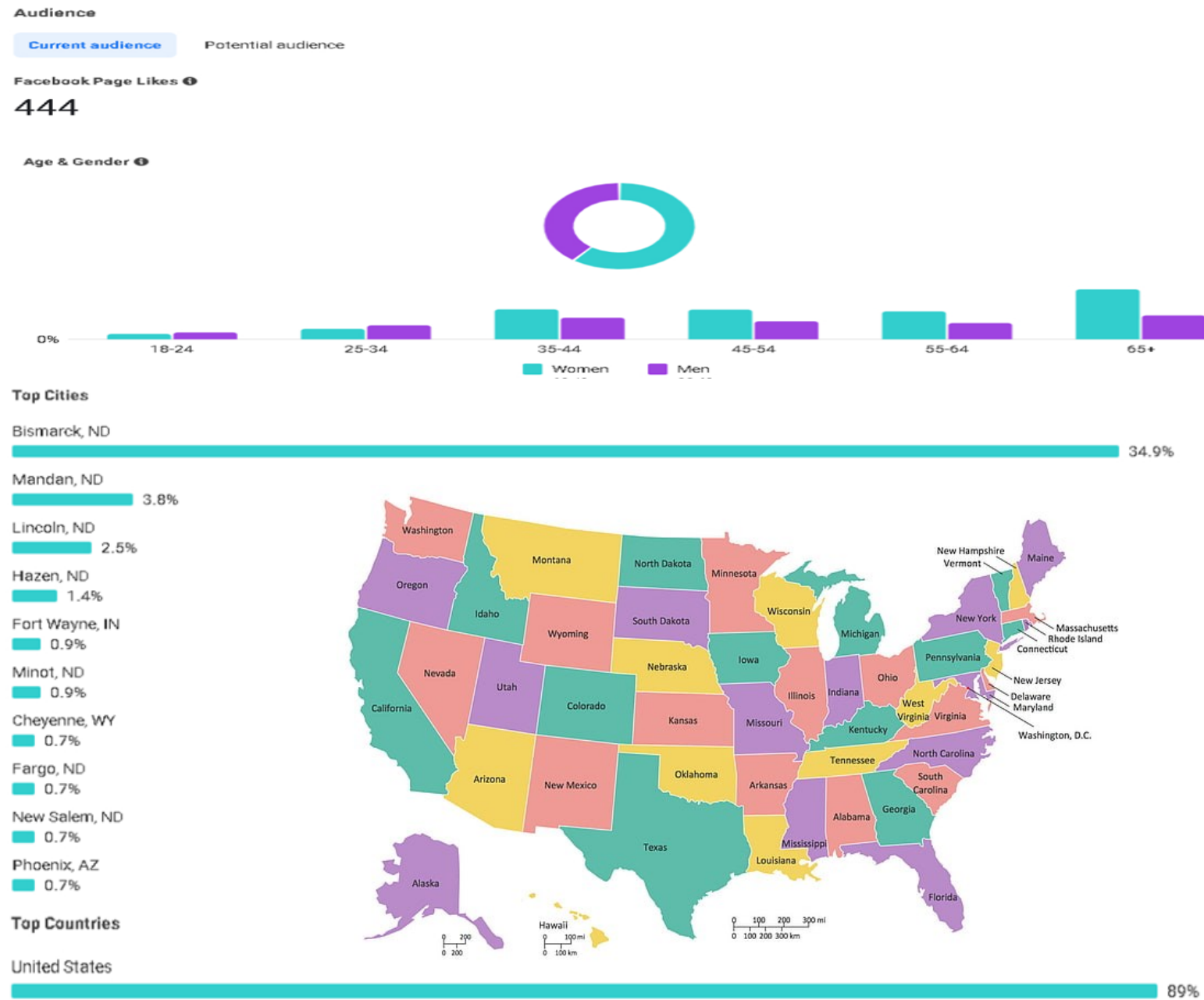


We have been Streaming on Facebook for a little over Three years and here are some of the stats;



Vacation Bible School

Mark you calendars for Vacation Bible School 2022

When: May 31 through June 2

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

There will be many opportunities to volunteer during VBS. Please be on the look out for sign up sheets!

