

THE Concordia Messenger



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

May 2016



2016 Confirmation Class

Ben Owen, Ben Hartley, Daniel Bierman, Shannon Coffey, Phyllis Boling

Continue to keep them in your prayers as they complete confirmation and affirm their faith and trust in our Lord and Savior

Christian Living

Wedding Anniversaries John & Caroline Zabel (64) Tony & Regina Moyers (26) Matt & Amy Ranbarger (3) Chris & Shawn Bauer (22) Kevin & Christina Kipper (12) Carlos & Kat Santiago Salazar (2) Jim & Kim Adams (19) Philip & Karen Cannon (19) John & Shanda Bontrager Jr. (21) Mike & Cindy Emkes (36) Chad & Erin Fuhrman (18) Charles & Jill Thomas (45).

May Birthdays: Curtis Roemer, Jan White, Andrew Marot, Lynda Martin, John Stratton, Mildred Baxter, Megan Philhower, Lia Bierman, April Lanning, Diane Morris, Duane Krall, Sue Ranbarger, Drew Reinke, Mary Spray, Pam Green, Joey Morris, Mike Finger, Steve Bertsch, Ed Forster, Jayden Mayo, Ashley Olmos, Dana Foster, Rick Bulthuis, Beverly Stephens.

Concordia's 60th Anniversary is fast approaching!

To celebrate, we are putting together a **Cookbook** that can be purchased for family & friends. This will make a great Christmas gift or it can be given for any other celebration. The base of the book is from the collection of the recipes given to Sarah and Matt Shadday and with your help we would like to add additional recipes.

Categories in the cookbook are:

- Appetizers / Beverages
- Breads / Rolls
- Soups / Salads / Sides / Vegt's,
- Main Dish (includes meats)
- Cookies / Candy
- Dessert
- This and That (a collection of fun stuff).



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From the Pastor

May – A Month of Celebration!

“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another... They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness... (Psalm 145 selected verses NIV).”

As God’s people in the Old Testament celebrated the goodness of their Lord, we too at Concordia have much to celebrate and rejoice about. God, through His Son Jesus, has been truly good to us and our families! In this month of May we will be celebrating: Confirmation Day (May 1), Mother’s Day (May 8), Pentecost Sunday (May 15), Trinity Sunday (May 22) and many families will celebrate high school or college graduation of their children.

Confirmation Day: We have a wonderful group of young people this year who, by God’s grace beginning at Baptism, will stand before their parents and the congregation and publicly confess their faith in Jesus Christ. They will make a sacred vow to be faithful to Christ unto death. What a beautiful thing it will be to watch them receive their first communion of the body and blood of their resurrected Savior. What a joyful opportunity to celebrate God’s faithfulness to our young people. Please keep them in your prayers and remember, confirmation is not an ENDING it is the BEGINNING of an adult life of faith and discipleship lived to the glory of Christ!

Mother’s Day: How good and God-pleasing it is to honor our mothers on this special day and to celebrate their Christian faith that they have shared with their children. As the 4th Commandment says: *“Honor your father and your mother that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”*

Pentecost Sunday: On this day we will celebrate, not only the birth of the Church through the great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, but also how the Spirit is active in our lives today. The Holy Spirit not only brought us to faith in Christ (Baptism), but he also keeps us in the true Christian faith through the Word of God and the Sacrament Holy Communion. The Holy Spirit is present in our life to strengthen our faith and to help us carry out our mission of bringing the Good News about Jesus to all people.

Trinity Sunday: On this day we will celebrate the mystery and majesty of our three-in-one God. The word “trinity” is mentioned no where in the Bible but the doctrine is rock-solid and found throughout the Scriptures. From the book of Genesis we see the Father’s hand in the six day creation, the Son is present since everything was created through the Word of God (another name for Jesus in John 1:1), and the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the waters (Genesis 1:2). Yes, the Trinity is beyond our human comprehension. That is not a reason to doubt, but to praise God! After all – He wouldn’t be God if we could fully understand everything about Him!

