

# THE *Concordia Messenger*



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

April 2021



## From your Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to share with you all regarding two topics: 1. Safely bringing back the common cup to our communion practice, and 2. Kati and I buying and moving into our new home.

Regarding the common cup, I have had several members ask about when it could be safely brought back into practice here at Concordia. After discussing with our Board of Pastoral Care, they have made the recommendation to bring back the common cup on Palm Sunday. I want to discuss the details, as naturally this may be alarming to some.

When Covid first began, I heeded advice to abstain from using the common cup while we learned more about how the virus worked. It was natural to avoid drinking from the same chalice at the same time we were told to distance and avoid personal contact.

Before the onset of Covid, many studies had explored the safety of the common cup. Time-and-time again it has been concluded that it is not a significant spreader of germs, viruses, bacteria due to the alcohol, continual cleansing, and natural resistance of brass.

Similarly, we now have similar studies that show that the common cup is not a significant spread of Covid either. I'll include a link to one of the best studies I have found: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7439816/>

It's worth noting that using the common cup is not a requirement to receive Holy Communion. But nor is it just a style. It is the very manner in how our Lord first instituted this holy meal. We never require members to receive the Lord's Supper this way, yet it is an excellent practice and members should be free to use it as they choose. As a pastor, it is the way I normally recommend and teach people to receive it, and yet I will never shame or look down upon those who use individual cups.

I do not want this to scandalize members who might think we are being careless. If you are concerned, I strongly encourage you to reach out to me or any of our elders. I do not want members frightened or upset, but neither is it right to restrict the freedom of those who desire it. I feel confident that we can safely use it again, not just from studies, but also in looking at congregations who have used it throughout the pandemic and have not had issues this whole year.

On a different and more pleasant topic, Kati and I closed on and moved into our new home in the middle of March. Our new address is 5062 N. Graham Rd, Whiteland 46184.

This location moves us a bit closer to church, as well as gives us easy access to I-65 to go to downtown Indy, whether to explore, or if we have members in a hospital like IU Methodist.

We purposely didn't invite the whole congregation to help us move. We felt confident with asking a few, and didn't want to worry about having too many people in close quarters. Lord willing, we will have some kind of open house event for the congregation this summer, depending how Covid conditions are.

The housing market is difficult for buyers right now, so we are incredibly thankful that God provided this opportunity for us. We came close

to buying a home a year ago, and when the deal fell through near the end it was very discouraging. This is why I didn't mention it to very many people at first; I didn't want to talk about the house until it was ours!

Thanks be to God that we were given a good deal and that all went according to plan this time. We pray that this home will be a place to host our family, friends, and members for many years to come.

In Christ,  
Pastor

## Director Christian Education

Dear Concordia,  
April is an exciting month for our family this year. We're entrusted with the blessing of sponsoring another Godchild. I looked at my pictures a year ago from the day the baptism will be and found this picture. It's my child, listening to God's Word shared by Pastor Gashchler. It's amazing to look back and see how much my child has learned. I'm excited for our new Godchild to learn more about his faith each and every day too.

Baptism is a Sacrament. It provides forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Baptismal sponsors are like accountability partners for parents. Parents are the primary teachers of faith to their children. Parents are statistically the biggest influencers in a child's life, both in faith and other areas in life. Some children do pick up teachings and behaviors from other places, but often children want to imitate parents. We, as children of God, should desire to be imitators of our Father in heaven. Parents can teach their child about Jesus by reading their Bible in front of their child, reading the Bible to their child, praying with their child, singing hymns or Christian songs with their child, doing devotions as a family, attending worship services together, serving others together, and more. The book *Sticky Faith for Families* is a great way to get ideas on how a family can grow



in faith together. A major way parents can teach their child about faith is by bringing their child to the waters of Holy Baptism.

Jesus calls for all believers to be baptized. Baptism is God's Word combined and working with the water and the faith that trusts God's promises. It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe. By daily repentance of our sins we should be a new person in Christ. We should continue to grow in our faith by seeking God in His Word and Sacraments. Parents have the responsibility to teach their child about God. Baptismal sponsors are to hold those teaching the faith accountable. It's a big responsibility for both the parents and sponsors.

Thankfully, we have God's help. God gives us the blessings of pastors and the Church to help support parents and others. He gives us His Word and Sacraments to help us grow in faith. He also gives us His Holy Spirit. He continually blesses us in many ways.

