

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

May 2022



**Quilting - May 14, (9 am - noon).** We meet in the Fellowship Hall. We can use some helpers who don't mind tying knots to finish up some quilts.



**WHAT'S YOUR 80?**

1942-2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

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.

## Ingathering for LWML District Convention on June 17-19, 2022

We are now starting to collect items for one of the sponsored charities in the Fort Wayne area as part of the Human care project. One option is Chris' Cupboard. - "reaching the least, the last and the lost with Christ's love to feed His kingdom". Collecting: hygiene items - chap stick, travel size tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, bar of soap, deodorant, travel size shampoo, travel size mouthwash, mini hand sanitizer, pack of gum, pair of socks, Mustard Seeds or small cards with a Bible verse on it.

Bring items in and place in marked boxes in the Noah Room until June 12, thank you.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #9 (Lexington Convention)

## The Word Takes Flight

Propelling the Gospel—LAMP Ministry Inc.—\$56,000



*Missionary Pilot, Andrew, delivering personal protective equipment, supplies, Bibles, Sparks magazines, and quilts to remote northern communities LAMP serves.*

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) ministry focuses on taking the Gospel to Indigenous People in northern Canada. LAMP ministry began in 1970, and the LWML has been an ongoing help to this ministry. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United States travel to remote areas to teach Vacation Bible School (VBS) to thousands of children using transportation provided by LAMP.

Nearly one million Indigenous People live in isolated areas of northern Canada reached by aircraft or seasonal roads. The number of local clergy and missionaries has declined dramatically. There is currently an entire generation of children and youth who have not been taught the Holy Scriptures and hope through Jesus. LAMP takes missionaries and volunteers into northern Canada to share the Gospel.

LAMP ministry uses small airplanes to get missionaries to these remote places.

They depend on two aircraft to accomplish their mission. While the aircraft are older models — 1977 and 1979 — they are still extraordinarily sound and dependable. These airplanes must have yearly inspections to ensure they are properly maintained and have received all the updates and requirements needed to keep them airworthy.

Technology is ever-changing in our world today, and the world of aviation has seen numerous advancements in avionics. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) have become a standard, and the newer Wide Area Augmented System (WAAS) and the recent completion of the Aireon space-based air-traffic surveillance system have increased the safety and efficiency of avionic components. These avionics are necessary components for the pilots who fly out of the United States and into Canada. The older avionics systems in these two airplanes need replacing. With this grant, the two airplanes used by the LAMP ministry can be upgraded and modernized to help ensure the safety of their pilots, missionaries, and volunteers as they propel the Good News to people living in remote areas of North America.

To learn more about LAMP – visit their website [lampministry.org](http://lampministry.org).



## From your Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A practice I have introduced here at Concordia is separating first communion from 8th Grade Confirmation. It's typical that the two are thought of together. However, a growing trend in our Lutheran churches, based on historical precedence, is admitting prepared children to the altar before the time of confirmation. Rather than making communion based on being in a certain age or grade, I desire to commune children when they are ready. The goal is to separate this from our

beloved tradition of Confirmation, which does prepare children to receive Holy Communion, but also is a time for older children to confess their intention to continue faithfully in the church. I can think of no better way for older children to make this confession than if they already know and have experienced the benefits of Christ's body and blood.

We'll reserve confirmation for 7th or 8th graders, grouping children accordingly. We don't have any this year, but later in the summer or fall I may have a group ready to receive first communion.

To prepare for this, I asked Sarah to write an article on this subject. Below she presents a brief history of thought on confirmation and communion, which helps broaden our understanding beyond our own context:

I did research for a Sunday School lesson on Maundy Thursday. I've heard the term for years and attended multiple Maundy Thursday services. I knew it had to do with Communion and Passover but didn't know the meaning of "Maundy". I learned maundy is a shortened form of *mandatum* (Latin) which means "command." What is the new command God gives us on Maundy Thursday? 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 shares, "For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

We can grow up with something and not think about what it is, why it is done a certain way, or the origins of it. It was a surprise when I heard of a congregation that celebrated their first Communion on Maundy Thursday. For me, Confirmation was done during the school day in place of the 8th grade religion class. In order to receive Communion, one needed to complete Confirmation. We got a grade on our memory work, sermon reports, homework, tests, and

so on. We were confirmed in May. Everyone dressed up in white robes and got a red carnation as a boutonniere. We took Communion for the first time on Confirmation Sunday and kept our individual communion cup. Afterwards, families had parties for their kids.

