

THE Concordia Messenger



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

June 2025

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25).

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**Pastor Sam and Isabel Scheltens
and son Henry**

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PASTOR

Lord Jesus, You are our great High Priest, who intercedes with the Father on our behalf. During Your earthly ministry You called men to be Your apostles, and still today You call men to be pastors in Your Church—to proclaim the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins, to baptize, to nourish Your people with Your holy Supper, and to minister in countless ways to Your flock.

Thank you for our new pastor, Henry Scheltens, and grant him fidelity to Your Word, wisdom by Your Spirit, and strength from above, that he may carry out his calling faithfully. Make him a fearless confessor of Your truth. Keep him from error in his teaching and from scandal in his life. Give him courage to admonish those who stray, compassion to bind up the brokenhearted, and discernment to apply Law and Gospel to all appropriately. May he protect Your flock from ravaging wolves and shepherd Your lambs into green pastures.

Move the members of our congregation to have proper respect for our pastor, to obey him, and to gladly accept the Word preached to us. Keep our pastor and our parishioners faithful until death, that together we may receive the crown of life; in Your name, O Jesus, the only Savior of the world. Amen.

On Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the call service for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Concordia learned that her next pastor will be Henry Scheltens.

Since Pastor-Elect Scheltens’ father’s name is also Henry, Pastor-Elect Scheltens goes by Sam. Once he is ordained and installed at Concordia, he will prefer to be called Pastor Scheltens.

Pastor-Elect Scheltens is from Normal, Illinois. He did his undergrad at Concordia, Chicago and vicarage at Messiah Lutheran Church in Danville, California.

Sam is married to Isabel and they have a one-and-a-half-year-old son also named Henry. Isabel is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was homeschooled and they have a strong desire to homeschool their children. Isabel is expecting their second child in November.

Pastor-Elect Scheltens is still planning his ordination and installation. As of this writing, he is planning to be ordained and installed at Concordia on July 26. That is subject to change.

We pray for Pastor-Elect Scheltens and his family as he completes his seminary studies, plans his ordination and installation, and prepares to move to the Greenwood area.

At my home church, one song we sang on Pentecost was "O Day Full of Grace" (LSB 503). These verses have stuck with me:

"For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing."

"When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring."

In Preschool, we talked about how the disciples used their ears, eyes, and mouths. They listened with their ears to the words Jesus spoke. They saw with their eyes the miracles He performed, the most important being Christ's death and resurrection. And they used their mouths to tell others about Jesus.

When we learned about Pentecost, we focused on how the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the words to proclaim Jesus to the world. The disciples witnessed His perfect, sinless life. They saw His death and resurrection. And they used their voices and the gift of the Holy Spirit to praise God and share His Word with the world.

They also witnessed Jesus ascend into heaven, where He promised to prepare a place for us and to always be with us. As we continue to walk in the light of Christ here on earth, we may joyfully look forward to our final journey. We will dwell in His eternal light and use our mouths to enter into endless singing with the angelic hosts and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

~Sarah Shadday

Celebrating 80 years of LWR

In 1945, our Lutheran forebears joined together to be the Body of Christ in the world, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II. When they founded Lutheran World Relief, the outpouring of love was immense. Our grandparents got busy sewing LWR Mission Quilts, assembling kits, and organizing fundraising drives.

Within just 14 years, American Lutherans had provided more than 100 million dollars worth of aid—and we were just getting started.

With each passing year, God has opened our hearts to the ever-growing needs in our hurting world, and our ministry has grown. Today, together, we go where no one else goes — to the front lines of war and places even cars can't reach. And we stay as long as needed to help families recover and rebuild.

Thank you for continuing the legacy of love that began 80 years ago...until your love reaches every neighbor.

To view a 90-second video, please visit <https://shorturl.at/TWxCg>.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday School 10:45am

Young Children are learning about Jesus Ascends, Pentecost, Peter and John Healing a Lame Man, Saul/Paul, and Peter Escaping from Prison.

Older Children are learning about the Old Testament and do fun activities with their lessons. They are working through the book of Judges and 1st Samuel.

Youth are learning about books of the Bible they are interested in. 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: June 20 and 24, July 8 and 22, and August 12 and 26.

Celebrate High School Students

We have three students graduating High School this year: **Gary Brooks, Luke Guinn, and Joe Scott**. We are having a small celebration for them at Fellowship 15 on June 22nd. Gary plans to attend Ivy Tech and continue learning HVAC. Luke plans to work full time at Slate Performance Automotive. Joe plans to attend Ivy Tech for his general education.

Preschool

They just keep growing! Our PreK class graduated recently and our 3's are preparing to come to PreK next year. It was wonderful being able to celebrate how much the children have grown with their families and friends.

We still have a few spots left in both Preschool 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. Registration fee is \$125.

