

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

January 2023



For  
all of  
you

and your generous gifts this past year, be it the food pantry donations of 1,406 items. LWR - quilts, kits, shipping and working hands. All of the other missions that are supported such as Tusla, our seminarians and their families. Skills and labor used all over the church facilities including the Preschool building. Especially we give thanks for those who pray, send out cards, send a smile someone's way when it was needed, that unexpected hug we didn't know we needed. Thank you for being family for those who don't have close family at hand.

Continue to reach out in this new year showing your thanks for the grace that has been given to us freely by our Lord, no strings attached.



**Quilting** - We are starting a new year to prepare for the next LWR shipment so we need to get busy. If you can sew together tops at home it will help us get a good start. If you would like to come to the church and sew we have two machines and bags of kits to put together. Don't sew?, then come and tie knots in the quilts we have ready, see you Jan.14th at 9am weather permitting.

Spring cleaning might be a bit early, but if you have flat bed sheets that are gently used, we can use more of them to use as backing for the quilt tops. You may bring to the church office and we will get them where they will be used.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #17 (Lexington Convention)

## Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru – La Mision Luterana del Peru – \$56,750

Castillo Fuerte (Mighty Fortress) Mercy House is an outreach of the LCMS Missions in Latin America and the Caribbean and was started in 2013. Lima's people cannot fully finance the work of the Mercy House and the work of our missionaries, who feed the souls with the Word of God and show the love of Christ by feeding the parents and children's stomachs. Families come to receive food for their physical bodies, and they stay because of Jesus' love for them as He feeds them the spiritual food which sustains their souls. The healing power of Christ's love and redemption shines into the broken lives of the families, making them whole. This grant would partner with La Mision Luterana and Castillo Fuerte to work together to care for the children and families of Lima, Peru, by providing for the needs of the body and soul.



*Children receive a healthy, well-balanced, hot meal at the Mercy House daily. For some of these children, this is the only meal they will have all day. After this nourishing meal for the body, they gather to hear the Word and have their souls fed.*

*Children head home alone through the streets of Lima, the capital city of Peru. In this city of over 10 million people, children often find themselves alone while parents work 12-hour days to provide enough money to keep the family fed and out of poverty. Children are left*



*to look out for each other against the dangers of the city: the dark streets, thieves, gangs, drugs, and predators of all types. Castillo Fuerte serves these vulnerable children by providing a safe space away from these dangers while caring for both body and soul.*

Large Grant #4 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

### **Lutheran Braille Workers – \$10,000**

The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to people who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world for free.

Almost 241 million people worldwide are blind or visually impaired and unchurched (equivalent to the 5th most-populated country in the world). Yet, LBW is the *only* Lutheran organization that intentionally serves this population in the United States and across all continents. LBW is the world's largest nonprofit producer of Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Christian materials.

LBW has over 3,000 volunteers throughout 115 Ministry Production Centers and 50 Ministry Outreach Centers in the United States dedicated to sharing the Gospel with people who are blind or visually impaired and assisting in the production of over 200,000 volumes of material annually.

LBW has six Ministry Production Centers in Indiana, producing thousands of volumes of Braille and Specialized Large Print Christian materials. Hundreds of thousands of people know the true Light of Jesus in their lives through these materials.

This \$10,000 grant will fund the production of over 2,000 Braille, Specialized Large Print or Audio volumes.

## Director Christian Education

Dear Members:

The youth had their Christmas Party early in December. They were sly enough to get me off topic during the Bible Study, but it's something I enjoy talking about because it doesn't come up often. In 2011, I went on an archeological dig in Hippos (Sussita), Israel. It was with Mark Schuler at Concordia St. Paul and part of the Northeast Insula Project. This city was destroyed by an earthquake. However, there is some archeological evidence that this could be the "city on the hill" Jesus referred to and the place where Jesus sent the demons into the pigs.

The kibbutz (communal farm) we stayed at was on the Sea of Galilee. On dig days, we would load the bus while it was dark and ride part way to the dig site and walk the rest of the way. There was an Israeli team (University of Haifa) and American team the year I was there. To get to the dig site, we actually crossed into Syria and came back to Israel.



It was fun learning how an archeological dig worked with my five-person team. It was also surprising

to find out that sometimes we got to throw rocks off the side of the cliff. Whenever that happened, our team would gather to the side to see where it would go/what it would do. It was usually large chunks of basalt or limestone. The basalt was cool because it would make the loudest noises and sometimes take things with it. The limestone was cool because if it would hit something, it would explode into other rocks. The farmers called dig season, "Bowling for Bovines."

It's really fun the first few days digging because the dig sites always find "pottery." It's fun to put in the bucket and frustrating when the veteran diggers would

tell you to, "Get it out, it's not big enough." It's your first day of finding things and the biggest pottery you've found so it makes no sense. Once you left the dig site and have lunch though, it makes sense as all the teams scrub through BUCKETS of pottery. Every single piece has to be washed and categorized. That's why the pros only want large pieces or pieces with something interesting (part of a curve, a ridge, or part of a lip).

