

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

July 2022



**Quilting - July 9, (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 **DON'T FORGET TO RETURN THEM** to the church when you have them done. We will then send them all to Phil's Friends.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #11 (Lexington Convention)

### **Helping Single, At-Risk Moms Choose Life Through the Love of Jesus—Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion—\$100,000**

Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries operates maternity and transitional homes for single, at-risk mothers in Florida. The opportunity has arisen to use their successful model to expand into the northern Illinois area. Illinois has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the country. In 2018, 42,441 babies were killed by abortion in this state, an increase of seven percent from the previous year (Illinois Department of Health).

Expanding Redeeming Life's reach to the Chicago area will save women and babies by offering single, pregnant women in crisis an option to choose life for their unborn children.

The success of Redeeming Life maternity homes is dependent on the nurture, mentorship, and life skills learning offered to the residents by a caring deaconess, devoted to their spiritual care. Residents learn to cook, parent, run a household, create and live within a budget, finish their education, and find a way to become self-sufficient. Most importantly, residents are shown the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father with ample opportunities to grow in love, security, and faith in Jesus, many for the first time.

Essential to the success of the women is the nurturing and mentoring by a professional church worker who guides the residents on a daily basis. While teaching life skills and supporting residents in furthering their education and/or job skills is a vital part of what Redeeming Life does, the heart of the ministry is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. As an organization with RSO status in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Redeeming Life may call rostered workers.

This mission grant will help Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries support a called deaconess to serve in the Chicago area. With the loving ministry of a deaconess, the needs of the residents, especially in the area of critical spiritual care, will be met. In addition to providing funding for diaconal service, the grant will help offset costs during the first two years, offering a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and will provide program services for the women living there. To learn more about this ministry go to [rlom.org](http://rlom.org).

*Two residents enjoy dying Easter eggs together.*



*Tori prepares dinner for the maternity home family.*



*Each woman cooks at least one night a week.*

## How Lutheran World Relief is Reaching Ukrainians

- Emergency funds for Ukrainian refugee families in Poland are distributed through a combined program with Lutheran World Federation. Cash and vouchers allow refugees to make the best decisions for themselves based on their families' individual needs.
- Food, shelter and emergency supplies support Ukrainians with critical short-term relief they need to meet basic needs while deciding their next move.
- Thanks to Lutheran quilters and kit-makers in the United States, 7,400 quilts and 8,000 personal care kits prepositioned in Lutheran World Relief's Dubai warehouse were rushed to Poland. When refugees arrive to safety, they feel the love when given a comforting quilt and much-needed care kits.



Above: Mdyka Border Crossing  
bottom previous column:  
Przemsyl School Refuge Shelter.

## Director Christian Education

Preschool begins August 23rd. We have an amazing Preschool staff who works hard during the year and also throughout the summer. Lori Thetford is our teacher and Linda Snyder is our assistant. They work hard to share God's Word with the children, show God's love in all they do, and teach the children what they need to know to be prepared for Kindergarten. They work hard to prepare for Preschool and most of the work goes unnoticed.

Many parents see the cute crafts, newsletters, and other papers they send home. However, they don't see the hard work Lori and Linda put into preparing lessons, making copies of materials, sorting through curriculum, shopping, cleaning, and so



much more they do to make the Preschool a safe place to share God's love and to learn. These wonderful women can't do everything themselves though and need help preparing for Preschool over the summer.

Here are ways you can help serve our Preschool Ministry:

- Work Day - During the summer, we set aside a Saturday to help spread mulch, do yard work, and some deeper cleaning in the Preschool. Please, come out and help us do some of these jobs.



- Share - If you see our Social Media posts about Preschool, share the information or direct people to our [website](#) so they can learn more information about Preschool.
- Donate - Did you know Preschool has an [Amazon Wish List](#) of books and toys our Preschool teacher and assistant would like to have? Consider purchasing an item on the list or looking for similar, gently used, and clean toys for the Preschool.
- Volunteer - Throughout the year, Preschool needs help with special events or other things. Let us know if you'd be willing to help at Preschool when needed. In order to volunteer in this way, a child protection policy and background check must be completed.
- Attend- Throughout the year, Preschool has special events like Trick or Treating at church, a Christmas Program, or Graduation. We would love for the congregation to be hosts to the families that come into our building.
- Encourage - Pray for the Preschool staff, write encouraging notes, or tell the staff how much you appreciate them and the ministry God is doing through them.

