

THE Concordia Messenger



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

April 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 **May 13 at 9am** weather permitting.

Ladies, Mark your Calendars!

The Spring Social is returning this year on April 30 at 2 p.m., when *Soul Purpose* will entertain us with 50s and 60s music. Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun afternoon of fellowship. Enjoy a bite of dessert, too. To help plan, please sign up on the bulletin board and support *Soul Purpose* with a free-will offering on April 30.

2023 LWML National Convention is this June. 5 ladies from Concordia will be attending. On our bulletin board you will see a long strip of paper called GIFTS FROM THE HEART. Please take one and consider getting some of the items on the list and returning them to the Noah room where we will sort and then take them with us to convention. You will recognize Phil's friends, MOST Ministries and Orphan Grain Train plus a new one, Refuge for Women. Please bring them in before June 9, 2023 - thanks.

Retreat Invitation

Who: LWML members and Ladies IN.
What: Spring Retreat “Springing Forth New”
When: April 14 and 15, 2023
Where: Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN

How: Our Speakers are the Rev. Lewis King and his wife Joy King.

Why: To enliven and encourage our faith

Please join us! You may register online using this link:

[Springing Forth New LWML Spring Retreat](#)

If you want to make a reservation at the Brown County Inn, you may register online at [Brown County Inn Website](#) or call 1-800-772-5249 and use the Promo code 0533 to receive the special room LWML Indiana District rate for our retreat.

West Zone meeting on April 23.

The women of Our Savior Church have invited us to join them on Sunday, April 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The theme for the afternoon is “My Soul Rejoices.” Mission Activities include (1) Marking Bibles, (2) Cards for Phil’s Friends, and (3) Scripture Bookmark Crosses. Bring Dish Soap for the ingathering. The offering will support *Rebecca’s Garden of Hope*, Our Savior’s tutoring mission for young children.

Meet at Concordia at 12:45 to carpool.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #20 (Lexington Convention)

Mission & Outreach to the Least of These – Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community – \$100,000

The original grant request, in part, reads: The purchase of a new and larger van will allow them to bring children to hear the love of Jesus and provide a safe place to learn. The church needs a haven for the congregation and the unchurched to attend worship and Bible study.

A partial grant payment of \$34,000 for the 2021–2023 Mission Grant #20, “Mission and Outreach to the Least of These” at Victory

Lutheran Church, Gwinn, Michigan, was given to the church following their worship service on Sunday, March 20, 2022.

Later, Dee Mattson, president of this congregation, wrote a letter to LWML that shared the following information: After much soul-searching, the congregants decided to disband the congregation. We have received \$34,000 from LWML, and those funds were to cover a much-needed van for our children's program and the replacement of exterior doors. We purchased a 12-passenger van from another church that fit our needs perfectly. By buying their van, they could put a new roof on their church building. God does work in mysterious ways. We were able to almost cover the replacement of the exterior doors with the rest of the money. The LWML has been very good to us over the years, both on the national and district levels. Our children's program has been very successful, reaching many underprivileged children who had never been inside a church or heard the Word of Christ. With the closure of our church, we did not want to abandon our children, so we arranged with a church in Gwinn to supply space in their building to continue our children's program. The van will continue to provide transportation for children. I want to thank the LWML for their support.

The LWML Board of Directors approved the reallocation of the remaining grant funds of \$17,356 as follows:

- \$8,156 was paid to Mission Grant #28 Hmong Outreach to complete the original proposal request of \$78,364. MG #28 was awarded \$70,208 by the convention delegates — the funds available as the last mission grant selected.
- The remaining \$9,200 is being added to the 2023-2025 Mission Grant total.

Large Grant #7 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis, MO – \$10,000

Most seminarians struggle to afford the cost of providing healthy food for themselves, their spouses, and their children because they are stretched financially with considerable education-related expenses. The Seminary's Food Bank makes these students' education more affordable, giving them budget relief by providing healthy

food, personal hygiene products, and household items to them and their family members.

The Food bank's ministry is a blessing that helps seminarians and their families month after month as they answer God's call to prepare for the Holy Ministry and to one day serve congregations.



**Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool**

Preschool needs your help! We still need a lot of cute three year olds to fill our building for fall 2023. Encourage people to set up a tour for our Preschool by texting or calling 314-330-3782.
(3's Tuesday, Friday 9am-11:30am \$125/month)

We also need helpers for THIS YEAR'S 3's celebration at the end of the year. We're planning an ice cream social for families. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, contact Sarah Shadday at Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com or by texting/calling 314-330-3782.

Director Christian Education

Recently, I've been listening to Concordia Chicago's Wind Symphony cds on Youtube. The group records sacred music. One of the songs I played in Wind Symphony was *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*. I had never heard the song before joining Wind Symphony, at least not that I remember. Recently, I was reading the words to this hymn (621). Verse 4 shares: "At His feet the six winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: 'Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!'"

While not explicitly stated in the hymnal, it reminds me of Isaiah 6:1-2. I love that in Isaiah's call, he shares with us a piece of what heaven looks like. Heaven, let alone the entire presence of God is something we can hardly fathom, especially on this side of the sinful world.



