

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

March 2025

## Jesus Does Battle in Our Place

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

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## Bible Study Opportunities

### Sunday School 10:45am

**Young Children** are learning about the Transfiguration, Mary anoints Jesus, Widow's Mite, Lord's Supper, and Jesus in Gethsemane

**Older Children** are learning about the fall of Jericho, introduction to the Judges, Deborah, Gideon, and Samson.

**Youth** are continuing through the Minor Prophets. These youth meet upstairs in the youth room.

**Adults** are having Bible Studies led by pastors in the Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Sunday Night Bible Study** are continuing Donna Snow's book *Unshakeable* and meet at Concordia Sunday nights from 6pm–7pm.

**Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study** are studying women in the Bible and meet from 7pm–8:30pm on the following days: March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22, and May 13 and 27.

Director of Christian Education

There are two books I recently started reading and

I hope to eventually finish them. Both come highly recommended from different friends. The first one is called *The Anxious Generation* and the second is called *Habits of the Household*. With Lent coming up, my favorite tradition tends to be picking something up for Lent, not necessarily giving something up. This year, I think I'll do something different. After reading only the first few chapters of these books I think it's interesting how screens can be linked to both anxiety and how it can dictate what happens in our house.

I know I've been caught more than once (possibly every night) scrolling social media, caught on Youtube, going through Pinterest, or scanning new recipes. As *Habits of the Household* points out, the scroll is endless. We'll keep looking and never find the end. It's so easy to want to keep searching for that one more thing or to see what's next. But it's true. There is so much information out there. A lot of it is repeated, some of it is false, but it is truly endless in a way. There is at least so much we can't fathom where it would end.

It's so easy to fall into those traps. It's a lot harder to fall into good habits. It's a lot harder to consciously seek out God and His Word. Knowing how endless being stuck on a screen can be, we can think about how truly endless God is. How whenever we seek God, we will always find something beneficial. I find it harder to desire to read God and His Word. It's so much easier to just flick your thumb for one more video without thinking about it. I find it harder to want to read one more verse.

When we seek God with our whole heart, we will find him. God doesn't hide from us. He tells us He is found in His Word and Sacrament. We find him in the Bible, Baptisms, and the Lord's Supper. We find His forgiveness proclaimed by pastor at church. God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit in our baptism. God always hears our prayers. We should be surrounded by God (and we are if we really pay attention). We should be in the habit of praying, attending church, reading our Bible and other beneficial things. If I'm going to lose sleep, it shouldn't be over mindlessly scrolling on my phone, it should be on seeking God in Word or prayer.

I pray that we all have a blessed Lenten season. For some of us, it's taking on a new habit that may be beneficial to our faith life. For others, it will be to give something up in remembrance of Christ giving His life for us. But in this season and every season, may we intentionally seek God in all we do.

~Sarah Shadday

## February Congregational Fellowship Events

We will have **Game Nights** once a month. This is a great time to talk, eat, and play games together. A light dinner will be served around 6pm at each game night. Everyone is welcome to bring any extra snacks, drinks, or games they would like. Our upcoming game nights will be on these Fridays from 5:30pm-8:30pm:

March 14	Pizza and Salad
April 25	Costco Chicken, Salad, and Potatoes
May 16	Pizza and Salad

## Preschool

Starting March 1st, our registration discount is ending. Starting March 1st, we will return our \$100 registration fee. All new families must tour before enrolling. Tours may be set up by contacting Sarah Shadday via text/calls 314-330-3782 or emailing [Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com](mailto:Sarah.Shadday@concordia-lcms.com)

Enroll soon to take advantage of our enrollment discounts!

### PreK child should be 4 and potty trained by August 1st, 2025

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon

\$175/month for 10 months

### 3's child should be 3 and potty trained by August 1st, 2025

Tuesday, Friday 9am-11:30am

\$125/month for 10 months

### Registration Fee

\$100 if registered by May 21st

\$125 for any day AFTER May 21st

The children enjoyed celebrating National Lutheran Schools' Week at the end of January. They also enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day, going to the Greenwood Library for a special story time with Mrs. Guthrie, and celebrating Pink Day.

~Sarah Shadday

## LWML Mission Grants at Work

### 2023–2025 Mission Grant #24 (Milwaukee Convention)

### God's Word for Central and South American Missions

#### - Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$100,000

In countries like the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Uruguay, efforts are underway to intensify Lutheran evangelism efforts. The need for Spanish language Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, children's materials, devotions, and other resources is continuous. New pastors trained to be missionaries and evangelists need materials that help share the Good News.

