

THE Concordia Messenger



“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

November 2020



From
your
Pastor

Dear Saints of Concordia,

Distress Over The World, and Psalm 35

Many American Christians are feeling distressed about the upcoming presidential election. This meditation is not a place where I will endorse one candidate over another, but rather I want to address the fear and discouragement felt by both sides if the “other” candidate should win. It is commonly portrayed that this is the election that will make-or-break our country, depending on where one thinks it ought to be going.

Though we can and should have pride in our nation, we can not fear, love, and trust in the United States of America above our God. A symptom of placing too much trust in our earthly kingdom is how depressed and distraught we become when that kingdom is failing.

Granted, we should desire our earthly kingdoms to prosper and uphold justice for all. But our hope is not shattered when they fail to do so. Even if we should feel the most wicked of people have taken control, we cannot allow this to embitter our hearts and extinguish our joy in Christ. Recall what we pray in our liturgy: “*Our help is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*”

If you find yourself distraught over today’s politics and wickedness in the world, as

most news outlets are most talented at making us feel, turn it all off! Then go grab your Bible, and read Psalm 35. The opening 3 verses say it all:

Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul “I am your salvation!”

Though we are not standing in combat with swords and shields, the world is at war with our faith. But even if Satan himself has risen up to capture our nation for his own, we should not fear. While we should be disgusted by wickedness and unrighteousness, and though we should have compassion over those abused or neglected, we cannot trust in ourselves to make awful things *right*. We trust in our God, who sees all and will make all things right and good.

The Lord contends and fights on our behalf, we need no one else. He is our Salvation. No matter how this world deteriorates, we ought to remain positive and confident in our God and his work on our behalf. This positivity and confidence should be seen by those around us, to encourage others who feel distraught, and to testify towards those who do not share this great hope. The world around us cannot help but get distressed, their hope is only in themselves. On their own they will inevitably fail. But our God gives us reason to always be confident and hopeful.

I encourage you to read through the rest of Psalm 35. The following verses expand and meditate on this point from the first three verses. I'll include a brief outline to help guide you.

Psalm 35

1-3: Introduction/Theme

4-8: A call for (God's) judgement against evil

9-10: Rejoicing in our Salvation in God

11-16: The Wicked act shamefully, but the Christ(ian) shows love even to enemies

17-21: Our plea to God while the wicked act arrogantly against us

24-26: God sees all, especially the arrogant, and will bring justice against them

27-28: The Christian rejoices and proclaims the sure salvation of Jesus Christ

Especially delightful from this Psalm are verses 13-14. Jesus ultimately is who fulfills this, as he bore the sin and shame of the whole world out of love even for his enemies. As Christians we should confidently do the same: pray even for our enemies, that they would repent and know that our Lord is truly God.

We must never let the distress of this world discourage us, even with a tense election coming up. I'll conclude with encouragement from St. Paul in Philippians 4:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Gaschler



2019-2021 Mission Grant # 4 (voted at the 2019 Mobile convention)

Team Trifa Training Project – \$5,000

Sergiu Trifa, the son of a Romanian pastor, is training to become a pastor and missionary in his native land. This grant will help him obtain needed supplies to translate *The Book of Concord* and other materials into the Romanian language.

Small Grant # 15 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

Pre- And Post-Seminary Training For Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa — \$62,650

The spreading of God's Word of salvation in Africa needs well-trained lay workers and pastors. In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that enables them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care.

Pre-seminary intensive training courses will be provided to over 100 lay leaders in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda through the LCMS Mission Training Center curriculum. The program provides basic theological training for lay leaders who serve under pastors responsible for five to fifteen congregations. The local pastor will work through 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. The church bodies use this program to give their lay leaders a firm theological foundation, and it may also identify men with gifts for full seminary training.

