy Resource Center of Cambridge
Detroit Lakes	Health Resources
Duluth	Lake Superior LifeCare Center
Fergus Falls	Health Resources Center
Grand Rapids	New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center
Hibbing	Options for Women / Iron Range
Int'l Falls	Northern Options for Women
Long Prairie	Pregnancy and Life Resource Center
Milaca	Rum River Life Choices Center
Mora	Mora Crisis Pregnancy Center Inc.
Morris	Options for Women / Morris
Park Rapids	Pregnancy Resource Center of the Park Rapids Area
Pine City	Pregnancy Resource Center
Princeton	Rum River Life Choices Center – Princeton
Roseau	North Region Pregnancy Care Center
Sandstone	Sandstone Options for Women
Sauk Centre	Options for Women – Central MN
St. Cloud	Pregnancy Resource Center
Staples	Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center – Staples Branch
Thief River Falls	LifeCare Pregnancy Center
Virginia	Options for Women
Walker	Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center
Willmar	Hope Pregnancy Center



Save the Offering

by Tom Raabe

Cash is in society's ICU. And its cousin, personal checking, isn't feeling too well, either.

It seems Western culture is moving rapidly away from these putatively primeval means of financial exchange and toward online transactions and the use of cards, credit or debit, or applications on smart phones.

That puts an old favorite of the Christian worship tradition — the offering plate — on the sick list, too.

The offering has long been somewhat problematic. Visitors, for example, can be embarrassed when a collection plate is handed to them. Some are even offended — “There they go again, trying to get my money.” Even church members who contribute via other means are sensitive to inquisitive glances from fellow parishioners at their lack of something to place in the basket.

The current threat to the church offering, though, seems largely generational. Some point to millennials and their embrace of technology as a major factor. Although 83 million strong, they are the least-churched demographic in American society. So, problem number one: They don’t go to church. But it’s problem number two that threatens the viability of collection time: Those that do go to church don’t have much

inclination to adopt traditional church-giving practices. They don’t carry cash, don’t write checks — checks are what Grandpa and Grandma write — and don’t pay for anything unless they can use cards or phone apps to do so.

Studies show that young adults will sometimes give online or via mobile apps linked to a church website and that they generously support specific causes (Kickstarter and GoFundMe wouldn’t last long without them), but they rarely toss anything into the plate.

It’s not only them; it’s also Gen-Xers. People in their forties and fifties aren’t inclined to whip out their checkbooks very often either — not like boomers and members of the Greatest Generation do.

The result as the church grows grayer — increasingly empty plates coursing up and down the pews on Sunday mornings — will no doubt prompt some church leaders to consider abandoning this venerable worship practice. It’s five to ten minutes of wasted time, they’ll say; it breaks the momentum of worship. It’s like a financial halftime; a commercial; the PBS pledge-drivers breaking into the BeeGees concert to importune your contributions.

But at what theological cost is its abandonment? Financial giving has throughout church history been an act of worship, and its absence in the worship

service creates a void. Actually giving something, physically bringing an offering to God rather than pressing a button at a website or tapping your phone a few times, conveys symbolic power. It can remind us that giving to God isn’t the same as autopaying your utilities bill. It’s an act of sacrifice.

The offering in the worship service allows all of God’s children to join in, in the community of the church, to give back to God of what he has so generously given to us. Even the poor, even the destitute, even those who don’t have bank accounts or smart phones are given the opportunity to put something in the plate.

In the end, it isn’t about the money. Does God need the money? They don’t pass the plate in first-grade Sunday school classes because God needs the money. Does God need that daily offering at VBS? Did God need the widow’s mite?

It’s about what God wants. God wants our devotion. He wants our hearts. We need to give our tithes and offerings because through them we express our love and devotion and thanks to God for his love for us. The offering is an act of worship.

Certainly, online giving, mobile app giving, contributing through a lobby kiosk — all of it is legitimate, and can be done with reverent forethought and intention. The church eschews modern technology to its financial peril.

