

THE Concordia Messenger



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

November 2016

Christian Living

Wedding Anniversaries Matthew & Sarah Shadday (1) Joe & Shelly Carlin (29)

November Birthdays: Jessica Lanning, Lois Case, Dick Brooks, Erin Coffey, Madeleine Rassel, Annalise Carlisle, Garrett Knobloch, Lorna Warren, Deb Brooks, Zachary Goins, Doug Kearns, Dorothy Lindstrom, Caroline Reinke, Amelia Hunter, John Flamme, Mi Sun Graham, Wendy DeFabis, JJ Morris, Elsa Waltz, Rick Snyder, Mary Austin, Susan Herbst, Brett Ronczka, Dawn Krause.



We want to let everyone know that we are planning ahead and to be on the look out for the Giving Tree on November 20th (the church's Anniversary dinner date). We would like to have all of the gifts returned before December 11th so that we can get the packages to the children's families before school break. More information to follow!

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60th Anniversary Celebration and luncheon, Nov. 20, 2016 at noon.



LADS of Harmony Singers will be our entertainment to get our celebration going. Lowell Lowary, Baritone - Allen Distler, Bass - Dick Wood, Lead - Glenn Hager and Steve Richards, Tenors - have been involved with barbershop music for over 80 combined years. These members of the LADS of harmony have been singing together and have appeared at various venues throughout Indiana entertaining crowds with the wonderful sounds of four-part harmony chords.



Recipe's
Celebrating
60 Years of
Concordia's
Faithful
Service



The office staff has put together a cook book with recipes given to us by members of our congregation. Sales have already begun, the proceeds from these cookbooks will be used to purchase a new Funeral Pall pictured.





Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

*“Be joyful always; pray continually, **give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus**”*
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

For believers in Christ, *Thanksgiving* is not just a holiday on the fourth Thursday in November – it is a way of life! As believers in Christ we are to give thanks to God at all times and in every circumstance.

From the Pastor

This is not always easy to do. Sometimes we get so caught up in our everyday problems that we lose sight of “the big picture” – that we possess God’s constant love and grace in Christ. When that happens we grumble, moan, whine and complain, forgetting “to return and give thanks” like the nine lepers who never returned to thank Christ for their healing.

But God is calling us to a gratitude that daily remembers that we possess the blessings of salvation, forgiveness and a life with God that will never end. These spiritual blessings, through the death and resurrection of God’s Son, **are the greatest blessings of life!** Out of all the people in this world, we Christians have the most to be thankful for because we know Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.

*Yes, some are richer – but you are rich in God’s love!
Yes, some are wise – but you have the wisdom from above!
Yes, some are famous – but God knows you by name!
Yes, some live a long life – but your life in Christ will never end!*

A living faith in Christ is always accompanied with expressions of gratitude and thankfulness to God. Here are some of the best things to give thanks to God for:

- For God’s goodness and mercy (Ps. 106:1)
- For the gift of Christ and eternal life (2 Cor. 9:15)
- For Christ’s power and reign (Rev. 11:17)
- For deliverance through Christ (Rom. 7:23-25)
- For victory over death and the grave (1 Cor. 15:57)
- For the triumph of the Gospel (2 Cor. 2:14)
- For love exhibited by others (2 Th. 1:3)
- For the gift of food (Jn. 6:11, Acts 27:35)
- For the supply of all our bodily wants (Rom. 14:6-7)
- For ALL THINGS (2 Cor. 9:11)

May the Lord grant you and your family a blessed “Thanksgiving!”

Remember: THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP – NOV 23, 7:00 P.M.

Your servant in Christ – Pastor John

Pastor John Flamme

Stewardship

Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love

The theme for this year’s stewardship emphasis is titled Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love. We will begin this emphasis on 13 & 20 November. As God’s people, we have been given the high honor of being His stewards. As His stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that we’ve been entrusted with according to God’s will and benefit. Because of God’s generous gifts of grace, faith, and love, we can accomplish all that God asks us to do. God works in and through us as we become His hands, feet, and mouth. Each week during this two week emphasis, we will be focusing on one of the three virtues; grace, faith, and love.



