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A Word from The Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

GOD STAYS THE SAME

Our world is changing. So is our country and community. Some of those changes are distressing. Our constant is this: God stays the same. Other changes are good. 8th graders are confirmed. Seniors graduate. Facilities are updated. Summer is coming. And our God stays the same! In all the changes in our lives, how good it is that our God is always the same!

LWML PRAYER SERVICE

Our LWML women invite you to a prayer service on May 2 at 7 PM. "Grace, Mercy & Peace" is the theme. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

CIRCUIT ASCENSION SERVICE

Our Circuit Ascension Service will be May 9 at 6:30 PM at Zion, Alexandria. Pastor Matt Lorenz will be the preacher. Several area instrumentalists will help lead the singing. Come and celebrate our Lord's ascending into heaven.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will be asking for God's blessings on our seniors during worship on May 19. Seniors should bring their gowns and meet in the Fellowship Hall before the service. They will process in together and sit and commune together. Our LWML and ACT have gifts for them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 19 is our last day of Sunday School. Children will sing in church that day and have special activities during Sunday School.

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be June 9-13 from 6-8:30 PM with a family supper at 5:15 PM. All children ages 3 to grade 6 are invited. Go to our website or pick up a flyer at the counter to register. A number of volunteers are needed, including class guides, craft leaders, music leaders, rec leader and kitchen help. Sign up at the narthex counter to volunteer to help with VBS.

PARKING LOT SERVICES

We will again be 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.

VICAR UPDATE

We did not receive a vicar in the spring placement services. However there is a student who has a couple of classes to complete before going on vicarage, which he will do early this summer. He has requested a vicarage in Minnesota and could likely be assigned to us. Please keep him in your prayers.

FACILITY UPDATE

The basement bathroom remodel should be completed by this weekend. Many thanks to all the workers and volunteers who helped with this project. By eliminating the old water meter and receiving all our water through the meter in the new addition we will save about \$1,000 a year. The sanctuary has been painted and looks good. The north side of the balcony was remodeled to give us 3 risers instead of 4 and give more room for musicians and music stands. Again, a big thank you to those who helped with this project! At the parsonage there are currently four different styles of trim. New baseboard and window trim and interior doors have been ordered to match the white doors and hickory trim that are in the kitchen and bathroom. To help with these projects, please consider a donation to our Trustee fund.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Needed each month in 2024	\$21,848.00
March Offerings	\$33,411.00
April Offerings through April 21	\$10,793.00
Offerings under budget through March 31	\$287.91

God's Blessings,

Pastor Kirk Lee

IMMANUEL QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING MINUTES

April 21st, 2024

33 MEMBERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Caauwe with an opening devotion by Pastor Lee at 10:40 am.

The SECRETARY'S REPORT was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

The BOARD OF FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT: The First Quarter Financial Report and Dedicated Funds reports were read. Motion made and seconded to approve both financial reports. Motions carried.

The BOARD OF ELDERS reports the following First Quarter Official Acts: **Funerals:** None to report. **Baptisms:** Palmer Wagner & Beau Knapp. **Wedding:** None to report. **Transfers:** Craig and Lori Johnson to Risen Savior, Chandler, AZ. Motion made to approve transfers, seconded. Motion Carried. **Removed/Released:** Bernice Helmke, Jonathan, Jennifer, Jordyn, Hunter, Haleigh and McKenzie Holte, Jonathan Runningen, Tracy Youngman, Ryan Stone, Alayah, Ariana and Troy Thoennes, Danielle Clark, Karen Alexander, Alyssa, Carter, Kason and Madilyn Huckle. Motion made and seconded to approve list of those removed or released. Motion carried. A Special Needs Fund offering will be held May 18-19th. Summer parking lot services with communion will be held on 06/30, 07/28, and 08/25 at 9 am replacing the indoor service that day. A vicarage application has been submitted with Carlos.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION reports VBS will be June 9-13th with a "Celebrate the Savior" theme. May 19th is the last day of Sunday school. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Bible classes are going well. An adult confirmation class is starting. ACT lenten soup suppers, envelope fundraiser, Palm Sunday brunch and Easter Sunrise Service went well. 10 youth are registered for the Higher Things Conference this July in Portland. ACT Confirmand welcome and Phelps Mill are coming up.

The BOARD OF EVANGELISM reports that VBS flyers are available for registration. The outdoor sign on Hwy 29 by Dodds will be replaced and is currently being worked on. Friendship Sunday was held Palm Sunday weekend.

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES reports that insurance cost is increasing by about 52%. Basement bathroom remodel is in process and near completion. Interior painting of the Church Sanctuary is complete. Balcony floor risers are being worked on. They will be placing carpet tile on the balcony floor. The outside cross replacement is in process. They are completing the parsonage remodel project with new interior doors and trim.

The ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE read the Treasurer's Report. Motion made to approve the treasurer's report and seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Spring cleaning for Cabin Lois will be on May 11th. Broadcast committee reports 2 wireless mics were added. Planning committee Proposed Mission Statement: Empowered by God's word, we know, love and share Jesus Christ. Motion made to approve mission statement. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussed adding that no alcohol be allowed on church property on the agreement when renting the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: None to report

Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:17am.

Tiffany Springer

Secretary

May-June 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>MAY</u>			
4	Jesse & Mindy Meissner Family		Sophia Gibson
5	David & Stacy Moske Family	Pauly Family	Gage Rud
11	Mel & JuAnn Riedel		Billy Bastyr
12	Penrose Family	Schilling Family	Luke Schilling
18	Jeff & Nicole Meissner Family		Kellen O'Brien
19	Jeff Riedel, Warzecha Family	Newberg Family	Madisyn Fahlin
25	Sandy Rud		Becca Ahlers
26	Cheryl Scott	Jurlienne Riedel	Adian Moran
 <u>JUNE</u>			
1	Joey Rud		Jaeda Porter
2	Wiitanen Family	Marlene Pooler	Grace Gustafson
8	Robert & Evon Hanson		Carter Schmidt
9	Don & Grace Rubner	Robinson Family	Aaron Vogt
15	Josh & Alexandra Wilde		Ryker Springer
16	Bruce Sjobeck	Don & Lois Sjobeck	Brendan Koep
22	Leon & Cindy Wunderlich		Averyanna Hammack
23	Dedra Zwieg	Diane Vis	Lilly Woodbridge
29	Kelly Hansen		Nolan Wendland
30	Parking Lot		

The downstairs bathroom remodel is complete!



May Anniversaries

Andrew & Meagan Moen	5-1-1999
Jim & Jackie Duberowski	5-6-2006
Craig & Karen Marotto	5-11-1996
Tim & Sarah Alberts	5-16-1998
Chris & Tabitha Birkholz	5-16-2015
Leon & Cindy Wunderlich	5-19-1979
Paul & Hannah Downing	5-20-2023
BJ and Chrystal Dodds	5-23-2019
Riley & Nicole Rosengren	5-24-2014
Mark & Deb Eastmead	5-27-1995
Larry & Amy Hunter	5-27-1989
Ken & Kim Thormodson	5-27-2001

May Birthdays

Darlene Hilgren	5-1
Paul Peterson	5-1
Lois Charbonneau	5-2
Madison Ross	5-3
Bonnie Brunson	5-4
Bryson Rud	5-4
Ryker Samuelson	5-4
LeDoux Prechel	5-5
Huntley Wittrock	5-5
Taren Settle	5-6
Ralph Hemmerlin	5-7
Tim Lammle	5-7
Dave Winter	5-7
Katie Pexsa	5-8
Ryan Pexsa	5-8
Addison Duberowski	5-9
Harper Duberowski	5-9
Dan Kreidler	5-10
Linda Moske	5-10
Molly Pauly	5-10
Dawson Smith	5-10
Robert Ewert	5-11
Trulie Schmidt	5-11
Kathy Caauwe	5-12
Greg Riedel	5-12
Bailie Tvrdik	5-13
Jaqui Neitzert	5-14
Meagan Moen	5-15
Isabella Penrose	5-15
Brad Smith	5-15
Rodney Uran	5-15
Sheryl Brunson	5-16

Rick Cowan	5-16
Sonya Finbraaten	5-16
Caleb Messer	5-16
Sarah Riedel	5-16
Eloise Wallner	5-16
Sherry Wendt	5-16
Ardine Zimmer	5-16
Mike Wilde	5-17
Stacey Ahlers	5-18
Steve Hanson	5-19
Shelby Harstad	5-19
Hillary Moske	5-19
Kim Thormodson	5-19
Scotty Wunderlich	5-19
Mike Klimek	5-20
Gunnar Thoennes	5-20
Diane Vis	5-20
Noah Riedel	5-21
Ashley Iverson	5-22
Christina Martinson	5-22
Audrey Burchard	5-23
Benton La Van	5-23
Teresa Harstad	5-24
Kaylee Looker	5-24
Avery Wendt	5-24
Tiffany Springer	5-26
Kelley Pexsa	5-27
Eli Rud	5-27
Jennifer Gray	5-28
Terri Payne	5-29
Jacqueline Turchin	5-29
Greg Iverson	5-30
Cassandra Suchy	5-30
Ken Anderson	5-31
Mikael Briggs	5-31
Charlotte Crider	5-31
Tristan Jahnke	5-31
Catharine Schroeder	5-31

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



Lutheran Island Camp

Upcoming Events

May 11th: Spring Work Day

Help us get the Island ready for summer! We will be cleaning up the grounds and prepping our facilities for the busy summer season. This event starts at 8am and ends at 2pm. Lunch will be provided for all our volunteers. As always, lodging will be available for those coming from long distances. You do not have to sign up in advance but we do appreciate a courtesy call to let us know you're coming so we have enough food! You can call the office at 218-583-2905.

