

THE Concordia Messenger



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

August 2023



Quilting - See you **Aug 12 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.

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.



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 give them your name and number to get things rolling. Thanks for your patience.

Gratefully, Anne G and Jill S.

Large Grant #11 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

Concordia Educational Association—Concordia Lutheran High School—\$10,000

The Study Center at Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, operates beyond capacity and needs expansion and remodeling. This grant voted at the 2022 Indiana District Convention, is helping finance the project. This project ensures students with unique learning needs can access academic support and remain in a distinctive Lutheran Christian school.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #25 & #26 (Lexington Convention)

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 Julie Aftab knows what the cost is of being a Christian. Julie grew up as a Christian in Pakistan. While standing up for her faith, hostile Muslim men held her down and poured acid on her face and throat. It was a miracle she survived. God healed her soul, and today she can proclaim forgiveness to immigrants in Texas.

Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho – Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church – \$100,000

Kuna, Idaho, is listed as the seventh most rapidly growing urban/suburban area in the United States and is located near Boise and Meridian, Idaho. Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, Boise, the mother congregation, started a new church in Kuna. Kuna Lutheran is meeting for worship in the local high school cafeteria, with up to 60 people in attendance. The congregation wants to build a sanctuary and other facilities to conduct growing congregational activities, but they first need a parcel of land. The grant funds will assist in the purchase. The mission of Kuna Lutheran is to celebrate God the Father's love for us in creating us and giving His Son; connecting in faith with Jesus, our Savior; connecting with others in love and care; and communicating God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Kuna Lutheran Mission in worship at Kuna High School Library.

Both these projects have been paid in full. Next month we'll list the last two grants from the 2021-2023 biennium. The mission goal for 2023-25 is \$2,350,000. We'll keep collecting mites for the new mis-

sion projects selected at the June 2023 Milwaukee Convention and begin profiling them soon.

Director Christian Education

I know for many it was shocking to hear Pastor Gaschler had a call. I know it was disheartening to hear he is taking a call to Holy Cross in St. Louis. Honestly, who can blame him? St. Louis is the best city in the world. Ask anyone from there. All jokes aside, at Concordia, we love our pastors.



Pastor Fabricious faithfully served our congregation for many years. His wife started our Pre-school, a ministry hundreds of children and families have benefited from over the years. I love that

we still have members who visit Pastor Fabricious and who make sure to include him when we put together shut-in gifts. A congregation should continue to love their pastor as much as he loved and shepherded them.

Pastor John Flamme also served our congregation for many years. I was blessed and privileged to serve with him. Pastor John loved and cared for everyone at Concordia. I know he also prayed weekly for the members at Concordia. He cared so much about making sure our congregation could receive God's Word and Sacraments that he got up extremely early (before Early Bird Bible Study early) on Sunday mornings to make sure his flock could benefit from these God given gifts. We were blessed to have Pastor John serve our congregation for decades. I love that we have members in our congregation who still stay in touch with him and his family and can still help and serve them when they have needs.

God also blessed us with Pastor Gaschler. He gave us a faithful steward of His Word, a talented musician and composer, and a good teacher. Pastor Gaschler worked hard to help define leadership roles and worked to support the forming of the new bylaws. He encouraged individuals to serve

in new capacities that God may be calling them to. God used Pastor Gaschler (and all of the pastors at Concordia) to help serve and guide His people at Concordia.

Pastor Gaschler also loves and cares for the people of Concordia. In no way did Pastor have an easy decision to make. Something important to consider in any call is where God can best use the gifts and abilities He has given His faithful steward. With much prayer and guidance, this is the challenge for the faithful steward to discern. There is no doubt that God would have continued to use Pastor Gaschler and his gifts at Concordia well and would have continued to bless Pastor Gaschler's ministry. It's ok to feel hurt and disappointed that God blessed us with such a wonderful Pastor for such a "short" time. In reality, Concordia has been blessed for many years with the longevity of ministry at Concordia by our faithful pastors. That isn't always the case. What is the case, is that God will continue to use His Word and Sacrament to sustain His people until the true High Priest returns and takes us with Him to be in the presence of God.

God's call to Pastor Gaschler has to do with God having a different ministry and flock that He wanted Pastor Gaschler to serve. It does NOT mean that Pastor doesn't love or like the people of Concordia or our congregation. It's simply that he saw that work needed to be done in another field and that God called Pastor to do the work over there.

