

THE Concordia Messenger



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

April 2016

Christian Living

Wedding Anniversaries Craig & Diane Smith (40), Jim & Kay Hayes (23), Mark & Laura Hart (20), Joe & Nancy Martin (21), Chris & Rose Mihi (28).

April Birthdays: Jim Lanning, Edie Masters, Craig Smith, Joel Bierman, Marcia Foster, Dick Economou, Britany Warren, Gary Brooks, Kat Santiago Salazar, Matt Reed, Mark Waldron, Kris Bierman, Griffith Kearns, Betty Economou, Erica Stephenson, Karen Canon, Matt Moyers, Brandon Brown, Lisa Cynova, Charles Thomas, Ethan Wall, Betsy Krinhop, Jacqueline Denton, Linda Snyder, Darlene Jensen, Sophia Mayo, Mike Emkes, Christopher Morris, Robin Waldron.



Team Concordia will again be participating in the annual MS

Walk at Military Park, Indianapolis, on Saturday, April 23, 2016, in memory of Debbie Liechty. We would encourage anyone who is willing to join as a team member or to donate and if interested walk with us.

We urge all of Team Concordia to begin collecting donations and register prior to the event online at www.walkms.org/signup. If you are unable to walk, please support us with your donations. You can also make donations online or by giving them to one of the Team Concordia Captains. No amount is too small!

We plan to meet at church at 8:00 AM to car-pool to the walk location. For more information or questions, contact Team Captains,

Linda Snyder, 881-4172, bears 424@aol.com or Jason Liechty, 885-0865, jpliechty@comcast.net.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR A
WORLD FREE OF MS !!

Meet our New Members

Matthew David Shadday:

Matt was born to Rev. David and Sherry (Heirman) Shaddy on 6/12/1988 in Minnesota. Matt has 3 siblings (Nate, Anna Wyss & Leah Bernaver). The family moved to Indianapolis where Matt attended Lutheran High School of Indianapolis, then got his Bachelors in Biology at IUPUI and now works for Cook Regentech as Quality Control Analyst. Matt enjoys singing, trombone, playing games and likes to travel. Matt married Sarah Rice our Director of Christian Education on 11/14/15 at Our Shepherd in Avon, where his Father Rev David Shadday performed the ceremony. They live at 1810 Farm Meadow, Greenwood IN 46143.



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From the Pastor

Your Vocation as a Priest in God's Kingdom

"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"

1st Peter 2:5,9. (NKJV)

Dear friends, did you know that as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ **you are a priest!** Wait a minute Pastor, I thought that only Roman Catholics have priests - and all of them are men! True, but the New Testament scriptures are very clear that the Old Testament office of "priest" has been abolished and fulfilled in the person of our savior, Jesus Christ. As the book of Hebrews teaches us, Jesus is our great

High Priest who offered himself as the highest, greatest and final mediator of the New Testament in his blood by His sacrifice for all sin on the altar of the cross. Therefore we are no longer in need of the human mediators of the Old Testament covenant or the priestly office. Remember what St. Paul said: "*For there is one God and **one mediator** between God and men, the man - Christ Jesus*". This means that Jesus is our one and only High Priest and Good Shepherd for the entire flock of all believers in Christ.

As Lutherans, we have always said that the one, great Shepherd of the sheep, Jesus, has appointed and divinely called His under-Shepherds (pastors) through the call of the individual congregation to serve His flock. Nevertheless, we are ALL PRIESTS in God's Kingdom, the Church, through faith in Christ!

So, if I am a "priest" in God's Kingdom, what am I supposed to do? According to St. Peter, in the passage above, you are called to "*offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*". What that means is that as a "priest" and part of what Luther called: "the priesthood of all believers", you are called to make spiritual sacrifices before God on behalf of your fellow saints. "What kind of sacrifices?," you might ask. Well first of all, as a priest you are to offer up your personal prayers to God on behalf of your fellow believers. Every time you pray, in church or at home, for fellow believers who are sick, hurting or suffering, you are fulfilling your vocation as a "priest" in God's Kingdom. Every time you put your offerings in the collection plate, you are sacrificially serving your fellow saints (and even unbelievers) by ensuring that the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ can continue to be preached in your church. You give that spiritual sacrifice to Christ for the good of others, out of love for your Savior, because that is what a "priest" is called to do! Every time that you sacrificially take the time to serve on a church board, or teach the children, or do any act of mercy or kindness that helps and benefits others, you are fulfilling your vocation as a priest. When you come to worship and sing God's praises you strengthen the faith of others and act as a priest. And, what makes your "spiritual sacrifices" acceptable to God, is that they are offered up to God by faith in Jesus Christ and by your love for Him as your Lord and Savior from sin.

