

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

October 2022



**Quilting** - Because of the planned retreat to Camp Lakeview and the Lutheran World Relief pick up in October we will meet for the last time for 2022 on **November 12 (9 am - noon)**. We were able to send by truck on October 15 from surrounding churches and organizations brought to the church. We meet in the Fellowship Hall after the New Year 2023, hope to see you there.

## Mite boxes being collected

for the whole month of October. Feel free to bring them in and collect another box to start saving for our January gathering.

Large Grant #1 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

Delegates at the 2022 LWML Convention in Fort Wayne awarded 15 grants out of 22 applicants for a total of \$130,000. In the coming months, we'll highlight one each month based on the votes they received.

## Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op – Fort Wayne, IN – \$10,000

Individuals from around the country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States and to work worldwide. When these students leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds they had before but continue to have the exact financial needs. Spouses in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne. Still, most are marginalized because the employers know

they will only be here for a short time, throwing families in difficult financial positions.

The seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations, and organizations.

The \$10,000 will allow the Co-op to purchase perishable items for the seminary student families for the 2022-2024 biennium.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #14 (Lexington Convention)

## Caring For and Sharing Christ with Hurting People – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis – \$100,000

Deaconesses are professional church workers trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. Equipped with God's Word, deaconesses share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who have not yet heard it. In reaching out to those in need, deaconesses continually point them toward the cross.

Deaconesses may serve in the parish, in institutions, or in the mission field. Their specific ministries change depending on their call, but all deaconesses reach out and care for others as they share the love of Christ. They lovingly and selflessly provide much-needed care and works of mercy to people who are suffering and often marginalized. These include people who are sick, homeless, disabled, malnourished, homebound or hospitalized, enduring grief or loss, in hospice care, or living in nursing homes or convalescent homes. They also may serve those who are mentally ill, troubled youth, teen mothers, children of divorce, and those suffering from neglect or domestic violence.

The deaconess certificate is awarded to women in various ways. Some women complete the three-year residential program at Concordia Seminary or the dual degree program while also studying at St. Louis University. Some women receive their training and certification by participating in a four-year distance course study through Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) or Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). Starting in the spring of 2021, women can become certified as they study four years in their home area through the online deaconess studies program.

Deaconesses serving in a parish may visit shut-ins or make hospital calls. They may manage the Sunday School program, lead women's Bible studies, and work with the youth. Regardless of how they serve, they listen and grow to understand the needs of those they serve.

Some deaconesses may serve as a hospital chaplain or work in an institution that is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. They may serve as counselors at a center for troubled youth or minister to unwed mothers who learn to care for their child.

Deaconesses, who are recent immigrants to the United States, use their languages skills and understanding of different cultures to help people assimilate into this country. They understand the struggles immigrants are facing and keep pointing them to the loving arms of Christ.

The money from this grant will help fund scholarships for the training of women to become certified deaconesses. It will also cover some of the costs of managing the deaconess training program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

For more information go to [lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/deaconess-ministry](https://lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/deaconess-ministry).



*Jennifer Wientge is a 2020 Residential Deaconess Studies Program graduate currently serving as a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs chaplain resident in St. Louis.*



**Concordia  
Lutheran  
Preschool**

The first few months of Preschool are exciting. I love interacting with the kids and getting to hear fun stories about them. October is fun because the children dress up and have their fall party. They also trick or treat around church. If anyone is interested in passing out treats to either our morning or afternoon class, please come to church on October 27th at 9am and 12:45pm or leave treats at church so that we can share them with the children. If bringing treats, please bring store bought items. There are 12 kids in our morning class and 8 in our afternoon so 20 total. We'd love to have members of our congregation interacting with our children!

