

THE Concordia Messenger



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

August 2016

Christian Living

Wedding Anniversaries Mike & Tamra Spray (29) Dave & Pam Green (25) Larry & Anne Guthrie (38) Mark & Britany Warren (4) Tom & Darlene Bowen (27) Matt & Angela Spangle (21) Daniel & Jessica Coffey (25) Bud & Sheryl Teachout (17) Jim & Debbie England (36) Ron & Carol Feeney (41) Tommy & Kris Ragsdale (45) John & Renee Stratton (19) Bob & Susan Herbst (25).

August Birthdays: Benjamin Hartley, Vicki Wilson, Mary Babbs, Phil Turner, Cindy Boesenberg, Kyle Lawler, Hank Ras-sel, Stu Keller Jr., Ruth Littrell, Suzann Poole, Cheyenne Crockett, Kay Hayes, Becky Lanning, Corey Lecher, Jill Scifres, Cole Bontrager, Alexis Olmos, Carol Miller, David Stephenson, Lisa Graham, Mark Hart, Becky Horn, Marilyn Lawler, Shelbi Canon, Andrea Precord, Hannah Scifres, Marvin Barkes, Vince DeFabis, Paul Flamme, Chris Stinger, Diane Smith.

Congratulations

Dr. Jenna Liechty, a optometrist at Vision-Quest Eyecare, has obtained her fellowship in the College of Optometrists of Vision Development. .

A Southside native, she graduated from Center Gove High School, and practices out of her office at 1160 N State Rd 135, Greenwood. Jenna is daughter of Jason Liechty of Concordia

Sunday School

The school year is starting for schools in and around Greenwood. Concordia is also ready to start into a new school year---a new Sunday school year! While you have been thinking about school supplies, sports, band, etc., we hope that you have been thinking about getting back into the swing of Sunday school, too. We want to see our Concordia kids and parents with us!

We will be continuing our Sunday School Servants program. Our students will be writing to our homebound members. Over the year, we are also going to have each class work to create a banner. They will use their creativity and teamwork to give glory to God and to beautify our church. (If anyone has felt scraps, fringe, ribbon, etc. that we could use, please send it our way!)

In Sunday school, our Concordia youth will be learning to. . . **SERVE GOD GLADLY!!**

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

2016 Anniversary / Birthday Blessings

1/7/16 Sherry Busse - Birthday

4/3/16 Edie Masters - Birthday

4/17/16 Jacqueline Denton - Birthday

5/1/16 Jan White - Birthday

6/12/16 Doris Roemer - Birthday

6/12/16 Philip & Sharon Caruana - Birthday



Thank you to everyone who was able to man the booth at the Freedom Festival held at Craig Park. Pamphlets were handed out about our Preschool, congregation and Vacation Bible School which was held the following week.

Thank you to the parents for sharing your children with us at Vacation Bible School. As you can see we had a great time getting to know more about Jesus and each other. Our thanks to everyone and anyone who was able to give of their time and talents to enable us to share this program with the community. Continued blessings to all.

2016 VBS Barnyard roundup



Growing
in: faith
trust
love
joy
kindness
family &
community



Director Christian Education

Concordians,

The word "evangelism" can bring many thoughts to mind. Is it those people knocking on doors, protesting funerals, thumping people with Bibles, or the person who mowed your lawn? Often we hear the word evangelism and we're not exactly sure what it means or what it looks like.

Starting July 31st and running until the end of September we'll have a Bible Study for all youth and adults who would like to learn about evangelism.



The class is based off the book *Me, An Evangelist*. Often we don't realize evangelism isn't scary and isn't what most people picture when they hear the "e word." We'll talk about what God's job in evangelism is, what our job is, how to listen, what it looks like to be an evangelist and more. We hope you'll join us in the sanctuary for these important classes.

We also hope you'll learn how being an evangelist is a part of our everyday life. We don't have to go overseas or to the sketchy parts of town to show God's love and share the Gospel. We can do it every day in our homes, jobs, schools, and everywhere. Think about the people you interact with every day. How can you share Christ's love with them without using words?

