

THE Concordia Messenger



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

September 2022

Director Christian Education

Dear Members:

Sunday, September 11th is our Rally Day and the church picnic. It's embarrassing to admit, but Covid shut downs really got me off track on when we give out materials to different age levels. However, there is a bright side! Pastor and I were able to talk about beneficial resources for families and talk about when we could give them to families. Rally Day is when we are going to pray for the families receiving the resources and give them some help learning how to use the resources.

There is a book called *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It* that we would like to give to each child at baptism. This is a good reminder of what our baptism is and what God does



for us. We would also like to give each family a copy of *Luther's Small Catechism for Kids*.

This is a newer resource that covers the catechism and turns it more into a devotional or short family lesson. We would like to get this catechism into the hands of parents so they can start reading the catechism with their children and get in the habit of family devotions.

We also are going to rotate giving our 3-5 year olds two different resources. This is based on the two different years kids could potentially be in our Preschool. This year, we will give the children the *Read with Me Bible*. We will use this Bible in the Pre-

school to guide our religion curricula in Pre-school. We will send these Bibles home with the children (rather than give them as a graduation gift) so families can read the same Biblical accounts at home and start getting into the habit of reading the Bible at an early age. The second year will be CPH's *My First Hymnal*. We will use hymns from this hymnal to sing with the children. Parents can also use the hymnal for devotional materials or to learn hymns in the home.

The final resource we will give children at a young age is *The Growing in Faith Bible*. This Bible is a wonderful resource from CPH. It is an ESV (English Standard Version) translation which is what we use at church, so they'll hear the same language in their home Bible and at church. There are also wonderful features like parent connections, summaries of Biblical narratives, "Christ Connections" (showing where the Old Testament is pointing to Jesus), Big Questions/Answers, and more. Children should be able to grow into this Bible for many years and parents can look to it as a helpful resource.

We thank God we'll be able to share these resources with families and hope everyone will celebrate with the children that day. We also hope everyone will come and enjoy spending time with each other at the church picnic. I know sometimes it's nice to just have a good potluck meal, even better desserts, and a time to sit and talk with people.

Sarah Shadday
Director of Christian Education



Quilting - Sept 10 (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. Ruth Everson was able to trace some of the quilts we sent out last year - in March 2022 some were sent to Tanzania.



Small Grant #2 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

Trinity Lutheran Preschool in Darmstadt, IN, is receiving a \$5,000 grant to add a musical section to their playground to add musical exposure and inspire creativity and self-expression in their young students.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #13 (Lexington Convention)

Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia – Lutheran Hour Ministries – \$100,000
Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has an opportunity to expand its mission outreach of the Gospel to the Kazakh women and children in Mongolia, a non-Christian country. The Kazakh people are nominally Muslim, and Mongolia is predominantly Buddhist with a less than one percent Christian population. The Gospel will impact family members and relatives in their homes through widely-accepted Women's Listener groups, religious broadcasts, and Christian resources in the Kazakh language. Through LHM's media expertise, they can bring the Gospel

message to regions where the populations have not heard the Gospel. Christian resources are being distributed, including Bible studies and booklets translated into the Kazakh language, as well as into Mongolian, the primary language of the region.



A Kazakh woman and her daughter learn about Jesus through Christian resources, such as

booklets and Bible story activity books for children from Lutheran Hour Ministries



Children learn about Jesus through Christian Bible story and activity books from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Children who do not know Jesus learn Bible stories, interactive games, and songs through our Christian teaching. They look like they are enjoying song, words and actions.



2022 LWML Indiana District Convention results.

In-gatherings:

- Kate's Kart - 330 books + \$15
- Charis House - 88 sheets + \$12
- Christ Cupboard - over 800 hygiene items, over 300 baby items, and 295 misc. items and \$28
- Kings Community Outreach - 146 blankets
- Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne - 300 laundry baskets of laundry supplies for the campus store
- Unknown # of completed reusable sanitary pads for South Sudan feminine needs
- Gazillion stamps sorted and cut (the sale of these go to our Mites)

Convention offerings:

- #1 - Mites \$2,281.77
- #2 - Scholarship - \$2,000.00
- #3 - MOST Ministries - \$2,345.15
- the MITE Walk - \$1,451.05

Thank you to everyone who participated in helping with the gathering, assembling and transporting to Fort Wayne. Many groups all over Indiana and parts of Kentucky made it all possible. We are his hands and feet here, we use them to HIS glory!