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

Congregational Fellowship Opportunities

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:

June 13 GFS pasta and salad
July 11 pizza and salad
August 8 GFS BBQ and salad

In June, we are hosting our Vacation Bible School. All are welcome to come to our VBS program on Thursday, June 19 starting at 6:30pm. We will also be hosting a picnic dinner and some games after the program.

Playdates will be hosted at Westside Park most Thursdays in June and July from 9am-11am. We will meet at the playground. Rain dates/locations are to be determined. We invite any of our church members, Preschool families, or others to attend. Thursday playdates are June 5, 12, and 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

LWML Mission Grants at Work

2023-2025 Mission Grant #31 (Milwaukee Convention)
Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit — Camp Restore Detroit, MI — \$58,988.62 (partial)

Camp Restore Detroit partners in breaking the cycle of generational poverty in Detroit by working with families and community leaders in a Christ-centered atmosphere where families can learn and grow with access to education and needed resources.

Camp Restore Detroit fills the Children's Outreach House, Adult Outreach House, and the land surrounding it with programs and ministry aimed at sharing God's love as they work together to restore hope, support health and wellness, raise the educational levels of children and adults, and support vocational skill building in a Christ-centered environment.

This grant will fund house furnishings and learning tools, including Bibles, SMARTboards, and computers. Funds from this grant will also create a Maker's Space and a Storybook Learning and Reading Garden for community members and their children.



Many relationships are formed through the work of Camp Restore Detroit. Two little boys, one from the community and the other, a Lutheran from a different city, worshipping together. One is teaching the other about the use of the LCMS hymnal and enthusiastically sharing the love of Jesus with one another.

2024 Indiana LWML District Convention Large Grant
Recipient #6

Concordia Counseling Abundant Grace Fund – \$12,000

Concordia Counseling's Abundant Grace Fund in Seymour enables non-Lutheran and uninsured clients to receive Christ-centered counseling as a means of connecting with an LCMS congregation for ongoing spiritual care.

LWML will have a Ladies' Afternoon out at McAlister's restaurant located on 135 Sunday July 20th at 3:30-5:30 pm.

VBS

Our church's Vacation Bible School is **9am-11:30am, June 16-20**. We will have an Epic Australian Adventure, an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Children will learn about when God calls Moses, when God leads His people through the Promised Land, the parable of the good Samaritan, Peter and John's race to the tomb, and Jesus's ascension.

There are many ways to help with VBS:

1. We will need lots of volunteers to help during Vacation Bible School week. If you would like to volunteer during VBS week, please, let Sarah Shadday know. We will have two VBS trainings: Sunday, June 8th noon-1pm. Volunteers will learn about what we're doing at the station during VBS, our mission projects, and have an opportunity to give valuable feedback and share thoughts. The second part of the meeting is for those who have not done our child protection training and for those who have not completed a background check. If you would like to volunteer and have not completed child protection training and a background check and CAN NOT make it to the trainings, please arrange a time with Sarah Shadday to complete the training.
2. Volunteers are needed to help set up for Vacation Bible School. Set up will take place on Sunday, June 15th at noon. We will provide a light lunch.
3. Volunteers are needed to help during our VBS program and celebration. We need help to run our games during the picnic for the children and to help serve food to families.
4. Donations are needed. Please, check the bulletin board in the lobby to see what is needed. Please keep in mind that fresh items like fruit are needed closer to the time of VBS. Other items like cleaning supplies may be brought in at any time.

June 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <p>9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</p>	<div>2</div> <p>6:30pm - Properties 7pm - Elders</p>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <p>9am - Playdate Westside Park</p>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <p>10am - O.A.</p>
<div>8</div> <p>9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Special Congregational 10:45am - Sunday School 12pm - VBS Training 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</p>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <p>7pm - Women's Tuesday Bible</p>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <p>9am - Playdate Westside Park</p>	<div>13</div> <p>5:30pm - Congregational Game</p>	<div>14</div> <p>9am - Quilting 10am - O.A.</p>
<div>15</div> <p>9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</p>	<div>16</div> <p>9am - VBS 7pm - Church Council</p>	<div>17</div> <p>9am - VBS</p>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <p>9am - Playdate Westside Park 9am - VBS 6:30pm - VBS Program and</p>	<div>20</div> <p>9am - VBS</p>	<div>21</div> <p>10am - O.A.</p>
<div>22</div> <p>9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Celebration of High 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</p>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <p>7pm - Women's Tuesday Bible</p>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <p>LWML Convention 9am - Playdate Westside Park</p>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <p>10am - O.A.</p>
<div>29</div> <p>LWML Convention 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 2pm - Fellowship Hall Picnic 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty</p>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <p>9am - Playdate Westside Park</p>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <p>10am - O.A.</p>

