

August 2026

Hope for the Destitute

In Kisumu, Kenya, there is a Lutheran mission organization called Hope for the Destitute. Their mission is to provide a solid foundation for the poor and underprivileged in Kisumu. Education in Kenya is not free, so many children do not receive a good education. Tragically, the high mortality rates and high disease rates lead to many children being orphaned. Hope for the Destitute provides these orphaned children not only with an education but also a home and meals. It is a small community that has come together, formed by the Love of Christ to share that love with those who otherwise would not receive it. Throughout Scripture we see that the Lord provides for the orphaned and also for widows. These two classes of people have, historically, not been able to provide for themselves. As such, Hope for the Destitute also provides housing for widows.

The non-profit was founded by Rev. Joseph Ochola Omolo in 2005. Rev. Omolo was himself an orphan and knows firsthand how difficult such a life is for these poor children. He was inspired to change that. Since its inception, Hope for the Destitute has grown and continues to provide excellent education, Lutheran catechesis and formation, housing and food to the poor of Kisumu. Rev. Omolo was elected Archbishop of the Lutheran Church in Kenya, our sister church. **He will be giving a presentation on his work with Hope for the Destitute at St Paul Gar Creek on Tuesday, August 4th at 10:30 am.**

If you're interested in hearing more about Hope for the Destitute from Rev. Dr. Joseph Ochola Omolo, please join us!

In Christ,

Pastor Brown

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
**ORDINATION &
INSTALLATION**

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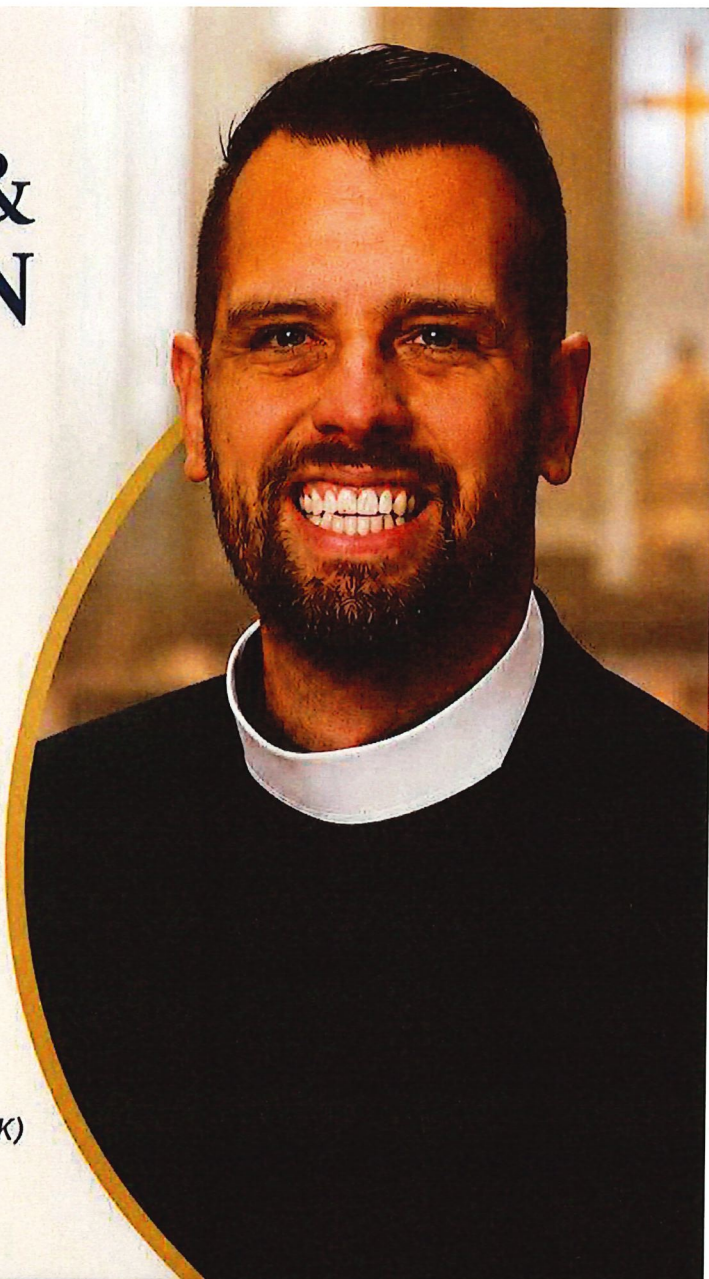
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
3:00PM



