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Jesus Loves



*23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He Leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.
Psalm 23*

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."


SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY):

✝ **Divine Service w/Holy Communion:** 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✝ Sunday School begins at 10:15am

✝ **Adult Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Savior,

Last month I wrote a little bit about making the sign of the cross. I noted that this practice is not “Roman Catholic” but an ancient practice of the whole Christian Church – the unbroken body of believers to which we joyfully belong. I noted that making the sign of the cross is a silent confession of faith that speaks volumes. It marks us not simply as religious people, but as believers in Christ. It can be used as a good daily reminder of our baptism, by which God united us with Christ and made us members of the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. All this being said, the truth of the matter is that many non-Roman Catholic, Western Christians (i.e. “Protestants”) today have abandoned the faith affirming tradition of making the sign of the cross. But why? Why don’t most Protestants make this sign, and more importantly why don’t many Lutherans make this sign?

I have heard it said (and I tend to agree) that Lutherans are either the only true “Protestants” or we are not “Protestants” at all. The term “Protestants” dates back to 1529. In that year a legislative edict was produced at the Diet of Speyer. The edict condemned the teachings of Martin Luther as heretical. In response many German princes who were in support of Luther and his Biblical, Christ-centered, orthodox teachings wrote a letter. In one of the opening lines of their letter, the princes proclaimed “We protest...” It was from this line that the Roman religious authorities began referring to these princes specifically (and Lutherans in general) as “Protestants.”

Subsequently, as other groups began to distance themselves from the Roman Church, Rome began to throw all of them together, labeling all of them with the derogatory term “Protestants.” But these other groups held strange new theological positions that Luther and his supporters could not go along with. Luther and the rest of those who were striving for honest reform in the Catholic Church often went to great lengths to distance themselves from these other so called “protestants” and from their strange theologies.

It is important to note that Luther and those who held to the Lutheran Confessions (*i.e. the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology (defense) of the Augsburg Confession, Luther’s Small (and Large) Catechism, etc.*) were not trying to separate from the Catholic Church at all. Rather, they were trying to eliminate false teachings and practices from within the Church. They were, however, kicked out (excommunicated) by the Roman authorities.

Most other so called “Protestants” (Calvinists, Zwinglians, Anabaptists...even Anglicans) left the Catholic Church quite willingly. Most of them wanted to distance themselves as much as possible from the Catholic Church. Hence, they got rid of, and stopped doing anything they deemed “too Catholic.” But getting out of the Catholic Church was never the intention of Luther or his supporters. Notice, they were protesting against Luther’s excommunication, meaning they wanted to remain in unity with the Catholic Church. They simply wanted to rid the Church of any false teaching and bad practice that had been slowly introduced into the Church. They did not want to change the true orthodox teachings or eliminate the ancient signs and practices that had been used to teach, proclaim, and pass on the true faith.

So, are Lutherans actually even protestants? If Luther had his way, we would not even be called “Lutherans.” We would be called “Evangelical Catholics.” The word “evangelical” literally means “having to do with the Gospel (Good News).” Most LCMS churches over the age of 100 years old have the word “Evangelical” in their official name (Including our congregation! “Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul’s Church”). But despite Luther’s preference the term “Lutheran” stuck. So, we are “Evangelical Lutherans,” but if Luther had his way, we never would have given up the term “catholic.”

The Word “catholic” (small “c”) comes to us from the Greek. It means “of the whole.” It is a descriptive word, which is meant to encompass all true believers. Using the word “catholic” is meant to be a statement confessing the unity of the Church of all time. Sometimes this is referred to as the “invisible Church” (invisible because true faith is hidden in the heart, which only God can see).

In the Nicene Creed when we confess that we “believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,” and in the Apostles’ Creed when we say we believe in “the holy Christian Church”, the word we say as “Christian” is actually a translation of the word “catholic.” Our hymnals have a small footnote about this wherever the creeds are printed.

