

THE Concordia Messenger



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

July 2021



Quilting - July 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 get quilts put together. Please consider.



Large Grant #7 (LWML Indiana Virtual convention 2020

Training Burmese Leaders - \$10,000

The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad. Saint Paul writes in Romans 10:17, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Multimedia Gospel outreach materials in multiple Burmese languages made available on a website will enable many Buddhist and Muslim Burmese to hear about the saving love of Jesus in languages that they can easily understand. The Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB) Board was aware of this need and voted approval but could not finance the cost.

Mite box collection for second quarter is here! July 4th is also the Sunday for our Mite collection. If you have not already brought in your Mites you can still bring them in and place them in the over sized Mite box located in the church Narthex. Last quarter collections added up to just over \$100, let's see if we can break that amount this time.

Lutheran World Relief

In last month's Newsletter, an article referred to plans to receive kits and quilts for LWR.

This article should explain why we are doing this.

For many years, churches have put together kits and quilts following directions and requirements in the participant's guide. Once a year, we delivered filled boxes to a drop-off spot in Fort Wayne, the closest drop-off point in Indiana and surrounding states. The ingathering was held during a three-hour time frame on a Saturday with first-come, first-served to load the truck. If the truck was full, you ended up returning home with what could not be put on the truck and had to wait for another truck to be scheduled. Since Indiana has only two ingathering sites (Fort Wayne and Valparaiso), offering a site in central Indiana would be a service to churches in southern Indiana and northern Kentucky as it would cut their drive time in half.

Several of us contacted the LWR event coordinator and asked if we could serve as an ingathering site. As a result, we asked and received permission from the Directorate and the Board of Operations to host a tractor/trailer to load LWR items. In addition, during the week before pickup, organizations from farther away may, by appointment only, deliver their kits for storage in the Fellowship Hall. These kits will be loaded onto the truck on Saturday morning with the help of volunteers.

Again the date for the LWR pickup is Saturday, September 25, between 8 and 11 am.

We're Gathering School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Each school kit contains four notebooks, a ruler, blunt scissors, one pencil sharpener, five unsharpened #2 pencils, five black or blue ballpoint pens, one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2-1/2" eraser. Please consider helping when back-to-school sales begin in July and August. Often notebooks are priced at 25 cents each with corresponding sale prices for the other items.

With the help of a Thrivent Action Team grant, we will purchase the backpacks to hold the school supplies. *Stop by the LWCC bulletin board and pick a tag for the items you plan to buy for this project.* Leave the school supplies in the designated bins in the Noah Room. Can we fill 20 backpacks by Sept. 25?

Dates to remember:

On June 6, Lutheran Women of Concordia (LWCC) met in person for the first time in a year. Plans are underway for a rummage sale on **August 20-21**. In addition, the overnight Women's Retreat at Camp Lakeview returns on **October 8 and 9**. Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information coming soon.

Thank you!

After serving as the facilitator for LWCC for the past eight years, Miriam Neumann has stepped down. We thank her for her faithful service! Anne Guthrie and Jill Scifres will serve as co-facilitators beginning immediately.

Thank you to everyone who was able to help in any way for us to have Vacation Bible School this year. 30 students and 30 staff gathered to celebrate through the week that We are God's Treasure! 101 items were collected for The Refuge food pantry and approximately \$300 was given to make up Personal Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief this fall.

Director Christian Education

I'm writing this during Vacation Bible School week and I'm overwhelmed with how many loving and talented volunteers we have. These are volunteers who love Jesus and love the children in our congregation and community. Usually the first day of VBS is chaotic as we get into the swing of things but calms down within 45 minutes as everyone gets back into the groove of things. This year, I was expecting everything to be a really rough first day. I expected classes and volunteers needing to be moved around the first 10 minutes of VBS. I expected lots of questions and complaints of not knowing where the stations were located after being outside. I expected complaints of things being too hot, kids being overheated, and people getting sunburned. To put it simply, I expected the worst.



