

THE Concordia Messenger



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

November 2021

Jesus said, " On account of Me you will stand" (Mark 13: 1-13)

Lecture Tour by Bishop Juhana Pohjola in for Wayne, IN on November 13, 2021 (9:30 am) at St Paul's Lutheran church.

On August 1, 2021, Rev. Dr. Juhana Pohjola was consecrated Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland. He enters the role at a challenging time: Bishop Pohjola faces criminal charges in Finland for his role in publishing a 2004 booklet which articulates historic Christian teaching on human sexuality.

Should it be illegal to identify homosexual activity as sinful? That's the question facing Bishop Pohjola now, seventeen years after the booklet was first published. He and the booklet's author, Dr. Paivi Rasanen (a Finnish Member of Parliament), have been charged by Finland's Prosecutor General with "incitement against a group of people."

What can we learn from Bishop Pohjola's story? How should we respond to a world that is increasingly intolerant of Christian beliefs? And what does Scripture have to say to us about being persecuted on account of our faith in Christ? Come hear Bishop Pohjola in person to find out.

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from the Lutheran High School for supporting the flood relief drive held at your church. Your congregation filled and delivered a

shipping container with cleaning supplies, diapers, food, clothing, pet food, paper supplies, health supplies, gas cans, water, masks and buckets. Well done.



Quilting - Nov 13, 9 am - noon)

We are still meeting in the Fellowship Hall trying to get through all of the quilt tops that we have sown in the past year. We can keep social distancing and still get quilts put together. There will be a holiday break for December and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas Season. See you in January if the weather permits.



Thank you to everyone who brought in the diapers for the ingathering held in place of the annual Camp Lakeview Retreat for TEDD. 2,631 assorted sizes of diapers and 1,304 baby wipes were donated and taken to the Sharing Place outlet for distribution.

Advent Glow is just around the corner on December 5 at 3 p.m. This year's Advent Glow will feature *Witness*, a men's quartet. We are observing Covid safety measures and will enjoy the event in the church sanctuary. Plan on joining us as we focus on the birth of our Savior. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

2021-2023 LWML Mission Grant #3 (Lexington Convention)

Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children—Lutheran Heritage Foundation—\$100,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation continues its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa where the population is more than 1.216 billion people. African families face many physical and spiritual challenges, including ex-

treme poverty, disease, civil unrest, and the ever-growing presence of Islam. Sadly, over half those souls are still waiting to be introduced to the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. Lutheran missionaries and church leaders in Africa have witnessed a “thirst to learn” about the Savior and have expressed a deep need for easy-to-understand Lutheran books, printed in the languages of the people, to teach parents and children the Lutheran faith. African Lutheran partner churches also need engaging, colorful books to introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages — books the children may keep for their very own. Lutheran Heritage Foundation has 30 years of vigorously fulfilling its mission of translating and publishing high-quality Lutheran books for children, such as *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories*, *Luther’s Small Catechism*, and *Bible Stories in Pictures* into the languages of the world at a cost of less than \$3 per book. Economic and political conditions may force missionaries to leave a country, but the Lutheran books they leave behind stay — and teach — for generations. This grant will fund the printing and distribution of 129,500 engaging, colorful books which will introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages.

about Jesus makes a big impact! In addition to family devotions, the books are a cherished gift to impoverished Lutheran schools. In addition to serving as textbooks for religion class, the Bible storybooks and catechisms are also used in some countries as reading and literacy texts!

More than 400 million children live in Africa, nearly half of whom live in the spiritual darkness of Islam.



Can you imagine being responsible for teaching the Bible to a class of eager students, week after week, with absolutely no written materials to do so? For generations, this has been the situation for many Sunday school teachers throughout Africa. With this grant, Sunday school teachers will now have Bible storybooks and Small Catechisms, translated into languages they speak and read.



In countries where the typical child doesn’t own a single book of his or her own, a book

Running the Race, Looking to Jesus - All women are invited to the combined LWML Indianapolis East and West Zones Fall Rally on Saturday morning, **November 6**, at Christ Lutheran Church, 345 N Kitley Avenue, Indianapolis. Breakfast at 9 am followed by devotions, meeting and program. Rev. Paul Klopke will speak about *Voice of Care*, *Connection Ministries*, and *Night to Shine*, all ministries for adults with developmental disabilities. Join us for fellowship and encouragement as we “Serve the Lord with Gladness.” Check the LWCC bulletin board for information on carpooling to Christ Lutheran.