One last major note is our Director, Jill Scifres, is retiring after many years of serving at Preschool. She's been a teacher or director for many years. She has also embraced the difficult challenge of expanding the Preschool classes this year! Through her leadership, Preschool started a waitlist within a few weeks of enrollment opening. She also arranged for staffing to begin an afternoon 3's class this year.

I'd like to thank Jill for all the hard work she's done to make the Preschool ministry a success. It's always exciting to watch the children grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. It's also exciting to see when old Preschoolers return and remember the different things they did at Preschool. Without Jill's teaching and leadership, this would not be possible.

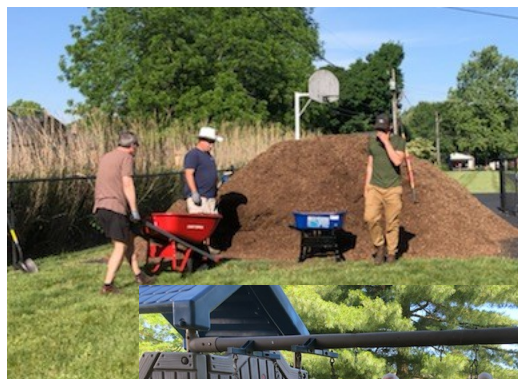
Sarah Shadday, DCE

## THANK YOU!

We had a beautiful day to move the mulch for the preschool play area. Hannah and Rachel Shadday gave their seal of approval. Thank you to all who were able and willing to help, you got it done before VBS!

## HONOR FLIGHT

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, two members of Concordia were honored among 80 some US veterans by being flown to Washington, DC, to see a number of monuments. Navy veteran Gene Waltz and Army veteran Marvin Barkes were treated to a wonderful but long day. Highlights for them included seeing old buddies, being greeted at both airports and Plainfield High School on return by hundreds of clapping and cheering people. A particularly wonderful experience was witnessing the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Another highlight was getting "well wishes" cards from many folks. If you were in the service, you know how important it was to get letters from home. When you see them in church, thank them for their service.



2022



July



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:

Testing / Recovery:

- Allen Distler
- Diane Bean-Garland
- Nancy Waltz

### **Friends of Concordia**

- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Bodie Whalen 5/15/22
- Jess Moreth & sons Liam and Lucas 5/11/22
- Jayleigh Meyers 5/11/22
- Kevin Kerner 5/1/22
- Missy Golden 4/20/22
- Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- 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
- Peter Economou 1/27/21
- 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) Munoz**, 5757 Staples St., Apt 2318, Corpus Christi, TX 78413

**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:

- **David Stephenson and family** at the death of his brother **Marshall** of Jasper IN on 6/25/22. (515 Mallory Cir., Franklin IN 46131.



### **Congratulations:**

May the Lord bless mother and children and preserve the infants for the blessed rebirth of Holy Baptism.

- To Sarah & Matt Shadday at the birth of a baby girl, Esther on 6/26/22.
- To Jess Moreth family on the birth of twin boys, Liam and Lucas 5/12/22.

**Thank you from** Gene Waltz and Marvin Barks for all of the mail they received on their "Honor Flight - Mail Call" on June 4.

# Treasurer's Report

May 2022

Income Description	May 2021 5 Sundays	May 2022 5 Sundays	Total To date (22) Sun
Unified Budget	22,406.38	21,323.50	123,735.86
Memorials (Non-designated)			130.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,371.15	3,217.72	11,566.87
Reimbursements & Refunds **		316.66	1,432.50
Rents & Wedding Fees		120.00	490.00
Miscellaneous ***			213,537.93
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>23,777.53</b>	<b>24,977.88</b>	<b>350,893.16</b>
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 4,4814.28	\$ 4,264.70	\$ 5,624.36
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

\* Altar Flowers \$ 406, Bethesda \$ 20, Building Fund \$ 1,415, Christian Ed \$60, Fellowship 15 \$ 20, Internet Access \$ 68.17, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 42.45, Tuzla Mission \$ 150, Vacation Bible School \$ 100, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Envelope Wall \$ 822, Youth Group \$ 94.10.

