

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

April 2025

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

Christ's Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1–8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. "After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:54–55, 57).

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## Bible Study Opportunities

### Sunday School 10:45am

**Young Children** are learning about Jesus Stands Trial, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday-Breakfast and Egg Hunt, and Jesus is Crucified.

**Older Children** continue learning about the Old Testament and do fun activities with their lessons.

**Youth** are continuing through the Minor Prophets with Zachariah and Malachi. These youth meet upstairs in the youth room.

**Adults** are having Bible Studies led by pastor Fangmeyer 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: April 8 and 22, and May 13 and 27.

## Director of Christian Education

Here we are at another awkward time. We're still in Lent, Easter is late, we have a congregational meeting probably before this is printed. We're still learning

patience, waiting on a pastor. What should this newsletter be about?

Usually, I like writing about the song *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* around Easter. But I'm not "feeling" that "Easter joy." I was looking through the Easter hymns in the hymnal for inspiration. Go look, there are so many beautiful ones! Yet none of them matched my anxious mood.

I looked at the trust section of the hymnal and found hymn 719 *I Leave All Things to God's Direction*. That's it. That's how I feel. There are so many things going on and I have no control. We're trusting God will give us a pastor. We're praying for Pastor Fangmeyer's health. There are many things going on in the lives of the people at Concordia. This hymn shares the trust I strive to have.

"I leave all things to God's direction; He loves me both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His affection; His tender love is true, I know. My fortress and my rock is He: What pleases God, that pleases me. God knows what must be done to save me; His love for me will never cease. Upon His hands He did engrave me With purest gold of loving grace. His will supreme must ever be: What please God, that pleases me. My God desires the soul's salvation; My soul He, too, desires to save. Therefore with Christian resignation All earthly troubles I will brave. His will be done eternally; What pleases God, that pleases me. My God has all things in His keeping; He is the ever faithful friend. He gives me laughter after weeping, And all His ways in blessing end. His love endures eternally: What pleases God pleases me."

Romans 8:26-28 shares, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." The Lutheran Study Bible notes on page 1925, "The Holy Spirit ministers to God's dear children by giving us hope in our suffering, help in our weakness, and assurance that all things work out to fulfill God's eternal purposes in our lives. When our hope in God dims, we easily succumb to impatience in distress. The Spirit helps us in our frailty, assuring us of God's steadfast love."

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There are fervent prayers for many things. Thank God He gives us the words we need to pray. Thank God He knows what we need before we ask. Thank God we can trust Him. He always keeps His promises and we know he loves and cares for us. If God didn't love all of humanity and desire mankind's redemption, He would have never sent His Son, Jesus. There are so many things to be anxious about. Yet Jesus reminds us in the Sermon on the Mount, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Matthew 6:34)

Let's cast all our anxieties on Him for He cares for us. Let us be humbled at the foot of the cross and bask in the joyous victory of the empty tomb. No matter what sorrows and pain we suffer in this world. There is a greater plan at work. Our salvation has already been won. Our sorrow will turn to joy in heaven. We can trust that God loves the people we love more than we ever can. He will continue to provide for us all in body and soul through life everlasting.

~Sarah Shadday

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## Congregational Fellowship Opportunities

Join us for Lenten meals before the Lenten services. Services begin at 6:30pm and dinners begin around 5:15pm on the following Wednesdays: March 26, April 2, and April 9.

During Holy Week, we will have services at 6:30pm for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (April 17 and April 18). There will be no meals served before Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Easter Breakfast will take place around 8:30am on Sunday, April 13th. This meal will be between the 7am Sunrise Service and 10am Divine Service. Communion will be offered at both services. We will also have an egg hunt for children before the 10am service.

Join us at our Game Nights at Concordia. This is a great time to talk, eat, play games together, and invite friends or family. 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:

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

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## Preschool

We missed the kids the second half of March because of Spring Break. We're excited to see them back in April. We get to celebrate Easter with them this month. They keep getting bigger, having fun, and

learning more about God every day.

