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July 2024

A Word from The Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

VBS THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. We had a lot of volunteers and appreciate the gifts and skills of each one. We had over 70 children come to VBS. We are thankful for each of them and the opportunity to learn, praise and play together.

VICAR UPDATE

We are still on track to receive a vicar this summer. The potential vicar has just finished a short term intensive class that will enable him to be eligible for vicarage. We will likely know for sure in the next week. August 1 may be his start date. He will live in the parsonage at Carlos. Please keep him in your prayers.

PARKING LOT SERVICES

We are holding parking lot services on the last Sundays of June, July and August. Each service will include Holy Communion. The Saturday services will be inside. Join us in your car in our east parking lot.

HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Higher Things is an organization in our church that holds youth conferences at 2-4 sites each summer. We will be attending the Higher Things Conference at Portland, Oregon. We will travel by Amtrak, leaving July 20 and returning July 28. Please keep this group of 15 in your prayers for safe travel and that they will be blessed and grow in their faith at this conference. Who Am I? is the conference theme, which explores our identity as a child of God, as a member of my family and in the world.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our annual church cleaning will be the week of July 8. There will be a group of people cleaning the kitchen July 11 at 8 AM. You are welcome to join them or to come any day or evening that week to clean any area in church. There will be a list in the kitchen of areas that need cleaning. There will also be a place to list areas that you clean. Working together we can make our facility look better.

STREET WORK

The city is replacing utilities and repaving the streets on our south and west. These streets will be completely torn up in a couple of weeks. Please watch for construction equipment and workers.

MICHAEL THOMAS TO PREACH

Michael Thomas, a member of our congregation who is a student at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St Catharines, Ontario, will be preaching for our worship services on July 6-7 and July 20-21. There is a tradition that the first time a seminary student preaches in his home congregation, there is a door offering received to show support and appreciation. We will do that the weekend of July 6-7. His finance, Bea Reinhardt, will be spending the next several weeks here. They will be married in December in Gowanstown, Ontario.

VOTERS MEETING

Our Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held July 14 at 10:30 AM. Church Council will meet July 11 at 7 PM.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We will be welcoming new members to our congregation during worship on July 14. They will be joining by confirmation, profession of faith and transfer of membership. If you know of anyone interested in joining Immanuel, contact the office.

PHELPS MILL

Phelps Mill is July 13-14. Our youth have a hamburger and pie food stand. All families with youth, please respond to the email signup or call the church office. Any other adults interested in helping, contact the office.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

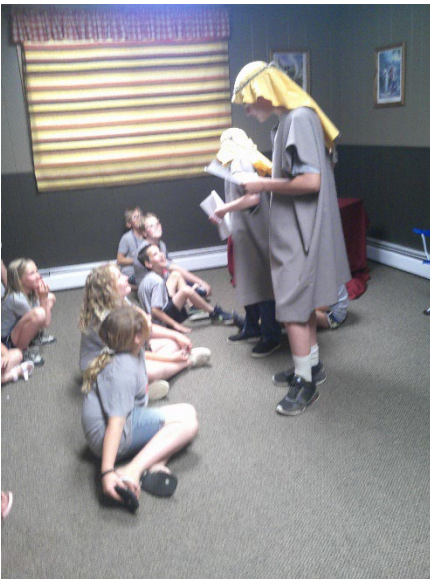
Needed each month in 2024	\$21,848.00
May Offerings	\$15,936.00
June Offerings through June 23	\$13,580.90
Offerings under budget through May 31	\$11,542.09

God's Blessings,

Pastor Kirk Lee

VBS

2024



July-August USHERING SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for the next two months for ushering, greeting, and acolyting. Greeters will also help with the offering. A post card will be sent to you about 10 days ahead to remind you.

If you cannot serve on your assigned time, please try to find someone to take your place. If that doesn't work, call Arvid Hoppe, 320-766-3904 or Byron Herdman, 701-371-5139 the co-head ushers, if you are scheduled for Sunday or midweek; or the church office, if you are scheduled for Saturday.

In order for these activities to work smoothly please be at church 30 minutes ahead of the beginning of service. Arvid or Byron will explain the procedure to you for Sundays and midweek services, Pastor for Saturdays. Thank you!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USHER</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>
<u>JULY</u>			
6	Gerads Family		Elliana Hammack
7	Greg & Amy Riedel Family	Joyce Malmgren	Katie Pexsa
13	Carol Klimek, Marilyn Johnson		Kellen O'Brien
14	Jason Schroeder Family	Delbert & Linda Moske	Madisyn Fahlin
20	James & Tina Kastner		Tannen Stephan
21	Michael & Missy Wendt Family	Judy Nelson	McKayla Vogt
27	Mike & Kari McDaniel		Ryker Springer
28	Parking Lot		
<u>AUGUST</u>			
3	Jacqui Neitzert		Sophia Gibson
4	Brian & Heather Wittrock Family	Wiitanen Family	Grace Gustafson
10	Tim & Sarah Alberts		Gage Rud
11	Lynn & Bonnie Adam	Glen & Dawn Olson Family	Jayden Olson
17	Mitch & Stacy Ahlers		Becca Ahlers
18	John & Linda Barrows	Russ & Nancy Sowers	Luke Schilling
24	Garry Clark		Billy Bastyr
25	Parking Lot		
31	Kris & Amanda Rathcke		Chloe Rathcke
Sept 1	Gene Moske, Richard Rodenborn	Tony & Tonya Woodworth Family	Aidan Moran