Isaiah does share this piece of heaven with us. John shares even more in Revelation. We hear even more in the entire New Testament. It's easy to forget the entirety of God was born in the human flesh.

God took the action to make himself somewhat comprehensible to us. We learn in Exodus 33 that no sinful person can be in the full presence of God, we would die. Even being in the presence of God had an effect on Moses. We learn in verse 34 that after meeting with God, Moses's face shone and the people were afraid. The study Bible explains a mere reflection of God was too much for the people.

Yet, God takes it upon himself to become human, Jesus. He covered himself so much that people were allowed to be in his presence. Peter was able to physically cling to Jesus when Peter began to sink. Thomas was able to touch Jesus after Jesus rose from the dead. We are able to receive our Lord's body and blood in Communion. In the Sanctus, one of the songs before Communion, we get to be like the angels and all those in heaven. We get to cry, "Holy, holy, holy." Heaven AND earth is full of God's glory and we get to experience a foretaste of it at the Communion rail.

Thank God that He came down for us. He took our sins upon himself so He could fulfill God's Law in our place. Our Sacrificial Lamb justified us before God. One day, we will get to be in the full presence of God because of His redemptive work for us. Surely we have much to celebrate this Easter!

Sarah Shadday, DCE



From
your
Pastor

A God of Delegation

Something I have been pondering much the past year is how we can better involve our members in service to the church.

During the worst of Covid, we wanted to decrease how many people were actively ever in the building. Inevitably, a few people were taking care of a lot of things.

But now we want to help encourage the opposite: *a lot of people being able to each help with a few things*. Our leadership has been looking at some new bylaws and board structures, I won't speak much about that at this time. Simply put, we want a system that regularly gives members a chance to volunteer without excessive commitment.

This matter falls less under my work as a pastor and more so under our lay leadership. But it still has theological roots. St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "... all things should be done decently and in order." (1 Corinthians 14:40)

I would argue that our Almighty God is not just a God of order but a God of delegation. Certainly, there is much he does himself, first in creating all things we know out of nothing. And even though sin has come in and brought disorder and corruption, the world we live in still has much order and natural function to it.

More than just natural creation, we God loves working through his servants; he delegates! Genesis 2:15 tells us that God put Adam in the garden to work it and keep it. Eve was made soon after to help in this task.

When God heard his people's cries in Egypt, he did not need help to free them. But he worked through one of their own, Moses. Moses was someone they could relate to; he served as a mediator between them and God. We today may take for granted having a direct mediator in Jesus;

but having no mediator at all could be terrifying before the Almighty God!

There are countless other examples of God working through his servants, we see it with the apostles in the early church, and how they called others to delegate work as well.

Psalm 105 speaks to God's mighty work and deeds. There is plenty that God has done on his own, but the Psalm can't help but speak of what all God has accomplished through his servants. I would encourage you to open up Psalm 105, but I'll also include a hymn text I wrote based on this Psalm.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD, ALL PEOPLE

- 1 Give thanks to God, all people; make known his deeds of grace
Look to the LORD to be your strength,
and always seek his face
Remember his great wonders, his miracles of love
How He worked through his servants to save His chosen ones
- 2 God sent his servant Abraham to father a great race
A nation known, not by their blood, but by their God of grace
This promise came through Isaac, the lone-begotten son
An everlasting covenant for Israel was begun
- 3 God sent his servant Joseph; whose brothers him betrayed
But through this slave in Egypt, all Israel would be saved
God raised him out of prison up to the king's right hand
His wisdom fed the nations when famine struck the land
- 4 God sent his servant Moses, with Aaron at his side
To free his captive people, and demonstrate God's might.
The Pharaoh's mighty river, he made to reek of blood
God buried Pharaoh's chariots beneath the Red Sea Flood

- 5 God sent his servant Jesus, the servant of us all
The Bread of Heaven humbled, who tasted bitter gall
From him flows living water, a river of God's grace
that leads us from the desert to see the Father's face.

Pastor Gaschler

The Answer is Easter

Pastor Rick Warren was often asked how he was able to keep going after his son's death. His frequent reply? "The answer is Easter."

In the Easter sermons Warren preached the following year, he emphasized that Jesus' resurrection is the answer to discouragement, defeat and devastating trails.

"The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus happened over three days," Warren explained. "Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But Easter, that Sunday, was the day of hope and joy and victory.

We will face these three days over and over and over in our lifetime. And when we do, we'll find ourselves asking, as I did, three fundamental questions. Number one, what do I do in my days of pain? Two, how do I get through my days of doubt and confusion? Three, how do I get to the days of joy and victory?

Our answer is Easter!! Jesus has walked the road that we will travel when we follow in his foot steps. In doing so we have the resurrection that Jesus completed for all who call him their Savior, Lord, and King of Kings.