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
DOWNTOWN (NOT ST. PAUL GAR CREEK)
1126 S Barr Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802



All are invited to attend this very joyous occasion!

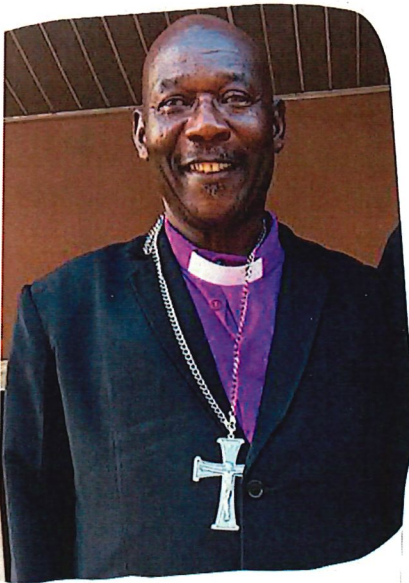


Coffee Talk WITH **HOPE FOR THE DESTITUTE**



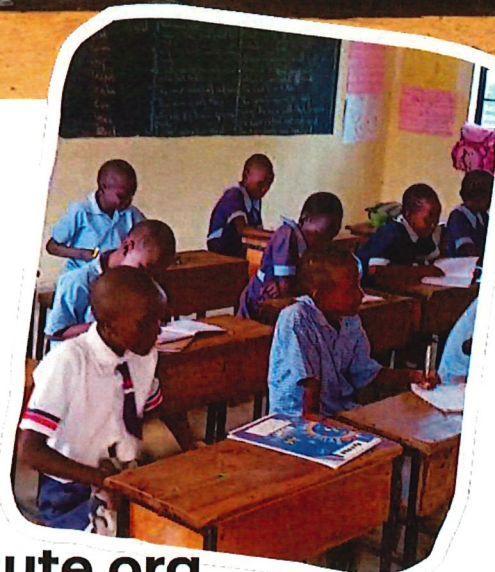
Tuesday, August 4th at 10:30am

St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Haven



Join us for a coffee and meet-and-greet with
Rev. Dr. Bishop Joseph Ochola Omolo
Director of Hope for the Destitute

Learn about the work being done for orphans
at risk children, & widows in Kisumu, Kenya.



www.hftdestitute.org



CLS Open Positions for 2026-2027

We are excited to share that Erika Johnson has accepted the designation to serve as Music & Band teacher at Central Lutheran School next year. We have also hired Hendrix Braden to teach 5th grade. CLS is still seeking the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested applicants should contact Dave Van Spankeren - 260-493-2502 ext. 350 or dvanspankeren@cluth.org. Thank you!

- Teacher Aide(s) - Part-time
- Beyond the Bell After School Care - Part-time
- Reading and Math Interventionist - Part-time



MARTINI KIDS CLUB MINISTRY
BEFORE AND AFTER

SCHOOL
GRADES: K-5

**Now Enrolling for
the 2026-2027
School Year.**

Fun activities
Caring teachers
Safe environment



**Drop-In care for
School delays and
closures also
available!!**



**EACS AND CLS
BUSSING
LOCATION!**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:
6:30AM - 6:00PM**

Limited slots available – enroll today!
WWW.MARTINIKIDSCLUBMINISTRY.COM



Kids Club News:

If you would like to volunteer a day or two to come and read to a classroom, share a devotion, or help with school age activities, please email Sara at Martinkidsclubministry@gmail.com.



