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New This Month:

- Year End Financial Report 2023.
- 2023 Mission of the Month Summary
- New Lenten Series for 2024.
- 2024 Annual Project—Camp Luther, Every Kid to Camp.

Worship Times

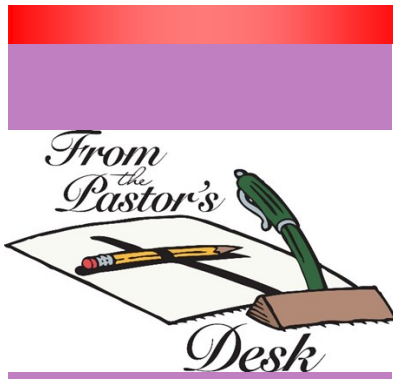
- Wednesdays at 6:00pm
- Sundays at 10:30am
- Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00pm on February 14th.

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Special Articles

- Year End Financial Report
- 2024 Lenten Series Begins
- 2024 Annual Project



²² “For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:22-24).”

This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. Traditionally in the Church, February 14th is the commemoration of St. Valentine. Though there are many histories of this man, the truth is that whichever history is accurate, the fact remains that this man shed his blood for preaching the Gospel. He’s a martyr. And the little love notes and candy elementary school students exchange with each other are fun, but a far cry from dying for the faith. During Lent, we contemplate the most honest love note ever written: the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He loved us so that he went to the cross and bled and died to take away our sin. Throughout the Lenten Season on Sundays and Wednesdays, we heed Saint Paul’s reminder to preach Christ crucified.

The crucifixion of Jesus defies our wisdom, and it is a gruesome sign of the price to be paid for the sin of the world. As life carries on through the 40 days of Lent, we are reminded of our own sin and our sorrow for it, and also that Christ was crucified for our sin.

God grant you a renewed and strengthened faith during this holy season of Lent.

In Christ,

Pastor Hartman

Mission-of-the-Month Project

February 2024 Project:

Direct Support to Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther's *Small Catechism*, or trying to teach young children about basic Bible stories without books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*.

For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages.

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven.

In more than 90 countries and 145 languages, thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* or Luther's *Small Catechism* in their own languages.

LHF has published the catechism in more than 110 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,300 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

Help guide unbelievers to Jesus Christ. [Give to the LHF mission today.](#) The Lutheran Heritage Foundation is a Registered Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). [Click here to read about the beliefs and practices of the LCMS.](#)

- LHF was organized on Nov. 10, 1992 by Rev. Dr. Robert Rahn.
- LHF is directed by a 15-member board made up of pastors, teachers and lay people of the LCMS.
- LHF engages more than 300 individuals around the world who serve as translators, reviewers, editors, general linguists and theological specialists in order to provide the most accurate translations possible.
- LHF has published over 3 million Lutheran books, which are distributed freely to missionaries, churches and individuals.
- LHF became a Recognized Service Organization within the LCMS in 1998.

Click on the markers below to see a snapshot of LHF's work in that country, the books that have already been published, and LHF's translations projects that are currently underway.

To see LHF's list of global languages (English, Arabic, Spanish and French), click on the United States.

DAUGHTERS OF REFORMATION 2023

Current Officers:

President

Lorna Hollman

Vice President

Kelly Hartman

Secretary

Saundra Biermann

Treasurer

JoAnn Fullner.

St. Paul Daughters of Reformation began the year 2023 with 9 members. There were 7 active and 2 Honorary Members. One Honorary Member, Lillian Heller, passed away in 2023. The group met on the last Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the church. The meetings consist of a Bible Study and a business meeting. The Bible Studies at our meetings are taken from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Quarterly and are led by Pastor Hartman. The November luncheon meeting was held at the church with husbands as guests. No meeting was held in December. LWML Sunday was observed on the first Sunday in October. The large Mite Box was available for anyone to contribute to LWML Mission Grants if they so desired.

Officers for 2023 were Lorna Hollman, President; Evaline Hatterman, Vice President and Christian Growth Chairman; Saundra Biermann, Secretary and JoAnn Fullner, Treasurer. The current officers will remain for 2024 with the exception of Evaline Hatterman. Kelly Hartman will be taking the position of Vice President and Christian Growth Chairman for 2024. Other members of the congregation work at funeral luncheons when asked and furnish food for those luncheons. We thank each of these willing helpers.

Mites are collected each month with 75% used by NE North District LWML and 25% sent to National LWML. A donation is sent each year to District LWML to pay for our Quarterly publication. The Nebraska District Leaguer publication is now received by e-mail and copied for the members. Dues are collected, knives and kitchen utensils sold and donations are received for serving funeral luncheons. The DOR gave a donation to The Dakota Boys Ranch, the offerings at the National LWML Convention and to St. Paul church for utilities. Poinsettias and Easter Lilies were purchased for the Christmas and Easter season. Easter baskets were prepared and delivered to the care centers and the homebound.

