

THE Concordia Messenger



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

May 2024



Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity

In May, we celebrate three major festivals:

- ♦ **The Ascension of Our Lord:** Thursday, May 9, Divine Service at 6:30 p.m.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet!

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Hymns: 493, 491, 494, 821, 492, 495

After the service, stay and enjoy an ice cream social. Those who wish can bring ice cream and/or toppings to share.

- ♦ **The Day of Pentecost:** Sunday, May 19

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Hymns: 502, 906, 497, 500, 650, 501, 496, 503

- ♦ **The Holy Trinity:** Sunday, May 26

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17

Hymns: 571, 960, 498, 507, 506, 876, 504

On a personal note, I am scheduled to have aortic valve replacement surgery on May 13. I will need some days to recover, but I hope to be back serving you as soon as I am able.

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Director of Christian Education

Preschool

May is always a bittersweet time at Preschool. The kids have spent the year together learning and growing both in their faith and academically. The staff has spent a year getting to know the kids and their families. It's always fun to watch our PreK graduation. We also love when we get to see our Preschool friends again at VBS or when they visit us on their school breaks. May is also the time we start preparing for the next school year. We like to clean up school. We like to go through our toys and double check for anything that needs updating. We also like to do a deeper clean of Preschool. This year, we're looking for the congregation's help to promote Preschool. As of writing this, we still do have multiple PreK and 3's spots open that we would like to fill. As you hear or see people in the community looking for a play based half day PreK or Preschool, let them know we still have availability.



Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is **June 10-14th 9am-11:30am** this year. Our theme is “Celebrate the Savior.” It's always fun to celebrate! If you want to join in our celebration; here are some ways you can help:



- * May 15 12:30pm-1:30pm VBS Volunteer Training
- * 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

May 15th is our first volunteer training on a WEDNESDAY. If you are an adult and are not able to attend the Wednesday, May 15th or Sunday, June 2nd volunteer training; please let me know. We need to make sure all adults have been through child protection training and have a background check.



I played percussion for a few years in school. I wouldn't say I was good.... When I did auditions to play in college, let's just say the audition didn't go



well.... It wasn't bad; but playing on a new instrument in the audition room didn't go the best. The pieces I played didn't sound like they did in practice. That coupled with a comment along the lines of, "I can tell you have a passion for music, don't you?" made me break out in tears after getting out of the room. Surely he meant, "That's the only nice thing we can say." Eventually, I received a letter welcoming me to the Wind Symphony and I received a small music scholarship! What I didn't know during the audition was Doc Fischer's sincerity. I can never say enough about Doc. God has used Doc to help thousands grow in their faith and musical ability. He honestly shares his faith, struggles, and is kind and loving. Music and Wind Symphony are his ministry. Wind Symphony starts the week with devotions and we played most of our concerts in churches. We always have some sacred pieces in our programs. Every concert had an encore of *Who Puts His Trust In God Most Just*, which members of Wind Symphony would sing and play. Wind Symphony's joke was, no matter what the audience gets an encore! After concerts; the band would come together and hold hands before clean up to sing the *Doxology*.

Under Doc's direction, the Wind Symphony recorded 13 of their own CDs and is on more with other musical groups from Concordia Chicago. Under Doc's direction, Wind Symphony toured over 40 states and countries like Canada, Eastern Europe, and China. The Wind Symphony has even played in Carnegie Hall. He is the first professor at Concordia Chicago to receive an Endowed Chair.

Doc Fischer has been the head of instru-

mental music at Concordia since 1974. **1974.** This is his **50th anniversary at Concordia Chicago.** I would guess he has easily shared his faith with over a hundred thousand people in his 50 years. For 50 years he has integrated faith and music. This is an amazing milestone and thankfully, Concordia Chicago is going to celebrate! June 21-23 is reunion weekend.