In college, one of our DCE classes covered a unit on Confirmation. One thing we discussed was a history of Confirmation. It's an interesting history and the book [\*Confirmation Basics\*](#) dedicates the first section of the book to that history and questions around Confirmation. It was eye opening realizing Confirmation was different at other churches. Confirmation in the early church was originally a response to Matthew 28:19-20 to go and make disciples. Confirmation was a response to the process of discipleship. Other interesting information I learned included:



- In the early church, there was no specific “formula” for Confirmation.
- In 200, writings suggest there was a process for someone entering the faith, but it was mostly for pagan adults. Generally it followed: confession of faith in Jesus, entrance into the catechumenate (think of it as like catechism classes or schools), introduction to the Word of God and Creed, Baptism, anointing of consecrated oil, laying on hands, reception of Holy Communion, and instructions of the “mysteries of faith” done by teachers.
- Third century, Confirmation was part of Baptism; the individual was confirmed by the anointing of oil, prayers, signs of the cross, and the laying of hands; the individual participated in Holy Communion. Children would attend classes with parents or the parents would teach the children at home.
- Fifth century the leaders of the Western church used the term “confirmation” because the bishop confirmed the priest’s Baptism through oil and laying on hands.
- In the Middle Ages, the Western Church had three separate rites: Bap-

tism, Confirmation, and first Communion. By this time it was less common to have adult Baptisms so there was a disappearance in catechetical instruction.

- By 1150, Confirmation became one of seven Sacraments. The church didn’t sponsor education for adults or children; it was the responsibility of parents and godparents.
- In the 1400s, Jean Gerson was one of the first to focus on the instruction of children by the Church; later in the 1400-1500s others resurrected Confirmation. One of these groups insisted Baptism was only valid when connected to a confession of faith with confirmation serving as the rite that led to full participation in the congregation and later the Lord’s Supper.
- Martin Luther rejected Confirmation as a sacrament because it isn’t listed in the Scriptures and doesn’t have a divine promise. Instead of focusing Confirmation itself, Luther desired the instruction of congregations, parents and children. He desired Christian education to happen in the home, but in the 1520s he realized most parents were unskilled, unwilling, or didn’t have time to fulfill this vocation so he relied on establishing pastors and teachers to supplement instruction.
- Later about six forms of Confirmation formed all with different elements. Some combined Confirmation and the Lord’s Supper. Others separated these events. Some allowed Communion before Confirmation and others said only after one was confirmed and showed “genuine interest” in continuing with the faith, the individual may receive Communion. This last style mentioned also led to a Confirmation age around 15 or 16 rather than age 12.
- The Rationalistic type began in the 18th century. Religious instruction became more of an intellectual exercise focused on comprehension of information, virtue, and immorality rather than the Gospel, Christian faith, and discipleship. Baptism became less important and Confirma-

The history of course is more expansive and doesn't end here. What about now? In the 20th century 3 major Lutheran bodies came together and asked probing questions about Confirmation. Some numbers I found interesting were:

- May is usually when we have confirmation at our church. This year, we don't have anyone ready for Confirmation; however, we also need to consider if we have anyone new ready to take Communion worthily.

That isn't to say Confirmation isn't important. I'm excited for the day I'll be able to commune with my child and when they vow to continue in the faith they've learned.

field trip to a greenhouse. We are busily preparing for our closing program and graduation ceremony on May 19. Registration for next school year is underway and going well.



## INTERCESSION and PRAYER.

### **Concordia Members**

Recently Hospitalized:

- Allen Distler 4/24/22 Comm. Sth.

Surgery:

- Diane Smith 5/3 Comm. Sth.

Recovering:

- Nancy Waltz

Testing / Recovery:

- Jackie Denton
- Annalise Carlisle
- Dieter Tepner
- Diane Bean-Garland
- Phillis Infante
- April Guinn

### **Friends of Concordia**

- Missy Golden 4/20/22
- Austin Golden 4/20/22
- Marshall Stephenson 3/11/22
- Sophia Rubio 2/6/22
- Marianne Huckleberry 12/21/21
- Sylvia & Steve Perrish 12/21/21
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Courtney Chaney 10/1/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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:

- To family and friends on the death of **Eileen E Ely**, age 91 of Evansville IN on 04/10/2022.