Mites that came in during July amounted to \$135.34. Please remember that you can bring them in at any time and get another little box to refill for our next gathering in October. All those pennies do add up, thanks.

Retreat at Camp Lakeview

God willing and the creek don't rise, we will finally be able to hold our annual retreat for women the weekend of October 7&8, 2022. The theme will be "Scripture in Song." We will study a number of hymns that express truths from Scripture in beautiful, poetic form set to music. These poetic settings will be compared to the Scripture they are based on. When possible we will learn something about the poet and the circumstances that inspired the writing of the hymn. We will enjoy fellowship Friday night and during meals. It will begin approximately at 6 PM on Friday evening and will continue until sometime between 3 and 4 pm Saturday afternoon. Watch the Sunday bulletin insert for more information.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Church Rummage Sale.

Many people were involved in donating items and getting everything ready to have the sale and clean up afterwards. Special thanks to Gail Brooks and Heidi Ford for getting everyone organized and ready for the sale.



Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool

Thanks to the hard work of Jill Scirfes before her retirement, we have 2 Preschool classes this year! We only have 1 spot left for a PreK student in the morning class (T, W, Th - 9am-noon) \$100 registration fee and \$165 monthly tuition.

Preschool would also like to thank Edie Masters for sponsoring a Thrivent Action Team. Thanks to her help, we were able to purchase 15 Bibles to pass out to our Preschool children. It helped defray the cost of purchasing all 20 Bibles we needed!

We were also excited to host our Back to School night on August 18th. It was awesome seeing so many Preschool children and their families. We're excited by all the children attending our Preschool this year. We're also excited to have our first day of school August 23rd.

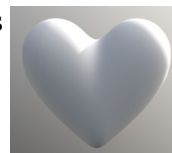
We thank God for the wonderful families who will be participating in our Preschool program this year.

Sarah Shadday
Director, Preschool
Director of Christian Education






It only takes a spark

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of Love.



2022 SEPTEMBER

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:

- Becky Horn
- Dianne Bean-Garland
- Nancy Waltz

Friends of Concordia

- Sid Dyer 8/22/22
- Beverly Stevens 8/20/22
- Anthony Joe Rubio 8/18/22
- Michael DuLuga 7/20/22
- Bodie Whalen 5/15/22
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Jayleigh Meyers 5/11/22
- 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.

- Bob & Sharon Bruhn, 628 Brook Dr., Greenwood IN 46143
- 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)



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

- **Darlene Jensen and family** on the passing of her husband **Kenneth Jensen**, age 79, on 8/12/22. 1020 Maple Street, Greenwood IN 46142)
- **Herb Hoeltke** and family at the passing of his cousin Philip Joehnk, age 80 of Cincinnati OH 8/9/22. (910 Briarwood Dr., Greenwood IN 46142)
- **Gene Waltz** and family at the passing of his wife **Nancy**, 8/6/22 (202 Bennington Rd, Indianapolis IN 46227)
- **Doris & Jim Roemer** on the passing of their son **David Roemer** age 60 of Elizabethtown, TN (4070 Serenity Way Ct., Greenwood IN 46142)

From the family of Ken Jensen.

As Ken's life came to a close, we and his extended family appreciated those that were so kind to Ken during his time here on earth.

Ken's church family meant the world to him.

Peace to all of you!

Sincerely, Darlene and Trent Jensen

Treasurer's Report

July 2022

Income Description	July 2021 4 Sundays	July 2022 5 Sundays	Total To date (31) Sun
Unified Budget	21,872.00	24,393.28	167,841.71
Memorials (Non-designated)			130.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,329.07	3,983.29	16,642.73
Reimbursements & Refunds **			1,726.47
Rents & Wedding Fees			490.00
Miscellaneous ***			213,537.93
TOTAL INCOME	23,201.07	28,376.57	400,368.84
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 5,468.00	\$ 4,878.66	\$ 5,414.25
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 125, Building Fund \$ 335, Education \$ 40, Fellowship 15 \$ 14, Internet Access \$ 68.17, Kitchen Remodeling \$ 2,055, Kitchen Table Bible Study book \$ 52, Lutheran World Relief-Ukraine \$ 200, LWCC \$ 10, LWML Mites \$ 20, Pastor Gaschler- Tepner Funeral \$150, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 33.47, (the) Shepherd's hand \$ 40, Tuzla \$ 10, Vacation Bible School \$ 484.65, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Envelope Wall \$ 326, Youth Group \$ 10.

