

THE Concordia Messenger



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

November 2026

Celebrating 70 Years!

Concordia is celebrating its 70th anniversary this November! To help us celebrate, we are looking for photos, both physical and digital, to include in a slideshow for our 70th Anniversary Dinner on November 22 at noon in Fellowship Hall. The meal is free to attend.

Physical photos may be brought to the church office to be scanned. Please place them in an envelope or bag labeled with your name so they can be returned to you, or write your name on the back of each photo. If possible, please include a brief description of the photo. Digital photos may be emailed to office@concordia-lcms.com and/or president@concordia-lcms.com. Please include a brief description with each photo. Also, consider donating \$70 above your normal tithes and offerings to help celebrate Concordia. These funds will be used to make necessary repairs to our building.

Concordia was founded in 1956, and we are blessed to still have a few members in our congregation who were here when the church began! On August 5, 1956, the first worship service was held at the American Legion Hall. On October 7, 1956, the congregation selected the name *Concordia*. Just two weeks later, on October 21, the congregation adopted its constitution. In 1957, Concordia purchased a house on Madison Avenue, which served as the church building until 1964. The chapel was located on the first floor, Sunday School rooms were downstairs, and the pastor and his family lived on the second floor. In 1963, eight acres of land were purchased for our current church location. The new building was dedicated on November 8, 1964. Since then, additions and improvements have been made to the building and property.

As we look back over the past 70 years, we give thanks to God for the many pastors who faithfully served our congregation through the Word and Sacraments. These pastors include Rev. John Kaiser, Rev. Howard Hilsabeck, Rev. Luther Strasen, Rev. Laverne Polley, Rev. Howard Fabricius, Rev. John Flamme, and Rev. Paul Gaschler. We also thank God for the ministry of our current pastor, Rev. Sam Scheltens.

We are grateful for the called staff members who have served Concordia over the years: Deborah Rockrohr (Deaconess), Monica Eickmeyer (Deaconess), Mark Musick (Director of Christian Education), and Erica Stephenson (Deaconess). We also thank God for Beverly Fabricius, who began our preschool ministry in 1979; Andrea Kaiser, our organist; and Chris Brooks, who also serves our congregation by playing the organ.

Most of all, we thank God for all the members of Concordia who gather on Sunday mornings to receive His gifts through His Word and Sacraments. We are grateful to everyone who serves our congregation by sharing their time, talents, and treasures. God has richly blessed Concordia throughout these 70 years, and we pray that He will continue to bless our congregation as we faithfully share His Word with our community for generations to come.

Director of Christian Education

What is your favorite gift you've ever received? Is there someone you especially love giving gifts to, and if so, why? The Women's Tuesday Bible Study recently studied the parable of the great banquet in Luke 14. A note in the *ESV Lutheran Study Bible* caught my attention. It said, "Too often God's gifts are more important to us than He, the giver, is" (p. 1746).

That stings.

How often have we given a gift and felt hurt because the recipient seemed to treasure the gift more than the person who gave it? On the other hand, how often have we received a gift without offering a sincere thank-you or expressing appreciation to the person who gave it? This brings to mind the account of the ten lepers in Luke 17 where only one leper came back to thank Jesus. Let's see if the invitees to the banquet in Luke 14 were more grateful than the lepers.

In the parable, a man prepares a great banquet, but those he invites make excuses and refuse to come. The host then sends his servant to bring in the poor, blind, and lame. When there is still room, he sends the servant to invite others in the country to come and fill the house.

God continues to invite people to hear and respond to His Word. He calls us through His Word and sends His messengers throughout the world to share the Gospel. That includes you! As Christians, we have the privilege of sharing with others the good news of Christ's death and resurrection for the salvation of all people.

God gives us many good gifts each day, including the gift of faith and His life-giving Word. Having a heart of gratitude isn't always easy, but we can continually offer God our thanks and praise simply because of who He is. He is our loving Father, who continues to shower His unfaithful children with good and gracious gifts. He does this not because of anything we have done or any worthiness within us, but because of His great goodness and love.

May we never become so focused on God's gifts that we forget the Giver. Instead, may we receive His blessings with thankful hearts, give Him the glory, and share His greatest gift—Jesus Christ—with those around us.

