

LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Recently our attention was directed to the importance of prayer as the nation paused recently to observe the National Day of Prayer. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty humbly asks for your prayers. Please pray the LCRL will continue to be a two-Kingdom light in today's culture.

ISSUES ETC. LIMITED SPACE FOR "MAKING THE CASE"

CONFERENCE... There are less than 100 slots left for the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12 Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of Fighting for the Faith, Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of "Has American Christianity Failed?," and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available.

NEXT OPEN FORUM will be June 23.

- Pastor Wolfgram will present on Lutheran Family Service
- Vern Hoggarth will give Shepherd's Hill updates
- Property management will discuss the outside repairs
- Treasury will discuss the current finances

WHY DO PEOPLE JOIN THE LCMS?

The results of the 2023 Lutheran Religious Life Survey are released. A year ago, this survey was distributed to every rostered LCMS church worker, as well as a large sample of LCMS members. Ultimately, about 2,000 responses from LCMS members were collected, and over the last year have been analyzed and packaged into the third annual report on the attitudes, characteristics, and views of LCMS members. The report is publicly available for reading and download at the Lutheran Religious Life Survey homepage. <https://www.lutheranlifesurvey.church/>

Messiah Lutheran Church

May 12, 2024

EVENT PICTURES? If any Messiah members attended Mayfest and took any photos, please text or email them to the secretary to add to next month's newsletter!



DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Registration for the 2024 Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music, set for July 9–12 at



Concordia University, Nebraska, ends May 17. The institute, which is being presented by LCMS Worship, returns under the theme of "Songs of Deliverance: Psalms in the Great Congregation." Participants will be able to choose from a variety of instructive and interactive sessions addressing practical topics of interest to musicians, pastors, teachers, interested laypersons and many others. We'll also take up a challenge together: pray all 150 psalms. For more information, go to <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/2024-institute-on-liturgy-preaching-and-church-music/>

IT'S TIME FOR VBS SIGN-UPS! VBS is just around the corner! June 9-13, will be, "*Gangway to Galilee*," and it is an exciting way to learn about Jesus' life and His great love for His children! So if you have a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew that you'd like to bring- registration is in the narthex!



MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

- **June 1 Deadline for Tuition Assistance Application**
- **Prayer of thanks! The 6th grade teacher position has been filled for the 2024-2025 school year!**



Martin Luther
SCHOOL

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE SURVEY During 2023, the North Dakota District of the LCMS formed a partnership with Lutheran Family Service. The goal of this partnership was to test the waters, was this something we wanted to pursue. LFS provides counseling services, adoption services, and related services, not just Christian counseling, but from a Lutheran perspective. They are based in Iowa and are in no way related to Lutheran Family Services (note the 's' on the end) which was not a Missouri Synod entity and did not believe as we do. LFS is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. In preparation for the January 2025 District Convention, the District Board of Directors would like the input of professional church workers and of the laity. How should we proceed? You may not have personal needs for counseling nor are you planning to adopt a child. But your neighbor, your children in ND, your pastor, may need such counseling. We urge you to complete the survey by July 1. There are three ways attached to do that: hardcopy available in the narthex, QR code to your phone, or head to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelg_LijoPQZOWdyGvHqYa6_BBU2xn3Svn1F6EIjpTB1plrQ/viewform?usp=sf_link.



Thank you for your help. If you chose the hardcopy method, please bring your form to the office and we'll mail them in. In Christ's Name and to His glory. Dennis Voss.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED and that means it's time to think about outside maintenance again! Please consider volunteering your time to help keep the Messiah grounds beautiful! From simply weeding and clearing of debris to planting flowers and plants- the choice is yours! A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Thank you- Property Management



LAWN CARE Property Management is needed a few volunteers to mow the lawn around the church. If you are interested, please contact Orrin Burch or one of the elders. Thank you for helping to keep our church looking its best!



MILITARY VETERANS of Messiah

A display to honor our members who have or are serving in the armed forces is being worked on. Please consider submitting a picture for the display. Information requested includes: branch of service, highest rank achieved, dates of service. Please submit this information or direct questions to Joyce Voss. Thank you for your service to our country..



SET APART TO SERVE, the LCMS initiative to recruit future pastors and church workers, want to know: Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their lifelong vocation. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

MAIN STREET LIVING Programs are broadcast starting at **9:00am** - KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or anytime at [mainstreetliving.com](https://www.mainstreetliving.com)

May 19: Rev. Steve Schulz, from Mission Central in Mapleton, IA presents a message titled: **"The Spirit of Truth"**. The sermon is based on Acts 2:1-21. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com. *This Is the Life* program: **"Man in the Middle"** - Two Men are left with a "secret" when one tells he has terminal cancer.