One of my favorite things about Preschool age children is their creativity and thought process. One of my favorite stories lately has to do with pick up times. Our morning class, the 3 year olds leave earlier than the 4 year olds so the older kids have more time to work on kindergarten readiness. Usually, the 3 year olds are picked up at the playground gate and our older friends say "bye." One day, Mrs. Thetford's dad came to help with something at Preschool and one boy was saying "bye" to Mrs. Thetford. She asked if he was going anywhere. He responded, "No, but you are. Your dad is here!"

As much as our students love Preschool and special times like the upcoming trick or treating; they love when their parents come back for them. There are many smiles and hugs! One day, Jesus will come back for us and all believers. That day, we will be with our Heavenly Father. There will be much joy and happiness. Our Preschoolers trust someone special will come when it's time to get them. We can learn from them, and trust that Our Savior will come for us one day. Thanks be to God that He is always trustworthy and true!



**Sarah Shadday  
Director,  
Preschool  
Director of  
Christian  
Education**



## From your Pastor

### On Stewardship

Stewardship is an easy topic to avoid addressing too deeply at church. It can feel like a more polite term to talk about a “dirty” topic: money.

Everyone would agree that churches should not be too focussed on money. Often we remind ourselves that we’re not a business, and we rely on volunteers, and we’ll trust in God to get us by.

This all is said until money becomes a problem. When there is not enough, we’re suddenly very motivated to talk about money, motivated by fear. Nothing good will happen when the Church is motivated by fear.

Thanks be to God, Concordia is *not* having money problems. In fact, we’ve received many generous donations lately.

Now is the perfect time to talk about money. Not as a dirty topic. Not out of fear. But out of opportunity. There is a time to give thanks for generous gifts, but giving thanks is not all that God desires from us. He desires and has given us duties to tend to here on earth. There is a time to give thanks to God for he what has blessed us with, but there is more for us to do: roll up our sleeves and get to work!

To be clear, Concordia is founded on the sure foundation of Christ. But God works through his people to provide for his people. We have work to do here on earth. That’s what stewardship is all about.

I was deeply moved by a speaker I heard this summer at one of my conferences. This pastor argued that our primary vocation, and every vocation, as Christians is that of being stewards. Adam and Eve were stewards over all creation. Spouses are stewards to each other. Parents are stewards to their children. Children too at times are stewards for their parents and households. All forms of employment is stewardship, assuming it is not

purely for personal gain and offers a good service to our communities.

In all these things, we are putting to work what God gave us. All of our skills, our time, our focus and effort. We put our hearts into what God has given us to do. And that includes our giving back.

There is no law for how much we give to God. Often we use the Old Testament as a guide, specifically the tithe of 10%, the first fruits being offered to God before we take any for ourselves. This was a law for the Old Testament Saints to remind them *everything* truly comes as a blessing from God.

For us today it is not a law. As a pastor, I do recommend it is a good guide. But God desires a cheerful giver, not one who gives out of guilt or being enticed. I encourage all Christians to be responsible over their finances, acknowledge and repent of selfish motives with our money (our selfish nature will never have enough!), and then genuinely consider what we can share with others, including our congregation. It is a good practice to have a set amount we set apart to give back to God first. It may not be 10%, and it’s not required to be 10%. We are all in different situations financially. Genuinely consider what you have, try setting a goal of some amount to give back to God first, and then give with love freely towards God, free from any guilt.

Thankfully we have more to give than money. We do use much volunteer work, both in effort, but also in planning and leading. One of my goals with our leadership is to plan how we can be better at delegating work to people who wish to give their time and talents. Sometimes we’re not good at asking for help - I personally struggle much with this!

It is good for our congregation to be a place where members can come do their part. We don’t need a few superheroes, we ought to be a community spreading the work around. It’s good when we all collectively roll up our sleeves in cooperation: some in detailed planning, some in physical toil, some in cleaning and beautifying, others in reaching out and contacting the lonely, and *all* of us in prayer!