~Sarah Shadday

Preschool

Praise be to God, our Preschool is full! Both classes are now on a waiting list, with 12 PreK students and 10 three-year-old students eager to learn. This month, we're learning about turkeys and Thanksgiving, along with the Old Testament, letters, colors, and shapes. We are so thankful to God for the preschoolers He has entrusted to our care, and we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with them and their families.

Our three-year-old class will enjoy a special celebration later this month, while our PreK students will share a Thanksgiving feast with their families. Families will also be invited to donate to The Refuge food pantry, which our congregation faithfully supports each week. We are grateful for the opportunity to love, teach, and grow with these precious children and their families!

Sunday School/Bible Class

Sunday School 10:45am

Young Children are learning about the end of the Old Testament this month.

Older Children will have lessons on the Old Testament at the start of Sunday School and have service projects or other activities for the second part of Sunday School.

Youth are attending the adult Bible Study.

Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Hall and are learning about Ephesians and will study Colossians next.

Women Sunday Night Bible Study is meeting 6pm-7pm in November, check the online church calendar for days. Their next study is to be determined.

Women Tuesday Night Bible Study is 7pm-8:30pm is studying parables. This study will meet on November 10th and then will break until January.

Church Work Day is Saturday, November 14th from 9am-noon. We have a sign up in the church lobby. We also have jobs listed like: storing hoses, putting out driveway markers for the snow plow, replacing damaged or missing ceiling tiles, pulling ivy off the Preschool. Cut dying tree branches around property, cleaning toys in the church nursery, dusting, and more. We would love for people to come help prepare church for winter. If you cannot come help on November 14th, but can help with some of the jobs listed, please contact Andrew McNally at properties@concordia-lcms.com or his phone number is listed in the church directory.



Game Night is November 20th 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. Everyone is welcome to bring any extra snacks, drinks, or games they would like. Feel free just to come and socialize. This is the last game night of the year and we plan to resume them in November.

Advent Dinners will take place at 6pm before the 7pm Advent services on December 2nd, December 9th, and December 16th. More details will be in the next newsletter.

God's Greatest Comfort November 7 at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Comfort – God's love is our ever-present comfort. A quilt is a comfort, too. Have you seen a quilt that wordlessly tells stories of Jesus, our Immanuel? Join us as women from central Indiana come to Concordia to hear and see as storyteller and quilter Joni Wolfe shares her Immanuel Quilt.

If you quilt or have a quilt you'd like to display, bring it along. Any quilted item is welcome. Tell us about your piece. You can write out your words ahead of time or fill out a paper when you arrive. Our Concordia ladies are serving a hot breakfast beginning at 9 a.m. There will be coffee/tea/juice and conversation, quilts to admire, a devotion, and our speaker, Joni. We are encouraged to bring an item (or donation) for two local food pantries, Emmaus and Our Shepherd.

We'd like to FILL the fellowship hall with ladies. Mark your calendar. Add a reminder. Put a sticky note on your fridge. Set your alarm. See you there.



LWML Mission Grants at Work

Mission Grant #3 (2026 Indiana District Convention) — Lutheran High School, Indianapolis, Prayer Chapel Restoration — \$5,000

Lutheran High School's Prayer Chapel will be restored to its original purpose through the installation of a custom ADA- and fire-compliant door and jamb, and updated furniture, creating a usable, welcoming space for prayer and small-group use. Twenty percent of the school's students are unchurched, so this space will be an active witness and a welcoming invitation for students, staff, and families to come together for prayer and spiritual support.

2025-2027 Mission Grant #27 (Omaha Convention) Teaching Christ to the Physically Handicapped — Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans — \$12,000

Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans is the only Lutheran high school in the LCMS Southern District. Its mission field is a city with a very diverse population and many disadvantaged people. Its mission is to provide quality education for the body, mind, and spirit to its students and to equip them to make disciples of Christ.

Extensive repairs were made to the building after Hurricane Ida devastated the school in 2021. Some renovations were made with the physically disabled students in mind, and the one disabled student is greatly benefiting from the school's Gospel focus. The school's goal is to seek out and enroll more students with disabilities and improve accessibility.