June 7th: Donor & Volunteer Appreciation

If you are a volunteer or donor to Lutheran Island Camp, you are invited to a dinner in honor of YOU! Please RSVP before May 24th by going to our website and clicking the "RSVP" button. The doors will open at 4:30pm and dinner will be served at 5pm. A time of worship around the campfire will follow the meal. For questions, or help RSVPing, call us at 218-583-2905.

For more details about these upcoming events visit our website!



From the Director's Desk

Celebrating New Life: A Reflection on Easter and Island Renewal

As we bask in the afterglow of Easter, the words of John 11:25 resonate deeply within us: "I am the resurrection and the life." This profound statement reminds us of the promise of new beginnings and the transformative power of hope. Just as Easter marks the resurrection of Christ, we witness new life emerging all around us, even here on our beloved Island.

Spring has graced us with its presence earlier than expected, painting the landscape with vibrant hues and breathing new life into every corner. As we marvel at the blossoming flowers and the return of wildlife, we're reminded of the cycles of renewal that bless our world.

With this newfound energy, we're gearing up for our upcoming Spring workday on May 11th. This day of collective effort is essential in preparing the Island for the summer camp season, ensuring that it remains a haven where children can create cherished memories and foster lifelong friendships.

But our work doesn't stop there. On June 7th, we'll gather to express our heartfelt gratitude to our donors and volunteers whose unwavering support sustains our mission. Your generosity fuels our efforts and inspires us to continue making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

We're also thrilled to announce a significant milestone on August 5th: the groundbreaking ceremony for the ERC remodeling project. This endeavor represents a pivotal moment in our journey, one that will enhance our facilities and expand our capacity to serve our community effectively.

While we've made remarkable progress, we still have a way to go to reach our \$2 million goal. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to realizing our vision for a stronger, more vibrant island. Your continued support is crucial in ensuring the healthy financial sustainability of our efforts.

As we embark on this journey together, let us draw inspiration from the Easter season and the promise it holds. Let us embrace the spirit of renewal and possibility, knowing that with your support, we can continue to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and generosity. Together, we can bring about positive change and create a brighter future for all!

Program Corner



Happy Spring! Can you believe that in seven weeks campers will be arriving on the island? We are so excited! There is still time to register for camp this summer! Don't forget to take advantage of our specialty weekend camps -

like Beginning Horse Camp, Art Camp, Fishing Camp, and Outpost Camp. There are still lots of available spots for Splash Camp and High School Camp - you won't want to miss these action-packed weeks!

As the summer approaches, please keep our summer staff and Junior Counselors in your prayers. We have an amazing team of young men and women who are excited to serve you and your families and share Jesus' love with everyone who visits the island! Want to show the staff some extra love this summer? Feel free to send encouraging notes, favorite Bible verses, and maybe even care packages to our staff. Contact Olivia at licprogram@islandcamp.org for more ideas of how to support our incredible staff.

We are so excited to see you all on the island this summer. It will be a blessing to explore our theme (He Is I Am) as we study Jesus' Statements and the work he accomplished for us on the cross.

Check out our Amazon Wish List!

Check out our list of items we could use to further our mission and ministry! Click this link to view the wish list: <https://a.co/g0Ne3WM>.

Thank you to everyone who donated kayak paddles! We are still in need of two more. Please kindly consider gifting kayak paddles to LIC before the summer season!

Donate a quilt to LIC for the auction

We are taking quilt donations for our annual auction on August 3rd. We are also taking handmade, high quality items for the boutique! Please fill out a donation form found at islandcamp.org/donate and return it with your quilt or boutique item to the office.



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Orphan Grain Train Minnesota North Collection Center for 2023

