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# Inspire

NEWSLETTER

*Blind Kindness*



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# Inspire Newsletter

This month we are going to be talking about blind kindness; doing things for others with the intent of getting nothing in return. Join us as we discover different perspectives on this topic. We hope that you will grow in your understanding and move forward in Christ's will with us.

Thanks for reading!

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# Here's a Thought...

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## WHAT IS MY DISCIPLING PLAN?

So what is your discipling plan? Before you attempt to disciple your family and friends, it would be great to have a plan, right? In other words, if someone wanted to learn how to be a follower of Jesus – your child, a neighbor, a friend from work, or a fellow church member – what would you do?

Jesus is on a mission, and we get to help. But in order for us to be helpful, Jesus needs to disciple us. Jesus' plan is a simple one: on-the-job training. By participating with Him on His mission, He trains us for His mission. In Matthew 28, having disciplined His followers, Jesus then commissions them to disciple even more people. However, He does NOT tell them to make up a new plan for discipling people. He tells them to imitate His plan. Jesus essentially says, *"In the same way as I have disciplined you, go and disciple others, until the nations are disciplined in my ways."* It seems so simple, but it is hard for us to get our heads around because it requires a paradigm shift in our brains.

*"The way Jesus disciplines people in the Gospels looks more like an invitation to pursue a friendship than it does an invitation to pursue a course of study. It feels more like a series of conversations with a friend than it does a series of lectures in a classroom. As simple as it sounds, one of the biggest keys for discipling the way Jesus does in the Gospels is being with the people you are discipling and spending unhurried time together"* (p.76). In other words, being disciplined by Jesus means being with Jesus.

So what does discipling look like? It looks like a relationship. It looks like conversation about how life is going and how Jesus might be involved. Discipling looks like the conversation we have around our dinner table at night or at breakfast in the morning. It looks like intentional time together, unhurried conversations about real life and Jesus – and the kingdom comes.

As we critically analyze our discipleship plans, let us ask an important question: *"Is that what Jesus told you guys to do?"* (p.79). In doing so, what is revealed are three primary categories as it relates to discipling plans and systems. Option #1 is having no plan at all – sending someone to the pastor to figure something out. Option #2 is a plan for scholarship – people primarily attend classes as the means of discipleship in order to *"learn enough."* Option #3 is a plan for membership – people primarily assimilate into the congregation through activity in order to be *"active enough."*

The fourth option is Jesus' plan. Jesus' plan for discipleship is principally a plan of relationship – primarily about unhurried time, conversation, and evaluating progress by asking, *"Is this person in a relationship with someone who is consistently showing him/her how to join Jesus on His mission as a daily lifestyle?"* (p.80).

As Pastor Greg summarizes: *"We need a clear and simple plan for discipling our family and friends. Instead of making up our own plan, we can imitate Jesus' plan. It looks like a relationship: intentional time together, unhurried conversation about real life and Jesus – and the kingdom comes"* (p.80).

\*\* With the permission of Greg Finke, content has been quoted, summarized, and adapted from *Joining Jesus Show Me How: How to Disciple Everyday Missionaries* (Tyler, TX: Tenth Power Publishing, 2017).

# Musings of a Morrison

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Blind kindness. “... do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” Matthew 6:3b

When I was little, I would take that literally. I would “hide” my left hand behind my back when I was placing my offering in the plate on Sunday - I didn’t want my hand to know what the other was doing. As an adult, I understand a bit more of what this verse actually meant:

*To give with the right “heart-set”.*

Ask yourself why you’re giving whatever is you’re giving to whomever it is you’re giving it to. Example: If I give \$100 to Z Bible Distributors, it goes towards helping translate Bibles for people in countries and regions all over the globe. Then, after I make this contribution, I go to all my social media platforms to post a video about how I have made a huge difference in the lives of those around the world through my donation so everyone can see and know all the good I had done. Kind of leaves a bad taste in your mouth, doesn’t it?

If we give with the thought of getting praise from those around us, is our heart really where it should be? Are we really in the right “heart-set”?