Summer is coming to an end and we want to thank YOU!!!

Join us for this **FREE** event!



Entrance: FREE



Skate Rental: FREE



Good Time: FREE!

As a special thank you to all of our Martini Kids Club Ministry families and Martini Lutheran Church members, we'd love for you to join us for a fun afternoon of skating!

Summer Camp 2026 was an incredible success, and it wouldn't have been possible without your support. Whether you helped spread the word about our summer camp, donated snacks or supplies, volunteered as a special guest, or simply kept us in your prayers, we are truly grateful.

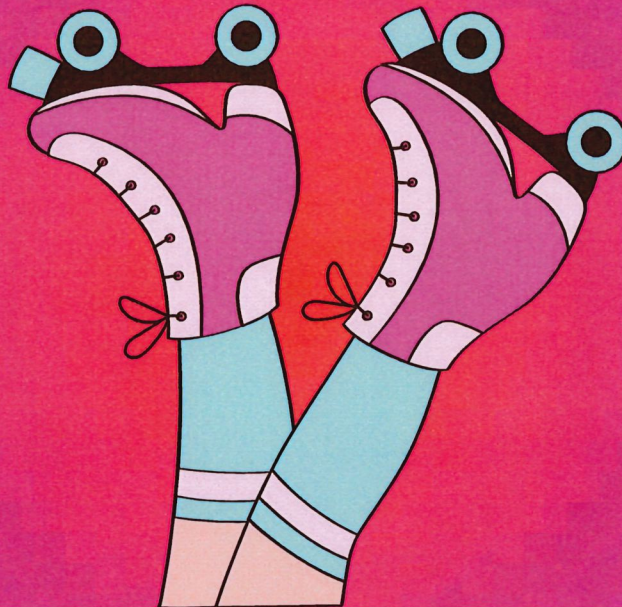
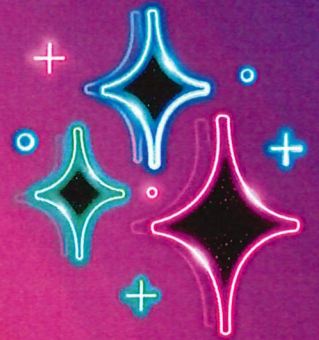
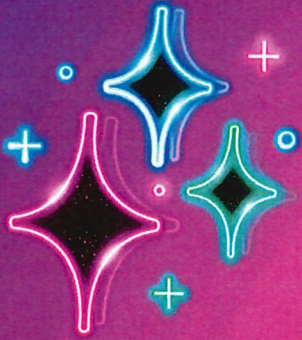
Thank you for being such an important part of our ministry. We hope you'll come celebrate with us and enjoy this fun, free event together!

We can't wait to see you there!

If you have any questions or would like to register your child for before and after care, or drop -in care for school delays and closures, please email martinkidsclubministry@gmail.com.

Martini Kids Club Ministry

ROLLER SKATING PARTY @BELLS



Saturday, August 8th, 2026

1:30pm-3:30pm

7009 IN-930, Fort Wayne, IN 46803

For more information email:

Martinikidsclubministry@gmail.com



MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



Concordia Lutheran High School

Concordia Lutheran High School Registration Days Are August 5–6

The start of the 2026–2027 school year is almost here! All Concordia Lutheran High School families are reminded to attend Registration Days on **Wednesday, August 5, or Thursday, August 6**. During registration, families will complete final back-to-school steps, receive important information, and ensure students are ready for the first day of school.

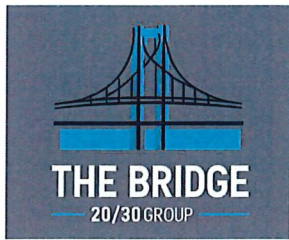
As you prepare for the start of school, please remember that **New Student Orientation** will be held on **Tuesday, August 11**, and the **first day of classes for all students** is **Wednesday, August 12**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great year!