This grant will provide the translation and printing costs of approximately 25,000 books by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). LHF will distribute the printed books free of charge to people in Central and South America who live from week to week and have little to no savings. Even though economic or political conditions may force missionaries to come and go in these countries, they leave behind the Lutheran books which continue to teach for generations.



*For many children in poverty-stricken areas of Peru, Guatemala, Venezuela, and Mexico, LHF's Spanish translation of the children's Bible, A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, is their only book. Missionaries share the Bible books at after-school and weekend programs that help bring the kids off the dangerous city streets.*

## 2024 Indiana LWML District Convention Large Grant Recipient #3

- Lutheran Ministries Media  
(dba Worship Anew) -  
\$12,000

Worship Anew seeks to continue reaching the aging and unchurched in Indiana through a weekly television broadcast in current markets, reaching thousands with the life-changing Gospel message.

### UPCOMING LENT CALENDAR

Date	Day	Worship Service / Event	Service Time
March 5	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	6:30 PM
March 12	Wednesday	Midweek Lent 1 Service	6:30 PM
March 19	Wednesday	Midweek Lent 2 Service	6:30 PM
March 26	Wednesday	Midweek Lent 3 Service	6:30 PM
April 2	Wednesday	Midweek Lent 4 Service	6:30 PM
April 9	Wednesday	Midweek Lent 5 Service	6:30 PM
April 13	Sunday	Palm Sunday Service	9:30 AM
April 17	Thursday	Holy Thursday	6:30 PM
April 18	Friday	Good Friday Service	6:30 PM
April 20	Sunday	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 AM
April 20	Sunday	Easter Breakfast	8:45 AM
April 20	Sunday	Easter Divine Service	10:00 AM

### LENT MESSAGE TITLE AND SCRIPTURE

Ash Wednesday	"God Has a Word for That"	Isaiah 41:14-16
Lent 1	"He Only Has Eyes for You"	Isaiah 43:1-7
Lent 2	"Marked"	Isaiah 44:1-5
Lent 3	"Breaking Down the Gates"	Isaiah 45:1-8
Lent 4	"Getting Out!"	Isaiah 48:17-22
Lent 5	"One Little Word Can Fell Him"	Isaiah 49:1-6
Holy Thursday	"He Prepares a Table"	Isaiah 49:7-13
Good Friday	"All"	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Easter Sunday	"We Are Going Home"	Isaiah 55:6-13

## CONGREGATION GAME NIGHT



### WHY DO WE MEET?

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

### WHAT CAUSES TRUE FELLOWSHIP?

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

### WHERE DOES GOD'S PRESENCE DWELL?

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### DO YOU FIND YOURSELF ENJOYING CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND CAN'T EXPLAIN WHY?

"I love your sanctuary, LORD, the place where your glorious presence dwells." Psalm 26:8

### GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

# March 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>23</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>12pm - LWCC meeting</div> <div>6pm - Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>7pm - Women's Bible Study</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>1</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>
<div>2</div> <div>Quinquagesima</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</div>	<div>3</div> <div>6:30pm - Properties</div> <div>7pm - Elders</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Ash Wednesday</div> <div>4pm - Ash Wednesday Service</div> <div>5:15pm - Lenten Meal</div> <div>6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>9am - Quilting</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>
<div>9</div> <div>First Sunday in Lent</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>7pm - Women's Tuesday Bible</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:30pm - Lenten Midweek Service</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>5:30pm - Congregational Game</div>	<div>15</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>
<div>16</div> <div>Second Sunday in Lent</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</div>	<div>17</div> <div>7pm - Church Council</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>6:30pm - Lenten Midweek Service</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>LWML Prayer Breakfast</div> <div>9am - LWML Blast - AVON</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>
<div>23</div> <div>Third Sunday in Lent</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>[F] The Annunciation of Our Lord</div> <div>7pm - Women's Tuesday Bible</div>	<div>26</div> <div>6:30pm - Lenten Midweek Service</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>FUNERAL-Deborah Ackerman</div> <div>11am - Funeral Visitation</div> <div>12pm - Funeral Service</div>	<div>29</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>
<div>30</div> <div>Fourth Sunday in Lent</div> <div>9:30am - Worship</div> <div>10:45am - Sunday School</div> <div>6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>6:30am - Lenten Midweek Service</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>10am - O.A.</div>