Your vocation as a priest in God's Kingdom is also connected to your vocation in life. Are you a husband or wife, mother or father, employee or employer? When you faithfully, gladly and willingly serve others, out of love for Christ, and put their needs above your own, you are fulfilling your calling - your vocation as a priest in God's kingdom.

Now, none of us are perfect "priests". The only perfect priest is Jesus, God's perfect Son, the great High Priest who gave his life for the salvation of the world. As "priests" we are

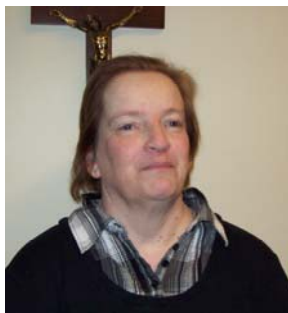
still sinners, but we are FORGIVEN sinners through the blood of Christ. By faith in Jesus, every spiritual sacrifice you offer up to God is now viewed as sacred, good, holy and acceptable by God your heavenly Father. In heaven, God will never forget the "spiritual sacrifices" that you made on earth out of love for Jesus.

So my dear fellow "priests" - serve the Lord with gladness! *Pastor John Flaunne*

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***Marilyn Dianne
Beam-Garland:***

Dianne was born to Harold and Marilyn (Wehrly) Beam Jr. on 9/29/65 in Fort Wayne IN. She is the youngest of 6 children (4 sisters, two of which have been called home and 1 brother). Dianne attended First English Lutheran School in Goshen IN, Northrop High in Fort Wayne and National College for her Associates and Bachelors in Accounting & Management. She had been working with Convergence Marketing as retail merchandiser. Dianne has two children Patrick Meyers and Jennifer Meyers and 3 grandchildren. Ronald Garland married Dianne on 1/24/14; he was also called to his heavenly home this past year. Dianne enjoys doing latch-hook and lanyards and has helped with Vacation Bible School and Sunday school. She lives at 805 Kings Mill Road, Apt 129, Greenwood IN 46142



**Director Christian
Education**

Concordians,

Confirmation is the first Sunday in May at Concordia. It is an important milestone in someone's life when they are able to confirm their faith. That means they have reviewed the doctrines of the church, studied the Bible,

have found them to be in concordance (or agreement) with one another, and have decided to reaffirm their faith.

Sadly, confirmation and graduation seem to be used interchangeably. It's ironic that the moment of reaffirming the faith tends to be the declining of faith. That's not what it's supposed to be at all. Part of being a caring congregation is continuing to care for those youth and their families. If they haven't been in church awhile, the whole family of Christ should remind them how much we love them and ask if there are ways we can help or pray for them.

Yes, we do trust in the Holy Spirit who everyone receives in their Baptism to sustain the faith and eventually bring the work of God to completion. However, God allows and encourages us to care for others and share each other's burdens. The fruits of the Spirit are love, patience, and faithfulness. Love others, care about them, be patient with them as we all continue to grow, and always be faithful to the one who renews you every day.

Christ's great love inspires us to respond to others with great love as well. Continue to seek the lost and those sheep you haven't seen in

awhile. Also, remember to always draw near to Christ's Word and Sacraments so He can renew and refresh your faith every day.



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

Deaconess update



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!

I want all of you to know that I am so honored and appreciative to be called to your church as your part time Deaconess. I am sure that most of you also know that I am still serving in the military. I was ordered to active duty at Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL. I had to report there on 15 March 2016. The orders go through 30 September 2016 with a possibility that they could be extended for a year. I have prayed about this and discussed it with my family and several board directors. I will be put on an extended leave of absence.

I will be receiving the announcements each week so I can stay up to date on our church happenings and pray for all of our members while I am on my leave of absence. Please keep me in your prayers as well. The possibility of me being deployed is extremely low.

Sue Ranbarger will lead our Women's Bible study. Currently the ladies meet in the fellowship hall on the first, third, (and fifth – if there is one) Monday of the month at 7pm. Please see the bulletin and calendar for upcoming dates.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for these last 3 years of service to you. I hope to be able to serve for many years to come. Thank you for your prayers and support. I truly appreciate you! May Jesus bless you and keep you in this Easter Season.

