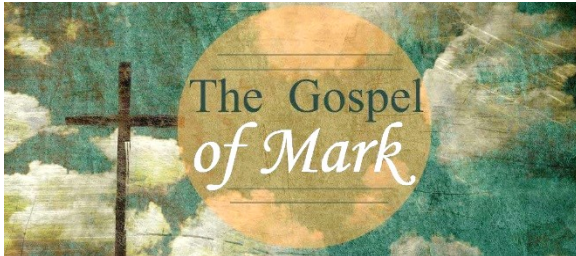


# THE Concordia Messenger



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

February 2024



## A Deep Dive into the Gospel of Mark

The Gospel according to Mark is featured prominently this church year, and so we're doing a deep dive into this gospel:

\* Pastor Henrickson is leading a Bible class on Mark on Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

\* The theme for our six Wednesday Lenten services will be “The Passion of Our Lord according to Mark,” on Mark 14-15, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m.

\* We're making available at church, and encouraging everyone to use at home, a devotional aid called “Read Mark: Learn and Inwardly Digest,” a reading plan for the Gospel of Mark over the forty days of Lent. This half-sheet has an outline for your personal or family devotion, along with a schedule for reading through all of Mark (the shortest gospel) over the forty days.

*Pastor Henrickson*

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314-779-8108 (phone/text; note area code)



## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

Ash Wednesday Divine Service  
February 14, 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.  
Jesus Anointed at Bethany (14:1-11)

Vespers, February 21, 6:30 p.m.  
Preparation for the Passover and Institution of the Lord's Supper (14:12-26)  
Prediction of Peter's Denial (14:27-31)

### Vespers, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (14:32-42)  
Judas' Betrayal and the Arrest of Jesus (14:43-52)

Vespers, March 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Jesus' Trial before the Council (14:53-65)  
Peter's Denial (14:66-72)

Vespers, March 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Jesus before Pilate (15:1-15)  
Jesus Mocked and Crucified (15:16-32)

Vespers, March 20, 6:30 p.m.  
The Death of Jesus (15:33-41)  
Jesus' Burial (15:42-47)

**February 14, 2024** Ash Wednesday begins our series of Lenten suppers. Look for sign-up information posted at church. We are in need of a couple "captains," meal donations, and cleanup crew.

**The Council** has approved an upcoming Lenten project. We will assemble ten Per-

**sonal Care Kits** for Lutheran World Relief and would love your support! To get involved, you can check the LWCC bulletin board for more information and choose a tag for an item you plan to donate. Once you have your item, please deposit it in the cubbies outside the office door. Your help is greatly appreciated! We'll need all items by Easter (March 31,24)

## Director Christian Education

My husband's grandfather died in December. Our family attended the wake and funeral. In the weeks after the funeral we received a myriad of questions. They included anything from, "Is he sleeping?" "Was that a statue?" "Will he come to my birthday?" Needless to say, we've had discussions about death, heaven, and Jesus. One of our kids keeps stating, "He (Jesus) is taking a long time (to come back)."

Yes, He is. I think everyone in the Church would agree. This fallen world is miserable. It's full of sorrow and suffering. We long to be with Jesus; but while we live, we know God still has work for us here. Paul knew this well, "I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account." (Philippians 1:22-24)

Believers are waiting patiently for Jesus to come again and take us to heaven with him. Believers don't theorize Jesus will come again. We know for a fact and expect His return. God tells us He will come again in His Word. His true and everlasting Word tells us what God will do. In the Garden of Eden, God told us He would send a Savior (Genesis 3:14-15). God did send a Savior. "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery." (Hebrews 2:14-15)

God used his angel messengers to tell us Christ will return, "And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'" (Acts 1:10-11)



We patiently wait. God gives us the opportunity to share the Gospel message. The saints on earth pray God's kingdom will come and that we would be with God forever in heaven.