Thank you,
SOTV Board of Education





Justin D	3-03
Sam N	3-04
Brent P	3-05
Rob B	3-05
Cheryl P	3-07
Kari K	3-08
Norman M	3-09
Leon L	3-09
Ariana K	3-11
Dan H	3-12
Doug H	3-12
Ronda N	3-13
Lindsey W	3-15
Charlotte S	3-19
Linda H	3-24
Denise E	3-27
Michael N	3-29



Lowell & Corrin F



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Reagan D	3/5
Henry H	3/5
Justin Dever	3/15
Rob B	3/17
Kallen H	3/18
Leland M	3/22
Ronda N	3/25
Miranda A	3/26
Lucas B	3/27

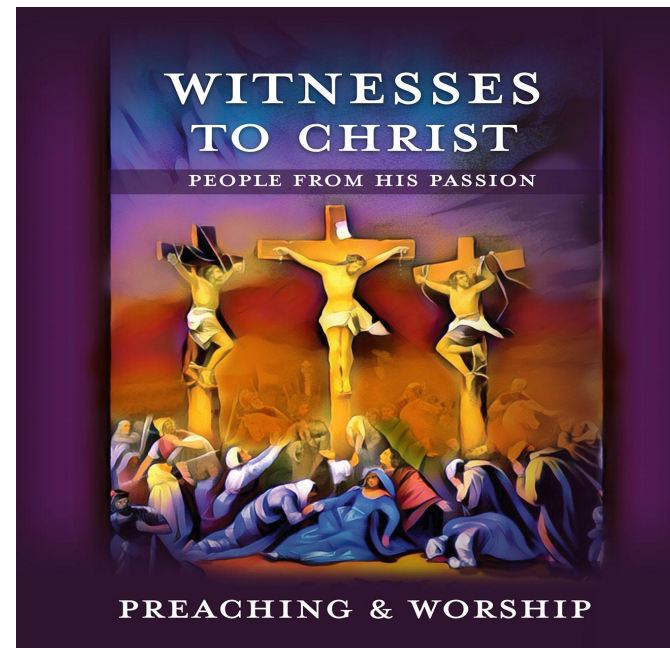
March 2022 Elders

3-1 to 3-15 Kevin Olson

3-16 to 3-31 Craig Helm



*Mar 6	Olivia D. David A.	815am 1045am
Mar 13	Daisy A. Ella C.	815am 1045am
*Mar 20	Taylor B. Jensen H.	815am 1045am
Mar 27	Shaylee C. Jason C.	815am 1045am



WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of

life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:

Ash Wednesday: *John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34

Midweek of Lent 1: *Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha*, John 12:1–11

Midweek of Lent 2: *Malchus*, John 18:1–11

Midweek of Lent 3: *Peter*, John 18:12–27

Midweek of Lent 4: *Barabbas*, John 18:33–40

Midweek of Lent 5: *Pontius Pilate*, John 19:1–16

Palm Sunday: *The Disciples*, John 12:12–19]

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: *Judas Iscariot*, John 13:21–30

Good Friday: *John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord: *Mary Magdalene*, John 20:1–18

A light supper will be served each Wednesday at 5:15 prior to the 6:00 pm service.

Friendship Sunday set for Palm Sunday

Who would you like to invite to worship at Shepherd of the Valley? Palm Sunday, April 10, is “Invite A Friend To Church” Sunday. Let’s see how many guests the Lord will bring to this special service. Begin praying now that the Lord will give you the courage and joy to invite a friend who needs the fellowship and love of a Christ-centered family.

More Soup

The Human Care Committee has scheduled a soup packing event for Saturday, March 26 starting at 10:00 am. There will be signup sheets in the fellowship hall for items that are needed for the recipes. Plan to join us as we serve the community and prepare various soups for the Little Free Pantry.



Church Directory Update. Our scheduling process has begun. Universal Church Directories will be at Shepherd of the Valley March 10-12 to capture photos of our church family for our new directory. Go to www.ucdir.com, click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter ND106 in the Church Code field and enter "photos" in the Church Password field. Cheryl is available following the service if you'd like her assistance to schedule your appointment.

We want you to be a part of our family album so please sign up soon.



Sing In A Mass Choir

On Saturday, March 12, Main Street Living North will record pastors for upcoming services in the morning. Beginning at 2:00 pm, they will record a community choir for hymns that will be broadcast on Main Street Living North at Bethel Lutheran Church. Anyone interested in singing in the "mass choir for television, please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Wolfgram. We will gather at 12:30 to run through the hymns in advance of recording the hymns.



Men's Network

The Men's Network Bible Study will take place at Shepherd of the Valley on Saturday, March 19 from 8:00-10:00

BUNKO RETURNS!