Join the Women's Email Group

Women of the congregation are invited to connect and be informed of planned activities by joining WomenOfConcordia, an email group. Join today by sending an email to WomenOfConcordia+subscribe@groups.io.



Also, any member is welcome to join the prayer chain. Join by sending a message to ConcordiaPrays+subscribe@groups.io.

If you are on Facebook, another option to connect with other congregation women is through the Facebook group "Concordia Facebook Sisters." Ask to join.

Director Christian Education

Greetings.

We just studied Joseph in Sunday School. I enjoy *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* because the movie has funny moments in it. One of my favorites is when Pharaoh is singing to Joseph about his dream. Joseph asks Pharaoh to repeat a part he just sang while Joseph goes over to the Narrator and consults the Bible.

Poor, poor Joseph didn't have the easiest life. One of the memorable parts of Joseph's life is how he goes from being in prison to second in command for all of Egypt. God worked through Joseph to save Egypt and eventually all of Joseph's family and their servants. Joseph's "prison life" wasn't the worst. Someone recognized Joseph's talent for administration and put him in charge of all the prisoners. They didn't worry about those under Joseph's care. Through God, Joseph eventually interprets the dreams of the chief cupbearer and chief baker. Joseph asks the chief cupbearer to remember him, but the chief cupbearer forgets Joseph until Pharaoh has his dreams two years later.

It is hard being patient. Especially in unfair situations, it is hard to be patient. Joseph was sold against his will to be a slave in Egypt. He still served God and did his best in everything. He was falsely accused and sent to prison. He still served God and did his best in everything. He had a glimmer of hope. The cupbearer, who served Pharaoh, could vouch for Joseph. The cupbearer could explain Joseph was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews and that he's done nothing to deserve being in prison. Pharaoh could free Joseph.

Instead, Joseph's salvation came from God. Pharaoh didn't free Joseph because he was unfairly treated. Instead, God worked through Joseph. Reading through Joseph's conversation with Pharaoh and recognizing that when Joseph speaks about God he is using words to reference the One True God. Thankfully, Pharaoh didn't get too offended because Pharaoh was considered a God in Egypt. Joseph often emphasizes these are things God is saying or revealing. Pharaoh even acknowledges that since this is what God revealed to Joseph, Joseph should be second in command.



God did all of the work and Joseph gives glory to God. In our salvation story, God does all the work. Jesus is the one that came to earth. Jesus lived a perfect life. Jesus was unfairly put on trial, tortured, and murdered. Jesus is the one who rose from the

dead. Jesus ascended into heaven. The Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel. God puts His name on us in Holy Baptism. God sustains us with His gifts. God is the one who saves us. There are many ways to react to God's love, but we know He loves us. Even when times are hard or when we feel forgotten; God loves us. If we ever forget, we can go back and consult God's Word and see how much He loves and cares for us.

Sarah Shadday, Director Christian Education



Concordia
Lutheran
Preschool

Preschool Scoop

We are in full swing at the preschool with eight delightful students, and we are busy learning many new skills. We have had some special days, including a trip to the apple orchard. We are enjoying weekly visits from either Pastor Gaschler or Sarah as part of Jesus time, and we are

looking forward to some special events. We will be having our Thanksgiving Feast on November 18 and our Christmas program on December 16. As in years past, we would welcome the assistance of volunteers from the congregation at both of these events. Please contact the preschool staff if you would like to assist. Thank you!

