

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

October 2023



**Quilting** - See you **Oct 21 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.



2023–2025 LWML Mission Grant #1 (Milwaukee Convention)

## Orphan Grain Train Servant Center

— Orphan Grain Train, U.S. — \$100,000

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has carried out the mission of the Lord for thirty years by providing humanitarian service. They work through the church, so the Gospel always accompanies their service. They have assisted orphans, carried out domestic disaster relief, and gathered, sorted, packed, and distributed food, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, and educational materials for those experiencing poverty in the U.S. and internationally.

The original Norfolk, Nebraska facility is outdated and lacks adequate space for expanding work. They need to build an additional facility to increase their mission capacity and increase the safety level for volunteers. With an increased work area, larger groups of volunteers can work on donations received, and the output of mercy meals can double to 10,000,000 meals annually. This grant will help OGT complete its building project.

*OGT now owns the whole block except for the grain silos. The old warehouse is to the left of the silos, and the whole building wraps around the silos. The white pitched roof toward the*

*back of the building is the Mercy Meals renovated building.*



**Thank you** to everyone who donated items, and the needed manpower to put things in order for the Annual Rummage Sale. Items that were not sold were given to Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. \$1,432.00 was collected and will be going towards the operations of LWCC. We would like to see more people who are able to help next year.

## Director Christian Education

“Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.”

Sounds like an interesting start to a horror movie or Halloween party, doesn't it? This truly would be horrific. Yet, this is our lives. There is so much evil in the world. It tries to pull us away from God or distract us in our faith. There are many thoughts that would turn our trust from our Savior, just like Peter experienced walking on water. It would seem we would have every reason to be afraid.

“We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
 They shall not overpower us.  
 This world's prince may still  
 Scowl fierce as he will,  
 He can harm us none.  
 He's judged; the deed is done;  
 One little word can fell him.”

How can we stand alone against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature? We can't. We need Jesus and His saving work. These words come from verse 3 of *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. The second verse reminds us that,

“With might of ours can naught be done,  
 Soon were our loss effected; But for us  
 fights the valiant One,”

Jesus Christ, the Lord of Sabaoth (Lord of hosts or Lord of heaven), is the one who fights for us. That is why we need not fear, even with everything that would try and tear us away from our Savior.



We have One who is more powerful than anything in all creation who is on our side. Because of Jesus, we cannot be overpowered. We trust in His ultimate victory over the devil, because Jesus already won by His death on the cross and His resurrection. Jesus gives us His victory. He restored the relationship between God and man. We know that all those who believe in Jesus as their Savior will go to heaven and enjoy in that ultimate victory for all eternity.

We need not fear death or the devil. We have a Savior who faced both and won. Jesus was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11) and was victorious. Jesus was tempted and insulted on the cross. Jesus could have easily come down and summoned a host to defend him; yet, he chose to die on the cross to save mankind (Mark 15:21-31, 37). Satan was defeated by the Word of God. He took on our punishment for himself. He rose (Mark 16). The sacrifice completed, the relationship restored, God redeemed mankind. We no longer need to be afraid. God's wrath is turned for Jesus's sake. Our punishment was removed and instead, be-

lievers are given Christ's righteousness.

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

*5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self[a] was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free[b] from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:4-11)*

“Though devils all the world should fill,  
 All eager to devour us. We tremble not, we fear  
 no ill; .....They shall not overpower us.”

God holds the field forever. God holds the victory forever. Whenever we doubt who won the war, we simply need to look at the cross and remember who is by our side with His good gifts and Spirit. Our victory has been won.

Sarah Shadday  
 Director Christian Education



Concordia  
 Lutheran  
 Preschool

### Preschool

We've loved seeing the improvements all of the Preschoolers made this past month. We love to see them learning, trying new things, and having fun with their friends. We also enjoyed being able to go on field trips to the apple orchard and Kelsay Farms. We enjoyed celebrations at Preschool. We've already celebrated a few birthdays and have a few celebrations coming up that we will need help from members of the congregation.

- ◇ **October 30th 9:15am-** we need members of the congregation to pass out store bought candy or toys to our PreK class.
- ◇ **October 31st 9:15am-** we need members of the congregation to pass out store bought candy or toys to our 3's class.
- ◇ **November 14th-** we need a few members of the congregation to help serve refreshments to our 3's Thanksgiving celebration. This would be in the late morning.
- ◇ **November 16th-** we need a few members of the congregation to help prepare and serve our PreK's Thanksgiving Feast. We also need help cleaning up the Thanksgiving Feast. This would be in the morning and early afternoon.
- ◇ **December 20th-** we need members of our congregation to attend our Preschool Program service. We also need a few members to help serve refreshments after the service.