In week one, our focus is on God’s undeserved kindness and love which the Bible calls grace. God’s grace comes from God through Jesus and His work for us. It is not something we have a right to. Jesus obtained it for us. We get it freely because of the obedience and sacrifice of Jesus. This saving grace also enables and motivates us to be God’s stewards. The power of God’s grace in our lives compels us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify God.

In week two, we will focus on the virtue of love. Love ought to follow faith. Love seeks the welfare of others. “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is

perfected in us” (1 John 4:11-12). God’s love in Christ will compel us to do things that appear foolish to unbelievers. God’s love prompts us to give freely of our time, talents, and treasures to help others and extend His kingdom.

I hope and pray that God will use the sermon messages on Stewards Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love to draw you closer to Him.



The voting body at the Des Moines convention in 2015 approved this \$90,000 grant

Deaconess Training – LCMS Support for International Partner Churches

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church-workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith.

Today deaconesses serve primarily in three settings.

First, they serve in missions—both foreign and domestic.

Next, congregations receive their service in teaching, visiting the sick and imprisoned, or serving in family or other caring ministries. The third primary setting for their service is in institutions.

They serve as chaplains in hospitals, prisons, retirement communities, and facilities that care for people with developmental disabilities.

Funding from this LWML



4 American Deaconesses



some one on one time

Mission Grant will provide for deaconess scholarships, student aid and tuition support, purchase of text books for



both American and international students, and funding of deaconess internships. It will also permit deaconess students and professors to engage in short term mercy mission trips to disaster-hit areas within our country by rendering spiritual, and emotional care to the women and children. This grant will also provide educational and financial support to our partner churches in other countries who introduced deaconess training programs within their church body. The grant helps promote such theological education to the under privileged women who have a passion to learn confessional theological studies to serve the church.



team teaching in Africa

Approved by the 2016 LWML Indiana District Convention

\$5,000 approved for Bible Studies for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Connection Ministries equips Christian congregations throughout Central Indiana to minister to people with intellectual disabilities. The Connection Ministries' board is aware of the need and voted approval but

was unable to fully finance the cost. This grant allows them to share the Gospel and Christ's love in two Indiana congregations.



Women's Retreat - Camp Lakeview

On October 7-8, thirteen women assembled at Camp Lakeview for the annual women's retreat. The theme of the retreat was "Wings of God's Love" and we studied scripture passages where wings were used as a metaphor to show God's love for us. I later discovered that the word "wings" is found 65 times in the King James Version of the Bible. We found that wings were an example of how God provides refuge, shelter and protection. We studied passages that told of God's great love for us and how He gives us strength when we are weak. Although, these are things we have learned before, we need to be reminded of them constantly. Our response to God's love was also studied and we found that we are to submit to God, repent of sins, humble ourselves, be willing to help others, trust, hope, rejoice, be glad and sing His praises. We were able to sing many praises throughout the retreat, many times in 3 part harmony. We spent time in mission service as we made 160 crosses out of greeting cards to be sent to Pastor Mommens from Columbia City, who ministers to women prisoners. Good fellowship took place while we ate our meals, took a walk in the beautiful weather and played an enjoyable game of Catch Phrase which brought lots of laughter -- so much my stomach hurt. It was truly a retreat in every sense of the word. It took us away from our daily cares and routines and re-

placed them with time spent studying God's Word so that our faith was strengthened and enjoying Christian fellowship with our sisters in Christ. We came home (maybe a little physically tired) but definitely renewed and refreshed in spirit.



Advent Glow

All women are invited to attend the annual Advent Glow on December 4 at 5:30 PM.

This is an event that takes us away from the hubbub of the secular celebration, and helps us to focus on why we celebrate Christmas. Once again hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. At this writing we are still attempting to find someone to entertain us. Please watch the bulletin for more information. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the LWCC bulletin board in November. Please sign up with your friends or relatives by tables. We hope to see many of you there.