My husband and I are excited to attend the baptism of our newest Godchild. We can't wait to see him receive new life in Christ. We are excited to watch and support his parents as they continually teach him and his brother about Jesus. We love seeing the faith God works in all of our Godchildren, children, and others we love.

Sarah Shadday,  
Director Christian Education





## Quilting - April 10 (9 am - ? or noon).

We are still meeting in the Fellowship Hall trying to get through all of the quilt tops that we have sown in the past year. We can keep social distancing and still come and get quilts put together. Please consider.



Large Grant #4 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

## Mission Team Grants for Church Workers—MOST Ministries—\$10,000

MOST Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is asked every year by International Lutheran Churches in partnership with LCMS and LCMS missionaries to send various types of teams into their mission fields to minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in need.

The number of requests for teams grows every year, as do the costs of travel, especially as MOST ministries receives more requests from “ends of the earth” places such as Ghana, Thailand, India, and Guinea. The typical per person cost of a mission trip ranges from \$2,000 to \$4,000, putting participation beyond the reach of many people, even if they feel led by the Holy Spirit to participate.

Returning team members report that this type of short term ministry has been a significant factor in growing their congregations, enhancing understanding of Christ’s call to servanthood and enriching attitudes of compassion and forgiveness.

The grant of \$10,000 will be used for grants to called and commissioned members of the Indiana District LCMS and students in the Pastoral, Diaconal, and Graduate Programs of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to support their participation in MOST Ministries short-term mission trips over the

next biennium. An average grant of \$500-\$800 per person is planned based on specific trip costs.

2019-2021 Mission Grant #20 (voted at the 2019 Mobile convention)

## Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border—Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas—\$98,400

For 17 years, the music ministry at Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) has proven to be a success, reaching out to the unchurched and being a witness to the mercy and grace of Christ, as well as building relationships with music students and training leaders.

One success of this music outreach ministry can be seen in the performing group, Mariachi San Pablo. Their mission is to reach their community through music that inspires and touches the lives of those who hear it. Through the years, members of this group have ranged in age from children, to teenagers, to senior citizens. Some have been lifelong Lutherans, and others are newcomers to the church whom God has brought to faith. While reaching out with the Gospel to those who hear their music, this group has been a ministry of God’s love and grace to its members as well.

A young boy, indifferent to the church and religion in general, became involved with the music classes and Mariachi San Pablo. He enjoyed serving others with his growing music skills. He learned traditional hymns, contemporary praise songs, and the liturgy of our church that were taught in the classes. Since becoming a member of the church, he has served the Lord in various positions.

YLM has repeatedly seen the outreach efforts of this ministry bear fruit as students grow in faith as well as in musical ability, and the Mission years to see this discipleship multiplied locally and around the country. To expand this life-changing ministry of reach out to new students and to increase their services and resources, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLMHC) needs to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space. It also is essential for them to purchase new equipment to enable future recording projects. This mission grant of \$98,400 will help fund the expansion.



Violin students of all ages practice learning some new songs and refine their tuning at YLM.

Mia and Jaden learn handbells, recorder and how to read music in partnership with a local congregation.



Mariachi music and performance has been one of the biggest successes of YLM's music classes to date. Those who were able to attend the National Convention in New Mexico heard and appreciated the witness given by the group Mariachi San Pablo.

Thank You note from Bev Fabricius.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your prayers, notes, cards and gifts that you sent while Howard was recovering from COVID 19 complications. Your thoughtfulness and friendship are much appreciated.

We felt truly blessed that Howard was able to come home for an overnight at Christmas. There were no family festivities...just the two of us watching the Christmas Eve service by candlelight. It was a quiet, peaceful time and a lovely memory.

When Howard returned to the facility, he was placed on the quarantine wing where he contracted the virus and was diagnosed on Jan. 4. At first, he did well on the COVID wing, but after two or three days, he steadily declined in eating and activity. On Jan. 20, he was sent to St. Francis with pneumonia and high sodium. When he was released on the 23rd, we had him brought home rather than returned to the facility since his swallowing capabilities were nearly nonexistent. Hospice did their best to make him comfortable and to help us care for him. Wendy came for a week from Colorado, and Sarah, Nancy, and Karin took time off work and gave up days off. Susan and family came from Chicago for a short visit, and her son Mark moved the TV so Howard could watch it from his hospital bed.