This grant will fund the purchase of five handicapped-accessible wheelchair desks, two lunchroom tables, two automatic door openers, handrails, and a walkway from the school to the church.

2025-2027 Mission Grant #17 (Omaha Convention) Mobilizing After School Care for Teens — Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska — \$69,500

Our Place is a caring, Christian community for special-needs students between the ages of thirteen and twenty who are not safe when home alone and have aged out of the daycares in Hastings, Nebraska. Grounded in a Christ-like love for their neighbors, Our Place provides programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills, and to offer opportunities to grow spiritually through community service and enrichment activities.

Parents and caregivers of the children are supported. The after-school program allows them to maintain full-time employment to meet their families' needs. Our Place needs a 12-passenger accessible van to transport program participants to the facility after school and to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities. By serving these students and their families, Our Place fulfills Jesus' call to compassion by being a community for and with our neighbors.

This grant will fund the purchase of a special-needs-accessible van for the after-school program.

November 2026 Calen-

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 2pm - New Member Catechesis 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty	2 6:30pm - Properties 6:30pm - Worship Service 7pm - Elders	3	4 7pm - Men's Group Outing - Oaklen Barrel	5	6	7 9am - LWML Gathering 10am - LWML EC meeting 10am - O.A.
8 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 2pm - New Member Catechesis 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty	9 6:30pm - Worship Service	10 7pm - Women's Bible Study	11	12	13	14 9am - Charity, Crafts, and Conversation 9am - Church Work Day 10am - O.A.
15 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 12pm - Congregational Meeting 2pm - New Member Catechesis 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty	16 6:30pm - Worship Service 7pm - Church Council	17 10:50am - 3's Thanksgiving Party	18	19 10:50am - Prek Thanksgiving Feast	20 Thanksgiving Break - No Preschool 5:30pm - Congregation Game Night	21 10am - O.A.
22 Thanksgiving Break - No Preschool Anniversary Dinner 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 2pm - New Member Catechesis 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty	23 6:30pm - Worship Service	24	25	26 Church Office Closed	27	28 10am - O.A.
29 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 2pm - New Member Catechesis 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible Sty	30 6:30pm - Worship Service	1	2 5pm - Advent Dinner 6:30pm - Advent Evening Prayer	3	4	5 10am - O.A.

Treasurers Report

Sept 2026

Income Descriptions	Sept 2025 4 Sundays	Sep 2026 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	\$ 30,556.71	\$ 16,140.50	\$ 225,777.17
Memorials (Non-Designated)	\$ 52.00	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 2,547.00
Memorials (Designated)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts	\$ 8,584.00	\$ 542.00	\$ 23,312.03
Reimbursements & Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 518.10
Rents & Wedding Fees	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 965.00
Miscellaneous*	\$ 29,977.28	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 30,608.71	\$ 17,860.50	\$ 253,119.30
Average per week Unified Budget	\$ 7,639.18	\$ 4,035.13	\$ 13,281.01
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,728.85	\$ 6,764.00	\$ 6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Sep-26	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Lutheran High School	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Total Support	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 14,250.00

Board Expenses	Sep-26	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	\$ 8,285.80	\$ 87,066.06	\$ 119,200.00
Christian Education	\$ 10,404.96	\$ 76,147.97	\$ 83,600.00
Congregational Worship	\$ 661.32	\$ 5,572.67	\$ 4,300.00
Missions & Outreach	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 16,487.50	\$ 21,500.00
Office	\$ 1,539.95	\$ 14,465.72	\$ 32,450.00
Properties - includes check for preschool roof repair (\$21825.7)	\$ 5,044.04	\$ 130,753.15	\$ 90,700.00
Unified Budget Total	\$ 28,436.07	\$ 330,493.07	\$ 351,750.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	09/30/2026
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,750.89
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446***	11,844.89
Building Fund - 2978**	3,054.22
Capital Improvements - 9545	14,178.43
Church Sign	999.93
Church Landscaping	904.81
Heine Family Project	1,776.89
Total Capital Improvements - \$17,860.06	17,860.06
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,585.91
Inheritance Fund - 7423	105,663.69
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	152.17
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	146,911.83
Interest Earned	262.72