As of writing, we still have stops left in both Pre-school classes. 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

~Sarah Shadday

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## LWML Mission Grants at Work

### 2023-2025 Mission Grant #30 (Milwaukee Convention)

### Showering Love on the Least of These — Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA — \$100,000

Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) is a Sacramento, California, organization established in 2010. It provides dignified holistic services to restore and transform the lives of the homeless community in and around the city. Its ministry partners include various area LCMS congregations.

In 2021, MHM purchased a two-stall shower trailer, literally bringing showers and the Gospel to the homeless's location. Beyond showers, MHM provides personal hygiene kits, haircuts, clean clothing, and food to those who come. They also offer the opportunity to speak with someone who can pray for them, provide active listening, and give referrals to other services, such as shelters. Bibles and prayer books are also shared.

This grant will enable MHM to offer an additional day of service per week and purchase and retrofit a mobile closet trailer to store clean clothing and hygiene kits.



After a refreshing hot shower offered by Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in their mobile shower truck in downtown Sacramento, sometimes the first shower in months! MHM also provides personal hygiene kits and clothing, as well as a shower.



Shaun, a formerly homeless employee of MHM who is now married and housed, provides haircut services at the shower site. Shelters or other programs typically do not provide haircuts.

## 2024 Indiana LWML District Convention Large Grant Recipient #4

### Latino/Hispanic Outreach — \$12,000

St. Paul Lutheran Church Clifty and Trinity, Indianapolis, will use these funds for outreach Bible studies, family VBS, and school family nights in the Latino communities in Indianapolis, Columbus, and Seymour.

### UPCOMING LENT CALENDAR

Date	Day	Worship Service / Event	Time
Mar 26	Wed	Midweek Lent 3 Service	6:30 PM
Apr 2	Wed	Midweek Lent 4 Service	6:30 PM
Apr 9	Wed	Midweek Lent 5 Service	6:30 PM
Apr 13	Sun	Palm Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Apr 17	Thurs	Maunday Thursday	6:30 PM
Apr 18	Fri	Good Friday Service	6:30 PM
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 AM
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Breakfast	8:45 AM
Apr 20	Sun	Easter Divine Service	10:00 AM

## CONGREGATION GAME NIGHT (recent photos)



"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

## Help appreciated - from the Renovation Committee!!

We are working on another fundraiser to acquire additional funds to use on the Fellowship/Kitchen complex. Information on participating in the Oct bazaar at Calvary Lutheran church and later at Lutheran High School's Fall Christmas sale is being collected. Dates and times will come later when the information is available. Until then we would ask that if you have a talent for making things (sewing, woodworking, baked items, and home canned goods) it would be nice to know that you are willing and able to help us. It will also give you time to work on the projects through the summer. Of course the baking would have to wait until the week of the sale but you can still plan on what you would like to do in the mean time.

Please contact Adele Tinsley, Heidi Ford, Diane Conrad, or Becky Lanning to let us know what you can do to help. Several items have been made at this point but we would like to add to the selection.

April 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Fourth Sunday in Lent LWCC Ming after Spec Cong Ming 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Special Cong. Ming. 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Women's Bible Study	31	1	2 6:30pm - Lenten Midweek Service	3	4	5 10am - O.A.
6 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Women's Bible Study	7 6:30pm - Properties 7pm - Elders	8 7pm - Women's Tues Bible Study	9 6:30pm - Lenten Midweek Service	10	11	12 9am - Church Work Day 9am - Quilting 10am - O.A.
13 Procession for Palm Sunday Sunday of The Passion 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Women's Bible Study	14 Monday in Holy Week	15 Tuesday in Holy Week	16 Wednesday in Holy Week	17 Holy Thursday 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday 6:30pm - Good Friday Service	19 Holy Saturday 10am - O.A.
20 The Resurrection of Our Lord 7am - Easter Sunrise Divine 8:45am - Easter Breakfast 10am - Easter Divine Service 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Women's Bible Study	21 7pm - Church Council	22 The Resurrection of Our Lord 7pm - Women's Tues Bible Study	23 The Resurrection of Our Lord	24	25 LWML Retreat [F] St. Mark, Evangelist 5:30pm - Congregational Game	26 10am - O.A.
27 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Women's Bible Study	28	29	30 [F] St. Philip and St. James,	1	2	3 10am - O.A. 10:45am - Church Basement