July Anniversaries

Steve & Terri Payne	7-1-1978
Ken & Wilma Rauscher	7-3-1971
Kirk & Karen Lee	7-4-1992
Jeff & Nicole Meissner	7-6-2019
Corey & Holly Wendland	7-7-2007
Derek & Erin Bolland	7-9-2005
Robert & Evon Hanson	7-13-1996
Dwayne & Janell Woodbridge	7-14-2007
James & Tina Kastner	7-16-1994
Mike & Kari McDaniel	7-16-1988
Greg & Amy Riedel	7-16-1994
Russ & Nancy Sowers	7-16-1994
Scott & Kelsie Somerville	7-17-2021
Riley & Saren Springer	7-17-2021
Rich & Nancy Knutson	7-20-1974
David & Savanna Fahlin	7-21-2007
Greg & Jolene Samuelson	7-23-1983
Kevin & Sherry Wendt	7-23-1994
Brandon & Kimberly Crawford	7-26-2014
Ryan & Jessica Peppersack	7-29-2023

July Birthdays

Dartanyon Grattan	7-1
Jean Ost	7-1
Grant Riedel	7-1
Sheila Thoennes	7-1
Preston Harstad	7-2
Mary Hunter	7-2
Brady La Van	7-2
Brett La Van	7-2
Tanya Makela	7-2
Star Meredith	7-2
Samantha Prechel	7-2
Susan Lammle	7-4
Rebecca Iverson	7-6
Aubrey South	7-6
Jared Sowers	7-6
Dawn Stach	7-6
Nicole Bettermann	7-7
Jim Duberowski	7-7
Wayne Johnson	7-7
Chris Moske	7-7
Liam Wark	7-7
Valerie Jahnke	7-8
Mike McDaniel	7-8
Shelly Riedel	7-8
Greg Samuelson	7-8
Greg Larson	7-9
Bill Uhde	7-9
Audrey Jensen	7-10
Cody Iverson	7-13
Wade Iverson	7-13
Siobahn Dodds	7-14
Audie Kruse	7-14
Jessica McKane	7-14
Breanna Pexsa	7-14

Dallas Schulke	7-14
Rebekah Harstad	7-15
Shirley Zaun	7-15
Paul Downing	7-16
Derek Eggert	7-16
Lorraine Riedel	7-16
Amber Venzke	7-16
Todd Gaarsland	7-17
Kaitlyn O'Brien	7-17
Garry Clark	7-18
Brody Colberg	7-18
Jayne O'Brien	7-18
Ethan Pauly	7-18
Brooke Riedel	7-18
Dustin Brockopp	7-19
Deb Buker	7-19
Blake La Van	7-19
John Schrader	7-19
Brittney Rud	7-20
Tyler Froemming	7-21
Michael Skrogstad	7-21
Mike Doehling	7-22
Reagan Martinson	7-22
David Meissner	7-22
Ashley Stende	7-22
Kevin Wendt	7-22
Stuart Rubner	7-23
Isaiah Duberowski	7-24
Joanne Moske	7-24
Mercedes Nelson	7-24
Grace Rubner	7-24
Nancy Sowers	7-24
Harper Bolland	7-25
Hazel Ehrenberg	7-25
Claudia Liljegren	7-25
Jackson Lynch	7-25
Joshua Martinson	7-26
Gene Payne	7-26
Julia Peery	7-26
Kyla Woida	7-26
Nancy Erwin	7-27
Samantha Newberg	7-27
Paulette Venzke	7-27
Jeff Fassett	7-28
Roger Wallner	7-28
Derek Bolland	7-29
Gloria Hollatz	7-29
Jesse Meissner	7-29
Marlys Hardekopf	7-30
Jakki Elfering	7-31
Elmyra Jerome	7-31
Cynthia Lenz	7-31
Janessa Samuelson	7-31
Payton Samuelson	7-31
Scott Turchin	7-31

If your July birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform the church office.



Lutheran Island Camp

Upcoming Events

August 3rd: Quilt Auction

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is back! The Live Quilt Auction will begin at 8:30am with the opportunity to view the quilts. The bidding will begin at 10:00am. Meal tickets will be available for purchase. More information will be available in the coming months.

August 9th-11th: LWML Fall Retreat

Ladies, join us as we gather together as sisters in Christ to learn more about Christ our Savior and sharing His love for us with others. The keynote speaker for this retreat is Pati Kachel. She is a Christian Story Teller and will join us to share personal faith stories and sing her gentle songs as she shares practical insights of timeless truths in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes.

September 13th-15th: Parent/Child Horse Camp

Introducing the first of our fall horse camp programs! This camp is for parents and children to spend quality time riding and learning about caring for horses.

For more details about these upcoming events visit our website at islandcamp.org

Summer Updates



The first two weeks of summer camp are complete! We started the summer with Classic and Horse Camps. Our first youth camp started on June 9th with Explorer (3rd-4th grade) and Navigator (5th-6th grade) campers. The second week, we had our Navigator and Adventurer (7th-9th grade) campers.

We've had a record number of camper registrations this summer with 823 registrations to date! We thank God for our awesome team of 20 Summer Staff members who will be leading our campers in songs, activities, Bible studies, and teaching them about God's love for them.

