

THE Concordia Messenger



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

July 2024



Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth

Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, LA — \$35,000

Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, the only high school in the LCMS Southern District, has served youth for over 50 years. It allows students to succeed academically in a safe environment while educating them about their Lord and Savior through the teachings of the LCMS. Many students served by the school are disadvantaged, culturally diverse, and unchurched.

Because the school was devastated by Hurricane Ida, funds designated for computers, school supplies, Christian materials, and scholarship aid are now being used for construction costs to rebuild one of the buildings.

Five generous donors will match this grant and use it to pay the tuition costs of ten students.

Hurricane Ida peeled back the roofs on the three buildings.



Vacation Bible School

Thank you to everyone who helped us Celebrate the Savior this year at Vacation Bible School. Our congregation did many things to help us prepare like donate items to help keep VBS free, spent time cleaning the church and Shelter House and decorating, and spending time with the children the week of VBS so they could hear about Jesus.

We talked throughout the week how Jesus gives us joy. One of the things that brings me joy is seeing a lot of the kids from year to year return to Vacation Bible School. It's fun to see the looks on their faces as they see other friends they recognize. My favorite thing a kid said to me this week was, "Next year, I'm going to be old enough to get a job here!" I loved hearing it! It means this kid has so much fun coming back each year and wants to help other kids hear about Jesus and have fun too!

Thank you so much for helping us share God's love with the kids. Thank you to the members of the congregation who shared their faith, time, and talents with the children who came to Vacation Bible School. Thank you for helping them learn about the true joy Jesus gives. Vacation Bible School is special because of Jesus and the talents He's given our volunteers. Thank you so much for always making VBS a highlight every year.

Some numbers everyone may be interested to hear are: 48 kids heard about Jesus; over 30 volunteers helped during VBS week (excluding set up, clean up, and the Carnival); over 139 birthday party baking items were collected for the Refuge; over \$180 was donated to Capstone Ministries to support former street children in Kenya going to Camp to hear about Jesus.

Hopefully, everyone can see in our pictures (next page) the joy everyone had learning about their Savior!



Director of Christian Education

“Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!” Psalm 27:14. Waiting is hard. There are many people, who would willingly pay to skip lines at amusement parks. Others buy precut veggies or premade salads to save them time in the kitchen. Honestly, waiting is not my favorite thing. I’m thankful we’ve had fantastic pastors who served at Concordia the past few weeks. It’s wonderful to hear so many pastors proclaim the love of Jesus in different ways. I’m glad many are willing and able to serve us in our time of need. There is no doubt, God gave these men many gifts and talents to serve in different capacities. All of these men are excellent pastors and we have many excellent pastors in our Synod.

I think it’s safe to say the call process is taking longer than many people would like. Waiting is hard and it’s easy to get anxious. We want to know who our pastor is. We want our spiritual leader available in case we have an emergency. We want consistency every Sunday. We just want to know. We want to spend time with the new pastor, share our lives with him, and learn about Jesus from him.

None of these things are bad. It is ok to want something, especially something God pleasing like a spiritual leader. We also need to remember to wait for God’s timing. The process of finding a new pastor isn’t as easy as picking anyone out of the pulpit and calling it good. The call committee is praying and working hard to find a good fit among the candidates who were provided for us. There are many that would be suitable for Concordia; but the Call Committee wants to do its due diligence to research what the candidates believe, teach, and confess. That takes time.

Know that when the Call Committee is ready to present the candidates before the congregation that there has been much prayer and consideration going into the information presented. It is hard to be patient; but it is a nice time to reflect on what our congregation needs, pray God continues to fulfill our needs, and pray for our future pastor and his family. For now, take courage and wait for the Lord. Trust that he will continue to supply our every need.

Sarah Shadday
Director, Christian Education and Preschool

Preschool

We still have spots available in both our PreK and 3’s classes. If you would like to help us get ready for our August school year, there are a few things you can do.

1. Pray for our Preschool staff as they prepare to share God’s love this upcoming school year. Encourage them with notes or share your appreciation with Lori Thetford, Linda Snyder, and Paula Scott in person.
2. Share our Preschool information on your social media pages, with your neighbors, or with anyone looking for a Preschool.
3. All the information you need to know is online at: <https://www.concordia-lcms.com/preschool/>
4. Surprise our staff with a donated item from our Amazon wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2E3OCMOTJDDZP?ref_=wl_share
5. Finally, keep an eye out for our late summer workday. At this work day we’ll help do some yard work around the Preschool to help us get ready for the upcoming school year.
6. Bonus! If you would like to consider sponsoring a child for Preschool, let us know. When talking to some of our previous Preschool families about having siblings attend our 3’s class, finances came up for two of the families. If you would like to consider sponsoring one of these children, contact Sarah Shadday. The 3’s tuition is \$125/month for 10 months.

Our Preschool staff would like to thank the congregation for all of the prayers, love, and support you have given the ministry since 1979. Please, continue to pray that God sends the children we need for Preschool.

Can you help fill School Kits?

Children will return to school soon, and it’s time for our annual drive to fill School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please check the LWCC bulletin board for the items we need, and take a tag or two with you when you shop. Over the years, we’ve learned that Meijer, Target, and Walmart have the best sale prices.