After about 5 days of frequent meals consisting of tiny bites of pureed food, frequent choking spells, and spooned thickened liquids, Howard started to show signs of regaining strength. The choking lessened and meals were larger. Finally he was able to sit up in a wheelchair and the table to eat. After more than two weeks, he started feeding himself and eventually did it with no spills. Quite an accomplishment since in the beginning he wasn't able to find his mouth with a spoon.

After week 3 , Karin realized that Howard was still eligible for 20 days of physical therapy in a facility. So back to Homestead he went, now that we knew that he wouldn't starve. The girls returned to their lives, and I was able to get some much needed rest.

Howard has now been at the facility for 20 days. We had hoped that therapy would enable him to get in and out of the car and walk a little as he had done before, but I don't think those goals have been realized. He has never been a very enthusiastic participant in therapy and this time has been no exception. He will stay on at Homestead long term as I realize I do not have the capability to care for him by myself (even with family supervision by the spy camera that Mark installed!) My history of a bad fall and severe drug reaction during the night makes the family nervous about my being alone with Howard for any length of time.

The isolation and lack of communication with the staff and Howard is a never-ending source of frustration for me. Advocating for a loved one who cannot advocate for himself is pretty hard to do through a window, and the care of many nursing home residents suffers for it. Already we have had a medication snafu but the people at Homestead are good-hearted, and some have cared for him for the 6 1/2 years that he has lived there. Now I have to have complete trust that God will watch over him since I have been sidelined.

Your caring concern is much appreciated. Thank you. Sincerely, Bev Fabricius



Thanks to all who donated to Wheeler Mission! Through your generosity 436 items were delivered to the residents at the women's shelter.

To any Concordia folks who would like to take on a needy mission project in the area this spring and



summer. To find out how, the Men's Group is hosting Mr. Rik Hagarty at 1 PM, Saturday, April 17, in the fellowship hall. He is the founder and VP of Operations for SAWS, a local group that builds ramps for needy wheelchair people who might not be able to afford a helpful ramp to get in and out of their homes. As we all get older, the need for this might appear suddenly. Join us and find out how you can help...Dick Brooks.

# April

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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:

- Tom Cummings
- Nancy Waltz
- Mary Spray

### **Friends of Concordia**

- Wanita Kelley 3/12/21
- Peter Economou 1/27/21
- Matt & Elaine Heins 1/12/21
- Jarreth & Rhianna Heins 1/12/21
- Travis Golden 1/10/21
- Terry & Diane Deamron 1/7/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Ted Economou 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Chuck Buth 11/17/20
- Alexis McKeand 11/8/20
- Judy Heine 8/17/20
- Charles Huckleberry 2/27/20
- Rick Zempski 1/20/20
- Curt Roemer 12/15/19
- Steve Parrish 10/18/19
- Mina Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- 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
- Erika Hannaman - 1/28/15

### **Battling Cancer / MS**

- Gregory K Ramsey 1/13/21
- Billie May 11/24/20
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Jane Halsey 3/19/18
- Angela Martin 9/8/17
- Julie Breymer 7/10/19
- 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

- Kathy Carroll, 874 Sleepy Hollow Place, Greenwood, IN 46142
- Tom Cummings, 7525 N875 W, Indianapolis, IN 46259
- Albi Distler, 670 Brook Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143
- 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
- Cathy McClure, 3933 Creekwood Dr., Greenwood, IN 46142
- 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)., Zach Goins, 791 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813(Navy Reserve)



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

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# Treasurer's Report

February 2021

Income Description	Feb 2020 4 Sundays	Feb 2021 4 Sundays	Total To date (9) Sun
Unified Budget	20,010.10	18,261.00	64,675.33
Memorials (Non-designated)		50.00	50.00
Memorials (Designated)	50.00		
Designated Gifts *	6,006.40	918.00	1,799.04
Reimbursements & Refunds **	418.11		97.00
Rents & Wedding Fees	75.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,559.61</b>	<b>19,229.00</b>	<b>66,621.37</b>
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 5,002.53</i>	<i>\$ 4,565.25</i>	<i>\$ 7,186.15</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,160.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,630.00</i>	

\* Bethesda \$ 50, Building Fund \$ 90, Coffee Maker replacement \$ 144.98, Easter flowers \$ 50, Flowers \$ 125, Initial Offering \$ 50, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 7.29, Southside Times \$22.50, Souper Bowl of Caring \$ 190.55, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.