Our Bunko night in February was a great success! As a result, we have scheduled another Bunko night in March on March 18 starting at 6:00 PM. While a meal will not be served, you are invited to bring a favorite snack to share and enjoy with others. Join us for an evening of fun and fellow-



A Walk Made Worthy

is the theme for the ND District Lutheran Youth Fellowship Spring Retreat scheduled Friday, March 4—Saturday, March 5 in Carrington. For grades 8 and up and adults! Registration deadline is February 27. Forms are available on the youth bulletin board.



"MAIN STREET LIVING" MEDIA MINISTRY

MARCH UPDATE

ASH WEDNESDAY falls on March 2nd this year; and with it, we enter the season of Lent – a time of the church year set aside for special reflection on the suffering and death of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, as He took on Himself the necessary and just payment for our sins and those of the whole world! Holy Spirit, Counselor, please help us now to make

good use of this important yearly opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's great sacrificial love for us!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as "Fargo."

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH," 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

"MSL North" Programs for March 2022:

Mar 6th: Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "Resistance is Not Futile," based on Luke 4:1-13. "This Is The Life" program: "The Now Crowd" - A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.

Mar 13th: Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "The Urgency of Repentance," based on Luke 13:1-5. "This Is The Life" program: "The Poisoned Banquet" - Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse's career and marriage.

Mar 20th: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "The Watchman of Israel," based on Ezekiel 33:7-20. "This Is The Life" program: "Smash Up" - A group of friends struggle with lingering guilt after an accident.

Mar 27th: Rev. Christopher Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "A New Identity," based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. "This Is The Life" program: "Awake with a Stranger" - A guilt-ridden man is confronted and haunted by a lapse in judgment.

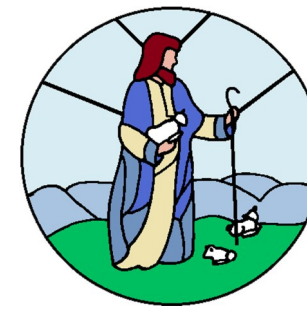
"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally "This Is The Life," along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting **at 10:00 am Central Time**

Bismarck/Dickinson

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Please check your cable and satellite providers for the corresponding channel on your system. MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on www.mainstreetliving.com then click on "(Fargo)".



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
 "A church family that shares, nurtures, and
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The Mission Field is in Our Own Backyards

You've probably seen those signs, usually posted at church exits, or in parking lot exits that say, "You are now entering the mission field!" These signs are true! Often when we think of mission work, we think of missionaries who have been sent to distant lands. We think of African or Latin American missions. Truly, the first thought that comes to mind is usually *not* America. And yet, western culture is falling into paganism and secularism at an alarming rate, and in many ways I think our culture is more spiritually destitute than some of the places where we are sending missionaries. This spiritual desert is where our children are growing up. It is what they call "home." I want to make the point in this month's newsletter that perhaps the most critical mission field for Christians today is literally in our *own backyards!* It is *our children.*

Last month's newsletter article addressed the importance of family devotions. Indeed, they are important, not only for our own spiritual strength, but also for our children. Scripture tells us to, "**Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**" (Prov 22:6) That being said, churches are nevertheless losing their children in mass numbers. It is no secret that a large percentage of our 8th grade confirmands rarely come to the Divine Service after Confirmation. It is a problem. So, what can we do?

1. First and foremost, we can and should pray. We should pray daily for the spiritual well-being of these precious gifts that God has given us! They are, without a doubt, targets of our enemy, the devil. They are bombarded with all kinds of ideas every day on social media, through movies and television, and in the school system via peers and antagonistic educators. And so we must pray.
2. We need to bring our children to Sunday School and the Divine Service. Yes, the Divine Service may, at times, not be the most *exciting* thing for 2 year old, but they understand more than we give them credit for. They are like little sponges, absorbing everything they see and hear. And what do they see and hear? They see mom and dad and grandparents and friends worshipping Christ. But most importantly, they hear the Word of God! And faith will grow.
3. We continue the practice of regular family devotions.
4. We support our Lutheran Schools. (BTW: Martin Luther School is expanding next year to 6th grade, with an eye on 7th and 8th grade in the next few years!)

At the end of the day, we realize that the salvation of our children does not depend on us. Scripture tells us that "**neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.**" (I Cor 3:7) At the same time, God has called us to plant and water. So plant and water we will.

Lord give us wisdom to raise our children in your Word, and help us and forgive us when we fail.

Pastor Woodside