In the same way that the word “catholic” is often confused with the “Roman Catholic Church,” the word “orthodox” is often confused with the “Eastern Orthodox Church. The word “orthodox” (small “o”) simply means “true/right teaching.” So as Lutherans we would contend that we are “orthodox” in what we teach, believe, and confess. Moreover, we would contend that what we teach, believe, and confess is THE orthodox teaching handed down by the Apostles. So is a Lutheran a “protestant?” Can we use the word “catholic” or orthodox to describe what we believe? I know many Lutheran pastors who hate having that term “protestant” applied to us. They would rather say that we are “true Catholics” or “evangelical Catholics.” The argument being that with the false teachings and practices that Rome adopted and then codified as official doctrine at the Council of Trent, it is actually the Roman Catholic Church who abandoned the pure faith. On the other hand, Luther and those who subscribe to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession are the ones who have upheld the true and ancient, orthodox faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Which brings us back to making the sign of the cross. Making the sign of the cross IS a Lutheran thing, because it is an ancient Christian thing. It is not just a Roman Catholic thing, but a “catholic” thing. It is also not just an Eastern Orthodox thing, but a way to confess one’s “orthodox” faith in Christ. Making the sign of the cross is not something one should feel pressured to do. But neither is it something that we should be discouraged from doing as Lutherans. As Luther said, it is a good way to remember our Baptism and all of the gifts we have received from God through Baptism into Christ. It is a wonderful way to silently proclaim our faith in Christ, and our faith in His work for us upon the cross. It can help us feel connected not only to God and His promises to us through Christ, but to feel connected to faithful believers of all times and all places.

Living Forever, Now,

Pastor Michael J. Grannis

A WALK THROUGH THE LITURGY: THE BENEDICTION

Encore Post: With the Benediction, the service comes a close. It is the perfect closing to the Lord’s Service to His people. The Aaronic Benediction, the words given by the Lord to Aaron to speak over the assembly who waited at the services of the Tabernacle, is the bookend to the Invocation. There, the Name of the Lord was put upon the people. So now at the conclusion the Lord’s name is placed upon His people once again before they leave the sanctuary and enter into the world to live out their daily lives in their various vocations. Not only does the congregation leave with His Name, but they also leave with His Peace.

The Aaronic Benediction used as the final words of the Liturgy is uniquely Lutheran. Note the Tri-fold blessing that the congregation receives. They are to be kept by Him, They are have His face shine upon them, and they are to receive peace. It is the perfect blessing to receive that reminds us of our baptisms as we leave the sanctuary. God goes with us into the world, just as He promised He would. For He shall never leave us but will remain with us until the end of the age.

It is a peace which is only known via Jesus Christ giving us this peace in Word and Sacrament. He serves us this peace by coming into the world to bear the burden of our sin and stand in our stead at the cross as our substitute. He acts as the great high priest who has atoned for our sin not via the blood of bull or goats but has obtained our salvation by pouring out His own blood as payment for sin. By Christ we have been reconciled to God. As the Gloria in Excelsis says, "Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" we have that peace granted to us. God's goodwill is shining upon us. He is gracious to us on the account of Christ. And Christ our Lord speaks this peace to His faithful even now through His chosen mouth pieces, the pastors He has placed into your congregations, so that hear this good news and believe so that Christ's peace be made your own.

And the congregation upon receiving this blessing sings the Triple Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so. Yes, Lord let is be so, now and always.

I pray that this Walk Through the Liturgy has been a blessing to you. It certainly has been a joy to write this series as it has allowed me to see even more connections between the words of the Liturgy and Scripture. I pray that as you participate and receive God's gifts for you in the Divine Service you are able to see how beautiful each piece of the Divine Service truly is and why we Lutherans do what we do in the Liturgy. It's God serving us, and what a beautiful service He does. He serves us Jesus and the salvation won for us by Jesus all the way.

Rev. Jacob Hercamp
Christ Lutheran Church
Noblesville, Indiana

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming event



Youth Mission Trip Team **Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru fundraiser**
Will be **April 12th** from 5pm to 7pm. You don't want to miss this!!!
\$8.00 per meal \$2.00 for a slice of pie.



*The youth that will be attending **HIGHER THINGS** this summer will be hosting a garage sale **May 10th** and **May 11th** at St Paul Lutheran Church. All donations are welcome. Thank you for your support*



Come to the Waseca Pizza Ranch on Monday May 6th and May 20th from 5p -8p to help support our youth that will be going to HIGHER THINGS; a portion of all sales and tips will go directly to the youth. Thanks for your support.

April 24th at Tasty House at 11:30am



hosted by Geraldine Wegner and Donna Hildebrandt. We hope to see you all there!!



Pictorial Directory coming soon: The Board of Stewardship is working with Universal Church Directories to put together a church directory in 2024. To make this process work smoothly, if you have moved or no longer have a land line, please call the church office or a member of the Board of Stewardship to update this information. Also, if you are willing to volunteer an hour or two to help with this project, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Prayer Team will meet every Monday at 10am. Please feel free to come and join us in the Fireside Room.



