

THE Concordia Messenger



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

August 2021



Highlights of the 39th LWML Convention

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 2,787 people to the LWML Convention in Lexington, KY, June 24-27, 2021, under the theme “*Running the Race... Looking to Jesus.*”



The voting body adopted a \$2,150,000 mission goal for the 2021-2023 biennium. This goal will fund 28 mission grants during the next two years. *In the coming months, we’ll profile the grants that our mites and prayers support.* Also, 90% of Mites received will fund the 2021-2023 grants, an increase of 20%.

New officers were elected, including three Vice Presidents of LWML, the Recording Secretary, Pastoral Counselor, and the Nominating Committee for the 2023 Milwaukee convention. The four convention offerings amounted to \$126,214.43.

The **Mission Pledge Walk** held on Saturday afternoon supported the new mission goal. Groups and individuals unable to attend the convention were encouraged to walk in their neighborhoods. In Lexington, nearly 1,100

individuals participated, walking from the convention center to Thoroughbred Park in a 1.5-mile loop. Contributions raised totaled \$96,232.92. The Mission Walk had the largest ever participation at a national convention.



The **Sixth Biennial Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing** was held on Wednesday, June 23. Sixty-nine golfers, comprising 18 teams, sponsored by the Lutheran Federal Credit Union raised \$30,710.

The **Mission Flag Procession** on Saturday morning included eighty-two countries. Six new nations were added to the procession this year: Cambodia, Cameroon, Macau, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia.



Three organizations received “Gifts from the Heart.”

- **Assurance for Life Ministries** received several thousand items for its ministry.
- **MOST Ministries** received 6,008 pairs of eyeglasses.
- **Concordia Seminary, St Louis and Con-**

cordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, received \$33,270 in cash donations and 444 gifts cards (denomination not known).

Statistics might give a picture of the convention, but the Bible studies, mission speakers, servant events, special lunches, Saturday evening entertainment, singing, hugs, and laughter are what everyone who attends remembers the most.



Large Grant #8 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

Lutherans for Life – Y4Life in Washington, DC – \$10,000

Y4Life, the Youth Branch of Lutherans for Life, exists to educate, equip, and empower youth to be the Gospel-motivated voices for life. One of the primary ways Y4Life accomplishes this objective is through the National March for Life and subsequent Y4Life Conference in Washington, D. C.

Since the cost of transportation can prevent interested youth from attending this mission-focused conference, these funds will provide transportation for up to 100 Indiana District Youth for the 2021 and 2022 March for Life and Y4Life Conference in Washington, D.C.

LWML Quarterly Bible Study Resumes

After more than a year's hiatus due to Covid-19, a group of women met for the first time on July 11 using the Bible study in the LWML *Quarterly*. Please join us on the second Sunday of the month (August 8) in the Luther Room for our next study. All are welcome! For more information, contact Ruth Everson, 317-530-5761, or by email: rudys-first@aol.com.

Dates to remember:

August 20-21 Rummage sale.

Hooray! Our church rummage sale is returning after a 2020 break! It will take place on Friday, August 20th and Saturday, August 21st, from 8:00 to 2:30 both days. We are seeking volunteers for setup on Sunday, August 15th after church, for pricing on Monday through Thursday, for working shifts on the days of the sale, and for cleanup on Saturday afternoon. Volunteers will be able to shop during the week, receive a Thrivent shirt, and experience the satisfaction of helping out in this big fundraiser. Please look for the signup poster in the narthex.

We are also seeking donations of merchandise for the sale, which most surely has been accumulating in your home over the last two years! We will happily accept your household items, clothing, furniture, books, and miscellaneous items, but **unfortunately cannot accept electronics.**

Donations may be brought starting Aug. 9th, with the exception of furniture, which we ask that you not bring until Aug. 16th. Clothing donations should be placed in the Matthew room and all other donations can go in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing all the treasures come out, and to great fellowship as we work together.

Quilting - Sept. 11 (9 am - 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.



October 8 and 9. Overnight Women's Retreat at Camp Lakeview returns.