Jill Scifres, Director of Preschool

2021

NOVEMBER

Sunday Worship—9:00 AM
 Sunday School & Bible Classes—10:10 AM
 Worship service - 11:00 a.m.
 Monday Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
 Holy Communion at every service



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INTERCESSION and PRAYER,

Concordia Members

Recently Hospitalized:

Surgery:

- Herb Hoeltke 11/4 out patient

Recovering:

- Mary Spray at home
- David Krause
- Cindy Emkes
- Phillis Infante
- Nancy Waltz

Testing:

- Diane Bean-Garland
- April Guinn
- Larry Guthrie

Friends of Concordia

- Evan Schaffer 10/21/21
- Courtney Chaney 10/1/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Judy & Cindy Heine 9/23/21
- Alan Smith 9/1/21
- Jim Spray 9/9/21
- Brent Perry 9/8/21
- Tami Economou 8/17/21
- Bill Gascoigne 8/16/21
- Rev. Jacob Sutton 8/3/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Anne Perkinson 7/1/21
- Brynn Dunlap 4/20/21
- Renae Barrett 3/19/21
- Peter Economou 1/27/21
- Travis Golden 1/10/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Rick Zempski 1/20/20
- Curt Roemer 12/15/19
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Taylor 1/20/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18
- Anne Kaiser 6/15/18
- Erika Hannaman - 1/28/15

Battling Cancer / MS

- Donald & David Buuck 9/27/21
- Beverly Stephens 9/12/21
- Janine Orr 8/16/21
- Sloane Bullman 5/13/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20

- Angela Martin 9/8/17
- Philip Davis 12/12/16

Our Homebound Members

(Our Senior Prayer Warriors)

Please remember and pray for our Concordia homebound members.

- Kathy Carroll, 515 Tropic Ct., Apt. 1504, Indianapolis IN 46237
- Eileen Ely 8/7/19 714 S. Eickhoff Rd. #604, Evansville, IN 47712
- Duane Krall, Demaree Crossing Assisted Living & Memory Care, #12, 1255 Demaree Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143
- Carmen Latondress 183 S Smock Dr. #110, Greenwood, IN 46143
- Cathy McClure, 3933 Creekwood Dr., Greenwood, IN 46142

Non-member shut-ins being visited & communed:

- Gail Reinke 5267 E. Rosegate Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237
- Laura McClain 183 Smock Dr. #109, Greenwood, IN 46143

Please pray for our Military Servicemen & women.

Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard (now home)

Petty Officer 3rd Class **Jordan Boling**, Navy-USS West Virginia

Ensign **Chloe Owen**, 526 Batten Blvd., Pensacola FL 32507

Zach Goins, 761 Fordham Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813 (Navy Reserve)

Jadon Ranbarger (LCPL J Ranbarger) Marine Barracks 8th & I Streets SE, Washington, DC 20003 (USMC) Sue Ranbarger's nephew.



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

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Treasurer's Report

Sept 2021

Income Description	Sept 2020 4 Sundays	Sept 2021 4 Sundays	Total To date (39) Sun
Unified Budget	25,556.00	17,980.00	217,109.35
Memorials (Non-designated)			5,288.00
Memorials (Designated)			
Designated Gifts *	872.56	2,010.01	12,423.35
Reimbursements & Refunds **		127.26	313.04
Rents & Wedding Fees	50.00	50.00	495.00
TOTAL INCOME	26,478.56	20,167.27	235,628.74
Average per/week Unified Budget	\$ 6,389.00	\$ 4,495.00	\$ 5,566.91
Amount needed per/week for Unified Budget	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 6,630.00	

* Altar Flowers \$ 25, Bethesda \$50, Building Fund \$ 265, Concordia Cares \$ 250, Fellowship 15 \$ 10, Hope-Full living \$ 87.50, Internet Access \$ 57.68, Landscaping \$ 125, Lutheran High School Hymnals \$ 675, LWCC \$ 10, Pennies from Heaven (Tuzla) \$ 34.83, Pre School \$200, "Servants at work" Ramps \$ 100, Siberian Seminary \$100, We Raise Foundation \$ 10, Youth Group \$ 10.
** Reimbursements & Refunds: Preschool State & Federal Taxes \$127.26

Expenses Boards	Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Total To date
Pastoral Care	7,014.51	7,270.21	66,327.56
Congregational Worship	1,26.00	759.85	9,115.92
Missions and Outreach	697.50	697.50	6,285.00
Christian Education	5,939.77	5,994.08	53,768.98
Stewardship	91.49	89.61	518.41
Operations	10,719.93	10,107.01	89,030.21
Small Group Ministries	47.05		
Christian Living		54.56	650.45
Unified Budget Total	25,536.25	24,972.82	225,696.53
Non-boards			
Non budget payments			12.97
Reimbursement Expenses **		360.02	5,393.70
Total Non-Budget Payments		360.02	5,406.67
Total payments	25,536.25	25,332.84	231,103.20

**Reimbursement expenses: Hope-Full Living \$ 87.50, LWCC (kits shipping for LWR) \$ 45.26, Preschool Federal Taxes \$ 98.68, Preschool State Indiana taxes \$28.58, "Servants at Work - Ramps \$ 100.

