

THE Concordia Messenger



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

March 2022



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



Thank you for your Mites - \$ 129.98 was collected during the month of January. A total of \$ 688.93 will be sent in to support grants. This amount is an increase over last years giving by \$118.26. May God continue to bless this mission in this a new year, thank you for your MIGHTY MITES!

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #7 (Lexington Convention)

Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia—Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia—\$100,000

Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are again making their way to the long-repressed Russian people. With this grant, Lutheran Women's Missionary League will partner in training pastors and deaconesses and in helping the seminary continue its efforts to restore the Lutheran Church in Russia. The Novosibirsk seminary's goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. This grant will fund some of the operational expenses of the seminary and allow it to continue providing a solid theological education to those seeking to serve as pastors and deaconesses within the Siberian Lutheran Church.



The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, is housed in a former bank building. The seminary grew

out of "The "Russian Project" at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The seminary is located on the second floor of this building, and the Parish of St. Andrew is situated on the first floor.



Becoming a full-time seminarian often means personal sacrifices for many of the students studying for the pastoral ministry at the Novosibirsk seminary in Russia. Most are from other parts of country, or from surrounding countries, and it is often necessary to relocate to Novosibirsk, a city of some two million people in the southwestern part of Siberia. The seminary offers some courses remotely, but to get the most from their seminary education usually requires that seminarians attend classes in person, interacting with the seminary's faculty and fellow seminarians. Many students are married and have children, so relocating to Novosibirsk also means finding new employment for both them and their spouse to help sustain them through their time at the seminary.

WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942–2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

The members of the LWCC need the help of the congregation for two special projects planned for this spring.

1. We hope to gather and assemble 20 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. As we do for school kits, look for tags on the bulletin board and select the item(s) you plan to donate for this project. The kits contain a towel, soap, comb, nail clippers, and toothbrush. Check for exact specifications on the bulletin board tags.

2. LWML is celebrating its 80th birthday this year (1942-2022) and encourages individuals and groups to bless others with 80 something. We plan to color 80 cards for Phil's Friends that they mail to cancer patients. Watch for a bulletin announcement and pick up several cards to color.

Director Christian Education

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Concordia is excited to be providing Lenten Bags again this year for our members. The Lenten theme is based on the Psalms. The bags contain items and devotions to help prepare for the midweek Lenten services. Give a special thanks to Pastor Gashler for his wonderful theme, Dick Brooks for sponsoring the Action Team to pay for the items in the bag, and the youth group who helped assemble the bags.

Lent can be a busy time, even to add in an extra devotion or church service. I know our family fell behind on daily Advent devotions, and that was only 25 days! Some of the problem can simply be time management. It is hard to fit God in when we have work, taxes, doctor's appointments, shopping, and so much more to do. That's not the perspective we should have though. So often, it does become "fitting God" into our

lives rather than fit the other things around God. God set up the Sabbath day not for Him, but for us. It helps us keep some of our time focused on the one who created and sustains us.

At a DCE conference a few years ago, Robert Rogers was our presenter. He brought an interesting perspective on life. In



2003, his life drastically changed. He lost his family, wife and 4 children, to a flood in Kansas. He was the sole survivor when the water hit their vehicle. He was interviewed for news stories and was able to share his faith through

what happened. Some considered him a "modern day Job."

Something he stressed was how God helped him through that tough time and identity change. Through this tragedy, he realized how reliant he truly was on God. God became the central focus in his life. One of the phrases he came up with that stuck with me was, "No Bible, no breakfast. No Bible, no bed." For him, it means, he wants to start and end his day in God's Word.

So often, we fit God in at Christmas, Easter, Sunday morning, or maybe a Bible Study. It can be hard to carve out time in the day (or week) to pray, read the Bible, or do a devotion. When we're busy, where does God fit? Instead, sometimes our lives need a reorientation. We need to put the things of God first and fill in our life around those. Lent can be a good time to start. Maybe it's a weekly devotion or service or intentionally reading the Bible a specific time of the day. Maybe it's praying outside of just bedtime. Our time or life can become an idol. Instead, we should worship the one who's life gives us eternal life, Jesus.

