

THE Concordia Messenger



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

April 2024



Eclipse-o-mania!

On the afternoon of Monday, April 8, our region will lie smack-dab in the heart of “the path of totality” of a solar eclipse. The Indianapolis area is expected to have 100,000 visitors in town to experience this rare event. Here

at Concordia-Greenwood, I’m told there will be a church from Kentucky coming up to share the experience with us. It’s Eclipse-o-mania I tell you! All for a total eclipse that will last three to four minutes.

On a Friday afternoon long ago, the sky went dark for three hours, as our Lord Jesus was dying on the cross. We all were lying in the path of totality of sin and death. Yet the judgment fell on God’s own Son, dying for our sins in our place.

Then on Easter morning, as the sun was rising, God’s Son rose from the dead. By his death and resurrection, Christ has brought life and immortality to light! For us!

Friends, we get to experience and celebrate this most joyous event, during the Easter season all this month, and really for eternity!

“The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” –Matthew 4:16

“Our Savior Christ Jesus . . . abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” –2 Timothy 1:10

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Preschool Article

We would like to thank the Indiana District LWML Zone Board of Directors for supporting our Preschool through their in gathering gifts at their meeting. This group blessed us with many packages of tissues, markers, plates, glue sticks, disinfectant wipes, and more. We are so thankful for these gifts. Their generosity helps us continue the ministry at Concordia Lutheran Preschool.



Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool



We are also excited because our PreK class is already half way full! We love that so many of our 3’s students are continuing on to PreK and we already have new friends registered for next year as well! If you know any families looking for a good, first school experience, please, pass on our information.

www.concordia-lcms.com/preschool

Director Christian Education

Tuesday Night Bible Study

April 9th is the last meeting of our Islam Study. This was a special opportunity because a church member let me know about someone who lived in a Muslim country. I know the night I went to the study I learned a lot. Thankfully, my husband has gotten a chance to go as well and he learned a lot. It was also wonderful hearing about everyone who was able to attend and learn more about this person’s personal experiences and the individual’s perspective on how we can minister to the Muslim community.

Starting in May, the Tuesday Night Bible Study will once again become a Women’s Tuesday Night Bible Study. For the next 5 class periods we will learn about How we got the Bible. Following that topic, we will learn about the Lost Books. These Bible Studies are from Lutheran

Hour Ministries. I thought these would be great topics because when we studied the book of Esther a few months ago and talked about the book of Esther in the Bible and in the Apocrypha, questions came up that I don't think I was fully prepared to answer. Hopefully, both of these Bible Studies will help explain why the Bible was put together the way it was and why some people refer to these "lost books" and what they are.



If anyone cannot attend the study on "How We Got The Bible" and the "Lost Books" and is interested in those topics; please, let me know and I can share where you can get a copy of the materials. An added bonus is that these materials are free to use.

Thank you again to everyone who has been able to attend the Islam Study. If anyone is interested in supporting the teacher leading the class, let me know and I can send information on how to support the teacher and the ministry the individual does with donations.

Sarah Shadday

Director, Christian Education and Preschool

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 10th -14th. There are a lot of important dates to go with Vacation Bible School so here are some to remember:

- ☼ May 15th 12:30pm-1:30 VBS Volunteer Training (learn where you're working, who station are, what's happening at VBS, child protection training and background checks if necessary, etc.)
- ☼ May 18th 9am-noon Church Work Day
- ☼ June 2nd 11:45am-12:45pm VBS Volunteer Training (see above)
- ☼ June 9th 11:45am VBS Set Up (you can help with set up even if you can't come help during VBS week!) and **LAST DAY TO BRING VBS DONATIONS**
- ☼ June 10th-14th 9am-11:30am Vacation Bible School programming
- ☼ June 13th 6:30pm VBS Program and Celebration
- ☼ June 14th Noon VBS Clean Up



Vacation Bible School takes a lot of volunteers

and donations so we can keep the event free to the community and fun for the children who attend. My favorite part is seeing our past Preschoolers return and see their friends again. If anyone would like to volunteer for Vacation Bible School, please contact Sarah Shadday. If anyone would like to donate items to VBS, please, check our bulletin board to see what items are still needed. If you would like to help promote VBS, please share our posts on Facebook and Instagram. If you would like to register a child for Vacation Bible School, go to our link at: <https://forms.gle/AVLUz1Lh6qtt11Du7>

Eclipse Event

The total eclipse that takes place on Monday, April 8th will be a once in a hundred year event.