In His Service

2016 Confirmads

Daniel Edward Bierman

Daniel attends Greenwood Middle School and his favorite subject is Social Studies. Favorite activities are Band, playing video games (Minecraft & Destiny) and hanging out with his friends. He plays the



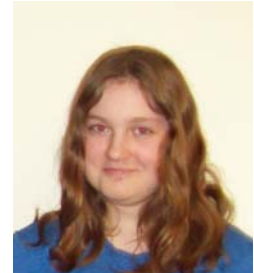
trombone and is looking forward to Marching Band in High School. Daniel's favorite TV show is The Walking Dead. If Daniel could have dinner with any person it would be Mr. Fruit (Youtube) because he is funny and cool. He is a VBS volunteer and has attended summer camp at Camp Lakeview.

Daniel has 1 brother and sister, Joel and Lia. Also he has 3 cats, Earl, Mittens & Zipper and a dog, Stella Luna.

He is the son of Michael & Kris Bierman. Next year he will attend Greenwood High School.

Phyllis Renee Boling

Phyllis attends Greenwood Middle School and her favorite subject is Math. She loves to watch TV and her favorite show is Catfish.



Phyllis is a member of Concordia's church choir and helps out in the Nursery. The most interesting place Phyllis has visited is the Great Wolf Lodge. If she could have dinner with any person it would be her Dad (he lives in Southern Indiana), as she would like to get to know him a little better. Phyllis loves her dad's deer chili & deer jerky.

Phyllis has 2 brothers & 1 sister (Zach Goins, Jordan Boling and Bre Boling). They have

many animals at her house. She is the daughter of Michelle & Trey Goins. Next year Phyllis will attend high school in Georgia.

Shannon Leslie Coffey

Shannon attends Center Grove Middle School North and her favorite subjects are Language Arts, Math and Choir. She is in the National Jr. Honor Society. One of Shannon's favorite activities, at school, is the Minecraft Club. She volunteers at VBS and works well with kids. Her favorite TV show is Girl Meets World and her favorite Movie is Princess Bride. The most interesting places Shannon has visited is Prophet's Rock and Wolf Park located in northern Indiana. What motivates her to be her best? "My teachers & parents as I want them to be proud of me." Shannon's favorite Bible story is Jesus wrecking the market in the temple.



Shannon has 1 sister, Erin, and a dog, Lacey, and 2 parakeets, Shiloh & Lou Lou. She is the daughter of Jessica & Chaplain Daniel Coffey. Next year she will attend Center Grove High School.

Benjamin Keith Hartley

Ben attends Center Grove Middle School Central and his favorite subjects are Math & Science. He is on the A,B Honor Roll, a member of 4H and volunteers at VBS. Ben's favorite TV show is Hawaii Five-O and favorite movie is The Last Ride. Ben's hobbies all have wheels such as remote controlled trucks, model cars, bikes and cars. He enjoys going to car shows and Suds Drive-in with Sam and his dad to see the

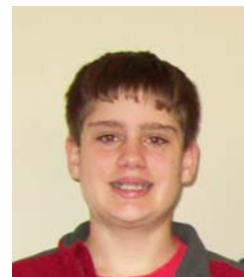


people with their "toy" cars. He also likes to run and ride his bike. The most interesting place Ben has visited is the Pontiac Auto Museum.

Ben has 1 brother, Samuel and is the son of Bryan & Genny Hartley. He will attend Center Grove High School.

Benjamin Clark Owen

Ben attends Perry Meridian Middle school and his favorite subjects are Math & Science. He is on the A Honor Roll. Ben's favorite sport is tennis and his hobby is programming. One of his favorite things to do is playing video games such as Portal & Minecraft. Ben also plays the Trombone. He has his own website and has programmed an app. The most interesting place he has visited is New York City. If Ben could have dinner with anyone it would be Brendan Eich, the creator of JavaScript. He would like to discuss how he came up with his ideas. Ben's favorite Bible story is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. He is serving the church by recording services on Sunday.



Ben has one sister, Chloe and 3 pets, Toby, Lily, & Cutie. He is the son for Tammy & Dean Owen. Ben will attend Perry Meridian High School.

See The Holy Land and or Lutheran Heritage and Romantic Austria & Germany

Two opportunities for travel have been offered by Trans World Travel Inc. and Pastor Kenneth Klaus, Speaker Emeritus, The Lutheran Hour. They have put together two programs. Both will have commentary and lectures by Rev. Klaus.

Trips are:

- Lutheran Heritage / 500th Anniversary, tour to Germany for 13 days, April 24 - May 6, 2017.
- In the Footsteps of Jesus, A pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 11 days, November 5 - 15, 2017.

