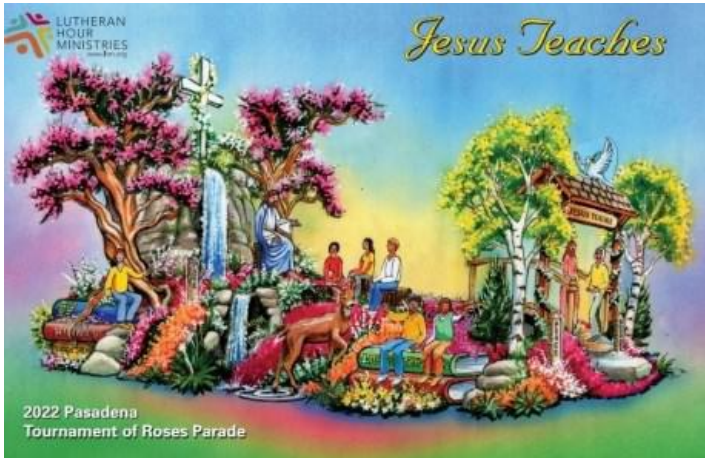


# THE Concordia Messenger



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

June 2021



The Mission and outreach committee encourages this chance for working the float for Lutheran Hour Ministries entry for the Rose Parade 2022. Diane Conrad went a few years ago and it was fun. It is a mini trip and would also be considered a mission trip. For more information contact Diane Conrad (call4nona@sbcglobal.net) and read the helpful information below for one of the options.

## The Rose Parade® Is Coming Back for New Years 2022!

After taking 2021 off due to the pandemic (the first year skipped since World War II), you can mark your calendar for the Rose Parade on January 1, 2022. **SAVE \$200 - Risk Free Flexible Cancellation - Register by June 30.** We are celebrating the return to travel and **YOU SAVE \$200 OFF** the Rose Parade, Float Decorating and Southern California Tour. Plan now and confirm your vacation risk-free with our **NEW Risk-Free Enhanced Flexibility Cancellation Policy.** Flexible cancellation conditions allow you to register for this fun and spiritually fulfilling tour risk-free of losing your deposit. contact LutherTours at 1-844-777-1517.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 14-18; 9am-11:30am this year. VBS will be mostly outdoors. Registration is available online or through paper forms in the church office.



**VBS Volunteer Meeting-** All VBS volunteers are encouraged to come to a meeting on Saturday, Sunday, June 6 at 10:10am to learn about the changes to VBS this year.



Quilting - June 12 (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 get quilts put together. Please consider.



Large Grant #6 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

## LAMP Ministry—\$10,000

This grant will support the continued work of pastor-pilot Rev. Dennis Ouellette in ministry to the Indigenous communities in northern Ontario and Manitoba by providing pastoral support in communities and to volunteer missionary teams serving these communities.

Mite contributions and filled Mite boxes may be brought to church anytime. Please make checks payable to LWCC or leave cash with Becky Lanning.



From June 24-27, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League meets for its 39th biennial convention in Lexington, KY. Several women from Concordia plan to attend. Please keep these women in your prayer as they travel to Lexington: Cynthia Boesenberg, Diane Conrad, Ruth Everson, Becky Lanning, Miriam Neumann, and Sue Ranbarger.

Ladies, and men, too, if you cannot attend the LWML convention in Lexington later this month, consider watching the video to learn about the mission grants delegates will vote on. To find the video, go to [LWML.org/2021-convention](http://LWML.org/2021-convention) and scroll to find the 2021-2023 Mission Grants Proposals Video or use this direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54HuESz6-HQ>.

Most sessions of the convention are live-streamed or can be watched later. You'll find the link for streaming on the LWML website when the convention is in session, June 24-27.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at*

*the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

## **Lutheran World Relief**

Plans are underway to receive and load kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief at Concordia on September 25. If you have friends at other churches or organizations participating in LWR's in-gatherings, please let them know the date and the church phone number (317-881-4477) to make arrangements in advance for deliveries to our church. Please spread the word, so more people are aware that we are a new ingathering site.

## **Director Christian Education**

Dear Concordians;

At the time of writing, we have eight children signed up for Vacation Bible School on June 14-18. VBS is exactly one month away and it's hard to have all the answers with how flexible we need to be this year. It's easy to look at the registration numbers and be discouraged since we usually have at least double to triple that number of registrations by now. However, it's not all about the numbers.

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. The man gives each of his servants a different amount of money to manage. Two of the servants double the money and the last one only brings back what the master originally gave him, not even earning interest on the money. While we all know people and money are not the same things and there does seem to be a great emphasis on the numbers; there is a greater point of being faithful with what is given. The man who had five talents ended up with eleven (he doubled the five and ended up with the one from the fearful servant) and the man who is given two talents ends up with four. The two servants who were faithful with what they had were given more.

