

THE Concordia Messenger



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

June 2026

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

In the year 1530, the nobility and magistrates of the Holy Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Augsburg for the Diet of Augsburg. A ‘diet’ was a large meeting, called by the Holy Roman Emperor, in which pressing political matters were discussed. At this diet, one of the agenda items was the conflict between the Roman Catholics and the Lutherans. The Lutherans were following Luther’s lead in restoring the Word of God to the people, protecting their consciences, and opposing the overreach of the Pope, who claimed to be Christ’s replacement on earth. The Roman Catholics, on the other hand, were maintaining the Pope’s power (even in political matters!), maintaining the sale and use of indulgences, and maintaining the sacrifice of the Mass (that the priest was ‘re-offering’ Christ’s Body to God, as a recurring sacrifice). All of these conflicts were preventing the Empire from working cohesively, something Charles V needed in order to keep the Turk, that is, the Ottoman Empire away from his doorstep.

The Lutherans were given a chance, by the Emperor, to present a confession of their faith before himself and all the nobles and magistrates of the Holy Roman Empire. The Lutherans got together, and organized a document summarizing what they believed, and defending their controversial positions from Scripture. They had their most articulate theologian, Philipp Melanchthon, write the arguments and language. Then, all the politicians and nobles who were Lutheran signed the document, attaching their names to a public confession. But this wasn’t simply putting their names on the document – they were staking their lives. They were risking the Emperor taking the Pope’s side, and having all of them executed.

This is why we are remembering these brave men, and all the Lutherans behind the Augsburg Confession, on June 25. This is why our church needs confessors – people willing to suffer, or even die, for the sake of the true Gospel. Because it’s just that important. The stuff we confess in church, before God and before other men, is life and death. In some cases, eternal life or death. I encourage you all to join us, and your brothers and sisters from the circuit, on June 25 this year as we commemorate this momentous event in our shared history. This history is ours, and we should bear it proudly. The Gospel really just is that important.

Pastor Scheltens

Info:

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession
Divine Service
June 25, 2026
6:30 PM
Concordia Ev. Lutheran Church,
Greenwood IN

Director of Christian Education

I've had to rewrite this newsletter many times. Most heard at this point I have a call to be a DCE at a church in Missouri. Currently I have two calls, one to be the Director of Christian Education at Concordia in Greenwood and one to serve as Director of Christian Education at the other church. I know it was sudden for the congregation to hear.

By the time this newsletter prints, my husband and I will have visited the other congregation. We ask for prayers during this time as we discern where God is calling us to serve. We will make an official announcement sometime in June.

I remember the emotions from when Pastor Gaschler announced his call. I remember the emotions we worked through as we called pastors. It is an emotional time, and it is ok to have a wide range of emotions. Our family is sifting through feelings right now, especially our kids.

Part of the call process for the congregation and family involved is an understanding of God's love. God will provide what we need. It's an opportunity for all to grow in faith and to trust God. No matter which call I accept I'll trust God will use me to serve that congregation. I also know in God's time, He will provide what the other church needs.

~Sarah Shadday



To Sarah for all that she
does for Concordia
Lutheran Church and
Preschool.

Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday School 10:45am

Young Children are learning about Philip and the Ethiopian, Peter and Cornelius, the Church in Antioch, and Paul and Barnabas healing a lame man.

Older Children are learning about Resilient Minds.

Youth are attending the adult Bible Study.

Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Hall and are learning about Galatians.

Women Tuesday Night Bible Study is 7pm-8:30pm is finishing Loving the Prodigal. The final session is June 9th at church. They will start a new study at the end of June using some of the older LWML Quarterly Bible studies. Those Bible studies will take place: June 23, July 14, July 28, and August 11.

Preschool

We had a wonderful May. PreK had a final field trip to the fire station and Greenwood Stormwater Operations and Nature Center. We also had our 3's end of the year ice cream social and PreK graduation. Thank you to our Thrivent sponsors, it enabled us to get supplies for the events and purchase devotion books for the kids so the parents can use them at home. We'll miss our Preschool friends and pray that our PreK friends transition well into their new schools and kindergarten lives. We also pray we see all of our 3's back next year.

We would like to thank the members of Concordia for supporting our Preschool through prayers, encouragement, and donations. If you would like to continue to help our preschool over the summer; help get the word out that we have room in our 3's class. We also have a list of summer projects. Please contact Andrew McNally if you're interested in helping with those.

**3's child should be 3 and potty trained
by August 1st, 2026**

Tuesday, Friday 9am-11:30am

\$125/month for 10 months

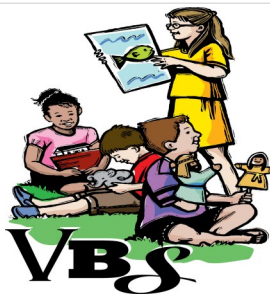
Registration Fee \$125

Preschool Playdates will occur on selected Thursday mornings at Westside Park from 9am-11:30am in June and July. June dates are June 4, 11, and 25. July dates are 9, 16, and 23.