Let’s try another approach. Same \$100 donation to Z Bible Distributors, same results but this time, when I get my phone out to record a video I approach it a tad differently. I mention that I made a donation, but then continue more so about why I made the donation to this particular organization. I speak on how my donation can help bring the Word of God to everyone around the world and the good work this organization is doing. I conclude by providing the information and links you need so you can also help this ministry reach its goals.

We love praise. Who doesn’t? We work hard and put in the effort so that it’s noticed and appreciated. But when it comes to giving, God tells us that we need to approach it with a different state of heart. We need to give in a way that is not flashy or self-

serving, we need to give in a way that is quiet, humble, and oh, so overwhelmingly heartwarming.

I’ll admit first and foremost, sometimes when I do a good deed or give to something that I strongly believe in, I want to share it with the world so they’ll sing my praises and boost my confidence. But how long will that high last? \*you know the look I’m giving you right now... hint: there’s a smirk involved\* The answer is not long. Long-term joy, that overwhelming, heartwarming joy that we feel from giving ... and staying quiet about ... lasts MUCH longer.

As an imaginative and visual person, I think of it this way - when I do something for someone have it be donating some money, giving of my time, or providing physical labor - and I stay silent about it, meaning, I don’t go seeking acknowledgment or praise from those around me, I then get to receive a hug from God. He’s proud of me. He knows what I have done, He saw my heart-set/my reason for doing this good deed and He’s proud of me.

I get a God hug.

I’m not the biggest fan of physical touch but when I imagine my creator wrapping me in His loving, warm, strong arms knowing that He loves me, cares for me and is proud of what I had done - no human on earth could even come close to providing that kind of joy.

So next time you are about to help someone, remember to check your mind and your heart-set; ask yourself really, why you are doing this and make sure that your heart is where it needs to be, because trust me, God gives the best hugs.

# Alleluia!

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We wanted to share a few photos from our Christmas Program. Enjoy!

## **ALLELUIA! PRESCHOOL:**

We always love coming back to preschool in January and focusing on books! God's word is our best book, but He also gave us some amazing authors with great stories! We will start the year with "Pete the Cat"! We are also featuring "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and many of the fun books in that series. We will spend time learning about The Lord's Prayer and communication with God. We will end and start February with Joseph's Coat.

## **ALLELUIA! PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN 2022-2023 REGISTRATIONS:**

Please remember to register your child for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration forms are available online and in the Church office. Thank you!

Happy New Year! May God richly bless your 2022!



# Children's Ministry: WEST

By: Kellie Webb | Children & Family Coordinator WEST | [kellie.webb@lcm.church](mailto:kellie.webb@lcm.church)

## LCM KIDS SUNDAYS

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Each week our lesson follows a chronological timeline of Bible events where every story points to Jesus. We explore these Bible stories through activities, games, videos, art, and music.

The Nursery at West Campus is available every Sunday from 8:15-11:45am. Children ages 2 and under are welcome to come play!

## SERVE SUNDAYS

Attention Parents! While your kids are in Sunday School, we would like to invite you to take part in Serve Sundays at West Campus. Serve Sundays are a time to get together and complete service projects for our community. Our first project will take place on Sunday, January 23rd from 9:45-10:15am. We will be making sack lunches to be delivered to the Open Door Mission. Make sure to mark your calendar to join us on the 23rd and be watching for upcoming Serve Sundays every month.

## BINGO NIGHT

It's one of our favorite nights at LCM! Join us for Pizza, Bingo, and Prizes on Friday, January 28 from 6-8pm. Each game has an adult and child winner—so bring along your whole family and even invite your neighbors! Meet us at West Campus on Friday, January 28 for a fun night!

## IMPORTANT INFO FOR 5TH GRADE PARENTS

It's time to mark your calendar for Table of the Lord classes. Table of the Lord is a 6-week class that prepares your 5th grader to take communion. Both parents and 5th graders should attend class together. The first week will begin Sunday, February 27th and continue through Sunday, April 3rd. These classes take place during Sunday School at 9:30am and are an excellent way for parents to refresh their knowledge about communion, and be a part of the next step in your child's faith journey.