Concordia - July 2024 Calendar

<p>SUN 30</p> <p>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School 	<p>MON Jul 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Properties ● 7pm Elders 	<p>TUE 2</p>	<p>WED 3</p>	<p>THU 4</p>	<p>FRI 5</p>	<p>SAT 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am O.A.
<p>7</p> <p>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship 2 more 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Women's Tue Bible St 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9am Quilting ● 10am O.A.
<p>14</p> <p>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Church Council 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am O.A.
<p>21</p> <p>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Women's Tue Bible St 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am O.A.
<p>28</p> <p>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Aug 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am O.A.

Treasurers Report

May 2024

Income Descriptions	May 2023 4 Sundays	May 2024 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	20,519.00	28,414.25	139,719.67
Memorials (Non-Designated)		940.00	1,580.00
Memorials (Designated)		150.00	150.00
Designated Gifts	916.47	1,196.01	13,681.53
Reimbursements & Refunds	490.77		-
Rents & Wedding Fees	280.00	100.00	220.00
Miscellaneous	32,692.50	-	24,653.99
Total Income	54,898.74	30,800.26	180,005.19
Average per week Unified Budget	5,129.75	7,103.56	6,653.32
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,570.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	May-24	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	500.00	- 2,500.00
Lutheran High School	-	- 3,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	187.50	- 937.50
Total Support	687.50	- 6,437.50

*Jan payments will be made in Feb

Board Expenses	May 2024	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	934.23	36,269.98	125,400.00
Christian Education	8,950.81	43,159.90	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	25.00	704.22	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	855.85	6,645.85	21,500.00
Office	1,657.71	4,524.49	32,500.00
Properties	11,547.57	58,300.35	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	23,971.17	149,604.79	349,900.00

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
5/26/24	10	3	20
6/2/24	11	4	23
6/9/24	11	3	27
6/16/24	8	0	18
6/23/24	0	0	15

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 05-31-2024
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,601.95
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,115.65
Building Fund - 2978	19,666.80
Capital Improvements	10,329.13
Church Sign	957.63
Church Landscaping	866.31
Heine Family Project	1,703.56
Total Capital Improvements - 9545	13,856.63
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,473.49
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,469.98
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	147.41
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	171,976.28
Interest Earned	78.36

Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
5/26/24	107	86	12,154.15
6/2/24	109	90	6,745.00
6/9/24	100	93	3,295.00
6/16/24	86	89	3,245.00
6/23/24	61	63	1,615.00

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
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24

Battling Cancer / MS

- Mary Ann Bryant 1/9/24
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Jackson Emkes 4/8/24
- Sandy Rodman 5/31/24

Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 1375 Nicole Dr. Unit 329, Franklin IN 46131-0028
- Konny Hannemann, 6818 Cadwell Circle, Indianapolis IN 46237

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 Keka-huna Pl., Kailua, HI 96734)

Serving with Humility

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus - Philippians 2:5

Each time I blow it this verse crosses my mind and leads me to a self-talk that goes like this: "Thank you, Lord, for revealing to me that I've still got a long way to go before I have your attitude - one of humility." Yes, the Lord continually gives me the opportunity to realize that I need to work on developing humbleness.

Since the media constantly bombard us with the importance of self-esteem, it's easy to become confused about what genuine humility is. Having the mind and heart and attitude of Christ is a good start. Philippians 2:3 says, "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself*" (NIV).

It is out of strength, not weakness, that we grow in humility. Humility has three elements:

- recognition that you need God
- a realistic evaluation of your abilities
- a willingness to serve

As we serve others, we need to do it with a right heart - seeking to please God, not desiring any glory or honor for ourselves.

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

7/7 **My Pastor**
7/14 **Words of Grace Build Us Up**
7/21 **Unhindered**
7/28 **Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel**

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.



Pastor **Vacant**

Staff

Sarah Shadday—Director Christian Education

Erica Stephenson - Deaconess

Sarah Shadday—Preschool Director

Brad Wheeler- Admin. Assistant

Office hours Mon. - Fri. 8am - noon

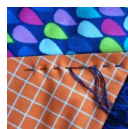
July Wedding Anniversaries:

Fred & Marcia Foster (35) 7/9
Ray & Ruth Everson (62) 7/14
Marcus & Gaby Crouch (15) 7/18
Glen & Linda Inman (42) 7/18
Jeff & Stacy Reinke (27) 7/19

Howrey, Connie 7/27
Ford, Mike 7/28
Pedersen, Bonnie 7/29
Marot, Zackary 7/30
Krause, Diane 7/30

July Birthdays:

Shafer, Lori 7/1
Flamme, Faith 7/4
Warren, David 7/5
Seale, Aaron 7/11
Emmons, Ginny 7/12
Hoeltke, Barb 7/18
Inman, Glen 7/18
Sullivan, David 7/20
Horn, Joshua 7/22
Carlisle, Annabelle 7/23
Owen, Tammy 7/24
Emkes, Cindy 7/27



Quilting Jul 13, 9 AM. What can you do? You can sew together tops at home, if you would like to come to the church and sew we have 2 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!

Church Council

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MITE BOX COLLECTION

During this month of JULY (1-31), we are collecting Mite boxes. Please bring them in and put them in the Narthex area in the large Mite box where we put our offerings and get the attendance cards.

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