

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

September 2023



## 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.

**The annual Women's Fall Retreat** will be held at Camp Lakeview on October 13-14. It begins with a light supper on Friday evening around 6:00 PM and ends between 3:00 and 4:00 PM on Saturday. The theme of our study will be *Scripture in Song Part 2*. Miriam will lead us in studying hymns from our hymnal and finding the meaningful ways poets express the truths of the Bible. Please think of a favorite hymn that you can share with the group. We take time out to eat and enjoy fellowship with our sisters in Christ. We also make crosses out of the fronts of greeting cards to send to Pastor Mommens who ministers to women in prison. Weather permitting we also take a walk and enjoy the camp site. More details will follow in future bulletins.

**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.

Thanks to all who donated items and those who helped put them together, we are sending 30 quilts, 10 personal care kits and 20 school kits on the LWR truck that will be coming Oct 7th. On Oct 7th we will need helping hands to load the truck. Please call the church office at 317-881-4477 between 9 a - 12, M- Th or speak with Ruth Everson or Becky Lanning to let us know if you can be of help. Thank you in advance.



Large Grant #12 (LWML Indiana District Convention 2022)

## Lutheran Theological Seminary, Siberia Russia—Married Student Housing—\$10,000

Professional church workers are necessary for the church to carry out the command of the Great Commission. With this grant, the Siberian Mission Society will update one apartment for a student and his family at the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, Russia.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grants #27 & #28 (Lexington Convention)

## Expanding God's Love in Uganda—LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region – \$92,000

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is a steadily growing church body in eastern Africa, which has requested LCMS assistance to locally train deaconesses so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to the communities. Providing local training will significantly benefit qualified women who cannot travel to Kenya for a two-year program and

to the church. This grant would allow for a land purchase attached to the established Lutheran Theological College Uganda, fencing and a small dormitory for the women.



*All 150 of the LCU congregations have many children. In a country where half of the population is under eighteen, it is common for at least half of the congregation to be children. There is a strong need for teaching the faith to families throughout Uganda. Ugandans value education and want their children to know Jesus, and the parents want to be confident in teaching their children about Jesus correctly. Having Deaconesses dedicated to teaching Christian education would greatly assist the pastors and prepare the next generation for service in the church. Their presence also helps the LCU become more well known in their communities as the mercy work is always connected to Christ through the LCU.*

### **Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach—St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries – \$78,364**

St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries in Merced, California, has been actively involved in outreach to Hmong communities in their native tongue for 15 years. Host churches, St. Paul Lutheran in Merced and Redeemer Lutheran in Fresno, California, are connected to the Hmong Language Schools since their founding in 2015 and 2018. Through the schools and outreach at New Year’s festivals, the Gospel is heard, and families are baptized and confirmed. Funds are needed to continue mission programs, develop new training modules, and support training implementation of Christ-centered educational materials in the

Hmong language to be used in the schools, for festival outreach, and to share with other LCMS churches and districts.



*Fresno Hmong Language School Spring 2019 Group Picture*

**Thanks to our Mission Mites, these grants received their requested funding. We’ll focus on the 2023-25 Mission Projects selected at the June Milwaukee convention in the coming months.**

## **Director Christian Education**

While doing my research for the Women’s Tuesday Night Bible Study, *Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph*, I was at the Indiana District Administrator’s Conference and one of the speakers in that conference was talking about Leah.

In Genesis 29, Jacob arrives at Laban’s house. Jacob stole his brother Esau’s blessing by tricking his blind father. Esau desires to kill Jacob, so his mother tells him to go to her homeland. Upon arriving, Jacob falls in love with Rachel. Jacob agrees to work for 7 years to marry Rachel. The wedding day arrives and Jacob is tricked into marrying Leah. Of course, Jacob isn’t happy and another agreement is reached. He is to finish out his week for this marriage and then he can marry the one he loves.

There is more to the story and there are many relationship dynamics. Something the conference speaker pointed out was Leah and her attitude toward having children.

