

THE Concordia Messenger



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

February 2023



Quilting - We have started 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 **February 11 at 9am** weather permitting.



2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #18 (Lexington Convention)

“Ends of Earth” Scholarships — Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries — \$50,000

MOST Ministries is receiving more requests from LCMS missionaries and national church leaders to provide teams to go to the "ends of the earth" places such as Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, Thailand, Peru, and Sri Lanka to work side-by-side with missionaries, sharing the Gospel. The travel cost (up to \$5,050) of the short-term mission trips to these distant places has become prohibitive and has made it challenging for willing people to join a team. Currently, team members are personally responsible for their total per-person cost. They use personal funds and are encouraged to reach out to members of the body of Christ to participate in the mission with encouragement, prayers, and financial support. This grant would offer financial support to cover up to one-half the cost of each participant, not to exceed \$2,000.

MOST Ministries Eyeglass team to Ethiopia was especially important; the students served were deaf, so seeing is also “hearing.”



After receiving sunglasses to protect their eyes, Muzi Khumalo shares the gospel message through finger puppets with some of the children the MOST Ministries team met while in South Africa serving on an Eyeglass team.



Large Grant #5 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

Cross Connections Counseling — \$10,000

Cross Connections Counseling, located in Fort Wayne, plans to use these funds to offer training and eventually free Biblical Counseling for all active military, firefighters, medical personnel, police, teachers, and their families.

Ash Wednesday supper planned

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Lutheran Women of Concordia (LWCC) need the help of other women to provide a supper between the two services held at 4 pm and 6:30pm. Watch for an email from "womenofconcordia@groups.io" asking for your help. If you are not a member of this e-mail group, don't hesitate to contact Ruth Everson (rudysfirst@aol.com) to let her know how you would like to help. In addition to casseroles, side dishes, and desserts, we need help setting up and cleaning up.

Mission and Outreach

Thank you to all of you for your generous support of all the projects we had last year.

We will be continuing to support the local food bank in Greenwood, and The Tuzla Ministries, (Penny's from heaven).

If anyone is interested in supporting The Sharing Place, a food pantry that is part of Lutheran Child and Family Services, you can contact them at lutheranfami-ly.org. They are looking for volunteers.

Thank you also, for those who have been volunteering to bring food items for Fellowship 15. There is a sign up sheet in the entry way, if you would like to help.

Once again thank you for your service.
Board of Mission and Outreach members

FREE movies for Seniors

February 9th the Artcraft Theater in Franklin will be presenting - *Funny Face* with Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire at 1:30 pm.

Tickets will ONLY be distributed at the Theatre beginning when doors open at 12:30pm, Feb 9 for Seniors over 55.

Free small popcorn and beverage courtesy of Franciscan Health Senior Promise.



From
your
Pastor

Dear Saints,

As a musician, I grew up with a fondness for the music of our Christian hymnody. In the pews I often heard 4 part singing from my mom and older siblings. My dad is tone deaf, but he always would still softly join in.

One of my earliest church memories is humming along to the refrain of *I Come O Savior To Thy Table*. I couldn't read and didn't know what the words meant, but melody alone gave me a sense that something sacred was happening as I watched others go up to Holy Communion.

Now as a young pastor I'm moved more by the text. As I search each week for the best words to preach, I find myself humbled by many of our hymn texts. Hymns have the challenge of limited words and typically some kind of rhyme scheme. But it's their conciseness and memorable rhymes that make them so powerful.

As we begin Lent at the end of this month, I'll have our midweek services be inspired by the hymn text *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*. I always enjoyed the tune growing up, and the visual language of walking was easy to understand even as a child. But now as a pastor, I appreciate even more how much the words have to teach us about our daily living as Christians.

The hymn has 4 stanzas, encouraging us to imitate Jesus. Our readings each midweek will center around an aspect of our walk with him.

