

THE Concordia Messenger



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

July 2023



Quilting - See you **July 8 at 9am** What can you do?
- you can sew together tops at home, 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.



Save the Date: The annual Fall Ladies' Retreat will be held on October 13-14 at Camp Lakeview. Those who attended last year liked it so much that *Scripture in Song Part 2* was requested.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #24 & #25 (Lexington Convention)

Reaching the Homebound with God's Word – Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew) – \$100,000

Lutheran Ministries Media reaches the homebound and aging with the life-saving message of the Gospel through the weekly broadcast ministry of Worship Anew. With an aging population, the need exists for access to faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran confessions. The broadcast currently reaches areas of New York, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Lutheran Ministries Media wants to expand its broadcast area by securing on-the-air broadcast time on a new nationwide station and enhancing its online presence. The grant funds will pay the broadcast fees and the internet expansion.

New camera equipment has recently been installed and used in production, starting with the April 5, 2020, Palm Sunday program. All recordings of Worship Anew take place in a state-of-the-art media center on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.



Missionaries to America Project – Mission Nation Publishing – \$88,000

People from all corners of the world populate the United States. Mission Nation's "Missionaries to America" project aims to help the LCMS strengthen its capacity to share Jesus with people with whom we may be unable to relate because of cultural and language barriers. With this grant, Mission Nation Publishing will be able to provide opportunities and resources for each of us to be better witnesses for Jesus to ethnic groups other than our own through the publication of the stories of missionaries, who now reside in the United States, and their respective faith journeys.

Missionary to America, Gagan Gurung spent 22 years in a refugee camp in Nepal. His family was forced to leave Bhutan because of ethnic prejudice. While there, a former Hindu priest turned Christian evangelist tried to

bring Gagan to Christ, but he ran away, hiding in a Hindu temple in the mountains. He came to Christ after a miracle in his life. Today he is a missionary in St. Louis, bringing more than fifty Nepalese refugees to baptism at Timothy and Ascension Lutheran Churches.



BOTH THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL!

Large Grant #10 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

Phil's Friends – Bibles for Cancer Care Packages – \$10,000

Phil's Friends is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization and assembles 5,250 care packages annually for child and adult cancer patients. Each care package includes a Bible. The \$10,000 grant will purchase 1,500 Bibles to continue sending the Word of God to each recipient.

40th LWML Biennial Convention

Sue Ranbarger, Cindy Boesenberg and Becky Lanning were able to attend this on June 22-25 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. New national officers were elected. New Grants approved: Offerings went to:

Gifts from the Heart from Concordia were: 14 pairs of glasses for MOST ministries, 4 gift cards for the Refuge for Women, 10 assorted blankets and 1 hygiene kit went to Orphan Grain Train, and 43 hats, 2 lap quilts, 11 puzzle books, 6 Journals, 5 packs of playing cards, 4 cowls, 19 travel floss, 16 toothpaste, 8 hand lotion and 3 chap sticks were for Phil's Friends. Thank your for your support in these projects, they are greatly appreciated.

Can you help fill a school kit?

School is starting in a few weeks. Please shop at the sales to help us fill school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Check the bulletin board for the specific items needed.



Director Christian Education



Vacation Bible School

We learned a lot and had fun during VBS week. We learned about: Mo-

ses getting water from the rock, Naaman healed in the Jordan River, the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus washing the disciple's feet, and the Church growing at Pentecost. We had some wonderful helpers throughout VBS. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for VBS, donated to VBS, and participated during VBS week. It was also refreshing to see people donating items to The Refuge Food Pantry and money to Samaritan's Purse for digging wells.

Thanks to the help of all of our volunteers, we were able to teach over 40 children about Jesus and what God does for us. We also had some wonderful community partners who donated to our VBS Carnival. Chick Fil A donated free kid's meals to our prize bags. Ella's Frozen Yogurt donated buy one get one free yogurts to our prize bags. Rascal's Fun Zone donated a free attraction pass to our prize bags. Barb Hoeltke also sponsored our VBS Carnival with a Thrivent Action Team and we were able to purchase a bounce house for the event.

VBS is always a fun week, full of energy at Concordia. It's refreshing to see children so excited to learn about God and

His Word. Thank you again to everyone who donated items or time to this ministry.



Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool

We have new playground equipment! We would like to thank everyone who helped install the equipment. We know there was a lot of work put in taking apart the old equipment, sorting through the boxes of new equipment, and building the new equipment. We are so excited to watch the kids play on it this year!

We also loved seeing so many of our Preschool friends last month at VBS. It's cute watching the kids get excited about their impromptu reunions. Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a fun place to learn about Jesus for all of our current and former Preschoolers!

Sarah Shadday, DCE



Have you ever been on a phone call where you couldn't hear the person on the other end very well? Maybe there was interference, you were in a dead zone, or maybe they were just plain ole mumbling. Did you leave that call wishing you had a better connection? A good connection is key in communication. This is true in our relationships here on earth and in our relationship with our God. We need connection. It's how we thrive.