“When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was

barren. And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben for she said, “Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.” She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon. Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called Levi. And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.



get the one who is really with us. Always. If we base our identity only on the things of this world, we will never be satisfied. If we seek love only in relationships on this side of heaven, we’ll find ourselves disappointed. Praise be to the One who gives us our identity as His Child. Praise be to the One who saved us from our sins so we may have a restored relationship with God. Praise be to the One who fulfills our needs and always provides for us. Praise be to the One who is “near the broken hearted and saves those crushed in spirit.” (Psalm

34:18)

Sarah Shadday, DCE

The Lord knows Leah is loved less by her husband (if even loved at all). God gives her 4 sons and at least one daughter. Leah was the first to have a child to carry on Jacob’s line, yet he still did not love her. Reuben sounds a lot like “Look! A son! And He has seen my misery.” God sees her. She was still miserable. She has Simeon “one who hears,” God hears her and knows she is unloved by her husband. She has Levi “attached” hoping her husband would be attached to her like she desires him to be. Finally, Judah, “Praise” is born. After these years and children, she is no longer looking for her husband’s love and validation through childbearing. It isn’t working. Instead, she praises God for what he has done through her. She finds love and validation in her relationship and blessings from God. Judah is the one the Messiah would be descended from. Judah, the fourth (and final) son of the less loved wife.

Like Leah, we sometimes look for love, validation, and identity in the wrong places. We seek it through our jobs, school, hobbies, clubs, teams, sports, relationships, knowledge, health, status, possessions, or other things. We often forget our true identity as a Child of God. We are precious and loved by the One who is unchanging.

It can be easy to feel lost, worthless, or wanting something tangible for validation of what we’re doing or if God is there. God doesn’t always give us what we want, but he does give us what we need. We want proof God is here, but forget about the Bible on our shelf or the Communion we received on Sunday. We forget about the Holy Spirit given in our Baptism. In our desire for something “real” we for-



Concordia  
Lutheran  
Preschool

All of us have enjoyed the start of our school year. We like to take the start of the school year to get to know our friends, learn the school rules, and learn what fun toys we can play with. The kids have LOVED some of the new things at Preschool this

year.

All of them enjoy the new playground equipment. Some of the kids love that they can swing as high as they want to on the swing. They also love the new magnet board station that was installed. They love the new toys people donated from our Amazon Wishlist. We also love having our new cleaned up garage space that we can use for indoor recess when the weather isn’t nice.

Thank you to the Board of Operations and our wonderful donors who helped us make improvements to our ministry and facility. I know my kids have enjoyed all the wonderful things this school year and making new friends. We would love for members of our congregation to meet some of our Preschool friends at the end of October when they come to Trick or Treat around the church building.

Sarah Shadday, DECE and  
Director of Preschool

## INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

### Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

- Bill Ralph 8/16/23

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

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

### Friends of Concordia

- Brad Rice 8/9/23
- Charlie Henrickson 6/30/23
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- 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) Marine Barracks 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC 20003 (USMC)



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

- **Linda Barkes and family** on the passing of her brother **Doc Max Harold Middendorf** of Browntown IN on 7/30/23. He retired from the IN. Air Guard as Lt. Col.
- **Miriam Neumann and family** at the passing of her brother **Delmar Maassel**, age 97, on August 21. He lived in Volo, Illinois. (8710 Winding Ridge Rd., Indianapolis IN 46217)

### Congratulations:

To **Kat & Carlos Santiago** at the birth of a baby boy, **Joaquin Raphael**, born at Indianapolis IN on August 22, 2023. May the Lord bless mother and child and preserve the infant for the blessed rebirth of Holy Baptism. (605 Sprucewood Dr Apt F, Lebanon IN 46052)



# Treasurer's Report

July 2023

Income Description	July 2022 5 Sundays	July 2023 5 Sundays	Total To date (31) Sun
Unified Budget	24,393.28	25,318.00	189,142.51
Memorials (Non-designated)			
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	3,983.29	2,247.00	11,083.04
Reimbursements & Refunds **			2,619.21
Rents & Wedding Fees		120.00	523.00
Miscellaneous ***		17,527.22	50,244.72
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>28,376.57</b>	<b>45,212.22</b>	<b>253,612.48</b>
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 4,878.66	\$ 5,063.60	\$ 6,101.37
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,476.00	\$ 6,570.00	

\* Building Fund \$ 160, Education \$ 20, Flowers \$ 332, Fellowship 15 \$ 25, LWCC \$ 10, LWCC Mites \$ 20, Offering envelopes \$ 40, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 34.77, Pre-school swing set (church ext. transfer) \$ 1,499, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 96.23.  
 \*\* Reimbursements & Refunds  
 \*\*\* Miscellaneous: Insurance payment for Roof damage \$17,527.22.