Are you in need of transportation to appointments or to the store? Are you able to drive someone to an appointment or to the store?? If you fit into either of these categories, please call the church office so, we can help you coordinate the rides that you may need.



A reminder to contact the Church Office when you are hospitalized, so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Thank you.



BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

APRIL

1. Judges 11,12; Psalm 50; II Cor. 1
2. Judges 13,14,15,16; II Corinthians 2
3. Judges 17,18; Psalm 89; II Corinthians 3
4. Judges 19, 20,21; II Corinthians 4
5. Ruth 1,2; Psalm 53,61; II Corinthians 5
6. Ruth 3,4; Psalm 64,65; II Corinthians 6
7. I Samuel 1,2; Psalm 66; II Corinthians 7
8. I Samuel 3,4,5; Psalm 77; II Corinthians 8
9. I Samuel 6,7; Psalm 72; II Corinthians 9
10. I Samuel 8,9,10; II Corinthians 10
11. I Samuel 11,12; I Chronicles 1; II Corinthians 11
12. I Samuel 13; I Chronicles 2,3; II Corinthians 12
13. I Samuel 14; I Chronicles 4; II Corinthians 13
14. I Samuel 15, 16; I Chronicles 5; Matthew 1
15. I Samuel 17; Psalm 9; Matthew 2
16. I Samuel 18; I Chronicles 6; Psalm 11; Matthew 3
17. I Samuel 19; I Chronicles 7; Psalm 59; Matthew 4
18. I Samuel 20, 21; Psalm 34; Matthew 5
19. I Samuel 22; Psalm 17, 35; Matthew 6
20. I Samuel 23; Psalm 31, 54; Matthew 7
21. I Samuel 24; Psalm 57, 58; I Chronicles 8; Matthew 8
22. I Samuel 25,26; Psalm 63; Matthew 9
23. I Samuel 27; Psalm 141; I Chronicles 9; Matthew 10
24. I Samuel 28,29; Psalm 109; Matthew 11
25. I Samuel 30,31; I Chronicles 10; Matthew 12
26. II Samuel 1; Psalm 140; Matthew 13
27. II Samuel 2; I Chronicles 11; Psalm 142; Matthew 14
28. II Samuel 3; I Chronicles 12; Matthew 15
29. II Samuel 4,5; Psalm 139; Matthew 16
30. II Samuel 6; I Chronicles 13; Psalm 68; Matthew 17



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Please arrange a replacement if you can not acolyte at the service assigned to you. Please notify the church office at 507-835-2647 when you have changed with another acolyte. Please arrive to the church 20 minutes before the service begins, as the candles are to be lit 10 minutes before the service.

April 7th, 2024: (Sunday) Kameron Kunkel

April 14th, 2024: (Sunday) Alex Bethke/ Kina Grannis Greeter

April 21st, 2024: (Sunday) Kyler Welander

April 28th, 2024: (Sunday) Joel Hammer/ Makayla Clark Greeter



**Birthdays
This Month**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

(Please note: If your name is not listed; we do not have your birthdate in our church records.

Please contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!)

Name	Birthday		
Shirley Morris	April 2nd	Joyce Frink	April 18th
JoAnne Weiske	April 2nd	Spencer Clevenger	April 19th
Gerald Kuhn	April 5th	Jodi Kubat	April 22nd
Douglas Draeger	April 6th	Lydia Larson	April 22nd
Nicholas Rudolph	April 8th	Krysta Manthe	April 23rd
Jaya Kunkel	April 12th	Daniel Cromer	April 24th
Thomas Ross	April 13th	Cindy Kolander	April 24th
David Cone	April 14th	Joy Weir	April 26th
Jacob Deling	April 15th	Dick Arnold	April 27th
Derek Wobschall	April 15th	David Denn	April 28th
Regan Neseth	April 16th	Traehvon Miller-Nelson	April 28th
Mason Johanneck	April 16th	Debbie Simonson	April 28th
Barbra Krause	April 16th	Quinton Steva	April 28th
Jeffrey Preuss	April 16th		

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School News

All children and youth Preschool age 3 through Grade 8 are invited to join us Sunday mornings 10:15 – 11:15. We begin in the upstairs Parish Hall with snacks and go down to the Old Parish Hall for opening with music. We then go to our individual classrooms for class time. Students are released to their parents at 11:15am.