## VBS

It's time to start getting ready for VBS! This summer kids will explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love at Monumental VBS.

VBS will take place at West Campus on June 6-10 from 9am-12pm. It takes months to prepare for the hundreds of kids that come to VBS. This year we are asking for your commitment to come help with preparations leading up to and/or your help during the week of VBS. You can let us know that we can count on you to help by signing up online at [www.lcm.church/vbs](http://www.lcm.church/vbs). Please note that this year we will be waiting to open registration until we have the majority of our volunteer positions filled. VBS is LCM's biggest community outreach and we need you!

# Children's Ministry: EAST

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Join us every Sunday to study, play, and fellowship with other children and at your child's grade level. Mr. Patrick and Ms. Anna are fabulous teachers and will give your child another mentor in your child's faith journey.

Due to the time changes, class will now take place during the 9:30am Education Hour. Class will be from 9:30-10:15am.

## **TABLE OF THE LORD**

Attention all fifth graders or above needing the classes to take First Communion. Pastor Andersen, will be teaching the students and parents in a six week course to prepare for your student's very first communion. This is an exciting Next Step in your faith walk. Please register by letting Tracy Schmidt know. Do you have neighbors or friends that could benefit from this important step? Please invite them!

The classes will be held every Sunday from January 23 through February 27 from 9:30-10:25 in the Library. Parents are encouraged to attend. Students are able to choose when they would like to take their First Communion. The first time available after the class will be Ash Wednesday, March 2nd at 7pm. The next available communion times are March 6th and March 20th at all church services.

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the program and made it a success.

# Youth Ministry

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## A-MAZ-ING!

That describes the anonymous donor who made it possible for us to purchase 5 new couches for the new youth space out West. The students are thrilled with them and have already enjoyed gathering and lounging on them during our various events. Students are taking great pride in their new space... They have taken ownership of it and work to keep it clean and organized. This donor would like to see our congregation match their \$5000 donation. Can we do it? I say, "YES, WE CAN!" While I am constantly scouting for free or low cost gently used items and was recently given some Thrivent funds to purchase bookcases, we are still in need of cafe tables and chairs as well as some high top tables and chairs. Also, we would love to purchase an air hockey table and two gaming chairs. Please contact me if you would like to help purchase any of our "wish list" items. Also, we invite you to come and check out our new youth space! I am working to add things to it all the time so it is a work in progress!



## IN-CRED-I-BLE!

That describes the Financial Peace course for middle and high schoolers that starts on Monday, January 17! This class will be 5 weeks long and will meet from 7-8:30pm. While some high school students are required to take a personal finance class, this is not the same thing. It is my goal to provide our young students with the tools necessary to approach finances in a Biblical way that will give them the best possible start in financial matters. Interested? Contact me or head to the LCM Youth West Facebook page.

## LIFE CHANGING!

That describes this brand new opportunity for West Campus!

**Serve Sundays:** Attention Parents! While your students are in confirmation & Sunday school, we would like to invite you to take part in Serve Sundays at West Campus. Serve Sundays are a time to get together and complete service projects for our community. Our first project will take place on **Sunday, January 23rd from 9:45-10:15 AM**. We will be making sack lunches to be delivered to the Open For Mission. Make sure to mark your calendar to join us on the 23rd and be watching for upcoming Serve Sundays every month!

## IM-POR-TANT!

That describes these upcoming dates!

- Wed., Jan. 5 | Refuge/180 resume | 6-8 PM
- Sun., Jan. 9 | Confirmation Classes Resume  
9:30-10:30am
- Wed., Jan. 12 | Refuge/180 | 6-8pm  
Arby's Dinner Served!
- Sun., Jan. 16 | Confirmation | 9:30-10:30am
- Wed., Jan. 19 | Refuge/180 Community Service  
Project | 6-8pm
- Sun., Jan. 23 | Confirmation | 9:30-10:30am
- Sun., Jan. 23 | Serve Sunday for Parents  
9:45-10:15am
- Wed., Jan. 26 | Refuge/180 | 6-8pm  
Dinner Served!
- Sun., Jan. 30 | Confirmation | 9:30-10:30am