- 1/26/2023 & 5/16 Redeemer Lutheran, Willmar made and donated 67 quilts & 7 lap robes.
- 3/24 St. John Lutheran, Ada- Health Kits. Zion, Detroit Lakes-Quilts and clothing.
- 4/4 Carol Kern, Dent 750 tent dresses.
- 4/17 Trinity Lutheran, Bemidji-17 quilts, clothing. \$150, and bibles
- 4/17 Gethsemane, Snellman,35 quilts, 25 health kits, knitted caps and gloves.
- 4/17 St. Johns, Vergas, St. Johns, Loon Lake, Zion, Detroit Lakes, 58 quilts & clothing.
- 4/17 Beautiful Savior, Gallaway, 22 boxes clothing
- 4/18 Redeemer Lutheran, Menahga & Zion Lutheran, Sebeka—30 health kits, quilts,& clothes.
- 4/25 12 blankets from St. Paul Lutheran, Campbell.
- 5/4 Good Shepherd Lutheran, Babbitt, --quilts and New Socks and Undies.
- 5/8 Pastors conference at Maddens-52 boxes of New Socks And Undies.
- 5/8 1st Lutheran, Ely -20 quilts and New Socks and Undies.
- 5/9 Our Savior, Crookston, 65 quilts, 25 lap robes, 29 baby afghans, and 7 sleeping mats.
- 5/11 Apostolic Harvest Call, Hancock provided 15,300 lbs of black & 23,700 lbs. of pinto beans for Ukraine. Container TCNU-969477-8 from Hancock-St. Paul-Norfolk, Virginia, shipped to Hamburg, Germany- Ukraine by the end of June.
- 5/16 Joyce Wold, Wadena- 655+ tent dresses.
- 5/17 Trinity Lutheran, Fergus Falls-40 quilts, knitted caps, scarfs, sweaters, diapers.
- 5/17 21 boxes of New Socks & Undies, 7 boxes of quilts taken to Milbank-Norfolk-Ysleta, TX
- 5/23 St. Paul Lutheran, Hickley-13 quilts
- 5/23 St. Paul, Granite Falls-29 quilts.
- 5/25 St. Johns Lutheran, Wheaton-70 quilts, 7 health kits, school kits and layettes.
- 5/25 Crookston Zone -LWML in-gathering, 252 hygiene kits.
- 6/2 Trinity Lutheran, Fischer, 32 quilts.
- 6/2 St. Johns Lutheran, Green Meadows/Ada, 66 quilts, 66 diapers, clothes and shoes.
- 6/3 Trinty Lutheran, Twin Valley, 39 quilts, 56 pillowcase dresses.
- 6/6 Transferred 17,000 lbs. of pinto, 18,900 of kidney, & 5,400 lbs. of black beans from Christian Apostolic Harvest Call, Hancock to Wisconsin Branch for shipping.
- 6/10 Immanuel Lutheran, Walker – Men’s, Childrens clothing, shoes, linens, household.
- 6/17 Grace Lutheran, Breckenridge,-28 boxes of quilts, clothing, hygiene & school kits.
- 6/17 Zion Lutheran, Detroit Lakes, 47 quilts, medical supplies and clothing
- 6/22 Trinity Lutheran, Benson,-53 quilts.
- 6/28 Walnut Grove-school desks, tables & chairs. Westbrook-5 school tables, 25 desks, 40 chairs, 7 sewing machines, 3 telescopes, Tyler-school desks and chairs.
- 7/9 St. John Lutheran, Red Lake Falls, 5 boxes of quilts.
- 7/12 Zion Lutheran, Sauk Centre-7 school backpacks, & school supplies.
- 7/12 Ladies Circle- Trinity Lutheran, Long Prairie- diapers, onsies, baby clothes & blankets.
- 7/26 Detroit Lake schools-school lunch tables and chairs.
- 7/28 Zion Sebeka, Redeemer, Menagha-clothes, shoes, quilts, baby clothes, 37 school kits.
- 8/23 Our Savior Lutheran, Crookston, 26 boxes of quilts, baby quilts, and clothing.
- 8/23 Zion, Detroit Lakes, 98 boxes of clothing

- 8/27 Trinity Lutheran, Fergus Falls, Presentation given. Knitted scarfs, 14 quilts, 14 baby quilts, 46 school kits, supplies to pack 76 backpacks & 23 empty backpacks and supplies. \$660.
- 8/30 176 school kits sewed and filled by Edna Schaefer, Zion, Morris,
- 9/5 58 school kits from Zion, Sebeka and 12 school backpacks from Redeemer, Menahga. 17 school backpacks. Grace, Hibbing had 16 quilts and also clothing, shoes, baby clothes and blankets.
- 9/5 4 blankets and 48 quilts from Trinity Lutheran in Carlos.
- 9/9 Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes had quilts, knitted caps, 88 school backpacks, school supplies.
- 9/29 Joyce Wold, Verndale, had 350 sewn tent dresses.
- 10/3 Super 8 motel, Morris donated used towels, washcloths, & hand towels.
- 10/8 Zion, Mora had 200 tent dresses and quilts.
- 11/8 Redeemer Lutheran, Willmer, gave 8 quilts.
- 11/8 Living Word, New London, school backpacks and school supplies.
- 11/10 Helen Robinson, Jean Odgard, Asby had 64 baby blankets, 31 youth quilts, baby clothes, receiving blankets and 38 pillowcase dresses.
- 11/14 Apostolic Church Harvest Call donated 39,390 lbs. of pinto, kidney, and black beans. This container was shipped to Liberia for Pastor Kollie and another mission.
- 11/17 Curtis Manning, St Joseph, had blankets, infant and children clothing and shoes.
- 11/21 Packed up infant, children, men's clothing and shoes. Also household and bedding. from the Hancock Thrift Store which closes for the winter.
- 11/25 Menahga, Lots of infant and children clothing, shoes, quilts, toys and household items.
- 12/1 Anne Hansen and Kay Jacobson made 200 health kits.
- Thank you to Gary Geske, who continues to bring donations from churches in northern part of MN to Morris collection center. We apologize for any donations or churches not recognized.

MN North would like to thank Wisconsin Branch for working together and shipping these donations.