DAUGHTERS OF REFORMATION 2023

The DOR sponsors work days at the Orphan Grain Train on the second Friday of each month to sort and pack clothing for shipment. These work days are open to all members of St. Paul congregation. The quilting group also made and donated 27 quilts to the Orphan Grain Train in 2023.

The West Point Zone LWML Spring Gathering, was held April 17 at St. John, Pender. Pastor Ricky Jacobs led a Bible Study based on the National LWML Convention Theme “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.” The 2024 Spring Gathering will be held at Faith Lutheran, Stanton. The 2023 Fall Rally was held

on Monday, September 25, at Zion/ St. John with Immanuel, Beemer as the host society. Thirty-five people were in attendance. Rev. Matthew Heise from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation was the featured speaker. The 2024 Fall Rally will be held at St. John, Pender. The National LWML Convention was held in June of 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Lorna Hollman was the delegate from the West Point Circuit LWML to that convention.

The Special Projects group served, or helped serve, at 7 funerals with much appreciated help from the congregation supplying food and extra help. The DOR wishes to extend a big “Thank You” to all congregational members who volunteer to help with funeral luncheons and also those who generously furnish food.

New members and/or visitors are always welcome to join the ladies of the DOR.



FYI

We Deliver Meals on Wheels on the week of February 19th. Please make sure to sign up and help deliver these meals and maybe even pray with them and for them as you deliver the meals.

Remember Our Homebound

Wisner Care Center

John & Judy Borgelt;

Rose Kindschuh; Lois Schmidt;

At Home:

Fred & Joan Groninger;

Donna Heller; Betty Jacobsen;

2024 Lenten Series

Starts on Ash Wednesday,
February 14th at 6:00pm
and every Wednesday
until Holy Week.

Theme this week will be
“Christ Crucified.”

MISSION OF THE MONTH 2023

JANUARY: Rev. Tyler McMiller & family to Italy	\$ 715.00
FEBRUARY: Rev, Jay & Julie Dass in Pakistan	\$2095.00
MARCH: Comfort Dog Katie at Trinity Fremont	\$1025.00
APRIL: Joint Seminary fund	\$ 830.00
MAY: Assist with VBS offerings Comfort Dogs VBS \$605.05	\$ 740.00
JUNE: Orphan Grain Train Building project	\$ 940.00
JULY: St. Paul Back stairway to kitchen window & door replacement	\$895.00
AUGUST: Wisner Outreach	\$1527.00
SEPTEMBER: Relief fund for fire victims in Maui thro Grain Train	\$1940.00
OCTOBER: Christmas gifts to seminary students	\$ 815.00
NOVEMBER: Rev. Jay & Julie Dass in Pakistan	\$1925.00
DECEMBER: Trip to the Ark in June 2024	\$ 770.00

Total Mission of the Month offerings 2023 **\$14,217.00**

This includes the \$500 from the Mission CD

Does not include the VBS offering



2024 Annual Project: Camp Luther—Every Kid to Camp.

Vision Statement:

That all people become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ!

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to create and renew disciples.

OUR HISTORY

For over 50 years, Camp Luther of Nebraska has provided outdoor ministry experiences. It is amazing to see what God has done, and is doing, to use this place to share Christ and bless others!

Camp Luther of NE, Inc. had its genesis in the early 1960s, spearheaded by a joint effort from a group of dedicated lay people and pastors formed by the then Northern and Southern Nebraska Districts. This group began promoting the idea of a camp for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Nebraska District, and their vision caught on, coming to fruition in 1965 when the 160 acre Schuyler, NE site was purchased from the Divis family. The down-payment for the property was provided for through the generosity of the Walther League, the LLL, and the LWML, and in 1967, the camp was incorporated as “Camp Luther of Nebraska.”

The first building moved on site was a one room school house now known as “Alpha House.” The lake, as well as various buildings, were added over a period of years. Today the camp consists of 16 buildings and provides

Every Kid to Camp

Christ-centered programs and activities for the children, youth, adults of the Nebraska District and beyond! Children and grandchildren are constantly being influenced by the world around them. Reaching children with the Gospel while they are young is crucial to counter the conflicting influences of today’s culture. According to researcher George Barna, by age nine, most of the moral and spiritual foundations of a child are in place. Lifelong habits, values, and attitudes are formed between the ages of 5-12. Placing children in an environment that focuses on faith in Jesus Christ will help to provide the Christian foundation children need.