**Make sure you are connected with us on Facebook:**  
LCM Youth West & on Remind.

**Confirmation:** Text @gccbga to 81010

**Refuge:** Text @ke38b to 81010

**180 (high school):** Text @180 to 81010

# ONE14 Center Pantry

By: Tracy Schdmit | ONE14 Center Food Pantry Coordinator | [tracy.schmidt@lcm.church](mailto:tracy.schmidt@lcm.church)

A big thank you to all who donated during our 500 item food drive. We will not only receive the 500 items, we will receive \$500 from Thrivent. The drive was supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network - Nebraska Region. This will help stock our shelves for some time! We appreciate the generosity of the church to help us reach our goal.

Thanks also goes to everyone who hosted a golf hole during the putt putt golf event. We appreciate you and the work supporting the fun event for the families. We could not have done it without people also donating food for this night and we appreciate that.

We have been busy putting away all the donations from the Thrivent drive and the putt-putt event. It is fun work to organize the constantly changing inventory and the fellowship with other volunteers is fantastic. If you are interested, please let Tracy Schmidt know if you can help one time or on-going.



# Music Ministry

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## OLD CHRISTMAS

For those of you who thought that Christmas was over, Epiphany, the season of light, marks the final day of the Christian holiday season! Also known as 'Old Christmas', January 6 is often recognized as the 12th day of Christmas, commemorating the arrival of the Three Wise Men. The day of the Epiphany is a Christian feast day celebrating the revelation of the incarnation of God as Jesus Christ. It is a symbolic representation of the amount of time it took the Three Wise Men to travel to Bethlehem to recognize Jesus as the Son of God, the Light of the World.

Most of you probably took down your Christmas lights and decorations the day after New Years, but there is actually a full week before many Christians complete their celebrations of the birth of Jesus. As early as the fourth century, churches of the Eastern Roman Empire were celebrating Christmas on January 6. Christians in the West were celebrating on December 25, which is why some places refer to the Feast of Epiphany as "Old Christmas".

It is a custom for many Christians to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (January 5th), although other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas, the conclusion of the Epiphanytide. According to the first tradition, those who fail to remember to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve must leave them untouched until Candlemas.

Johann Sebastian Bach had a musical epiphany when in 1724 he composed two cantatas for the feast that concludes Christmastide. Toward the end of our Epiphany celebration, we will hear again the story of Jesus calling His first disciples. Light has come into the world; God's long awaited Messiah is with us, and now Jesus bids us to leave behind our former selves and follow Him. As we walk with Jesus we begin to see the goodness of our God.

Throughout the season of light, God forms us and empowers us through the Holy Spirit to be the hands of Christ, caring for those who are in our midst.

*Star light,  
Star bright,  
Christmas star we see tonight,  
Bless us with your gentle glow,  
And light our journey  
As we go.*

Like the three kings from long ago, the Master Ringers are in search of another ringer. We need a person to ring in the low bell section of our bell choir. Knowing the techniques of ringing is not a prerequisite, but knowing how to read music is a must. We also are in need of more substitute ringers if committing to weekly rehearsals is too much. Let your light so shine by joining this group of Christians who enjoy ringing together and sharing the Gospel message through music.

\*History of Epiphany found at the website National Today

# Servant Hearts

## WELCOME NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

The LCM Stephen Ministry program would like welcome eleven new Stephen Ministers.

Judy Boysen-Rumbaugh  
Randy Durr  
Yvonne Durr  
Nicole Engle  
Suzette Goetzmann (not pictured)  
Paul Hogan  
Larry Josephson  
Steve Rumbaugh  
Jim Schmidt  
Ken Stratton  
Mavis Stratton



This is the thirteenth class to complete the Stephen Ministry training program at LCM. The class met weekly from September 7th through December 14th, 2021. The new Stephen Ministers are prepared to be a part of the Stephen Ministry team that serves LCM by providing distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those in the congregation during time of need. Stephen Ministers will listen, support, and care for those who need someone to come beside them as a Christian friend. Some people have experienced a huge loss or crisis and some just need the support of a good listener during a time of their lives that isn't going well. Stephen Ministers are great listeners and their care is confidential.

