

THE Concordia Messenger



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

January 2022

Epiphany Breakfast (cancelled)

Epiphany breakfast for Saturday, January 15th at 9:00 a.m., has been cancelled for 2022. Hopefully this event will happen in 2023.



Quilting - January 8, 9 am - noon). We are still meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We can keep social distancing and still get quilts put together.



Join the Women's Email Group

Women of the congregation are invited to connect and be informed of planned activities by joining WomenOfConcordia, an email group. Join today by sending an email to WomenOfConcordia+subscribe@groups.io.

Also, any member is welcome to join the prayer chain. Join by sending a message to ConcordiaPrays+subscribe@groups.io.

If you are on Facebook, another option to connect with other congregation women is through the Facebook group "Concordia Facebook Sisters." Ask to join.

Mite box collections will be accepted for the month of January and then all of the mites we collected from Feb 2021 - Jan 2022 will be sent to District to be distributed for the grants. We have almost reached the amount that we collected last year, lets see if we can exceed it!

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #5 (Lexington Convention)

Leading Each Deaf Person Into a Relationship with Jesus—Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach—\$50,000

Lutheran Deaf Outreach has one primary goal: to help deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ. They train deaf and hearing people to share Jesus with deaf people and their families by working through congregations in their area. Lutheran Deaf Outreach provides resources and training specifically designed for deaf people to learn about the love of Jesus and to share it with others.

One of the biggest challenges for deaf people is the English language itself. American Sign Language (ASL) has its own structure and placement. Many of the words we use in speaking are not directly able to be signed. All Lutheran Deaf Outreach materials are developed by, with, and for deaf people, in a way, they can understand and share with others.

Christ told His disciples in Matthew 28:19–20 (NIRV):

“So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end.”

This grant will assist Lutheran Deaf Outreach to expand training by sharing resources, including deaf curriculum, deaf catechisms, theological books, New International Reader's Version (NIRV) Bibles, equipment, and office supplies. Monies will also help pastors and trained individuals lead and coordinate training workshops to reach deaf people across America and families with deaf children.

To find more information about Lutheran Deaf Outreach, visit lutherandeafoutreach.org.

Deacon Ted Pulfer and his wife DCE Denise Pulfer share Jesus's love with deaf children and their families.



At a workshop participants learn how to sign Bible stories, the Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, etc.



Director Christian Education

Dear Members:

A few weeks ago I couldn't find my laptop charger. I looked in couch cushions, my home office, bedroom, church office, and our cars. I couldn't find it anywhere. I finally got to the point where I ordered a new one. Two days later, I was in the living room, saying goodbye to my kids before work and I saw the charger in plain sight, on our entertainment center. I was so excited! My child care provider informed me it'd been there the whole week.

Sometimes it's hard to see something obvious. It makes me think about Matthew 11:1-

19. John the Baptist sends disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" Jesus replies, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

John the Baptist knows who Jesus is. Upon hearing Mary's greeting to Elizabeth, John leaps inside her womb. John recognizes Jesus at the Jordan River and acknowledges Jesus needs to baptize John, yet Jesus tells John it must be done this way. John knows God's Word. John knows he was the forerunner to prepare the people for the Christ (Jesus). He knows who Jesus is. So these Words seem confusing.

Pastor explained in an Advent sermon that Jesus may not have been exactly what John was expecting. Jesus wasn't what most people were expecting. The Scriptures pointed to the identity of the Messiah. The book of Isaiah had many ways including: the blind seeing, deaf hearing, lame walking, dead rising, and God's Word being preached. Jesus does these things. Jesus was not the warrior king people expected. Instead, He was the Savior they needed.



The Word and miracles done in God's name showed who Jesus is. People couldn't deny the miracles He did. Still, many didn't necessarily recognize Him as the Savior of the world though. The Jewish religious leaders wanted Jesus

put to death. They, of all people, should have known when they heard God's Word preached. They should have recognized the miracles done as ones promised in the book of Isaiah. Yet, they didn't see what was obviously right in front of them. They didn't believe.

We all have the same opportunity to believe in Jesus. We have God's True Word. We have eye witness accounts of what Jesus did and who Jesus is. We should be able to know who Jesus is. Yet, not everyone has respond-