But the worship service affords opportunity to offer our gifts to God in a formal, measured, prayerful, intentional sense. And in it the offering is included among other essential acts of faith and devotion — confessing the creed, singing hymns, offering prayer, hearing the Word read and preached.

The church neglects those to its theological peril.

Tom Raabe is a member of Christ Church—Lutheran in Phoenix. (Originally published in the April Reporter)



Life-long Health & Wellness Webinar

Thursday, May 23, 2019
12:00 PM Eastern

Host Mark Schoepp, Executive Director of ALOA, will interview Karen Sue Mary, professional Exercise Physiologist and a strong woman of faith.

This webinar will explore simple and effective ways for the local congregation to help people be better stewards of their bodies, and to give God their best. These resources provide practical help for the members of the congregation, and are also an excellent outreach tool for anyone in the community who wants to improve their health.

No charge, 60 minutes max.

Register at aloaserves.org/may-webinar/

While you are on ALOA's website, sign up for ALOA email to take advantage of a free congregational consultation on Older Adult Ministry. One name per month will be selected to receive an on-site, full day consultation with an evening outreach event, all free of charge. Sign up at aloaserves.org



Congratulations
and God's Blessings to
Jamesetta Kollie upon her
graduation from
Concordia, St. Paul on May
10th! She has accepted a
teaching position at Pacific
Lutheran School in
Grenada, California.

Winter Hospitality Pastor or Deaconess

Concordia LCMS, Sarasota Florida prayerfully seeks a winter pastor or deaconess. Following Jesus, lead us by welcoming worship guests, following up on guests and those drifting from worship, and discipling Concordia leaders in these tasks. Serve November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, 15 to 30 hours per week. Visit ConcordiaSarasota.org. for details about this ministry.

Church Worker Wellness Resources

DOXOLOGY

Doxology's primary purpose is to provide training in advanced pastoral skills while offering ongoing spiritual care opportunities for Lutheran pastors. Learn more at the Doxology [WEBSITE](#).

SHEPHERD'S CANYON RETREAT

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat offers seven carefully designed days of individual, couple, and group Christian counseling for Pastors, Missionaries, Rostered Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Deaconesses, and their spouses. Learn more by visiting the Shepherd's Canyon [WEBSITE](#).

GRACE PLACE

Grace Place Wellness is a preventive wellness ministry that seeks to positively impact the ministry of Christian congregations by encouraging workers in the church to lead the rich and full lives that Jesus intends for all of His children. Learn more by visiting their website: www.graceplacewellness.org.

NEW AT LCMS.ORG

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) recently introduced a new, weekly series of devotions for church workers. As part of the Synod's ongoing focus on worker wellness, the devotions take a holistic approach to wellness, incorporating vocational, relational, financial and emotional concerns of workers. Learn more and read the devotions [HERE](#).

CONCORDIA PLAN SERVICES

Concordia Plans offers a multitude of physical, emotional and financial wellness resources. To learn more and get involved visit their worker wellness [WEBSITE](#).



JOY to the WORLD
2019 LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING

Every three years, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod meets in convention to determine mission and ministry priorities for the coming three years. This year, we will gather in Tampa under the theme "Joy:fully Lutheran."

As part of the preparation for the triennial convention, LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate in a Synodwide gathering of special gifts called the National Offering. The 2019 National Offering theme is "Joy to the World."

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16–18). This triennium's National Offering provides Lutherans across the country an opportunity to reflect their joy in the Gospel and their thankfulness to God for His gifts in Christ.

Gifts to the 2019 LCMS National Offering — which can be made at any time — will empower the work God has given us to do in His name to bring joy to the world, as we vigorously make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God our heavenly Father.

Visit <https://www.lcms.org/national-offering> to learn more.

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**CERTIFICATE IN
CHRISTIAN
COUNSELING**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our 15 credit post-bachelor's Christian Counseling certificate program provides coursework in some essential skills of a Christian Counselor. This certificate will equip the individual who is currently working in or planning to work in a church, church school or Christian agency setting. The intent is to train individuals to integrate faith when working with others, but to also know when to refer to a licensed mental health professional.