Expenses Boards	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,098.59	7,557.86	14,719.30
Congregational Worship	1,811.40	980.26	1,820.65
Missions and Outreach	765.44	697.50	1,397.50
Christian Education	5,67.65	4,362.74	10,996.91
Stewardship			107.34
Operations	7,829.86	7,375.08	18,055.03
Small Group Ministries	68.07		
Christian Living			
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>23,541.01</b>	<b>20,973.44</b>	<b>47,096.73</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments			
Reimbursement Expenses **	354.11	335.53	1,188.86
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>354.11</b>	<b>335.53</b>	<b>1,186.86</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,895.12</b>	<b>21,308.97</b>	<b>48,285.59</b>

\*\* Reimbursement Expenses: Souper Bowl of Caring to Trinity Lutheran Church's Food Pantry \$190.55, Coffee maker replacement \$144.98.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	375.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>2,875.00</b>

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
<b>2/28</b>	5	4	34
<b>3/7</b>	6	4	26
<b>3/14</b>	6	4	19
<b>3/21</b>	7	3	19

## Church checking account balance Jan 2021

Beginning	62,206.49
Deposits	19,462.16
Payments	21,308.97
Ending balance	60,359.68

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
<b>2/24 mw</b>	88	33	220.00
<b>2/28</b>	85	72	7,162.00
<b>3/3 mw</b>	64	31	45.00
<b>3/7</b>	2	92	2,530.00
<b>3/10 mw</b>	67	31	287.00
<b>3/14</b>	64	82	3,520.00
<b>3/17 mw</b>		30	120.00
<b>3/21</b>	29	80	2,950.75

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Feb 28, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,911.04
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,491.88
Building Fund	9,897.99
Capital Improvements - \$ 1,227.78 Church sign - \$ 945.32 Church Landscaping - \$ 975.41 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,002.10	8,150.61
Concordia Cares	5,602.08
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,365.24
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>38,418.84</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>7.36</b>



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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

**4/7** Fear...Like Onions, You Know?  
**4/14** What It Means to Be a Family  
**4/21** Our Greater Than Mrs. McCalliter  
**4/28** tbd

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*

**President**  
 Dick Brooks

**President-Elect**  
 Dean Owen

**Vice President**  
 Mike Finger

**Vice President / Asst. Treasure**  
 Don Boesenberg

**Recording Secretary**  
 Lynn Dombroski

**Treasurer**  
 John Bertsch

**Board for Christian Education**  
 Linda Snyder

**Board for Christian Living**  
 Jessica Coffey

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## Christian Living

### April Wedding Anniversaries

Craig & Diane Smith (45) 4/10 Kaushal & Alex Chaudhary (10)  
 4/16 Jim & Kay Hayes (28) 4/17 Chris & Rose Mihu (33) 4/25

### April Birthdays:

Lanning, Jim	4/1	Bierman, Kris	4/12
Masters, Edie	4/3	Economou, Betty	4/13
Smith, Craig	4/3	Stephenson, Erica	4/15
Bierman, Joel	4/4	Krinhop, Betsy	4/22
Foster, Marcia	4/4	Denton, Jacqueline	4/23
Economou, Dick	4/5	Snyder, Linda	4/24
Brooks, Gary	4/6	Jensen, Darlene	4/25
Santiago, Kat	4/8	Ely, Eileen	4/28
		Emkes, Mike	4/30

### Tying together the Testaments

In most non-English-speaking nations, the holy day of Easter is known by a word derived from the Hebrew word for Passover: *Pe-sach*. In Greek, it's *Pasch*; in Latin, *Pascha*; in Spanish, *Pascua*; and in French, *Paques*.

Each spring, Jewish people observe the Passover festival to commemorate how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. The Christian observance of the Lord's Supper originated with Jesus sharing the Passover Seder meal with his disciples the night Judas betrayed him. Jesus connected the exodus story with his own mission: becoming a "Paschal Lamb" to save his people from the slavery of sin and its consequences.

# Holy Week Worship Services

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Palm Sunday  
9 & 11 am



Mauandy Thursday  
4 & 7 pm  
Good Friday  
4 & 7 pm



Easter Sunrise  
7 am  
Easter  
11 am



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