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading,

Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3. Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4. Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Gaschler

Director Christian Education

Dear Members:



A rare treat for our family is going to or ordering food from a restaurant. My oldest child especially loves this treat. I don't blame her. I enjoy not needing to plan out dinner, cook, and doing after dinner

dishes. It's sometimes nice to have a break.

Something I love about the season of Lent is our Lenten dinners. The food is always great, I usually don't have to make it, and we get to see church friends at dinner! I

love that Concordia provides this. It takes away one barrier for us going to the Lenten services those nights.

I also love that we are able to attend a Lenten service after the meal. It helps our family focus on our Savior's suffering and helps us prepare for the extreme joy of the Easter season. We hope we'll see lots of our church friends this Lenten season, both at the meals and the worship services!

Sarah Shadday
Director of Christian Education



Concordia's Board of Education met to discuss our 2023-2024 Preschool year. In our informal survey, we saw most families prefer morning classes. There was also an emphasis from our board that PreK students need to attend school some consecutive days to prepare for Kindergarten where they would likely attend school five consecutive days. Keeping these thoughts in mind, our Board decided on the following 2023-2024 schedule.

Schedule

3's Tuesday and Friday 9am-11:30am
Start date Friday, August 18
Should be 3 years old by August 1, 2023

PreK Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am-noon
Start date Wednesday, August 16
Should be 4 or older by August 1, 2023

Tuition

3's \$125 per month (9 months of payments)
PreK \$175 per month (9 months of payments)

Other Fees

\$100 nonrefundable registration fee

Early registration for our church members and returning families opens **February 1st**. Registration opens to the public March 1st.

INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

- Donna Cummings

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Jim Roemer
- 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, 6530 Capricorn Dr., Apt 2702, 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

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:

- **Family and friends of Laura McClain on 1/1/23.**
- **Pastor Gaschler and family**

at the passing of his grandmother, **Joyce Hoffman** of Nebraska. (5062 N Graham Rd., Whiteland IN 46184)

Treasurer's Report

December 2022

Income Description	Dec 2021 4 Sundays	Dec 2022 4 Sundays	Total To date (52) Sun
Unified Budget	35,974.95	55,460.07	315,642.49
Memorials (Non-designated)			150.00
Memorials (Designated)			1,804.00
Designated Gifts *	6,070.54	3,500.34	23,430.11
Reimbursements & Refunds **	285.86	400.60	3,231.43
Rents & Wedding Fees	75.00	75.00	930.00
Miscellaneous ***		2,503.11	218,969.49
TOTAL INCOME	42,406.35	61,939.12	564,157.52
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 8,993.74</i>	<i>\$ 13,850.02</i>	<i>\$ 6,070.05</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,630.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,476.00</i>	

Expenses Boards	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,512.10	7,906.58	97,906.68
Congregational Worship	1,183.96	929.92	9,620.07
Missions and Outreach	697.50	687.50	11,405.00
Christian Education	6,513.28	6,441.50	78,953.54
Stewardship			750.15
Operations	12,412.86	10,364.69	134,592.95
Small Group Ministries	168.58		962.46
Christian Living	765.00	195.00	1,390.92
Unified Budget Total	29,253.28	26,525.19	335,581.77
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	10,759.71	5,639.05	233,725.41
Total Non-Budget Payments	10,759.71	5,639.05	233,725.41
Total payments	40,012.99	32,164.24	569,307.18

* Altar Flowers \$ 100, Building Fund \$ 190, Church Staff Christmas gift \$100, Fellowship 15 \$ 9, Hopeful-Full Living \$ 55.50, Internet Access \$ 68.17, LWCC \$ 10, LWCC Quarterly \$ 7, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 33.67, Paper Folding Machine \$ 2,815, Poinsettias \$ 91, Tuzla Mission \$ 1, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.
 ** Reimbursements & Refunds
 Preschool Federal and State taxes \$ 400.60.
 *** Miscellaneous: Tuzla money not sent \$ 20.11, Church Extension Funds transferred to checking account [pre-school landscaping \$ 735, Concordia Cares \$1,748 = \$2,483.00].

