

THE Concordia Messenger



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

November 2023



Jesus' Eschatological Discourse

Bible class, November Sundays, 10:45 a.m.

“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?” (Matthew 24:3)

This question from the disciples prompts a major teaching section in Matthew 24-25, known as “Jesus’ Eschatological Discourse.” Which parts of Jesus’ teaching have to do with the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70? Which parts have to do with the end of the world still to come? What does all this have to do with us right now? In November, we are coming to the end of the church year, and our thoughts turn to the end times and the return of our Lord. Fittingly, then, Pastor Henrickson will lead a Bible class on Jesus’ Eschatological Discourse on the four Sundays in November at 10:45 a.m.

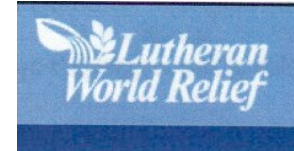


Quilting - See you **Nov 11 at 9am**. What can you do? - you can sew together tops at home, if you would like to come to the church and sew we have two machines and bags of kits to put together. Don't sew?, then come and tie knots in the quilts we have ready.



Thank you from Ruth and Becky!

Oct 7th we were able to load a semi truck with 393 boxes of assorted items (quilts, sewing kits, hygiene kits, school kits, baby layettes). 19 church groups participated for the 3rd year here at Concordia to accomplish this. They came from Evensville, Versailles, Zionsville, and Terre Haute with many places between. Thanks also for the men and women who took the time and energy to carry, load and stack all of those boxes - John Bertsch, Dick & Gail Brooks, Diane Conrad, Don Dombroski, Ruth Everson, Genny Hartley, Chris Mi-hu, Sue Ranbarger, Mike & Adele Tinsley. We look forward now to 2024 to see if we can break that number. Great Job!



The Christmas Marketplace collection for CTSFW has been going on at Concordia since Oct 22, 2023.

We are collecting gift cards to popular places (JC Penny, Red Robin, Steak n Shake, Kohls, McDonalds, Kroger, Walmart, Target, Macy's). These are gifted to seminarians by the Seminary. The seminary prefers the gift cards to be in small amounts (\$5-\$20) so more students and families can be blessed through the donations. Service/Gas station cards from BP, Shell, Marathon, or Speedway in increments of \$25-50. Before you give your gift card in the collection box at church, please mark on it what the amount is. Cash gifts are also accepted - they are used to purchase dining hall lunch tickets. Married off-campus students can use these tickets to eat on campus, providing some relief to the family food budget. We will collect the gift cards until November 19th. Thank you in advance from Deaconess Katherine Rittner, Director, Food & Clothing Co-op.

Director Christian Education

“Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!”

Now Thank We All Our God LSB 895 verse 2

As I get older, I sometimes find it hard to feel thankful. Things cost more at the store so I have to get less or pay more than I used to for the same amount (but God blesses us with plenty of food for my family). All my kids like to talk or make noise at the same time and things get loud and overwhelming (but God blesses us with three wonderful and verbal children, one of them humming *Jesus Loves Me* while I edit). The house is never clean and there is always work to do (but God blesses us with a house and the things inside). There is something wrong with one of the cars, again... always, it feels like (but God blesses us with vehicles and we're able to get them cared for and they are still drivable while we work on scheduling to get them in).

It's hard not having a pastor; BUT God blesses Concordia with the Word and Sacraments every week with pastors willing to serve us. Even without having a called pastor, we have been able to celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday. He blesses us with wonderful lay leaders who work hard to guide us during this time of transition. He blesses us with a faithful and discerning call committee, circuit visitor (Pastor Mierow), and district president (Dr. Stuckwisch) to guide us through the call process. He blesses us with steadfast and strong men in our congregation to serve on our board of Elders. He blesses us with Becky Lanning who is knowledgeable, experienced, and always willing to help and serve.

God gives bountiful blessings, even when we don't realize it. He is always near

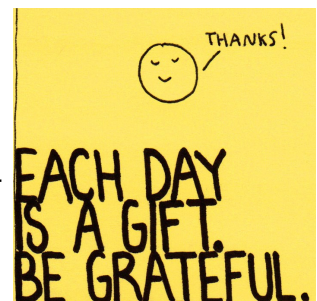


us. He knows what we need and will provide it through His means. We pray that God continues to be near us, keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed.

