

THE Concordia Messenger



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

September 2024



2023–2025 MISSION GRANT #14
(MILWAUKEE CONVENTION)

Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach

Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S. — \$47,000

An estimated 500,000 deaf users of American Sign Language (ASL) in the United States, 95% of whom are unchurched. The LCMS has 124 local or congregational deaf ministries; however, there is a severe shortage of Lutheran resources and interpreters. Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) serves and supports the deaf and hard-of-hearing community with the Gospel.

This grant will help provide interpreters and resources to spread the Gospel message to deaf people in the United States by allowing ELMS to expand its Church Interpreter Training Academy to several satellite locations, potentially training more than 100 new interpreters. It will also enable them to continue ASL translation work of the Lutheran Service Book settings 1, 2, 4, and Matins for the benefit of all those who are deaf.



Church Interpreter Training practice in the Concordia Theological Seminary chapel

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT #17
(MILWAUKEE CONVENTION)

Nurturing Faith for the Aging

**Lutheran Ministries Media
(Worship Anew) — \$100,000**

Lutheran Ministries Media (DBA Worship Anew) is well-known and established in the Lutheran community. It has already reached thousands of people throughout the United States through its 30-minute worship broadcasts and daily devotionals on Hope-Full Living. It takes God's Word to a growing population of aging, unchurched, and those in desperate need of hearing the Gospel.

Worship Anew is rapidly growing each year and is exceptionally positioned to reach a mass audience with the bold proclamation of our Lutheran doctrine through an expansion of printed and web-based resources. It seeks to nurture and strengthen the faith of aging adults by creating Biblical resources that address the concerns and difficulties of this critical stage of life.

This grant will help develop and continue to provide Gospel-centered resources to our aging population and many others.



With the LWML Mission Grant, Worship Anew will expand the Broadcaster into a monthly magazine.

2024 Indiana LWML District Convention

Small Grant Recipient

Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington receives \$5,000 to supplement other fundraising efforts toward a playground improvement project. The playground primarily serves its preschool daycare and over 75 families, including over 100 children.

Volunteers Needed

The Indy Women's Half Marathon is scheduled for August 31. With a team of 8 or more volunteers to support a water stop, we'll receive \$150 designated for the Tuzla Mission. Please let Ruth Everson know that you'd like to help.

"Family Problems"

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 - Then He [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, "He is out of His mind." ... And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You." And He answered them, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother."

This story caught my eye, and I wondered: what could Jesus have possibly been doing that would make His family think He was out of His mind? I mean, it's not a bad thing to heal people and cast out demons. And being very popular isn't terrible, either.

So I went back and read Mark 1 through 3 again. And I can't be sure of it, but it looks to me like He's making too much of a stir for their tastes. He's not just being talked about—He's coming into conflict with a lot of people, especially various religious leaders, but also politicians. Even people from as far away as Jerusalem are getting involved! And Jesus' family isn't happy. So they come to take Him away. Not that they get the chance ...

And this was just the beginning of the conflict. Later in Jesus' ministry, His own brothers urge Him to do something that could get Him killed. "Go to Judea," they said. "If You do these things, show Yourself to the world!" (see John 7:3-4). What wonderful brotherly love!

It's comforting to see that even Jesus had family problems. Maybe especially Jesus, because His problems come directly from doing what God told Him to do—and that can happen to us, too. Not every family is in favor of church going or giving money to the poor. Plenty of people complain when a brother or daughter or parent moves across the country, even if there's a divine call involved. Sometimes the best we can do is to pray and put up with it. And, of course, to keep loving them.

The Holy Spirit offers us this comfort—that when our families reject us, "The Lord will take me in" (Psalm 27:10b). As Jesus Himself says, "Whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother." We are not alone, even when following Christ means separation from those we love the most. We have the comfort of the One who came into this world to make us His own. He loves us so much that He was willing to suffer and die—and rise again!—so that He might have us forever. His love is our comfort and our strength.

WE PRAY: Lord Jesus, You understand family problems. Help me with the ones I'm having. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

Reflection Questions:

1. Is it possible to do right and still have people mad at you?
2. Can you love someone and be angry at them at the same time?
3. Take a minute to pray silently about a family problem, whether it's in your own family or in someone else's.

Bible Readings: [Psalms 109-110,138](#) [John 16](#)

Preschool

Our PreK students kicked off our 2024-2025 school year on August 8th. We also hosted our Bible and book blessing for the Preschool students on August 25th at church. We love being able to invite our school families to visit church. We also love our students this year and they easily picked up on our school year routines.