Expenses Boards	July 2022	July 2023	Total To date
Pastoral Care	8,547.67	8,384.17	58,353.95
Congregational Worship	881.36	565.72	5,468.20
Missions and Outreach	687.50	687.50	7,968.50
Christian Education	6,556.27	6,922.36	47,351.72
Stewardship	96.15	102.01	516.27
Operations	18,365.21	9,220.10	67,698.86
Small Group Ministries	35.99	91.07	443.40
Christian Living			960.00
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>35,170.15</b>	<b>25,972.93</b>	<b>188,760.90</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments *	2,814.65		
Reimbursement Expenses **		38,146.33	61,507.19
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>2,814.65</b>	<b>38,146.33</b>	<b>61,507.19</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>37,984.80</b>	<b>64,119.26</b>	<b>250,268.09</b>

\* Non budget Payments:  
 \*\*Reimbursement expenses: Bathroom remodeling \$ 34,000, Bethesda \$65, Birthday/Anniversary Steward acct. \$173, Building Fund (steward acct) \$875, Concordia Cares \$ 1,000, Pres-school swing set \$ 1,499, Samaritan's Purse -dig a well (VBS offering) \$464.33, We Raise \$70.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance July 31, 2023
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,578.02
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,078.64
Building Fund	18,626.93
Capital Improvements - \$ 8,777.33 Church sign - \$ 952.69 Church Landscaping - \$ 861.83 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,694.77	12,286.62
Concordia Cares	3,366.53
Inheritance Fund	211,913.68
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	146.64
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>257,997.06</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>137.23</b>

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	July 2022	July 2023	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	3,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	5,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,312.50
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>10,062.50</b>

Worship	2022	2023	Tithes
7/30	125	118	5,281.00
8/6	95	120	3,968.00
8/13	107	103	3,162.00
8/20	82	99	13,116.00
8/27		100	4,533.00

Church checking account balance July 2023	
Beginning	87,059.08
Deposits	45,212.22
Payments	64,119.26
Ending balance	68,152.04

Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord			
	SS	HS	ADULT
7/30	10	5	25
8/6			5
8/13	8	5	25
8/20	8	5	20
8/27	7	5	24

## 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

**9/3**      **Entryway**  
**9/10**     **Not Just a Formality**  
**9/17**     **The Problem of Praise**  
**9/24**     **High Ground**

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

### September Wedding Anniversaries:

Steve & Janet Bertsch (59) 9/1  
Vince & Wendy DeFabis (36) 9/5  
Don & Lynn Dombroski (46) 9/13  
Jim & Becky Lanning (49) 9/14  
Jennifer & Adam Musgrove (7) 9/17  
Mark & Marilyn Lawler (37) 9/27

### September Birthdays:

Distler, Albi	9/2	Roemer, Jim	9/22
Barnes, Pat	9/2	Slemons, Sherry	9/25
Crouch, Gaby	9/4	Beam-Garland Dianne	9/29
Yeater, Jayme	9/4		
Hartley, Bryan	9/6		
Waltz II, Gene	9/11		
Mihu, Kaitlin	9/13		
Stephenson, Gini	9/14		
Coffey, Jessica	9/16		
Reinke, Stacy	9/18		
Johnson, Georgianne	9/18		
Inman, Linda	9/19		
Boesenberg, Don	9/21		
Distler, Allen	9/21		
Chaudhary, Alex	9/21		

### 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



# Church Picnic is back!!!! September 17, 2023 at 11 am (Right after worship service)



Fried chicken will be furnished.

A sign up sheet is located in the Church for everyone to sign up to bring a side dish to share.

Dessert contest is also be back so dig out those secret recipes and start testing them out.

Questions or wanting to help call Diane Conrad 1-760-881-6187 or leave a message at the church office 317-881-4477 M-Thr 9a-noon.

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