All of Doc's former musicians are welcome to come back for the reunion and reunion concert to play with him and each other again. This is literally a dream come true for me. I've been in a few bands before. In most of those, we would play some sacred music and even play for church services. Wind Symphony with Doc Fischer is just different. I can't explain why; but if I had to try, it's the faith and caliber of musicians. Doc's faith in Christ as His Savior is interwoven with his ministry through Wind Symphony. I'm sure there are other bands out there like that; however, they don't have Doc. He is so sincere and passionate in talking about faith, music, and seeing the best in people.

The last tour concert and home concert of the year was always heartbreaking. We would say goodbye to the seniors and give them gifts. The Wind Symphony would never be the same again without those people; yet it was always the same. Always rooted in faith. Always beautiful music. Led by Doc. Always a new group of people who would bond together. Thankfully, because of the many years Doc Fischer served at Concordia; I and many others have the chance to play with this group again. I don't care if it's only singing *Who Puts His Trust* at the end of the concert and the *Doxology* before clean up. Just being part of this group again is a special moment. I am excited to celebrate Doc and his ministry. I'm excited to be part of this ministry again; even for a few days. Even if it is only for those two songs.

I think it's because this is what my picture of heaven is like. People from Doc's 50 years of ministry will be there. I know Doc's faith will be central to this program and to many of the people there. This reunion will bring people back together from many different school years and places from the United States, possibly the world. All to celebrate this one person and his faith and ministry. One day, we'll all praise God through music and song. One day; Jesus will return and bring together people of all times, places who are scattered throughout the world. He will take

all who believe in Him as their Savior to heaven where we will be united under one Lord, one faith, and one birth. We will praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Not just for one weekend; but for all eternity. We may stand hand in hand with people we know or people we don't; but on that day, it won't matter. All that will matter is praising God from whom all blessings flow.

Sarah Shadday
Director, Christian Education and Preschool



2023–2025 Mission
Grant #7
(Milwaukee Con-
vention)

Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach **LCMS Life Ministry — \$96,500**

Millions of people in the United States are suffering from mental illness and disorders. There is a tremendous need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to help these people and their family members cope with mental illnesses.

Research validates that people seeking help for mental disorders might be more likely to consult a pastor than a clinical therapist or psychologist. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders must be prepared to address the mental health and illness issues that members of the congregation and those outside the Church may bring to them.

The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness is coordinating with LCMS Life Ministry to develop and publish materials and resources to train church workers and lay leaders about mental health outreach and spiritual care. This grant will support the development of these materials

The body of Christ cares for all people, supporting mental wellbeing.



2023–2025 Mission Grant #9
(Milwaukee Convention)

Equipping Young Leaders **LCMS Youth Ministry — \$50,000**

LCMS Youth Ministry faithfully leads, serves, and provides resources and networks with youth and adults working through LCMS districts

and congregations, with Christ and His gifts at the heart and center of everything. The sponsored Youth Lead program and Servant Events are designed to train young leaders and give them service opportunities. Offering Youth Lead conferences regionally, piloting a new format of Servant Events to include leadership training, and increasing curriculums will provide service and leadership training to more teens and young adults. LCMS Youth Ministries wants to deepen its understanding of young people's needs and the best practices for youth and young adult ministry. Survey results show that the way to keep young people connected to the Church is to give them chances to serve and lead. This grant will allow LCMS Youth Ministry to expand its programs to equip young leaders.



The March 2022 annual YouthLead training was one of the largest in forty years with more than 90 participants

2023–2025 Mission Grant #10
(Milwaukee Convention)

Set Apart To Serve **LCMS Office of Pastoral Education — \$100,000 (PAID IN FULL)**

Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide initiative that focuses on forming and recruiting full-time church workers to teach the saving faith to God's people. Since Christ provides workers for His Church through His people, every congregation needs to talk intentionally to our youth and adults about church work to stimulate enrollment in Christian education, deaconess, parish music director, family life, and seminary programs.

This grant will partially fund anticipated expenses of a broad, rigorously planned, well-constructed, multi-year sustained effort across the LCMS to affect a positive, cultural change in how church worker vocations are perceived. Prospective students will be encouraged and inspired to consider and prepare to serve the Church in lifelong professions that advance the Gospel in the U.S. and abroad.