Local News

Quilting -

November 19, 2016 is our next meeting for working on quilts, see you there!

Thank you to Phil and Sharon Caruana who were able to get all of our quilts and School kits to Fort Wayne and on the truck. They said that when they got there at 9 am the trailer was already half full with items from around the area. We give thanks to all who continue to support LWR and our congregations everywhere. Well done good and faithful servants!



Sunday School



Sunday school is trying something new this Christmas season. The past few years, our annual Christmas

program has occurred in conjunction with Concordia's adult choir. Instead, this year, we will be hosting a Christmas party! There will be crafts, coloring, games, singing, story time, and, of course, birthday cake for Jesus! All of these activities will be centered around celebrating our Savior's birth.

We want this to be a family/ community event SO. . . SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
AT 9:15 A.M.

Invite Grandma and Grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends! Let's serve God gladly by inviting them to the celebration to share the real reason for Christmas--- the birth of the Son of God!



Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool

The Preschool Scoop

Time is really flying by at the preschool. We had great fun in October learning about farms and pumpkins, visiting the apple orchard, and having a fall party which included wearing costumes to school. This month we will hear about fire safety, the Indians and Pilgrims, and the first Thanksgiving. We will talk about our many blessings, and will work together making some foods which may have been served at that long ago feast. We will even begin preparing for our Christmas program by starting to learn some of the songs we will be singing.

As always, we appreciate the prayers of our church family. Please stop by our bulletin board to see photos of what we have been up to in our first few months of school.

*Jill Scifres & Susan Bass,
Co-Directors*

Meet our New Members

Clifford (Cliff) & Heidi Whitrock

Cliff was born 1/24/1962 to Clinton and Margaret Whitrock in Decatur IL. He has one sister Tami who lives in Florida. Cliff attended Steven High School in Decatur IL, college



at IL State for his Associates in Science then completed his education at Lewis & Clark Community College for his RN degree. While he worked toward his RN degree he was a paramedic for 25 years (now retired). Cliff now works here in Indianapolis at Neurologic/Psychiatric hospital. His hobbies when he has time off are amateur radio operator and storm spotter for the weather service.

Heidi was born 8/17/1970 to Daniel and Carole Barenfanger in Vandalia IL. She has three siblings, Molly 4 yrs older, Ben 4 years younger and Emily 10 years younger. Heidi attended Vandalia Community High School, Lewis and Clark Community College for her Associates in Sci. and plans on continuing her education at Ivy Tech in Columbus this coming year. Her hobbies include quilting, crochet, sewing, puzzles, exercising, listening to music, being with family and friends, and cooking really healthy.

Cliff and Heidi got married 6/7/95 in Orlando FL (Disney World) and have one daughter Abigail Whitrock who is a freshman in college. Cliff and Heidi completed Pastor's Adult Information Class and make their home at 1203 Siena Drive, Greenwood IN 46143.

Carlos A. Sanchez: (Carlos Alfredo Sanchez Noguera) was born on 7/17/1973 in Caracas Venezuela to Carlos Sanchez and Ligia M Noguera. He has three siblings - one older brother, one younger brother and sister. Carlos completed school in Caracas and attended Universidad Catolica Andres Bello in Caracas, Venezuela where he got his degree in Mathematics and Physics for Secondary Education. Carlos first came to the U.S. in July 2003 as an exchange visitor teacher for the VIF (Visiting International Faculty Program) and continued to work as a teacher for Hampton City Schools - Spratley Middle School in Hampton, VA. Adriana Liseth Scarpatti Paolini became his wife on 5/30/2003. Carlos and Adriana have three children: Andrea, who completed 6th grade; Daniel who just completed Pre-k and Amy who is a toddler. Carlos is an Independent Math & Spanish Tutor here in Greenwood. Carlos completed Pastors Adult Information Class, Carlos and family live at 1331 Sanner Drive, Greenwood IN 46143.