We would like to thank the congregation for all of your support of our Preschool ministry.

the Preschool Staff



## Church Picnic

About 35 people were able to attend. Food was delicious as always with a nice selection of side dishes to go with the fried chicken. Last but not least was the dessert table - someone liked chocolate and so did everyone else. Very little was left over which is always a good sign.

Diane Conrad chaired with outstanding helpers - Anne Guthrie was in charge of the Bingo games, Adele Tinsely lined up some fun games and a Balloon Lady who created shapes - you name it and she made it, what fun.

Thanks to Cindy Boesenberg and Janet Larson for helping with set up. Joe & Mark Scott and Luke Guinn who carried the heavy stuff. Diane and Craig Smith labored over the tables and the shelter house so it was clean. To everyone who helped with the clean up. The weather was great and the company fun. We look forward to another great gathering.

Diane Conrad



## Pillars of the faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for over 500 years:

- *Sola Scripture* (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).
- *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone) - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. "A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).
- *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone) - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).

## Quotes from Martin Luther

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

"Faith is a living and unshakeable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake."





## INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

### Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

- Anne Finger 10/3/23

Testing / Recovery:

- Edie Masters
- David Stephenson
- Peter Eonomou
- Tommy Ragsdale

### Friends of Concordia

- Alexandria Carrier 9/1/23
- Brad Rice 8/9/23
- Charlie Henrickson 6/30/23
- 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

- Jamie Horn 7/20/23
- 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

### 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
- 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

**LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz**, 501 B Corsair Dr., Milton, FL 32570

**Zach Goins**, 761 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813 (Navy Reserve)

**Jadon Ranbarger** (LCPL J Ranbarger) MCBH Kaneohe Bay, HI 96863)

### Change of address:

Rev. John & Beverly Flamme



We pray the peace of Christ and the hope of the resurrection to:

- **Barbara Ralph and family** at the passing of her husband **William (Bill)** on 8/27/23 age 87. (1117 Deerbrook Trail, Greenwood IN 46142)



# Treasurer's Report

August 2023

| Income Description                               | Aug 2022<br>4 Sundays | Aug 2023<br>4 Sundays | Total To date<br>(35) Sun |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Unified Budget                                   | 16,765.00             | 26,214.88             | 215,357.39                |
| Memorials (Non-designated)                       |                       | 50.00                 | 50.00                     |
| Memorials (Designated)                           | 205.00                |                       |                           |
| Designated Gifts *                               | 558.50                | 1,130.10              | 12,213.14                 |
| Reimbursements & Refunds **                      |                       |                       | 2,619.21                  |
| Rents & Wedding Fees                             | 120.00                |                       | 523.00                    |
| Miscellaneous ***                                | 2,060.76              | 97,083.49             | 147,328.21                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                              | <b>19,709.26</b>      | <b>124,478.47</b>     | <b>378,090.95</b>         |
| <i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>           | <i>\$ 4,191.25</i>    | <i>\$ 6,553.72</i>    | <i>\$ 6,153.07</i>        |
| <i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i> | <i>\$ 6,476.00</i>    | <i>\$ 6,570.00</i>    |                           |

| Expenses Boards                  | Aug 2022         | Aug 2023          | Total To date     |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Pastoral Care                    | 8,175.73         | 9,001.27          | 67,355.22         |
| Congregational Worship           | 909.24           | 948.56            | 6,416.76          |
| Missions and Outreach            | 687.50           | 687.50            | 8,656.00          |
| Christian Education              | 6,283.54         | 7,113.60          | 54,465.32         |
| Stewardship                      |                  |                   | 516.27            |
| Operations                       | 6,017.70         | 8,845.90          | 76,544.76         |
| Small Group Ministries           | 159.00           |                   | 443.40            |
| Christian Living                 | 116.40           | 40.50             | 1,000.50          |
| <b>Unified Budget Total</b>      | <b>22,349.11</b> | <b>26,637.33</b>  | <b>215,398.23</b> |
| <b>Non-boards</b>                |                  |                   |                   |
| Non budget payments *            |                  |                   |                   |
| Reimbursement Expenses **        | 44.39            | 90,205.76         | 151,712.95        |
| <b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b> | <b>44.39</b>     | <b>90,205.76</b>  | <b>151,712.95</b> |
| <b>Total payments</b>            | <b>22,393.50</b> | <b>116,843.09</b> | <b>367,111.18</b> |

\* Building Fund \$ 140, Concordia Cares \$ 423, Flowers \$ 75, Fellowship 15 \$ 17, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 30.10, Southside Times \$15, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10, Youth Retreat \$ 400.

