

THE Concordia Messenger



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

June 2022



Quilting - June 11, (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. Pick up several cards to color and return to the church when you have them done.

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 #10 (Lexington Convention)

Supporting Seminaries and Missionaries in East and West Africa

Educating Pastors in Africa Mission Central—\$100,000

God is calling African men to become pastors. Our LCMS missionaries have answered God's call to support their African brothers in the faith. The importance of local pastors cannot be underestimated. These men of faith know the culture and how best to share God's truth and the love of Christ. Missionaries teach and mentor as these men run the race set before us (Hebrews 12:1b). The Pastoral Education Support Projects are:

- Matongo Lutheran Theological College, Kenya, East Africa, where grant funds will allow the seminary to periodically host a volunteer professor to teach intensive classes for the students, as well as for scholarships to over 20 Lutheran seminary students from Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Malawi. Scholarships help cover monthly expenses of travel, housing, books, fees, and tuition.
- The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET) in Dapaong, Togo, serves as a regional seminary. The French-speaking countries of West and Central Africa use the seminary. Students and their families live and study at CLET for three years in preparation for ordination and the pastoral ministry. Currently, forty-four student families receive assistance from this project.
- The Lutheran Theological College in Magamaga is a newer Lutheran seminary in East Africa that supports the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU). Training at the seminary began in 2016, and currently, fifty-six students are enrolled. Eleven

Director Christian Education

of the pastors of the LCU serve as lecturers. The students come from all districts of Uganda, including refugees from South Sudan and Ethiopia. The grant provides scholarship support for members of the LCU and refugee congregations within Uganda. It helps cover the costs of the three-year theology program.

The grant also provides some of the general support for six missionaries serving at the three African seminaries. Rev. Dr. Thomas Aadland, Rev. Dr. Walter Steele, and Rev. Vance Becker teach at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. Rev. Jacob Gaugert and Rev. Gary Schulte teach at CLET. Mark Manty serves as project manager for the seminary in Uganda, managing the business aspect.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants



Rev. Schulte will continue to serve with joy as a theological educator at CLET Seminary in Dapaong, Togo.



Mark Mantey handles the business aspect of the seminary in Uganda as project manager, developing best practices.



Rev. and Mrs. Steele at Uhuru Lutheran Cathedral in Nairobi, Kenya. Rev. Steele teaches Biblical Hebrew and classes on Romans and the Psalms at Matongo Lutheran Theological College.

June 26th-July 1st is Vacation Bible School week!

There will be a few changes this year. Since everyone enjoyed our mostly outdoor VBS last year, we decided to move a few more stations outside than we normally would. We also decided

to try a new program by Higher Things called *Diving Into the 10 Commandments*. We were also excited to bring back our bounce house and hot dog meal for after our VBS service on Thursday night. We hope it will encourage families to participate in the activities that night.



Here are some ways you can help with our VBS ministry:

- ◆ Donate- items we need are listed on a paper sheet in the Narthex. There is also an [Amazon Wish List](#) you can utilize.
- ◆ Set Up- After Sunday School on June 26th. A light lunch will be provided. We need help cleaning picnic tables, moving tables and chairs up to the Preschool, moving supplies to the appropriate stations.
- ◆ Carnival Help- Thursday, 5:30pm on June 30th. Help is needed setting up games, making prize buckets, and making sure we have tables for food. We also need people to staff the carnival games during the event, encourage people (especially those with young families) to visit the Preschool, and to be good hosts to the members of our community.
- ◆ Service- Thursday, 6:30pm on June 30th. Attend the service and thank the families for sending their children to VBS and all the volunteers for sharing the love of God with the children throughout the week.
- ◆ Clean Up- Friday, noon on July 1st. Help clean up after VBS week, a pizza lunch is provided.
- ◆ Mission Donations- We are collecting bottles of water this year for [The Refuge](#) food pantry. We are also collecting offer-

ings for [Lutheran World Relief's clean water initiatives](#).

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help us share the Gospel with the children who attend Vacation Bible School. I'm excited to attend with my family this year while I'm on maternity leave.

Sarah Shadday,
Director Christian Education



From
your
Pastor

What Robs You of Your Easter Joy?

Dear Christian,

What bends you out of shape?

What makes you anxious, flustered, irritable, and otherwise unpleasant to be around?

