

THE Concordia Messenger



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

December 2020



From your Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Secular Holiday music may fill malls and grocery stores, but for the Church, we're just starting Advent. As excited as we are to celebrate the birth of our savior, *Immanuel*, "God with us", it is good practice for us to temper and build our excitement for Christmas through this season of Advent. We only have to wait 4 weeks or so, but we recall how the Old Testament saints awaited many years, centuries, millenniums even for the coming of the Messiah.

But Advent doesn't just prepare us for celebrating Christmas, it also teaches us how to anticipate our Savior's Second Coming, when Jesus returns on the Last Day. This is a wait that we practice whether it's Advent, Christmas, or even Easter. Both Jesus and St. Paul encourages us to be watchful and waiting for Christ's return; Advent is a perfect time to rejuvenate our watching, as the world around us constantly tempts us to become apathetic.

To hone our faithful watching, our Advent Midweek Series will focus on some of the of-neglected saints' days in November and December.

The rest of this article will detail our Midweek Series' Theme, as well as describe the order of service we will be using. The information is recycled from an email I sent out previously and of which you may have already read.

Midweek Series: ADVENT WITH THE SAINTS

For this coming Advent I have chosen to have our Midweek services focus on Saints who we commemorate during November and December. I'll list them below with their proper feast day.

- *St. Andrew, Apostle* (Nov. 30)
- *St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr* (Dec. 21)
- *St. Stephen, Martyr* (Dec. 26),

These saints are rarely celebrated on their proper day because of being in the shadow of Advent and Christmas. So I will have us recognize them on each of our 3 Advent Midweek services.

Advent, like Lent, is a penitential season, which means it is a time we reflect on our own sinfulness and the need for a Savior. These three saints may not seem to have much to do with Advent or Christmas specifically, but the examples of faith they give are a great example for us to imitate in this penitential season.

Though saints have been misused and prayed to as if they were gods themselves, they are properly recognized and meditated on when they teach us how God worked through them to accomplish his will. Several of our Epistle readings lately have featured St. Paul mentioning that new Christians should imitate his faith and the faith of their mature leaders. Paul says it best in 1 Corinthians 11: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

Those of you who are more mature in our faith should likewise become an example to those who are new or young. You might naturally think of parents and grandparents being an example for children. We all are family and one body in Christ, so we should support and be an example for each other even if we do not have naturally family connections. Jesus was born into human flesh so that he might make us all his brothers, and that we might call God our Father.

On the Service of Evening Prayer

For our 2020 Advent Midweek services we will be using the service of *Evening Prayer* (LSB 243). This is different from the service of *Vespers* that we used last year. I think the music will be easier and more intuitive, even if it is new for you. I've put a video on our YouTube Channel called "Evening Prayer Sample" where you can listen to some of the new music we'll be singing. Though we often focus on the music of our services, I also want to walk through the text of the service itself.

Evening Prayer opens with the "Service of Light" rather than an opening hymn. Ideally the service is conducted when it is already dark out, and so with candles being lit, we recite responsively that "Jesus is the Light of the World; the Light no Darkness can overcome" (John 8:12, John 1:5). While we are in the darkness, we pray for the Lord to stay with us, just as the disciples did on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:29). Then we pray for Jesus' light to scatter the darkness, and illuminate His Church (1 Cor. 4:5, 2 Cor. 4:6).

Then the *Phos Hilaron* (Joyful Light) is sung. This is the oldest known Christian hymn text, written and used as far back as the 3rd or 4th century AD. We have a wonderful heritage to still be singing these words today. Having sung the hymn, a prayer is spoken or chanted giving thanks for Jesus' light in the Darkness.

After the "Service of the Light", we move into the Psalmody. Psalm 141 has long been used as an evening Psalm in Church, with the famous words "Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice". To sing this Psalm is to pray for our hearts to return to our God at the close of this day.

Almost all of the service up to this point is sung or chanted. It will be new material for many of you, but our accompanist(s) will help guide us along.

Having sung Psalm 141, then the Office Hymn is sung, usually centered around the coming readings or church year. Then the readings are read, with a short spoken response, and a sermon is given.

In response to the sermon, the congregation

sings a Biblical Cantic, often the words of Mary in the "Magnificat" from Luke 1:46-55. While Mary's song was unique to her being chosen by God to bear his Son, all Christians may pray these words knowing that God has chosen us all as his children. We do not glorify ourselves that he has loved us, but as Mary did, we magnify the Lord.

While *Evening Prayer* has its own unique musical setting of the Magnificat, I have elected for this Advent to use a hymn paraphrase that will be a familiar and easy tune to sing. Once we become familiar and more comfortable with the other sung sections of *Evening Prayer*, I'll then look at having us learn the other sung parts.