If you have an interest or any questions about these two opportunities contact: John W. Gibbs, President, Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035. Office phone: 847-432-2400 / 1-800-323-8158 or his email johngibbs@transworldtravel.com

LWML *Concordia's*
Women's Missionary League

LWML Zone Rally

The LWML Indianapolis West Zone will have its spring rally on April 16 at Living Christ Lutheran Church in Plainfield. Registration and breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. Karin Price from Bethesda Lutheran Communities will speak to us about the programs and services they now offer. A free will offering will be taken for Bethesda. Following this, we will worship our Lord using the LWML Prayer Service. All women are invited to attend. There will be a sign up sheet on the LWCC bulletin board. We will car pool, leaving at 7:30 a.m.

LWML Indiana District Convention

The LWML Indiana District Convention will be held June 24-26. The theme is "Who's your Lord?" reminding us that we should be ready at all times to tell others who our Lord and Savior is. Business to be conducted includes election of officers, selection of mission projects

we will support with our mites and accepting changes in the bylaws. Most of the convention is spent listening to interesting and inspiring speakers who will

strengthen our faith and inspire us to serve our Lord and by missionaries who have spent time working in the mission field. We also enjoy singing and worshipping on Friday evening and again on Sunday morning. On Saturday evening we will be entertained by Weaver Believer Survival Revival. This family will be singing Blue Grass music. No one is a stranger and we experience a wonderful fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

If there is a woman in the congregation who would like to learn more about the LWML this is a good way to do so. If she would like to attend, but cannot afford the cost the district has a scholarship available to pay all expenses. If you are interested contact Miriam Neumann. Applications for the scholarship must be in by May 1.

Quilting - April 16, 2016 is our next meeting for working on quilts, see you there!



Delegates voted \$72,000 grant at Des Moines Convention in 2015

Mites Provides Outreach In Refugee Camps—Lebanon

The Word of God is brought to Lebanon through Lutheran Hour Ministries—Lebanon, known locally as Middle East Lutheran Ministry (MELM). The ministry began in Beirut in 1950, and their offices are used to spread the message of salvation



in Jesus Christ throughout the region.

LHM—Lebanon’s radio broadcasts reach at least ten Arabic-speaking countries with the Gospel. The center receives responses from all over the Middle East and offers opportunities to learn more about Jesus through its Arabic-language Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC) and other print media. The center also attracts people through television programming, film shows and other events, a website, and text messages that are available by subscription.

MELM also reaches out to struggling communities through vacation Bible schools and through holistic programs that provide clothing and school supplies for children. The center also provides holistic emergency care for people such as the Syrian families and individuals who have sought refuge in Lebanon from the civil war in their homeland.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) grant will support MELM in providing relief to the women and children in the refugee camps with basic humanitarian supplies, including food staples and hygiene kits so that they can live with dignity, bringing a long-term growth and expansion of the Gospel to destitute woman and children living in those refugee camps, now and after they return to their homeland.

We have a great opportunity in the LWML to help and support this organization, which everyday gives new testimonies of Christian vocation, professionalism, and love.

The \$72,000 grant will reach 15,000 women and children with humanitarian supplies, provide trucking, storage, and distribution for those items, along with printed materials, and for support staff.



**Mite Box
gathering
April 10th
bring in your
gifts!**



Treasurer's Report

February 2016

Income Description	Feb 2015 4 Sundays	Feb 2016 4 Sundays
Unified Budget	24,091.40	20,627.45
Memorials (Non-designated)	-0-	195.00
Memorials (Designated)	45.00	-0-
Mortgage Reduction	1,115.00	1,041.00
Designated Gifts *	2,916.22	2,098.35
Reimbursements & Refunds **	509.98	514.29
Rents & Wedding Fees		-0-
TOTAL INCOME	28,677.60	24,476.09
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,022.85</i>	<i>\$ 5,156.86</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,623.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,583.00</i>

* Altar Flowers \$200, Concordia Cares \$160, Daily Journal \$10, Fellowship \$20.25, Initial Offering Envelop \$2, LWCC \$110, LWCC Catering \$100, LWCC wedding \$80, Pennies from Heaven \$4.59, Pre-school \$100, Souper Bowl of Caring (door collection) \$162.51, Wheat Ridge Ministries \$10, Youth \$110, Youth (Lenten suppers) \$459, Youth (National Youth Gathering) \$300, Youth Baby Sitting \$150, Youth Group (Skyzone) \$120.