Our Treatshop this year is designed to address just that. A treatshop is a one-day retreat and workshop all rolled into one. The theme of our treatshop is **Connecting Through Christ**. It is based on **John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"** Through our time together, we plan to make connections, encouraging us in our walk with Christ and one another. Connecting Through Christ Treatshop is

on **August 12, 2023 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tipton, Indiana**. The cost is **\$15.00** which covers materials and lunch.

To register, use this: [Connecting Through Christ Treatshop](https://mcuserconnect.com/443def63e8b9ce483a1745ec2/files/056da293-393c-4049-6770-1a1fad035545/LWML_Treatshop_Registration_2023_3_.02.pdf), to register online.

This is all about making connections. Bring a friend and enjoy the drive together. Meet friends at the Treatshop and renew your relationships. Come just to see how you can improve your relationship with Jesus. We pray that through this event you feel a strong connection to His love and grace.

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Concordia Members

Heidi Ford and Ruth Everson have volunteered to chair a rummage sale the week of Sept 18th with the sale days Friday Sept 22 and Saturday Sept 23. The construction should be done Sept 1st so hopefully, this will work out. So save your "stuff"!!!!



Now, who can help? Contact either Ruth or Heidi to them your name and number to get things rolling. Thanks for your patience.

Gratefully, Anne G and Jill S.

The Refuge food pantry needs: canned vegetables (especially corn), canned pasta, and boxed meals (hamburger helper/tuna helper). Please, take this into consideration when picking up items for the food pantry. Thank you!

INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Diane Conrad
- Peter Eonomou
- Deb Ackerman
- Diane Beam-Garland
- Albi Distler
- Tommy Ragsdale

Friends of Concordia

- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- Judy Milles 2/22/23
- 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
- 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

Battling Cancer / MS

- Rev. Samuel Ruiz 2/20/23
- 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**, **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:

- **Tiffany McCloud family** on her passing on June 15, 2023, age 47.
- Family, friends and church family on the passing of **Rev. Samuel Ruiz** on 6/10/23. (Damaris & Debbie Ruiz,

6105 Angelina Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203)

- **Mike & Cindy Emkes** and family at the passing of Mikes brother **John Emkes** the week of 5/21 (854 Richart Ln, Greenwood IN 46142)

Treasurer's Report

May 2023

Income Description	May 2022 5 Sundays	May 2023 4 Sundays	Total To date (22) Sun
Unified Budget	21,323.50	20,519.00	147,295.48
Memorials (Non-designated)			
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	3,217.72	916.47	7,571.11
Reimbursements & Refunds **	316.66	490.77	2,167.66
Rents & Wedding Fees	120.00	280.00	403.00
Miscellaneous ***		32,692.50	32,717.50
TOTAL INCOME	24,977.88	54,898.74	190,154.75
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 4,264.70</i>	<i>\$ 5,129.75</i>	<i>\$ 6,695.25</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,476.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,570.00</i>	

Expenses Boards	May 2022	May 2023	Total To date
Pastoral Care	8,115.20	8,552.81	40,421.30
Congregational Worship	906.75	696.46	4,209.43
Missions and Outreach	687.50	687.50	6,593.50
Christian Education	6,330.87	6,787.74	33,201.58
Stewardship	107.97	115.23	414.26
Operations	9,932.05	8,000.93	48,697.82
Small Group Ministries	93.15	281.23	339.76
Christian Living			765.00
Unified Budget Total	26,173.46	25,121.90	134,642.65
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	1,316.66	4,511.85	12,188.50
Total Non-Budget Payments	1,316.66	4,511.85	12,188.50
Total payments	27,490.12	29,633.75	146,831.15

* Bethesda \$ 60, Custodial for wedding \$50, Building Fund \$ 125, Flowers \$ 225, Fellowship 15 \$ 34.01, Hostess for wedding \$30, Internet Access \$ 75, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 42.46, Southside Times \$ 65 Vacation Bible School \$ 180, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.
 ** Reimbursements & Refunds
 Preschool Federal and State taxes \$ 475.31 AT&T telephone refund \$ 15.46.
 *** Miscellaneous: Insurance payment for roof damage \$32,692.50.

* Non budget Payments:
 **Reimbursement expenses: Concordia Cares \$ 775, Restroom Remodeling \$2,765, Sacristy Renovation \$ 496.54, Preschool Fed. taxes, \$ 366.27, Preschool Indiana taxes \$ 109.04.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	May 2022	May 2023	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	3,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	937.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	7,187.50

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance May 31, 2023
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,400.35
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,071.25
Building Fund	17,733.01
Capital Improvements - \$ 8,018.51 Church sign - \$ 951.70 Church Landscaping - \$ 860.92 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,692.99	11,524.12
Concordia Cares	3,363.01
Inheritance Fund	211,692.50
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	1,644.29
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	257,428.53
Interest earned	145.37

Worship	2022	2023	Tithes
5/28	86	107	2,997.00
6/4	102	109	6,030.00
6/11	93	100	4,127.00
6/18	77	86	4,597.00
6/25	86	61	1,775.03

Church checking account balance May 2023	
Beginning	77,959.50
Deposits	59,805.50
Payments	29,633.75
Ending balance	108,131.25