There were many people who helped get Preschool ready for the school year and we would like to thank some of those people:

The **Properties Committee** is always hard at work. There are so many things to do around church and they work hard to make sure everything is in good working order. They recently had the parking lot resurfaced. This includes the Preschool blacktop. The holes are now filled and the top resurfaced. The kids will be excited to ride the big wheels and draw with chalk on the new surface. Thank you for also cutting the bushes around Preschool. Thank you to the Properties Committee for all the hard work you do, both at Preschool and at church. If anyone is interested in helping with the Properties Committee, contact **Andrew McNally**.

Rick Snyder and **Don Dombroski** helped put together another new piece of playground equipment. The kids love this new piece of equipment. My toddler has come back multiple days, excited that it has TWO slides. Thank you gentleman for putting this equipment together and bringing smiles to our students this year.



Pennie Markel painted Preschool for us this year and helped decorate it and it is BEAUTIFUL. The parents were excited to see it at Back to School night. One of the parents told me, "the constellations are my favorite part." She did so much

work washing and patching walls, sand papering, choosing paint, making a plan, and painting. I'm in awe of how much she did and how fun she made everything look and I sincerely thank her for all of her the hard work. The Preschool Staff would love for the congregation to come and walk through the Preschool on the day of the church picnic, September 22.



Bruce Markel also helped a lot by bringing Pennie drinks and snacks. More importantly for us, he helped replace some of our light fixtures and repaired an outlet for us. Thank you for helping us brighten up Preschool!

Diane and **Craig Smith** help clean our Preschool when school is in session. They also worked hard to clean Preschool for us over the summer. They did some deep cleaning that we can't always do from week to week. Thank you for keeping Preschool clean and helping us get ready for Back to School Night.

Susan Henrickson and **Tammy Owen** work behind the scenes to keep the books for Preschool, pay staff, deposit payments, and help manage the finances. Thank you for saving us time by keeping track of all this information and making sure we do things the correct way.

The **Committee of Education** has also been a valuable resource. They helped look at financials, handbooks, brochures, and other administrative materials. Thank you for helping look and talk through the administrative parts of Preschool. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee of Education, please talk to Sarah Shadday.

Linda Snyder and **Paula Scott** are our Preschool assistants. We know they have been spending much time praying for the kids. They have also been preparing mentally and physically to get Preschool together. Thank you for the hard work both of you do both before the start of school and during the school year. Please, continue to pray for all of our Preschool staff, children, and parents throughout this school year.

Finally, a big thank you to **Lori Thetford**, our teacher, who does so much for Preschool. She promotes Preschool, plans the curriculum for the year, decorates, and so much more. She puts the students first and works hard to make them feel cared for at Preschool. She took all the pictures of Preschool we shared in this newsletter and the new pictures that are on our church website. Lori is so talented and we are thankful she shares her God given talents with us at Preschool.

I would also like to thank the people who have donated items from our wishlist. The kids are excited to

have the new items to play with this year. We would like to thank our church family for being supportive of our Preschool. Your prayers and support makes the ministry of Concordia Lutheran Preschool possible. With your help, we're able to share Jesus with the members of our church and community and provide every child with a good first school experience.

~Sarah Shadday

Director of Christian Education

There is always too much content to consume. Radio, podcasts, newspapers, blogs, tv shows, emails, youtube videos, tik toks, and so much more. I know I get overwhelmed keeping track of so many things. One resource I like to use is [the culture translator](http://www.axis.org). This resource is available for free on www.axis.org. This organization's mission is to "build lifelong faith by helping parents and caring adults talk with their kids about what they otherwise wouldn't, one conversation at a time." This organization has both free and paid resources. It is not an LCMS organization; but I find their culture translator valuable.

This email resource usually comes out on Fridays. It includes a slang of the week or lyrics to a popular song. It has Three Big Conversation starters. Those conversation starters are anything from entertainment news, political news, memes, apps, articles, games, food trends, make up trends, and other pop culture related topics. They list out 3 important things, give a brief description of what it is and give an open ended question that can be asked about the topic. They usually select one of those conversation starters and go deeper into it, giving some type of Biblical context or point of view and then adding a few more questions that could be asked about that topic.