2023 End of Year Finance.

Income & Expense

2023

Account	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% of Budget	Remaining
<u>Income</u>	\$ 230,136.00	\$ 257,475.38	111.88%	\$(27,339.38)
<u>Other Receipts</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 43.54	---	\$ (43.54)
Gifts & Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Other Income-I1	\$ 0.00	\$ 43.54	---	\$ (43.54)
<u>Offerings</u>	\$ 228,756.00	\$ 219,994.10	96.17%	\$ 8,761.90
<u>Weekly Offerings</u>	\$ 228,756.00	\$ 219,994.10	96.17%	\$ 8,761.90
General Envelope	\$ 195,180.00	\$ 183,408.88	93.97%	\$ 11,771.12
Mission Envelope-In	\$ 21,360.00	\$ 25,239.13	118.16%	\$ (3,879.13)
Missionary of the Month	\$ 10,716.00	\$ 8,702.05	81.21%	\$ 2,013.95
Other Income-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Sunday School	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,644.04	176.27%	\$ (1,144.04)
Vacation Bible School Expense	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 2,511.88	182.02%	\$ (1,131.88)
MIDWEEK	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Sewer Repair	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,057.81	---	\$(34,057.81)
Wisner Ministerial	\$ 0.00	\$ 868.05	---	\$ (868.05)
<u>Expense</u>	\$ 212,112.56	\$ 247,583.60	116.72%	\$(35,471.04)
<u>Mission Outreach</u>	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 10,186.88	52.24%	\$ 9,313.12
Orphanage Fund, Project #804036.0	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 3,500.00
Winnebago Mission	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00
Synodical Support	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00
Winnebago Pre-school	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 4,000.00
Seminarrians	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	50.00%	\$ 4,500.00

Account	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% of Budget	Remaining
Tracts and Tapes	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,374.15	171.77%	\$ (574.15)
Choir Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00
Church Service Support	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,553.52	72.96%	\$ 946.48
<u>Professional</u>	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,503.59	105.68%	\$ (403.59)
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,047.58	104.76%	\$ (47.58)
Convention Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,856.01	123.73%	\$ (356.01)
TREASURER COMPENSATION	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00	100.00%	\$ 0.00
<u>Lay Parishworker</u>	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	100.00%	\$ 0.00
Lay Parishworker Salary	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	100.00%	\$ 0.00
Lay Parishworker CHP	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
<u>Pastor</u>	\$ 92,388.56	\$ 85,484.36	92.53%	\$ 6,904.20
Pastor Salary	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	100.00%	\$ 0.00
Pastor CHP	\$ 36,988.56	\$ 32,858.72	88.83%	\$ 4,129.84
Pastor Car Mileage	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,685.67	42.14%	\$ 2,314.33
Pastor Offset Status	\$ 700.00	\$ 699.97	100.00%	\$ 0.03
Pastor Housing Equity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.00%	\$ 0.00
Pastor Saving Plan	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
403b	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 740.00	61.67%	\$ 460.00
District Support	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Bank Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 503.74	---	\$ (503.74)
Software Subscriptions	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,035.00	---	\$ (3,035.00)
Wisner Ministerial	\$ 0.00	\$ 868.05	---	\$ (868.05)
Income Less (Expense)	\$ 18,023.44	\$ 9,891.78	54.88%	\$ 8,131.66

Account	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% of Budget	Remaining
<u>Local</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,686.88	---	\$ (5,686.88)
Missionary of the Month	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Winnebago Mission	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Adult Bible Class	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Missons-E	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,686.88	---	\$ (5,686.88)
<u>Board of Evangeliam</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Evangelism Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
<u>Board of Stewardship</u>	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 200.00
Stewardship	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 200.00
<u>Board of Youth</u>	\$ 500.00	\$ 464.84	92.97%	\$ 35.16
<u>Youth Ministry</u>	\$ 500.00	\$ 464.84	92.97%	\$ 35.16
Youth Ministry	\$ 500.00	\$ 464.84	92.97%	\$ 35.16
<u>Board of Social Ministry</u>	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00
<u>Social Ministry</u>	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00
Social Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00
<u>Borad of Education</u>	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 6,055.14	195.33%	\$ (2,955.14)
<u>Education</u>	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 6,055.14	195.33%	\$ (2,955.14)
Sunday School Expense	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,834.33	101.91%	\$ (34.33)
Midweek School Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,520.93	---	\$ (1,520.93)
Vacation Bible School Exp	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,699.88	449.98%	\$ (2,099.88)
Adult Instructional Mtrl.	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 400.00
Library Materials	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	\$ 300.00
Camp Luther	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00