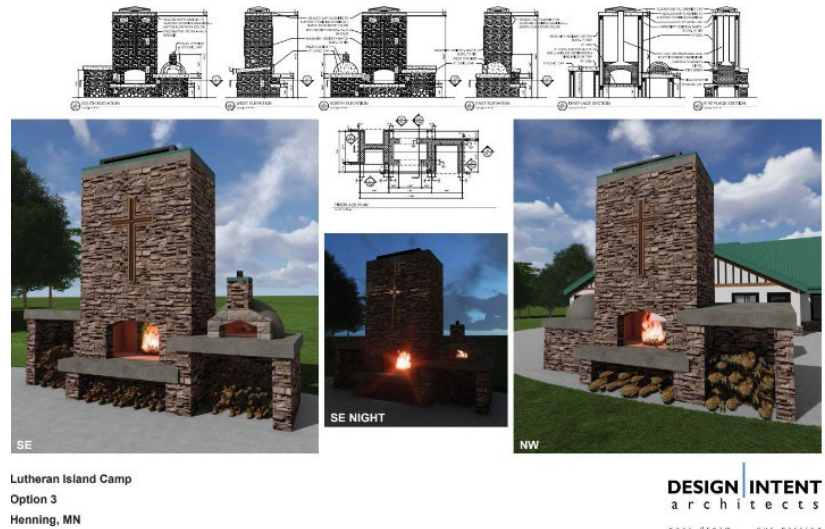
Our theme, ~~THE IS~~, ~~AMX~~ is intended to remind people of the identity of Christ, our identity as Christians, and the identity of our ministry at Lutheran Island Camp.

We are focused on Christ, and teaching our campers who Christ is and what He does for us. As 1 Corinthians 8:6 reminds us, it is because of God and His Son that all things exist, including Lutheran Island Camp! We can't wait for you to join us this summer in exploring our identity as children of God at LC!

ERC Renovation begins Fall 2024!

We are excited for the start of the ERC renovation in the fall of this year! As of right now, we have raised \$1.9 million toward the reinvention of the Education & Retreat Center.

Pictured below are the exterior plans for the renovation. An additional \$50,000 will need to be raised for the outdoor fireplace and oven! Give today to make this a reality by visiting <https://www.islandcamp.org/renovation>



Donate a quilt to LC for the auction

We are taking quilt donations for our annual auction on August 3rd. The deadline to give a quilt is July 12th. We are also taking handmade, high quality items for the boutique! Please fill out a donation form found at [islandcamp.org/donate](https://www.islandcamp.org/donate) and return it with your quilt or boutique item to the office.

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May - June 2024

SERVING THE LORD IN

Japan

News from
Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram

<https://www.lcms.org/jastram>



Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram

Rev. Jastram serves as the
Asia Lutheran Resource
Coordinator:

*Making Lutheran resources of
theology and worship
available in Asia.*



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May Theological Conference



Hill, with Taguchi translating

These last two months, God has richly blessed his holy household of faith here in Japan. Two major events occurred in May with LCMS official visitors from the States.

Our 2024 May Lutheran Theological Conference convened at Kobari Lutheran Church in Niigata City on May 21-23 with LCMS Wyoming District President John Hill serving as keynote presenter.



Nakamoto, Haga, and Taguchi

We heard God's Word expounded through Hill's six major sessions on "Church and Ministry" with another seven subordinate presentations on local ministry contexts by assigned participants.

We welcomed 24 attendees including the majority of the confessional Japanese Lutheran

pastors among whom I work, as well as our LCMS Asia Region Director, Rev. Charles Ferry, and his business manager, Mr. Sam Borgwardt, both from Taiwan.



Wakabayashi, with Hetland translating

Not only did the presentations strengthen a solid foundation for ministry with their teaching from Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, but the conference itself gathered together pastors and laypeople from different church backgrounds not currently in altar and pulpit fellowship but who have mutual good will and a goal of learning about each other as brothers inquiring about unity in doctrine and practice.



Jastram with Rev. & Mrs. Wakabayashi
(the Kobari conference hosts) receiving
Lutheran Resource gifts

Prayer and Thanksgiving:

- thanksgiving for God's blessings through the May Lutheran Theological Conference, the presentations of Wyoming Dist. Pres. Hill and those of other presenters, and the tireless hosting work of Rev. and Mrs. Wakabayashi;
- prayer that God might facilitate the work of final copy for text and translation of the conference sessions for printing and distribution to the participants;
- prayer that God reaches the hearts and minds of those who view and read the work of the LCMS Comms team members as they publicize the work of Gospel proclamation;
- prayer that God works growth in faith and life for those participating in our online Catechism sessions;
- thanksgiving for wonderful headway on our newest translation project of Shaw, Women's Ordination (LCMS Office of the President 2023) (about 85% completed);
- thanksgiving for God's arrangement of an additional translator and proofreader: Rev. Haga;
- thanksgiving for God's blessings at our three current worship sites: Shinjuku (twice a month), Yokosuka (once a month), and Numata (once a month);
- thanksgiving for our LCMS Asia regional director Rev. Charles Ferry and fellow LCMS Asia missionaries each with individual challenges and blessings;
- thanksgiving for the faithful prayers and support provided by our LCMS Jastram-Asia mission partners.

LCMS Comms Visit

*T*he second major event occurred just a week before: another LCMS official visit, this time by two representatives from the International Center's Communications Department.

Erik Lunsford serves as the LCMS Managing Photojournalist (to whom I must yield photographically), and Megan Mertz serves as Chief Copyeditor and also as managing editor of the "Lutherans Engage" magazine (on which we can rely for future publicity).

During their five days in Japan we visited ten significant sites to gather images, stories, interviews, and contexts of LCMS mission work. What a pleasure to facilitate their professional expertise in publicizing the spread of the Gospel!