# Treasurer's Report

March 2022

Income Description	Mar 2021 4 Sundays	Mar 2022 4 Sundays	Total To date (13) Sun
Unified Budget	17,592.75	19,254.00	67,452.50
Memorials (Non-designated)	5,083.00		130.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,358.43	977.52	3,821.77
Reimbursements & Refunds **		249.58	875.13
Rents & Wedding Fees		120.00	295.00
Miscellaneous ***		213,537.93	213,537.93
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>24,034.18</b>	<b>234,139.03</b>	<b>286,112.33</b>
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 4,398.19	\$ 4,813.50	\$ 5,188.65
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

\* Altar Flowers \$ 50, Building Fund \$ 290, Concordia Cares \$ 26, Fellowship 15 \$ 68.25, Hope-Full Living \$ 55.50, Hydrangeas \$100, Internet Access \$ 68.17, Landscaping \$ 100, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 39.60, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, World Relief - Ukraine \$150, Youth Group \$ 10.

\*\* Reimbursements & Refunds: Preschool State & Federal Taxes \$ 249.58.

\*\*\* Miscellaneous: Inheritance \$213,537.93

Expenses Boards	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,423.78	7,937.06	25,323.29
Congregational Worship	1,041.29	942.43	2,603.71
Missions and Outreach	697.50	687.50	2,217.50
Christian Education	5,949.77	6,770.59	19,342.60
Stewardship		170.66	271.15
Operations	12,226.70	20,921.46	40,661.59
Small Group Ministries		42.35	42.35
Christian Living	159.60	195.00	195.00
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>27,498.64</b>	<b>37,667.05</b>	<b>90,657.19</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	103.50	214,323.01	215,116.95
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>103.50</b>	214,323.01	215,116.95
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>27,602.14</b>	<b>251,990.06</b>	<b>305,774.14</b>

\* Non budget Payments: .

\*\*Reimbursement expenses: Afghan Refugee Project \$ 460, Hope-Full Living \$55.50, Pre-school Fed. taxes \$ 193.54, Pre-school Indiana taxes \$ 56.04, Souper Bowl of Caring \$ 20, Steward Inheritance Account \$ 213,537.93.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Mar 31, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,066.49
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,502.16
Building Fund	13,237.64
Capital Improvements - \$ 4,981.84 Church sign - \$ 946.59 Church Landscaping - \$ 726.67 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,683.90	8,339.00
Concordia Cares	5,088.27
Inheritance Fund	213,549.63
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,368.47
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>254,151.66</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>15.95</b>

Church checking account balance Mar 2022	
Beginning	68,146.53
Deposits	234,139.03
Payments	251,990.06
Ending balance	50,295.50

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	1,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	2,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	562.50
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>4,312.50</b>

Worship	2021	2022	Tithes
3/23		25	180.00
3/27 s	91	96	4,053.00
3/30		35	265.00
4/3 s	118	78	10,843.00
4/6		35	338.00
4/10 s	82	129	6,345.50
4/14 mt	40	54	254.00
4/15 gf	28	72	44.00
4/17 E	81	163	14,051.36
4/24	82	85	3,100.00

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
3/27	6	5	31
4/3	8	7	27
4/10	7	9	42
4/17			10
4/24	6	7	26

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

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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

**5/1        Three C's of Christian Witness**  
**5/8        What The Bible Is Like**  
**5/15       What The Bible Is About**  
**5/22       What The Bible Is For**  
**5/29       Imagine That**

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

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

## Christian Living

### May Wedding Anniversaries:

Tony & Regina Moyers (3) 5/5  
Chris & Shawn Bauer (28) 5/7  
Carlos & Kat SanTiago Salazar (8) 5/14  
Bob & Sharon Bruhn (65) 5/19  
John & Shanda Bontrager Jr (27) 5/20  
Mike & Cindy Emkes (42) 5/30

### May Birthdays:

White, Jan	5/2	Carroll, Kathy	5/19
Martin, Lynda	5/3	Shadday, Rachel	5/21
Marot, Andrew	5/3	Finger, Mike	5/26
Bierman, Lia	5/7	Bertsch, Steve	5/27
Santiago, Carlos	5/7	Olmos, Ashley	5/28
Lanning, April	5/13	Foster, Dana	5/29
McNally, Andrew	5/14	Bulthuis, Rick	5/30
Ranbarger, Sue	5/15		
Cravens, Keigan	5/15		
Krall, Duane	5/15		
Reinke, Drew	5/16		
Spray, Mary	5/16		
Tepner, Dieter	5/16		

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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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Celebration of the Lords Ascension, May 29, 2022  
 "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1: 11b

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 & Preschool**  
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