

THE Concordia Messenger



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

November 2024

Christ Jesus Is the One and Only Good by Whom You Inherit Eternal Life

The Lord is the Author and Giver of life, as well as a consuming fire of judgment against all “who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate” (Amos 5:12). “Seek the Lord and live,” therefore, by hating what is evil, loving what is good and doing what is just and right, according to His Word. “And so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you” (Amos 5:6, 14–15). Understand that “no one is good except God alone” (Mark 10:18). The life that you are called to live is found neither in your “great possessions,” nor in your good works, but only in Christ Jesus. Let go of “all that you have” and follow Him, even unto death, and “you will have treasure in heaven” (Mark 10:21–22). Do not harden your heart against His voice, nor turn away from Him, lest you “fall away from the living God.” Rather, hear and heed His call, cling to His Word, and “exhort one another every day,” that you may remain steadfast in Christ and “firm to the end” (Heb. 3:12–15).

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2023-2025 Mission Grant #20 (Milwaukee Convention)

Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan

Lutheran Hour Ministries — \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)’s mission, based on the clear teaching of Scripture, is to bring Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church. The established LHM ministry center in Kazakhstan carries out Gospel outreach to a non-Christian country where many people face hardships and have limited opportunities to hear the Gospel.

LHM has identified opportunities to reach out and share the Good News with women and their families in urban areas and remote villages. Effective outreach methods have included Christian training programs, resources, and media that allow them to share the love of Jesus. Outreach through media and Chris-

tian discipleship materials will enable families to hear God’s message of salvation in culturally appropriate ways.

This grant will support the powerful Christian witness of love to strengthen relationships, provide encouragement, and build faith in Jesus.

Lutheran Hour Ministries-Kazakhstan staff and volunteers distribute food packages to families living in extreme poverty in remote villages and share the love of Jesus.

2023-2025 Mission Grant #22 (Milwaukee



Convention

Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the U.S.

Lutheran Hour Ministries — \$100,000

Hispanics have become the second-largest ethnic population in the United States. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) realizes there are many opportunities to share the Gospel using Christian resources available through media and outreach technology.

LHM is not simply translating English materials into Spanish; it is crafting programming, media content, and written materials for Hispanics by Hispanics. These apply to daily life in American culture and help spread the Gospel. Working with LCMS ministry leaders, churches, districts, universities, and seminaries, LHM has reached out to more of the Hispanic population.

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This grant will use technology to share God's message of salvation with the Hispanic people in their language. These translations will help strengthen their faith and encourage them to seek to learn more about Jesus.



*Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala and Deaconess Noemi Guerra host the **Sentido Latino** weekly podcast. The program addresses issues and values that directly impact U.S. Hispanics' family, spiritual, and community life.*

2024 Indiana LWML District Convention Small Grant Recipient #4

Japanese Mission Society "Mi Kotoba" God's Word in Every Hand – \$3,950

Through this grant, the Japanese Mission Society in Columbus plans to provide ESL students with Japanese Bibles so they can read God's Word in their native language.

Lutheran World Relief

Saturday, October 5 Concordia hosted a semi-truck for loading of items for Lutheran World Relief. During the week, people from as far away as Evansville, Jasper, Terra Haute and places in between were able to drop off their items for the pick up on Saturday, 22 churches participated. 454 boxes were loaded which consisted of 754 School Kits, 101 Baby Kits, 68 Fabric Kits, 743 Personal Care Kits, and 1,912 quilts.

Thank you to John Bertsch, Dick Brooks, Diane Conrad, Don Dombroski, Ruth Everson, Mike Ford, Chris Mihu, and Sarah Shadday who all helped to load the truck or bring items into the building during the week. Thanks to Ruth Everson (for the goodies on Saturday) and Becky Lanning who coordinated this project so that we were able to help Lutheran World Relief. We have also received good news that they (LWR) will now be serving people in the United States as well as around the world. This news came to us just before the storm Helene hit the United States. What a blessing and God's timing.