The lay leaders gather once a month for five days. The lay leaders provide their own transportation to the training site, food,

and lodging. (Lodging may be offered by the host congregation.) Many students bring food to share. Currently, the churches are not able to fully support the expenses that are incurred. The post-seminary continuing education course will be provided for 250 local pastors and their wives. Topics will be determined by the local church body. The course will provide the opportunity to engage in Scripture and also afford a rare opportunity for fellowship. This is especially true for the pastors' wives who often have not yet met another pastor's wife. The course may be provided by a church leader, local seminary professor, or a missionary. Funds are needed to cover transportation and meals for the pastors and their wives as they attend this continuing education course.

The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant money will help support the training of Lutheran church workers in the countries of Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, assisting the spreading of the Gospel in those countries.



In many remote villages across East Africa young congregations often gather together under trees for worship or under make shift structures of sticks and a tarp. Most often the worship services are led by evangelists.

The Mission Opportunities Project allows our LCMS Area Director to work together with the church bodies. The Pastoral Continuing Education project provides the means for pastors and other church leaders to gather together for a course.



The Mission Training Center (MTC) program provides training for lay leaders and evangelists so that they can lead worship. Some of the evangelists have the opportunity to attend seminary and become ordained.



Thank you to Ray and Ruth Everson for taking the 45 completed quilts and 16 School kits to Fort Wayne to go on the trailer to be sent to LWR warehouse for distribution. Even with the corona-19 in our way were able to gather and complete these items. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The last group gathering to work on quilts for this year will be on Nov 21. However that doesn't mean that you can't take home quilts to tie. Thanks.

A report from LWR

Lutheran World Relief has been working hard to save lives and to the spread of Covid-19 around the world. To understand what they are doing, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/y4174onl> for a visual report with about six slides and stories from around the world.

Director Christian Education

Dear Concordia,

We purchased Zondervan's *Beginners Bible* to put in our girl's church bags. I also purchased CPH's *The Story Bible* to do Sunday School with my children. My oldest isn't always the most attentive listener during church. The other week during Communion, she was flipping through *The Story Bible* and pointing to a picture of Samson. We often explain what she is pointing at. My husband explained Samson lost his strength because he put his trust in his hair and not in God. This led us to talk about him being a Nazarite and the Nazarite vow. Judges 15 shares the birth of Samson and Numbers 6 describes the Nazarite vow.

We also talked about how Samson didn't lose his strength because he broke the vow. Samson broke the vow earlier in Judges 14. Samson kills a young lion and later, goes near the dead body of that lion AND pulls honey out of the lion's carcass. He eats it and gives it to his parents. This food would be considered unclean.

Samson didn't lose his strength after either of these events. We're not even told if he did the proper atonement according to the Nazarite vow for what he did. Honestly, re-reading about Samson from a study Bible made me realize how terrible of a role model Samson really is. After his marriage he enjoys time with a prostitute. Then he meets with Delilah. That relationship is odd in so many ways. She asks him the source of his strength. He lies to her and she tries to remove his strength and fails. Samson should have seen all of the "red flags." Yet, they go through this process again before the third time he tells her about his hair.

My study Bible states his hair was the last symbol of his vow. Yet, I didn't see in the

account where he drank strong drink. I could have simply missed it. We also see in the last chapter of Samson's life that only when he turned back to God, was he able to accomplish the biggest feat of strength in his life. That's a lot considering he's already ripped apart a lion, killed 30 men, caught 300 foxes, killed the people who murdered his wife and father in law, broke his bonds and killed 1,000 men with a donkey's jawbone, and ripped the doors of a city's gate out and carried them to a hill. These city gates aren't the doors to a house. They are city gates, meant to hold off attackers.

It can be easy to romanticize Samson's feats of strength. Yet, he did have major character flaws too. We all have major character flaws. That's the original sin in our lives, hearts, and actions. We actively do things that God doesn't want us to do. Yet, just like when Samson sinned, God didn't abandon him.

When we sin, God doesn't abandon us. If so, we would have no hope. Yet we have hope through Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose again to take away our sins.