Treasurers Report

April 2024

Income Descriptions	Apr 2024 4 Sundays	Apr 2025 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	49,076.82	41,655.00	109,397.85
Memorials (Non-Designated)	590.00	-	175.00
Memorials (Designated)	-	50.00	100.00
Designated Gifts	2,976.72	1,526.10	9,267.02
Reimbursements & Refunds	-	-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	-	-	195.00
Miscellaneous	4,337.43	-	1,152.80
Total Income	56,980.97	41,655.00	120,287.67
Average per week Unified Budget	12,269.21	10,413.75	4,357.47
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,728.85	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Apr-25	Total to
Missions - District Synod	500.00	2,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	3,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	187.50	750.00
Total Support	1,437.50	5,750.00

Board Expenses	April 2025	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	5,926.37	23,777.64	125,400.00
Christian Education	6,181.03	30,629.59	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	129.49	869.92	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	1,437.50	7,975.00	21,500.00
Office	2,498.89	10,676.18	32,500.00
Properties	11,954.48	30,912.09	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	28,127.76	104,840.42	349,900.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 04-30-2025
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,671.24
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	12,256.79
Building Fund - 2978**	98,577.99
Capital Improvements - 9545**	13,847.14
Church Sign	974.83
Church Landscaping	882.02
Heine Family Project	1,732.59
Total Capital Improvements - \$17,436.58	17,436.58
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,525.80
Inheritance Fund - 7423	126,421.64
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	149.63
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	245,603.09
Interest Earned	704.31

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

	Children SS	Youth SS	ADULT SS
April 27, 2025	7	3	30
May 4, 2025	12	3	28
May 11, 2025	11	3	24
May 18, 2025	0	0	0
May 25, 2025	0	0	0

Worship	2024	2025	Tithes
April 27, 2025	81	95	\$6,860.00
May 4, 2025	96	87	\$5,295.00
May 11, 2025	91	88	\$1,511.00
May 18, 2025	98	95	\$25,900.00
May 25, 2025	86	74	\$5,205.00

Total In Church Checking Account | \$ 161,000.25
Total in Preschool Account | \$ 16,302.48

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

Concordia Members

Surgery/Testing/

Recovery:

- Linda Snyder 3/30/25
- Fred Foster 3/30/25
- Betty Economou 1/12/25
- Jim Roemer 2/12/23
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22
- Peter Economou 4/22/19



Friends of Concordia

- Joseph Cress 5/27/25
- Barb Norris 4/16/25
- Falon Wildrick 3/31/25
- Pam Perry 3/31/25
- Pastor Raji 2/2/25
- Rev. John Sebastian 1/30/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 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
- 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

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

Thrivent Action Teams

If anyone is a Thrivent member, you most likely have a Thrivent Action Team you can use for this year. It is up to \$250 of seed money for a special project. To check out if you have an Action Team left for this year, go to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams> and log on to your Thrivent account. It should list how many teams you have for the year.

We are looking for sponsors for:

Vacation Bible School
Vacation Bible School Carnival
Vacation Bible School Volunteer Trainings

Contact Sarah Shadday if you would like to sponsor one of these events.



Quilting June 14 at 9 am. Consider coming and helping with the tying.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Radio Schedule

The Lutheran Hour—Sundays
WIRE (91.1 FM) 6:00 AM
WBRI (1500 AM) 6:30 AM
WCBK (102.3 FM) 7:00 AM
WBNL (1540 AM) 1:00 PM

6/1 "God's Gumbo"
6/8 "Ticket Stubs Turned to Joy"
6/15 "Nothing He'd Rather Be Doing"
6/22 "Should I Be Worried About the Devil"
6/29 "Honest to God"

Lutheran Hour is now broadcast on American Forces Network (AFN). To find other airings near you, check the broadcast guide at lhm.org/guide.

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

Birthdays:

Bulthuis, Mistie	6/4
Coffey, Shannon	6/4
Roberts, Rhyan	6/6
Yeater, Jim	6/9
Caruana, Sharon	6/10
Shadday, Matt	6/12
Crouch, Aubrianna	6/13
Bontrager, Logan	6/15
Caruana, Philip	6/15
Hanneman, Konny	6/16
Akers, John	6/17
Henrickson, Susan	6/18
Akers, Hannah	6/21
Bierman, Mike	6/23
Roemer, Doris	6/23
Spray, Mike	6/27
Guinn, John	6/29
Ralph, Barbara	6/29
Munoz (Owen), Chloe	6/30

Wedding Anniversaries:

	Years	Date
Dick & Gail Brooks	46	6/1
Cliff & Heidi Whitrock	30	6/7
Scott & Laura Ronczka	32	6/12
Wayne & Carol Monroe	11	6/14
Daniel & Jessica Moreth	12	6/15
Don & Cindy Boesenberg	49	6/19
Herb & Barb Hoeltke	62	6/22
Mike & Heidi Ford	59	6/23
Tony & Andrea Kaiser	8	6/25
John & Tracy Guinn	26	6/26
Dick & Betty Economou	55	6/27
Bryan & Genny Hartley	29	6/29



"I just love how they come individually wrapped to seal in the flavor."

Church Council

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HUMOR CORNER

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

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