Total In Church Checking Account \$138,113.96

Total in Preschool Account* \$ 27,425.15

Designated Offerings (included in church checking acct balance) \$ 57,422.88

Weekly Attendance and Offerings		
Week of	2026	Offerings
October 4, 2026	99	\$3,145.00
October 11, 2026	96	\$4,200.00
October 18, 2026	100	\$4,428.50
October 25, 2026	103	\$13,425.93

GOOD STEWARDSHIP & GIVING IN SECRET
Luke 16:11

"If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, then who will trust you with true riches? "

Matt 6:1-4

"Take care not to practice your righteousness in the sight of people, to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.²" "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that they will be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your charitable giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

INTERCESSION and PRAYER
(Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members

Surgery/Testing/

Recovery:

- Albi Distler 8/25/26
- Jim Lanning 6/12/26
- Phillis Infante 5/14/26
- Philip Caruana 12/3/25
- Craig Smith 9/30/25
- Lynda Martin 6/16/25
- Tommy Ragsdale 12/11/22



Friends of Concordia

- Cyrena Gilman 5/5/26
- Chuck Buth 9/23/25
- 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
- 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

- Scott Gray 9/22/26
- Rick Wildrick 9/14/26
- Mariann Denton 4/26/26
- Susan Ellis 4/8/2026
- 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 (1024 Massachusetts Ave NE, Apt 9, Washington DC 20002)
- Airman 1st Class, Alexander J. Economou, Air Natl Guard, Ft. Wayne, IN

Expecting Mothers

- Emily McNally

Ecclesiastes 10:2

"A wise man's heart
inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the
left."

**UPCOMING GIVING
OPPORTUNITIES**

Operation Christmas Child – Fill a shoebox with non-food items to be enjoyed by overseas children of varied ages. Look for info about age categories later this month or check the Samaritan's Purse website. Shoeboxes need to be at church by Nov. 15.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Giving Tree – Each year Concordia works with Northeast Elementary to help one or more families in Greenwood by way of our Giving Tree. The tag-filled tree goes up mid-November; wrapped gifts are returned early December.

Isaiah 117 House - We continue to fill our Buddy Bin with size 3T girls' pajamas for foster children awaiting placement. Look for clearance sales. Many thanks to those who have donated.

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

11/1 "What We Will Be"
11/8 "The Survivor Tree"
11/15 "Fruitful Trees"
11/22 "Trees in Winter"
11/29 "Advent Hopes and Dreams"

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
WTTV 4 (CBS) 6:00 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	<i>Dir. Christian Education</i>
Erica Stephenson	<i>Deaconess</i>
Sarah Shadday	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Brad Wheeler	<i>Admin. Assistant</i>

Office hours Mon. - Fri. 8am - noon

Church Council

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Chris Brooks

Vice-President
vacant

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Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

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Julia Yeater

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Financial Secretary
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HUMOR CORNER

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

Why wasn't Boaz a nice man before he got married? He was Ruthless

I can't take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him. I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

The Twilight Zone: "IMAGINE IF YOU WILL...An Atheist stuck at a green light behind a car with a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker."

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 8 Dick Brooks
Nov 8 Erin Gates
Nov 9 Annalise Carlisle
Nov 9 Lorna Warren
Nov 15 Zachary Goins
Nov 15 Doug Kearns
Nov 16 Caroline Reinke
Nov 18 Amelia Hunter-Bass
Nov 19 Adalynn Akers
Nov 20 Mi Sun Graham
Nov 26 Rick Snyder
Nov 28 Mary Austin
Nov 28 Kevin Horn
Nov 28 Brett Ronczka
Nov 29 Dawn Beilfuss

WEDDINGS:

Years

Nov 14 Matt and Sarah Shadday (11)
Nov 15 Dona and Denver Wischmeier (46)

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

St. Martin of Tours, and the Spirit of Charity

Rev. H. Samuel Scheltens

On November 11, Americans observe ‘Armistice Day’ or ‘Veterans Day’, a day in which we take a moment to remember all the veterans of our military, who have fought in the defense of our nation. Coincidentally, the Church has historically used this day to remember another veteran, whose generous heart and charity has echoed throughout history and inspired Christians for centuries. Martin, later Bishop of Tours (in modern-day France), was born in the early 4th century AD, in modern-day Hungary. He became a Christian at a young age (against the will of his parents), but because his father was a military officer, he was sent into military service at the age of 15.