However, God provides! Some of our Senior Prayer Warriors must have been praying really hard for us during VBS because we had PERFECT weather on Monday. It made everything bearable and made me feel like it was a good decision to be outside. The volunteers caught on quickly where everything was and were great leaders for the children. God sent us a little over 20 kids on the first day and blessed us with enough volunteers that we weren't overwhelmed with our situation.

God used our volunteers to teach children about how God leads the way for us. We learned about Noah, the 10 Commandments, Jesus calling disciples, Jesus healing the 10 lepers, and Jesus forgiving Peter.

It can be hard knowing where to go or what to do. All of VBS planning this year felt that way. What was the best way to host VBS this year and teach children about Jesus and still

keep them safe? God does not provide those exact answers in the Bible. If He did, someone should have shown it to me months ago. God does provide His True and loving Word to guide us. He gives us things like the 10 Commandments, God's moral law, to help guide us. We see the life of Jesus and learn how he seriously meant we were to be perfect as He is perfect. We see the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins as He died on the cross and rose again. We read the epistles (letters) to the early churches and learn how we are to act in regards to God and one another. God gives us so much guidance and leadership to apply to our lives. Most importantly, God leads us back to Him through Jesus.

Thanks be to God for all the things He has done for us! Thanks be to God that we can use our God given talent to glorify Him! Thank you God for all of the wonderful children and volunteers You gave us during VBS. Thank you for their wonderful faith, gifts, talents, and love for their congregation and community. Thank you for all those who helped VBS by praying, donating items, and volunteering to help. Thank you for our Pastor who guides us and teaches us about You. Thank you for providing for us and guiding us through Your Word and Sacrament. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sarah Shadday,
Director Christian Education



From
your
Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray you are enjoying these summer months. In this article, I want to comment on a couple of different items.

Monday Evening Services - We are going to continue offering our Monday Evening Divine Service for the foreseeable future. This shorter service (6:30 PM to 7:00 PM) is intended for those who are unable to attend Sunday morning for whatever reason. I use the same readings from Sunday, but since those who attend often also watch our livestream, I preach a different and shorter sermon on a different text. I've had as many as 15 attend, but often fewer. As long as two or three are gathered, we go ahead with the service.

This smaller environment may be a good opportunity for anyone you have encouraged to attend, but feels intimidated or out of place on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in attending, please feel free or let me know. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this service and want me to contact them, let me know.

Visitation - A vital job I have as parish pastor is to get to know our congregation, and more than just on Sundays. Traditionally this happens with the pastor visiting the homes of members, but I would be happy to meet at church in my office, or at a neutral site like a coffee shop. As we continue to become more comfortable with gathering, I plan to start contacting families about a time to meet. You're welcome to contact me first as well if you would like to host or meet.

General Evaluation Input - summers are a good time to reflect, especially after this past year I'm considering the big picture here at Concordia. Are we offering everything we should be for all people? Are there changes we should be making? These are the sort of questions I'm pondering. As pastor, I have some thoughts and ideas, however, it's important to know what our people want, think, and need.

If you have ideas, or concerns, please feel open to share them with me. Email is probably the best form, as they're easier to record and reference later.
(pastorgaschler@concordia-lcms.com)

As for a personal update, Kati and I are enjoying our summer. We'll be taking a trip to spend time with friends in Missouri. We will rent an Airbnb with a couple of my classmates and their wives, and do various outings such as canoeing or wine tasting.

Kati is a part of a collaborative effort to put out a coffee table book detailing the historical churches of Indy. She goes out several times a week to photograph churches all across the city. If you're interested in this project, look up Kati Q photography on FB or Instagram, or ask her about it in person.

In Christ,
Pastor Gaschler





2021



July



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:

Surgery:

Chris Mihi 7/8/21

Recovering:

- Lori Shafer 6/11/21
- Becky Horn 6/9/21
- Della Kilgore
- Nancy Waltz

Testing:

- Jim Roemer 4/20/21

Friends of Concordia

- 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
- Travis Golden 1/10/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- 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
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18
- 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, 761 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813 (Navy Reserve)



Jenna Liechty-Dale and Macey Dale on the birth of a son, 6/3/21, **Parker Macey Dale**, grandson of Jason Liechty.



