

# THE Concordia Messenger



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

October 2024



## 2023–2025 Mission Grant #18 (Milwaukee Convention)

**Zoe's Home Support** – Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO — \$75,000

Zoe's Home, a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Missouri, helps homeless and at-risk pregnant and parenting women in need. The Home enables women at risk of abortion or losing parental custody to overcome their current life situations and obstacles.

Residents of Zoe's Home engage in spiritual care through church activities and required Bible studies. The women participate in activities and classes to grow life skills in parenting, finances, cooking, and hygiene.

After a one-year stay in Zoe's Home, the residents' goals are to complete their education, find steady employment, procure reliable transportation, attain financial independence, find independent housing, and actively engage in church and community support services.

This grant will provide funds to meet the costs of ensuring housing, food, transportation, life skills education, case management, and staffing for Zoe's Home.



## 2024 Indiana LWML District Convention Small Grant Recipient #3

Swaddling Clothes, an outreach of Faith Lutheran in DeMotte, Indiana, will receive \$5,000 for signage for their ministry and necessary items to provide for the ongoing needs of young families in their community.

## Concordia Women's Retreat The Holy Spirit and His Fruit



October 11-12 is the annual Concordia women's retreat at the Quapaw Lodge. There are 14 lower bunks with twin mattresses, central heat/AC, and modern restroom facilities.

The ladies enjoy the camp trails, have Bible study with discussion, laugh, sing, play games, do a mission activity, and enjoy fellowship.

We are doing an ingathering for Swaddling Clothes ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Anyone may bring donations of diapers or wipes to the church. The collection will be gathered in the bins in the Noah room.

Cost of the retreat is \$35. Scholarships are available; email Anne Guthrie. Checks are payable to LWCC. Give cash/checks to Becky Lanning.

Sign up at the LWCC women's ministry board in the lobby. Attendees may bring a snack to share. (Meals are provided.) Please bring bedding, a Bible, pen, and scissors. We have carpools leaving from church at various times on Friday afternoon. We will be back in Greenwood before 5 p.m. Saturday.

## By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is “occupied with joy in his heart” and is able to sleep in peace, “whether he eats little or much,” because he knows that the “days of his life” are “the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he “shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand” (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult “for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet “all things are possible with God” (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through “the eye of a needle,” through death and the grave, “to enter the kingdom of God” on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the “great high priest who has passed through the heavens” (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20 Psalm: Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 14 Epistle: Hebrews 4:1–13 Epistle: Hebrews 4:1–16 Gospel: Mark 10:23–31 Introit: Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18 Gradual: Psalm 91:11; 103:1 Verse: Mark 10:27b

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## Preschool

We have lots of fall fun at Preschool! In September, our 3's/4's class went to Anderson Orchard to learn about apples. In October, our PreK class will go to Kelsay Farms to learn about animals and dairy farms.

**In October, we have an event and we need YOUR help.** Both of our classes dress up and trick or treat at church. We would like our church members and parents available to pass out treats to the Preschoolers. Here are the days and times, we need volunteers to pass out **individually wrapped, store bought treats**:

**October 31st, 9-9:30am; PreK class, 10 students  
November 1st, 9am-9:30am, 3's/4's class, 5 students**

Students begin trick or treating at 9:15am, but we need everyone to come around 9am so we can set up our trail! We will have some coffee and sweet treats available for helpers and parents. Thank you to anyone who is available to come and participate.

## Sunday School/Youth Group

In October, our young Sunday School friends will be doing the following lessons: Saul Becomes King, David and Goliath, David and Jonathan, and a Reformation lesson to celebrate Reformation Day.

Our older Sunday School friends will continue memorizing their books of the Bible and doing science experiments with their lessons. They will also join us for our Reformation lesson.

Our Jr. High and High School students finished their study on Joshua and decided to study the book of Hosea.

## Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study



In September, we finished the Lutheran Hour Ministry Bible Study *Lost Books?* At the end of September, we started a different set of Bible Studies. I was inspired by the beautiful art of the Kloria Publishing books and my music teacher, Mark Bender, from grade school. In grade school, we would memorize the “hymn of the month.” The school worked to memorizing a hymn each month that we would sing every week in Chapel.