The partial eclipse starts around 1:50pm. The totality of the eclipse takes place around 3:05pm and will last 3-4 minutes. You are welcome to celebrate at Concordia if you would like. You're welcome to bring your own meals, snacks, and drinks. We'll open our parking lot to our congregation members, a Lutheran church from Kentucky, and the public. We will be asking for a free will donation for the parking spot to support our Fellowship Hall remodel. We have free eclipse glasses at Concordia, donated by Festival County Johnson County for those who would like to participate.

We will also have snacks available to purchase that will also support our Fellowship Hall remodel. We've heard traffic will be bad the day of the eclipse, so we recommend carpooling, coming early and leaving late; so be prepared with things to do, extra snacks, and even a full tank of gas!

If you have questions, please, contact Adele Tinsley or Andrew McNally.

Church Work Days

In the upcoming months, we're planning two work days: April 6, 9am-noon and May 18, 9am-noon. The work day in April will focus on spring planting and other outdoor work (but we'll have plenty of indoor work if the weather is bad). The one in May will focus on getting our Shelter House, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall ready for Pre-school end of the year celebrations and Vacation Bible School.





Quilting - See you **April 20, 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 #8 (Milwaukee Convention)

Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis– \$100,000

The LCMS receives frequent requests from other Lutheran church bodies worldwide to share theological knowledge and doctrinally sound practices. Supporting and expanding theological education is one of LCMS's key mission priorities to ensure there will be well-educated pastors to lead these congregations.

Very few of these church bodies have the resources to send students to the United States for advanced studies, and seminary professors with advanced theological degrees are needed to instruct and mentor pastoral students in their home countries.



God has equipped our seminary professors to fill this gap. International students will come to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to complete advanced degrees and return to their country to train pastors who will then shepherd their local churches. This grant will provide aid to international students completing their advanced degrees.

Rev. Aiji Komiyama is a Ph.D. student from Kobe, Japan. A pastor in the West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary in 2011 and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., in 2020. From 2011-17,

he served as pastor of Kita-Suzurandai Lutheran Church (Kita-Suzurandai, Japan). After he earns his Ph.D., he will become a professor at Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Other students come from Ethiopia, Brazil, Ghana, China, and Kenya; many have similar backgrounds. Our mites are supporting the continuing education of these men.

West Zone LWML meets April 13

The ladies at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mooresville are hosting the event for us for the first time since they joined our zone on Saturday, April 13, beginning with breakfast at 9 a.m.

Let's meet some new sisters in Christ and learn how we can help host our sisters from Indiana at the district convention in Danville this June. We will end our time together in song and prayer with this year's Prayer Service. See the bulletin board for more information about this program. If you plan to carpool, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Recipients of the 2023 LWCC

Tithe Announced

Thank you to the 43 women who voted in February to select two recipients of \$100 each from the eight names on the ballot. **Isaiah 117 House** received the most votes, followed by a close second to **Angel Care, Inc.**

Isaiah 117 House provides a comforting home for children when they are removed from their homes. Its mission is threefold: to reduce trauma for children awaiting placement, lighten the load for child welfare services, and ease the transition for foster families. Indiana has eight homes, including one in Marion County.

Angel Care, Inc. is dedicated to meeting young women's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs facing a crisis pregnancy and is seeking the construction of a facility to shelter and mentor up to 12 teens through their pregnancy journey.



INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

- Gene Waltz 4/15

Testing / Recovery:

- Jim Roemer
- Bob Bruhn
- Charlie Henrickson
- Jan White
- Rev. Leonard Neumann
- Diane Smith
- Peter Economou
- 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 Sylvania, 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)



West Wing Renovation

I repainted my Den and was just delighted with the results! Everything looked so fresh and clean. My delight was short lived; I had only to look at the adjoining room

looking kind of lackluster and in need of a refresh. Has this ever happened to you?

I think we might be experiencing this Refresh phenomenon at Concordia.