This is not a guarantee that we will end up

with more people, money, children, etc. at our church. However, we are to be good stewards of all the gifts God gives us. This means to love and teach all the children at VBS about Jesus. It doesn't matter if it's eight, eighty, or eight hundred. We will do our best to be good stewards of the time, children, and message God has given us. It doesn't matter if we volunteer at VBS or not, we are all to be good stewards of the gifts God gives us and especially the Gospel message.

As a Christian, we are all called into faith and given the message to make disciples of all nations. God gives us the Gospel message to share with others. The Holy Spirit works through that Word of God to call people to faith and repentance. In all of our vocations,



we can share this God given hope and forgiveness in our Savior's death and resurrection. Be faithful with this abundant gift and be a good steward of all of the blessings God gives.

Sarah Shadday, Director of Christian Education

### Mini Mission Opportunities

Pat Barnes will be moving back into Greenwood and Concordia at the end of June. We will be moving her down from Zionsville on Saturday, June 26, and need a group of folks to help. Contact Dick Brooks to volunteer. Pat, also, would like some help packing between now and then. Please contact Dick for directions. See below for contact info.

**RAMPS** group will be building a ramp for a needy person in the area on Saturday, June 19. Please contact Dick Brooks, 317-627-6440, or [rbbrooks@hotmail.com](mailto:rbbrooks@hotmail.com), for more information. Please consider one or both of these mini-missions.



### Congratulations

To Ensign Owen on her completion of her training and education at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis MD. She is the daughter of Dean and Tammy Owen of our congregation. Commencement was held on May 27. Address now: 650 Americana Dr., Unit T2, Annapolis, MD 21403.



From  
your  
Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I give thanks to God for our congregation. We have been able to steadily move forward this past year. Our attendance has gradually increased. We confirmed four 8th grade catechumens this past month, and were able to have their families in attendance. That Sunday pushed the boundaries of how many people we could fit in our sanctuary in good conscience, and yet we were able to adapt and make it work out fine.

I'm encouraging our leaders to continue to gently push towards "normalcy", with the emphasis being on gentleness. For example, the question of masks. I think most were surprised by the CDC's new guidelines lessening the requirements for masks. While it is good that our COVID requirements begin to lessen here at Concordia, please be considerate of those who are still at-risk, uncer-



tain, or simply afraid. We'll continue to preach to our people to follow their conscience, use their Christian freedom, and be considerate of others. We may never see masks go away entirely, and regardless of vaccination and immunity rates, I encourage those who desire to use them to continue using them.

But it's also time to begin meeting again. We first emphasized meeting for worship, as receiving from God in the Divine Service should be our priority and focus. But it's also time to begin meeting for other education, service, and social functions. We were created to be a people that come together. Some will not be able to, but for those who are, we should make a point of gathering for all sorts of things as a congregation.

Please keep an eye on our weekly Sunday announcements, website updates, and our monthly newsletter for various social events coming up. We'll soon be having VBS, we have some outdoor evening get-togethers planned, and some bible studies and classes going. I'm in the process of coordinating with Pastor Shadday and St. Paul's Lutheran to host a video watch series from *Answers in Genesis*. These classes will deal with various questions relating to creation, secular science, and the scriptures. Look for more updates and info on this soon, the classes will likely begin in July.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about how we are continuing to adapt here at Concordia, please contact me.

In Christ,  
Pastor Gaschler

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### **Hanging out with Dad**

I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps

as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once." Did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well?

Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out

in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

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"The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows." Richelle E. Goodrich

"Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love."

"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one." Linda Poindexter



"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are suppose to do - be there." Max Lucado

Dad's are to be like our Heavenly Father in that he should rather gather us into his arms and protect us. To have us listen and understand what it is God his father would have us do in faith with honor and humility.



# June 2021

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:

- Nancy Waltz

Testing:

- Jim Roemer 4/20/21

### Friends of Concordia

- Orin Flake 5/11/21
- Dustin Spray 4/23/21
- Brynn Dunlap 4/20/21
- Jim Spray 4/15/21
- Renae Barrett 3/19/21
- Peter Economou 1/27/21
- 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

- Sloane Bullman 5/13/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Angela Martin 9/8/17
- Philip Davis 12/12/16

### Our Homebound Members (Our Senior Prayer Warriors)

Please remember and pray for our Concordia homebound members.

- Kathy Carroll, 515 Tropic Ct., Apt. 1504, Indianapolis IN 46237
- 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 183 S Smock Dr. #110, 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; Ensign Chloe Owen, 650 Americana Drive Unit T2, Annapolis MD 21403, Zach Goins, 791 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813(Navy Reserve)



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

- **Dean Owen and family** at the passing of his mother **Laurie Ayres**, age 76 on 5/11/21. (2837 Sleeping Ridge Way, Indianapolis IN 46217)
- **Kathy Carroll and family** at the death of her mom, **Evelyn Carroll** of Ohio, ( 6515 Tropic Ct., Apt 1504, Indianapolis IN 46237)