**Dan & Joan Jastram with
John & Angie Hill**

In addition to the May conference events, there were opportunities to visit some sites in the vicinity of Niigata: the famous Shibata castle built in the Edo period (see first-page masthead), and the Yasuda Anchiyakigama (preserving their handmade pottery tradition for 130 years). ♦

Other News

God has gathered additional contacts into his circle of influence through our newly initiated online Catechism study sessions. For Japanese and international spouses who have attended our LCMS worship services but are new to the Lutheran faith, we wanted to provide a focused opportunity to study the Small Catechism in their own language.

In April, I realized that there were now four candidates who might profit from just such a group opportunity. Therefore, relying on a Japanese 1994 edition of our LCMS 1943 Catechism, we organized an online group study session in Japanese for native speakers and international associates taught by Rev. Taguchi. So far we have met five times. One of the four candidates who started with us seems to have lost interest; but the others have maintained and grown in their interest.

The resulting total group of six continues to meet weekly with wonderfully pertinent questions like "aren't all Christian denominations supposed to respect and affirm each other no matter what their background", or "isn't it enough to believe in the bible", or "how will I know when, where, and how to get baptized", or "what is the process for confirmation as a communicant fellowship member?" What an open door for instruction! ♦

OUR HOME SERVICE dates for this year are from August 1 to September 17. Although our Sundays are already committed, check our schedule [<here>](#) and send us an email [<daniel.jastram@lcms.org>](mailto:daniel.jastram@lcms.org) to let us know if a midweek event might work out for your congregation, committee, or bible study to learn how to become partners in this exciting mission work.

YOUR SUPPORT is vital for our continued mission work in Japan: regular services at our worship sites, translation of theological resources, and nurturing relations with local Lutheran pastors facing individual challenges to the faith. We are humbly grateful for your continued prayers and support. **Thank you!**

Your missionaries, Daniel and Joan Jastram

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain"
(Psalm 127:1a, Third Sunday after Pentecost, Liturgical Verse).

To support this LCMS mission work:

Give securely online through the LCMS page:

lcms.org/givenow/jastram

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Life on the Road

As pre-field missionaries, we have the large task of raising our own support. We do this by connecting with churches, Bible study groups, individuals... basically anyone who might be interested in hearing our story and supporting the work of Bible Translation through aviation ministry. We wanted to share how these efforts have been going for us.

An Inside Look at our Trip

From the beginning of February through early May we were fully focused on partnership development. We met with established supporters, new supporters, and hopefully future supporters in an effort to make a big dent in our budget needs. We cannot be sent to our overseas assignment (we have not been assigned a country yet, but hopefully one will be chosen soon) until we reach our full budget goal. These have been some tiring, fruitful, wonderful months of connecting with countless individuals across the Midwest.



Sarah manning the LBT booth at the Central IL LWML convention.

Over three and a half months our family visited 21 churches, stayed with 15 host families, attended one LWML district convention, and had a total of 25 scheduled speaking opportunities. We prepared a presentation to discuss how we

plan to serve with Lutheran Bible Translators and JAARS. In addition to these presentations, we spoke with countless individuals, some of whom had never heard of missionary aviation. It was a joy to share our passion for Bible Translation with them.



We visited with some friends from Nathan's flight class at SMAT

Although we were not able to connect with everyone who has supported us so far on our journey, we were able to reconnect with so many people and meet many more who are interested in the work of Bible Translation.



We saw Nathan's best friend from Papua New Guinea.

Throughout our trip we were able to see how God is preparing the way for us. We were able to fill gaps in our speaking schedule with churches we had never visited before. Multiple times individuals told us they had been looking for a new missionary to support. We still have a long way to go, but God's faithfulness has been visible.

"Home Work"

We are currently settling back in at home in JAARS, North Carolina. Nathan is back to training. After being away for so long, he has a little bit of review to do before he can get back to where he was when we left. The JAARS aviation training department is busy with Pre-field Orientation. This course is designed to be a final preparation for pilots and mechanics before they go overseas. This is a course that Nathan will be taking next spring before going overseas.

For now, Nathan will be assisting as he can. He will be working on MATAs (Missions at the Airport) throughout the summer. JAARS pilots will fly to the MATA event at a regional airport to give people airplane rides and share about mission aviation. Nathan will also be working towards solo flights and flights with passengers this summer.

Sarah has finished the classes she was working on with her LBT coworkers and partners. She learned about planning translation projects and multilingualism in different communities. She is looking forward to taking an introductory class on languages this fall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise that our travels went well and that we made it safely back home.
- Pray for Nathan as he gets back to flying after our travels.
- Pray that connections we made over our months of traveling will continue to be fruitful, and that those in the future will help us meet our fundraising goal.



Nathan's friends were able to attend our presentation in Indiana.

Our goal is to be sent overseas in the summer of 2025, but we are still needing a great amount of support. We will be making more speaking trips in the fall to help meet this need. **Please reach out if you would like us to visit your congregation, LWML, or group to share about Bible Translation and aviation.**

We need the support of faithful individuals and churches who see our vision and would like to help us support the work of Bible Translation in the world.

**Thank you for reading our prayer letter.
Your support means so much to us!**

Blessings!



Nathan and his twin sister, Julia, were able to celebrate their birthday together for the first time in years!
Here we are in front of her new house.

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JACY ROSTE NEWS



A New Chapter

Hello friends and family. Here is another update written on my plane ride back to the States. I am learning to love these long hours in the air as it has become a pivotal time to listen to God and process the in-between. It can be a lot to continue going from one nation to another, one culture to another, one assignment to another, one people group to another, one time zone to another. And it is in these moments that I can sit with reality and gain God's perspective in the transition.