While he was in this service, it was wintertime, and as part of his military kit, he was given a very heavy, thick cloak to keep him warm. As he was patrolling on his horse (he was in the cavalry), he came across a poor beggar, who had no cloak, and was lying in the snow. Martin took out his sword, cut his cloak in two, and gave one part to the poor, cold beggar.

Later that night, Martin was visited by Jesus in a dream. In the dream, Jesus was wearing the cloak that Martin had given the poor beggar. This detail is an allusion to the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” (Mt 25:34-36) Soon after this dream, Martin left the military service, was baptized, and later was ordained as a pastor. Later in his life, known for his charity and care for the poor, he was installed as a bishop at the city of Tours.

The Church remembers St. Martin for his great love for the poor, and Christian compassion for those in need. As we prepare for the season of Advent and celebrate our harvest festival of

Thanksgiving, we consider how we manage our treasures which God has given us in this life.

The Church relies on the charity and compassion of her members to function. Jesus tells us the benefits of joining the church: “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.” (Mk 10:29-30) This means that not only are your brothers and sisters in Christ a benefit to *you* in your times of need, but *you* are a benefit to them. You, as a fellow human being, are a gift and a treasure to each and every one of your fellow Christians.

Your fellow Christians rely on the love we share with each other, to help us in our times of need. This may indeed be monetary. We rely on the charity of Christians to pay our pastors, our staff, to buy bread and wine to hold the Divine Service, to keep the lights on and the air conditioning running, to have food at our times of fellowship. In the Old Testament, the Law dictated that the Israelites give one-tenth of their income to the priests and Levites, so that they could dedicate their lives to the Church, and to cover the costs of running the Tabernacle and later, the Temple. We are freed from this requirement in the New Testament, but it is a good starting place to consider. Tithing is a good lesson to the Christian in trusting in the provision of God, by setting aside a chunk of income and relying on even 90% of it, instead of the whole thing.

We also rely on the time of many volunteers to get things done. Just as many flesh-and-blood families rely on family members to chip in and help, we rely on Christians giving their time, to get things done. People help out with altar guild, serving as church officers, and many other necessary duties to keep a church going.

So consider the example of St. Martin this year, and consider what compassion and love we can show to our fellow Christians.

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Thanks to the help of twelve dedicated volunteers, we were able to move boxes and load a truck for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering held October 14-16. Throughout the week, deliveries arrived and donations were stored in the Fellowship Hall. On Friday morning, volunteers worked together to move the boxes from the Fellowship Hall, accepted new deliveries, and waited for the truck, which arrived promptly at noon.

In addition to Concordia's contributions, twenty-six other churches brought boxes filled with quilts, blankets, and personal care, school, baby care, and fabric kits. Groups traveled from as far away as Kentucky, Evansville, Jasper, Terre Haute, and West Lafayette to participate.

A heartfelt thank you to Marvin Barkes, John Bertsch, Dick Brooks, Don Dombroski, Ruth Everson, Mike Finger, Mike Ford, Chris Mihi, Sarah Shadday, Rick Snyder, Mike Tinsley, and Hank Wegener for volunteering their time and energy during the week and on Friday.



Early deliveries stored in the Fellowship Hall



Unloading another donation

Bravo to These Water Stop Volunteers

Saturday, October 17, started off brisk, with temperatures in the 40s, as ten dedicated volunteers made their way to Carmel for the Indy Women's Running Festival. This year, our team supported runners at two water stops for both the 10K and Half Marathon events. Thanks to their hard work and enthusiasm, we are able to donate \$300 to Resources of Hope in Whiteland, Indiana. This year's volunteers included Diane Conrad, Don & Lynn Dombroski, Tracy, April, and Luke Guinn, Sue Ranbarger, Mike Tinsley, Chris Warwick, and Hank Wegener. Kudos to all for their wonderful team spirit on such a chilly morning!

Galatians 4:28-31

And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the Scripture say?

“CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON,
FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE
SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.”

So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the
free woman.

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