If you are interested in the Stephen Ministry program at LCM, please call one of the pastors or one of these Stephen Ministry leaders:

Carolyn Scheer: 402-289-4863  
Jim Norton: 402-321-0449  
Kathy Rudd: 402-679-2515  
Jim Rudd: 559-362-1300



# Ministry Update

We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that has donated supplies for Uganda over the past couple years. In April 2021, we were finally able to take a car and small trailer fully loaded with hundreds of pounds of supplies to Mississippi bound for Uganda. Supplies included medical scrubs; baby sleepers, onesies, bibs, blankets, and booties; dresses for the girls; shorts and t-shirts for the boys; easy to read books, educational games, flash cards, puzzles, school supplies, craft supplies and more. Hundreds of beautiful dresses and shorts were lovingly handmade by members and friends of LCM. Show Mercy had two teams that were able to go and bring all the supplies (31 suitcases full weighing 50 lbs each) to Uganda in May.

Fast forward to November 29, 2021 when we once again were able to deliver a full car load of supplies, including the loaded small trailer, to Mississippi bound for Uganda. Besides the usual dresses, shorts and shirts, we were lucky enough to be able to fit in and bring 8 boxes of the College World Series t-shirts (320 shirts) and also hundreds of baby items for the birthing center. The hope is that all of the supplies will be brought over in time for Christmas. The children will be so excited to receive these much needed new clothes. Can you imagine the joy that will abound when they receive a new outfit for Christmas?

We brought many boxes of books and LCM's VBS curriculum that we have used over the past fifteen years at our summer VBS Sessions. They are super excited about using the VBS curriculum at their weekly Say No to Hunger Saturday sessions as it's the perfect opportunity for sharing the Gospel message. The books are coming at the perfect time as the library in the Dream Center just opened. Work is continuing on the rest of the Dream Center and they are confident that it will all be completed soon—there were numerous delays over the past year due to covid. Once completed, it will be the first community center ever in the region. They are planning on having a computer lab, sewing room, recreation center, vocational and leadership training rooms, and the library. Just imagine the looks on the LCM | Pg. 12

children's faces when they walk into a room filled with books that they get to not only read but check out and take home. (This is a community where most schools don't even have books to use in their classrooms let alone a library.)

Please pray that covid numbers remain low and that restrictions are lifted so that Uganda remains open for travel. (Uganda closed its borders mid-summer for a few months and just opened again.) Please pray for safe travels for the teams and pray that all the much needed supplies will arrive intact.

We will continue to collect books through the coming months—everything from toddler books to elementary chapter books and Bibles. These can be gently used or brand new. Please place in the donation bin at East or in the office at West Campus and mark "Show Mercy" or "Uganda" on your box or bag. It will take hundreds of books to fill the library, but I know it's not impossible with God's help.

Thank you for your continued prayers for this organization. Questions? Please contact Pam Burklund by text at 402-619-0405 or email [pamburklund@yahoo.com](mailto:pamburklund@yahoo.com)



# Helping Hands

## **SOUPER BOWL SOUP AND CRACKERS**

Let's gather soup and crackers for Project Hope between February 4th and February 14th. We will have donation areas set up at both campuses for your donations. We will make a delivery to Project Hope on February 15th. Let's work together to fill the shelves at the pantry with soup and crackers. Your support of this project is always appreciated. Please call Roxanne Senne at 402-339-3476 if you have questions.

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

*Sunday, Jan., 9 | 7am-1pm | East Campus*

If anyone is interested they can sign up the following ways:

1. Call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)
2. Sign up at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
3. Download the Red Cross App "Blood Donor"

We have 20 slots of our 36 still open. Please come be a part of saving lives, as there is an emergency shortage of blood.