Serving Christ, Eugene Pasche, coordinator, MN North Collection Center

Federwitz Flyer

Serving Bible Translation through Aviation



March 2024 | Editors: Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz

Training New Recruits

As you know, the main reason we are here at Jaars in Waxhaw, NC is so that Jonathan can train pilots for service on the mission field. Our next big training event kicked off at the beginning of this month and will run through the end of June. We have 10 new recruits – 6 pilots and 4 mechanics. Jonathan will primarily be working with 3 of the pilots who are preparing for service in Kenya and Brazil.

Over the last few months Jonathan has done some training with some experienced field pilots who came for refresher training before returning to their fields of service. He's also flown with pilots preparing for field service (including our son, Nathan) and some pilots considering becoming a missionary pilot.



Carrie's Role with Jaars

As part of our ministry here with Jaars, Carrie now has a new assignment! She is now serving as the administrative assistant for the aviation training manager, BJ Diggins. (That means that we both have the same boss.) As you would probably guess, that means she's basically doing clerical and logistical tasks to assist BJ and to keep our training program running smoothly.

Carrie's cubicle at Jaars

Our First Grandchild!

In case you missed the news, we are excited to announce the birth of our first grandchild. Enoch Jesse Federwitz was born on October 21, 2023. We are very much enjoying our new role as grandparents! Enoch's parents are Nathan and Sarah Federwitz.



Julia is Getting Married!

We're also excited to announce the engagement of our daughter Julia to Kyle Graham. They got engaged in October and are planning a July wedding. Kyle is from Florence, SC, which is where Julia has been living for the last year and a half while teaching at a Christian school there. We're happy for them and look forward to welcoming Kyle into the family.

Financial Partnership

We've had a number of people ask us if we still need financial support now that we are based in the US. The answer is YES. The work that we are doing with Jaars is still mission work because it supports the mission work that we are doing around the world. It is not a paid position. Therefore, we still depend upon your financial partnership to serve in this way.

We've also had people ask us about our children who are also raising support for their mission work. This includes Nathan and Sarah who have joined Lutheran Bible Translators to serve in

mission aviation and Leah who is joining Teach Beyond to serve as a missionary teacher in Papua New Guinea. We know that some of you are wondering about shifting your financial support from us to our children. While we highly recommend our children to you for your consideration, the truth is that we also continue to need your financial partnership.

For those of you that have been partnering with us financially, we thank you. Your gifts mean a lot to us. For all of you that have been praying for us, we thank you. Your prayers sustain us. Thank you for your partnership that makes it possible for us to train and prepare the next generation of missionary pilots.

The Next Federwitz Generation

Nathan and **Sarah** are currently traveling in the Midwest as they build a prayer & financial team for their ministry with Lutheran Bible Translators. Nathan will have more flight training to do before they head overseas. Let them (or us) know if you'd like to receive their newsletters.

Julia's big news is what we shared above about her engagement to Kyle Graham. She is continuing to enjoy teaching 1st grade at The King's Academy in Florence, SC.

Leah finished 2 years of teaching at the mission school at Ukarumpa in Papua New Guinea (PNG) in December. She is currently with us and in the process of joining Teach Beyond to return to PNG as soon as she can raise the needed financial support. She'll be sending out a newsletter soon. Let her (or us) know if you'd like to receive it.

Rachel is continuing her studies in her sophomore year at Concordia University Wisconsin. She is continuing in the education program to be a high school math teacher.

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Prayer and Praise

- Praise the Lord for the 10 new recruits in mission aviation training here at Jaars. Pray for us as we train and mentor them.
- Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of our grandson, Enoch.
- Pray for Nathan & Sarah and for Leah as they seek prayer and financial partners and prepare for service as overseas missionaries.
- Pray for Julia and Kyle as they prepare for and enter into marriage.

Your Partners in Christ,



Jonathan and Carrie

Nathan and Sarah,

Julia, Leah and Rachel

Financial gifts may be sent to one of the addresses below with a note stating your "Preference for the Wycliffe Ministry of Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz." Or you may click one of the links for giving online.



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SERVING THE LORD IN

Japan

News from
Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram

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Pastor Dan and Joan Jastram

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Visitation Snapshots

In a totally typical Japanese small town, the sight of such a grand, magnificent cathedral, pictured above-left in the masthead, startled me.

I was visiting a well-catechized LCMS member far from Tokyo. After getting off the high-speed bullet train, I approached the suburban area by foot. The rice fields began to fade into farmhouses, homes, and a small business district. Suddenly there sprang into view this grand, magnificent cathedral!

In my excitement to learn more about this church, I was totally deflated to learn that a wedding industry company had purchased the building in Europe, shipped it to this location in Japan, and set it up with all the amenities to suit every desire of wedding planners, caterers, photographers, and customers.

Absolutely no worship or congregation associated with the building at all.

In fact, the lone desk clerk on duty asked me to explain the curious features of the sanctuary: "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus"; "Alpha and Omega"; "INRI" (Latin abbreviation for Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews); along with the carvings and stained glass.