OBJECTIVES

- Equip professionals with Christian counseling skills that can be integrated into their professional practice
- Support professionals in integrating Christian faith-based, scriptural principles in a holistic delivery approach of mental health services
- Provide boundaries to those working with individuals, but do not have the mental health background to provide comprehensive support



Please visit

CUW.EDU/CHRISTIANCOUNSELING-CERT
for more program information & requirements.

INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM?

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A newsletter of LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

**REACHING RURAL AMERICA
FOR CHRIST**

Minneapolis, Here We Come!

The LCMS 2019 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference will be held Nov. 14–16 in Minneapolis, Minn., at the Doubletree by Hilton Bloomington-Minneapolis South. [Registration](#) is open!!

Outreach Through Lutheran Braille Workers

Do you know anybody in your church or community who is elderly or sight-impaired? An aging population is an issue facing almost every church and town in the United States. Church leaders face increasing challenges regarding how to share the Gospel with individuals who may be visually impaired.

Helping Christians with Vision Impairment

Many churches offer hearing assistance technology on their websites or in the pews. Very few churches advertise support for people who struggle with their vision even though there are approximately 300 million people in the world who are moderately or severely visually impaired, 95 percent of whom are unchurched.

While there are many resources available within urban areas, rural communities can struggle to serve individuals who are losing their vision. This is especially true within rural areas with large numbers of senior living communities. It is in these small towns that Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) can provide a significant amount of free assistance and outreach support.

What does LBW offer for free?

LBW offers free specialized large print, braille and audio materials for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, including the Bible, Lutheran Service Book, Small Catechism, devotionals and other Christian materials. Churches and other organizations are invited to order these materials for free! These materials can be a great benefit to members of a church who are getting older, losing their vision, home-bound or otherwise not able to enjoy the same connection with the Word that used to. Pastors can use these resources to make house calls or hospital visits. Members of rural communities can use these materials during inclement weather when getting to church may not be a possibility.

For a complete listing of LBW's free resources, visit lbwinc.org or call 800-925-6092. Please also visit LBW's Facebook page: facebook.com/lutheranbrailleworkers.

Contributed through the LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission monthly newsletter by Daniel Jenkins, vice-president of Ministry Advancement, Lutheran Braille Workers



MAIN STREET LIVING is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North, Minnesota South and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute remastered program called “This is the Life” from Lutheran Hour Ministries. It airs on Sunday Mornings throughout the state of Minnesota.

Main Street Living North

“MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH” is broadcast at 9:00am Central time on the following FOX stations: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, KBRR Thief River Falls-Grand Forks Channel 10.1, KJRR Jamestown Channel 7.1, KNRR Pembina Channel 12.1, AND at 10:00am Central (9:00am Mountain) on the following WDAY affiliate Xtra Channels: WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead, WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3 Grand Forks, KMBY Xtra Channel 17.3 Bismarck/Dickinson, and KMCY Xtra Channel 14.3 Minot/Williston – as well as the cable and satellite systems carrying these stations, some of which may have a different channel number, and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on “North (Fargo)”.

Summer has finally arrived - and with it often comes increased traveling causing us to be out of town on Sundays and/or at other times when our congregation’s worship services are normally held. With this in mind, please remember our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry broadcast each Sunday morning - and also available every day at:

www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on the link identified as “**North (Fargo)**”).

Please continue to share information about MSL with at least one new person each month.

A reminder of the **matching funds** offer from the Main Street Living NETWORK continues until \$16,000 of new donations are received! To add 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 web site. Thank you and God’s blessing in Christ!

Programs for June 2019:

June 2: **Rev. Steve Schulz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND**, presents the message: **“I Am Coming Soon!”** based on Revelation 22:1-6. Today’s **“This Is The Life”** program is: **“A Different Way”**.

June 9: **Rev. Bruce Noennig, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN**, presents the message: **“The Source of REAL Comfort”** based on John 14:23-31. Today’s **“This Is The Life”** program is: **“Give and Take”**.