It's also interesting to note your dig has to stop if anything really interesting is found like a LARGE piece of pottery, multiple bones (that don't look like small animal bones), coins, finding floor to your building, etc. My dig site found an in situ (in place) lintel and we took a break as they did all the categorization and surveying for it.

I could go on about the field trips we got to take in the evenings or even the process or things we found. However, there are people who have put together whole websites on the site itself, so if you're interested, check out the following:

[This website](#) has a picture of a well or fountain. My dig site was right next to the it. From what I understand they found this fountain/garden the prior year as they started working toward the edge of the cliff.

[This is the main website for the excavation project.](#) Under [Main Excavation Areas](#), if you look at the Northeast Church, that's over by where my site was.

Sarah Shadday  
Director of Christian Education

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**Indy Fuel Game** January 22 at 3pm. All are welcome to join our church and others at the game. Tickets are \$20 per person and there is a chance to skate with the team after the game. Tickets are available through this link: <https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/group/ConcordiaLutheran/>

**Calendar** - You can find a new online & updated calendar on our website. Our staff is committed to keeping this updated regarding events, times, and any changes. For those using Google Calendar, there is an option on the website to add this calendar to your personal calendar.



From  
your  
Pastor

Dear Saints,

I spent much of December preaching that we should not jump to Christmas early and ignore the waiting season of Advent. It may seem like we're deemphasizing Christmas entirely.

But that's not the case! In the church we just shift back our Christmas Celebrations to their proper place. The secular world starts celebrating Christmas so early that by December 26th, we're already thinking forward to something like Valentine's day. But in the church, December 25th is just the beginning of our Christmas Celebrations. The 12 days of Christmas, which we know so well from the song, are the days following Christmas Day.

These days build up to our Christian Holy Day of Epiphany on January 6th, when it's traditionally understood that the wisemen came to see Jesus and bore their precious gifts. Epiphany means "revealing", referring to the revealing of this baby boy being our God in the flesh. To have gentiles like the magi coming to see Jesus was a revelation that he is the savior and king for all people, not just Jews.

We'll continue our Christmas Celebration with an Epiphany Worship service on Friday, January 6th at 6:30 PM, and will have an informal celebration reception afterward. A great way to reclaim the Christian side of Christmas is to re-emphasize our traditional church holy days that have fallen out of favor.

In Christ,  
Pastor Paul Gaschler



Concordia  
Lutheran  
Preschool

We loved having so many members of our congregation support our Preschoolers for our combined service and program. I personally LOVED seeing a full church and Fellowship Hall. I also enjoyed hearing so many members of our congregation say how much they enjoyed the service. It was different from our normal Advent services, but I loved how many people heard the Bible readings and about Jesus's birth. Our Preschool staff would especially

like to thank  
Sue  
Ranbarger  
for playing  
the piano for us during the  
service.

For those who could  
not make the service here  
are a few pictures to share.

Sarah Shaddy  
Director of Christian  
Education



Go tell it on the mountain was a great hit.



Selah, Hannah, Gigi



Dressed and ready to go and tell the story of Christ



## INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

### Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Tommy Ragsdale
- Craig Smith
- Dianne Bean-Garland
- Phyllis Infante

### Friends of Concordia

- Rita Radman (niece Pat Barnes)
- family members and Konny Hanneman; Sandy Risner 11/13/22, Hazel, Levi, Joshua & Savannah Bragdon 11/13/22, Marianne & Charles Huckleberry 12/21/21 Sylvia, Steve & Nicole Perrish 12/21/21
- Faith Hill 10/30/22
- Dennis & Shara Toole 10/10/22
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- 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
- 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

- Marcia Covert 11/13/22
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- Amanda Gurvitz 9/4/2022
- Donald & David Buuck 9/27/21
- Janine Orr 8/16/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Angela Martin 9/8/17

### 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, 6818 Cadwell Circle, Indianapolis IN 46237
- Duane Krall, Demaree Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care, #12, 1255 Demaree Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143

Non-member shut-ins being visited & communed:

- Gail Reinke 8517 Ridge Hill Dr., Indianapolis IN 46217
- Laura McLean 183 Smock Dr. #210 N, Greenwood, IN 46143

### Please pray for our Military Servicemen & women.

**Erica Stephenson**, Army, National Guard 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:

- **Anne Guthrie and family** at the passing of her brother **Philip Davis** on 12/15/22. (2240 S Morgantown Rd., Greenwood IN 46143)

### Calendar changes

We have a new look to our calendar. It uses the same set up as our on line up dating system on the churches site at Concordia-lcms.com (click on the calendar tab to access). The office staff will continually update the on line calendar when changes occur so that you are kept up to speed on the activities here at Concordia.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to this new way of getting the calendar to you.