\*\* Reimbursements & Refunds

\*\*\* Miscellaneous: Insurance payment for Roof damage \$ 8,402.74, transfer from LCEF Inheritance Fund for Bathroom remodeling \$88,680.75.

\* Non budget Payments:

\*\*Reimbursement expenses: Bathroom remodeling \$ 34,000, Church roofing 56,122.46, Preschool taxes \$ 83.30

| Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts   | LCEF Balance Aug 31, 2023 |
|---|---------------------------|
| Anniversaries & Birthday  | 4,580.45                  |
| Board of Youth— (Trip)  | 7,082.40                  |
| Building Fund   | 18,636.82                 |
| Capital Improvements - \$ 8,781.99<br>Church sign - \$ 953.19<br>Church Landscaping - \$ 862.29<br>Heine Family Project - \$ 1,695.67 | 12,293.14                 |
| Concordia Cares   | 3,368.32                  |
| Inheritance Fund  | 123,299.86                |
| Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening  | 146.72                    |
| <b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>   | <b>169,407.71</b>         |
| <b>Interest earned</b>  | <b>91.40</b>              |

| Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses | Aug 2022        | Aug 2023        | 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> |

| Worship | 2022 | 2023 | Tithes   |
|---------|------|------|----------|
| 8/28    |      |      | 4,533.88 |
| 9/3     | 95   | 91   | 5,676.00 |
| 9/10    | 95   | 103  | 3,529.00 |
| 9/17    | 97   | 103  | 3,519.00 |
| 6/24    | 83   | 92   | 4,746.00 |

| Church checking account balance Aug 2023 |            |
|--|------------|
| Beginning                                | 68,152.04  |
| Deposits                                 | 124,478.47 |
| Payments                                 | 116,843.09 |
| Ending balance                           | 75,787.42  |

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

|      | SS | HS | ADULT |
|------|----|----|-------|
| 9/3  | 8  | 5  | 26    |
| 9/10 | 8  | 4  | 25    |
| 9/17 | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 6/24 | 9  | 5  | 25    |

## 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

**10/1 The Way Through the Maze**  
**10/8 Whatever and Wherever, Thankyou, Lord!**  
**10/15 Help the World Rejoice**  
**10/22 Matching Pace**  
**10/29 tbd**

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

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

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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**  
*vacant*

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

Office hours Mon. - Thur. 9am - noon

## Church Council

**President**  
Bruce Markel

**Vice-President**  
Chris Brooks

Mike Emkes, Elder

Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

Emily McNally

Julia Yeater

**Recording Secretary**  
Edie Masters

**Treasurer**  
Tammy Owen

**Financial Secretary**  
Carol Monroe

## October Wedding Anniversaries:

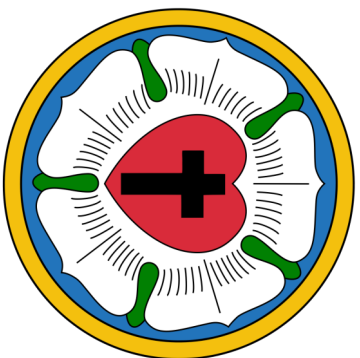
Allen & Albi Distler (69) 10/5 Dave & Lorna Warren (44) 10/6  
Kevin & Becky Horn (47) 10/9 Dean & Tammy Owen (25)  
10/10 Chris & Beth Forster (20) 10/11 Larry & Deb Brooks  
(10) 10/12 Mike & Jeri Pardieck (49) 10/13 Philip & Sharon  
Caruana (51) 10/14 Dave & Vicki Wilson (46) 10/15 Andrew  
& Emily McNally (7) 10/15 Steve & Shannon Barrick (19)  
10/24 Jim & Julia Yeater (31) 10/24

## October Birthdays:

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

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*Sola Gratia*

Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*

Faith Alone

*Sola Scriptura*

Scripture Alone



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