June 16: **Rev. Adam Harvala, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND**, presents the message: **“Look Harder”** based on John 8:58. Today’s **“This Is The Life”** program is: **“No Tears for Bill”**.

June 23: **Rev. Thomas Batchelder, Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church, Evergreen, MN**, presents the message: **“The Lord is Ready to be Found”** based on Luke 8:26-39. Today’s **“This Is The Life”** program is: **“Two Weeks to Eternity”**.

June 30: **Rev. Scott Muehlberg, St. John’s HOL, Frazee, MN, and Gethsemane (Snellman), Osage, MN**, presents the message: **“Rejecting, Receiving, and Following Jesus”** based on Luke 9:51-62. Today’s **“This Is The Life”** program is: (sorry, program title not available at this time)

Main Street Living Twin Cities

“MAIN STREET LIVING TWIN CITIES” is broadcast every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m. on WFTC channel 29/9-2. For more information, check out the Twin Cities tab at mainstreetliving.com. Call Rev. Bob Schulze at 952-223-2154 to get involved.

Program Notes:

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Rev. Andrew Herzberg, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Farmington, MN. His message, “Something New” will be based on select verse from Acts, Revelation, and John.

Sunday May 26, 2019

Rev. Kurt Weber, pastor of Golden Valley Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN. His message, “Do You Want to Get Well” will be based on John 5:1-15.

Main Street Living Northland

“MAIN STREET LIVING NORTHLAND” is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on KBJR Channel 6 NBC and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations. All current shows and information about Main Street Living can be found at www.mainstreetliving.com and past programs are archived on <https://vimeo.com/user82955593>

Program Notes:

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Rev. John Bonk, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Two Harbors

Sunday May 26, 2019

Pastor Rob Franck
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church - Duluth
“Jesus and Prayer”





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Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

The 2019 Kaleidoscope Fund

Grant Process Now Open

Lutheran Church Extension Fund announces the 2019 Kaleidoscope Fund grant process is now open. The proposal submission **deadline is May 31, 2019**.

The committee will then select ministries from these proposals to apply for a grant. Funds will be granted in amounts between \$15,000 and \$75,000.

For 2019 grants, eligibility is limited to LCMS K-8 elementary schools. Schools that are RSOs are not eligible.*

LCEF invites schools to dream about programs and projects that improve and expand the reach and impact of their school. Applicants must select one of the following four areas of focus:

- faculty enrichment,
- curriculum development,
- facility improvements
- endowment creation

This year, LCEF is narrowing the focus of impact for the grants to Lutheran elementary education. Lutheran schools play a critical role in impacting the community through Christian education. Kaleidoscope grants for 2019 are open to Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) K-8 elementary schools.

*Note: LCEF Articles of Incorporation and Synod Bylaws prohibit LCEF from distributing net operating results to Auxiliaries, RSOs, seminaries, colleges, or universities of the Synod.

Visit lcef.org/kaleidoscope for details on applying for grants up to \$75,000 and to submit a proposal.

mission minutes



We are always encouraging the children of the Project 24 sites to continue learning more about God through Bible reading and church attendance. They also partake in daily devotions at the sites. We were recently given a few gifts from Concordia Publishing House and Mr. Al Schreiber from Ida Grove, IA. Through these gifts, we were able to purchase children Bible resources through CPH and Luther's Small Catechism through LHF for each child. We pray that the children use these gifts to further their knowledge of their Lord and Savior. Project 24 Sites Total Number of Students at the P24 sites: 190 (Lenkishon: 25, Tumaini: 40, Othoro: 25, Udom: 50, Rongo: 25, Nyambiri: 25), Children in Secondary School: 70, Number of Students Sponsored as to date: 149.

Read more in Britt's newsletter

[HERE](#). Support for Project 24 to date is \$111,334. Visit the Project 24 website [HERE](#). Support for CCC: Kenya date is \$16,661. Visit the CCC Kenya website [HERE](#).



Missionaries Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser are part of a partnership between Lutheran Bible Translators and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church. They ask for prayers for the 15 students in the Bible translation program. Susan is a former member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar. Learn more [HERE](#).