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Aug 2020	Aug 2021	Total to date
Missions— District Synod	500.00	500.00	4,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	750.00	6,750.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Indy*	187.50	187.50	1,687.50
Total Support	1,437.50	1,437.50	12,937.50

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

	SS	HS	ADULT
10/3	10	4	23
10/10	10	3	21
10/17	9	4	21
10/24	8	7	29
10/31			

Church checking account balance Sept 2021

Beginning	55,051.08
Deposits	20,167.27
Payments	25,332.84
Ending balance	49,885.51

Worship	2020	2021	Tithes
10/3	45	91	7,054.45
10/10	77	90	17,810.00
10/17	82	88	6,182.00
10/24	89	102	3,905.00
10/31			

Sunday attendance includes Monday pm worship.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	LCEF Balance Sept 30, 2021
Anniversaries & Birthday	4,914.70
Board of Youth— (Trip)	7,497.48
Building Fund	9,905.40
Capital Improvements - \$ 3,479.40 Church sign - \$ 946.02 Church Landscaping - \$ 976.14 Heine Family Project - \$ 5,005.53	10,407.39
Concordia Cares	5,606.27
Pre-School Landscaping & Gardening	2,367.00
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	40,698.24
Interest earned	4.12

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.

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

- 11/7** **The Father of Solomon, by Uriah's Wife**
- 11/14** **Jesus Keeps Filling**
- 11/21** **Between Now and Eternity Thee is Much To Do!**
- 11/28** **TBA**

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

Worship Anew—Sundays
 WHMB (TV 40) 10:00 AM

Christian Living

November Wedding Anniversaries

Matthew & Sarah Shadday (6) 11/14

November Birthdays:

Lanning, Jessica	11/1	DeFabis, Wendy	11/23
Brooks, Dick	11/8	Snyder, Rick	11/26
Gates, Erin (Coffey)	11/8	Austin, Mary	11/28
Warren, Lorna	11/9	Herbst, Susan	11/28
Carlisle, Annalise	11/9	Horn, Kevin	11/28
Kearns, Doug	11/15	Roncicka, Brett	11/28
Brooks, Deb	11/15	Krause, Dawn	11/29
Reinke, Caroline	11/16		
Graham, Mi Sun	11/20		



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Sunday Worship Services
 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
 10:05 a.m.

1st & 3rd, Monday Worship Service
 6:30 p.m.



Pastor

Rev. Paul R. G. Gaschler

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Sarah Shadday—Director Christian Education

Erica Stephenson - Deaconess

Jill Scifres, —Preschool Director

Becky Lanning— Office Manager

Carol Monroe— Administrative Assistant

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THE Concordia Messenger



November 7 & 14 the LWCC will be sponsoring the selling of Honey supplied by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Each bottle sells for \$10 which will be sent to them. The Honey will be sent to each persons home address when the ranch receives the orders. Thank you in advance.

Sundays

Samaritan Purse



We will be collecting Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes from Nov. 14-21. Samaritan's Purse is bringing shoebox gifts and the Good News of Jesus Christ to some of the most remote corners of the world. Children open their shoebox with joy. Please be a part of giving some child a Samaritan's Purse shoebox. You will find a display in the entry way of the church.

November 21 is Recommitment Sunday

and Concordia's 65th Anniversary as a congregation. We thank the Lord for his past blessings and pray for His continued Grace to be with Concordia and all Christian church's who meet in his name.



The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will go up on November 21st (the church's Anniversary Sunday). We would like to have all of the gifts returned by December 12th so that we can get the packages to the children's families before school break. More information to follow in the church bulletin!

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Concordia Lutheran Church
& Preschool
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