So, where does this leave us? There are a few options available, which have hopefully been explained to the congregation before this newsletter article is printed. Thankfully, we have faithful elders and a Church Counsel to help guide us through the process of calling another faithful shepherd to Concordia.

Let's take the time to thank Pastor Gaschler for being God's faithful servant and for using his God given gifts and talents to serve us here at Concordia. Let's pray for continued blessings on his ministry and the preparations he needs to make in order to serve God and His people at Holy Cross. Let's also pray for God's discernment as we seek a new Shepherd and guidance as we seek new ministry opportunities at Concordia.

Preschool Back to School night is in a few weeks along with our first day of school for both our 3's class and our PreK class. We've had some exciting things happen over the summer, including a few more registrations coming in for our 3's class, new playground equipment, and hiring a 3's assistant. Paula Scott will be joining our Preschool staff. We're excited for her to share her faith and educational background with the children and serve them in this ministry. God continues to work through his people at Concordia to serve our community through our Preschool ministry.



As I shared before, our PreK class also filled up with 14 students the first week of May. We will start the school year past our target 3's number which is exciting. We will still allow families to register for our 3's class after school starts, so if you know anyone looking for a Preschool program, we still have those openings. Our 3's class is Tuesdays and Fridays 9am-11:30am.

The number of students enrolled speaks highly of Lori Thetford and Linda Snyder, our talented staff who shares God's love with the students and prepares them for Kindergarten and many more years of schooling. It also speaks highly of Jill Scifres who mentored Lori to become the wonderful teacher she is. I can say that both as Preschool Director and Preschool parent.

We can also thank many wonderful people who have served in our Preschool ministry since 1978. Without their hard work, dedication, love for children, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, we wouldn't have a thriving Preschool ministry today. Through the ministry of the Preschool staff, we've been able to share God's Word with hundreds of children throughout the years. This year, God is blessing our Congregation with 22 children (and their families) that we get the opportunity to share God's Word with. We pray God helps us be good stewards in sharing his love and Word with these families. As always, we trust God continues to grow those seeds of faith throughout the

child's entire life as the child grows as a disciple of Christ.

We would like to thank the members of Concordia for all of their support. Prayers for our staff, students, and Preschool are always needed. Volunteering with the program and taking care of the physical property is always greatly appreciated. The donations and financial support help us provide updated educational opportunities for the children. Also, sharing the news about our Preschool allows us to share God's Word with more children and families. Thank you for investing in multiple generations of people throughout the years. If anyone would like to surprise Lori, Linda, and Paula with something new to start the school year, you're welcome to check out our Preschool Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2E3OCMOTJDDZP?ref_=wl_share

Sarah Shadday, Preschool Director

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!

Indianapolis Indians Game Sunday, September 10th 1:35 pm game, Box Seats (section 107) \$15, lawn seats (bring your own blanket) \$9. Please, sign up and pay the office by August 27th. Information on the office bulletin board.

Pastor and Kati's farewell pitch -in is planned for August 6 at 11 a.m. If you can provide a main dish, side dish, dessert, or rolls, please sign-up using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ykhvu75m>

We are using SignupGenius.com, a free website that doesn't require a member ID or password. (Disregard the advertising that makes it a free site.) You'll be able to see what others are bringing and avoid having only desserts or no dessert. If you can not get on the SignupGenius.com there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer to sign up on.

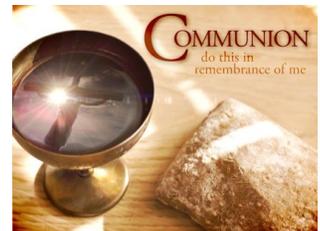
What's Inside Will Spill Out

You are holding a cup coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee in your cup? Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside of you will come out.

It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let's work toward filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for one another.

Where better to do this than in God's Word and his sacraments. So stop a few min's everyday and Sunday to refill that cup with all of the grace and forgiveness that is there for you. Then share it with others throughout the days, weeks, months, and years that the Lord has allotted for you.



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 alone 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.

INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

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

Friends of Concordia

- 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

- 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
- 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**, 501 B Corsair Dr., Milton, FL 32570

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:

- **Linda Martin and family** at the passing of her daughter in law **Angela Martin** on 15 June (3 Rypma Row, New Whiteland IN 46184)
- **Dave Wilson and family** at the passing of his brother **Richard Wilson** age 66 of KY on June 16 23. (40 Alex Dr., Whiteland IN 46184)

Treasurer's Report

June 2023

Income Description	June 2022 4 Sundays	June 2023 4 Sundays	Total To date (26) Sun
Unified Budget	19,712.57	16,529.03	163,824.51
Memorials (Non-designated)			
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	1,092.57	1,264.93	8,836.04
Reimbursements & Refunds **	293.97	451.55	2,619.21
Rents & Wedding Fees			403.00
Miscellaneous ***			32,717.50
TOTAL INCOME	21,099.11	18,245.51	208,400.26
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 4,928.14	\$ 4,132.26	\$ 6,300.94
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,476.00	\$ 6,570.00	

Expenses Boards	June 2022	June 2023	Total To date
Pastoral Care	8,244.85	9,548.48	49,969.78
Congregational Worship	524.82	693.05	4,902.48
Missions and Outreach	687.50	687.50	7,281.00
Christian Education	6,612.30	7,227.78	40,429.36
Stewardship			414.26
Operations	10,866.68	9,780.94	58,478.76
Small Group Ministries		12.57	352.33
Christian Living	195.00	195.00	960.00
Unified Budget Total	27,131.15	28,145.32	162,787.97
Non-boards			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	4,091.53	11,172.36	23,360.86
Total Non-Budget Payments	4,091.53	11,172.36	23,360.86
Total payments	31,222.68	39,317.68	186,148.83

* Bethesda \$ 5, Building Fund \$ 200, Flowers \$ 75, Fellowship 15 \$ 15, Internet Access \$ 75, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 340.60, Vacation Bible School \$ 60, Vacation Bible School offerings to Samaritan Purse-dig a well \$ 464.33, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.
 ** Reimbursements & Refunds
 Preschool Federal and State taxes \$ 385.65, AT&T telephone refund \$ 65.90.
 *** Miscellaneous: .

* Non budget Payments:
 **Reimbursement expenses: Bathroom remodeling \$ 10,025.75, Hope-full Living \$ 55.50, Pennies from Heaven - Tuzla \$ 592.42, Preschool Fed. taxes, \$ 296.06, Preschool Indiana taxes \$ 89.59, Sam's Cub card upgrade \$ 33.04, Wedding Custodial \$ 50, Wedding Hostess \$ 30.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	June 2022	June 2023	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	3,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	4,500.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,125.00
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	8,625.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance June 30, 2023
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,402.61
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,074.88
Building Fund	17,742.12
Capital Improvements - \$ 8,772.67 Church sign - \$ 952.19 Church Landscaping - \$ 861.37 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,693.87	12,280.10
Concordia Cares	3,364.74
Inheritance Fund	211,801.25
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	1,645.13
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	258,310.83
Interest earned	132.30

Worship	2022	2023	Tithes
7/2	78	106	7,463.00
7/9	92	112	3,796.00
7/16	86	116	5,608.00
7/23	93	94	4,775.00
7/30			tba

Church checking account balance June 2023	
Beginning	108,131.25
Deposits	18,245.51
Payments	39,317.68
Ending balance	87,059.08

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
7/2	8	5	30
7/9	6	6	29
7/16	11	5	26
7/23	10	5	26
7/30			

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

- 8/6** **Who is Jesus?**
- 8/13** **How Well Does Jesus Know Me?**
- 8/20** **The Latest Polls**
- 8/27** **Raising the Praise**

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
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 - noon

August Wedding Anniversaries:

- Larry & Anne Guthrie (45) 8/1
- Matt & Kendra Dempsey (4) 8/3
- Mike & Tamara Spray (34) 8/8
- Daniel & Jessica Coffey (32) 8/17
- Ron & Carol Feeney (48) 8/23
- Tommy & Kris Ragsdale (52) 8/29

August Birthdays:

Hartley, Benjamin	8/3	Horn, Becky	8/23
Wilson, Vicki	8/4	McNally, Salah	8/24
Boesenberg, Cindy	8/7	Kaiser, Andrea	8/25
Dewar III, Wes	8/9	Scifres, Hannah	8/25
McNally, Mary	8/9	McNally, Emily	8/25
Poole, Suzann	8/10	Barkes, Marvin	8/26
Akers, Hannah	8/10	DeFabis, Vince	8/26
Hayes, Kay	8/13	Patton, Carla	8/26
Lanning, Becky	8/13	Smith, Diane	8/31
Scifres, Jill	8/16		
Whitrock, Heidi	8/17		
Bontrager, Cole	8/18		
Olmos, Alexis	8/19		
Miller, Carol	8/20		
Sellers, Mark	8/21		
Stephenson, David	8/22		

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