Photographed on
Saturday, July 9, 2022
at the 2022 LCMS
Youth Gathering in
Houston.



LWML Bibles

A few months ago, the women in our church, more specifically the LWML, sponsored children's Bibles to go in the pews. This has been a blessing to the parents and children in our church. Our church staff also noticed an adult or two looking at the Bibles when they first came out. The church staff would like to once again thank the LWML for sponsoring the children's

Bibles in the pews. Thank you for encouraging the children of our congregation to read the word of God. Thank you for also supporting parents with some-



thing for children to look at during church when all the toys, coloring, and snacks aren't quite enough. Thank you for also providing our church with moments like this where children can look at God's Word together.

West Wing Renovation

Fundraiser Kickoff May 19th.

Save the Date for this fun event! Following our Congregational meeting at noon, there will be a luncheon, presentation from Grace on Wings and a Silent Auction. Some of the silent auction items are on display in foyer. Please sign up for the Luncheon. This is our first step in getting some much needed repairs done to our Church Home!

BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL
THE VOLUTEERS HELPING
IN THE OFFICE DURING
OUR ADMIN VACANCY.
YOU ARE APPRECIATED
BEYOND WORDS!

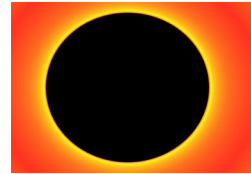
SHINING IN THE COMMUNITY!

Thank you to the Concordia Team for helping man a water stop at the April 13 Carmel Marathon. The promoter is giving us \$150 designated for the Tuzla mission in Bosnia. The team members included John Bertsch, Don & Lyn Dombroski, Tracy Guinn, Genny Hartley, Tammy Owen, Mike & Adele Tinsley. We'll have another opportunity to support a water stop on August 31 at the Women's Half Marathon.

Ruth Everson

Our Concordia Team was complimented by other race volunteers as being the BEST group they had worked with! Tammy Owen's responded " It's Because we have Jesus!" What a great witness out in the community!

Adele Tinsley



Eclipse Event

April 8th was quite a day at Concordia! The weather was perfect to host the 45 people from Concordia Lutheran Louisville to watch the eclipse. We received the following thank you note:



Dear Pastor Henrikson, Andrew, Adele, and Concordia members -
Thank you so much for having us for the total solar eclipse on April 8. Your warm welcome and incredible hospitality made the day even more special and memorable. May God continue to bless your congregation and your ministry!

In Christ,
The Jbynt
family

Treasurers Report

March 2024

Income Descriptions	Mar 2023 4 Sundays	Mar 2024 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	29,701.48	21,797.60	62,228.60
Memorials (Non-Designated)			50.00
Memorials (Designated)			-
Designated Gifts	892.79	992.45	9,508.80
Reimbursements & Refunds	475..36		-
Rents & Wedding Fees		120.00	120.00
Miscellaneous			20,316.56
Total Income	31,0369.63	22,910.05	71,907.40
Average per week Unified Budget	7,425.37	4,359.52	4,786.82
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,570.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Feb-24	Mar-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	Mar 2024	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	8,577.93	26,411.44	125,400.00
Christian Education	7,608.00	24,130.56	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	270.50	504.18	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	20.00	2,895.00	21,500.00
Office	218.62	2,648.16	32,500.00
Properties	4,675.83	35,745.34	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	21,370.88	92,334.68	349,900.00

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
3/24/2024	13	3	23
04/07/2024	9	4	21
04/14/2024	9	3	23
04/21/2024	13	4	24

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Stew- ard Accounts	Balance 03-31-2024
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,597.01
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,108.01
Building Fund - 2978	19,645.65
Capital Improvements	10,318..03
Church Sign	956.60
Church Landscaping	865.38
Heine Family Project	1,701.73
Total Capital Improvements - 9545	13,841.74
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,469.75
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,337.25
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	147.25
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	172,146.66
Interest Earned	94.93

