

THE Concordia Messenger



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

October 2021

Director Christian Education

Greetings.

A resource pastor and I have been enjoying *Luther's Small Catechism for Kids* lately. This is a book recently released by CPH and one of the few qualms we have with it is the "for kids." It's a great resource that could be used in any home for all ages.

We loved that most of the sections contain bullet points and the sections can easily be read or referenced.

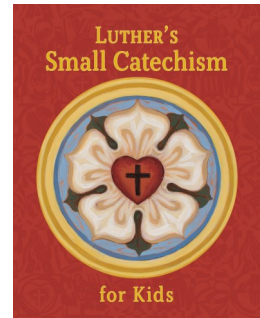
There is a short section that helps the reader understand the part of the catechism that is being covered in that section. There are also beautiful Biblical illustrations for the different sections, a life application section, song, memory verse, and prayer.



I have been using this as devotional material with my kids. Don't get me wrong, they mostly ignore what I'm saying or try to get me to do something else, but the sections are short enough that I can stop frequently and answer their unrelated questions or shrieks. I think it is written so that when my kids get older they should be able to understand the concepts even at their young age. I know Pastor has also used it for a reference in his catechism book club.

There is also a glossary in the back with many "church" words listed. It's useful to look at those definitions so that when the words come up in the Bible or the catechism, parents can know how to explain what the

word or concept is. There is also a reference to the church year calendar, Luther's seal, and Luther's morning and evening prayers.



We do have a few of these books in the Sunday School classrooms if any adults would like to look at them. We think these are a great resource or reference for any home and family. It can be used as quick devotional material or a starting point to teaching the catechism in your home. It could also be a good Reformation Day gift for someone.

Sarah Shadday, Director Christian Education



Quilting - Oct 9 (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.



September 25 the truck from Lutheran World Relief came and took 238 boxed items to the ware house that came from surrounding churches, Concordia helped with 40 of them.

Thank you to Sharon Caruana, Genny Hartley, Dick & Gail Brooks, Ruth Everson, Richard Stutz, April Lanning, Annabelle Carlisle, Kat SanTiago-Salazar, Becky Lanning for setting up, cleaning up and loading the truck. Ruth got Thrivent dollars to help fund this.

Our Mites® at work!

Large Grant #10 (LWML Indiana Virtual Convention 2020)

Biblical Counselor Training— Puerto Rico—\$9,000

Cross Connections, Fort Wayne, Indiana will provide remote Biblical counseling training via webcast communications to Lutheran missionaries in Puerto Rico to enable Gospel centered counseling to the un-churched in a vastly under-served population.



Above:

Equine Therapists and their handlers. From left to right, Emma, Judy Cross Strehlke, Program Manager, Coal, Fancy and Sue Osgood, Volunteer.



Deaconess Kim Slininger dressed for the weather. Even during the coldest of weather,

the horses still need to be fed and cared for!

Mission and Outreach

Thank you to Diane Conrad, Edie Masters, Don & Lynn Dombroski, Betsy Krinhop and Ray Ever-son for manning one of the water stops for the runners in the Indianapolis's Women's half Marathon on September 25. The funds raised will help support the Mission at Tuzla, Bosnia.

2021–2023 LWML Mission Grant #2 (Lexington Convention) Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses—Spirit Warrior, Cen- tral Maine — \$95,000

Maine is among the list of “least churchd” states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slininger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans/ service members want to connect with God and theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant will provide funding for 58 veterans to go through the program



From
your
Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Encouraging Church in a Discouraging World

Is *anyone* happy right now? You wouldn't know it from any of the major news sites, no matter which way they lean.

Try turning them off; at least for a moment.

It seems we've known softer and easier times as a nation and as a planet. But every generation has had its challenges. Grab a history book, *any* history book, and recall the various challenges and stress mankind has dealt with since the beginning.