The Annual Fall Retreat at Camp Lakeview will be held on October 8 & 9. It begins with a supper around 6:00 PM on Friday and will continue until about 3:30 PM on Saturday. Come and join us in **Food for the Soul** (Bible Study and Singing) **Food for the Body** (Meals we bring in) and **Food for Fellowship** (Visiting during meals and playing games on Friday evening).

This year the theme will be **Scripture in Song**. Along with passages from the Bible we will also study hymns and see how beautifully these hymns express God's goodness

to us and our response to Him. When possible, facts about the author will also be included. So mark **October 8 & 9 on your calendar** and plan on going to Camp Lakeview.



Indiana's banner for the 2021 National convention



Entertainment held on Saturday night at convention



From
your
Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have set a goal for this year to incorporate more of Luther's Small Catechism into our learning here at Concordia.

There is a misconception that to teach the Catechism is to take away from plainly teaching the Scriptures. They shouldn't have to be pitted against each other. Properly speaking, the catechism is *only* plain Scripture itself.

In its simplest and purest form, the Catechism is only these 6 Chief parts (*without the meanings!*) taken from Scriptures:

1. The Ten Commandments (*Exodus 20*)
2. The Creed
3. The Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6; Luke 11*)

4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (*Mt. 28:19, Mark 16:16, Titus 3:5-8, Romans 6:4*)
5. Confession (*John 20:22-23*)
6. The Sacrament of the Altar (*Matt. 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Cor. 11*)

With the exception of the Apostle's Creed, all of these parts are directly from God's Word. The Creed is a summary of God's word, but one that tradition holds may even truly have originated among the Apostles, and in any case, was used in the earliest records of post-biblical Christianity.

These 6 Chief Parts are taught in a simple and memorable way to give Christians a framework to interact with and understand all scripture. They are easy enough for a child to learn, and yet cannot truly be exhausted by mature adults. Dr. Luther himself, even after he wrote his explanations ("What does this mean?") still made a point of daily reflecting on these 6 chief parts of scripture.

Luther's explanations have also been used in our tradition to memorably and succinctly teach each part. Ideally, we teach these words to our children even before they understand them fully. When the language is in their head and hearts, they are able to later reflect and ponder these explanations, even synthesize and put the meaning in their own words.

Whether it's our youngest children in Sunday School, or in Adult Bible Study, I want to emphasize these 6 Chief Parts of Scripture that make up the Catechism. To know the Catechism well will arm us as we read through more challenging parts of scripture, and give us familiar language to fall back on when dealing with doubt or troubles.

We should never cease to dive into the depths of God's Word to strengthen our faith. But a childlike faith is what God desires from each of us (*Matthew 18:3*). We are well guided in this childlike faith by the Catechism, and we should never stop learning from it - even as adults!

In Christ,
Pastor Gaschler

Director Christian Education

Greetings.

God gives us all special gifts and talents. I know for sure my talents do NOT include cleaning, yard work, or being handy. I'm sure some have heard my gardening stories including killing mint, cactus, and aloe plants. Maybe some heard my stories of somehow making the security windows dirtier after I cleaned them. Many may forgive my ignorance of different saws, drills, etc. but would probably laugh at my inability to hammer a nail straight into whatever I need.



Thankfully, God gives the members of his church many different gifts and talents. Thanks to members of our church we recently were able to replace a whiteboard in one of the Sunday School classrooms. We also have members who help garden, trim bushes, and weed. We have members who help with administrative tasks. We have members who help clean the kitchen, move tables, and serve in a variety of ways.



I know I can't care for my entire house. Even with my husband and I, it is a daily struggle to care for our children, teach our children about Jesus, provide for our family, do yardwork, clean, stay on top of daily tasks, and deal with any "surprises" that may happen. Just like it's hard for just the two of us to get everything done, it's hard for just one or two people to do everything at Concordia. We need our community of believers to support in the spiritual needs of members, physical care of our building, and growth of the Church by sharing God's Word.