Lakeview Ladies Retreat

The ladies who attended the Camp Lakeview retreat in October had an in gathering to collect diapers and wipes for St. Paul Lutheran church. Thanks to all who were able to help.



The following items were collected:

5 pkg of wipes, 1 pkg size 1 @ 44, 1 pkg size 2 @ 37, 1 pkg size 3 @ 26, 2 pkg size 4 @ 42, 1 box size 5 @ 72, 2 pkg size 3t-4t trainers @ 44

Preschool

October was a fun month, especially for our PreK students. They enjoyed a field trip to Kelsay farms to learn about agriculture. The corn crib and jump pad at the farm were particularly a big hit. They are also excited to trick or treat around the church later this month.

November is exciting for Preschool as well because we do special Thanksgiving celebrations with the Preschoolers and their families. The PreK students have a Thanksgiving Feast every year that the families are invited to attend. The kids help make some of the food like the pumpkin cake, fruit salad, and croissants. The families also appreciate the kids singing songs.

Thank you to our Concordia volunteers who help support Preschool and the families at Preschool. There are so many of you who help set up for events, participate in serving food at these events, clean Preschool after hours, and help with maintenance around our building. The biggest blessing are those of you who pray for our staff (Lori Thetford, Linda Snyder, and Paula Scott) and support them with encouraging words and notes. Thank you so much for supporting the staff as they continue to share God's love with the children every day.

Fellowship Opportunities

In order to prepare for a new pastor our congregation did a congregational survey. One of the things that was clear on the survey was needing more opportunities to Fellowship as a congregation. November and December are busy months, but here are some great upcoming opportunities:

November 2- 9am-noon at Concordia, **Church Work Day**, serve and fellowship together as we get church ready for the upcoming holidays.

November 15- 5:30pm-8:30pm at **Concordia, Game Night**, we serve a light dinner (GFS BBQ and salad), feel free to come and talk or play games together. All are welcome to bring favorite snacks, drinks or games.

November 24- 11am, Concordia's **Anniversary** celebration, stay after church to enjoy a meal together as we celebrate the anniversary of our congregation.



Sunday afternoon, December 8, will be our **ladies' Advent Glow tea**. We will gather at 2:30 to enjoy refreshments, a short devotion, and musical entertainment.

Honey Sundays are on November 3rd and 10th in the mornings. Please find display in the church foyer and fill out the forms to order your honey. You can use cash or a check, please make your check out to LWML and give payment to Becky Lanning. The complete purchase price is sent to the Dakoda Boys and Girls Ranch. At the display you will also see a picture of the new worship center that our donations in addition to the Mite program has enabled them to build to accommodate worship for everyone at the ranch. Thank you to everyone in advance.

Director of Christian Education

This was a hard article to write. When writing for the newsletter, sometimes I need to submit the article before I know what happens. This happened when we extended the call to Pastor Andrews and now with Pastor Geraci. I would love to share good news; however, at this time, I can't. I can write about something I know, and that's the Doxology.

"Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard. Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!"

"We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear."

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Lutheran Service Book hymn 923 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

In November, we gear up for Thanksgiving and often talk about why we're thankful. I am thankful God continues to provide for our congregation. God gives Concordia and her people many blessings. The biggest one being a pastor to proclaim God's forgiveness, Word, and Sacraments to us every Sunday. Even in vacancy, we still receive God's blessings from a called and faithful pastor every Sunday. God continues to give us his means of grace. He brings so many to worship on Sunday. God continues to work through many in our congregation to serve Him, both at Concordia and in other ministries. One of the biggest blessings of a church worker is seeing and hearing people respond to God's Word and seeing their desire to receive God's means of grace at church. We can't force anyone in church; but we can respond with joy and thanksgiving as we watch God work in people's lives and see them receive the blessings from God in church.