Then from the Magnificat we move into the prayers, using the familiar litany form: "In peace let us pray to the Lord; Lord have Mercy...". While there is an option to sing these prayers, I will have us speak them for this Advent. Again, as we become more familiar with this service, I'll introduce more of the sung portions.

Following the prayers, there will be a familiar blessing of the Lord and a benediction shared. These too will be spoken for now. Having heard our God's Benediction, we'll depart by singing an evening themed hymn.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions about this service or others.

In Christ,
Pastor Gaschler

Director Christian Education

Dear Concordia,

Once again, my family has an infant at Christmas! I think having a baby around during the Christmas season makes it easier to remember the Christchild. It's easier to remember Jesus actually became human.

He isn't just a quiet sleeping baby in the pictures and songs. He isn't just the laughing baby from Christmas books. He was the baby born in the stable with all the grossness, nastiness, blood, sweat, tears, and more. He's the

baby that cried, spit up, and blew out of his coverings. Maybe Jesus didn't have blow outs, I don't know.

I do know Jesus is true God and man. The Bible shares that information. Jesus had human emotions. He was sad when Lazarus died. He wanted to be by himself and prayed by himself. He sometimes tried to be by himself or just with his disciples like before the feeding of the 5,000. He was hurt when his friends Judas and Peter betrayed him or denied knowing him. Jesus is more than just the one who did miracles like healing the sick, mute, blind, deaf, and lame. He calmed storms, fed thousands, and brought people back from the dead. Jesus can seem like someone we can never relate to. Yet, in all of the desire recognize this man as the Son of God, we sometimes forget he was a man. He wasn't just a man. He was a child, toddler, and infant. He was truly human as well.

We read about his birth. We read about the visit of the magi when he was a toddler. We read about when his parents found him at the temple when he was a child. We read the most about when he was an adult man walking the earth.

This is the season to remember and celebrate his birth. To celebrate his nativity. The Bible doesn't record any miracles by Jesus as an infant. Personally, I'd consider the infant Jesus letting Mary and Joseph get a good night sleep a miracle. However, we often define miracles for the kids as things only God can do. So sleeping through the night is probably not a "real" miracle even though it may feel like it to parents.

This Advent and Christmas season is different in many ways. We may be salvaging what we can of our normal Christmas traditions. We may be broken-hearted as we adorn our houses with lights, trees with ornaments, or mantles with nativity scenes or stockings. Use those emotions to remember the chosen fate of this infant. It's one Jesus willingly



chose. He would live a perfect life and die on the cross to take away our sins and rise again. He would be the one sacrifice to restore the relationship between God and man for all times, places, and peoples. It's heartbreaking to look at a baby and think of all the terrible things the baby may experience. Yet, this Christmas season is also joyous. Remember how much God loves us. He chose to become human. To live through those teenage years. To become a baby. To live through the gross blowouts, the dependence upon others for every need, and possibly even the gassy pains. He humbled himself for us. That's what we remember this Christmas season. Thank you Jesus.

Sarah Shadday, Director of Christian Education



Update for Concordia's Prayer Chain

Since 2009 Concordia's email prayer group has shared concerns and offered prayers for friends and members. By **December 15, 2020** Yahoo will no longer offer this service but we will continue as a prayer group with the name ConcordiaPrays@groups.io. If you are not already a member of this new group, send a message before Dec 14 to ConcordiaPrays+subscribe@groups.io.

Please continue to keep those who do not have access to email in touch with the prayer chain and invite if you know any who would like to continue being part of our prayer chain. All are welcome.



2019-2021 Mission Grant #16 (voted at the 2019 Mobile convention)

LCMS School Leadership Development (SLED) Program — LCMS School Ministry — \$80,000

Lutheran schools are one of the Synod's premier agencies for witness, mercy, and life together. Caring Christian teachers daily share the Word of God with children and families. The schools are designed to strengthen the home, school, and church partnership through educating the whole child. Students are prepared and equipped for a life of Christian discipleship and citizenship. Over 220,000 students are served in 1,992 schools consisting of 1,127 early childhood centers, 778 elementary schools, and 87 high schools.

The most important work of the Lutheran educator is to share the Gospel message of hope. Many of the students in our Lutheran schools come from families who are not connected with Christ through a church home.

According to the Institute for Education Statistics, many school leaders are retiring or pursuing new opportunities, thus creating a deficit of qualified candidates to fill their positions. Lutheran schools are in need of early childhood directors and elementary and secondary administrators. Immediate and long-term planning is needed to ensure the future of Lutheran education for the next generation of children and families.