Director Christian Education

Members of Concordia,

November is an exciting month for our congregation this year. We'll be celebrating our 60th Anniversary at Concordia. To celebrate this milestone the congregation put together a cookbook. If you would like to purchase one, the suggested donation is \$10. Contact Becky Lanning becky@concordia-lcms.com if you are interested.



November is also the month for Pack Away Hunger. Pack Away Hunger is an international food aid organization dedicated to ending world hunger and malnutrition. This year we'll be packing with Mt. Olive, Redeemer, and St. John's Indy again; however, the packing times and location changed. There will be a 9:00am-11:30am shift on Saturday, November 19th at Pack Away Hunger's warehouse located at 5230 Park Emerson



Drive Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Pack Away Hunger meals are nutritious, containing many necessary vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, Calcium, Iron, Zinc, and Vitamin C.

Meals cost only \$.27 and they are distributed to local food pantries in Indiana and are sent to countries in need like Haiti and Guatemala. Our goal is to raise \$1,000. That is roughly 3,703 meals! Thanks to our friends at Vacation Bible School we've raised a little over \$300 (about 1,111 meals). That means we only have \$700 left!

To help fundraise for Pack Away Hunger, we'll be collecting donations this year until Sunday, November 20th. With your donation to Pack Away Hunger you will receive candy and tickets to try for baskets put together by different groups in the congregation. These baskets include a: Coloring Basket, Mugs of Christmas Cheer, Movie Night, Coffee - Tea Basket, Kids Craft Basket, Wine Basket, Kids Bucket, Lavender Box, Frozen Box, Kid's Movie Night and Autumn Tea Party Basket. We hope you will be able

to donate to this wonderful cause. SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR PICTURES!

Of course, the holidays are right around the corner as well. I hope and pray you'll be able to see family or friends this Thanksgiving and be able to celebrate with them. I know Matt and I will be preparing to celebrate our one year anniversary this month. We'll also have fun as we plan for the upcoming holiday season.

*In Christ, Sarah Shadday, DCE
(Director of Christian Education)*

The Long view of Advent

Advent is about preparing not only for Christmas but also for Jesus' return. According to Scripture, that won't be the calm, silent scene described in Christmas carols.

In 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached: "It is very remarkable that we face the thought that God is coming so calmly, whereas previously peoples trembled at that day of God We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God's coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We....[forget] the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us."

God is love; we'll be in good hands at the end of time. But during Advent, also be in awe of God. Embrace a reverent fear of the Lord that reminds you how profound it is that God chooses again and again to draw near and lay claim to you.



VETERANS DAY

Pack Away Hunger Fundraiser

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Coloring Baskets



Mugs of Christmas Cheer



Movie Night



Coffee - Tea Basket



Kids Craft Basket



Wine Basket



Kids Bucket



Lavender Box



Frozen Box



Kids Movie Night



Autumn Tea Party Basket

2016

NOVEMBER

Sunday Worship—8 & 10:30 AM
 Sunday School & Bible Classes—9:15 AM
 Holy Communion every Sunday

Altar Care for November:
 Dave & Lorna Warren (788-0542)

Nursery Coordinator: Janet Knobloch (885.8511)
Prayer Coordinator: Judy Heine (888-9588)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



December 2016						
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Treasurer's Report

September 2016

Income Description	Sept 2015 4 Sundays	Sept 2016 4 Sundays
Unified Budget	22,487.36	22,470.84
Memorials (Non-designated)	200.00	315.00
Memorials (Designated)	-0-	50.00
Mortgage Reduction	1,069.50	885.00
Designated Gifts *	577.25	1,075.67
Reimbursements & Refunds **	15,670.90	485.96
Rents & Wedding Fees	-0-	20.00
TOTAL INCOME	40,005.01	25,302.47
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 5,621.84</i>	<i>\$ 5,617.71</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,630.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,583.00</i>

* Altar Flowers \$150, Concordia Cares \$415, Daily Journal \$60, Fellowship \$32.72, Kroger Rewards for Youth Group \$89.34, LWCC \$10, LWCC Retreat \$35, National Youth Gathering \$100, Paper Recycling (for preschool) \$4.50, Pennies from Heaven \$4.11, September 11th Anniversary \$15, Wheat Ridge Ministries \$10, Youth \$150.