ccount	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	% of Budget	Remaining
<u>Board of Trustees</u>	\$ 60,324.00	\$ 107,269.33	177.82%	\$ (46,945.33)
<u>Administration</u>	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 46,719.73	107.40%	\$ (3,219.73)
NACC	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Utilities Church	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 19,075.16	119.22%	\$ (3,075.16)
Telephone	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,704.97	90.17%	\$ 295.03
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,862.62	64.38%	\$ 2,137.38
Office Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,408.74	140.15%	\$ (2,408.74)
Church Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,920.35	99.20%	\$ 79.65
Church Medicare	\$ 384.00	\$ 486.15	126.60%	\$ (102.15)
Church FICA	\$ 1,616.00	\$ 2,078.79	128.64%	\$ (462.79)
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 182.95	36.59%	\$ 317.05
<u>Maintenance</u>	\$ 16,824.00	\$ 60,549.60	359.90%	\$ (43,725.60)
Custodian Salary	\$ 5,824.00	\$ 6,240.00	107.14%	\$ (416.00)
Custodial Supplies	\$ 700.00	\$ 387.24	55.32%	\$ 312.76
Floor Care	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
Grounds Care	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,009.04	100.23%	\$ (9.04)
Repairs	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 48,199.27	1071.09%	\$ (43,699.27)
Elevator Maintenance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,714.05	95.22%	\$ 85.95
Church Cleaning	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	---	\$ 0.00
<u>Board of Elders</u>	\$ 128,388.56	\$ 119,200.62	92.84%	\$ 9,187.94
<u>Worship</u>	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 8,212.67	75.35%	\$ 2,687.33
Organists Salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,420.00	68.40%	\$ 1,580.00
Guest Speakers	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 865.00	57.67%	\$ 635.00



**Home Budget
Weekly Needs:
\$3,723.32**

**Mission Outreach
Weekly Needs:
\$403.85**

Stewardship CAMPAIGN

<u>December 31</u>		<u>January 3</u>	
General Envelopes	\$11,728.75	General Envelopes	\$1,168.00
Mission Envelopes	\$1,116.00	Mission Envelopes	\$20.00
Annual Project	\$75.00	Mission of the Month	\$0.00
Bible Class	<u>\$12.00</u>	Annual Project	\$0.00
Total	\$12,931.75	Bible Class	<u>\$0.00</u>
		Total	\$1,188.00
Church Attendance: 102		Church Attendance: 27	
<u>January 7</u>		<u>January 17</u>	<u>Snowstorm on 14th</u>
General Envelopes	\$3,080.07	General Envelopes	\$765.00
Mission Envelopes	\$320.00	Mission Envelopes	\$0.00
Bible Class	\$40.91	Bible Class	\$0.00
Mission of the Month	<u>\$125.00</u>	Mission of the Month	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$3,565.98	Total	\$765.00
Church Attendance: 124		Church Attendance: 45	
<u>January 21</u>			
General Envelopes	Not		
Mission Envelopes	Available		
Bible Class	At This		
Annual Project	<u>Time</u>		
Total			
Church Attendance: 115			

February 2024 Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Heath Cornett	2 Les Oswald	3 Cru Greve
4 Agnes Vollmer	5 Russ Steinmeyer	6	7 Brian Leisy	8 Renesmee Good Jon Greve	9 Megan Nissen Elizabeth Polk Jason Polk Joey Wartig	10 Ty Greve Karl Steinmeyer Aspin Waterman
11	12	13	14 Barry Meyer Jacob Schulz	15 Maggie Schweers	16 Emily Rogers	17 Clint Keifer Lia Raabe Wells Rogers Jackie Schantz
18 Julie Lueshen	19 Josh Cornett Lindsey Cornett Sidney Feyerherm	20 Andrew Borgelt	21 Adam Ott Heather Ott	22 Benjamin McDuffee Corey Loewe Demi Schweers	23	24
25	26	27 Anna Mae Breitkreutz	28 Devern Brand Shavonne Breitkreutz	29		

Anniversaries:

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David and Jerri Fullner— February 14th Ben & Tina Schrad—February 16th

February 2024 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship	5	6	7 10am Women's Bible Class 4pm Midweek Bible Time 6pm Worship	8	9 2pm Work- Day at OGT	10
11 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship	12 1pm Busy Fingers 7pm Board of Elders	13	14 10am Women's Bible Class 4pm Midweek Bible Time 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	15	16	17
18 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship	19	20	21 10am Women's Bible Class 4pm Midweek Bible Time 6:00pm Lenten Service	22	23	24
25 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship	26 1pm Busy Fingers	27	28 10am Women's Bible Class 4pm Midweek Bible Time 6:00pm Lenten Service	29 1:30pm DOR		

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We invite you to join us for
Worship every weekend;
and Bible Study throughout the week.

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Things to Remember

Worship Times

10:30am Sundays

6:00pm Wednesdays

Bible Study Times

9:15am Sundays Preschool—Adults

10:00am Wednesdays Bible Class

4:00pm Wednesdays for 3rd-8th Grades



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COMING NEXT MONTH

- * New Mission of the Month
- * Board Meeting Month
- * Annual Project