It is easy to focus on the ills or problems of this world. It can be hard to see God's steadfast love and blessings when negativity and confusion seem to flood our lives and world. Sometimes we expect God to fulfill our requests or guide our lives in a certain way; but God orchestrates things another way. Even John the Baptist seemed confused about the Messiah (Matthew 11). John the Baptist was the one to "come in the spirit" of Elijah. He would be a prophet or speaker for God like Elijah. John the Baptist is the one the prophet Malachi hundreds of years earlier foretold. This John leapt in the womb at Mary's announcement of the Savior. If John could recognize the Savior at an early age; surely, he would never be confused, right? Yet, "People commonly experience disappointment because of false or unfulfilled expectations. We hope God will act in a certain way, but He does not. We then wonder why. To guard against

false expectations, focus on Jesus and on what He has said and done. He is the fulfillment of all our hopes. 'All the promises of God find their Yes in Him' (2 Co 1:20). "Lord Jesus, when I struggle with doubts and unfulfilled hopes, remind me of Your words and works that assure me of Your saving love. Amen." (Lutheran Study Bible 1602)

Jesus did not act like the expected Messiah. Jesus didn't come to free the Israelites from Roman oppression and lead them into a prosperous, earthly kingdom. Jesus came to teach, show us the Father, sacrifice himself for our sins. Jesus came to do wondrous things for us so His world, His people may be saved and rejoice. We can be members of God's family through our faith in Jesus and Baptism into God's name. We receive God's countless gifts. We can respond to God's love with joy and thankfulness knowing God is the same now and evermore.





Concordia
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Preschool

We are thankful for all of our Preschoolers. We praise God that their families give us the opportunity to share God's love with them and teach them. We thank God that He has given us this time with the children to sow the seeds of faith. We pray the Preschooler's parents and others continue to water those seeds and have the chance to watch this faith grow. As members of Concordia, we may not get to reap the benefits of these seeds of faith; but we can trust that God will use this sowing and early cultivation to grow His kingdom in decades to come.

We are also thankful for opportunities the members of Concordia have to interact and be in the same space as our Preschool families. Recently, our Preschoolers went Trick or Treating around church and some members of our congregation participated. This month, we have our Thanksgiving Celebrations. We will need helpers to heat up food and help serve it to families. We would also appreciate clean up volunteers after our two celebrations on November 14th and November 16th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah Shadday Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com.



2023–2025 LWML Mission Grant #2 (Milwaukee Convention)

A Healing Space for At-Risk Children — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND — \$100,000

The Christ-centered, healing ministry of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch creates an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children aged 10 to 18 who have faced unimaginable trauma. Due to childhood traumas of violence, abuse, neglect, and more, Ranch children experience debilitating emptiness and loneliness at the deepest levels that only Christ can heal.

A gap in spiritual care on the Ranch's Bismarck campus has been a chapel facility specifically designed to be a healing space for traumatized boys and girls. In Spring 2024, the Ranch plans to construct a chapel to serve as a healing space to help them know and experience the mercy of Christ and His healing power. This grant will help meet the construction costs of the Chapel on the Bismarck campus and provide healing for at-risk children.

We at Concordia will be able to support the Ranch by purchasing honey sent directly to your home. **When you purchase with a check please make it out to LWCC at the sign-up table on the first Sunday in November.**



The Ranch is called to give each child the chance to meet Jesus, learn about Him, and discover how His love, grace, and peace can help them find and become their best selves.

Incorporating both trauma-informed design, and the Ranch's "best-in-class" Spiritual Life Programming, this specially designed chapel will be a place where a broken child's heart can find a genuine "home" in God's unfailing promises.

INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Diane Smith
- Anne Finger
- 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

Ivan Munoz, USS Gravelly, Mediterranean Sea)

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

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



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

- the family of **Ruth Althoff** who was called home on 10/23/23 age 91 of Indianapolis. Ruth was a member of Concordia for 43 years.

Treasurer's Report

September 2023

Income Description	Sept 2022 4 Sundays	Sept 2023 4 Sundays	Total To date (39) Sun
Unified Budget	24,809.00	17,345.00	232,702.39
Memorials (Non-designated)			50.00
Memorials (Designated)	1,599.00	20.00	20.00
Designated Gifts *	683.63	443.10	12,656.24
Reimbursements & Refunds **	275.24	479.82	3,099.03
Rents & Wedding Fees	75.00	75.00	598.00
Miscellaneous ***	108.46		147,328.21
TOTAL INCOME	27,550.33	18,362.92	396,453.87
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,202.25</i>	<i>\$ 4,336.25</i>	<i>\$ 5,966.73</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,476.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,570.00</i>	