Church Checking Acct Balance- Mar 2024

Beginning	108,462.92
Deposits	19,864.05
Payments	22,123.07
Ending Balance	106,203.90

Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
3/24/24	110	94	1,888.00
Maundy Thurs	68	51	185.00
Good Fri	89	71	515.00
Easter	185	130	6,047.00
04/7/24	132	82	17,345.00
04/14/24	95	86	3,107.23
04/21/24	94	97	5,145.00

INTERCESSION and PRAYER

Concordia Members

Testing / Recovery:

- Gene Waltz
- Jim Roemer
- Diane Smith
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale

Friends of Concordia

- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- 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
- 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
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Battling Cancer / MS

- Mary Ann Bryant
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Jackson Emkes 4/8/24

Our Homebound Members

(Our Senior Prayer Warriors)

Please remember and pray for our Concordia homebound members.

- 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 Gravely, Mediterranean Sea)
- **Zach Goins**, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- **CPL Jadon Ranbarger** (c/o 6565-A Kekahuna Pl., Kailua, HI 96734)



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

- **Linda & Glenn Inman** on the passing of their nephew **Paul Engel**, 3/26. (1000 Iris Ave, Greenwood, IN 46143)
- The family and friends of former member **Bill Gascoigne** 3/27. (**Diane Gascoigne**, 209 Cedar Ridge Lane, Conway, SC 29526)
- **Miriam Neumann** and family on the passing of **Pastor Lenard Neumann** 4/13 (8710 Winding Ridge Rd, Greenwood, IN 46217)
- The family and friends of **Richard "Dick" Marot**, father-in-law of **Sarah Marot** ,4/14 (Sympathies can be sent to 4518 Whitecoat Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46239)
- **Sharon Bruhn** and family on the passing of her husband **Robert** on 4/24. (690 South State Street MB, Apt 125, Franklin, IN 46131)



*Thursday, May 9th After The
Ascension of our Lord service
Join in for a Ice Cream Social*

Quilting -See you **May 11, 2024 at 9 a.m.** 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. It's a lot of fun!



Registration is OPEN! LHS Golf Outing - June 2

The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 2 (12:30 pm check-in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off) Register at lhsi.org

LHS Summer Sports Camps - June 2024

LHS will offer Summer Sports Camps in various sports during June for boys and girls who are in or have just completed grade school. For information and to register, visit lhsi.org

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

5/5 5/12 5/19 5/26	Rejoicing On the Way Unforecastable Waiting, But Not Alone Penultimate Sacrifice
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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

Staff

Sarah Shadday—*Director Christian Education*

Erica Stephenson - *Deaconess*

Sarah Shadday —*Preschool Director*

Vacant- *Admin. Assistant*

Office hours Mon. - Thur. 9am - noon

May Wedding Anniversaries:

Tony & Regina Moyers (5) 5/5
Chris & Shawn Bauer (30) 5/7
Carlos & Kat SanTiago (10) 5/14
John & Shanda Bontrager Jr (29) 5/20
Mike & Cindy Emkes (44) 5/30

May Birthdays:

White, Jan	5/2	Reinke, Drew	5/16
Martin, Lynda	5/3	Spray, Mary	5/16
Marot, Andrew	5/3	Carroll, Kathy	5/19
Bierman, Lia	5/7	Shadday, Rachel	5/21
Santiago, Carlos	5/7	Finger, Mike	5/26
Lanning, April	5/13	Bertsch, Steve	5/27
McNally, Andrew	5/14	Olmos, Ashley	5/28
Ranbarger, Sue	5/15	Foster, Dana	5/29
Cravens, Keigan	5/15	Bulthuis, Rick	5/30

Church Council

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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



May 18th Armed Forces Day
Paying tribute to men and women currently serving
in the U.S. Armed Forces



May 27th Memorial Day
Honoring the Men and Women who died
while serving in our military.

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