Once again, this is not an LCMS resource, but it is a good free resource to help adults be aware of what is going on in pop culture without having to dive headfirst into content that might not be one's first choice. It can be hard to know what subjects to bring up with younger people or even how to ask them questions about it. Axis works to bridge that gap.

~Sarah Shadday

Director, Christian Education and Preschool

Sunday School

Young Children

Young Children are learning Rahab Believes (Joshua 2), Fall of Jericho (Joshua 5:13-6:27), Deborah (Judges 4), Samson (Judges 16:4-31), and Ruth (Ruth 1:1-2:13 and 4:13-17).

Older Children

Older Children are doing Bible lessons with science experiments. These kids meet in the Luther Room.

Jr. High and High School

The youth are continuing their Bible Study through the book of Judges.

Concordia - Sept 2024 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sep 1 Fifteenth Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School ● 6pm Sunday Women's Ministry	2 ● 6:30pm Properties ● 7pm Elders	3 ● 7pm Women's Tuesday	4	5	6	7 ● 10am O.A.
8 Sixteenth Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School ● 6pm Sunday Women's Ministry	9 ● 7pm Women's Tuesday	10 ● 7pm Women's Tuesday	11	12	13	14 [F] Holy Cross Day ● 9am Quilting ● 10am O.A.
15 Seventeenth Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School ● 6pm Sunday Women's Ministry	16	17	18	19	20	21 ● 10am O.A.
22 Eighteenth Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Worship ● 10:45am Sunday School ● 6pm Sunday Women's Ministry	23 ● 7pm Women's Tuesday	24 ● 7pm Women's Tuesday	25	26	27	28 ● 10am O.A.
29 [F] St. Michael and All Angels Nineteenth Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Worship 2 more	30 ● 7pm Church Council	Oct 1	2	3	4	5 ● 10am O.A.

Treasurers Report

July 2024

Income Descriptions	July 2023 5 Sundays	July 2024 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	25,318.00	27,297.25	154,250.60
Memorials (Non-Designated)		-	2,130.00
Memorials (Designated)			150.00
Designated Gifts	2,247.00	5,545.91	18,297.64
Reimbursements & Refunds		-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	120.00	-	340.00
Miscellaneous	17,527.22	49,698.14	24,653.99
Total Income	45,212.22	82,541.30	199,822.23
Average per week Unified Budget	5,063.60	6,824.31	7,345.27
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,570.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Jul-24	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	500.00	3,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	5,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	<u>187.50</u>	1,312.50
Total Support	1,437.50	6,437.50

Board Expenses	July 2024	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	3,765.29	47,347.09	125,400.00
Christian Education	6,983.35	59,490.82	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	-	1,639.61	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	2,527.97	11,436.82	21,500.00
Office	379.79	6,725.11	32,500.00
Properties	<u>9,706.57</u>	74,509.02	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	23,362.97	201,148.47	349,900.00

Church Checking Account Balance Jul 2024	
Beginning	119,561.95
Deposits	96,677.34
Payments	<u>23,362.97</u>
Ending Balance	192,876.32

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 07-31-2024
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,606.74
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,123.06
Building Fund - 2978	19,687.29
Capital Improvements	10,339.71
Church Sign	958.68
Church Landscaping	867.26
Heine Family Project	1,705.42
Total Capital Improvements - 9545	13,871.07
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,477.11
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,598.63
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	<u>147.56</u>
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	171,976.28
Interest Earned	115.64

Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord			
	Children SS	Youth SS	ADULT SS
July 28, 2024	7	4	19
August 4, 2024	0	0	0
August 11, 2024	9	3	20
August 18, 2024	13	0	23

Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
July 28, 2024	106	86	\$3,684.00
August 4, 2024	120	105	\$5,390.00
August 11, 2024	90	85	\$2,435.00
August 18, 2024	89	89	\$2,978.00

INTERCESSION and PRAYER (Matthew 8:17)

Concordia Members

Testing / Recovery:

- Gene Waltz
- Jim Roemer
- Diane Smith
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale
- Diane Beam-Garland
- Mike Ford