** Pre-school taxes for State & Federal tax received from pre-school \$494.29, Purchase of books \$16, Paper Recycling Bin \$4. Offerings by Receipt \$30.65

Church checking account balance February 2016	
Beginning	7,525.45
Deposits	24,476.09
Payments	26,543.31
Ending balance	5,458.23

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
2/28/16	17	18	29
3/6/16	17	17	33
3/13/16	18		19
3/20/16	11	25	27
3/27/16	19		

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



Expenses Boards	Feb 2015	Feb 2016
Pastoral Care	8,682.53	9,092.31
Congregational Worship	911.20	1,130.42
Missions and Outreach	732.50	732.50
Christian Education	6,551.56	5,563.21
Stewardship	-0-	-0-
Operations	10,118.32	9,351.24
Small Group Ministries	100.00	-0-
Christian Living	900.00	-0-
Unified Budget Total	27,996.11	25,869.68
Non-boards		
Non budget payments	1,976.13	16.83
Reimbursement Expenses **	510.15	656.80
Total Non-Budget Payments	2,486.28	673.63
Total payments	30,482.39	26,543.31

** February Reimbursement Expenses: Pre-school Federal Taxes \$387.17, Pre-school Indiana Taxes \$107.12, Souper bowl of Caring \$ 162.51.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Feb 2015	Feb 2016
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00
Lutheran Multicultural Mission	187.50	187.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50

As of Feb 29 the balance on our Mortgage was \$ 72,278.25

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Feb 29, 2016
Anniversaries & Birthday	3,959.75
Board of Youth— (Trip)	8,980.97
Building Fund	16,899.94
Capital Improvements	1,876.76
Concordia Cares	22.82
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	7,411.62
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,151.86
Interest earned	20.70

Articles for the Messenger are due by the 15th of the month and will be edited for content and space limitations. Artwork is used by permission through a subscription to *Newsletter Newsletter*, Communication Resources, Box 2625, N. Canton, OH 44720. If sending submissions to the newsletter via email, please be sure to include *NEWSLETTER* in the subject line.



We welcomed into God's family, the Church, through the water and the Word of Holy Baptism 1/10/16 **Chloe Lynn Nicole Crockett**, daughter of Jeremiah & Cheyenne Crockett (1434 Cottonwood Ct Apt F, Greenwood IN 46143).



We pray the peace of Christ and the hope of the resurrection to: **Debra Owings** and family at the death of her mother **Audrey Schwicho**, age 89 of Franklin on 3/12/16. (7721 US Highway 62, Cunningham KY 42035). Services were conducted by Rev.

John Flamme on 3/16/16 at Herman's Funeral Home, with interment at Forest Lawn, Greenwood. Please direct Memorials to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

A special note to all Thrivent members

Thrivent Financial proudly presents the Thrivent Member Network.

As a fraternal benefit society, Thrivent has had local member groups all over the country and as a member, you've been part of one. The familiar chapter system closed on March 31, 2016. Beginning April 1, members are now part of the Thrivent Member Network where a regional board of three to ten members provide governance, accountability, strategic insight, and monitoring of operations and initiatives to help Thrivent achieve its mission in the region. We've transitioned other regions from the chapter system to the Thrivent Member Network and the response from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Thrivent Member Network was created based on member input, in order to appeal to and engage more people in a way that is meaningful to them, and to support the mission of Thrivent to help more people be wise with money and live generously so that more families and communities thrive.

We've also made it easier for you to make a difference in your community through the Thrivent Action Team program. All members can volunteer to

Worship	2015	2016	Tithes
2/24/16m	87	75	280.00
2/28/16s	148	139	5,349.04
3/2/16m	98	69	510.00
3/6/16s	137	122	4,898.13
3/9/16m	85	67	318.00
3/13/16s	145	123	6,570.78
3/16/16m	91	68	320.00
3/20/16s	167	125	6,747.00
3/24/16mt	79	81	530
3/25/16gf	108	102	602.00
3/27/16Es	250	210	13,204.75

lead a project team to support a cause they care about through a fundraiser, service activity, or educational event. As a member of Thrivent, you will continue to have the opportunity to participate in Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, direct Thrivent Choice dollars, and attend financial workshops and other events within the region. To learn more about these programs and all the benefits of membership, visit Thrivent.com

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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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April 2016

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

4/3 **Blessed Are Believers**

4/10 **Breakfast with Jesus**

4/17 **Confidence for Life**

4/24 **One-upmanship**

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

Worship for Shut-Ins—Sundays

WHMB (TV 40) 10:00 AM



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