The LCMS School Leadership Development (SLED) Training Program is specifically designed to have a direct impact on the Lutheran education system. The SLED Program's purpose is to identify and recruit thirty leadership participants each year who are currently serving in Lutheran schools and train them through two national SLED events conducted by LCMS School Ministry.

The project seeks to strengthen and revitalize Lutheran schools with administrators

trained to be vital and effective leaders so that God's children are empowered and encouraged to live out their lives as His children. SLED candidates experience a year-long interactive on-line course of study led by respected Lutheran leaders. Two face-to-face development training events are held so that the leadership participants can work together on meaningful projects. This LWML sponsored mission grant will provide the funding for one of the two yearly face-to-face development training events. What a blessing we have to support Lutheran school leaders as they continue their service in the mission field.



Caring for students with varying levels of academic readiness from challenging socioeconomic backgrounds in rural, suburban and urban schools while remaining financially viable in a difficult economy falls under the purview of the Lutheran school administrator.



The students served in Lutheran schools (2017-2018) reflect a mission field with 51% of the students identified as Non-Lutheran or unchurched. This presents a fabulous mission opportunity for our called church workers to share the Gospel message of hope.

Small Grant #5 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center – \$5,000

The urban east side neighborhoods of Fort Wayne are home to many unchurched families struggling with health and educational issues associated with poverty; Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church for 50 years has been striving to meet these needs with compassion while proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center was begun by Shepherd of the City to offer services to meet the educational, health, and life wellness needs of the urban community in this area of Fort Wayne. They have been unable to fully finance the cost but with the help of this grant they can reach out to the families with needs.

Rising from the Ashes: An update on quilts and kits caught in the Beirut explosion.

The news and evolving reports out of Beirut following the deadly explosion of August 4 has had many of our heads whirling in the last couple months. As many of you know, three containers of quilts and kits were in the port awaiting customs clearance on the day of the blast. Immediate reports from the port authority indicated that the containers would not have survived.

A fourth container had been separated at the port in the United States and was still on the water at the time of the explosion. It was rerouted to the port in Tripoli.

As we joined with many of you in our shared lament, we were deeply inspired and humbled by your determination keep going, keep creating, keep serving, keep sharing your love with our neighbors all over the world.

On the morning of August 26, we received an urgent update from our partner, Anera: they had been given access to the port, and against all odds, the containers were intact! Following this incredible news, LWR staff held our breath until the quilts and kits could be assessed for damage.

Finally, we learned on September 22 that, de-

spite the magnitude of the blast, the seal of the containers containing the LWR Mission Quilts and Kits was not broken. The placement in the port, inside a concrete storage building and surrounded by other shipping containers, protected the containers enough to even prevent chemical contamination.

As we awaited this last piece of information, the fourth container cleared customs in Tripoli and travelled over land to join the other three in Anera's Beirut warehouse, once again bringing the full shipment together.

We give thanks to God that the love of hundreds of Lutheran congregations contained in this shipment will be able to be shared with more than 24,000 of our neighbors in Beirut and across the country of Lebanon - many refugees from across the region, and now also those affected by the blast in the heart of Beirut. From the ashes of this crisis rises a beautiful ray of hope: your love, intact and powerful, in just the right place, at just the right time.

75 Years of Faithful Impact

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9NIV)

In 1945, by the end of the Second World War, an estimated one-fifth of the world's Lutherans were left homeless. That same year, Lutheran churches in at least 20 states mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called Lutheran Relief.

It was a sign of solidarity and a reflection of God's loving presence in a world still rife with suffering.

The mission quickly expanded, sending love where needs were greatest.





Now, 75 years later, you continue to respond to God's call to be the Body of Christ in the world, reaching further, staying longer, standing faithfully alongside our neighbors in need. No matter how forsaken. No matter where. You are a light in the darkness for those in need around the world.

We are deeply grateful to God for your faithful partnership. Please persist until your love reaches every neighbor.

December

2020

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:

- Phillis Infante, 11/8/20
- Cathy McClure 11/3/20 at daughters, 11904 Log Cabin Ln, Anchorage KY 40223
- Konny Hanneman 7/13/20 home

Friends of Concordia

- Richard Nielsen 11/18/20
- Chuck Buth 11/17/20
- Macey Settles 11/12/20
- Darlene Loquest 11/9/20
- Alexis McKeand 11/8/20
- Dorothy Rodman 10/1/20
- Judy Heine 8/17/20
- 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
- Marcella Dickmeyer 6/19/18
- Anne Kaiser 6/15/18
- Steve Parrish 10/18/19
- Erika Hannaman - 1/28/15

Battling Cancer / MS

- 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 Breymery 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
- 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).