High School and College Graduation: Again, Christ is faithful and has blessed our children with gifts and abilities so that they can, not only contribute to the good of society, but can work with us in God’s Kingdom and shine the light of their Christian faith in this sin-darkened world.

Above all, we celebrate God’s grace, forgiveness and everlasting life through the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the Glory!

Pastor John Flamme

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If you have a recipe to add to this collection, please e-mail it to the church office at becky@concordia-lcms.com. If you don't have a computer, make a copy, and we will add it to the collection. In order to get the cookbook printed and assembled before the 60th Anniversary, we need your recipe(s) by June 26th. We may need additional help when we get closer to the finish line.

Thank you from the Office Staff

Director Christian Education

Concordians,

I'm proud of all the 8th grade confirmation students who studied the Scriptures and Luther's Catechism this year and discovered the Catechism and Lutheran teachings are an



accurate interpretation of Scripture. It's also great to see that they intend to continue studying God's Word and coming to church. When you get a chance, make sure to congratulate the confirmation students and if

you don't see them or confirmation students from previous years around, feel free to call their families and ask how everything is going. Remember, we are to encourage young Christians just as they encourage us with their faith and enthusiasm.

Another big event for Concordia coming right around the corner is Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Barnyard Round Up! We'll talk about how Jesus gathers us and focus on memorizing parts of Psalm 23 this year. VBS is June 27th-July 1st from 9:00am-11:30am. We still need plenty of helpers, even if you can only be

there a few days. Our biggest needs are individuals to go around with the different classes.

If you can't help at VBS during the day, we have some other needs you could possibly help us fulfill. We need help with set up on Sunday, June 26th right after second service. We'll need help at the VBS Carnival on Thursday, June 30th in the evening to set up, help with carnival games, and clean up. We'll also need help cleaning up at noon on Friday, July 1st. Another way you could help out would be donating items to VBS. There is a bulletin board in the lobby listing our donation needs. You could also help out at VBS by promoting it in your neighborhood.

We would like to thank all of our VBS volunteers from past years. Some of my favorite comments include, "This is my favorite one" and so often the positive comments have to do with the volunteers. You make VBS enjoyable for all of the children who come to Concordia. You are the ones who smile, spend time with children, take time to get to know and talk to them. You're also the ones who are able to show the love of Christ to them and teach them who Jesus really is.

If anyone is interested in participating in this wonderful ministry at Concordia, please contact me at: Concordia.Rice@gmail.com or call the church office (317)-881-4477 on Tuesdays-Fridays.

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

LWML *Concordia's*
Women's Missionary League

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 - May 21, 2016 is our next meeting for working on quilts, see you there!



Spring Social

On April 3 the LWCC hosted its second annual Spring Social. After a light supper of sandwiches, relishes, fruit salad and cupcakes, Katie Stam, Miss America 2009,

was the guest speaker. She entertained us with stories about her growing up wanting to be Miss America and many times having pretend pageants with her cousin. She told how she was whisked away immediately after the show to hold a 45 minute press



conference, followed by having to give a speech to thousands of people without any advance notice. She was not able to return to her home during the entire year of her reign. The unglamorous side of the year was being constantly going from one place to another, living out of two suitcases and washing her clothes in hotel bathrooms. On the other hand, the year was rich with many experiences such as meeting many interesting people, helping raise funds for worthy causes and getting to see many different places both here and abroad. She then entertained us with songs from Broadway musicals and finished with the song she sang at the pageant, "Via Dolorosa". Many



people thought she took a great risk by singing a religious song for her talent. Once again a big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this night a big success. The plan-

ning committee put in hours preparing, other women joined us on Saturday and Sunday preparing the room and the food and we certainly cannot forget the 14 gentleman who so graciously served the food and beverages and then cleaned up afterward.