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

- **Helen Judd and family** at the passing of her son-in-law **Oren Flake** of Greenwood on 6/6/21. (1568 Hamilton Dr., Greenwood IN 46143)
- **Don Boesenberg and family** at the passing of his sister **Vida Smith** on 6/19/21. (5310 Skyline Ln., Greenwood IN 46143)

Treasurer's Report

May 2021

Income Description	May 2020 5 Sundays	May 2021 5 Sundays	Total To date (22) Sun
Unified Budget	28,802.79	22,406.38	137,523.35
Memorials (Non-designated)	1,065.00		5,288.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	746.60	1,371.15	5,950.85
Reimbursements & Refunds **	29.61		97.00
Rents & Wedding Fees			75.00
TOTAL INCOME	30,644.00	23,777.53	148,934.20
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 5,760.56	\$ 4,481.28	\$ 6,251.06
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 6,630.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 150, Anniversary/Birthday Blessings \$ 83, Bethesda \$10, Christian Education \$ 60, Building Fund \$ 215, Concordia Cares \$30, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$ 125, LWCC \$ 10, Outside Faucet Repair \$ 165, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 39.13, Siberian Seminary \$100, Southside Times \$ 10, Vacation Bible School \$ 215, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 91.34.

Expenses Boards	May 2020	May 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,878.34	7,235.56	36,821.97
Congregational Worship	714.82	974.47	4,963.57
Missions and Outreach	700.00	700.00	3,492.50
Christian Education	5,898.31	5,976.06	28,840.01
Stewardship	100.94	231.05	338.39
Operations	9,307.17	10,316.38	48,961.98
Small Group Ministries			
Christian Living			159.60
Unified Budget Total	23,599.58	25,433.52	123,578.02
Non-boards			
Non budget payments			12.97
Reimbursement Expenses **	29.61	739.19	2,162.55
Total Non-Budget Payments	29.61	739.19	2,175.52
Total payments	23,629.19	26,172.71	125,753.54

Non budget payments: .

** Reimbursement Expenses: Concordia Cares \$500, Confirmation Reimbursements \$74.19, Outdoor Faucet Repair \$165.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	May 2020	May 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	3,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	937.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	7,187.50

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

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5/30	4	7	46
6/6	5	5	49
6/13	4	6	37
6/20	7	0	16
6/27	6	5	15

Church checking account balance May 2021

Beginning	70,935.81
Deposits	19,812.53
Payments	26,172.71
Ending balance	64,575.63

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
5/30	60	98	5,875.00
6/6	62	96	4,017.00
6/13	72	93	2,915.00
6/20	64	89	7,450.00
6/27		72	3,46.00

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance May 31, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,912.60
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,494.27
Building Fund	9,901.15
Capital Improvements - \$ 1,978.32 Church sign - \$ 945.62 Church Landscaping - \$ 975.72 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,003.70	8,903.36
Concordia Cares	5,603.87
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,365.99
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,181.24
Interest earned	3.76

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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

7/4 **Clearly Christian: Scientific**
7/11 **Inheritance as Intended**
7/18 **The Problem and Promise of Deathbed
Conversion**
7/25 **The Peace Child**

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*

Christian Living

July Wedding Anniversaries:

Charles & Susan Henrickson (1) 7/4

Fred & Marcia Foster (32) 7/9

Ray & Ruth Everson (59) 7/14

Marcus & Gaby Crouch (12) 7/18

Jeff & Stacy Reinke (24) 7/19

July Birthdays:

Shafer, Lori	7/1	Marot, Zackary	7/30
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Flamme, Faith	7/4	Krause, Diane	7/30
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Warren, David	7/5		
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Seale, Aaron	7/11		
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Emmons, Ginny	7/12		
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Hoeltke, Barb	7/18		
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Neumann, Leonard	7/19		
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Sullivan, David	7/20		
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Horn, Joshua	7/22		
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Carlisle (Lanning), Annabelle	7/23		
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Owen, Tammy	7/24		
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Emkes, Cindy	7/27		
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Howrey, Connie	7/27		
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Ford, Mike	7/28		
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