## **"THINKING OF YOU"**

### **MISSION SUNDAY PROJECT**

We will be making valentines, writing jokes and Bible verses on cut-out hearts. We will be making these for 200 senior living facility residents and 300 community food boxes for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for the Wanblee, SD community.

Come and have fun with other church members to enjoy the fellowship of one another while we work to let others know that we are thinking of them.

ALSO! We will be collecting items for a Valentine's Day Event for around 100 grade school children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for the Wanblee, SD Community. We are asking for those would like to donate Valentine's day card boxes and Valentine's Day candy.

# Gatherings for January

EVENT	LOCATION	DAY	TIME	FACILITATOR
Prayer Shawl	E21	Mondays	12pm	Clara Tsai
Gab and Grow	W10/11	Resumes Jan. 10	12pm	Janet Richards
Quilt Tying	E Fellowship Hall	1st & 3rd Mondays	9:30am	Shae Hughes
Bible Study	Pacific Springs Village	Tuesdays	10am	Donna Holmquist
Mary Elizabeth Circle	E Fellowship Hall	Starts again in March	9:15am	Nancy Sheehy
Wed. Women's Bible Study	E8/9	Wednesdays	6pm	Michelle Kalin
Sisters in Faith	E21	Wednesdays	6pm	Shelly Oestmann
Men's Breakfast	West Campus	Tuesdays	6:30am	Doug Hughes
TGOW	West Campus	Resumes Jan. 12	9:15am	Kellie Webb
Biblical Conversations	E Fellowship Hall	Wednesdays	6pm	Pr. Tyler
Horizons	E Fellowship Hall	Wednesday, Dec. 8	10am	Jan Novicki
Stephen Ministry	E Fellowship Hall	Thursday, Dec. 16	1:30pm	Jim Norton
Biblical Conversations	E Fellowship Hall	Thursdays	9:30am	Pr. Tyler
BSF Book Club	E21	Thursdays	11:30am	Marla Klockner
Biblical Conversations	E Fellowship Hall	Thursdays	11:45am	Pr. Tyler
Biblical Conversations (online)	Facebook (Community Page)	Thursdays	9:30 & 11:45am	Pr. Tyler
Panera Study	West	1st & 3rd Fridays	8:30am	Julee Mertz
Friday Morning Bible Study	E Fellowship Hall	Fridays	9:30am	Chris Andersen
Christian Book Club	W 10/11	Fridays	12pm	Pr. Tyler
West Confirmation	West Campus	Sundays	9:30am	Allie Tiller
Adult Bible Study	E21	Sundays	9am	Rick Waples
East Youth Sunday School	E Youth Room	Sundays	10:30am	Chris Andersen

**Sisters of Faith** will be covering Beth Moore's "The Quest". It will focus on growing our relationship with God over this six week study. Questions, contact Shelly Oestmann.

# Congregational Annual Meeting



**LCM's Annual Congregational Meeting**  
January 23, 2022 | 1:30pm | East

**Meet the Church Board Candidates**  
January 23, 2022 | 1pm | East

# Conversations on Christianity

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

7:00 PM (Central)

Zoom Event on LCM's Digital Campus

Contact: Jon Bradley at jon.bradley@lcm.church

*"Connecting Spiritual Orphans  
to the Global Family of Christ"*

Rev. David Breidenbach  
*Executive Director*

Angela Breidenbach  
*Director of Operations  
& Youth Education*



## **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)**

Spiritual Orphans Network connects Christians from North America with people in former communist countries who do not know they have a Father in Heaven who wants to adopt them to Himself or a Family in Christ who will foster them as they seek to become Children of God.

SON works in former communist countries where Christianity was outlawed and punishable by imprisonment, exile or death. In many cases, the persecution lasted for several generations. Once the ideologies of communism took hold, they undermined both family values and the belief in any power other than the government. Over time, Christianity was all but eradicated, leaving no older generation (no grandmas, grandpas, mothers, or fathers) to share their Faith with subsequent generations.