\*\* Reimbursements & Refunds: Preschool State & Federal Taxes \$ 316.66.

Expenses Boards	May 2021	May 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,235.56	8,115.20	41,157.50
Congregational Worship	974.47	906.75	4,504.08
Missions and Outreach	700.00	687.50	6,592.50
Christian Education	5,976.06	6,330.87	32,031.29
Stewardship	231.05	107.97	379.12
Operations	10,316.38	9,932.05	59,767.01
Small Group Ministries		93.12	135.47
Christian Living			195.00
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>25,433.52</b>	<b>26,173.46</b>	<b>144,761.97</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	739.19	1,316.66	219,820.32
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>739.19</b>	<b>1,316.66</b>	<b>219,820.32</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,172.71</b>	<b>27,490.12</b>	<b>364,582.29</b>

\* Non budget Payments:

\*\*Reimbursement expenses: Pre-school Fed. taxes \$ 245.56, Pre-school Indiana taxes \$ 71.10, Concordia Cares \$ 1,000.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance May 31, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,067.34
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,503.73
Building Fund	13,240.40
Capital Improvements - \$ 4,982.88 Church sign - \$ 946.78 Church Landscaping - \$ 726.82 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,684.26	8,340.74
Concordia Cares	5,089.34
Inheritance Fund	210,593.66
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,368.97
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>251,204.18</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>27.53</b>

Church checking account balance May 2022	
Beginning	58,780.42
Deposits	24,977.88
Payments	27,490.12
Ending balance	56,268.18

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	May 2021	May 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	3,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	937.50
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>7,187.50</b>

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
5/29	7	4	38
6/5	11	6	22
6/12	5		29
6/19	4	4	
6/26	3	7	18

Worship	2021	2022	Tithes
5/29	96	87	3,799.50
6/5	90	102	5,182.05
6/12	90	93	5,317.52
6/19	86	77	2,670.00
6/26	20	86	4,058.00

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

<b>7/3</b>	<b>Play the Sunset</b>
<b>7/10</b>	<b>Power to Enjoy</b>
<b>7/17</b>	<b>18 Hours in the Ocean</b>
<b>7/24</b>	<b>tbd</b>
<b>7/31</b>	<b>tbd</b>

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

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

## Christian Living

### July Wedding Anniversaries:

Charles & Susan Henrickson (2)7/4,  
Fred & Marcia Foster (33) 7/9,  
Ray & Ruth Everson (60) 7/14,  
Marcus & Gaby Crouch (13) 7/18,  
Glen & Linda Inman (40) 7/18,  
Jeff & Stacy Reinke (25)7/19.

### July Birthdays:

Shafer, Lori	7/1		
Flamme, Faith	7/4		
Warren, David	7/5	Howrey, Connie	7/27
Seale, Aaron	7/11	Ford, Mike	7/28
Emmons, Ginny	7/12	Pedersen, Bonnie	7/29
Hoeltke, Barb	7/18	Marot, Zackary	7/30
Inman, Glen	7/18	Krause, Diane	7/30
Neumann, Leonard	7/19		
Sullivan, David	7/20	Missed June birthday for	
Horn, Joshua	7/22	Ralph, Barbara	6/29
Carlisle, Annabelle	7/23		
Owen, Tammy	7/24		
Emkes, Cindy	7/27		

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**Sunday Worship Services**  
9:30 a.m.

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes**  
11:30 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*

**President**  
Dick Brooks

**President-Elect**  
Dean Owen

**Vice President**  
Mike Finger

**Vice President / Asst. Treasure**  
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John Bertsch

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**Board for Pastoral Care**  
Mike Emkes

**Board for Stewardship**  
Diana Sullivan

**Financial Secretary**  
Rose Mihu

Annual Garage/Rummage Sale!!!  
It's Back!

August 19 & 20, 2022



Look for more details in August Newsletter



Celebrate our Freedom, Happy 4th July

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