# Treasurers Report

February 2024

<b>Income Descriptions</b>	<b>Feb 2024 4 Sundays</b>	<b>Feb 2025 4 Sundays</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Unified Budget	23,643.00	26,375.50	45,955.50
Memorials (Non-Designated)	-	-	-
Memorials (Designated)	-	50.00	50.00
Designated Gifts	7,651.14	4,269.00	6,078.50
Reimbursements & Refunds	-	-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	20,316.56	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>51,610.70</b>	<b>26,375.50</b>	<b>52,084.00</b>
Average per week Unified Budget	5,910.75	6,593.88	
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>Feb-25</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Missions - District Synod	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lutheran High School	1,500.00	1,500.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	375.00	375.00
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>2,875.00</b>	<b>2875.00</b>

<b>Board Expenses</b>	<b>February 2025</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>
Pastoral Care	9,230.03	12,472.05	125,400.00
Christian Education	10,730.15	17,532.71	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	287.33	406.27	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	3,375.00	3,875.00	21,500.00
Office	3,917.40	6,146.07	32,500.00
Properties	4,352.20	9,679.58	81,500.00
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>31,892.11</b>	<b>50,111.68</b>	<b>349,900.00</b>

<b>Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts</b>	<b>Balance 02-28-2025</b>
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,657.51
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	12,210.58
Building Fund - 2978**	98,124.49
Capital Improvements - 9545**	13,795.00
Church Sign	971.15
Church Landscaping	878.69
Heine Family Project	1,726.01
Total Capital Improvements - \$17,370.84	17,370.84
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,515.44
Inheritance Fund - 7423	125,735.20
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	149.19
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>261,763.25</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>686.62</b>

<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>
February 23, 2025	11	3	18
March 2, 2025	11	3	21
March 9, 2025	10	3	15
March 16, 2025	10	0	23
March 23, 2025	10	3	86

<b>Worship</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Tithes</b>
February 23, 2025	91	89	\$3,600.50
March 2, 2025	92	93	\$6,251.00
March 9, 2025	84	87	\$4,182.00
March 16, 2025	98	86	\$4,355.00
March 23, 2025	94	86	\$2,610.00

## Checking account balances

Unified Budget Balance	\$ 146,601.41
Preschool Account Balance	\$ 15,893.01



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

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

- Linda Snyder
- Fred Foster
- Lorna Warren
- Betty Economou
- 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
- Pat Barnes, 8601 Shelby St, Apt 236, Indianapolis, IN 46227

### **Rehab**

- Konnie Hanneman, 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)

Please keep the family and friends of the following **recently deceased** in your prayers:

- Della Kilgore
- Deborah Ackerman (sister of Lynda Martin and Carol Monroe)
- Barb Poulos (former member)
- Judith Bowman (Vicki Wilson's mother)

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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** April 12 at 9 am. 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

4/6 "Better Than I Deserve"  
4/13 "In the Middle"  
4/20 "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"  
4/27 "Through Locked Doors"

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:

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

### Wedding Anniversaries:

April	Years	Date
Craig & Diane Smith	49	4/10
Kaushal & Alex Chaudhary	14	4/16
Jim & Kay Hayes	32	4/17
Chris & Rose Mihi	37	4/25
Zack & Alexis Marot	3	4/29
John & Hannah Akers	3	4/30

### HUMOR CORNER

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



### Church Council

**President**  
Bruce Markel

**Vice-President**  
Chris Brooks

Mike Emkes, Elder

Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

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Julia Yeater

**Recording Secretary**  
Susan Ranbarger

**Treasurer**  
Tammy Owen

**Financial Secretary**  
Carol Monroe

Don't be a fool on April fool's day:

Psalms 14: 1 "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

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