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Zack Goins on the birth of a daughter, ***Cordelia Jayde Goins*** on 11/16/20. (Zack is the Grandson of Dick and Gail Brooks)

Treasurer's Report

Oct 2020

Income Description	Oct 2019 4 Sundays	Oct 2020 4 Sundays	Total To date (43) Sun
Unified Budget	20,095.95	19,735.00	240,030.81
Memorials (Non-designated)	485.00		1,490.00
Memorials (Designated)	80.00		132.00
Designated Gifts *	605.00	563.68	14,029.94
Reimbursements & Refunds **	2,391.68		3,589.20
Rents & Wedding Fees	336.56		750.00
TOTAL INCOME	23,994.19	20,298.68	260,021.95
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 5,023.99</i>	<i>\$ 4,933.75</i>	<i>\$ 5,582.11</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,720.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,630.00</i>	

Expenses Boards	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,621.07	6,808.83	68,979.85
Congregational Worship	610.92	687.85	9,235.81
Missions and Outreach		697.50	7,049.97
Christian Education	5,083.79	6,003.61	59,584.32
Stewardship			534.83
Operations	15,718.95	7,078.74	90,314.97
Small Group Ministries	31.84	21.37	136.49
Christian Living	646.00		516.32
Unified Budget Total	28,712.57	21,297.90	236,352.56
Non-boards			
Non budget payments			
Reimbursement Expenses **	3,101.34		14,,248.93
Total Non-Budget Payments	3,101.34		14,248.93
Total payments	31,813.91	21,297.90	250,601.49

* Bethesda \$10, Building Fund \$ 140, Flowers \$ 100, Halloween Candy \$ 10, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Kitchen Table Bible Study books \$ 15, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Pack Away Hunger) \$ 1, Rural King Funding (Unified Budget) \$100, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.

** Reimbursements & Refunds— .

** Reimbursement Expenses: None.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	0	500.00	5,000.00
Lutheran High School	0	750.00	7,500.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	0	187.50	1,875.00
Total Support	0	1,437.50	14,375.00

Worship	2019	2020	Tithes
11/1	94	99	3,698.00
11/8	86	86	4,325.00
11/15	100	75	3,493.00
11/22	97	58	2,305.00
11/25	tba	tba	
Thanksgiving and Anniversary			760.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Oct 31, 2020
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,907.04
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,485.77
Building Fund	6,168.36
Capital Improvements - \$1,226.79 Church sign - 684.17	1,910.96
Concordia Cares	4,142.55
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,363.32
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	26,978.00
Interest earned	5.52

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

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11/1		4	32
11/8			10
congregational meeting			38
11/15	6	3	22
11/22	5	4	23

Church checking account balance Oct 2020

Beginning	35,921.31
Deposits	20,298.68
Payments	21,297.90
Ending balance	34,922.09

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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

12/6 Seek My Face
12/13 The Prophet's Paradox
12/20 Experience God
12/27 TBA

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

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

Christian Living

December Wedding Anniversaries

Rev. Paul & Kati Gaschler (3) 12/2/2017 Jill & Don Scifres (39)
 12/5/81 Dan & Diana Sullivan (46) 12/14/74 Doug & Heidi
 Kearns (36) 12/15/84 Shawn & Gabriele Reed (5) 12/19/2015
 David & Diane Krause (52) 12/21/68 Marvin & Linda Barkes
 (57) 12/28/63 Michael & Sarah Marot (26) 12/30/94

December Birthdays:

Hunter (Scifres), Kiersten	12/2
Brooks, Gail	12/4
Reed (Stephenson), Gabi	12/6
Cummings, Donna	12/9
Krause, David	12/10
Dombroski, Don	12/10
Roncza, Laura	12/14
Pardieck, Mike	12/15
Krause, Sabrina	12/18
Tinsley, Adele	12/24
Ragsdale, Kris	12/27
Brooks, Chris	12/30
Heine, Dawn	12/31
Johnson, Georgianne	12/31

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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

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Erica Stephenson - *Deaconess*

Jill Scifres,—*Preschool Director*

Becky Lanning—*Office Manager*

Carol Monroe—*Administrative Assistant*

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Holiday Worship Services

- November 25, Thanksgiving Worship, 7 p.m.
- November 29, First Sunday in Advent
- December 2, Advent Midweek Service, 4 & 7 p.m.
- December 6, Second Sunday in Advent
- December 9, Advent Midweek Service 4 & 7 p.m.
- December 13, Third Sunday in Advent
- December 16, Advent Midweek Service 4 & 7 p.m.
- December 20, Fourth Sunday in Advent
- December 24, Christmas Eve Worship Service
- Candle light at 4, 6, 8 p.m.
- December 25, Christmas Day Family Worship, 10 a.m.
- Holy Communion
- December 31, New Years Eve Worship, 7 p.m.
- Holy Communion