**SPIRITUAL  
ORPHANS  
NETWORK**

## **COMING UP!**

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>** | Mr. Dan Hoppen  
*(Author, King of Kings Lutheran  
Church - Omaha)*

**Presentation:** TBD

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>** | Rev. Dr. Marcus Carlson  
*(Director, Preparing for Amazement  
Ministries)*

**Presentation:** "Generational Understanding"

**APRIL** - Not Meeting

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** | Mr. Daniel Price & Rev. Erick Sorensen  
*(1517)*

**Presentation:** "Scandalous Stories: The  
Parables of Jesus"

**JUNE** - Not Meeting

**JULY** - Not Meeting

**AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>** | Rev. Nathan Hoff  
*(Director of Trinity Greenhouse)*

**Presentation:** TBD

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** | Rev. Mike Bradley  
*(Service Coordinator, LCMC)*

**Presentation:** TBD

**OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** | Rev. David Drum  
*(Director, J17 Ministries)*

**Presentation:** "Peace Talks: The Good News  
of Jesus in a Donkey Elephant War"

**NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** | Mr. Chad Bird *(1517)*

**Presentation:** TBD

**DECEMBER** - Not Meeting

# Let Us Pray

## PRAYERS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS IN SKILLED OR ASSISTED LIVING

- Bernice Baldauf
- Marian Bolmeier
- Dorothy Brei
- Veljean Brown
- Bruce Donelson
- Don Eitzmann
- Marjorie Hesse
- Esther Holmes
- Audrey Jenner
- Ruth Karr
- Helen Madsen
- Gloria Nitzschke
- Lloyd Nitzschke
- Bernhard Peterson
- Norma Schlegel
- Irma Senteney
- Alfred Wise

## PRAYERS FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

- Garrett Bachorski - USMC
- Maj. Megan (Beaty) John - USAF
- Capt. Travis Benne - USAF
- Travis Bland
- Anthony Blum
- Maj. Jim Chester
- Andrew Enholm - Navy
- Daniel Day
- Dustin Funk - Navy
- Ryan Hansen
- Maj. Aaron Jackson
- Samuel Jacobson - USMC
- Douglas McConnell - Army
- Joel Knox
- Michael Koba
- Tim Pecoraro - USMC
- Lt. Cmdr. Keland Regan
- Medic Cody Stickman - Army

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILIES WHO'VE LOST A LOVED ONE

Lynda Ehrlich      Sheila Patrylak  
Carol Hoffman

## JANUARY PRAYER FOCUS

Homeless

# Information Sharing

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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All submissions are due January 10th for the February 2022 newsletter.

## DONATIONS

Contact: Connie Hacker

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When you send in a donation check through your bank or investment account, please be sure that they include your name on the check some where. Without a name, we are unable to include it on your contribution statement.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Lutheran Church of the Master Financial Summary  
Actual: November 30, 2021

Total Income: \$1,459,796

Total Expense: \$1,558,871

Net Income (Loss): (\$ 99,075)

## TD AMERITRADE DONATIONS

For individuals that donate stock to LCM through TD Ameritrade, there has been a change in how information is conveyed to us. When the stock is donated, you MUST identify who the donor is at that time. Pastor Tyler is unable to go back and track down donors which means that we will be unable to give you credit for your donation. To be sure that you receive credit for your donation, please call the church and contact either Connie Hacker or Pastor Tyler to alert us to be on the look out for the gift.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up for providing flowers for the altar. The sign up chart at West Campus is left of the office and East Campus the chart is by the exit doors north of the sanctuary. You will be called for a message you want in the bulletin as well as the flower colors you would like.

### **Pricing Change for Altar Flowers**

As of January 1, flower arrangements are now:

\$30 + \$12 delivery fee = Total \$42 **or**

\$35 + \$12 delivery fee = Total \$47

cost should be paid to LCM.

## 2021 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The 2021 Pictorial Directory is in the proofing stage. We anticipate the completed directories to arrive at the church sometime in January/February (hopefully) for those who either had their picture taken or who submitted a picture for inclusion. However, if you had ordered portraits and they have not yet arrived, please contact the church office. Thank you to everyone who participated!

## LCM ALERT TEST

On Monday, November 29th at 9:00 AM, we sent a dual-purpose LCM Alert TEST that was disguised as a reminder for the Special Congregational Meeting on December 5th.