Rev. Dr. Daniel (son of sainted pastor Rev. Robert and Mrs. Phyllis Jastram) and Dr. Joan Jastram serve as

missionaries in northern Asia. Pastor Jastram serves as a manager for theological education in Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. He assists the regional director in mission planning as well as developing, coordinating, and supporting theological educational activities; makes periodic visits to seminaries in the region; and supervises theological educators throughout Asia. Read the Jastram's newsletter [HERE](#).

Support for any of these missionaries can be sent to: Minnesota North District—LCMS, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401 — earmarked for the specific mission or missionary.



In Puerto Rico, Rev. James Neuendorf and his wife, Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, have recently arrived in Puerto Rico having finished their studies in St. Louis. Pastor Neuendorf has already visited every member of Fuente de Vida at their homes and has many outreach plans to discuss with the congregation in Ponce. Deaconess Christel Neuendorf is helping with Disaster Response in Ponce, meeting those who still need roof repairs there. They have both hit the ground running. Two MN North Teams will be traveling to Puerto Rico in 2019 to work on both Construction and Mercy projects. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Rev. Jeff Lee at jeffery.lee@mnnlcms.org.



Rev. James NS Kollie serves Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Cotton Tree, Liberia. Pictured are Good Shepherd Lutheran School students. Pastor Kollie plans to pursue a Doctorate Degree at CTS, Fort Wayne, IN, with hopes of then teaching pastors in Liberia. Jamesetta Kollie, a 2019 CSP grad will be teaching at Pacific Lutheran School in Gardena, CA. Gifty Kollie (deaconess student at CUC) and Diane (in high school at Concordia Academy, Roseville, MN) are also studying in the US with plans to return to Liberia to use their education. Funds collected and disbursed to date for the School: \$124,314; for Pastor Kollie's education: \$51,437; for Jamesetta's education: \$9,189; and for Gifty's education: \$13,847. Donations can be sent to: MN North District, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401. Please SPECIFICALLY designate your donation on the memo line of your check.



Rebecca Wagner, LCMS Missionary serving as International Ministry Coordinator at the U of MN and University Lutheran Chapel. Learn more in Rebecca's latest newsletter [HERE](#).

Calendar of Events - 2018/2019

May 17, 2019	Track Meet, St. Paul's, Perham
May 19-20, 2019	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day—District Office Closed
May 30-June 3	Synod Convention Floor Committee Meetings in St. Louis, MO
June 3, 2019	School Marketing Conference, District Office
June 7, 2019	Parish Nurse Conference, District Office
June 8, 2019	Church Technology Workshop, Good Shepherd, Alexandria
June 10, 2019	Ministerial Health Commission Meeting, District Office
June 20-23, 2019	LWML National Convention in Mobile, AL
July 4, 2019	Independence Day—District Office Closed
July 9, 2019	LWML MN North District Board Meeting, District Office
July 11-15, 2019	National Youth Gathering, Minneapolis, MN
July 21-25, 2019	LCMS National Convention, Tampa, FL
August 7-8, 2019	New Workers Orientation, District Office
August 15, 2019	MN North Teachers Conference, Prince of Peace, St. Cloud
August 26-27, 2019	Circuit Visitors Conference, District Office
September 2, 2019	Labor Day—District Office Closed
September 8-10, 2019	Fall Pastors Conference, Lutheran Island Camp
September 22-23, 2019	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office
October 8, 2019	LWML MN North District Board Meeting, District Office
November 14-16, 2019	Rural & Small Town Ministry Conference, Minneapolis
December 1-2, 2019	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting, District Office

Churches Celebrating Anniversaries

May 19, 2019	40th Anniversary — Shepherd of the Lake, Garrison
July 14, 2019	100th Anniversary — Zion, Hoffman
August 17-18, 2019	100th Anniversary — St. John's, Akeley
August 18, 2019	100th Anniversary — Redeemer, Plummer
September 8, 2019	100th Anniversary — Zion, Ada

Please contact the District Office if your congregation will be celebrating an Anniversary.