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

LWML *Concordia's Women's Missionary League*

Quilting - August 20, 2016 is our next meeting for working on quilts, see you there! We will not meet in September because of a wedding on that day.



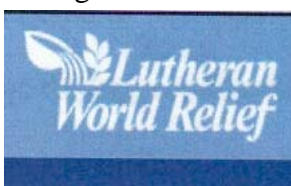
Mites received and dedicated on July 10th were \$97.50. You may bring your mites in at anytime and leave in our giant MITE box.

Collection for School Kits Continues

Back to school ads and special sales are the theme these past weeks and now is the time to take advantage of these special prices. Our goal



is to fill 25 school kits by mid-August and possibly 30 with the help of the Thrivent seed money. Please pick up a card from the bulletin board and purchase according to the instructions. With the card system we can control inventory making sure we don't end up with too much of one thing and not enough of another. *Thank you* to everyone



who has already contributed to the School Kit project for Lutheran World Relief.

Annual Fall Retreat for Women of Concordia Save the Date --

October 7-8 at Camp Lakeview.
Watch the bulletin for more information as it becomes available.

The following grant was selected at the 2015 Des Moines Convention

Rosa Young Academies & After School Programs \$25,000

Rosa J. Young was born in 1890 to ordinary black/African American parents. However, she did not let her race define her. She let her Christian faith define who she was, and so her Lutheran faith is the center of her legacy. She was instrumental in the founding and development of 30 Lutheran elementary schools and 35 Lutheran congregations throughout Alabama. With funding from the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), she ultimately started what is today Concordia College, located in Selma, Alabama.

The Rosa J. Young (RJY) Academies & After School Programs Initiative is collaborating with existing congregations that have recently closed their schools to create new academies and after school tutorial/mentoring and spiritual growth programs to enhance children and families educationally and spiritually. The collaboration also extends to struggling schools to help them become effective and productive schools. In urban and rural communities where no LCMS school exists, the intent is to start new schools and after school programs for the purpose of founding new mission congregations.

A desired outcome is to inspire revitalization of congregations in Black Ministry as the Holy Spirit through the means of grace makes new believers from these academies and after school tutorial and mentoring opportunities within the LCMS.

The Rosa Young Initiative will provide children with a safe environment for education and spiritual growth; supply the opportunity to worship together and grow in the Word of God; witness to one another of God's love, mercy and grace; encourage participation in positive life-changing spiritual

and character building programs; offer healthy nutritious meals and teach healthy eating habits; and counsel in learning healthy life skills using arts, drama/plays, sports and other programs to encourage healthy living habits.

LWML District Convention

On June 24-26, the LWML Indiana District met at the Bloomington-Monroe County Convention Center in Bloomington, IN. The theme of the convention was "Who's Your Lord"? The aim of the convention was to help the attendees come to know

our Lord and Savior better and then to be willing to share our faith with those who do not know Him. 339 women attended from Indiana and parts of Kentucky. The convention began with a parade of banners made by each zone. This was followed by a communion service. The keynote speaker

was Gary Theis, a layman from Iowa, who has given much of his life to spreading the gospel and helping missionaries in many different ways. He certainly displayed much enthusiasm for serving our Lord. To show support for the LWML, he wore a dark purple suit with purple and black striped socks and tie. Officers were elected and bylaws adopted. A total of 16 Mission Grants were selected to be supported with a total of \$127,000 in mite money. On Saturday evening we were entertained by The Weaver Believer Survival Revival, a very talented family of musicians who sang many religious songs with a lively blue grass flavor. Those attending from Concordia were, Beverly Stephens, Ruth Everson, Linda Snyder, Edie Masters, Sue Ranbarger and Miriam Neumann.