Church workers are often separated from their families and church does become a family to them. Something everyone wants to see is their family members in heaven one day. Only God can judge the hearts and faith of all; but often we can see visual indicators of the heart. It is a blessing to see many hearing God's Word on a Sunday and receiving the means of grace. Seeing my family participating in Holy Communion every Sunday is beautiful. It's a picture of heaven. Jesus comes down to us as we participate in this holy meal, this means of grace. It's a blessing to see people baptized, adopted and made part of God's family. We rejoice and thank God for the continued work He does in our lives and the lives of others.

God gives us many blessings. Sometimes it's hard to see them with everything going on in this world; but no matter what happens, it can never dethrone God. Sin, death, and the devil are God's most powerful enemies and they couldn't conquer God. We know Christ won the victory over these enemies for us through his death and resurrection. He gives us this victory. Nothing can dethrone the victorious Christ. Nothing can dethrone the one we will spend eternity with in heaven. Nothing can steal the victory, joy, and blessings he gives us because Christ is victorious. Praise God because each new day is a day the Lord has made. We can rejoice and be glad in it.

Thank you, members of Concordia, for faithfully seeking God's Word and Sacraments. Thank you to the elders and others who continue to find faithful preachers of God's Word every Sunday. Thank you to Andrea and Chris who help us worship God with their gifts of music every Sunday. Thank you for coming to worship to praise God. Thank you for being good examples to my children and a blessing in my life.

November Education Opportunities

Our youngest friends will be learning the following in Sunday School this month:

November 3 - David worships God
November 10 - Solomon prays for Wisdom
November 17 - Solomon builds the Temple
November 24 - No Sunday School. Concordia's Anniversary celebration starts at 11am.

Our older friends continue to learn about the Bible and do science experiments and activities.

Our oldest youth continue to learn about Hosea.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will be led by our visiting pastors or members of the congregation.

Women's Sunday Bible Study studies Donna Snow's *Unshakeable*. This book is available on the CPH website. This Bible Study takes place most Sunday evenings at 6pm at Concordia. Contact Sue Ranbarger or Becky Lanning with questions.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study continues to study different hymns and the theology in them. The study lasts from 7pm-8:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. They will meet November 12th and 26th at Concordia.

November 2024 Calendar

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Nov 1	SAT 2
Twenty-third Sunday after I ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Trunk or Treat ● 6pm Sunday Women's Bib	[F] St. Simon and St. Jude,			[F] Reformation Day ● 9am Preschool Trick or Tr	[F] All Saints' Day ● 9am Preschool Trick or Tr	● 8am Church Work Day ● 9am LWML Event at Living ● 10am O.A.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HONEY SUNDAY Twenty-fourth Sunday after ● 9:30am LWCC Honey Sun 3 more	● 6:30pm Properties ● 7pm Elders					● 8am Girl Scouts - Daisy/B ● 9am Quilting ● 10am O.A.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
HONEY SUNDAY Twenty-fifth Sunday after F ● 9:30am LWCC Honey Sun 3 more		● 7pm Women's Tuesday Bi			● 5:30pm Game Night Fello	● 10am O.A.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Twenty-sixth Sunday after I ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Congregational I 2 more	● 7pm Church Council					● 10am O.A.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Last Sunday of the Church ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School 2 more		● 7pm Women's Tuesday Bi	Thanksgiving Eve Worship			[F] St. Andrew, Apostle ● 10am O.A.

Treasurers Report

September 2024

Income Descriptions	Sept 2023	Sept 2024	Total to Date
Unified Budget	17,345.00	16,482.00	213,004.20
Memorials (Non-Designated)	-	-	2,130.00
Memorials (Designated)	20.00	45,029.75	45,179.75
Designated Gifts	443.10	546.61	30,091.59
Reimbursements & Refunds	479.82	-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	75.00	195.00	535.00
Miscellaneous	-		74,352.13
Total Income	18,362.92	62,253.36	365,292.67
Average per week Unified Budget	4,336.25	4,120.50	6,264.83
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,570.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Sep-24	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	500.00	4,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	6,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	187.50	1,687.50
Total Support	1,437.50	12,937.50