Through Jesus, we are justified. We are declared right before our Father in heaven because of what Jesus did for us. Through Jesus,

we have a relationship with God. When Samson turned back to God, his strength was restored one last time. When we turn to God, we receive the blessings, grace, forgiveness, and mercy we don't deserve. Like Samson, there will be times we misplace our trust. However, God is always faithful to us. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is always there.

Sarah Shadday,

Director of Christian Education

Mission and Outreach

Dear Concordia-

Each year at the seminary in Fort Wayne, the co-op staff organizes a Christmas Marketplace close to



Christian Living

the time when students will be leaving for winter break. On this day, each student is given a couple hundred dollars worth of gift cards and later they're invited to a fun reception where they get treats, enter drawings for huge gift baskets, and get even more gifts such as home-made quilts.

When I worked at the seminary I loved seeing all the students trade gift cards with each other and when Paul and I were married, it was fun to get them!

This year, and hopefully for years to come, I would love Concordia to participate in the Christmas marketplace by sending gift cards. The Missions Board will be sponsoring this! You can donate gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20, or \$25 to chain merchants in Fort Wayne. Here are some ideas-

- Retail- Kohls, Walmart, Kroger, Target, JCPenny, Meijer, Old Navy
- Gas- Marathon, Shell, Speedway, BP
- Restaurants- Olive Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings, Red Robin, Longhorn Steakhouse, McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's
- You may also simply contribute cash if that's easier for you.

Every Sunday from now until November 29, there will be a display in the lobby with a tin for you to put your gift cards or cash (I'll collect them each Sunday so they're not left out). Then I will mail them all to the seminary on behalf of Concordia. These gift cards really help to ease the financial burden that the holiday season can bring to seminary families, whether it be from planning extra meals for relatives, traveling home, or buying gifts. Any small amount you are able to give is enough and if a financial gift is not possible for you this year, please continue to pray for our seminary families!

Kati Gaschler



November Wedding Anniversaries

Matthew & Sarah Shadday (5).

November Birthdays: Dick Brooks, Erin Gates, Annalise Carlisle, Doug Kearns, Caroline Reinke, Amelia Hunter-Bass, Mi Sun Graham, Wendy DeFabis, Rick Snyder, Mary Austin, Susan Herbst, Kevin Horn, Brett Ronczka, Dawn Krause.

Stewardship

Stewardship Reminder:

Are you aware of the opportunity to give electronically to Concordia? You can!

Few of us are able to attend services every Sunday. Especially with the Covid epidemic, those of us with health issues are reluctant to be exposed at public gatherings further reducing regular attendance.

Giving often becomes sporadic if dependent on an envelope being placed in the collection plate. Making up missed Sunday giving can be hard on one's budget if not carefully planned for. However, the expenses of the church still remain constant.

We want to encourage each of you to consider fulfilling your pledge by having a weekly or monthly deduction made from your checking account. Regular giving is an immense help in meeting the ongoing expenses of your church. Once budgeted, the money is no more missed than the water bill.

When and if you would like to consider this method of giving, a simple call to Don Boesenberg (who is in charge of implementing this) with your check account number is all that is necessary. You may terminate at any time by calling him. You may contact Don at 317-682-8268.

Please prayerfully consider taking this step toward Concordia's financial stability.

God's Peace be with you always.

Board of Stewardship members.

2020

NOVEMBER

Sunday Worship—9:00 AM
 Sunday School & Bible Classes—10:10 AM
 Worship service - 11:00 a.m.
 Monday Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
 Holy Communion at every service

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INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Recovering:

- Andrea Kaiser 10/23/20
- Laurie Ayres 10/18/20
- Pat Barnes 10/12/20
- Diane Smith 10/5/20
- Donna Cummings 9/17/20
- Konny Hanneman 7/13/20

Testing:

Friends of Concordia

- Dorothy Rodman 10/1/20
- Minnie Hicks 7/15/20
- Judy Heine 6/10/20
- Peter Economou 5/19/20
- Charles Huckleberry 2/27/20
- Rick Zempski 1/20/20
- Curt Roemer 12/15/19
- Mina Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Missy Golden 6/18//19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Taylor 1/20/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18
- Marcella Dickmeyer 6/19/18
- Anne Kaiser 6/15/18
- Steve Parrish 10/18/19
- Erika Hannaman - 1/28/15