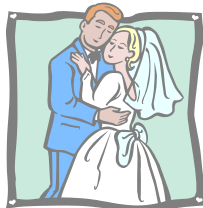
To be a Christian is to be a Steward. We are only what God has made us and given us. We’re never done, there’s always more work. Let us be glad to work in God’s vine-



yard, whether we are one who started early in the morning, or if we greet those who come along later to lend a helping hand. None of it is truly our work anyway.

At the end of our lives of stewardship labor, we can look forward to the rest Jesus offers us. A time will come when our long weary race is done, and our Lord Jesus will place on our heads the Crown of Eternal Life. We'll relax at his great wedding banquet, where our work will be forever done. We will feast forever in the presence of our God, the Lamb who was Slain and yet reigns, having conquered sin and death for us forever.

In Christ  
Pastor Gaschler



**Congratulations** to Joshua Horn and Jamie Newcomer who were married Saturday, Sept. 10th at Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana. Josh is the son of Becky and Kevin Horn of Concordia.

God's blessings on their new life together as husband and wife.

## Pastor appreciation

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32).

Encourage your pastor and called workers by assuring them of your prayers and love.

## Building God's kingdom

On Reformation Sunday, as we think about Martin Luther, the 16th-century reformer of the church, we rejoice that God raises men and women in every era to lead movements which serve the kingdom of God. According to Luther, "Faith is a living, caring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

It was faith that helped Luther become such a daring and courageous leader. Columnist Walter Lippmann once wrote: "The final test of a leader is that he leave behind him, in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on."

God calls men and women out of the world to learn the meaning of commitment, love and service. God then sends these people back into the world to put their commitment, love and service to work. That's how the kingdom of God is spread and how God's church remains alive and healthy.

## The breaking of bread

The pastor began his "Time for Children" with a statement and a question. "I did something yesterday which I have not done in a long time. What do you think I did?"

"Paid your bill," answered a 10-year old boy.

After the congregation's laughter subsided, the pastor said, "No, I played baseball." Then he went on to say that he couldn't see the ball well without his glasses. He compared his inability to see with the inability of two of Christ's followers to see that the person who joined them on their walk to Emmaus was really the risen Christ. They only truly recognized the risen Lord when "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). Christ was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread. We, too, may sense the presence of the living Christ as we take Holy Communion.

Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

## INTERCESSION and PRAYER.

### **Concordia Members**

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Dianne Bean-Garland
- Phyllis Infante

### **Friends of Concordia**

- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Patrick Marot 8/28/22
- Dick & Kathy Marot 8/26/22
- Sid Dyer 8/22/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Anthony Joel Rubio 8/18/22
- Michael DuLuga 7/20/22
- 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
- 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

### **Battling Cancer / MS**

- Amanda Gurvitz 9/4/2022
- Melissa Liechty 8/21/22
- 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
- Konny Hannemann, 4094 Primrose Path, Greenwood IN 46142
- 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

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:

- **Konny Hannemann** and family on the passing of his wife, **Erika**, age 85, on 8/25/22. (4094 Primrose Path, Greenwood IN 46142)
- **Cathy McClure family** on her passing on 9/10/2022, age 81, of Greenwood IN. Interment was held in Madison IN. (Sandy Noel & Gordon McClure Jr, 11904 Log Cabin Lane, Anchorage KY 40223)

# Treasurer's Report

August 2022

Income Description	Aug 2021 4 Sundays	Aug 2022 4 Sundays	Total To date (35) Sun
Unified Budget	18,301.00	16,765.00	184,606.71
Memorials (Non-designated)			130.00
Memorials (Designated)		205.00	205.00
Designated Gifts *	1,698.33	558.50	17,201.23
Reimbursements & Refunds **			1,726.47
Rents & Wedding Fees	250.00	120.00	610.00
Miscellaneous ***		2,060.76	215,598.69
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>20,249.33</b>	<b>19,709.26</b>	<b>420,078.10</b>
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 3,660.20	\$ 4,191.25	\$ 5,274.48
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

\* Building Fund \$ 240, Fellowship 15 \$ 34, Internet Access \$ 68.17, Kitchen Table Bible Study book \$ 52, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 40.29, Southside Times \$15, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$89.04.  
\*\*\* Misc. - DCE maternity leave insurance \$2,060.76.