Operation Christmas Child

Small toys and games, trinkets, jewelry, cups/water bottles and craft/school supplies are perfect items for ages 2-14, for both boys and girls. (No liquids, pastes, glue, putty, gels, dough or slime of any kind. No candy or gum. Also, no toy guns or military items.) Items may be brought to church anytime throughout the year; we will store them for packing shoeboxes in the fall.

Monetary donations to the Sunday School account cover the cost of the \$10 shipping fee per box; it takes \$2250 to ship 225 boxes. Thank you!

Pray for the workers delivering the boxes and for the children receiving the shoeboxes around the world. We pray the Holy Spirit uses these gifts in amazing ways to share salvation found only in Jesus.

Questions about Operation Christmas Child? Please contact Jen LaCroix or Aimee Hill. We appreciate your partnership in this outreach ministry!

Updated suggested needs for Boys and Girls ages 2-14:

Monetary donations for \$10 shipping per box – to pack and ship 200 boxes, we need \$2000

Toothbrushes (no toothpaste) – NEED up to 150 more

~~Washcloth wrapped around bar soap with rubber band~~ – Thank you!

Paper of all sizes, lined or unlined, spiral bound or not bound – NEED up to 150 more

Coloring books – NEED up to 75 more

~~Pens in black, red, blue~~ – Thank you!

~~Pencils~~ – Thank you!

Colored pencils and Markers – NEED up to 75 more sets of each

~~Crayons~~ – Thank you!

Erasers, Dry watercolor paint sets

~~Small pencil sharpeners~~ – Thank you!

Combs, Brushes, Hair accessories, Necklaces, Rings

~~Cups or Water bottles~~ – Thank you!

Jump ropes, Marbles, Jacks, Outdoor activities

Playing cards, Small games

Solar calculator, Sunglasses, Band-Aids

Socks, Bags, Small backpacks, Flip flops/Sandals

Plain T-Shirts in larger sizes of youth large and adult small/medium/large

Wow! Toys for BOYS larger cars/trucks and balls that fit in a shoebox – NEED up to 100 more

~~Wow! Toys for Girls~~ – THANK YOU! We have over 50 baby dolls

Wow! Toys for Teens anything your young teen children/grandchildren like, they would like too!

COTTA GUILD NEWS:



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

March Cotta Guild

We started our meeting at 1pm with dessert and prayer being served by Barb's circle. Pastor did devotions on two books entitled "To Lieve with Christ" and "The Hammer of God." The devotion was based on Luke 22:15.

Secretary and Treasurer reports read and approved. March birthdays were Stephanie Seifert and Darlette Strand.

Judy thanked everyone involved in helping with Lenten meals, funerals, coffee hours, LWML Winter Retreat, and Quilter's pork chop dinner. She reminded us to remember our Caring sister and brothers with a card and a prayer.

We need someone to step up and serve on Flower Guild for June. Judi will check with Carol Ulschmid.

After expenses, our Lenten meal netted \$201.50.

Judie read a report from the Winter LWML Retreat. We raided \$184.00 for MITEDS from that retreat.

Our LWML Spring Rally will be held at Bethlehem Morristown, April 18th. An alternate date was set for April 25th. Registration is at 8:30am with brunch being served at 9am. Registration is \$10.00

LWML 30th Bi-Annual Convention is being held at Mankato on June 20-22, 2024. Cost is \$135.00

Cindy will put our MITE box on April 14th. Cotta Guild will serve muffins on April 14th for social hour. Thonda, Linda, Cindy and Judie will bake. Kathy will do GF. Worker's will be Barb, Kathy, Linda and Judie.

We will serve the Circuit Pastor's Meeting on April 16th here at St Paul. A meatloaf meal will be served around noon. Judie will serve coffee for am with Judie, Barb, Kathy and Cindy to serve lunch.

Our April meeting will be on the 1th. We will meet at 12:45 pm at Lakeshore Inn with singing at 1pm. Judie's circle will serve.

LWML 30th 2024 Bi-Annual Convention is looking for workers.

We Adjourned our meeting with the LWML Pledge, then finished Easter cards for Homebound members.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Flogstad Secretary

Mites for Missions: Our Cotta Guild supports missions near and far through the collection of our Mites for Missions donations. These mission projects are voted on at our Lutheran Women's Missionary League national and district conventions by the delegates. Thank you for your support of our Mites for Missions' collection on the second Sunday of each month. Your donations may be placed in the mite boxes located at the church entrances. Your donations help share God's Word. The following mission grant was approved at the LWML National Convention in Milwaukee in June and has been paid.