Vacation Bible School

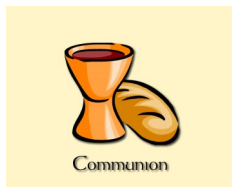
Vacation Bible School is **June 15-19th**, 9am-11:30 am this year. Save the date! Let Sarah Shadday know if you're interested in volunteering. If you are over 18 and have not had a background check, we need to schedule a time to do the paperwork. VBS volunteer final training day and times are: Sunday, June 7th at 8:30am-9:15am and noon-12:45pm. A donation list is up in the church lobby.

To register for **FREE VBS** go to our church website: <https://www.concordia-lcms.com/> and follow the information there.



Congregational Fellowship Events

Game Night is June 5th from 5:30-8:30pm. 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 July 24th, and August 28th.



So Jesus said to them,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.”

John 6:53

LWML Mission Grants at Work

2025-2027 Mission Grant #14 (Omaha Convention)

Healing Your Heart – Faith-based Child Counseling

— Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, U.S. — \$100,000

Protecting and nourishing the mental health and well-being of children is the mission of Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS). They protect a child's integrity, self-worth, spiritual well-being, and mental health through professional, compassionate Christian counseling.

The outpatient child therapy clinic was expanded in August 2023, and the number of children served by LCFS grew beyond capacity within 6 months. The clinic needs to expand its services again to meet the demands and needs of countless children in the greater Milwaukee community.

As children get better and stronger, the lives of parents, siblings, and other family members often improve. LCFS also deploys trained therapists to respond to community crises and offer Christ's healing.

This grant will increase the number of therapists working in the clinic from five to seven, purchase therapeutic toys, and develop promotional materials to present to LCMS churches and groups.

2025-2027 Mission Grant #11 (Omaha Convention)

NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis

— Lutheran Family Services, Iowa — \$92,500

The number of serious mental health problems, suicide attempts, gender identity confusion and transition, and alienation from family and church is impacting young people and their parents. These cultural and mental health issues are destroying faith, lives, and families. Because of the stigma surrounding these topics, it is often difficult for Christian families to ask for help. They would like care that is scripturally sound and Gospel-focused.

Lutheran Family Service (LFS) provides teams of LCMS pastors and licensed Christian mental health therapists who bring help through in-person and virtual education events, lead support groups, and provide individualized Gospel-focused care to the increasing number of families facing these mental health issues. Many LCMS parents facing these circumstances feel isolated and alone and are at risk of leaving the church.

This grant will fund teams of LCMS pastors and licensed mental health therapists to provide Gospel-focused care for families.

June 2026 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:30am - VBS Training (early) 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 12pm - VBS Training (midday) 6pm - Women's Bible Sty	6:30pm - Properties 6:30pm - Worship Service 7pm - Elders	10am - New Member Catechesis		9am - Westside Park - playdate 7pm - New Member Catechesis	5:30pm - Congregation Game Night	10am - O.A.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 12pm - VBS Set Up 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty	9am - VBS 6:30pm - Worship Service 7pm - Church Council	9am - VBS 10am - New Member Catechesis	9am - VBS	9am - VBS 6:30pm - VBS Carnival 7pm - New Member Catechesis	9am - VBS 11:30am - VBS Volunteer Lunch &	10am - O.A.
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Treasurers Report

April 2026

Income Descriptions	Apr 2025 4 Sundays	Apr 2026 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	\$ 41,655.00	\$ 35,244.81	\$106,075.87
Memorials (Non-Designated)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Memorials (Designated)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,526.10	\$ 523.00	\$ 2,080.38
Reimbursements & Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Rents & Wedding Fees	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 195.00
Miscellaneous*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 41,655.00	\$ 35,244.81	\$108,501.25
Average per week Unified Budget	\$ 10,413.75	\$ 8,811.20	\$ 6,239.76
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,728.85	\$ 6,764.00	\$ 6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Apr-26	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Lutheran High School	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	\$ 187.50	\$ 3,000.00
Total Support	\$ 1,437.50	\$ 8,000.00

Board Expenses	Apr-26	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	\$ 15,557.90	\$ 44,380.63	\$119,200.00
Christian Education	\$ 8,588.51	\$ 36,526.94	\$ 83,600.00
Congregational Worship	\$ 557.03	\$ 2,709.85	\$ 4,300.00
Missions & Outreach	\$ 1,437.50	\$ 8,987.50	\$ 21,500.00
Office	\$ 1,793.44	\$ 7,037.35	\$ 32,450.00
Properties	\$ 3,892.62	\$ 67,892.66	\$ 90,700.00
Unified Budget Total	\$ 31,827.00	\$ 167,534.93	\$351,750.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	46142
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,731.03
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446***	11,770.69
Building Fund - 2978**	3,041.45
Capital Improvements - 9545	14,089.93
Church Sign	993.54
Church Landscaping	899.01
Heine Family Project	1,765.70
Total Capital Improvements - \$17,748.18	17,748.18
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,570.92
Inheritance Fund - 7423	104,563.32
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	151.54
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	145,577.13
Interest Earned	282.05