As always delicious food was made by the ladies and served up with grace by our gentleman. Thank you!



Herb Hoeltke and Katie had an enlightening conversation while on a

break - Herb went to High School with Katie's Grandfather. Small wonderful world that it is!

Rummage Sale

The LWCC is planning to have another rummage sale on June 10-11. Please save items as you spring clean to donate to this cause.



This grant was selected by delegates to the 2015 LWML convention in Des Moines

\$100,000 grant is providing Hope for Detroit

Acts 2 Enterprise (A2E) is a strategic and holistic urban outreach of the Michigan District LCMS, based on the work of Jesus and

His disciples in the early church, as recorded in the book of Acts. A2E is striving to help in a city with a depressed economy, high unemployment and poverty rates, and gang violence. Their goal is for the churches of Detroit to reconnect with communities, evangelizing the city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Programs of A2E engage the community in educational opportunities. After school computer classes, improving reading and life skills, and Biblical teaching, all include sharing the Gospel. Lutheran teachers build relationships with students and families through music, sports, tutoring, adult education, and job training. To fully engage the community, A2E is partnering with local social service agencies to provide elder care, adoption, foster care, and housing services to those in need.

A successful and continuing program of A2E is the one-week children's Vacation Bible



Staff and children praying, a common bond toward their goal.



School/Sports Camp. Held in 2013 and 2014, children learned about God's love for them while gaining sports skills. Volunteers taught children how to break free from fear, bad choices, self-doubt, and lying. The camp is one effective way A2E is reaching out to families in Detroit with the love of Christ.



Begin with surveying an abandoned building - *what do we see here that can be*, continue with beautification and pray for the workers and the people who will grow and benefit from all of this.



The Preschool Scoop

The end of the school year is fast approaching, and Concordia's preschool students have been quite busy this spring. We have studied topics such as oceans, windy weather, and caterpillars and butterflies. We have taken field trips to Garfield Park Conservatory and the library. We have learned many letters and numbers, and have had special days in our classroom, including beach day. We loved learning about Jesus' resurrection and celebrating with an Easter party and egg hunt. To see photos of what we've been up to, please check out our bulletin board in the north hallway.

The children are all growing quickly, in wisdom and in stature. Our prekindergarten students

are busy getting ready for kindergarten, and learning the songs they will be singing at graduation, which is Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30. In addition, we will enjoy the wonderful weather God is blessing us with by having an end of year picnic.

Registration for the next school year is underway, and as always, we ask your help in spreading the word about our school. If you know of someone with a preschool aged

child, please encourage them to check us out. You might also choose to give them one of our brochures, which can be found on our preschool bulletin board. Thanks in advance for any children that may come our way because of your efforts.

*Jill Scifres & Susan Bass,
Co-Directors*





2016





May

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

Altar Care for May:

Nursery Coordinator: Janet Knobloch (885.8511)

Prayer Coordinator: Judy Heine (888-9588)

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Treasurer's Report

March 2016

Income Description	Mar 2015 4 Sundays	Mar 2016 4 Sundays
Unified Budget	35,415.90	34,781.66
Memorials (Non-designated)	-0-	80.00
Memorials (Designated)	-0-	78.00
Mortgage Reduction	1,040.00	1,925.00
Designated Gifts *	2,553.21	1,994.18
Reimbursements & Refunds **	1,111.05	281.70
Rents & Wedding Fees	25.00	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	40,145.16	39,140.54
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 7,083.18</i>	<i>\$ 8,695.15</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,623.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,583.00</i>

* Altar Flowers \$225, Special Flowers \$100, Building \$25, Concordia Cares \$197, Confirmation gowns \$115.10, Daily Journal \$30, Easter Breakfast (youth) \$201, Fellowship \$15 \$10.61, LWCC \$110, Miscellaneous (paint & Projector screen) \$155.58, Pennies from Heaven \$4.52, Pre-school \$75, Wheat Ridge Ministries \$10, Youth \$10, Youth (Trivia Night) \$213, Youth (Trivia Tables) \$60, Youth (Lenten Dinners) \$412.37, Youth Group (Skyzone) \$40.