# Treasurer's Report

April 2021

Income Description	Apr 2020 4 Sundays	Apr 2021 4 Sundays	Total To date (17) Sun
Unified Budget	29,908.36	32,848.89	115,116.97
Memorials (Non-designated)	325.00	155.00	5,288.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	442.66	1,422.23	4,579.70
Reimbursements & Refunds **	180.54		97.00
Rents & Wedding Fees		75.00	75.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>30,856.56</b>	<b>34,501.12</b>	<b>125,156.67</b>
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 7,477.09</i>	<i>\$ 8,212.22</i>	<i>\$ 6,771.59</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,160.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,630.00</i>	

\* Anniversary/Birthday blessings \$ 86, Board for Christian Education \$ 80, Building Fund \$ 215, Concordia Cares \$ 111, Easter flowers \$ 20, Lillie's \$ 18, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, LWCC Mites \$ 20, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 34.55, Southside Times \$ 5, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 40, Youth Easter Casserole Fund Raiser \$ 595, National Youth Gathering \$ 20.

Expenses Boards	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,884.61	7,443.33	29,586.41
Congregational Worship	611.46	1,127.16	3,989.10
Missions and Outreach	697.50	697.50	2,792.50
Christian Education	5,898.31	5,917.27	22,863.95
Stewardship			107.34
Operations	9,578.15	8,363.87	38,645.60
Small Group Ministries			
Christian Living			159.60
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>23,670.03</b>	<b>23,549.13</b>	<b>98,144.50</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments		12.97	12.97
Reimbursement Expenses **	180.54	131.00	1,423.36
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>180.54</b>	<b>143.97</b>	<b>1,436.33</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,850.57</b>	<b>23,693.10</b>	<b>99,580.83</b>

Non budget payments: Circuit Pastor's Meeting Expense - \$12.97.

\*\* Reimbursement Expenses: Easter Lillie's \$54, Hydrangeas \$77.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	3,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	750.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>5,750.00</b>

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
<b>5/2</b>	4		23
<b>5/9</b>	4	7	19
<b>5/16</b>	4	2	52
<b>5/23</b>	5	4	28

## Church checking account balance Apr 2021

Beginning	60,127.79
Deposits	34,501.12
Payments	23,693.10
Ending balance	70,935.81

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
<b>5/2</b>	12	116	7,037.00
<b>5/9</b>	11	77	2,911.00
<b>5/16</b>	10	86	3,235.00
<b>5/23</b>	12	84	5,593.38

Congregational meeting, May 16, -35.  
Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Apr 30, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,912.13
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,493.55
Building Fund	9,900.20
Capital Improvements - \$ 1,978.13 Church sign - \$ 945.53 Church Landscaping - \$ 975.63 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,003.22	,902.51
Concordia Cares	5,603.33
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,365.76
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>39,177.48</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>4.02</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

**6/6**      **Out of the Depths**  
**6/13**     **"Clearly Christian: Good"**  
**6/20**     **"Clearly Christian: Spiritual"**  
**6/27**     **TBD**

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

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

## Christian Living

### June Wedding Anniversaries: Dick & Gail Brooks (42) 6/1

Cliff & Heidi Whitrock (26) 6/7  
 Scott & Laura Ronczka (28) 6/12  
 Wayne & Carol Monroe (7) 6/14  
 Don & Cindy Boesenberg (45) 6/19  
 Herb & Barb Hoeltke (58) 6/22  
 Mike & Heidi Ford (55) 6/23  
 Tony & Andrea Kaiser (4) 6/25  
 Phil & Loura Turner (16) 6/25  
 John & Tracy Guinn (22) 6/26  
 Dick & Betty Economou (51) 6/27  
 Leonard & Miriam Neumann (56) 6/27  
 Bryan & Genny Hartley (25) 6/29  
 Konny & Erika Hanneman (37) 6/30

### June Birthdays:

Jensen, Kenneth	6/3	Bontrager, Logan	6/15
Bulthuis, Mistie	6/4	Caruana, Philip	6/15
Coffey, Shannon	6/4	Hanneman, Konny	6/16
Roberts, Rhyon	6/6	Kilgore, Della	6/17
Yeater, Jim	6/9	Henrickson, Susan	6/18
Caruana, Sharon	6/10	Bierman, Mike	6/23
Shadday, Matt	6/12	Roemer, Doris	6/23
Crouch, Aubrianna	6/13	Guinn, John	6/29
		Owen, Chloe	6/30

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**Website:** <http://www.concordia-lcms.com>



**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

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Mike Emkes

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Adele Tinsley

**Board for Stewardship**

Diana Sullivan

**Financial Secretary**

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# THE *Concordia Messenger*

June 2021



**Concordia Lutheran Church  
& Preschool**  
305 N Howard Road, Greenwood, IN 46142



## Happy Fathers Day

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, have courage, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

As our heavenly Father has given much no more than that is asked of us. For he gives us faith through the Holy Spirit, who made us sons for eternity. Fathers guide and shepherd the sons and daughters that the Lord has blessed you with, that they may also be a blessing.