In Our Prayers

Rev. Micah Schmidt and family at the passing of his mother after a long illness.

Jenny Schoessow, wife of Rev. David Schoessow (Christ, Superior, WI), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Dean Bell, recovering after a fall.

Nancy Grzybowski, wife of Rev. Terry Grzybowski (Emmanuel, Elk River), recovering after a heart attack.

Rev. Dean Stoltz, (Zion, Crosby and Immanuel, Iron Hub), dealing with back issues.

Rev. Norm Hanan, dealing with health issues.

Mrs. Phyllis Jastram, who underwent surgery.

Rev. Lewis Reinemann (em. Duluth), dealing with health issues.

Rev. Dennis O'Neill (Trinity, Ortonville), recovering after a fall and concussion.

Rev. Ron Tibbets (em. Aitkin), who is recuperating.

Rev. David Milz (St. John, Kimball), dealing with heart issues.

Rev. Fred Kutter (Immanuel, Albany), dealing with an open sore on his foot.

Rev. Larry Cain (em., Cromwell), recovering after back surgery.

Rev. Victor Dorn, (em., St. Cloud), dealing with health issues.

Mrs. Jolene Wagner (St. Paul's Lutheran School, Perham), dealing with a blood disorder.

Mrs. Sandy Lewis (mother of Rev. Daniel Lewis (Joy, Cambridge) who is dealing with a serious health issue.

Rev. Paul Dare's (Zion, Alexandria) father, diagnosed with Cancer.

The mother of Rev. Dennis McManus, facing a number of health issues.

Mrs. Martha Buchholz (wife of sainted pastor Rev. Henry Buchholz), Richville, who is having health issues.

Rev. Gunard Heikkila (em., New York Mills), who is dealing with health issues.

Mary Langemo Hughes (daughter of Rev. Martin & Carol Langemo, Princeton), who is suffering from hyperacusis.

Mrs. Melissa Martini-Tischer, wife of Rev. Steven Tischer (Zion, Princeton), diagnosed with sarcoidosis.

Mrs. Phyllis Volkert (wife of Rev. Robert Volkert, em., Palisade), suffering with spine issues.

David Rickbeil (brother of Rev. Blake Rickbeil, St. Paul, Bertha), who has been missing for several months.

MN North District Seminary Students:

LeAnn Gregoire, Isle, Deaconess student at CTSFW

Gino Marchetti II, Elk River, on vicarage in Beardstown, IL

Joshua Mork, Moorhead, on vicarage in Pierce, NE

Josef Muench, Duluth, studying at CTSFW

Stafford Thompson, Brainerd, studying at CTSFW

Stephanie Wilde, Parkers Prairie, Deaconess student at CTSFW

Those serving in the military & chaplaincy and part of our District family:

Rev. Noah Rogness, serving a Special Assignment in Washington DC, US Army Reserve

LT Geoffrey Gronewold, Active Duty Chaplain, US Army—North Carolina

Chaplain Captain Vincent Bain—Active Duty Chaplain, Fort Campbell, KY

Chaplain Lt. Aaron Bell, son-in-law of Pastor Tom and Mary Brinkley (St. Matthew, Esko) – Active Duty Chaplain—US Navy Camp Pendleton

Chaplain LCDR John Thomson – Active Duty Chaplain—US Navy Guam

Joshua Bonk, son of Rev. John Bonk and Linda Bonk —US Army

Rev. Steve Breitbarth (em., Hibbing), LCMS endorsed

Emergency Response Chaplain and Disaster Response Chaplain

MSgt Jonathan Fondow, son of Pres. Don & Connie Fondow, Park Rapids—US Army

Ensign Emily Geddes, granddaughter of Virginia Ansorge—US Navy

Dennis Gerold, husband of DCO Abby Dawkins Gerold, US Air Force

Timothy Milo, son of Rev. Frank & Sue Milo, —MN National Guard

1st Lt. Micah Uhrinak, son of Rev. Les & Susan Uhrinak, Crosslake—Air Force

Sgt. Nathaniel Vrudny, son of Rev. Matthew & Bonnie Vrudny, Walker, with the Army Reserve Engineering unit in Mankato.