PAST

This time, I am flying back from the country of Georgia, where I had the privilege of serving our long-term field staff. Our campus has around 120 staff currently living overseas doing full-time ministry. Our field staff retreats are one of the many ways that our campus stewards our call to sustain long-term missionaries. We have people fly out to facilitate times of worship, prayer, and debriefing with the adults and the kids. I got to lead the portion for the kids and was amazed by the power of God in their lives. Serving these kids and families was well worth the time, energy, and money. I am walking away with confidence that God used this week for his Glory!

PRESENT

Since my last update, I have officially started my new position in Colorado Springs. I am grateful to see God answer my prayers of giving me vision and excitement for this job. I have an amazing team that extends grace towards me and my leadership. I continue to pray for discernment on how to steward this well.



FUTURE

I am excited to share that I am now a part-time student again! Last week, I started an online School of Biblical Studies. Usually, this is a 9-month, full-time school, but taking it online allows me to have a full-time role while doing the same coursework over a multi-year period. My heart is to remain a learner of the Bible. This school will help give me the tools and resources to do so through learning the inductive study.

SBS

The School of Biblical Studies teaches an inductive study of the Bible. This study is the process of gathering and analyzing information (Observation), interpreting that information in its literary and historical context (Interpretation), and then drawing conclusions based on your Observations and Interpretations and applying those conclusions to the contemporary reader (Application).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- My role. The end of June our campus transitions into a new quarter and I will have a new staff group in admissions. Pray for grace and wisdom in training.
- Finances. Continuing to raise my monthly support to provide sustainability in my long term “yes” to missions.
- SBS. Pray for my motivation to remain pure in a desire to know God more. Not to see assignment academically.
- Long Term. Pray for the waiting process of being released to move overseas. Pray for my stewardship as I continue learning what obedience in this looks like.

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SPRING IN PUERTO RICO- MARCH

Spring came and left us in a blink of an eye. We are now in the heat of summer here in Puerto Rico! A lot has been going on all at once, but I thank God for His gifts and His mercies that are new every day.

March started with our Spring FORO from March 1st- 3rd, what a joy it was to be able to share with our partners about the ministry in Puerto Rico.

I had to travel to the capital, San Juan, on the Tuesday after the FORO to get vaccinations for a trip I had coming up. After my appointment, I was able to have lunch with Jose, Daniela and their children, who are members of our church at Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios in the San Juan metro area. It was a lovely afternoon getting to know this wonderful family better.



BIBLE STUDY IN AGUADILLA

At the beginning of the year, Pastor Gustavo Maita started a bible study in Aguadilla, a town about an hour to the north of Mayaguez, at the house of Emmanuel's parents. At the time Emmanuel was in confirmation classes and wanted his family to learn more. I was able to go with to this bible study in March. Emmanuel's parents had invited their neighbor, and everyone was eager to learn more. We studied the Lord's pray.

SAYING "SEE YOU LATER"

A good portion of March was spent helping the Torres Family prepare for their move to the United States. The Torres family are some of the first members of our church in Mayaguez and are a huge blessing to the Lutheran church in Puerto Rico. They are my Puerto Rican family. They helped me in many ways. I spent many Sundays after church at their house watching "The Chosen" and drinking café. On March 17th we had a special prayer for them as they relocated to Florida on the 18th. They have been greatly missed.



EASTER, we celebrated, Easter Sunday, with the addition of 2 confirmations and a Baptism. Church member Sandra, set up a game for us to play with symbols from the Easter Story in eggs and we had to share the meaning of the piece.



SPRING IN PUERTO RICO- APRIL

At our church in Mayaguez, we rent the basement floor of the building to a government HeadStart program. They have been renting the space for many years and it has been a way that the church can help sustain the facilities. In April, the director of the program asked if they could use some of our space in the church to host a workshop for the parents while the children are in class. We happily agreed. The workshop was on how to conserve food in a way that it will be shelf stable for up to 10 years. An important thing for hurricane season.

Pastor Gustavo started the workshop with a prayer and brief introduction to our church. We were able to make connections with the parents and hand out flyers with our church schedule of activities on it as well as a link to our website for them to learn more about our church.



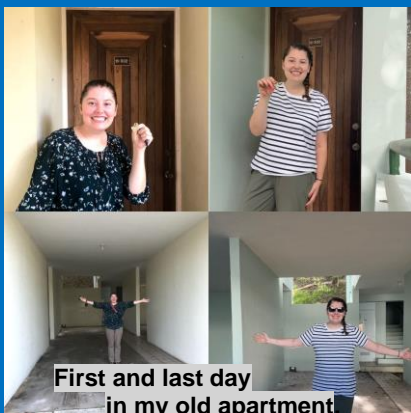
The month of April brought lots of Spring organizing at the church and our Mercy Center in Mayaguez. One of my Spring organizing projects was labeling the folders that store the bulletins. The responsibilities of printing and handing out bulletins on Sunday mornings has been shifting to church members and the labels help make the task smoother. It has been wonderful to see members becoming more involved.

SPRING IN PUERTO RICO- MAY

PAPER CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

Church member, Sandra, used her artistic talents to lead a card making workshop for 15 ladies on three consecutive Saturdays. This was a wonderful opportunity to bring new people into our church and build connections in our community. One of the ladies who came to the workshop had recently moved to Mayaguez. She made friends with everyone at the workshop and came back the next day to another church event.

The workshops are a lot of fun and give an opportunity to come together as the church and to enjoy each other's company (and learn something new). They also provide the space and time for ministering to one another and bringing people into the body of Christ to ultimately receive His precious gifts.