Parent Back-to-School Night – August 19

Parents are invited to join us for Concordia Lutheran High School's annual **Parent Back-to-School Night** on **Wednesday, August 19**. The evening will begin at **5:45 p.m.** with a special session for **parents of seniors**, led by our school counselors, covering important college planning information.

Beginning at **6:30 p.m.**, all parents are invited to meet their student's teachers, visit classrooms, and learn more about the upcoming school year. Please bring a copy of your student's class schedule to help you navigate the evening. School administrators will provide a brief welcome and overview of the year, while our counseling team will also share valuable information about college financial planning.

We look forward to seeing you as we partner together for a successful school year!



Bridge 20/30 August Events

The Bridge 20/30 is a Christian young adult group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion nights, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area.

August Events:

 **August 4 – Porch Night: 1/4 Life Crisis Series** | 7 PM | Holy Cross Youth Center | 3420 N. Anthony Blvd.

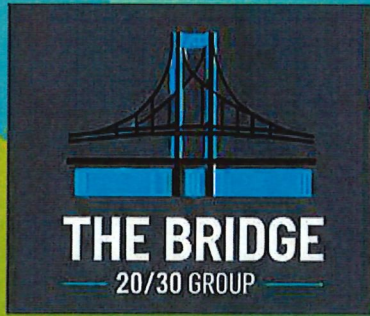
 **August 11 – Kickball Night** | 7 PM | Shoaff Park | 6401 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne
Please park near the Conklin Pavilion.

 **August 18 – Meetup at Charlie's Place** | 7 PM | 4201 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne

 **August 25 – Anchor Devotion Night with Brian Loesel** | 7 PM | The Garden | 3308 N. Anthony Blvd.

Follow us on Facebook: **Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne** and Instagram: **@thebridge2030** for updates and upcoming events, or contact dschuller@clhscadets.com.

Join us this August for meaningful connections, new friendships, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. Whether you've been part of Bridge 20/30 for a while or are joining us for the first time, **we'd love to have you!**



AUGUST EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

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AUGUST 2026

PORCH NIGHT: 1/4 LIFE CRISIS SERIES

7 PM

HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD

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AUGUST 2026

KICKBALL NIGHT: PARK AT THE CONKLIN PAVILION

7 PM

SHOAF PARK
6401 ST JOE RD, FT WAYNE

18

AUGUST 2026

MEETUP AT CHARLIE'S PLACE

7 PM

4201 N WELLS ST
FT WAYNE

25

AUGUST 2026

ANCHOR DEVOTION NIGHT WITH BRIAN LOESEL

7 PM

THE GARDEN
3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD

August 2026 Newsletter Article

Renee and Fran were chatting as they walked out of Church last Sunday. Renee said, "I finally made the decision to move into a retirement community. My house was just getting to be too much for me, especially after Frank went to be with the Lord. But I just don't know where to get started on the packing. I have lived in that house for thirty years and there is so much stuff to sort through. I'm having a hard time starting." Fran replied, "If you would like, I can come help. I have a lot of boxes, and we can just pick off one room at a time." Renee said, "Oh that would be lovely." The process began on Wednesday with lots of laughter and even a few tears. There are many "Big Things" in life that become easier to begin if we just have someone along with us. Christian estate planning is one of those. It requires organization of your information. It includes conversations about what you want to accomplish. It culminates in putting together legal documents that seem powerful, and maybe even a little scary.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be your friend who will come along your side to get started. They have expertise and training in helping you move through each step of the process so that you can feel confident about the finished product when you sign documents at your attorney (if necessary). Instead of living with the burden of your procrastination, you can move forward, putting together a faithful stewardship plan directing the gifts the Lord has entrusted to you. For assistance, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

August 2026 Bulletin Sentences

August 2, 2026

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Often, we put off estate planning because we do not want to confront our fear of dying. Jesus said in John 11, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die forever." You can initiate your plans knowing full well that in Jesus, death has been conquered. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can remind you of this confidence. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