Battling Cancer / MS

- Jerry Deleon 1/14/20
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Pastor Larry Isbell 10/24/19
- Matt McCollum 5/4/18
- Jane Halsey 3/19/18
- Angela Martin 9/8/17
- Julie Breymer 7/10/19
- Sara Kovich 8/20/18
- Philip Davis 12/12/16

Our Homebound Members

(Our Senior Prayer Warriors)

Please remember and pray for our Concordia homebound members.

- Laurie Ayres, 2837 sleeping Ridge Way, Indianapolis IN 46217
- Mary Babbs 589 N. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Kathy Carroll, 874 Sleepy Hollow Place, Greenwood, IN 46142
- Rev. David Dehnke 5/15/19 1676 Bryn Mawr Ct, New Albany, IN 47150
- Eileen Ely 8/7/19 714 S. Eickhoff Rd. #604, Evansville, IN 47712
- Duane Krall, Demaree Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care, #12, 1255 Demaree Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Carmen Latondress 12/7/18 110 South Dogwood, 183 S Smock Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Barb Poulos, 1070 West Jefferson St, Franklin, IN 46131

Non-member shut-ins being visited & communed:

- Gail Reinke 5267 E. Rosegate Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237
- Laura McClain 183 Smock Dr. #109, Greenwood, IN 46143

Please pray for our Military Servicemen & women.

Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard (now home); Petty Officer 3rd Class Jordan Boling, Navy-USS West Virginia; MIDN Chloe Owen, P. O. Box 14247, Annapolis, MD 21412 (United States Naval Academy).



We pray the peace of Christ and the hope of the resurrection to

- **Charles Stinger Jr** and family on the death of his mother **Carol Stinger** age 85, on Aug. 19, 2020.

(250 Bittersweet Dr., Whiteland IN 46184)



Savannah Mary Roth, born on October 14, 2020 to Jill (Liechty) & Zach Roth Everyone is healthy and doing well. Jill, Zach & Grandpa Jason Liechty, thank everyone for your prayers & well wishes. May the Lord bless mother and child and preserve the infant for the blessed rebirth of Holy Baptism.

Treasurer's Report

Sept 2020

Income Description	Sept 2019 5 Sundays	Sept 2020 Sundays	Total To date (39) Sun
Unified Budget	40,632.20	25,556.00	220,295.81
Memorials (Non-designated)			1,490.00
Memorials (Designated)	20.00		132.00
Designated Gifts *	1,872.88	872.56	13,466.20
Reimbursements & Refunds **	195.30		3,589.20
Rents & Wedding Fees	165.00	50.00	750.00
TOTAL INCOME	43,490.38	26,478.56	239,723.27
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 8,126.44	\$ 6,389.00	\$ 5,648.61
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,630.00	

Expenses Boards	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,977.24	7,014.51	62,171.02
Congregational Worship	1,025.95	1,026.00	8,547.96
Missions and Outreach	687.50	697.50	6,352.47
Christian Education	6,094.83	5,939.77	53,580.71
Stewardship	91.31	91.49	534.83
Operations	12,894.70	10,719.93	83,236.23
Small Group Ministries		47.05	115.12
Christian Living	332.26		516.32
Unified Budget Total	28,10379	25,536.25	215,054.66
Non-boards			
Non budget payments			
Reimbursement Expenses **	345.24		14,248.93
Total Non-Budget Payments	345.24		14,248.93
Total payments	28,449.03	25,536.25	229,303.59

* Building Fund \$ 215, Concordia Cares \$ 5, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, LWCC greeting cards \$ 6, Pennies from Heaven (Pack Away Hunger) \$ 8.88, Pack a-way Hunger \$ 450, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.