I MOVED INTO A NEW HOUSE!

On Tuesday May 7th, after 3.5 years in my previous apartment, I moved into a new house. The Maita family had moved out of the apartment complex a few months prior, which left me about 30 minutes away from the nearest missionary. After searching and praying, I found a house to rent in the same neighborhood as the Maita family. What a blessing!

My new house!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- My studies to become a deaconess. That I will be able to balance work and studies.
- For the two short term teams we have coming to serve with us in Puerto Rico this summer.
- The opportunities for bible study around the Island.
- The new visitors that have been attending our activities, that the Holy Spirit will bring them to know Christ.
- The Torres family in their adjustment to life in Florida
- Vicar Paul and his wife Courtney who have been called to PR as they make prepare to move.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The confirmation of Emmanuel and Miriangel.
- The birth and re-birth through baptism of Ivanna Maita.
- A safe trip in April to visit a friend.
- A new house!
- New opportunities to study and learn.
- A wonderful visit from my best friend.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

RUMMAGE SALE – GARAGE SALE – BAZAR

The congregation in Mayaguez would like to add a crucifix to the large cross that hangs in the front of the Sanctuary. Due to the size, it is very costly. Church members, Madeline and Sandra, organized a rummage sale where other church members brought things to sell to help raise money for the crucifix. It was a great opportunity for neighbors and community members to visit our church.



STARTING SCHOOL

At the beginning of April, I finished and submitted my application for the Distance Deaconess Program at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. I have been accepted into the master's program and will begin studies in July. Most of my studies will be done online from Puerto Rico but twice a year for the next two years I will travel to campus in Fort Wayne for two-week intensive classes. I am eager to begin and am excited for this opportunity to learn.

HOME SERVICE 2024

I will be in the States for home service the last week in August to the end of September. Please let me know if you would like me to come visit your church. I am always glad to connect with LWML and Bible study groups, Sunday School classes, and VBS kids etc. and share how God is working in Puerto Rico. I will be reaching out to schedule visits in the coming weeks.

My tentative travel schedule:

- August 28th - 29th, 2024 — St. Louis
- August 30th - September 5th — Iowa/Nebraska
- September 6th - 13th — North Dakota/ Northern Minnesota
- September 14th - September 30th — Wisconsin

Your Sister in Christ, Ashley Lehr

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Triune Banners Arrive in Malawi in Time for Trinity Sunday May 26, 2024

Teaching the Triune nature of God has been a challenge for the Confessional Lutheran Church Malawi Synod. Many of the 24 established churches and numerous preaching stations are served by Evangelists who have minimal theological training. The Athanasian Creed is a lengthy and difficult creed to learn and teach. There was a need to present God's Triune nature to congregants in a simple, visual, colorful manner, in Malawian context, for the Synod.



Original felt banner, St. Paul Lutheran Church

Randi Hulkonen, now member of Zion LCMS in Hoffman, had made a felt banner that clearly illustrated God's Triune nature, when she was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Moe Township. A picture of the banner was taken and sent to Rev. Wowa, Chair of the CLCMS for his consideration. Rev. Wowa said it was wonderful! How could that banner be made for his churches?

Interaction with Rev. Wowa resulted in some banner modifications. God the Father was put at the top of the triangle, out of respect in Malawi for the role of the father. English was translated to Chichewa (the national language of Malawi). Rev. Wowa continued to polish the translation, making it simple, yet conveying the correct concepts. The reference from *Matthew 28:19 was clearly kept, with the purpose that Evangelists could refer to it as they taught congregants. Visuals were kept colorful because Malawian culture is colorful.

A commercial printer was secured for printing the banners, in color, on vinyl, so the banners would survive the tropical heat, the insects, and the weather. These banners had grommets installed on their four corners, so they could be hung on church walls. Extra mailing tubes were included with the 24 rolled banners, so Pastors or Evangelists could simply roll them up and walk or bicycle to the next church (for multiple parishes)

ALL 24 banners made it to Malawi!

The best news: Banners arrived in time for Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024! Karonga CLCMS Church was the first church to display their banner. This banner is now carefully taped under the cross in their sanctuary.



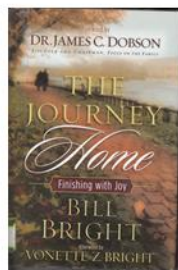
Karonga CLCMS Church, near the border with Tanzania. Trinity Sunday. Photo courtesy Rev. Davis Wowa, Chair, CLCMS

Submitted by Jacque Breman, member Zion LCMS Alexandria. June 2024.

*Matthew 28:19 NIV "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**, ..."
On the bottom of each banner, printed in white on the blue background is the following: "A gift of love from your LCMS brothers and sisters in Christ in Minnesota"

From Our Library — July 2024

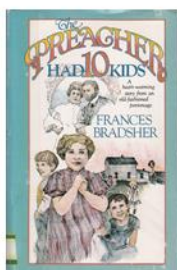
We have a section in the library for Biography books which are not used much so each month we will show you. Take a look at Inspirational books



The Journey Home

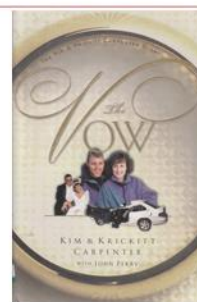
by Bill Bright. When Bill Bright president of Campus Crusade for Christ International was diagnosed with a terminal disease, the first thing he said was; Thank

you Lord. His amazing story. His final thoughts, the hope, knowing his time on earth was short. Code Green Bri



The Preacher had 10 kids

by Frances Bradsher. (A heart-warming story from an old-fashioned parsonage.) With 10 kids there was a poverty of money, but a wealth of spirit. True story of her family life with a sparkle & warmth irresistible as the Walton saga. Code: Green Bra



The Vow by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter. Two month after their wedding, they were in a car wreck that left Krickitt with head injury and in coma. When she awoke she had no idea who Kim was. Against all odds, Kim & Krickitt fell in love all over again. In darkest times a husband

can image he insists "I'm no hero. I made a vow". Code: Green Car.