Holy Week

INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Cindy Boesenberg
- Diane Beam-Garland
- Liam & Lucas Moreth
- Tommy Ragsdale

Friends of Concordia

- Jamie Horn 3/17
- Emmanuel McCloud 2/26
- Judy Milles 2/22
- Nancy Hogan 2/1/23
- 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
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Anthony Joel Rubio 8/18/22
- 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
- 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

- Rev. Samuel Ruiz 2/20/23
- Marcia Covert 11/13/22
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- Amanda Gurvitz 9/4/2022
- 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

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)



Do you appreciate receiving communion?

Consider assisting with communion set-up. The time commitment is 45 minutes on Saturday and 15 minutes on Sunday.

One can serve on one's own or with a friend, spouse, teen. Training (mentoring) is available. There is NO heavy lifting. Generally, one volunteers for a month. Subs are available when you need to be out of town.

If you are willing to give it a try, let Pastor, Sarah, or Becky know. Or you can sign up on the serving bulletin board near the double doors.

Treasurer's Report

February 2023

Income Description	Feb 2022 Sundays	Feb 2023 4 Sundays	Total To date (9) Sun
Unified Budget	27,736.50	17,706.00	41,039.00
Memorials (Non-designated)			
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,921.76	1,567.30	2,357.05
Reimbursements & Refunds **	354.11	485.80	784.75
Rents & Wedding Fees	100.00	120.00	123.00
Miscellaneous ***		15.00	25.00
TOTAL INCOME	30,123.37	19,894.10	44,318.80
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 6,934.13	\$ 4,426.50	\$ 4,559.89
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,476.00	\$ 6,570.00	

Expenses Boards	Jan 2022	Jan 2023	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,950.66	8,569.44	14,610.63
Congregational Worship	728.21	760.60	1,500.27
Missions and Outreach	830.00	687.50	1,375.00
Christian Education	6,303.60	6,846.17	12,894.92
Stewardship			114.23
Operations	8,742.24	9,880.17	19,071.31
Small Group Ministries			41.36
Christian Living			570.00
Unified Budget Total	24,554.71	26,743.88	50,177.72
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	422.50	485.80	3,599.75
Total Non-Budget Payments	422.50	485.80	3,599.75
Total payments	24,977.21	27,229.68	53,777.47

* Altar Flowers \$ 50, Building Fund \$ 250, Christian Education \$ 80, Concordia Cares \$ 707, Fellowship 15 \$ 20.75, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 35.78, Sacristy Renovation \$ 300, Southside Times \$ 20, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 83.77.
 ** Reimbursements & Refunds
 Preschool Federal and State taxes \$ 485.50.
 *** Miscellaneous: Credit Card Reimbursement \$15.

* Non budget Payments:
 **Reimbursement expenses: Preschool Fed. taxes \$ 375.37, Preschool Indiana taxes \$ 110.43.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	375.00
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	2,875.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Feb 28, 2023
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,393.43
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,060.12
Building Fund	17,705.11
Capital Improvements - \$ 7,256.02 Church sign - \$ 950.21 Church Landscaping - \$ 859.59 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,690.35	10,756.17
Concordia Cares	3,357.72
Inheritance Fund	211,359.37
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	1,641.70
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	256,273.62
Interest earned	122.81

Worship	2022	2023	Tithes
2/22 aw		79	472.00
2/26 s	115	114	6,505.00
3/1	58	56	205.00
3/5 s	102	89	4,940.00
3/8	38	58	385.00
3/12 s	92	80	4,000.00
3/15	31	62	485.00
3/19 s	102	95	5,771.48
3/22	25	66	180.00
3/26 s	91	83	10,035.00

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
2/26	11	5	35
3/5	9	4	25
3/12	3	4	25
3/19	12	4	28
3/26	8	4	29

Church checking account balance Feb 2023

Beginning	38,991.86
Deposits	43,586.80
Payments	27,229.68
Ending balance	55,348.98

Note: 23,692.70 of the 43,586.80 deposits in February is a carry over from deposits not made in January.

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

- 4/2 Hell: No One Has to Go There**
- 4/9 He Is Risen, Indeed**
- 4/16 Raising the Praise**
- 4/23 The Man Who Will Be King**
- 4/30 Bridge Builders**

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

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

Christian Living

April Wedding Anniversaries: Craig & Diane Smith (47) 4/10
 Kaushal & Alex Chaudhary (12) 4/16 Jim & Kay Hayes (30)
 4/17 Chris & Rose Mihu (35) 4/25

April Birthdays:

Lanning, Jim	4/1	Denton, Jacqueline	4/23
Masters, Edie	4/3	Snyder, Linda	4/24
Smith, Craig	4/3	Jensen, Darlene	4/25
Bierman, Joel	4/4	Emkes, Mike	4/30
Foster, Marcia	4/4		
Economou, Dick	4/5		
Brooks, Gary	4/6		
Santiago Salazar, Kat	4/8		
Bierman, Kris	4/12		
Economou, Betty	4/13		
Stephenson, Erica	4/15		
Markel, Pennie	4/15		
Krinhop, Betsy	4/22		

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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

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

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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 9, Easter Sunday 7 am & 10 am

Easter Breakfast 8:15 am



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