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 7 MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND OUTREACH LCMS LIFE MINISTRY \$96,500 Lutheran Women in Mission

Upheld by God's Hand — Mental Health Outreach

Care for mental illness was a concern prior to the pandemic, but now it has become critical. LCMS church workers have expressed concern about the rise of anxiety, depression, and other mental disorders. Our teachers, youth leaders, pastors, and other church workers are continually requesting resources and training to be equipped for outreach and Christian care.

Millions of people in the United States and around the world are suffering with mental illnesses and disorders. There is a tremendous need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to both the people struggling with mental issues and their family, so that they may receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders are challenged in dealing with these problems because they do not have enough training to provide effective and appropriate care.

Public health researchers have conducted studies that indicate people with mental illnesses or disorders are more likely to approach a pastor or professional church worker than a medical doctor or counselor. A mental illness or mental disorder has a downward spiral effect in families that may include behavioral malfunctions, addictions, marital problems leading to divorce, loss of job, incarceration, and suicide. It is estimated that 90 percent of people committing suicide suffer from a diagnosable mental illness (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention). Training and outreach for mental illnesses and disorders are effective in combating stigma, allowing more people to get the help that they need.

The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness collaborating with expert LCMS contributors will develop the materials, resources, and training programs. LCMS Life Ministry will coordinate the production of materials and rollout of the training for church workers

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Our Women's Bible Study plans to meet Wednesdays, April 3 and April 17, from 9:30-10:45 in the old parish hall. If construction has begun again on the handicap entrance, we will have the northwest door unlocked by the drive-through canopy; If you want to use the elevator, use the south entrance of the parish hall to get to the elevator.

Our next video series is [Israel's Mission: A Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World](#); the first lesson is "Abraham and Sarah and the Three Strangers." All women are welcome to join us.



The Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center is home to the Waseca Area Food Shelf. In 2023 the Food Shelf helped provide food to 7669 individuals and distributed 137,265 pounds of food. Supplying the families that face insecurity with healthy food options would not be possible without the generous support of donors. The Waseca Food Shelf is so thankful for the Board of Stewardship's food collection boxes by the church entries. Needs are many - but items like ramen noodles, soup, and canned fruit are always in short supply. Cash or checks are also appreciated as monetary donations are used to obtain items through Food Bank suppliers that are able to purchase food at a reduced cost. All monetary donations are tax deductible. A receipt is supplied for tax purposes at the end of the year. Checks should be made out to the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center (or WANSC) with the memo stating: Food Shelf. A tax receipt can be given for cash donations also if you provide your name and mailing address. Member of Thrivent? You can donate to the Food Shelf through Thrivent Choice online as well. Thank you for your continued support!

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM want to invite you to join in the opportunity to help our community become more aware of our church and its members. We are selling Jackets and Hoodies to our members with our church name, the LCMS cross logo and Waseca MN will be embroidered on the left chest. You may have your name embroidered on the right chest. These will be available to order through APRIL 28th, 2024 after church or during office hours. If you have any questions please contact a Board of Evangelism member.



Know someone who is in need of a "hug from above"? The Quilters are starting "The Quilters Rocking Chair Project". These quilts are located at the back of church and are available for anyone who may need one, no questions asked. Please check it out and if you have any questions please talk to Donna Hildebrandt.

WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT:



March 18, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church
314 4th Ave NE
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To the members of St. Paul,

A blessed Lent and Easter season to you all! As I begin my final quarter at the seminary, I wanted to send you an update as to what Tirzah, Ezra, and I are up to these last ten weeks. As we look forward to the next chapter of God's plan for our lives, and for my ministry, here are the classes that will end my education in preparation for the Office of the Holy Ministry:

- Homiletics III: Preaching (Focusing on Wedding and Funeral Sermons)
- Seminar on a Luther Text: Reading through Martin Luther's commentary on Galatian
- Theological Ethics: Understanding Contemporary Issues through the lens of Lutheran Doctrines like Vocation, the Two Kingdoms, and Law/Gospel
- Theologia III – Lord's Supper: Studying what the Lord's Supper is and its purpose for us

Tirzah and Ezra are having a great time together! They are able to spend a lot of time with Tirzah's parents and grandparents while I'm in class, which has been a great blessing to all of us. Ezra has started sitting up by himself and is now pulling himself up with the couch and anything else he can grab onto! He is waving at everybody (including everyone who sits behind us in church) and clapping in order to get us to clap with him. He is definitely a sociable, energetic, and determined little boy! We had a neurology appointment a few months back and the doctor said Ezra shows no signs of brain damage resulting from his birth. The doctor doesn't think any more follow up appointments are necessary. Praise God for a miraculous recovery!