"The saints, who here in patience Their cross and sufferings bore, Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold; In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!" (*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers LSB 515 verses 3 and 4*)

This Lenten season, we remember Christ's suffering and death for our sins. We watch as He bears the sins of the world and takes them to the cross. We patiently wait and celebrate His victory over sin, death, and the devil through His resurrection. Now, we wait for him to return one day and take us to heaven where He has prepared a place for all believers.



Concordia  
Lutheran  
Preschool

**February 14th** marks the start of the Lenten season and early enrollment for Preschool. Normal registration begins March 1st. Early registration is open for Concordia members and 2023-2024 returning Preschool families. The registration fee for next school year will remain at \$100.

Our classes & costs will be as follows:

PreK Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday 9am-noon  
Registration \$125 (paid once)  
Tuition \$175/month (10 months)  
PreK students should be 4 by  
August 1st, 2024 and potty trained

3's Tuesday, Friday 9am-11:30am  
Registration \$125 (paid once)  
Tuition \$125/month (10 months)  
3's students should be 3 by August 1st,  
2024 and potty trained

Once again, any Concordia members or returning families from our 2023-2024 year

may begin registering on February 14th. We ask for prayers on the remainder of our school year, that God would send us the children and families we need for our 2024-2025 year. We also ask that if anyone knows someone looking for a Preschool to recommend our Preschool ministry.

~Sarah Shadday,  
Director Christian Education  
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**Quilting** - See you **February 10, 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.

### Mite Boxes — How They Began

Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, the Woman's Mission to Woman (Baptist) urged members in its first circular letter in 1871 to use their new Mite Box to raise funds. The entire family was encouraged to contribute. The garnet-colored paper box had an opening on the top and the words "Woman's Mission to Woman" in gold letters on the side.

### LWML Mite Boxes

Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds supporting local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6,651.31 in 1930.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws that 25% of all missionary contributions be

sent to the national organization and shared from the districts.

At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed raising funds only through voluntary offerings. Instead of "mite boxes," some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes," "mission boxes," or "thank offering boxes." The first Mite Box design had space for districts to imprint local messages. In publications and speeches, Leaguers were reminded not to tuck their Mite Box away out of sight and then, on the day of the meeting, take out a dollar bill, put it in an envelope, and hand it to the secretary.

### Times and Mite Boxes Change

Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings to reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level—National Mites fund over \$1 million in mission grants.

*Next month we'll resume profiling Mission Grants from the 2023 Milwaukee Convention.*





## INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

### **Concordia Members**

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

Testing / Recovery:

- Jan White
- Heidi Whitrock
- 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
- Charlie Henrikson 6/30/23
- 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
- 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

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

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



# Treasurer's Report

December 2023

Income Description	Dec 2022 4 Sundays	Dec 2023 5 Sundays	Total To date (53) Sun
Unified Budget	55,460.07	54,184.80	332,597.13
Memorials (Non-designated)		225.00	500.00
Memorials (Designated)			20.00
Designated Gifts *	3,500.34	968.65	16,284.88
Reimbursements & Refunds **	400.60	944.31	5,062.25
Rents & Wedding Fees	75.00	120.00	838.00
Miscellaneous ***	2,503.11	32,541.52	179,869.73
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>61,939.12</b>	<b>88,984.28</b>	<b>535,171.99</b>
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 13,850.02	\$10,836.96	\$6,275.42
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,476.00	\$ 6,570.00	

Expenses Boards	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,906.58	1,928.04	74,371.92
Congregational Worship	929.92	1,529.92	9,729.47
Missions and Outreach	687.50	687.50	11,406.00
Christian Education	6,441.50	7,468.33	82,522.63
Stewardship			807.58
Operations	10,364.69	11,953.17	114,001.03
Small Group Ministries		173.34	711.27
Christian Living	195.00	256.88	2,517.38
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>26,525.19</b>	<b>23,997.18</b>	<b>296,067.28</b>
<b>Non-boards</b>			
Non budget payments *			
Reimbursement Expenses **	5,639.05	35,475.18	198,388.64
<b>Total Non-Budget Payments</b>	<b>5,639.05</b>	<b>35,475.18</b>	<b>198,388.64</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>32,164.24</b>	<b>59,472.36</b>	<b>494,455.92</b>

\* Advent Dinners \$108.00, Altar Flowers \$100, Building Fund \$160, Concordia Cares \$150, Fellowship 15 \$24, Hope-full Living \$55.50, Initial Offering \$20, LWCC \$10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$36, Plastic Reusable Candle Holders \$219.15, Poinsettias \$50, Southside Times \$16, We Raise Foundation \$10, Youth Group \$10

\*\* Reimbursements & Refunds: Pre-school Indiana & Federal taxes \$944.31.