Weekly Attendance and Offerings		
Week of	2026	Offerings
May 3, 2026	85	\$4,995.00
May 10, 2026	124	\$2,090.00
May 17, 2026	99	\$6,561.50
May 24, 2026	106	\$3,695.00
May 31, 2026	TBD	TBD

Total In Church Checking Account	\$145,567.00
Total in Preschool Account (payroll needs re-imbursed to the church)	\$ 30,551.37
Designated Offerings (included in church checking acct balance)	\$ 37,161.23

INTERCESSION and PRAYER
(Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members

Surgery/Testing/

Recovery:

- Phillis Infante 5/14/26
- Doris Roemer 3/10/26
- Philip Caruana 12/3/25
- Craig Smith 9/30/25
- Jim Lanning 9/29/25
- Lynda Martin 6/16/25
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22

Friends of Concordia

- Cyrena Gilman 5/5/26
- Chuck Buth 9/23/25
- Barb Norris 4/16/25
- Kathleen Sebastian 1/30/25
- Beverly Tewell 1/30/25
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- 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

- Mariann Denton 4/26/26
- Susan Ellis 4/8/2026
- Kurt Roemer 3/10/26
- Rick Wildrick 2/3/26
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21



Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 690 South State Ball Brothers 125, Franklin IN 46131
- Pat Barnes, 2339 S 135, Rm 308, Greenwood, IN 46143
- Peter Economou, 1680 Vidalia Ct, Greenwood, IN 46143

Military Servicemen & women.

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LT Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 12137 Red Barn Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32226
- Ivan Munoz, (LT)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande St., Kailua, HI 96734)
- PFC Macy Ranbarger (PO Box 6552, Quantico, VA 22134)
- Airman 1st Class, Alexander J. Economou, Air Natl Guard, Ft. Wayne, IN

Investment Committee

The Church Council has identified that Concordia has funds in accounts earning low or no interest. To be good stewards of these resources, the Church Council has established an Investment Committee to invest a portion of these funds with the goal of earning a higher return for the church. The committee consists of Mike Emkes and Mike Finger. Investments will be through Lutheran Church Extension Fund and various other financial institutions that offer FDIC insurance. Reports to the congregation will be made at each Congregation Assembly meeting. If you have questions see Mike Emkes or Mike Finger.

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

6/7 "Peter's Restoration-and Ours"
6/14 "Journey Through Anxiety"
6/21 "Journey Through Depression"
6/28 "Journey Through Ambition"

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
10:45 a.m.

Monday Worship Service
6:30 p.m.



Pastor **Sam Scheltens**
E-mail pastorscheltens@concordia-lcms.com

Staff:

Sarah Shadday *Dir. Christian Education*
Erica Stephenson *Deaconess*
Sarah Shadday *Preschool Director*
Brad Wheeler *Admin. Assistant*

Office hours Mon. - Fri. 8am - noon

Church Council

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Bruce Markel

Vice-President
Chris Brooks

Mike Emkes, Elder

Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

Susan Henrickson

Julia Yeater

Recording Secretary
Susan Ranbarger

Treasurer
Tammy Owen

Financial Secretary
Carol Monroe

BIRTHDAYS:

Bulthuis, Mistie	6/4
Coffey, Shannon	6/4
Yeater, Jim	6/9
Caruana, Sharon	6/10
Shadday, Matt	6/12
Crouch, Aubrianna	6/13
Bontrager, Logan	6/15
Caruana, Philip	6/15
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
Munoz (Owen), Chloe	6/30

WEDDINGS:

	Years	Date
Dick & Gail Brooks	47	6/1
Cliff & Heidi Whitrock	31	6/7
Scott & Laura Ronczka	33	6/12
Wayne & Carol Monroe	12	6/14
Don & Cindy Boesenberg	50	6/19
Herb & Barb Hoeltke	63	6/22
Mike & Heidi Ford	60	6/23
Tony & Andrea Kaiser	9	6/25
John & Tracy Guinn	27	6/26
Dick & Betty Economou	56	6/27
Bryan & Genny Hartley	30	6/29

***"Trust in the LORD with
all thine heart; and lean
not unto thine own un-
derstanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy
paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6***

HUMOR CORNER

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

What do you call a group of musical whales? An orca-stra.

I know a lot of jokes about retired people... but none of them work.

I gave all my dead batteries away... free of charge.

I once wrote a song about a tortilla. Actually, it was more of a wrap.

The Greatest Mercy Ever Shown

"even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved."

Ephesians 1:4-6

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