This is a downright discouraging world we live in. More money won't fix the

problems. Nor will more education. That's not to say we don't care about injustice or problems. Of course we do. We condemn hate and prejudice. We cannot neglect those around us in need (James 2:16). We should care for the planet and environment as stewards of God's creation.

But we also know this: we can cure one issue, but another will rise up. Satan is a master of sowing torment and division into our lives. He knows exactly how to appeal to our sinful nature, tricking even devout Christians into acting in their own, selfish interest — at the expense of others.

Make no mistake about it; the devil has his paws all over God's creation. Satan has turned it into a Discouraging World. It's near impossible to believe that a good god could exist when this world is such a mess. That's exactly what the devil wants us to believe.

But God promised never to just wipe out this sinful world again (remember the rainbow), at least not until the last day. Instead, God desires to redeem this world, purchase it back, and restore it to goodness. That's what our Lord Jesus did, redeem the faithful by his death, and promise us a resurrection by his own.

And now he uses us, his faithful people. In the midst of this Discouraging World, God plants his Encouraging Church. Not a building; but a living body of people, whom St. Paul says they are the Body of Christ. A people with genuine *faith* and *hope* in things that the eyes of the world cannot see. We know that we have been made members of God's family. We have an inheritance in our Lord's Kingdom. There is more for us than this mere discouraging world.

Christ's Encouraging Church is alive here at Concordia Greenwood. Since it's been a challenge to keep everyone in the loop, I want to share some of the Encouraging goodness that God has blessed us with here.

First, we've had a lot of new faces lately!

- * God doesn't stop bringing in new sheep to his flocks. We've had enough that it's hard for your pastor to remember all their names and list them off the top of my head. I hope in the future to get a picture of them all.

- * We've had Lutherans move in from other areas and are in need of a new congregation to connect with. Some are retirement age, some are families with children.
- * God has also led Christians from other denominations to our doors, either because their congregations haven't been able to meet, or because they desire faithful teaching that we hope to always provide here.

It's been a logistical challenge to be open for services. Not everyone may be happy, whether they think we are too open, or not open enough when it comes to Covid. Regardless, the Church is being fed here, whether it's at our larger 9:00 AM service, our smaller 11:00 AM service where many are masked the entire time, or even at our alternate Monday Evening service (we've had 5-10, an excellent number!). There's even still our livestream, thanks to our tech guys, that gives those not able to gather a chance to listen, watch, and pray.

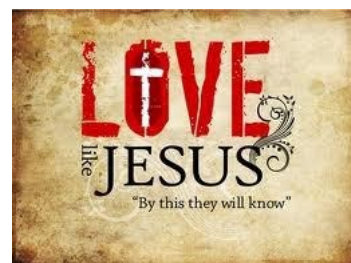
Second, we've had our people step up and help those in need!

- * Our LWML organized for our church to be a drop-off point for items to go to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We'll have loads of boxes brought here from fellow congregations, loaded on a semi, and then sent off to those in need.
- * We're also working with our Lutheran High School to load a pallet of Hurricane Relief items to be sent to Louisiana. Then there's the more local needs; helping members move, collecting items for pantries, gathering diapers for local mothers.

Bottom Line: God's Encouraging Church is still at work. God is using Concordia as refuge for those desiring his Word and Sacrament. Come, receive the encouragement Jesus offers us, in person if possible, or even if it's just online for now. We as the Body of Christ have more than just the discouraging news stories of this world.

We *are* God's Encouraging Church. Receive the hope God grants us here, and take it with you everywhere you go. Let others see this hope and encouragement you have.

