

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

March 2024



## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

March will be a busy and fruitful month here at Concordia, what with Lent, Holy Week, and Easter all coming this month.

\* Many of us are using the “Read Mark” devotional aid, to read through the entire Gospel of Mark over the forty days of Lent.

\* Of course, our regular Sunday morning services continue at 9:30 a.m.

\* Our Bible class on Mark continues on Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

\* In our midweek Lenten services, we are doing a sermon series on “The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark,” on Wednesdays, through March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

\* Our Holy Week services will include: Palm Sunday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m.; and Good Friday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.

\* On Easter Day, Sunday, March 31, we will have two services, at 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Eleven church services, plus Bible classes and home devotions! Not to mention the mid-week dinners and the Easter breakfast! What a joy! What a blessing! O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith!

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## Director Christian Education

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”  
Job 19:25-27

Christians often point to Job as an example of Christian suffering or to answer the question of, “Why do bad things happen (to good people)?” In the midst of Job’s suffering, he makes a beautiful declaration of faith which inspired the song *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*.



This is one of my favorite Easter hymns. I remember it from when I was younger. The congregation, choirs, and orchestra worked together to make beautiful declarations of faith. What is the main declaration? He lives!

During March, we will mostly focus on Lent and Christ’s journey to the cross. However, we have the benefit of the eye witness’s testimony in the Bible. We don’t need to worry about what will happen or what the ending is. We know. We know that after three days our Savior rises. We know he is not dead. We know He lives.

“I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.” *LSB 461 verse 1*

He lives. He chose to die and take our punishment to take our sins away; but He lives. Jesus our Redeemer lives, and we will

live too. Through our baptism, we are united to Him. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. 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. We know that our old self 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.”

*Romans 6:3-10* Death no longer has dominion over him. Through our baptism in Christ, death no longer has dominion over us. Christ won victory over sin, death, and the devil for us. In the end, our Redeemer will come back for us in the same way he went into heaven. We will be with him one day. We will join the saints in heaven, singing our Redeemer’s praises forever because He lives and because He lives, we live too. “He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.” (*LSB 461 verse 6*)

We’ll sing God’s praises forever because He lives. We no longer need to fear death. Our Redeemer conquered death. Through the eye witness accounts shared with us in the Bible, we know our Redeemer lives. We also know where our Redeemer is. We can join Job, all the saints before him, and all the saints after him in the bold proclamation of faith, “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.” (*Job 29:25 - 27a*)



### Church Work Day

Join us March 2nd from 9am -noon as we work together to get church ready for Holy Week and Easter. We plan to work inside that day

(unless God gives us a beautiful day). We’ll have jobs for all abilities. They can include: disinfecting books and nursery toys, vacuuming, finishing work in the sacristy, wiping church pews, checking to see if pens and markers work, cleaning carpets, and more. We’ll have a light breakfast available for those who are helping. It’s more fun to serve together!



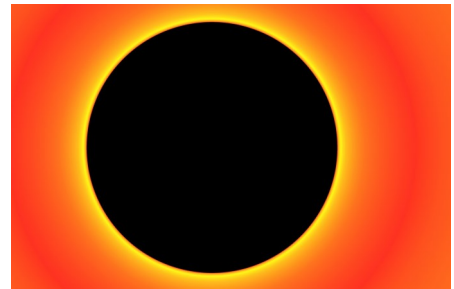
Concordia  
Lutheran  
Preschool

### Preschool

Our Preschool registration is open to the public. If you know anyone who would like to tour our facilities or would like to register for Preschool, have them contact Sarah Shadday (314-330-3782). They can also look at our website at [www.concordia-lcms.com/preschool](http://www.concordia-lcms.com/preschool)

### Eclipse Viewing

Monday,  
April 8th  
from  
1:50pm-  
4:23pm



there will be a solar eclipse and Johnson County is a prime viewing spot for it! The total eclipse will be from about 3:06pm-3:10pm. This is a special event and we have a giant field at our property. We plan to host an event for the members of our congregation and Lutheran churches from out of state. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information about our eclipse event. No matter where you decide to view the eclipse; please be sure to purchase your own eclipse glasses from a trusted source for safe viewing of the event. This website can help you find approved retailers to sell solar viewing equipment: <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/viewers-filters>



**Quilting** - See you **March 9, 2024**, if the weather permits. 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 #5 (Milwaukee Convention)

**Disaster Response Team – Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, TX – \$50,000 (Paid in Full)**

Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team (TLC DRT) in Tyler, Texas, answers the call to serve our needy neighbors by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people affected by severe storms such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. The volunteer workers set up base camps in areas affected by natural disasters. They listen compassionately to the stories of people affected by storms and share Christ’s love with them in Word and action.

TLC DRT’s equipment and trailers are also used by volunteers from other teams, causing additional wear and tear on equipment. This grant will allow the repair and replacement of necessary equipment so the team can continue to be Christ’s hands and feet and share God’s love with people affected by disasters.



*Fully Stocked Equipment Trailer*

2023–2025 LWML Mission Grant #6 (Milwaukee Convention)

**Mobile Kitchen – Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. – \$85,000 (Paid in full)**

Forged by Fire Services strives to actively make known the love of Jesus Christ through its actions and words by providing warm meals, bottled water, and spiritual care to people in need following a disaster or economic downturn. They pray with those in need and offer resources such as devotionals and Bibles.

This grant will allow the purchase of a mobile, self-contained kitchen trailer unit to provide meals in communities affected by a disaster. Over 130,000 meals have been served in the Gulf Coast region. The mobile kitchen will benefit smaller communities in need that are often overlooked by larger organizations. When serving, Forged by Fire Services strives to connect local LCMS congregations within the communities and shares the mercy and grace of Christ, one plate of food at a time.