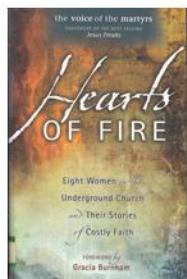
Six Biographies for you



Crying Wind by Crying Wind.

(Beaten deserted and afraid of both death & life a young Indian girl finds LIFE.) She is the accidental offspring of 2 people who hated each other. She never saw her father's face cause he abandoned her mother before she was born. Her mother did not

want to be tied down so left her with her grandmother on reservation. At age of 15, grandmother died & she loses her desire to live. Thinking suicide—Looking thru yellow pages she finds a church address & approaches the pastor. Read her true story. Code: Green Cry

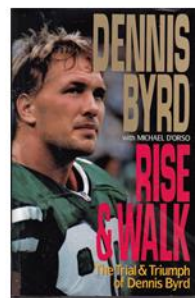


Hearts of Fire fore-

ward by Gracia Burnham. Eight women in the underground church and their stories of costly faith. They were told

"Either you marry or you die... If you are a Christian then there

is no place for you in this city... you will die here alone" Code: Green Bur



Rise & Walk (The Trial & Triumph of Dennis Byrd)

by Dennis Byrd. New York Jets player in 1992 sacking the quarterback. His 6'5", 270lb body collided with a 280 lb teammate & his neck shattered. His story from dirt-poor beginnings in Oklahoma

thru his years of football glory to the grueling rehab that severely tested his spirit. His story is a deep affecting testament to the power of love & faith. Code: Green Byr.

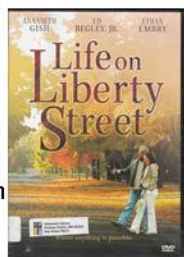
Family Films



The Secret - 91 minutes

When it is discovered that his 9-year-old grandson is unable to read, Grandpa must face his own hidden disability to reach his resentful son and assist the grandson he loves to get the help

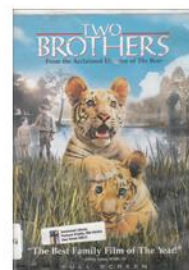
he needs. But will his friends resent him? Code: white FFF344



Life on Liberty Street.

A heartwarming tale of love and forgiveness. In helping their newest resident, a 26 year old with brain injury in car accident in high school, she learns

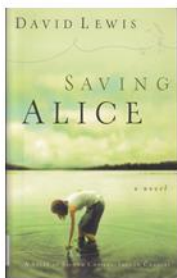
that sometimes the patient can heal the healer. Code: white Hal 21



Two Brothers

Two twin tiger cubs live a carefree life in a jungle, but one day an act of fate forces them apart. One is sold to the circus and the other becomes a pampered pet of a governor's son. Witness their journey as they grow up, reunite & find

there way back home. Code: white FFF129A

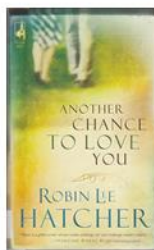


Saving Alice by David Lewis.

Stephen had determined he was never going to be like his Dad, a loser. And his efforts were paying off—top grades in high school, great job, offer after he graduated. He had an engagement ring in his pocket for his lovely Alice.

The gradual downward spiral began so slowly that Stephen wasn't paying attention as his life started to spin out of control. And then it was too late .. Or was it? Code; white Lew

INSPIRATIONAL FICTION



Another Chance to love you by

Robin Lee Hatcher Sustained by her faith, Monica finally had the courage to tell the only man she had ever loved the secret that had burned in her heart for eleven years. Daniel was a celebrity now, could his hometown sweetheart & newfound daughter find a place in his new paced world? Code: Hat



Buried Secrets by Irene

Hannon. Book #1 in the Private Justice series. Lisa is ready for a gentler life of a small town police chief. But a new discovery of a skeleton by a construction crew changes everything.

But someone will stop at nothing to make certain a life shattering secret stays buried. Code: white Han



This angry loving land by Jean Lenore Kenny. Norwegian immigrant, Urliss Peterson came to the American prairie to find the husband of her dreams. But instead of a rich eligible bachelor—there are 2 orphaned teenage boys & a lots of land. The boys grief-stricken over their parents death, are struggling with the meaning of life itself. Now What? Code: White Ken



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JR/TN Inspirational fiction



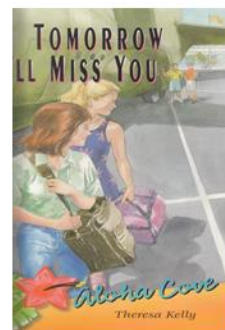
Mountain Madness based on Catherine Marshall's Christy. When Chris travels alone to a nearby mountain, she vows to discover the truth behind a terrifying legend of a strange mountain creature.

But what she finds at first seems worse than she ever imagined. Code: Black JR/TN Mar.