Friends of Concordia

- Ralph McGraw 1/2/24
- Alexandria Carrier 9/1/23
- Connie Henderson 5/14/23
- Rick Wildrick 3/30/23
- Family members and Konny Hanneman; Sandy Risner 11/13/22, Hazel, Levi, Joshua & Savannah Bragdon 11/13/22, Marianne & Charles Huckleberry 12/21/21 Sylvia, Steve & Nicole Perrish 12/21/21
- Terry & Diana Deamron 9/10/22
- Beverly Stephens 8/20/22
- Ed Stephens 2/18/24
- Terry Haskett 5/15/22
- Missy, Austin & Travis Golden 4/20/22
- Judy Heine 11/22/21
- Pat Brooks 9/23/21
- Tami Economou 8/17/21
- Rose Swenson 7/27/21
- Anne Perkinson 7/1/21
- Susan Soggs 1/7/21
- Rev. Howard Fabricius 1/2/21
- Minna Van Arsdale 8/7/19
- Brandon Frederking 5/2/19
- Steve Stephenson 4/28/19
- Thomas Clark 12/16/18
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24

Battling Cancer / MS

- Mary Ann Bryant 1/9/24
- Kelsey Merena 10/25/22
- David Buuck 9/27/21
- Brandi Soggs 1/9/20
- Jackson Emkes 4/8/24
- Jeff Shafer 8/13/24

Homebound Concordia Members

- Sharon Bruhn, 1375 Nicole Dr. Unit 329, Franklin IN 46131-0028

- Konny Hannemann, 6818 Cadwell Circle, Indianapolis IN 46237

Military Servicemen & women.

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 8153 Village Gate Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32217
- Ivan Munoz, (USS Gravelly)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)

West Wing Renovation

Thanks for your continued giving and support of this project. To God be the glory. *Adele*

Congregation Game Night

(The 3F's - Food, Fun, Fellowship)

Last month, we had a game night at Concordia. We served a light dinner and all ages had fun talking and playing games together. People played euchre, yahtzee, dominoes, tripoley, racko, and others. People were asking when we would have more game nights. So we will have one a month for the next few months. The **entire congregation** is invited to bring your favorite games to play. Everyone is also welcome to bring snacks and drinks to share. We will have a light dinner and devotion at 6pm.

Our upcoming game nights will be on Fridays from 5:30pm-8:30pm:

- September 13 (taco salad/nacho night)
- October 4 (pizza and salad)
- November 15 (Gordon Food Service BBQ sandwiches and salad)

We hope members of the congregation will be able to attend, even if you just want to come and visit with friends.

(contact Sarah Shadday with any questions)



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

9/1 The One
9/8 Conditioned by the Unconditional
9/15 Bent Necks and a Better Brother
9/22 All He Has to Say
9/29 Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts

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

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

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Sunday Worship Services
 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
 10:30 a.m.



Pastor Vacant

Staff

Sarah Shadday—Director Christian Education

Erica Stephenson - Deaconess
Sarah Shadday —Preschool Director
Brad WHEELER- Admin. Assistant

Office hours Mon. - Fri. 8am - noon

Sept. Wedding Anniversaries:

Steve & Janet Bertsch (60) 9/1	Jim & Becky Lanning (50) 9/14
Vince & Wendy DeFabis (37) 9/5	Jennifer & Adam Musgrove (8) 9/17
Don & Lynn Dombroski (47) 9/13	Mark & Marilyn Lawler (38) 9/27

September Birthdays:

Distler, Albi 9/2	Reinke, Stacy 9/18
Barnes, Pat 9/2	Johnson, Georgieanne 9/18
Crouch, Gaby 9/4	Inman, Linda 9/19
Yeater, Jayme 9/4	Boesenberg, Don 9/21
Hartley, Bryan 9/6	Distler, Allen 9/21
Waltz II, Gene 9/11	Chaudhary, Alex 9/21
Mihu, Kaitlin 9/13	Roemer, Jim 9/22
Stephenson, Gini 9/14	Slemons, Sherry 9/25
Coffey, Jessica 9/16	Beam-Garland Dianne 9/29

Church Council

President
 Bruce Markel

Vice-President
 Chris Brooks

Mike Emkes, Elder

Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

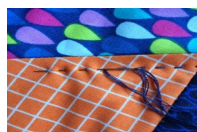
Emily McNally

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Treasurer
 Tammy Owen

Financial Secretary
 Carol Monroe



Quilting Sept. 14, 9 AM. What can you do? You can sew together tops at home, if you would like to come to the church and sew we have 2 machines and bags of kits to put together. Don't sew? Then come and tie knots in the quilts we have ready. It's a lot of fun!

Labor Day



Labor Day brings to mind picnics, cookouts and family gatherings.

During our holiday celebration this year, let's

give thanks for the jobs we have, pray for those who aren't as fortunate and offer words of encouragement or help to someone who needs it.

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