*Exterior Photo of Proposed Mobile Kitchen*



## INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

### Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Bob Bruhn
- Charlie Henrickson
- Bruce Markel
- Rev. Leonard Neumann
- Diane Smith
- Peter Eonomou
- Tommy Ragsdale

### Friends of Concordia

- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Rev. Raji 11/25/23
- Alexandria Carrier 9/1/23
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- 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
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- 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

- Mary Ann Bryant
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20

### Our Homebound Members

(Our Senior Prayer Warriors)

Please remember and pray for our Concordia homebound members.

- Bob & Sharon Bruhn, 1375 Nicole Dr. Unit 329,  
Franklin IN 46131-0028

- Konny Hannemann, 6818 Cadwell Circle, Indianapolis IN 46237

**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**, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)

**Jadon Ranbarger** (CPL Jadon Ranbarger, c/o 6565-A Kekahuna Pl., Kailua, HI 96734)

Time Change on  
March 9, set your  
clocks one hour  
ahead.



# Treasurers Report

*January 2023*

<b>Income Descriptions</b>	<b>Jan 2023 5 Sundays</b>	<b>Jan 2024 4 Sundays</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Unified Budget	23,333.00	16,788.00	16,788.00
Memorials (Non-Designated)		50.00	50.00
Memorials (Designated)			-
Designated Gifts	779.79	865.21	865.21
Reimbursements & Refunds	298.95		-
Rents & Wedding Fees	3.00		-
Miscellaneous	10.00		-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,424.74</b>	<b>17,703.21</b>	<b>17,703.21</b>
Average per week Unified Budget	4,666.60	4,197.00	4,197.00
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,476.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

<b>Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses</b>	<b>Dec-23</b>	<b>Total to Jan-24 Date</b>	
Missions - District Synod	500.00	-	-
Lutheran High School	750.00	-	-
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	187.50	-	-
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	-	-

\*Jan payments will be made in Feb

<b>Board Expenses</b>	<b>Jan 2024</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>
Pastoral Care	8,608.45	8,608.45	125,400.00
Christian Education	6,969.95	6,969.95	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	233.68	233.68	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	-	-	21,500.00
Office	1,526.55	1,526.55	32,500.00
Properties	2,016.63	2,016.63	81,500.00
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>19,355.26</b>	<b>19,355.26</b>	<b>349,900.00</b>

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
<b>1/28/24</b>	13	4	30
<b>2/4/24</b>	11	5	26
<b>2/11/24</b>	11	4	39
<b>2/18/24</b>	14	5	29
<b>2/25/24</b>	14	5	24

<b>Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts</b>	<b>Balance 01-31-2024</b>
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,592.46
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,100.97
Building Fund - 2978	19,626.21
Capital Improvements	10,307.81
Church Sign	955.66
Church Landscaping	864.52
Heine Family Project	1,700.06
Total Capital Improvements - 9545	13,828.04
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,466.31
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,215.18
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	147.11
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>171,976.28</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>90.99</b>

<b>Church Checking Account Balance Jan 2024</b>	
Beginning	91,792.17
Deposits	32,496.33
Payments	19,355.26
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>104,933.24</b>

<b>Worship</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Tithes</b>
<b>1/28/24 s</b>	100	95	4,693.00
<b>2/4/24 s</b>	100	95	5,035.00
<b>2/11/24 s</b>	103	98	13,723.00
<b>2/14/24</b>	79	80	280.00
<b>2/18/24 s</b>	88	89	2,274.00
<b>2/21/24</b>	56	51	160.00
<b>2/25/24 s</b>	89	96	3,812.00

## 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

- 3/3**        **Included in Such Company**
- 3/10**      **All Bets Are Off**
- 3/17**      **The Strangest Request**
- 3/24**      **Repurposed Joy and Junk**
- 3/31**      **Eucatastrophe**

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. Charles Henrikson*  
*Vacancy Pastor*

**Staff**  
**Sarah Shadday**—*Director Christian Education*  
**Erica Stephenson** - *Deaconess*  
**Sarah Shadday**, —*Preschool Director*  
**Jill Upton**— *Admin. Assistant*

Office hours Mon. - Thur. 9am - noon

### March Wedding Anniversaries:

David & Erica Stephenson (30) 3/17  
 Mike & Anne Finger (46) 3/25

### March Birthdays:

Crouch, Lucas	3/6	Shadday, Sarah	3/19
Foster, Fred	3/7	Fonseth, Marta	3/20
Hartley, Samuel	3/11	Ronczka, Scott	3/21
Bertsch, John	3/13	Shadday, Hannah	3/21
Guthrie, Larry	3/14	Hayes, Jim	3/22
Thompson, Courtney	3/15	Marot, Sarah	3/22
Frey, Isaac	3/15	Infante, Phillis	3/22
Everson, Ruth	3/16	Brooks, Thomas	3/24
Guinn, April	3/16	Owen, Ben	3/24
Guthrie, Anne	3/17	Boling, Jordan	3/29
Liechty, Jason	3/17	Judd, Helen	3/31
Wilson, Dave	3/17		

### 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



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

- **The Reinke family** on the death of **Gail Reinke**, Jeff's mother on 1/24/24 (8507 Ridge Hill Dr., Indianapolis IN 46217)



## Lenten Midweek Services

Dinners to be served each week - 5:15 pm  
6 March, Lenten Midweek 4 - 6:30 pm  
13 March, Lenten Midweek 5 - 6:30 pm  
20 March, Lenten Midweek 6 - 6:30 pm

## Holy Week

24 March, Palm Sunday - 9:30 am  
28 March, Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm  
29 March, Good Friday Tenebrae - 6:30 pm  
31 March, Easter - 6:30 & 9:30 am  
Easter breakfast to follow the Sunrise service



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