# Treasurers Report

January 2024

<b>Income Descriptions</b>	<b>Jan 2024 4 Sundays</b>	<b>Jan 2025 4 Sundays</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Unified Budget	16,788.00	19,580.00	19,580.00
Memorials (Non-Designated)	50.00	-	-
Memorials (Designated)	-	-	-
Designated Gifts	865.21	1,809.50	1,809.50
Reimbursements & Refunds	-	-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,703.21</b>	<b>19,580.00</b>	<b>21,389.50</b>
Average per week Unified Budget	4,197.00	4,895.00	
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,728.85	6,728.85	6,728.85

<b>Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Missions - District Synod	-	7,500.00
Lutheran High School	-	8,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	-	2,062.50
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,812.50</b>

<b>Board Expenses</b>	<b>January 2025</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>
Pastoral Care	3,242.02	3,242.02	125,400.00
Christian Education	6,802.56	6,802.56	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	118.94	118.94	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	500.00	500.00	21,500.00
Office	2,228.67	2,228.67	32,500.00
Properties	5,327.38	5,327.38	81,500.00
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>18,219.57</b>	<b>18,219.57</b>	<b>349,900.00</b>

<b>Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts</b>	<b>Balance 01-31-2025</b>
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,649.48
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,189.14
Building Fund - 2978**	97,880.46
Capital Improvements - 9545** (\$13,766.01)	
Church Sign (\$ 969.09)	
Church Landscaping (\$ 876.82)	
Heine Family Project (\$ 1,722.35)	
<b>Total Capital Improvements (includes the above funds)</b>	<b>17,334.27</b>
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,509.38
Inheritance Fund - 7423	125,374.53
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	148.93
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>256,086.19</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>686.62</b>

\*\*Transferred year end balances to designated accounts 12-2024  
 Building Fund - \$77,804.40  
 Capital Improvements-\$3,305.02

<b>Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord</b>			
	<b>Children SS</b>	<b>Youth SS</b>	<b>ADULT SS</b>
January 26, 2025	13	3	27
February 2, 2025	0	0	0
February 9, 2025	8	3	27
February 16, 2025	12	3	42

<b>Worship</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Tithes</b>
January 26, 2025	91	91	\$6,460.00
February 2, 2025	90	97	\$4,789.00
February 9, 2025	98	89	\$14,355.00
February 16, 2025	89	71	\$3,681.00

**INTERCESSION and PRAYER**  
**(Matthew 8:17)**

**Concordia Members  
Surgery/Testing/  
Recovery:**

- Lynda Martin
- Della Kilgore
- Betty Economou
- Gene Waltz
- Jim Roemer
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale



**Friends of Concordia**

- Pastor Raji 2/2/25
- Rev. John Sebastian 1/30/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Virginia Day 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Rick Zoellner 12/30/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- 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
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- 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**

- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21

**Homebound Concordia Members**

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State Ball  
Brothers 123, Franklin IN 46131

**Rehab**

- Konnie Hanneman, Greenwood Meadows 1200 N State Road 135, Greenwood IN 46142
- Pat Barnes, Greenwood Meadows 1200 N State Road 135, Greenwood IN 46142

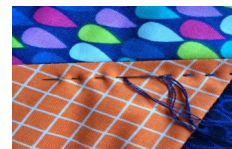
**Military Servicemen & women.**

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LTJG)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)

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**PRAYER FOR CALLING A FAITHFUL  
PASTOR**

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**Quilting** March 8 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.

## 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

3/2 "It's Best to Be with Jesus"  
3/9 "Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"  
3/16 "Light of the World"  
3/23 "Even Me, Even You"  
3/30 "TBD"

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

## March Birthdays:

Crouch, Lucas	3/6
Foster, Fred	3/7
Hartley, Samuel	3/11
Bertsch, John	3/13
Guthrie, Larry	3/14
Thompson, Courtney	3/15
Frey, Isaac	3/15
Everson, Ruth	3/16
Guinn, April	3/16
Guthrie, Anne	3/17
Liechty, Jason	3/17
Wilson, Dave	3/17
Shadday, Sarah	3/19
Fonseth, Marta	3/20
Roncicka, Scott	3/21
Shadday, Hannah	3/21
Hayes, Jim	3/22
Marot, Sarah	3/22
Infante, Phillis	3/22
Brooks, Thomas	3/24
Owen, Ben	3/24
Boling, Jordan	3/29
Judd, Helen	3/31

## Wedding Anniversaries:

Mar	Years	Date
David & Erica Stephenson	31	3/17
Mike & Anne Finger	47	3/25

### HUMOR CORNER

Proverbs 17:22 "A merry heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."



## Church Council

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Mike Finger, Elder

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