August 9, 2026

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Where do I start? The Lifetime Plan for Giving begins with a survey that enables you to organize all your information from family to finances to goals the Lord has laid on your heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can guide you through this process. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

August 16, 2026

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Sometimes your plan may have seemingly competing priorities, including inheritance to family and gifts to ministry. In that tension, you may have been finding it easier just to ignore the heavy thinking required. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you discover the Lord's plans for you that have been buried in your heart all along. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

August 23, 2026

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. In our country, estate planning requires the use of an attorney. That can bring a level of apprehension, stepping into the world of complicated legal terms and concepts, and committing to spending money on this important task. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can prepare you for this step, providing education and organization to offset your fears. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

August 30, 2026

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. This whole process requires conversations on many levels, with family, your professional advisors such as attorneys, financial planners and tax advisors, and maybe even ministry leaders. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be with you in all these conversations, even helping you to set up the appointments. You don't have to be alone. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole.

Baseball was in full swing this Summer!

Henry and Everett participated in Wildcat Baseball this year.

Henry received the Batter Chatter Award.



↑ Kenny has perfect attendance in Wildcat Baseball this year and also received the Mental Attitude award.

Mabel, Gwen, and Luisa played

T-Ball this year on the same team in Monroeville! →



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MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND KIDS CLUB MINISTRY



Live Stream Volunteers: *Would you like to check out and learn how to stream the church services?? We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help live stream church services. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stauffer*



RIGHT TO LIFE
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

**We invite you to join us for the*

29TH ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

★ ★ ★ OCTOBER 12TH ★ ★ ★

ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM

DOORS OPEN: 5:00PM | PROGRAM START: 6:30PM

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
\$50

SALES ARE OPEN
SPONSORSHIPS, PROGRAM ADS, TABLE ORDERS, TICKETS

FULL TABLE OF 8
\$400

K E Y N O T E S P E A K E R

KAYLEIGH MCENANY

Featuring **Kayleigh McEnany**, host of *Saturday in America* on Fox News and former White House Press Secretary. Prior to serving in the White House, Kayleigh worked as the national press secretary for the Trump Campaign and formerly the national spokesperson for the Republican National Committee.

T E S T I M O N Y S P E A K E R

DAVID SCOTTON

We're excited to welcome **David Scotton** as our testimony speaker! David is a practicing attorney and adoption advocate who was seconds away from not having life. He is also the subject of the award-winning adoption documentary, *I Lived on Parker Avenue*.

*Kayleigh McEnany is appearing at this event only as a featured speaker and is not asking for funds or donations.

www.ichooselife.org/fallbanquet



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2 Matthew Machemer Installation St Paul FW 3:00pm Worship 9:00 AM	3 Staff Meeting 9:15am	4 Hope for the Destitute 10:30am Gar Creek Kids Club Chapel	5 CLS Registration 1:00-6:00 CLHS Registration 2:00-6:00	6 Outreach Meeting 6:30pm CLHS Registration 2:00-6:00	7	8 FREE Skate @ Bell's 1:30-3:30
9 Worship 9:00 AM	10 BOE 7:00pm Staff Meeting 9:15am	11  Diners Club 6:00pm Bob Evans Kids Club Chapel	12 CLS First Day K-8 EACS First Day K-12 CLHS First Day 9-12	13 CLS First Day Pre-K	14	15
16 Worship 9:00 AM	17 Staff Meeting 9:15am	18 Kids Club Chapel	19 Elder's Meeting 2:30pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00 AM	24 Staff Meeting 9:15am	25 Sara out of the Office Kids Club Chapel Stewardship and Finance 7:00pm	26 Pastor Brown CLS Chapel 8:00am	27	28	29 Martini Hog Roast and Kids Club Carnival 3:30-8:00pm
30 Worship 9:00 AM	31 Staff Meeting 9:15am					