** Pre-school taxes for State & Federal tax received from pre-school \$278.32, Paper Recycling Bin \$3.38.

Worship	2015	2016	Tithes
4/3	250	130	5,977.95
4/10	151	126	3,485.01
4/17	152	145	5,419.28
4/24	144	158	3,361.75

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
4/3	21		38
4/10	23	15	42
4/17	18	10	37
4/24	14		32

Church checking account balance March 2016

Beginning	5,858.23
Deposits	39,140.54
Payments	31,323.71
Ending balance	13,675.06

Expenses Boards	Mar 2015	Mar 2016
Pastoral Care	8,861.42	8,862.12
Congregational Worship	1,338.75	2,495.01
Missions and Outreach	725.50	725.50
Christian Education	6,822.62	5,406.42
Stewardship	105.66	162.90
Operations	12,791.65	12,125.62
Small Group Ministries	190.51	273.22
Christian Living	120.00	129.60
Unified Budget Total	30,956.11	30,180.39
Non-boards		
Non budget payments	4,596.57	865.00
Reimbursement Expenses **	502.61	278.32
Total Non-Budget Payments	5,099.18	1,143.32
Total payments	36,155.29	31,323.71

** Reimbursement Expenses: Pre-school Federal Taxes \$217.26, Pre-school Indiana Taxes \$ 61.06.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Mar 2015	Mar 2016
Missions— District Synod	50.00	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 March 31 the balance on our Mortgage was \$ 70,914.20

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Mar 31, 2016
Anniversaries & Birthday	3,961.85
Board of Youth— (Trip)	8,985.72
Building Fund	16,908.89
Capital Improvements	1,877.75
Concordia Cares	22.83
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	7,415.54
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,172.58
Interest earned	20.72

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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

5/1 So, Ask Already!
5/8 Jesus Prayed for You
5/15 Jesus Gives Us the Help We Need
5/22 Here's a New, Lasting Identity
5/29 Identity Theft

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

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

Sunday School

As we draw to a close of this Sunday School season, our Sunday School servants are from our preschool class. They are happily preparing letters for our homebound members. The 7th and 8th grade class enjoyed their special Sunday with a Veggie Tales movie and popcorn.

We added a few more Bible verse songs to our list: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" which is based on 1 John 4:19, "You Are Holy" which is based on Isaiah 9:6, "Cast Your Burdens Unto Jesus" which is based on Psalm 55:22, and "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" which is based on Exodus 5-10. Do you know any of these songs? If you do, then you have some Bible verses memorized, too!

Remember that our Sunday School carries on in the summer months. Our theme will echo this year's VBS theme of Barnyard Roundup. We'll be doing some crafts and servant events so if you're in town be sure to join us in learning more about Jesus and altogether we'll serve God gladly!



Team Concordia again participated and walked to honor the memory of former Concordia member, Debbie Liechty, in the annual Indianapolis MS Walk on Saturday, April 23. Donations are still be collected

and tabulated at this time. All of this money goes toward research to eliminate this terrible disease and to provide services to assist those suffering with Multiple Sclerosis.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the Team Concordia walkers and to everyone who supported Team Concordia with donations for this year's walk !

Linda Snyder & Jason Liechty Team Concordia Co-Captains

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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.



Pastor

Rev. John A. Flamme (887.9580)

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Sarah Shadday—*Director Christian Education*

Erica Stephenson - *Deaconess*

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THE Concordia Messenger

May 2016



**Concordia Lutheran Church
& Preschool**
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- 3 Different Ways to Register!
- 1) Fill out a form and take it to Concordia
 - 2) Call and register over the phone
 - 3) Go to the website and register online!

WWW.CONCORDIA-LCMS.COM

9:00AM-11:30AM

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DATE:

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