In Christ,
Pastor Gaschler





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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9 a Coffee & craft 8:30 & 10 a O.A.
3 LWML Sunday Mite Box Sunday 9 a & 11 a Worship 10:10 Sunday School 6 p Women's Bible Study	4 6:30 p worship 7 p Operations Pastoral care	5	6 5:30 - 6:30 pm O.A.	7 6 a Early Bird Bible Study 7 p Christian Living	8	9 9 a Quilting 8:30 & 10 a O.A. 4-5:30 p Girls Scouts
10 Staff Appreciation Sunday 9 a & 11 a Worship Guest Pastor Henrickson 10:10 Sunday School 6 p Women's Bible Study	11 Columbus Day 6:30 p worship 7 p Preschool meeting	12 Donation Day at Fort Wayne Sem. 7 p Kitchen Table Bible Study	13 5:30 - 6:30 pm O.A.	14 6 a Early Bird Bible Study	15	16 10 a Coffee & Craft 8:30 & 10 a O.A.
Pre-school break 12 - 14 October Pastor out of office Oct 14-18						
17 9 a & 11 a Worship Guest Pastor 10:10 Sunday School 6 p Women's Bible Study	18 this week ----- preparation work in south wing for painting to be done on Sunday 24th @ 11 a.m. BRD REPORTS DUE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	19 3 p Christian Ed.	20 5:30 - 6:30 pm O.A.	21 6 a Early Bird Bible Study	22	23 8:30 & 10 a O.A. 3 p Open House Halloween party at Pastors 4-5:30 p Girls Scouts
IN Dist Fall Pastors Conference Noblesville						
24 9 a & 11 a Worship service 10:10 Sunday School 10:15 Trunk or Treat 11 a Painting Sunday School Rooms 6 p Women's Bible Study	25 6:30 p worship 7 p Directorate	26 7 p Kitchen Table Bible Study	27 5:30 - 6:30 pm O.A.	28 6 a Early Bird Bible Study	29	30 8:30 & 10 a O.A.
31 Reformation Sunday 9 a & 11 a Worship 10:10 Sunday School 3 p Reformation service at St Peter's 6 p Women's Bible Study	 <p>REFORMATION SUNDAY</p>					

September 2021						
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26	27	28	29	30		

November 2021						
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28	29	30				

INTERCESSION and PRAYER.

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

- Roma Reeves
- Dieter Tepner

Surgery:

- Jim Lanning

Recovering:

- Cindy Emkes
- Kat Santiago-Salazar
- Phillis Infante

Testing:

- Carlos Santiago-Salazar

Friends of Concordia

- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Judy & Cindy Heine 9/23/21
- Alan Smith 9/1/21
- Jim Spray 9/9/21
- Brent Perry 9/8/21
- Tami Economou 8/17/21
- Bill Gascoigne 8/16/21
- Rev. Jacob Sutton 8/3/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- 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
- 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
- Anne Kaiser 6/15/18
- Erika Hannaman - 1/28/15

Battling Cancer / MS

- Donald & David Buuck 9/27/21
- Beverly Stephens 9/12/21
- Janine Orr 8/16/21
- 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

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**, 526 Batten Blvd., Pensacola FL 32507

Zach Goins, 761 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813 (Navy Reserve)

We welcome into God's family, the Church, through the water and the Word of Holy Baptism, Mary Ann McNally child of Andrew and Emily McNally, (799 forest Ave, Greenwood IN 46143.)



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

- **Deb & Larry Brooks family** on the passing of her stepdaughter **Stephanie Frey**, age 53 of Morrisville, IN on 8/31/21. (1504 Heron Ridge Blvd., Greenwood IN 46143)
- **Norma Krall** and family at the death of her sister **Marcella Dickmeyer**, age 95 of Middleton WI on Sept. 19, 2021. (1597 Lacebark Dr. Unit B, Greenwood IN 46143).

Treasurer's Report

Aug 2021

Income Description	Aug 2020 4 Sundays	Aug 2021 Sundays	Total To date (35) Sun
Unified Budget	23,003.65	18,301.00	199,129.35
Memorials (Non-designated)			5,288.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,419.75	1,698.33	10,413.34
Reimbursements & Refunds **			185.78
Rents & Wedding Fees	240.00	250.00	445.00
TOTAL INCOME	24,663.40	20,249.33	215,461.47
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 4,600.73	\$ 3,660.20	\$ 5,689.41
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,630.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 300, Building Fund \$ 265, Concordia Cares \$ 20, Drive-up Library \$ 27, Fellowship 15 \$ 3, Funeral Pall \$ 80, Initial Offering \$ 20, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$ 100, Lutheran High School Hymnals \$155, Lutheran World Relief (Haiti) \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 41.74, Pre School Sign Replacement \$ 350, Southside Times \$ 62.50, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 96.41.