Treasurer's Report

June 2016

Income Description	June 2015 4 Sundays	June 2016 4 Sundays
Unified Budget	18,306.30	30,412.24
Memorials (Non-designated)	225.00	-0-
Memorials (Designated)	-0-	-0-
Mortgage Reduction	715.00	542.00
Designated Gifts *	2,560.58	1,691.79
Reimbursements & Refunds **	791.91	255.03
Rents & Wedding Fees	90.00	165.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,688.79	33,048.06
<i>Average per/week Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 5,923.88</i>	<i>\$ 7,603.06</i>
<i>Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget</i>	<i>\$ 6,623.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,583.00</i>

* Anniversary/Birthday Blessings \$ 180, Fellowship 15 \$19.25, LWCC \$ 10, LWML Rummage Sale \$ 1,184.54, Pennies from Heaven \$4.00, Pre-school \$ 30, Vacation Bible school (VBS) \$ 100, Wheat Ridge Ministries \$ 10, Youth \$ 10, Youth Zoo Trip \$ 144.

** Pre-school taxes for State & Federal tax received from pre-school \$ 243.04, Purchase of books \$ 11.99.

Worship	2015	2016	Tithes
6/26	117	100	3,353.32
7/3	109	109	4,803.50
7/10	116	96	6,971.93
7/17	117	98	5,905.19
7/24	129	114	3,045.50

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
6/26	8	3	13
7/3	6	2	8
7/10	5		12
7/17	5	2	9
7/24	13		13

Church checking account balance June 2016

Beginning	7,588.83
Deposits	33,248.06
Payments	32,196.03
Ending balance	8,640.86

Expenses Boards	June 2015	June 2016
Pastoral Care	8,734.79	9,424.34
Congregational Worship	673.66	936.95
Missions and Outreach	732.50	2,100.50
Christian Education	6,266.72	7,270.19
Stewardship	-0-	-0-
Operations	10,238.49	10,699.87
Small Group Ministries	16.05	564.10
Christian Living	-0-	257.35
Unified Budget Total	26,662.21	31,253.30
Non-boards		
Non budget payments	1,400.70	499.69
Reimbursement Expenses **	88.80	243.04
Total Non-Budget Payments	1,489.50	742.73
Total payments	28,151.71	31,996.03

** Reimbursement Expenses: Pre-school Federal Taxes \$ 189.72, Pre-school Indiana Taxes \$ 53.32.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	June 2015	June 2016
Missions— District Synod	50.00	1,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	2,250.00
Lutheran Multicultural Mission	187.00	562.50
Total Support	1,437.50	4,312.50

As of June 30 the balance on our Mortgage was \$ 65,757.54.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance June 30, 2016
Anniversaries & Birthday	3,992.54
Board of Youth— (Trip)	8,999.69
Building Fund	16,935.17
Capital Improvements	1,880.67
Concordia Cares	22.86
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	7,427.06
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	39,257.99
Interest earned	20.09

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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

- 8/7 The Word in a World of Words**
8/14 In Spite of Everything
8/21 Hope Not in Politicians
8/28 Boasting - Ridiculous or Real

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

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

HELPING MEMBERS

- Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Who can help at Kathy Carroll's house? Give time, talent, muscles, ability and energy. She needs help with the following items.

- The edge at the front of her house needs to be redefined with a stake, string and an edger. Then bricks installed for edging.
- Does anyone have a tiller she can borrow? Or you can help her. She wants to till the ground - front, side and back of her house. If you have a tiller and time please call Kathy Carroll.
- Lay soaker hose and put in place with ground staples.
- Plant perennials.
- Spread mulch.

If you can help with the edging, planting, mulching, please call Genny Hartley (530-5574 leave a message) to schedule weekday evening or a Saturday. Recently we pulled a lot of weeds and it would be great to finish the rest

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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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Sarah Shadday—*Director Christian Education*

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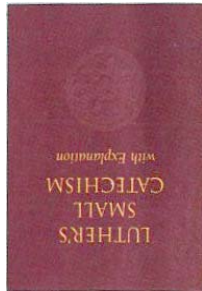
Board for Stewardship

Phil Caruana

Rose Mihu, Financial Secretary

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August 7 - 4 - 5:30 p.m.
First class for Confirmation
students.

August 21 - 9:15 a.m.
First Adult Information Class
with Pastor John.



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