Tanner Wagner, son of Rev. Don & Jolene Wagner, Trinity, Deer Creek, National Guard

Julie Grzybowski, daughter of Rev. Terry & Nancy Grzybowski, serving a two year Peace Corp Commitment in Ethiopia

Missionaries Rev. Dr. Daniel and Dr. Joan Jastram serving as career missionaries through the LCMS in northern Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. (son of sainted pastor—Rev. Robert Jastram and Mrs. Phyllis Jastram)

Missionary Rebecca Wagner, LCMS Missionary serving at the University of Minnesota and University Lutheran Chapel Missionaries Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser, serving with Lutheran Bible Translators in Ethiopia.



Call Update

MN NORTH DISTRICT Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

CALLS ACCEPTED

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

BACKUS, Emmanuel (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Frank Milo)

BELLINGHAM/CORRELL/ODESSA, Trinity/Grace/Trinity

BROWNS VALLEY/CLAIREE CITY, SD, Zion/Zion (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Larry Johnson)

FAIR HAVEN, Concordia

FISHER/EUCLID, Trinity/St. Paul (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Dr. Larry Harvala)

GRANITE FALLS, St. Paul (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Don Polege)

MOORHEAD, Our Redeemer (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. George Krueger & Rev. Adam Harvala)

PEQUOT LAKES, Gloria Dei (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Mark Johnson) Called Rev. Roger Sedlmayr, Twin Falls, ID

SILVER BAY, Faith (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Dean Rudloff) Called Rev. Stephen Preus, Vinton, IA

ST. CLOUD, Holy Cross (Senior Pastor)

VILLARD/GROVE LAKE, St. John/Trinity

WOOD LAKE, St. Luke's (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Jack Baumgarn) Called Rev. David Tilney, Cloquet, MN

OTHER CALLS AND CHANGES

Rev. George Morris, II, Called to Trinity, Oshkosh, WI

Rev. Thaine Kister, Called to Christ the King/Hope, Los Lunas/Socorro, NM. He accepted the Call.

Rev. Noah Wehrspann, Called to Peace, Arlington, MN and also to Mt. Calvary, Indianola, IA. He declined both Calls.

Jeffrey Kyler (seminary candidate) was called to Mt. Olive/Grace in Bovey/Marble.

Eli Voight (seminary candidate) was called to Redeemer, Bagley & Trinity, Bemidji

Vicar Scott Brown was placed at Ebenezer/St. James in Leaf Valley/S. Effington.

COMMISSIONED MINISTER CHANGES



MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT—LCMS

JUNE 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR

"PARTNERS IN MISSION AND PRAYER WITH..."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Rev. Anthony Cloose - Zion, Mora	4 Rev. Robin Collins - Trinity, Staples	5 Rev. Gregg Coop - Prince of Peace, Baxter	6 Rev. Joseph Crosswhite, III - St. Peter, Randall	7 Rev. Jacob Dandy - Zion, St. Francis (Crown)	8
9	10 Rev. Paul Dare - Zion, Alexandria	11 Rev. David Dauk - Living Word, New London	12 Rev. Chris Davis - First English, Park Rapids	13 Rev. Kirk Douglas - Trinity, New York Mills	14 Rev. Tom Eaves - St. John's, Barnesville	15
16	17 Rev. Michael Eckert - Trinity, Hill City	18 Rev. David Edge - Shepherd of the Pines, Rice	19 Rev. Brad Felix - Trinity, Virginia	20 Rev. Brady Finnern - Messiah, Sartell	21 Rev. Robin Fish, Sr. - Immanuel, Verndale	22
23	24 Rev. Robert Franck - Mt. Olive, Duluth	25 Rev. David Franzmeier - St. John, Pierz	26 Rev. Ross Fritz - Grace, Breckenridge	27 Rev. Terry Grzybowski - Emmanuel, Elk River	28 Rev. Dr. Rick Hans - Living Savior, Lake Shore	29
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