Dream a little Dream by Theresa Kelly. Cass & Tabitha's high school years are coming to a close. As the two stepsisters look forward to graduation, they notice that their friends are struggling. In addition to worrying about their friends they realize they

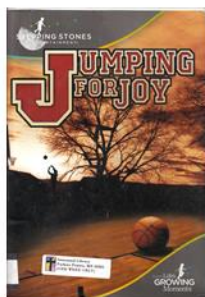
are not exactly the best of friends. They ask God to help them put away bad habits & attitudes. Code: black JR/N Kel



Tomorrow I'll miss you by Theresa Kelly. Sixteen year old Cass & her stepsister Tabitha, have settled into their year at school but things are not right. Both girls face hard decisions & family struggles

as they look to God to lead them where He knows best & bring them safely home again. Code: Black JR/TN Kel

JR/TN MOVIES

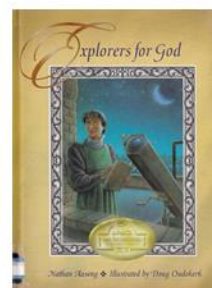


Jumping for Joy—94 minutes. Bobbie is a great basketball player who also takes a rag-tag bunch of boys and turns them into a real team. One problem! Bobbie is a girl & the boys don't

know it. This is 1964 when girls are not allowed to play boys basketball!!! DVD Code: Black FFT 28

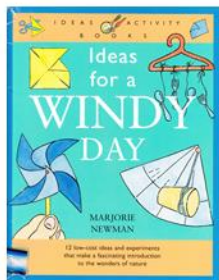


The Perfect Game is based on a true story. Boys from poverty stricken Monterrey Mexico win the 1957 Little League World Series in the only "perfect game" ever pitched. DVD Code: Black FFT 30



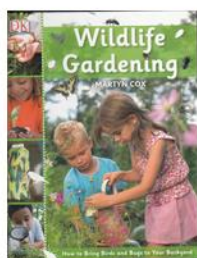
Explorers for God by Nathan Aaseng. Book #3 in the series from the Read aloud collection from Augsburg. 15 stories plus fascinating historical background questions—great family discussions. Code: Black 270'.092'2 Aas

Preschool thru 3rd grade



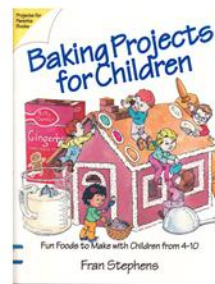
Ideas for a WINDY DAY by Marjorie Newman. 12 low-cost ideas and experiments that make a fascinating introduction to the wonder of nature. Using only scrap materials these activities will not only educate kids but lead

them to a greater appreciation of the wonders of God's creation. Code: blue/black 68.433 new



Wildlife Gardening by Martyn Cox. How to bring birds and bugs to YOUR backyard. By choosing the right plants & creating a suitable habitat, you'll invite some very interesting visitors to your

yard. If you don't have a garden—there are projects using pots & window boxes. Code: yellow Cox

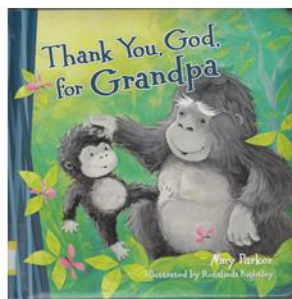


Baking Projects for Children. By Fran Stephens. Fun foods to make with children from 4—10. The projects in this book are easy. Using cake mixes & other convenience food helps make the projects go together

more quickly, so there is more time for assembling, decorating & having fun. Code: Blue 641 Ste



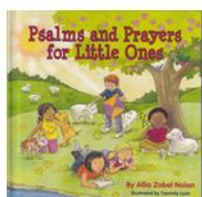
Tell me about God by Karyn Henley. Tell your children about God using familiar elements of family & nature. See the moon, heavens, stars etc. Code: yellow Hen



Thank You, God for Grandpa by Amy Parkers. This book encourages little ones to treasure God's special gift of grandfathers. Boardbook. Code: yellow Par



The story of the star spangled banner written by Patricia Pingry. In fewer than 200 words tells the story of how the words to our national anthem came to be written.. Toddlers will learn basic flag manners. Code yellow Pin



Psalms and Prayers for Little Ones by Allia Nolan. People of long ago had thoughts like you do. They wanted to tell God about happy days and what made them sad & questions about life. ..just like you do. After reading the Psalms, open your Bible and discover even more to understand God as your amazing Creator & loving Shepherd. Code: yellow Nol



JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00 PM Adult Confirmation	9:00 Bible Breakfast				7:00 Worship w/Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship w/Communion, also Livestreamed 10:00 Coffee 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14		9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom	8:00 LWML Kitchen Cleaning 10:00 LWML 11:00 Windmill Ponds Communion 7:00 Council		9:00 Phelps Mill 3:00 Benzinger/ Lund Wedding 7:00 Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 Worship w/New Member Welcome, also Livestreamed 9:00 Phelps Mill 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Voters Meeting 1:00 Baptism 2:00 St. William's Living Center 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14	6:00 PM Portland Meeting	9:00 Bible Breakfast 11:00 St. William's Communion	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom			7:00 Worship w/Communion <i>ACT</i>
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The Lutheran Hour

WCCO Mpls 830 6:05 AM **KWAD Wadena 920/1430 8:30 AM** **KXRA Alex 1490/100.3 6:30 AM**
KFGO Fargo 790/94.1 7:30 AM **KWAD Wadena 920/1430 8:30 AM** **KPRM Staples 94.7 9:30 AM** **KMRS Morris 1230/107.7 12:30 PM**



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Summer Parking Lot Services 9 AM

- ♦ June 30
- ♦ July 28
- ♦ August 25

Join us in the east parking lot for a service with Holy Communion.

The Saturday service will be inside and livestreamed.