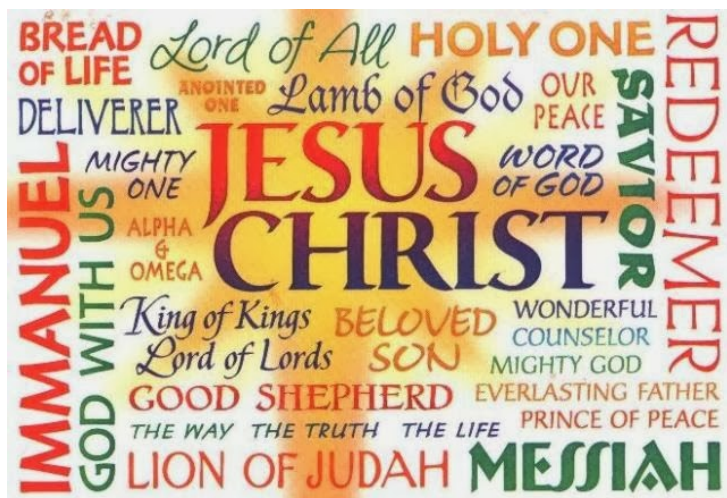
ed to the Holy Spirit's call to faith. As baptized believers in God's name, we have God's gift of the Holy Spirit in us and the help to continually grow in our faith. We can still continue to share God's Word with others and also pray that the Holy Spirit continue to work in the lives of all people so they may know Jesus as their Savior.

Sarah Shadday,
Director of Christian Education



to every one who was able to support the gifts to the food pantry's "Salvation Army Samaritan" and the "The Refuge" this past year. 982 items were taken to them. 170 items were taken to a semi, down town Greenwood, bound for KY. Thank you also to the volunteers who took the items to these locations, it is greatly appreciated by the facilities and the office staff.

From the staff of Concordia for your precious gifts of your time, talents and monetary gifts. With out your willingness to give many of the activities that you have supported would not happen. Giving Tree, Shoe boxes, Veterans, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Tuzla, Seminary for Russia, SAWS, our own Preschool, and other things from upkeep of buildings to the grounds. Our congregation has truly been blessed. May God our Father continue to so bless us in this new year.



A Prayer for Epiphany'

O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us. Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver



us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven,

where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

What's in a name?

As the U.S. evacuated thousands from Afghanistan in August 2021, an Afghan woman gave birth on a plane. She named her daughter Reach - the name of the aircraft that brought her family to safety.

Many people name their children after loved ones or special events; a child born on Christmas might be called Noel or Holly. In Bible times, too, names often had meanings: Eve likely means "mother of all living"; Abraham, "father of many"; Isaac, "laughter." Moses is a play on words with the Hebrew for "draw out" because Pharaoh's daughter drew him from the Nile.

Of course, the most important biblical name is Jesus, which means "The Lord saves." As the angel told Joseph, "[Mary] will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21,ESV). The Christian church traditionally celebrates Name of Jesus on January 1. But every day, as we pray in Jesus' name, we remember that what's in this name is the salvation God offers to all.

January



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 New Years Day 10 a O.A.
2 Installation of new officers 9 a & 11 a Worship 10:10 Sunday School 6 p Women's Bible Study	3 6:30 p Worship 7 p Pastoral Care Operations	4 Preschool back in session	5 5:30 p O.A.	6 6 a Early Bird Bible Study 6:30 p Epiphany	7	8 9 a Quilting 10 a O.A. 4:30 p Girl scouts
9 9 a & 11 a Worship (Fort Wayne Sem. Choir) 10:10 Sunday School 3 p LWCC planning meeting 6 p Women's Bible	10 6:30 p Worship	11 3 p Board of Ed 7 p Kitchen Table Bible Study	12 5:30 p O.A.	13 6 a Early Bird Bible Study 7:30 p Choir	14 	15 10 a Coffee & Craft 10 a O.A.
16 9 a & 11 a Worship 10:10 Sunday School 10:10 LWML Quar- terly Study 6 p Women's Bible Study	17 Martin Luther King Day 6:30 p Worship	18	19 5:30 p O.A.	20 6 a Early Bird Bible Study 7:30 p Choir	21	22 10 a O.A. 4:30 p Girl scouts
23 / 30 9 a & 11 a Worship 10:10 Sunday School 6 p Women's Bible Study	24 6:30 p worship 7 p Directorate 31 6:30 p worship	25 7 p Kitchen Table Bible Study	26 5:30 p O.A.	27 6 a Early Bird Bible Study 7:30 p Choir	28	29 10 a O.A.

INTERCESSION and PRAYER.

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Recovering:

- Joshua Horn 2/10/21
- Larry Guthrie 12/8/21
- David Krause
- Nancy Waltz

Testing:

- Kat SanTiego
- Diane Bean-Garland
- Phillis Infante
- April Guinn

Friends of Concordia

- Nancy Martin 12-26-21
- Marianne Huckleberry 12/21/21
- Sylvia & Steve Perrish 12/21/21
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Evan Schaffer 10/21/21
- Courtney Chaney 10/1/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- 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 Forest Creek Village, 525 E Thompson Rd #113, Indianapolis IN 46227 (new address)
- Rick Zempski 1/20/20
- Minna 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 8517 Ridge Hill Dr., Indianapolis IN 46217
- 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**, 302 Windemere Dr., Kingsland GA 31548

Ensign **Chloe Owen**, 526 Batten Blvd., Pensacola FL 32507

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

Jadon Ranbarger (LCPL J Ranbarger) Marine Barracks 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC 20003 (USMC) Sue Ranbarger's nephew.