- The Email version came from "Lutheran Church of the Master" and the subject line read "Special Congregational Meeting/LCM Alert Test 11.29.21".
- The Text version was preceded by a code (such as 22383) and then the message began as SK\_Notify: LCM Special Congregational Meeting on...
- The Phone/voicemail version was sent to home (landline) telephones who requested this method and was a recorded message by Pastor Tyler. The Caller ID said "Lutheran Church of the Master".

If you had signed up with your preference of receiving the alert and don't feel that you received one, please check your texts and emails (including the SPAM folder) for that date and time. Most people are finding that they did indeed receive a message.

If you are unable to locate the message or If you have not signed up for your LCM Alert preference yet, you may do so by picking up a postcard sized LCM Alert Update form at either campus or by contacting the church office at (402) 333-4444 or michelle.kalin@lcm.church.

These alerts will be used for church service cancellations and important/immediate information from LCM.

# Information Update

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, December 31st, West Campus will be closed. East Campus will be open during the hours of 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM to receive any in-person 2021 year-end contributions.

## UPDATED INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

In case of inclement weather, please check the local news stations, Facebook and/or our website for the most recent cancellations. LCM will communicate if worship services are cancelled.

## WARNING! SCAM TEXT/EMAIL

Scam/phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link, sending money or opening an attachment. If you receive a text or email from any of the LCM Staff (especially Pastor Tyler) asking for financial assistance or a donation, please be aware that THIS IS A SCAM. If you have any questions, contact that staff member directly at 402-333-4444.

## MORRISON SETS OFF TO HER NEXT ADVENTURE!

My dear LCM Family! It is a bitter sweet moment as I sit down to write these words to you but alas, my Lord and Savior has called me to continue my career elsewhere. I wanted to say that it has been a pleasure serving you all these past eight and a half years. Thank you for all the smiles, prayers for me and my family and the absolute joy you all have brought into my life. I strongly believe that I became a better person because of all of you.

God bless you all!  
Tasha Morrison





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- Kip Tyler** Cell: 402-651-0858  
Senior Pastor
- John Lewis** Cell: 402-598-3986  
Executive Pastor Home: 402-321-8232
- Jonathan Haseley** Cell: 716-807-1370  
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- Chris Andersen** Cell: 402-616-3198  
Associate Pastor (East)
- Allie Tiller** Cell: 402-669-9518  
Youth & Family Coordinator (West)
- Tracy Schmidt** Cell: 402-213-7585  
Children & Family Coordinator (East)
- Kellie Webb** Cell: 402-213-1893  
Children & Family Coordinator (West)
- Galen Greer** Cell: 402-639-7265  
Worship Coordinator
- Debbie Lubker** debbie.lubker@lcm.church  
Director/Teacher of Alleluia! Preschool & Kindergarten

### West Campus

1200 N 181st Ct., Elkhorn, NE 68022

Sundays:	
Traditional Worship	8:30am
Faith Formation	9:30am
Contemporary Worship	10:30am

### East Campus

2617 S 114th St., Omaha, NE 68144

Saturday Traditional Worship	5:30pm
Sundays:	
Traditional Worship	8:30am
Faith Formation	9:30am
Traditional Worship	10:30am
Nuer Language Worship Service	1:00pm

### Digital Campus Worship Times (Online)

[www.lcm.church/digital](http://www.lcm.church/digital)

Sundays:	
Traditional Worship	8:00am
Contemporary Worship	10:30am

### Support Staff

- Shari Bevilacqua** Church Administrator
- Jon Bradley** Technical Director
- Jamison Denton-Carter** Video Production
- Connie Hacker** Bookkeeper
- Nikki Kotchka** Receptionist
- Michelle Kalin** Connections Coordinator
- Diane Madsen** "The Master Ringers" Director
- Jim McKay** Maintenance Technician
- Rob Meredith** Social Media Specialist
- Ken Price** Grounds Maintenance
- Vickie Wagner** S.S. Superintendent (West)