You have no lack of excuses. Gas prices, inflation, Roe v. Wade, Ukraine, another shooting.... baby formula shortage, your check engine light came, I-465 construction 365 days a year...

Take your pick. Fill-in the blank. Substitute as needed. Some of these things are more trivial than others. Some aren't trivial at all.

Trivial or not, ask yourself this. Why are they robbing you of your Easter Joy?

Our Lord's passion is not reserved for the easy problems you could handle just fine on your own. Jesus isn't a cheerleader to keep you pushing through what you can manage.

It is for that which we can't handle that motivated our Lord to face even death. Yes, it's for the forgiveness of our own sins and wrongdoings. But it is also to bring justice against those things which make us miserable and seemingly cannot do anything about.

There is much that will not be made right in

this life. Road construction belongs next to death and taxes as always certain. Pointing fingers only helps so much with problems; it may help drop gas down a dollar, but maybe not. Worldly justice will never be able to answer for lives aborted on account of being deemed not wanted.

If you want to be miserable, irritable, and for your head to explode, then you have no lack of material to work with. But this attitude does not and can not come from the Holy Spirit and the faith granted to us. There is a time for "righteous anger", to be horrified by sin and to act - when it is our time, place, and vocation to do so.

But more often than not there may not be a darn thing you can do about these injustices, especially if you're watching news from all around the world!

Place not your trust in yourself to be the equalizer; commend these things to God. St. Peter taught the church well on this topic: "...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment.." 2nd Peter 2:9

Instead, place your trust in Christ. He alone makes all things right and just. He alone is the answer to any guilt or shame of things we cannot make up for fully on our own. For those who do not repent, he will stand as judge. Either way, don't forget he's on our side.

Jesus described enduring this life to be like a mother waiting to give birth (John 16:21). There is horrible waiting and pain, but it is followed by pure joy. Various times the Old Testament instructs us "Take heart! Wait for the Lord!" (Dt. 31:6, Ps. 27:14, and others). Jesus echoed these words in several places: John 16:33 I have said all these things to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble: but take heart! I have overcome the world.

There are, have been, and will be troubles in the world. This is not "breaking news". Equip yourself with that which brings peace even in the midst of it.

Let nothing rob us of our Easter Joy.

Pastor Gaschler



June 2022

Sunday Worship—9:30 AM
 Sunday School & Bible Classes—10:30 AM
 Monday Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
 Holy Communion at every service

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INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

- Diane Smith 5/24 Comm. Sth.

Testing / Recovery:

- Allen Distler
- Jackie Denton
- Annalise Carlisle
- Dieter Tepner
- Diane Bean-Garland
- Phillis Infante
- April Guinn
- Nancy Waltz

Friends of Concordia

- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Bodie Whalen 5/15/22
- Jayleigh Meyers & twins 5/11/22
- Kevin Kerner 5/1/22
- 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).



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

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Treasurer's Report

April 2022

Income Description	April 2021 4 Sundays	April 2022 4 Sundays	Total To date (17) Sun
Unified Budget	32,848.89	34,959.86	102,412.36
Memorials (Non-designated)	155.00		130.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,422.23	4,527.38	8,349.15
Reimbursements & Refunds **		240.71	1,115.84
Rents & Wedding Fees	75.00	75.00	370.00
Miscellaneous ***	34,501.12		213,537.93
TOTAL INCOME		39,802.96	325,915.28
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 8,212.22	\$ 8,739.97	\$ 6,024.26
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 50, Anniversaries/birthdays \$ 211, Building Fund \$ 400, Concordia Cares \$ 189, Easter Breakfast free will offering \$ 149, Easter Lilies \$ 58.50, Fellowship 15 \$ 27, Internet Access \$ 68.17, Landscaping \$ 25, LWCC \$ 10, LWML Mites \$ 20, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 38.71, Seminars - Fort Wayne \$ 1,000, St Louis \$ 1,000, Siberian \$ 1,000, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Envelope Wall \$ 261, Youth Group \$ 10.