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

- **Duane Krall and family** on the death of his sister **Evelyn Frank** age 80 of Wilshire OH on 12/2/21 (1597 Lacebark Dr Unity B, Greenwood IN 46143)
- **Chaplin Daniel Coffey and family** at the passing of his niece 12/26 in northern Indiana. (79 Virgil Dr, Greenwood IN 46142)

Treasurer's Report

Nov 2021

Income Description	Nov 2020 4 Sundays	Nov 2021 4 Sundays	Total To date (48) Sun
Unified Budget	20,446.84	26,001.91	283,642.71
Memorials (Non-designated)			5,288.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,421.89	674.74	14,241.73
Reimbursements & Refunds **	60.00	849.73	1,582.42
Rents & Wedding Fees	255.00	215.00	770.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,183.73	27,741.38	305,524.86
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 4,089.37	\$ 6,500.48	\$ 5,909.22
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,630.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 50, Building Fund \$ 310, Concordia Cares \$ 36, Education \$ 20, Fellowship 15 \$ 10, Internet Access \$ 68.17, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 40.57, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 20.

** Reimbursements & Refunds: Preschool State & Federal Taxes \$ 263.55, Insurance payment for Fellowship Hall repair \$ 586.18

Expenses Boards	Nov 2020	Nov 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,365.99	7,477.47	81,704.80
Congregational Worship	1,148.74	1,182.80	11,174.45
Missions and Outreach	700.00	697.50	7,682.50
Christian Education	6,068.59	6,114.69	66,403.18
Stewardship	152.94	160.66	679.07
Operations	7,754.61	9,280.30	107,397.93
Small Group Ministries	14.95	199.10	199.10
Christian Living			683.98
Unified Budget Total	23,205.82	25,112.52	275,925.01
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			512.97
Reimbursement Expenses **	135.21	263.55	6,882.90
Total Non-Budget Payments	135.21	263.55	7,395.87
Total payments	23,341.03	25,376.07	283,320.88

* Non budget Payments: .

**Reimbursement expenses: Pre-school Fed. taxes \$ 207.73, Pre-school Indiana taxes \$ 55.82.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Nov 2020	Nov 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	5,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	8,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	2,062.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	15,812.50

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
11/28	9	5	28
12/5	10	7	22
12/12	10	7	29
12/19			0
12/26			18

Church checking account balance Nov 2021

Beginning	61,699.45
Deposits	31,240.57
Payments	25,376.07
Ending balance	67,563.95

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
11/24	27	32	300
11/28 s	87	93	6,860
12/1		39	200
12/5 s	49	94	5,419
12/8		39	240
12/12 s	50	110	5,960.21
12/15		27	40
12/19 s	72	93	7,781
12/24	81	166	1,105
12/25	18	27	360
12/26 s	64	55	8,014

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Nov 30, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,915.73
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,499.04
Building Fund	9,907.47
Capital Improvements - \$ 3,480.12 Church sign - \$ 946.21 Church Landscaping - \$ 976.35 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,006.88	10,409.56
Concordia Cares	5,607.44
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,367.49
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	40,706.73
Interest earned	4.46

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Articles for the Messenger are due by the 15th of the month and will be edited for content and space limitations. Artwork is used by permission through a subscription to *Newsletter Newsletter*, Communication Resources, Box 2625, N. Canton, OH 44720. If sending submissions to the newsletter via email, please be sure to include *NEWSLETTER* in the subject line.

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

1/2	Gospel Power for Personal Patience
1/9	Facing Rejection
1/16	Hazed and Confused
1/23	tbd
1/30	tbd

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

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

Christian Living

January Wedding Anniversaries:

Jake & Erin Gates (4) 1/12/18
Connie & Richard Howrey (12) 1/22/10
Mike & Adele Tinsley (40) 1/23/82
Jim & Doris Roemer (64) 1/25/58.

January Birthdays:

Guinn, Tracy	1/4	Neumann, Miriam	1/25
Bruhn, Bob	1/4	Moyers, Regina	1/27
McCloud, Tiffany	1/5	Ragsdale, Tommy	1/30
Tinsley, Mike	1/6		
Gaschler, Paul Rev.	1/7		
Krall, Norma	1/9		
Turner, Laura	1/11		
Bass, Emma	1/12		
Kearns, Heidi	1/13		
Bass, Chandler	1/15		
Reed, Shawn	1/16		
Ackerman, Deborah	1/24		
Whitrock, Cliff	1/24		
Moyers, Tony	1/25		

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Sunday Worship Services
9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
10:05 a.m.

Monday Worship Service
6:30 p.m.



Pastor

Rev. Paul R. G. Gaschler

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Jill Scifres,—*Preschool Director*

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Concordia's Preschool Christmas Program 2021