Sarah Shadday,
Director of Christian Education



From your Pastor

“Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for”

You may have noticed the past couple of Sundays that I gave a different blessing at the end of each communion table. Instead of normally saying *“Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven.”*, I said *“Depart in peace; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

That phrase was taken from our Old Testament reading a few weeks back, of Isaiah’s vision into the heavenly throne room (Isaiah 6). Isaiah trembled at being in the presence of God’s own throne room. It said the thresholds and foundations shook, and the 6 winged cherubim angels were flying about. Smoke billowed up from God’s altar.

Isaiah cried out “Woe is me! For I am an unclean man of an unclean people”. To be a sinner in such a holy place surely meant God would destroy him.

But God did not. Instead, he sent one of the angels to carry a burning coal from the altar, and touched it to Isaiah’s lips. It did not scorch him. Instead, the angel declared “Behold, *this* has touched your lips, your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

God then called for Isaiah to be a prophet to the people, to which Isaiah famously responded “Here I am, send me!”. Having been cleansed of his own sin, he could go with a clean conscience to call other people to repent of their sin.

The focus of this passage is often on Isaiah’s response and God sending him. But what about that coal? Why did it not burn him, but purify him? How can a burning coal do such great things?

This coal was taken from God’s altar. The Old Testament believers like Isaiah were well acquainted with offering sacrifices for their sins. But as Christians of the New Tes-

tament, we understand that it was never the blood of goats or bulls that actually forgave their sins. Hebrews chapter 10 teaches us that these sacrifices pointed us forward to Jesus’ sacrifice, and that it is truly only his blood shed that could forgive and reconcile the sins of the past, present, and future.

The burning coal from God’s own heavenly altar should be understood to be a burning coal from the sacrifice of Jesus himself. Remember, this is a vision Isaiah is experiencing, so we don’t need to get caught up in the fact Isaiah was before the time of Christ, or that Jesus wasn’t literally sacrificed on the fires of an altar. But The sacrifice of Christ crucified is for the sins of all time (Hebrews 10:10).

When Jesus’ sacrifice is offered even at our altar and table at Concordia in Holy Communion, we should be invited to receive it like Isaiah did. First, confessing our sins, as we do at the beginning and through our Divine Service. We then receive better than a burning coal to our mouths; we receive the very Body given and the Blood shed on our behalf. Having received it, we have been cleansed like Isaiah was, to do the various works God has given each of us to do.

“Depart in peace! Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” Amen.

Pastor Gaschler




For more than 75 years, compassionate people, just like you, have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts — 27.4 MILLION QUILTS! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster, and conflict.

Lutheran World Relief

MARCH

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:

- Nancy Waltz
- Testing / Recovery:
- Annalise Carlisle
- Dieter Tepner
- Diane Bean-Garland
- Phillis Infante
- April Guinn



Friends of Concordia

- Sophia Rubio 2/6/22
- 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
- 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
- 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 Ranbargers nephew.



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

- **Sue Ranbarger and family** at the death of John W. Ranbarger, age 93 of Powell, OH on January 25, 2022. (7365 Lattice Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46217)
- **Sarah Marot and family** at the death of her step father late January (1124 Clark Dr., Greenwood IN 46143)
- To **Phillis Infante and family** on the passing of her daughter-in-law, **Crystal M Whyde**, age 33, of Morristown IN on 1/23/22 (1501 S. Meridian St Apt 108, Indianapolis IN 46225)
- To family and friends of **Joyce Nelson** (former member), age 81 of Greenwood IN on 2/4/22. (Faith Moser, 1920 Hiker Trace, Columbus, IN 47203)

Treasurer's Report

January 2022

Income Description	Jan 2021 5 Sundays	Jan 2022 5 Sundays	Total To date (5) Sun
Unified Budget	46,414.33	20,462.00	20,462.00
Memorials (Non-designated)		130.00	130.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	881.04	922.49	922.49
Reimbursements & Refunds **	97.00	271.44	271.44
Rents & Wedding Fees		75.00	75.00
TOTAL INCOME	47,392.37	26,860.93	26,860.93
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 9282.87	\$ 4,092.40	\$ 4,092.40
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 50, Building Fund \$ 305.00, Fellowship 15 \$ 15, Hope-ful Living \$ 55.50, Initial offering \$ 70, Internet Access \$ 68.17, Kantorei Choir (Fort Wayne Sem) \$ 100, Landscaping \$ 125, Lutheran Witness \$ 24, LWCC \$ 10, LWML Mites \$ 20, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 37.32, Southside Times \$ 22.50, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.