One of my favorite hymns says, "Let none hear you idly saying there is nothing I can do." God has given everyone unique talents and passions. Some can help support

God's Word by giving others a physically safe and clean environment to learn about God's Word and receive the Sacraments. Others can provide a spiritually and emotionally safe place by listening to others, praying with them, and caring for them. Others are great at helping meet the physical needs of others by providing rides, helping them with daily tasks, and more.

God has work for all of us that glorifies Him. I'd like to thank everyone at Concordia who uses their God given gifts and talents to serve God in the vocation He has for them. Thank you to all those who support the ministries at Concordia, serve on church boards, or quietly serve. Thank you for serving God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

Sarah Shadday, Director Christian Education



Board for Christian Living

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Fellowship 15 Returns: Please join us for a quick fellowship time before Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday. Coffee and prepackaged food items will be available. If you wish to sign up to help, or donate prepackaged or individually wrapped items contact Jessica C. or Cynthia B. Thank you.

Walking Fellowship: Put on those walking shoes and join us for some fellowship and exercise at Freedom Park in Greenwood on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Help meet your step goal, and enjoy positive Christian conversations in the beautiful park. We hope to see you!

Coffee and Crafts: Grab your morning coffee and bring your current craft project to Concordia Fellowship Hall on every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month for some Saturday crafting and fellowship. Come anytime between 9am and noon to make progress on your own projects, and encourage others toward their crafting goals.



Thank you to everyone who supported the youth's patriotic **cake pop fundraiser!** We heard a few people say

they enjoyed these treats at their 4th of July celebrations. I know my kids enjoyed the "pop pops" too. The youth raised about \$785 to go to the National Youth Gathering in July 2022!



The National Youth Gathering is for High School Youth and has been held every 3 years since 1980 and brings thousands of youth and adults together as a community of God's people. They are encouraged in their walk with Jesus and learn about their Lutheran identity. The National Youth Gathering provides teenagers an opportunity to see the immensity of Christ's Church and provides opportunities and resources for young people to grow and learn in their vocations.



Concordia's Men's Group Mission Project: building a ramp for a needy Southsider through SAWS:

Concordia's Men's Group did its first mission project of building a ramp for a needy Greenwood couple on a Saturday in July. The all-day project was certainly worthwhile for those participating through the SAWS group. Stay tuned to other projects that you might be interested in. Take a look at a couple of pictures from our efforts on the Mission bulletin board.



Concordia Lutheran Preschool

for their child, please send them our way. Lori Thetford will serve as lead teacher, Linda Snyder as assistant, and Jill Scifres as director.

Preschool Scoop

The preschool staff is very excited to announce that, yes, the preschool will be open for business this fall! After a one year hiatus, we will again offer classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Our first day will be Tuesday, August 24th. We still have openings, so if you know anyone looking for a quality Christian early childhood setting


Jill Scifres, Director of Preschool

2021



August

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:

Recovering:

- Phillis Infante 7/19/21
- Chris Mihu 7/8/21
- Lori Shafer 6/11/21
- Becky Horn 6/9/21
- Della Kilgore
- Nancy Waltz

Testing:

- Jim Lanning 7/10/21
- Jim Roemer 4/20/21

Friends of Concordia

- Jim Spray 7/12/21
- Anne Perkinson 7/1/21
- Brynn Dunlap 4/20/21
- 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

- Stephanie Frye 7/2/21
- 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)

Treasurer's Report

June 2021

Income Description	June 2020 5 Sundays	June 2021 4 Sundays	Total To date (26) Sun
Unified Budget	21,348.10	21,433.00	158,956.35
Memorials (Non-designated)			5,288.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,254.84	1,435.09	7,385.94
Reimbursements & Refunds **	67.19	88.78	185.78
Rents & Wedding Fees		120.00	195.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,670.13	23,076.87	172,011.07
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 5,337.03	\$ 5,769.22	\$ 6,113.71
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,630.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 75, Building Fund \$ 265, Christian Education \$ 80, Concordia Cares \$ 18, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Hope-Full Living \$ 87.50, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 30.13, Southside Times \$ 20, Vacation Bible School \$ 135, Vacation Bible School Offering \$ 341.78, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10, Youth Group Fund Raiser, Cake pops \$ 195.