Expenses Boards	July 2021	July 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,392.82	8,547.67	57,950.02
Congregational Worship	620.64	881.36	5,910.26
Missions and Outreach	697.50	687.50	7,967.50
Christian Education	6,418.23	6,556.27	45,199.86
Stewardship	90.41	96.15	475.27
Operations	10,413.34	18,365.21	88,998.90
Small Group Ministries		35.99	171.46
Christian Living			390.00
Unified Budget Total	25,632.94	35,170.15	207,063.27
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	2,037.11	2,814.65	226,726.50
Total Non-Budget Payments	2,037.11	2,814.65	226,726.50
Total payments	27,670.05	37,984.80	433,789.77

* Non budget Payments:

**Reimbursement expenses: Concordia Cares \$ 1,000, Church Mulching \$ 245, Lutheran World Relief - Clean Water \$ 484.65, Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine \$ 200, Pastor Gaschler -Tepner Funeral \$ 150, Pre-school Playground Mulch \$ 735.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance July 31, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,069.39
Board of Youth— (Trip)	6,607.27
Building Fund	16,153.07
Capital Improvements - \$ 5,735.64 Church sign - \$ 947.26 Church Landscaping - \$ 727.19 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,685.11	9,095.20
Concordia Cares	5,091.91
Inheritance Fund	210,699.69
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,370.17
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	254,086.70
Interest earned	75.72

Church checking account balance July 2022	
Beginning	46,144.61
Deposits	22,408.57
Payments	37,984.80
Ending balance	30,568.38

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	July 2021	July 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	3,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	5,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,312.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	10,062.50

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
7/31			7
8/7	10	4	30
8/14	8	7	26
8/21	9		34
8/28	7	5	29

Worship	2021	2022	Tithes
7/31	6(M)	125	6,473.00
8/7	87	95	2,695.00
8/14	100	107	5,10.00
8/21	81	82	1,652.00
8/28	81	102	4,573.00

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

9/4 Count the Cost
9/11 Lost and Found
9/18 Fresh Start
9/25 Take This Personally

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

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

Christian Living

September Wedding Anniversaries:

Steve & Janet Bertsch (587) 9/1 Vince & Wendy DeFabis (35)
9/5 Don & Lynn Dombroski (45) 9/13 Jim & Becky Lanning
(48) 9/14 Jennifer & Adam Musgrove (6) 9/17 Mark & Marilyn
Lawler (36) 9/27

September Birthdays:

Distler, Albi	9/2	Inman, Linda	9/19
Barnes, Pat	9/2	Boesenberg, Don	9/21
Crouch, Gaby	9/4	Distler, Allen	9/21
Yeater, Jayme	9/4	Chaudhary, Alex	9/21
Hartley, Bryan	9/6	Roemer, Jim	9/22
Herbst, Bob	9/9	Slemons, Sherry	9/25
McClure, Cathy	9/11	McNally, Mary	9/26
Waltz II, Gene	9/11	Beam-Garland Dianne	9/29
Mihu, Kaitlin	9/13		
Stephenson, Gini	9/14		
Coffey, Jessica	9/16		
Herbst, Abigail	9/18		
Reinke, Stacy	9/18		
Johnson, Georgianne	9/18		

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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

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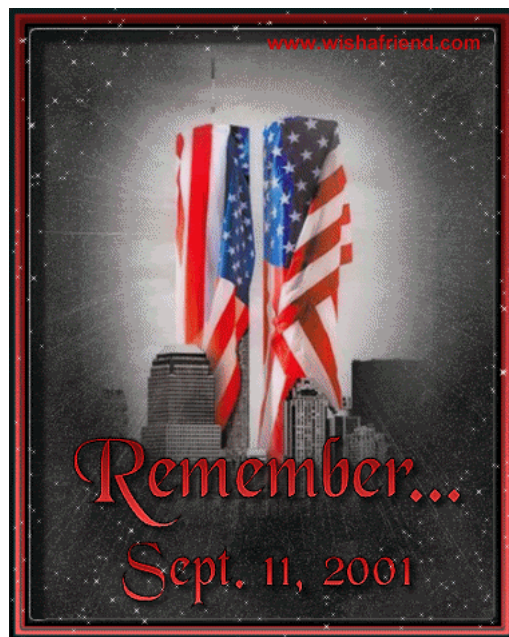
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Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker...until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

Thank God that GOD is said and spelled the same in any language.



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