

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

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13<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



*Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.*

*Jeremiah 15:16a*



And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding."

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

### **Gradual**

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

**for those who fear him lack nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

### **Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel:** Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)

Now when the Pharisees gathered to Him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat

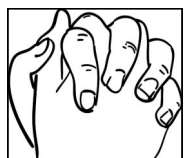
unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash.

And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And He said to them, "*Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.*"

And He said to them, "*You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from Me is Corban' (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.*"

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	p. 207	<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 613, 589
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	# 865	<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	p. 211
<b>Sermon:</b> Telling Lies about God		<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 212
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>		<b>Benediction</b>	p. 212
<b>Offering</b>		<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 862
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 208ff.		

### In our thoughts and prayers,



- ✠ Eleanor Becker, Barb Kusmenko (Dorothy Dschaak's cousin), & Millie McKenzie;
- ✠ Kent & Mary Jo Larson & Family, on the death of their nephew;
- ✠ For a bountiful harvest, that we may receive our daily bread with thanksgiving from the hand of God.

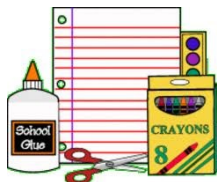
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Watering Schedule:** There is a sign-up sheet for watering flowers at Church on the table in the social hall. The dates listed are Sundays, so when you sign up for that date, it is for the week following the date listed.



**Donations** of school supplies for Women's Action & Resource Center are welcome during the month of August. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.



**Greeters** are needed for the month of September. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall.



**Sunday School** begins September 12<sup>th</sup>! *“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt. 19:14).



**Main Street Living** can be heard on Midcontinent Channel # 594 at 10:30 am Sunday mornings. Episodes of “This Is the Life” precede it at 10:00 am.

## ✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for September calendar information
	2:30 pm	Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	10:00 am	Divine Service

### Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 60 Offerings: \$22,118.00

*“But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” (that is, given to God).”*

Mark 7:11

Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.



NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

1-1-1 Mission Giving  
1 Dollar  
1 Baptized Member  
1 Week, every week

Offering Box and informational pamphlets are available in the narthex.

#### Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Church: 873-4388

Parsonage: 873-4223

[revheller@westriv.com](mailto:revheller@westriv.com)

[concordiasecretary@westriv.com](mailto:concordiasecretary@westriv.com)

*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or Communion attendance this morning.*

## ND District LCMS Message in a Pew August 2021

YouthLead (formerly Lutheran Youth Fellowship) has for 40 years been empowering LCMS youth through discipleship and training to use their gifts to serve and lead others as they share their Christian faith. North Dakota is one of the last Districts where the youth elect their District Youth Committee (DYC). This year, our youth met at St. Andrew's Lutheran church August 4-7, for servant events, Bible study, worship and election of officers. This year's youth elected are pictured below.

ND YouthLead is proud to have had a part in the development of many leaders throughout the years. Among those leaders are a couple of people who have been able to take a part in youth programming on a national level—Rev. Derek Broten served as the Director of the National LCMS Youth Gathering and Crysten (Cusher) Sanchez is serving as the Events Executive for Higher Things, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, along with serving on Synod boards. Derek mentioned how thankful he was for the key adults who encouraged him in his leadership journey.

Each spring a DYC training is held for youth grades 9-12 in Carrington. In October our middle school youth gather for fellowship, servant events and the chance to grow in their faith.

Many ND teens have been elected to serve on the National YouthLead Leadership Team and as adults served on other national level positions thanks to what they absorbed through YouthLead.

Your support for our young people is greatly appreciated. Youth Gathering donations can be sent to the Fargo office. ND is honored with fine young people willing to step up to share their faith and lead others to Jesus.



President-Caylee N.; President-elect-Joseph A., Treasurer- Samuel T.; Assistant Editor/ Tech-Alessandra S.; Christian Growth-Joshua H.; Central Zone-Cullen F.; Southwest Zone-Telea F.; Eastern Zone-Cecilia L. Not pictured- Secretary-Jessica S.; Editor/Tech - Leah T. Vacancies exist in the Northwest, Northeast, and Southeast zones. If you know

of someone who would be interested, contact Pat Sebastian at [patsebbis@aol.com](mailto:patsebbis@aol.com) or 701-389-9033.

### **Congregations' Status**

**President Arie Bertsch**

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (Rev. Aaron Filipek).

Trinity, LaMoure: will be closing (Rev. Chris Brademeyer).

Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (Rev. Tom Eckstein).

St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Our Savior, Bottineau, St. Paul, Rugby, Immanuel, Willow Creek: vacancy (Rev. Jon Bonine).

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS**  
**Financial Information**  
**July 2021**

**INCOME**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$74,035.85
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(25,912.55)
Other Gifts	1,672.31
<b>Total left for District Missions, Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,795.61</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$15,118.59
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	40,138.96
<b>1-1-1 Mission Giving</b>	(2,032.70)
Current gifts given for these missions	(4,990.90)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	

<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$48,233.95</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME FOR JULY</b>	<b>\$1,561.66</b>
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	0.00
<b>Year To Date NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$34,092.51</b>

July was a very solid month for giving in the District—a little above average. Summer months are usually lower giving months and I never expect to see a bottom line in the black, but our congregations surprised me this month! In our digital age, online giving options make a lot of sense. If your congregation does not take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of July 31, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$7,725.00
Chile Partnership	\$5,695.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

*You can now give to the District via on-line through Joyful Response. Click on the GivePlus+ button on [nodaklcms.org](http://nodaklcms.org).*