** Reimbursements & Refunds— .

** Reimbursement Expenses: .

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	4,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	6,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,687.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	12,937.50

Worship	2019	2020	Tithes	Church checking account balance Sept 2020
9/30		15 Mon pm		Beginning 34,979.00
10/4	99	45	6,220.00	Deposits 26,478.56
10/11	89	77	2,675.00	Payments 25,536.25
10/18	108	82	7,750.00	Ending balance 35,921.31
10/25	86	89	3,190.00	

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Sept 30, 2020
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,906.03
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,484.24
Building Fund	6,167.10
Capital Improvements - \$1,226.54 Church sign - 684.03	1,910.57
Concordia Cares	4,141.70
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,362.84
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	26,972.48
Interest earned	8.29

Holiday Worship Services

November 25, Thanksgiving Worship, 7 p.m.
 November 29, First Sunday in Advent
 December 2, Advent Midweek Service, 7 p.m.
 December 6, Second Sunday in Advent
 December 9, Advent Midweek Service 7 p.m.
 December 13, Third Sunday in Advent
 December 16, Advent Midweek Service 7 p.m.
 December 22, Fourth Sunday in Advent
 December 24, Christmas Eve Worship Service, tbd
 December 25, Christmas Day Family Worship, 10 a.m.
 December 31, New Years Eve Worship, 7 p.m.

Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord

	SS	HS	ADULT
10/4	6		29
10/11		4	34
10/18		3	22
10/25	7	4	31

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Lutheran Hour Ministries Radio Schedule

The Lutheran Hour—Sundays
WIRE (91.1 FM) 7:30 AM
WCBK (102.3 FM) 7:00 AM
WMCB (1540 AM) 8:00 AM
WLW (700 AM) 7:00 AM

11/1 **Some People Never Change?**
11/8 **Tied into the Same Lifeline**
11/15 **Bigger**
11/22 **Politics in Perspective**
11/29 **Magnum Opus**

Lutheran Hour is now broadcast on American Forces
Network (AFN).

Worship Anew—Sundays
WHMB (TV 40) 10:00 AM

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Sunday Worship Services
9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
10:05 a.m.

1st & 3rd, Monday Worship Service
6:30 p.m.



Pastor

Rev. Paul R. G. Gaschler

Staff

**Sarah Shadday—Director Christian
Education**

Erica Stephenson - Deaconess

Jill Scifres, —Preschool Director

Becky Lanning— Office Manager

Carol Monroe— Administrative Assistant

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THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) truck came to St. John again on October 17th, in order to collect quilts, health kits and school kits from around the area. Our deliveries from generous congregations completely filled the truck!

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who donated supplies & money, put kits together, sewed quilts, loaded the trucks, bought treats & welcomed folks from other congregations. Being one of only two loading sites in the state of Indiana, we welcomed 56 church donations (33 ELCA, 19 LCMS, & 4 NALC). Folk came from Indiana (the entire state), NW Ohio & even Northern Kentucky! In addition, we are very grateful to the young adults from our neighbors at Emmanuel Lutheran who provided the majority of the labor in loading the truck!

We loaded 1,655 quilts, 287 blankets, 518 personal care kits, 58 sewing kits, 350 baby care kits & 1,167 school kits! God's blessings to all the recipients. We will continue to collect items for next year – so keep your eyes open for clearance and special sales.

Mark your calendars now for 2021 – tentatively for Oct. 18, the third Saturday of the month. Thanks again for your donations!

Jamie Robbins, Parish Secretary

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Sundays
November 1 & 8 the LWCC
will be sponsoring the sell-

ing of Honey supplied by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Each bottle sells for \$10 which will be sent to them. The Honey will be sent to each persons home address when the ranch receives the orders.

Thank you in advance.

November 15 is Recommitment Sunday and Concordia's 64th Anniversary as a congregation. We thank the Lord for his past blessings and pray for His continued Grace to be with Concordia and all Christian church's who meet in his name.



November 25 Concordia will celebrate Thanksgiving with the traditional Worship Service at 7 pm with Holy communion.



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