After the main bathrooms had a fabulous renovation, It became apparent that the rest of our Church building needs some “love.” So, we set out to gather the information for our next steps. During the month of February we gathered your suggestions. Thank you all for the great input! The “LOVE” display gathered 24 comments cards with 36 suggestions on where we, as a Congregation, want to focus our next refresh or renovation effort. The fellowship hall, kitchen and hallway area outside of the new bathrooms are the area of most concern. We are calling this the **West Wing Renovation**.

Our next step is to gather the funds. Once funds have been secured, the actual processing of planning the renovation will happen - but this phase is for fund raising. The Team Captains for this phase are Heidi Ford, and Adele Tinsley. Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, thoughts or suggestions. We are looking forward to working together with everyone to achieve this next positive step at Concordia!

May19th will be the West Wing Renovation Fundraiser kickoff! There will be a Luncheon, Speaker and silent auction to benefit the Renovation of the west wing at Concordia. We will be soliciting auction items from the Congregation. Stay tuned for more details, To God Be the Glory!
Adele Tinsley

Treasurers Report

February 2024

Income Descriptions	Feb 2023 4 Sundays	Feb 2024 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	17,706.00	23,643.00	40,431.00
Memorials (Non-Designated)			50.00
Memorials (Designated)			-
Designated Gifts	1,567.30	7,651.14	8,516.35
Reimbursements & Refunds	485.80		-
Rents & Wedding Fees	120.00		-
Miscellaneous	15.00	20,316.56	20,316.56
Total Income	19,894.10	51,610.70	69,313.91
Average per week Unified Budget	4,426.50	5,910.75	5,053.85
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,476.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Jan-24	Feb-24	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	-	375.00	375.00
Lutheran High School	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Support	-	2,875.00	2,875.00

Board Expenses	Feb 2024	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	9,225.06	17,833.51	125,400.00
Christian Education	9,552.61	16,522.56	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	-	233.68	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	2,875.00	2,875.00	21,500.00
Office	902.99	2,429.54	32,500.00
Properties	29,052.88	31,069.51	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	51,608.54	70,963.80	349,900.00

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
3/3/24	11	5	40
3/10/24	10	5	32
3/17/24	9	5	23
3/24	tbd		
3/31	0	0	0

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 02-29-2024
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,594.73
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,104.49
Building Fund - 2978	19,626.21
Capital Improvements	10,312.92
Church Sign	956.13
Church Landscaping	864.52
Heine Family Project	1,700.89
Total Capital Improvements - 9545	13,834.89
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,468.03
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,276.20
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	147.18
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	172,051.73
Interest Earned	85.17

**Church Checking Acct Balance
Feb 2024**

Beginning	104,933.24
Deposits	55,138.22
Payments	51,608.54
Ending Balance	108,462.92

Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
2/28/24		50	260.00
3/3/24 s	89	92	6,387
3/6/24		46	185.00
3/10/24 s	80	84	3,857
3/13/24		46	170.00
3/17/24 s	95	98	7,370
3/20/24		48	70.00

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

4/7 **Raise the Flag**
4/14 **Breathe In, Breathe Out**
4/21 **tbd**
4/28 **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*
Vacant- *Admin. Assistant*

Office hours Mon. - Thur. 9am - noon

April Wedding Anniversaries:

Craig & Diane Smith (48) 4/10
 Kaushal & Alex Chaudhary (13) 4/16
 Jim & Kay Hayes (31) 4/17
 Chris & Rose Mihi (36) 4/25
 Zack & Alexis Marot (2) 4/9

April Birthdays:

Lanning, Jim	4/1	Bierman, Kris	4/12
Masters, Edie	4/3	Economou, Betty	4/13
Smith, Craig	4/3	Stephenson, Erica	4/15
Bierman, Joel	4/4	Markel, Pennie	4/15
Foster, Marcia	4/4	Krinhop, Betsy	4/22
Economou, Dick	4/5	Denton, Jacqueline	4/23
Brooks, Gary	4/6	Snyder, Linda	4/24
Santiago Salazar (Lanning), Kat	4/8	Jensen, Darlene	4/25
		Emkes, Mike	4/30

Church Council

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 Chris Brooks

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Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

Emily McNally

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

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May 19th

West Wing Renovation
Fundraiser Kickoff

Following our Congregational meeting, the Fund raising team will be hosting a Luncheon, with Guest speaker and a silent auction.

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**Concordia Lutheran Church
& Preschool**