Board Expenses	September 2024	Total To Date	Total Budget	Church Checking Account Balance Sept 2024	
Pastoral Care	3,465.04	52,750.41	125,400.00	Beginning	124,581.78
Christian Education	5,943.14	71,100.85	81,800.00	Deposits	62,253.36
Congregational Worship	331.76	2,813.64	7,200.00	Payments	18,192.43
Missions & Outreach	1,857.50	14,751.82	21,500.00	Ending Balance	168,642.71
Office	1,051.60	9,754.55	32,500.00		
Properties	5,543.39	155,873.27	81,500.00		
Unified Budget Total	18,192.43	307,044.54	349,900.00		

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 09-30-2024
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,611.54
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,130.48
Building Fund - 2978	19,707.80
Capital Improvements	10,349.81
Church Sign	959.28
Church Landscaping	868.77
Heine Family Project	1,707.67
Total Capital Improvements - \$13885.53	13,885.53
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,480.74
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,727.42
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	147.72
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	172,691.23
Interest Earned	172.33

Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord			
	Children SS	Youth SS	ADULT SS
September 29, 2024	12	4	0
October 6, 2024	9	5	24
October 13, 2024	9	3	28
October 20, 2024	12	3	25
Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
September 29, 2024	83	96	\$4,575.00
October 6, 2024	87	89	\$3,985.00
October 13, 2024	86	90	\$2,765.00
October 20, 2024	91	89	\$5,655.00

INTERCESSION and PRAYER (Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members

Testing / Recovery:

- Diane Smith
- Kevin Horn
- Diane Beam-Garland
- Gene Waltz
- Jim Roemer
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale

Friends of Concordia

- Lee Guinn 9/1/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Bob Sellers 8/27/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- 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 Clark 12/16/18

Battling Cancer / MS

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



Homebound Concordia Members

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

Hospice Care

- Bob Sellers 10/5/24

Military Servicemen & women.

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 8153 Village Gate Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32217
- Ivan Munoz, (USS Gravelly)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)



Recent Congregation Game Nights



(contact Sarah Shadday with any questions)

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

11/3 Working the System
11/10 My Name Is Now Yours
11/17 Album - Worthy
11/24 Jesus Sees What's in the Heart

Lutheran Hour is now broadcast on American Forces Network (AFN).

Worship Anew—Sundays
WRTV (TV 6) 7:00 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*

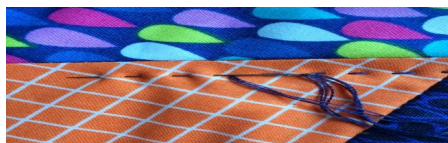
Office hours Mon. - Fri. 8am - noon

Nov. Wedding Anniversaries:

Matthew & Sarah Shadday (9) 11/14

November Birthdays:

Lanning, Jessica	11/1	DeFabis, Wendy	11/23
Brooks, Dick	11/8	Snyder, Rick	11/26
Coffey, Erin	11/8	Austin, Mary	11/28
Warren, Loma	11/9	Horn, Kevin	11/28
Carlisle, Annalise	11/9	Roncicka, Brett	11/28
Kearns, Doug	11/15	Krause, Dawn	11/29
Brooks, Deb	11/15		
Reinke, Caroline	11/16		
Graham, Mi Sun	11/20		



Quilting Nov. 9, at 9 AM. We will meet to start working on quilts for LWR in 2025. We will take a break for the Advent and Christmas season. We will again start up on January 11 at 9 am weather permitting. We will be needing donations of clean and unstained flat sheets to use as backing for the quilts if you have any that you would like to be put to good use. Consider coming and helping with the tying.

Church Council

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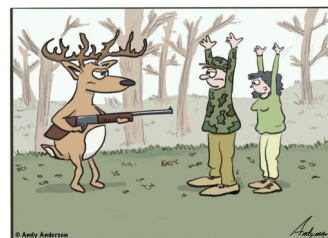
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It's That Time of the Year!



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