Expenses Boards	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,738.27	2,366.74	69,721.96
Congregational Worship	538.36	479.60	6,896.36
Missions and Outreach	687.50	687.50	9,343.50
Christian Education	7,009.00	6,802.62	61,267.94
Stewardship	96.15		516.27
Operations	10,248.59	9,422.80	85,967.56
Small Group Ministries	632.00	21.64	456.04
Christian Living	413.00	335.44	1,335.94
Unified Budget Total	27,363.17	20,116.34	235,514.57
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	330.74	8,291.14	160,004.09
Total Non-Budget Payments	330.74	8,291.14	160,004.09
Total payments	27,693.91	28,407.48	395,518.66

* Building Fund \$ 160, Flowers \$ 50, Fellowship 15 \$ 18, LWCC \$ 10, Pen-nies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 30.87, Pre-school credit card reimbursement \$ 154.23, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.
 ** Reimbursements & Refunds: Pre-school Indiana & Federal taxes \$ 449.82, Purchase of hymnal \$ 30.
 *** Miscellaneous: .

* Non budget Payments:
 **Reimbursement expenses: Bathroom remodeling \$ 7,635, Concordia Cares \$ 79.89, Hope-full Living devotions \$55.50, Pre-school credit card reimbursement - white board \$70.93, Preschool taxes Fed \$ 344.24 State \$105.58

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Sept 30, 2023
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,582.72
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,085.92
Building Fund	18,646.07
Capital Improvements - \$ 9,536.53 Church sign - \$ 953.64 Church Landscaping - \$ 862.70 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,696.48	13,049.35
Concordia Cares	3,369.99
Inheritance Fund	123,361.09
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	146.79
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	170,241.93
Interest earned	84.22

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	4,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	6,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,687.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	12,937.50

Worship	2022	2023	Tithes
10/1	99	93	6,713.55
10/9	69	95	3,316.00
10/15	106	91	3,770.00
10/22	93	91	6,285.00
10/29			tdb

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
10/1	7	6	21
10/9	11	4	30
10/15	8	11	23
10/22	10		23

Church checking account balance Sept 2023

Beginning	75,787.42
Deposits	18,362.92
Payments	28,407.48
Ending balance	65,742.86

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

11/5 Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing
11/12 Again and Again and Again
11/19 Until that Day
11/26 Loving Mercy

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

November Wedding Anniversaries:
Matthew & Sarah Shadday (8) 11/14

November Birthdays:

Lanning, Jessica	11/1
Brooks, Dick	11/8
Coffey, Erin	11/8
Warren, Lorna	11/9
Carlisle, Annalise	11/9
Kearns, Doug	11/15
Brooks, Deb	11/15
Reinke, Caroline	11/16
Graham, Mi Sun	11/20
DeFabis, Wendy	11/23
Snyder, Rick	11/26
Austin, Mary	11/28
Horn, Kevin	11/28
Roncicka, Brett	11/28
Krause, Dawn	11/29

Church Council

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Things we can do for Veterans at any time:



Share your miles. With just a phone call or a few clicks, you can transfer frequent flier miles from many airlines to Fisher House Foundation's "Hero Miles" program, which has provided more than 30,000 flights to service members and their loved ones traveling to VA hospitals. (fisherhouse.org)

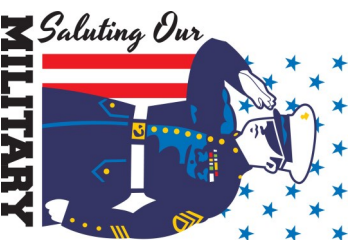
Make a quilt for a child. Sign up with Operation Kid Comfort to receive fabric squares printed with photos from a family with a deployed service member; sew the squares into a quilt (it takes about 10 hours) and then mail your gift to a child who misses Mom or Dad. (asymca.or)

Print out the DAV Rx Card. It's free, available to anyone (regardless of your insurance), and every time you use the card at a participating pharmacy, 50 cents goes to Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Plus, it may help you save up to 75 percent on your prescriptions. (davrxcard.com)

Send leftover Halloween candy. Or a knitted scarf-or best of all, a handwritten letter. Operation Gratitude is collecting these items and more to fill care packages for vets and active duty troops and their families. Visit operationgratitude.com to find a list of what to donate.

Last but not least PRAY. Keep them in our prayers that in doing their duty for our country they will remain faithful to our Lord and that he will keep them out of harms way. That he will walk beside them wherever they are and that their loved ones will also be taken care of in their absence.

Thank you for your past and present service and God bless.



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