\*\*\* Miscellaneous: Transfer from Stewardship Inheritance Fund \$407.46 Insurance check for roof damage reroofing \$32,134.06

\*\*Reimbursement expenses: Preschool taxes Fed \$722.18, State \$222.15. Beef & Boards tickets - Joseph \$447, Fellowship \$247.29, Hope Full Living \$55.50, LCEF Steward Account - Concordia Cares \$89.11, LCEF Steward Account - Building Fund \$940.00, LWCC \$187.00, Pennies from Heaven \$208.89, Plastic Reusable Candle Holders \$122, Poinsettias \$30, Preschool \$20, ReRoofing Sanctuary \$32,134.06, We Raise \$50.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	6,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	9,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	2,250.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>15,812.50</b>

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Dec 31, 2023
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,590.03
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,097.21
Building Fund	19,615.83
Capital Improvements - \$ 10,302.35 Church sign - \$ 955.15 Church Landscaping - \$ 864.06 Heine Family Project - \$ 1,699.16	13,820.72
Concordia Cares	3,464.48
Inheritance Fund	123,149.99
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	147.03
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>171,885.29</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>90.74</b>

Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
12/31	74	81	19,210.45
1/7/24	94	85	3,620.00
1/14/24	97	44	3,654.00
1/21/24	69	73	3,465.00
1/28/24	rbd	tbd	

2023 - Donations by Receipt \$3,582.46

2023 - Thrivent Choice Dollars designated for Concordia Cares \$422.00

NOTE:  
\$13,731.55 Sunday December 31 offerings were deposited in 2024, but counted as 2023 income.

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
12/31	9	4	17
1/7/24	10		25
congregational meeting			43
1/14/24	7	5	17
1/21/24	9	4	26
1/28/24			

Church checking account balance Dec 2023	
Beginning	76,011.80
Deposits	75,252.73
Payments	59,472.36
Ending balance	91,792.17

## 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

**2/4 Nature Abhors a Vacuum**  
**2/11 What Is Evangelism**  
**2/18 tbd**  
**2/25 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**  
*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

### February Wedding Anniversaries:

Rick & Linda Snyder (52) 2/5  
 Mike & Kris Bierman (34) 2/24

### February Birthdays:

Sullivan, Rachel	2/2		
Bierman, Daniel	2/3	Lawler, Mark	2/16
Bontrager Jr., John	2/3	Barrick Steve	2/16
Conrad, Diane	2/4	Bruhn, Sharon	2/21
Dombroski, Lynn	2/5	Hartley, Genny	2/22
Kearns, Spencer	2/9	Wagener, Hank	2/23
Reinke, Jeff	2/9	Kearns, Logan	2/24
Williams, Rachel (Wilson)		Owen, Dean	2/27
2/9		Snyder, Kevin	2/27
Sullivan, Diana	2/10	Hoeltke, Herb	2/28
Hassel, Deb	2/10	Dempsey, Kendra	2/28
Ford, Heidi	2/11		

### 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:



## Lenten Midweek Services

Dinners to be served each week - 5:15 p

- 14 February, Ash Wednesday Worship - 4 & 6:30 p
- 21 February, Lenten Midweek 2 - 6:30 p
- 28 February, Lenten Midweek 3 - 6:30 p
- 6 March, Lenten Midweek 4 - 6:30 p
- 13 March, Lenten Midweek 5 - 6:30 p
- 20 March, Lenten Midweek 6 - 6:30 p

## Holy Week

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



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