* Non budget Payments:
 **Reimbursement expenses: AbleLight \$30 [formerly Bethesda], Concordia Youth Group \$ 1,756.23, Hope-Full Living \$ 55.50, LCMS World Relief \$ 40, LWCC \$ 138.61, Preschool Federal taxes \$ 307.54, Preschool Indiana taxes \$ 93.06, Tuzla - \$527.11 [\$195.11 Pennies from Heaven, \$30 Tuzla Mission, \$ 302 Anniversary Dinner offering], Restroom remodeling project \$ 500, Staff Christmas Gift \$ 100, Steward Account Reimbursement \$1,941.00 {Building Fund \$1,500, Birthday/Anniversaries \$ 311, Capital/improvements-church landscaping \$130} The Shepherd's Hand \$ 40, We Raise \$ 60, Worship Anew \$ 50.

2022 Donations by Receipt \$ 2,509.32.
 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars designated for Concordia Cares \$ 352.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Dec 31, 2022
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,078.00
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,053.00
Building Fund	16,187.29
Capital Improvements - \$ 6,498.72 Church sign - \$ 949.25 Church Landscaping - \$ 728.73 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,688.65	9,865.35
Concordia Cares	3,354.33
Inheritance Fund	211,146.00
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	1,640.04
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	253,324.01
Interest earned	35.20

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	6,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	9,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	2,250.00
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
1/1	7	4	25
1/8	8	6	35
1/15	9	4	19
1/22	5	6	23
1/29			

Worship	2022	2023	Tithes
12/31			380.00
1/1	69	74	4,743.00
1/8	153	101	4,485.00
1/15	4	97	4,261.00
1/22	0	83	4,040.00
1/29			

Church checking account balance Dec 2022	
Beginning	33,263.36
Deposits	60,303.53
Payments	32,164.24
Ending balance	61,402.65

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

2/5 Your Time to Shine
2/12 Shine Like Stars
2/19 Table Manners
2/26 It Begins with Who I Am

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

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

Christian Living

February Wedding Anniversaries: Rick & Linda Snyder (51)
 2/5 Duane & Norma Krall (45) 2/11 Mike & Kris Bierman (33)
 2/24

February Birthdays:

Sullivan, Rachel	2/2	Lawler, Mark	2/16
Bierman, Daniel	2/3	Barrick Steve	2/16
Bontrager Jr., John	2/3	Herbst, Jill	2/19
Conrad, Diane	2/4	Bruhn, Sharon	2/21
Dombroski, Lynn	2/5	Hartley, Genny	2/22
Moreth, Grace	2/6	Wagener, Hank	2/23
Kearns, Spencer	2/9	Kearns, Logan	2/24
Reinke, Jeff	2/9	Herbst, Rachel	2/27
Williams, Rachel (Wilson)	2/9	Owen, Dean	2/27
Sullivan, Diana	2/10	Snyder, Kevin	2/27
Hassel, Deb	2/10	Hoeltke, Herb	2/28
Ford, Heidi	2/11	Dempsey, Kendra	2/28

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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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Lenten Midweek Services

February 22, Ash Wednesday Worship, 4:00 & 6:30 p

Lenten supper 5:15 pm

March 1, Lent Midweek Service 2, 6:30 p

Lent Midweek suppers all at 5:30 p

March 8, Lent Midweek Service 3, 6:30 p

March 15, Lent Midweek Service 4, 6:30 p

March 22, Lent Midweek Service 5, 6:30 p

March 29, Lent Midweek Service 6, 6:30 p

Holy Week

April 2, Palm Sunday

April 6, Maundy Thursday, Worship with Holy Communion, 6:30 p

April 7, Good Friday Tenebrae, 6:30 p

April 8, Easter Sunday (times to be determined)



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