** Reimbursement for National Youth Group cancellation \$225, Pre-school taxes for State & Federal tax received from pre-school \$148.96, Purchase of books \$112.

Worship	2015	2016	Tithes
10/2	151	109	4,857.28
10/9	150	96	7,575.24
10/16	121	103	3,658.22
10/23	130	112	3,387.75
10/30	tba		

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
10/2	14		34
10/9	14	1	34
10/16	13		30
10/23	15		31
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Church checking account balance Sept 2016	
Beginning	1,436.15
Deposits	25,302.47
Payments	25,087.47
Ending balance	1,651.15

Expenses Boards	Sept 2015	Sept 2016
Pastoral Care	9,025.27	8,643.85
Congregational Worship	1,068.33	825.32
Missions and Outreach	45.00	38.00
Christian Education	4,570.15	4,408.73
Stewardship	96.98	196.07
Operations	10,436.37	10,471.94
Small Group Ministries	53.25	-0-
Christian Living	227.49	129.60
Unified Budget Total	25,522.84	24,713.51
Non-boards		
Non budget payments *	136.10	15.00
Reimbursement Expenses **	12,492.52	358.96
Total Non-Budget Payments	12,628.62	373.96
Total payments	38,151.46	25,087.47

* Non-budget payments: Indians baseball tickets not reimbursed \$15.

** Reimbursement Expenses: Indians Baseball Tickets \$210, Pre-school Federal Taxes \$116.28, Pre-school Indiana Taxes \$32.68.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Sept 2015	Sept 2016
Missions— District Synod	-0-	-0-
Lutheran High School	-0-	-0-
Lutheran Multicultural Mission	-0-	-0-
Total Support	-0-	-0-

As of September 30 the balance on our Mortgage was \$ 62,530.49.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Sept, 2016
Anniversaries & Birthday	3,998.82
Board of Youth— (Trip)	9,013.84
Building Fund	16,961.79
Capital Improvements	1,883.62
Concordia Cares	22.89
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	6,040.79
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	37,921.75
Interest earned	19.41

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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

- 11/6 Do You Want This Blessing?**
- 11/13 The Day of Hope Is Coming!**
- 11/20 In Christ, Deliverance Is Sure**
- 11/27 The Perfect Christmas**

**Lutheran Hour is now broadcast on American Forces
Network (AFN).**

Worship for Shut-Ins—Sundays
WHMB (TV 40) 10:00 AM



We pray the peace of Christ and the hope of the resurrection to:

- **Steve Bertsch & Family** at the death of his mother-in-law, **Fay Dingeldein** of Paris, IL on October 14, 2016.

JOYFULLY sing (at the top of your voice!) the hymns during worship. Meditate on the words and the message of each one.

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Sunday Worship Services
8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
9:15 A.M.



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Rev. John A. Flamme (887.9580)

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Carol Monroe—*Administrative Assistant*

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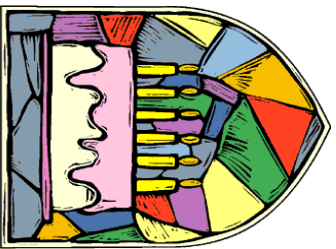
Board for Stewardship

Phil Caruana

Rose Mihu, Financial Secretary

THE Concordia Messenger

November 2016



60th Anniversary Sunday November 20, 2016

- Recommitment Sunday at both Worship services.
- Anniversary Dinner and Introduction of New members at noon.
- Join us for our **Thanksgiving Eve Worship** with Holy Communion on November 23, at 7 p.m.
- November 27th, First Sunday in Advent.



**Concordia Lutheran Church
& Preschool**
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