The setting was grand. My sermon was off the cuff and to the point. But the lone congregant must have wondered greatly at the rich meaning imbedded in this European sacred space now used only for show.

By contrast, faithful Lutherans, sometimes scattered by great

distances, eagerly receive the Word and Sacrament even where no cathedral is present.

Whether far south in Kyushu or somewhat north in Gunma, we LCMS missionaries in far parts deliver life and salvation through pastoral visitation.



Numata, Gunma Prefecture

Again, on one such visit I was startled a second time by a humble roadside mirror firmly held in place near the fence by its living tree post: as you can see, the tree had over the years, grown completely around the supporting bar of the mirror.

In some strange way, both the cathedral and the mirror had come to share their incongruity of context.



Roadside Mirror

Prayer and Thanksgiving:

- thanksgiving for life and salvation in the Gospel administered through the visitation of missionary agents sent throughout the world by our supporting partners in mission;
- thanksgiving for the availability and growth of Lutheran resources to meet critical needs in Japan;
- thanksgiving for the start of our first online Japanese Small Catechism study group of 8-10 participants led by Rev. Taguchi;
- prayer for grace at the recent news that the Japan Lutheran College in Mitaka Tokyo will be closing after this academic year;
- thanksgiving for completion of our specially requested project for the translation of Shaw, *Women's Ordination Through the Lens of the Apostles' Creed* (LCMS Church Relations, 2023);
- thanksgiving for God's long-awaited arrangement of a translation proofreader with plans to start project work the middle of April;
- thanksgiving for God's blessings at our three current worship sites: Shinjuku (twice a month), Yokosuka (once a month), Numata (starting up, 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.

Lutheran Resources

In preparation for our May Lutheran Theological Conference in Niigata, I have assembled some Lutheran resources: plenty of Japanese Small Catechism booklets; four of the expensive Japanese Book of Concord volumes and four of the reasonably priced Japanese Small Catechism with Explanation books (translation of the LCMS 1943 version) for donation to the Kobari Niigata church lending library.

Our conference is organized according to the historic Lutheran "free conference" pattern in which those of various Lutheran backgrounds can meet for mutual discussion and understanding about unity in confession and practice without engaging in unionism in the process.

Our keynote speaker will be the Wyoming District President John Hill presenting six sessions on "Church and Ministry" interspersed with shorter presentations by designated participants about their local contexts of ministry.

Not to overlook Lutheran resources of the past, my long-standing ambition to accurately organize an up-to-date time-line chart

Chronology of Japan LCMS Career Missionaries

documenting the chronology of our past LCMS career missionaries in Japan, has finally borne fruit. It traces the continuous LCMS career missionary presence in Japan—since its 1948 beginning to the present—of 79 LCMS missionary family units, surging to an all-time high in 1964 of 40 LCMS missionary units serving at the same time in Japan. What a cloud of witnesses to cheer on your current individual missionary unit here! ♦



May Conference Supplies

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, Dan and Joan Jastram

“Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

(Luke 24:32, Third Sunday of Easter, Liturgical Verse).

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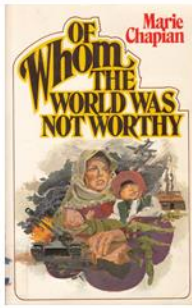
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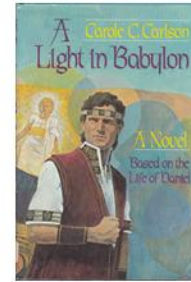
Sample of assorted books, enjoy true stories, pioneer, MN authors, Biblical fiction, All just waiting for you to read and enjoy!!!



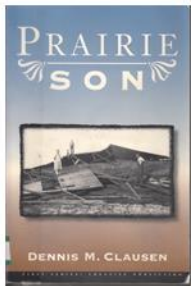
Of Whom the World was not worthy by Marie Chapiro. We must believe with all our hearts & souls that He is with us. He is a God of Love! Evangelist, Jakob, shouted as the German tanks roared across the Yugoslavian soil. Their cry was Better Grave than slave! (Marie Chapiro went to Yugoslavia & interviewed the people there to know how the Christian faith was sustained those terrible years of war.) **True Story.** Code: Blue 248.4 Cha



Deadline in Rome by Max Call. Story of Phoebe, an intriguing businesswoman from Cenchrea that Paul so trusted her to carry his letter of faith into the very heart of a savage police state. Women were taught to be silent in the first century & allow men to assume authority. Why was Phoebe an exception? Code: white Biblical fiction Cal



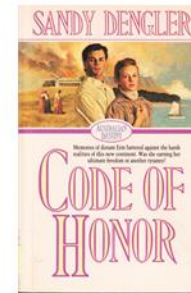
A Light in Babylon by Carole Carlson. Based on the life of Daniel. Daniel lived an uncompromising life in the midst of a pagan society, a noble, intriguing and admirable character. Daniel is here in the fiery furnace, lions' den, Nebuchadnezzar's dreams, and feast. His story challenges us to walk intimately with God in order to be a true witness despite the jealousy of lesser men. Code: Biblical fiction Car