Expenses Boards	Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7276.83	8,175.73	66,125.75
Congregational Worship	982.06	909.24	6,819.50
Missions and Outreach	700.00	687.50	8,655.00
Christian Education	6249.58	6,283.54	51,483.40
Stewardship			475.27
Operations	10,126.78	6,017.70	95,016.60
Small Group Ministries		159.00	330.46
Christian Living	261.00	116.40	506.40
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>25,596.25</b>	<b>22,349.11</b>	<b>229,412.38</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	646.52	44.39	226,770.89
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>646.52</b>	<b>44.39</b>	<b>226,770.89</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,242.77</b>	<b>22,393.50</b>	<b>456,183.27</b>

\* Non budget Payments:

\*\*Reimbursement expenses: Preschool Federal taxes \$ 34.42, Preschool Indiana taxes \$9.97.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Aug 31, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,070.77
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,040.48
Building Fund	16,158.55
Capital Improvements - \$ 5,737.58 Church sign - \$ 947.58 Church Landscaping - \$ 727.44 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,685.68	9,098.28
Concordia Cares	5,093.64
Inheritance Fund	210,771.13
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,370.97
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>254,603.82</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>86.15</b>

Church checking account balance Aug 2022	
Beginning	30,568.38
Deposits	25,677.26
Payments	22,393.50
Ending balance	33,852.14

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Aug 2021	Aug 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	4,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	6,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,500.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
9/4	8	5	30
9/11	9	6	34
9/18	7	5	20
9/25	6	3	20

Worship	2021	2022	Tithes
9/4	86	101	2,85.00
9/11	95	100	4,669.00
9/18	101	105	14,836.00
9/25	107	83	2,370.00

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

**10/2      You've Got It in You**  
**10/9      Thankfulness, Eh?**  
**10/16     Look at Me**  
**10/23     He Gets Me**  
**10/30     Give Your Brother a Call**

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

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

## Christian Living

### October Wedding Anniversaries:

Allen & Albi Distler (68) 10/5 Dave & Lorna Warren (43) 10/6  
Kevin & Becky Horn (46) 10/9 Dean & Tammy Owen (24)  
10/10 Chris & Beth Forster (19) 10/11 Larry & Deb Brooks (9)  
10/12 Mike & Jeri Pardieck (48) 10/13 Philip & Sharon Ca-  
ruana (50) 10/14 Dave & Vicki Wilson (45) 10/15

### October Birthdays:

Brooks, Abigail	10/1	Santiago Salazar, Aria	10/17
Brooks, Kaylee	10/1	Finger, Anne	10/23
Markel III, Bruce	10/1	Marot, Michael	10/24
Larson, Janet	10/4	Tinsley, Margaret	10/27
Guinn, Luke	10/4	Olmos, Adriana	10/31
Monroe, Carol	10/5	Marot, Caroline	10/31
Thetford, Tyler	10/5		
Turner, Caroline	10/7		
Barkes, Linda	10/11		
Yeater, Julia	10/11		
Gaschler, Kati	10/11		
Mihu, Rose	10/17		
Everson, Ray	10/17		

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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*

Office hours Mon. - Thur. 9am-3pm

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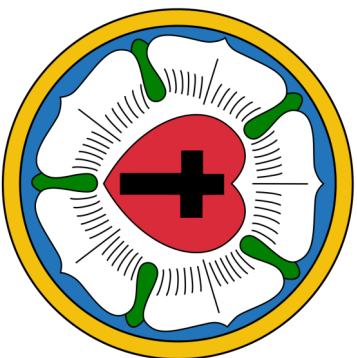
Diana Sullivan

### Financial Secretary

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*Sola Gratia*

Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*

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*Sola Scriptura*

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