** Reimbursements & Refunds: Preschool State & Federal Taxes \$ 271.44

Expenses Boards	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,161.44	9,435.57	9,435.57
Congregational Worship	840.39	933.07	933.07
Missions and Outreach	700.00	700.00	700.00
Christian Education	6,634.17	6,268.41	6,268.41
Stewardship	1407.34	100.49	100.49
Operations	10679.95	10,997.89	10,997.89
Small Group Ministries			
Christian Living			
Unified Budget Total	26,123.29	28,435.43	28,435.43
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	853.33	371.44	371.44
Total Non-Budget Payments	853.33	371.44	371.44
Total payments	26,976.62	28,806.87	28,806.87

* Non budget Payments: .

**Reimbursement expenses: Kantorei Choir (fort Wayne Sem.) \$ 100, Pre-school Fed. taxes \$ 213.85, Pre-school Indiana taxes \$ 57.59.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Jan 31, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,065.67
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,500.64
Building Fund	13,234.97
Capital Improvements - \$ 4,230.93 Church sign - \$ 946.41 Church Landscaping - \$ 726.53 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,683.57	7,587.44
Concordia Cares	5,087.24
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,367.99
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,843.95
Interest earned	4.23

Church checking account balance Jan 2022	
Beginning	68,001.91
Deposits	23,816.33
Payments	28,806.87
Ending balance	63,011.37

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	187.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	1,437.50

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
1/30/22	7	7	17
2/6	7	5	27
2/13	6	6	30
2/20	9	5	24
2/27			

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
1/30/22	65	83	7,127.00
2/6	58	84	3,989.00
2/13	58	88	14,690.00
2/20	71	84	2,365.00
2/27	tbd		

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

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

3/6 One Thing Needful
3/13 No room for Demons
3/20 Everything I Have Is Yours
3/27 tbd

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

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

Christian Living

March Wedding Anniversaries:

David & Erica Stephenson (28) 3/17
Mike & Anne Finger (44) 3/25

March Birthdays:

Crouch, Lucas	3/6		
Foster, Fred	3/7		
Hartley, Samuel	3/11		
Bertsch, John	3/13	Marot, Sarah	3/22
Guthrie, Larry	3/14	Infante, Phillis	3/22
Thompson, Courtney	3/15	Brooks, Thomas	3/24
Frey, Isaac	3/15	Owen, Ben	3/24
Everson, Ruth	3/16	Boling, Jordan	3/29
Guinn, April	3/16	Judd, Helen	3/31
Guthrie, Anne	3/17		
Liechty, Jason	3/17		
Wilson, Dave	3/17		
Shadday, Sarah	3/19		
Fonseth, Marta	3/20		
Ronczka, Scott	3/21		
Shadday, Hannah	3/21		
Hayes, Jim	3/22		

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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

Staff

Sarah Shadday—*Director Christian Education*

Erica Stephenson - *Deaconess*

Jill Scifres,—*Preschool Director*

Becky Lanning—*Office Manager*

Carol Monroe—*Administrative Assistant*

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President-Elect
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Diana Sullivan

Financial Secretary
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Concordia Lutheran Preschool

Preschool Scoop

We are excited to announce that we are beginning preschool registration for the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, **March 1**. Our format will remain the same, with three and four year olds in a mixed age group class. Those who turn three by August 1 will attend on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days from 9-11:15, with those turning four by August 1 attending Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12. Our wonderful staff, teacher Lori Thetford and assistant Linda Snyder, will be returning. Please spread the word about our school to your friends and families who have preschool age children and are seeking a quality, Christ-centered first school experience. Additional information can be found at concordia-lcms.com/preschool, and a tour can be arranged by calling 317-627-8604.

Jill Scifres, Director of Preschool

Lenten Midweek services

March 2 - Ash Wednesday - 4 & 7 pm

March 9 - Lent Mid week 2 at 7 pm

March 16 - Lent Mid week 3 at 7 pm

March 23 - Lent Mid week 4 at 7 pm

March 30 - Lent Mid week 5 at 7 pm

April 6 - Lent Mid week 6 at 7 pm

Holy Week to be announced.

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