** Reimbursements & Refunds: Preschool State & Federal Taxes \$ 240.71.

Expenses Boards	April 2021	April 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,443.33	7,719.01	33,042.30
Congregational Worship	1,127.16	993.62	3,597.33
Missions and Outreach	697.50	3,687.50	5,905.00
Christian Education	5,917.27	6,357.82	25,700.42
Stewardship			271.15
Operations	8,363.87	9,173.37	49,834.96
Small Group Ministries			42.35
Christian Living			195.00
Unified Budget Total	23,549.13	27,931.32	118,588.51
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *	12.7		
Reimbursement Expenses **	131.00	3,386.71	218,503.66
Total Non-Budget Payments	143.97	3,386.71	218,503.66
Total payments	23,693.1	31,318.03	337,092.17

* Non budget Payments:

**Reimbursement expenses: Easter Lilies \$65.80, Hydrangeas \$80.20, Pre-school Fed. taxes \$ 186.66, Pre-school Indiana taxes \$ 54.05, Save the Seminary Campaign Siberian Seminary \$1,000, Fort Wayne Seminary \$1,000, St Louis Seminary \$1,000.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance April 30, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,066.89
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,502.91
Building Fund	13,238.95
Capital Improvements - \$ 4,982.34 Church sign - \$ 946.68 Church Landscaping - \$ 726.74 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,684.07	8,339.83
Concordia Cares	5,088.78
Inheritance Fund	210,570.58
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,368.71
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	251,176.65
Interest earned	24.99

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	April 2021	April 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	2,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	3,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	750.00
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	4,312.50

Worship	2021	2022	Tithes
5/1	116	88	8,610.00
5/8	72	94	2,800.00
5/15	84	95	3,729.00
5/22	84	86	2,505.00
5/29			

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
5/1	6	7	32
5/8	7	6	26
5/15	5		6
5/22	6	4	19
5/29			

Congregational meeting attendance on May 15, 41.

Church checking account balance April 2022	
Beginning	50,295.50
Deposits	39,802.95
Payments	31,318.03
Ending balance	58,780.42

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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

6/5 A Place in the Choir
6/12 God Comes with a Community
6/19 What's on Your Playlist?
6/26 tbd

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

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

Christian Living

June Wedding Anniversaries: Dick & Gail Brooks (43) 6/1
Cliff & Heidi Whitrock (27) 6/7, Scott & Laura Ronczka (29)
6/12, Wayne & Carol Monroe (8) 6/14, Don & Cindy Boesen-
berg (46) 6/19, Herb & Barb Hoeltke (59) 6/22, Mike & Heidi
Ford (56) 6/23, Tony & Andrea Kaiser (5) 6/25, Phil & Loura
Turner (17) 6/25, John & Tracy Guinn (23) 6/26, Dick & Betty
Economou (52) 6/27, Leonard & Miriam Neumann (57) 6/27,
Bryan & Genny Hartley (26) 6/29, Konny & Erika Hanneman
(38) 6/30.

June Birthdays:

Jensen, Kenneth	6/3	Kilgore, Della	6/17
Bulthuis, Mistie	6/4	Henrickson, Susan	6/18
Coffey, Shannon	6/4	Bierman, Mike	6/23
Roberts, Rhyon	6/6	Roemer, Doris	6/23
Yeater, Jim	6/9	Sellers, Robert	6/25
Caruana, Sharon	6/10	Guinn, John	6/29
Shadday, Matt	6/12	Owen, Chloe	6/30
Crouch, Aubrianna	6/13		
Bontrager, Logan	6/15		
Caruana, Philip	6/15		
Hanneman, Konny	6/16		

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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

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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Vice President

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Board for Operations

Herb Hoeltke

Board for Pastoral Care

Mike Emkes

Board for Stewardship

Diana Sullivan

Financial Secretary

Rose Mihu

THE Concordia Messenger

June 2022



May 19th, 8 preschoolers graduated to Kindergarten, congratulations God's Blessings.

Why fill out the Attendance Cards? - it is not just to keep tabs on you, but it does help us help you. You can make notes to Pastor or make changes in address, phone numbers, e-mail or other member information. This helps us keep up to date information in house just for Pastor or Pastoral Care use in caring for us.

But just as important is the report that every congregation submits once a year to Synod and District on our church statistics. (baptisms, deaths, transfers etc) This report reflects the health of our congregation, average age, classes and church attendance numbers in contrast to our membership roll numbers. By all of us filling out and leaving an attendance card, the office is able to make an accurate report to Synod.

So please start and or continue to help us out by filling out these cards either before or after the worship service. Thanks.

the Office Staff.



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