** Reimbursements & Refunds: Pre-school state & federal \$88.78

Expenses Boards	June 2020	June 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,849.39	7,565.73	44,387.70
Congregational Worship	902.19	1,789.80	6,753.37
Missions and Outreach	709.53	697.50	4,190.00
Christian Education	5,940.43	6,267.08	35,107.09
Stewardship			338.39
Operations	9,720.16	9,421.10	58,383.08
Small Group Ministries			
Christian Living	132.92	175.29	334.89
Unified Budget Total	24,254.62	25,916.50	149,494.52
Non-boards			
Non budget payments			12.97
Reimbursement Expenses **	1,738.04	187.50	2,350.05
Total Non-Budget Payments	1,738.04	187.50	2,363.02
Total payments	25,992.66	26,104.00	151,857.54

Non budget payments: .

** Reimbursement Expenses: July-Sept Hope-Full Living \$87.50 Concordia Cares \$100.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	June 2020	June 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	3,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	4,500.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,125.00
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	8,625.00

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

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7/4	5	5	22
7/1	6	4	22
7/18	2	4	34
7/25	3	3	16

Church checking account balance June 2021

Beginning	64,575.63
Deposits	27,041.87
Payments	26,104.00
Ending balance	65,513.50

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
7/4	64	76	5,985.00
7/11	64	92	4,487.00
7/18	79	93	8,610.00
7/25	55	78	2,940.00

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance June 30, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,913.16
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,495.12
Building Fund	9,902.27
Capital Improvements - \$ 1,978.54 Church sign - \$ 945.73 Church Landscaping - \$ 975.83 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,004.27	8,904.37
Concordia Cares	5,604.50
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,366.26
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,185.68
Interest earned	4.44

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

8/1 Blowing in the Wind
8/9 Seeing The Savior Sore
8/15 A Sunny Place for Shady People
8/22 Ephesians 5
8/29 Use What You've Been given

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

August Wedding Anniversaries

- Larry & Anne Guthrie (43) 8/1
- Mike & Tamara Spray (32) 8/8
- Daniel & Jessica Coffey (30) 8/17
- Ron & Carol Feeney (46) 8/23
- Tommy & Kris Ragsdale (50) 8/29
- Bob & Susan Herbst (30) 8/31

August Birthdays:

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| • Ben Hartley 8/3 | • David Stephenson 8/22 |
| • Vicki Wilson 8/4 | • Becky Horn 8/23 |
| • Phil Turner 8/6 | • Selah McNally 8/24 |
| • Cindy Boesenberg 8/7 | • Andrea Kaiser 8/25 |
| • Suzann Poole 8/10 | • Hannah Scifres 8/25 |
| • Kay Hayes 8/13 | • Emily McNally 8/25 |
| • Becky Lanning 8/13 | • Marvin Barkes 8/26 |
| • Jill Scifres 8/16 | • Vince Defabis 8/26 |
| • Heidi Whitrock 8/17 | • Diane Smith 8/31 |
| • Cole Bontrager 8/18 | |
| • Alexis Olmos 8/19 | |
| • Carol Miller 8/20 | |
| • Mark Sellers 8/21 | |

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August 2021



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



How deep is your
faith?

Lyrics to the Bee Gees' 1970's hit song "How Deep Is Your Love" came to mind as I pondered the "depths" of my faith. Sometimes I prefer to stay securely in the shallow end, while other times I fearlessly launch off the diving board, ready and willing to be drenched by God's love.

If you've ever tried to coax young swimmers to jump into the deep end of a pool, you may remember their excitement (and relief) after they finally take the plunge into your arms. To experience that joy in your spiritual life, evaluate your location in your own

faith "pool". Are you wading safely in the shallows or exploring the freedom of the depths? No matter where you're at, you can jump confidently into Jesus' outstretched arms. From the edge, hear his promises: "Jump in! I'll catch you! I'll Keep you safe! *Trust me!*"