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
5/28	13	4	28
6/4	8	5	30
6/11	10		16
6/18	6	5	13
6/25	5		
voters meeting			32

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

- 7/2 Give Me Life?!**
- 7/9 Lean Into the Villains Story**
- 7/16 Two Mindsets**
- 7/23 Pulling for Others**
- 7/30 If It Seems Slow, Wait for it**

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

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

Christian Living

July Wedding Anniversaries: Charles & Susan Henrickson (3)7/4 Fred & Marcia Foster (34) 7/9 Ray & Ruth Everson (61) 7/14 Marcus & Gaby Crouch (14) 7/18 Glen & Linda Inman (41) 7/18 Jeff & Stacy Reinke (26)7/19

July Birthdays:

Shafer, Lori	7/1	Ford, Mike	7/28
Flamme, Faith	7/4	Pedersen, Bonnie	7/29
Warren, David	7/5	Marot, Zackary	7/30
Seale, Aaron	7/11	Krause, Diane	7/30
Emmons, Ginny	7/12		
Hoeltke, Barb	7/18		
Inman, Glen	7/18		
Neumann, Leonard	7/19		
Sullivan, David	7/20		
Horn, Joshua	7/22		
Carlisle, Annabelle	7/23		
Owen, Tammy	7/24		
Emkes, Cindy	7/27		
Howrey, Connie	7/27		

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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*

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

Church Council

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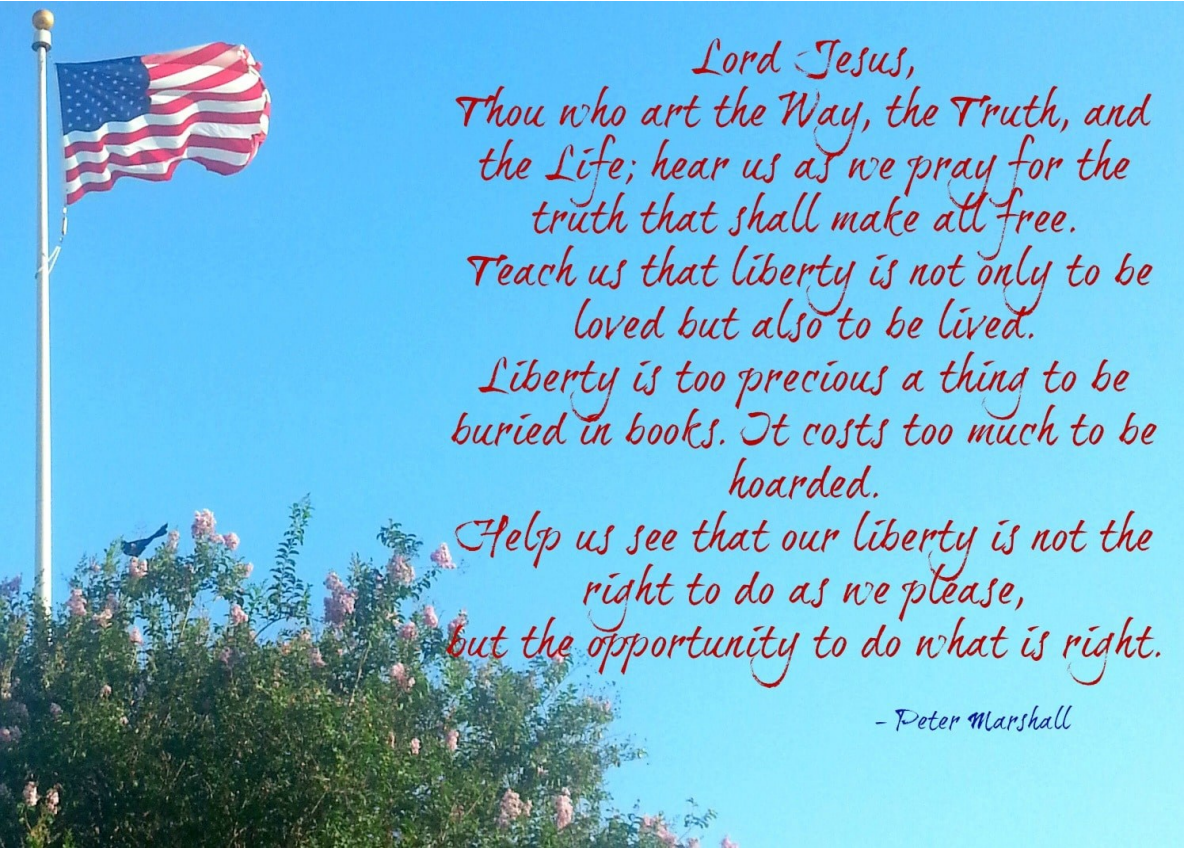
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Board for Stewardship
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*Lord Jesus,
 Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and
 the Life; hear us as we pray for the
 truth that shall make all free.
 Teach us that liberty is not only to be
 loved but also to be lived.
 Liberty is too precious a thing to be
 buried in books. It costs too much to be
 hoarded.
 Help us see that our liberty is not the
 right to do as we please,
 but the opportunity to do what is right.*

- Peter Marshall

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