# Treasurer's Report

November 2022

Income Description	Nov 2021 4 Sundays	Nov 2022 4 Sundays	Total To date (48) Sun
Unified Budget	26,001.91	27,696.71	260,182.42
Memorials (Non-designated)		20.00	150.00
Memorials (Designated)			1,804.00
Designated Gifts *	674.74	1,302.53	19,929.77
Reimbursements & Refunds **	849.73	340.82	2,830.83
Rents & Wedding Fees	215.00	170.00	855.00
Miscellaneous ***		759.23	216,466.38
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27,741.38</b>	<b>30,289.29</b>	<b>502,218.40</b>
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 6,500.48	\$ 6,924.18	\$ 5,420.47
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,476.00	

\* Altar Flowers \$ 425, Anniversary Dinner offering (Tuzla) \$302, Building Fund \$ 140, Concordia Cares \$33, CPR training \$ 100, Fellowship 15 \$ 13, Internet Access \$ 68.17, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 34.15, Southside Times \$ 10, Tuzla Mission \$ 20, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Worship Anew \$ 50, Youth Group \$ 87.21.

\*\* Reimbursements & Refunds  
Preschool Federal and State taxes \$ 340.82.

\*\*\* Miscellaneous: DCE Maternity Leave Insurance \$759.23

Expenses Boards	Nov 2021	Nov 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,477.47	7,879.81	90,000.10
Congregational Worship	1,182.80	713.93	8,690.15
Missions and Outreach	697.50	687.50	10,717.50
Christian Education	6,114.69	6,841.80	72,512.04
Stewardship	160.66	178.73	750.15
Operations	9,80.30	9,507.55	124,228.26
Small Group Ministries	199.10		962.46
Christian Living		147.24	1,195.92
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>25,112.52</b>	<b>25,956.56</b>	<b>309,056.58</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	263.55	340.82	228,086.36
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>263.55</b>	<b>340.82</b>	228,086.36
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>25,376.07</b>	<b>26,297.38</b>	<b>537,142.94</b>

\* Non budget Payments:

\*\*Reimbursement expenses: Preschool Federal taxes \$ 261.64, Preschool Indiana taxes \$ 79.18 .

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Nov 30, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,075.84
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,049.26
Building Fund	16,178.70
Capital Improvements - \$ 6,495.28 Church sign - \$ 948.75 Church Landscaping - \$ 728.34 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,687.75	9,860.12
Concordia Cares	5,099.98
Inheritance Fund	211,033.98
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,373.93
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>255,671.81</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>105.03</b>

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Nov 2021	Nov 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	5,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	8,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	2,062.50
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>15,812.50</b>

Worship	2021	2022	Tithes
11/23	32	31	430.00
11/27s	93	99	16,790.41
11/30	39	45	155.00
12/4s	94	93	19,761.00
12/7	39	41	255.00
12/11s	110	100	7,164.00
12/15	27	106	145.00
12/18s	93	104	15,904.62
12/24	166	107	1,400.00
12/25s	27	34	8,570.00

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
11/27	6	6	37
12/4	9	5	30
12/11	10	5	34
12/18			
12/25			

Church checking account balance Nov 2022	
Beginning	31,040.86
Deposits	28,519.88
Payments	26,297.38
Ending balance	33,263.36

## 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

**1/1 Out of Egypt**  
**1/8 Gifted**  
**1/15 Gifts to Share**  
**1/22 Whatever You Do**  
**1/29 Hopelessly Hopeful**

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

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

## Christian Living

**January Wedding Anniversaries:** Jake & Erin Gates (5) 1/12  
 Bruce & Pennie Markel (5) 1/12 Connie & Richard Howrey  
 (13) 1/22 Mike & Adele Tinsley (41) 1/23 Jim & Doris Roe-  
 mer (65) 1/25

<b>January Birthdays:</b>			
Guinn, Tracy	1/4	Bass, Chandler	1/15
Bruhn, Bob	1/4	Reed, Shawn	1/16
McCloud, Tiffany	1/5	Thetford, Lori	1/16
Tinsley, Mike	1/6	Thetford, Jared	1/22
Gaschler, Paul Rev.	1/7	Ackerman, Deborah	1/24
Dempsey, Matt	1/8	Whitrock, Cliff	1/24
Krall, Norma	1/9	Moyers, Tony	1/25
Turner, Laura	1/11	Neumann, Miriam	1/25
Bass, Emma	1/12	Moyers, Regina	1/27
Kearns, Heidi	1/13	Moreth, Wrigley	1/29
		Ragsdale, Tommy	1/30

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

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes**  
 10:30 a.m.

**Monday Worship Service**  
 6:30 p.m.



**Pastor**  
*Rev. Paul R. G. Gaschler*

**Staff**  
**Sarah Shadday**—*Director Christian Education*  
**Erica Stephenson** - *Deaconess*  
**Sarah Shadday**,—*Preschool Director*  
**Becky Lanning**—*Office Manager*

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Wise men of old followed not only the Christ's star but followed Him by keeping Jesus in their sight. Be like them by keeping in his word, by believing in him and following his example of how we should live our lives for him and because of him. Let us be thankful always for the many blessings that we receive daily through His grace.

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