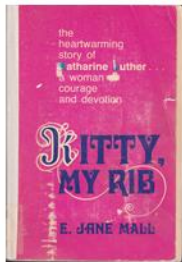
Prairie Son by Dennis M. Clausen. Set in rural MN during the 1920's thru 1940's This powerful memoir with its depictions of poverty, natural disasters and human frailty. Historical with suspenseful narrative of personal triumph. **MN Author** Code: Green Cla



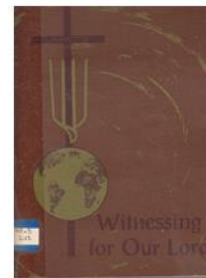
River's Song by Melody Carlson. *Book #1—The Inn at Shining Waters series.* Following her mother's funeral, widow Anna returns to the home of her youth to sort out her parents' belongings. For the 1st time since childhood she embraces her native heritage despite of her mother-in-law. Code: white Car



Code of Honor by Sandy Dengler. *Australian Destiny book 1.* They were sailing toward an untamed land of limitless riches, but their dreams seemed to demand a sacrifice of the Code of honor. The sisters have attempted to escape a bleak future in Ireland by coming to Queensland but it is not as they had hoped. Code: Den.



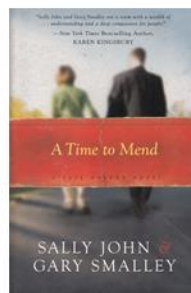
Kitty, My Rib by E. Jane Mall. *The story of Katharine Luther, a woman of courage & devotion.* A fictional biography we see into the Luther family. Story of a marriage with an unromantic beginning, but soon held together by a bond of love. Frau Luther came to establish the Protestant parsonage that set the example for years to come. Code: Mal



Witnessing for Our Lord by LCMS. How can people be taught to speak spontaneously of their Savior? In one sense, they can't. But there are some things that will help us prepare for spontaneous witnessing, so that we will be ready at all times to speak naturally about our Lord. These are studies designed to help us do these things so we ARE ready at all times. Code: blue 248.5 Lut



Freedom (Two men 100 years apart, united by Amazing Grace.) In 1856 Sam & family escape their cruel life on a Virginian plantation & begin the dangerous trek to Canada on the Underground Railroad. Earlier 1748, Capt J. Newton is about to set off across the sea with a ship full of slaves. Both have struggles of faith & conscience & both are severely in their journeys. **True Story DVD** Code: FFF349

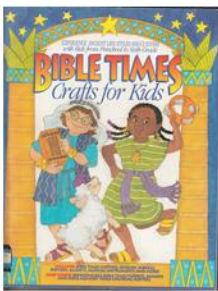


A Time to Mend by Sally John & Gary Smalley. *Safe Harbor Book #1.* They seem to have a perfect marriage, but underneath everything else is falling apart. As their lives unravel, deep needs & hurts are revealed. Will time of soul searching and conflict bring them together or tear them apart?

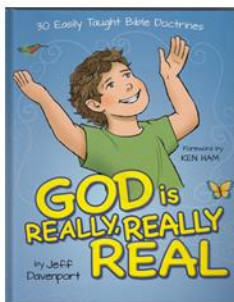


Jesus Revolution is based on a true story & runs for 120 min. in the 1970s Greg Laurie is searching for all the right things in all the wrong places until he meets Lonnie (a Street preacher) Together they open doors of Smith's church to an unexpected revival of radical & newfound love leading to a Jesus Revolution. **DVD** Code: FFF440

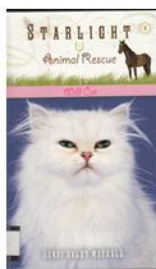
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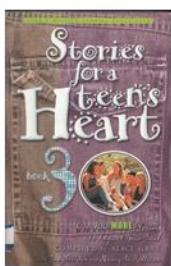
Times Crafts for Kids for kids from Preschool to sixth Grade compiled by Neva Hickerson. Make Bible times Jewelry, clothing, baskets, pots, and more plus Reproducible pages. These are crafts with a message. Interesting and fun. Code: Blue/Black 268.432 Hic (in LLLibrary)



God is really, really REAL by Jeff Davenport. Designed to help teach kids 30 essential biblical doctrines in a creative way, while they interact with the picture book & text. Older kids can read, discuss & memorize each statement & meaning. Code: Blue/Black YOUTH Dav



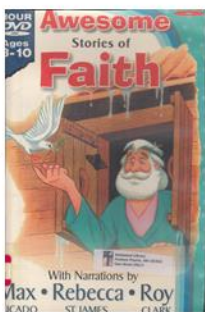
Starlight Animal Rescue Book #3 Wild Cat. Meet 12 year old Kat who has cancer. She thinks she must do something worthy of being adopted by her wonderful foster family. When she accepts the role of "cat shrink" for her classmates pets .. Is this more than she can handle? Code: Black Mac