Expenses Boards	Aug 2020	Aug 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	6,800.33	7,276.83	59,057.35
Congregational Worship	1,035.99	982.06	8,356.07
Missions and Outreach	700.00	700.00	5,587.50
Christian Education	5,916.1	6,249.58	47,774.90
Stewardship			428.80
Operations	9,434.81	10,126.78	78,923.20
Small Group Ministries			
Christian Living	239.40	261.00	595.89
Unified Budget Total	24,126.84	25,596.25	200,723.71
Non-boards			
Non budget payments			12.97
Reimbursement Expenses **	51.00	646.52	5,033.68
Total Non-Budget Payments	51.00	646.52	5,046.65
Total payments	24,177.84	26,242.77	205,770.36

Non budget payments: New Pre-school sign \$350, VBS Lutheran World Relief Kits \$296.52.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Aug 2020	Aug 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	4,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	6,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,500.00
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	11,500.00

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
8/29/21	4	3	28
9/5	8	5	28
9/12	8	5	31
9/19	14	5	32
9/26	10	5	25

Church checking account balance Aug 2021

Beginning	61,044.52
Deposits	20,249.33
Payments	26,242.77
Ending balance	55,051.08

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
8/29/21	74	94	5,175.00
9/5	73	86	4,525.00
9/12	85	95	3,870.00
9/19	83	101	3,690.00
9/26	75	107	3,780.00

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Aug 31, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,914.20
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,496.71
Building Fund	9,904.38
Capital Improvements - \$ 2,729.11 Church sign - \$ 945.92 Church Landscaping - \$ 976.04 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,005.31	9,656.38
Concordia Cares	5,605.69
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,366.76
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,944.12
Interest earned	4.38

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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

10/3 Approval Cannot Equal Love
10/10 Giving God Our Garbage
10/17 Dead Man, Walking
10/24 He will Take It
10/31 Not How, but Who

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

October Wedding Anniversaries

Allen & Albi Distler (67) 10/5
Dave & Lorna Warren (42) 10/6
Kevin & Becky Horn (45) 10/9
Dean & Tammy Owen (23) 10/10
Chris & Beth Forster (18) 10/11
Larry & Deb Brooks (8) 10/12
Mike & Jeri Pardieck (47) 10/13
Philip & Sharon Caruana (49) 10/14
Dave & Vicki Wilson (44) 10/15
Andrew & Emily McNally (5) 10/15
Steve & Shannon Barrick (17) 10/24
Jim & Julia Yeater (29) 10/24

October Birthdays:

Brooks, Abigail	10/1	Mihu, Rose	10/17
Brooks, Kaylee	10/1	Everson, Ray	10/17
Markel III, Bruce	10/1	Santiago Salazar, Aria	
Larson, Janet	10/4		10/17
Guinn, Luke	10/4	Finger, Anne	10/23
Monroe, Carol	10/5	Marot, Michael	10/24
Turner, Caroline	10/7	Olmos, Adriana	10/31
Barkes, Linda	10/11	Marot, Caroline	10/31
Yeater, Julia	10/11		
Gaschler, Kati	10/11		

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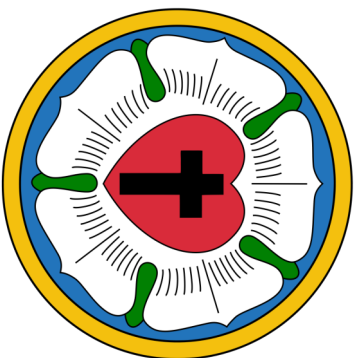
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Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

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