Looking ahead, I will receive my Pastoral Call on Wednesday, April 24th at 7 pm, EST (6 pm CST). The service can be livestreamed on the seminary (CTSFW) Facebook page and on its website at www.ctsfw.edu/callday. Thank you all for your prayers and support these past four years and for allowing me to come and preach the Gospel to you a few weeks ago! This is an exciting time in our lives and we are happy that we can share this experience with you!

In Christ,

Jared, Tirzah, and Ezra Rudolph 935 Ardis Dr
Fort Wayne, IN 46819
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30th Biennial LWML MN South District Convention

AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US... EPHESIANS 5:1-2
walk in *love*
... AS CHRIST LOVED US AND

June 20 - June 22, 2024

Mayo Clinic Health
System Event Center
Mankato, MN

If you're interested in what
Lutheran Women in Mission do -
COME JOIN US!

*Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children. And walk
in love, as Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us, a
fragrant offering and sacrifice
to God (Ephesians 5:12).*

Thursday, June 20th: 4:00 p.m. - Registration & Fellowship

Friday, June 21st: 8:00 a.m. - Convention Opens

Saturday, June 22nd: 8:00 a.m. - Noon - Convention

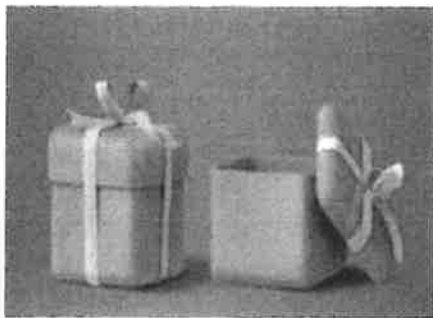
Additional details available at
mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention

LWML MNS District

Gifts from the Heart



**2024 LWML MNS District Convention in Mankato, MN
at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
June 20 – 22, 2024**



At each convention LWML members and groups share God's blessings with others through Gifts from the Heart (GFTH). Orphan Grain Train has been chosen as the recipient of GFTH for the 2024 LWML Minnesota South District Convention. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other items of need to people in 71 countries worldwide. The following is the list of GFTH items to collect for Orphan Grain Train.

Orphan Grain Train:

- New or gently used, clean shoes – all sizes child through adult.
- New or gently used, clean socks – all sizes child through adult.
- Quilts, blankets, or comforters – any sizes.
- Cash donations to pay for shipping. The average cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11; the average cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000.

Minnesota Drop-Off Sites:

First Warehouse:

Curt Ziermann

Phone: 952-657-2425

Mayer, MN 55360

Second Warehouse:

Larry Krenz Phone: 507-236-5616 or

Robert Sitzman Phone: 507-236-1638

Fairmont, MN 56031

Third Warehouse:

Rev. Mark Meier

Phone: 608-341-6017

8110 W Main St, Stockton MN 55987

If you choose to take the Gifts from the Heart to a drop-off site, please keep an accurate count of the Gifts from the Heart donations. Bring that count to the GFTH table at the convention or contact Human Care Committee Chair, Debi Mahoney at vphumancare@mnslwml.org. For more information check the LWML Minnesota South District website at https://www.mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention.

***It is very important that the donated items are either new or clean, gently used items.**



Lutheran
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in Mission

Thank you for your support of the 2024 Gifts from the Heart recipients and sharing the love of Christ!



April 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Waseca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. 10:00 am Prayer Team 12:30pm Education	2. 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:00 PM Elders	3. 9:30 Women's study 7:00 pm Senior Choir 7:00 pm Trustee's & Evangelism	4. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	5. 5pm-7pm: Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive thru	6.
7. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible study	8. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6pm Church Council Mtg	9. 1:00 pm Quilters	10. 7:00 pm Senior Choir	11. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean 1 pm Cotta Guild	12.	13.
14. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	15. 10:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm NSC Board	16. Circuit mtg@ St Paul 8am-2pm 1:00 pm Quilters NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	17. 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Senior Choir	18. 6:00 am Bible study @ Johnnie Bean	19.	20.
21. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Bible Study	22. 10:00 am Prayer Team	23. 1:00 pm Quilters	24. 11:30am 29er's @ Tasty House 7pm Senior Choir	25. 6:00 am Bible Study @ Johnnie Bean	26.	27.
28. 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School 10:15 Qrtly voters mtg	29. 10:00 am Prayer Team	30. 1:00 pm Quilters				