Stories for a teen's Heart compiled by Alice Gray. These stories for teens dare you to experience the awesome presence of God. 353 pages of over 100 stories about teens. JR/TN Code: Bl/Black 242'.63 Gray



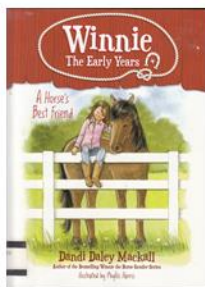
Heidi—a classic story Swiss orphan girl who enriches every life she touches. Spectacular mountain vistas.. Heidi opens her gruff grandfather's heart to love. She befriends a lonely neighbor boy, Peter and gives courage to a rich crippled girl, Clara. Encouraging family classic. DVD



Awesome stories of FAITH Words appear on screen. Stories like Noah, Queen Esther, Ruth & Naomi, Abraham's faith, Story of the Roman's Road, God's Great hall of Faith. Songs inc. Who built the ark?, Na, Na, Naomi, Father Abraham, Faith is being sure, Jesus loves me and more. DVD Red.Code: Won2



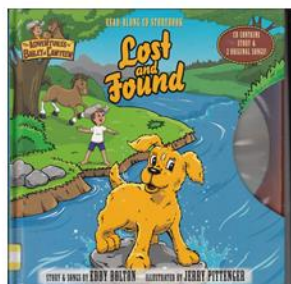
Awesome Animals in the Bible. One hour for ages 3 to 10. Stories: Johan, Daniel in Lions Den, One lost Sheep, Donkey Talks, Adam & Eve plus more. Also songs: Who did swallow Jonah?, He's got the whole world in His hands, Praise Him til the sun goes down, Hosanna, and more. DVD RED Code: Won 1



Winnie—The Early Years by Dandi Daley Mackall. A horse's Best Friends—Winnie could ride horse before she could walk, but training them is another story. Code: black Mac

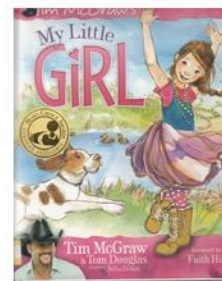


I thank God for you (with DVD) by Kim Mitzo Tompson. Read and sing along stories; includes the-book & DVD with 20 songs to sing. Ages 3 and up. Code: yellow Tho

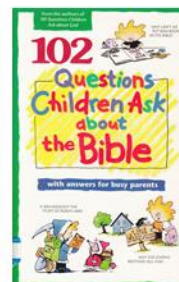


Lost and Found by Eddy Bolton. This is a read-along CD story-book. It contains story and 3 original songs! Eddy was inspired by his own cowboy childhood. Stories & songs are about the friendship & adventures of Bailey, his pony Canteen & friends. Code: **Book & CD.** yellow Bol.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



My Little Girl by Tim McGraw. & Tom Douglas A learning to read book. Using drawings from their own "dad & daughter days" they remind us to celebrate simple moments that build a lifetime of memories. Code: yellow McG



102 Questions Children ask about the Bible with answers for busy parents by David Veerman & more. Like Why did Joseph's brothers sell him? Why can't we put new books in the Bible? What is the Bible? 102 questions asked by real kids. Code: Blue 220 Vee



The Goosehill Gang and the May basket Mystery by Mary Christian. A basket of flowers leads Pete & the Gang to know that his new neighbors are not strange or unfriendly because they don't speak—they are handicapped. Ages 7-12. Code: Black Chr



Welcome to the Big Garage—60 min. Learn to: solve, problems, examine options, consider consequences and make thoughtful decisions etc. DVD Code: Red Cars 4

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Lee 338-5351 Church Office 338-2511 Charlie/Jodi Klimek, Cust. 338-2929			1	2	3	4
			10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom 6:30 ACT Class	9:00 Footcare 6:00 LWML 7 PM LWML Prayer Service		7:00 Worship w/Communion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 Worship w/Communion, also Livestreamed 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Sunday School 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14	6 PM Women's Bible Study	9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom 6:30 Youth Portland Meeting	11:00 Windmill Ponds Communion 6:30 Circuit Ascension Service at Zion		4:00 LaVan/Lammler Wedding 7:00 Worship
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Worship w/Baptism, also Livestreamed 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Sunday School 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14	<i>Spring</i>	<i>Pastors</i>	<i>Conference</i>			11 Shower 7:00 Worship w/Communion Special Needs offering
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 Worship w/Senior Recognition, Communion & Livestreamed, Special Needs offering 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Last Day of Sunday School 7:00 Baccalaureate 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14		9:00 Bible Breakfast 11:00 St. William's Communion	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom			11 Penrose Graduation 7:00 Worship
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 Worship, also Livestreamed 10:00 Coffee 2:00 St. William's Living Center 7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14		9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom		1:00 Ministerium at Miltona	

The Lutheran Hour

WCCO Mpls 830 6:05 AM KWAD Wadena 920/1430 8:30 AM KXRA Alex 1490/100.3 6:30 AM
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May 19 9:00 AM Graduate Recognition