Older students would work with Mr. Bender on a hymn study in music class. He would talk about the different Bible verses, theology, and other important information about the hymns. I admit, as a preteen, I did not appreciate these as much as I should. Now, I better appreciate the teaching through the hymns. I also know the ladies who went to the LWML retreat a few years ago, enjoyed learning more about some of their favorite hymns.

I will use Kloria Publishing books, LCMS hymn of the day, and other resources for this Bible Study. I'm excited because Mr. Bender sent me hymn studies for three of the hymns. Here are the hymn studies Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study (7pm-8:30pm) is doing:

September 24 The Will of God is Always Best  
October 8 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe  
October 22 A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
November 12 Lord, Thee I Love With All my Heart  
November 26 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
December 10 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

## HONEY SUNDAYS

Honey Sundays are November 3 and 10. You may order bottles (\$10 ea.) of honey from **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**. All proceeds go directly to the Ranch, none of the \$10 is kept at Concordia. Checks are made out to LWCC. The Ranch mails bottles directly to you in late autumn.

To learn more about the Ranch, go <https://>



[www.dakotaranch.org](http://www.dakotaranch.org)

## West Wing Renovation

**Calling all Crafters!** We will be having a craft fair in February as a fundraiser for our West Wing Renovation Campaign. If you would like to make crafts to sell, please reach out to Heidi Ford, Diane Conrad, or Adele Tinsley.

## Thanks to Volunteers

Thank you to John Bertsch, Diane Conrad, Genny Hartley, Sue Ranbarger, Tracy Guinn, and her sister, Missy Hardy, for volunteering for the water stop at the August 31 Indy Women's Running Festival Half Marathon. For their help, we'll receive \$150 for the Tuzla Mission in Bosnia. We'll have another opportunity to help at a water stop next spring. You can watch for details as they are announced. Ruth Everson

"The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit." *A Mighty Fortress is Our God stanza 4*

At the end of the month, we celebrate Reformation Day. Most know Reformation Day as the day we celebrate Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg and thus sparking the Reformation. Martin Luther was many things. A father, son, monk, reformer, theologian, but also a composer and writer of hymns. His song *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* is sometimes called the battle hymn of the Reformation.

This hymn is based on Psalm 46 which contains many beautiful verses. My favorite being, Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" That verse may not be part of the foundation of the hymn text; but I think it is a good reminder to be still. It is easy to sing many hymns and not put much thought into the beautiful lyrics. Sometimes it's nice to slow down, be still, and focus on these Biblically rich hymns we've been gifted throughout generations.

Reading John 1, we realize the Word is Christ. The devil, the world, and our sinful nature cannot defeat Christ. Christ will always remain. He is always by our side in any struggle with His gifts and the Holy Spirit, given to us in our Baptism. We can always remember that, "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

In all the greatest battles, Christ is with us. Christ has already won. He's given us His ultimate victory. He continues to give us His good gifts to strengthen us in every battle that is ahead. He's also made a place for all believers in heaven. The place where no evil can ever triumph because there the Word reigns on his throne, forever.

~ Sarah Shadday  
Director, Christian Education and Preschool

# October 2024 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[F] St. Michael and All /</li> <li>LWR Item Dedication -</li> <li>Nineteenth Sunday aft</li> <li>3 more</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Church Council</li> </ul>	<p>Oct 1</p> <p>Collection week for LWR</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30am Game Night</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LWR - Truck/loaded</li> <li>10am O.A.</li> </ul>
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LWML Sunday</li> <li>Twentieth Sunday aft</li> <li>9:30am Worship</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Properties</li> <li>7pm Elders</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Women's Tues</li> </ul>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Concordia Women's Retreat Lakeview</li> <li>9am Quilting</li> <li>10am O.A.</li> </ul>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twenty-first Sunday af</li> <li>9:30am Worship</li> <li>10:45am Sunday Sci</li> <li>6pm Sunday Womer</li> </ul>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[F] St. Luke, Evangelist</li> </ul>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am O.A.</li> </ul>
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twenty-second Sunday</li> <li>9:30am Worship</li> <li>10:45am Sunday Sci</li> <li>6pm Sunday Womer</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Church Council</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Women's Tues</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[F] St. James of Jerusa</li> </ul>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am O.A.</li> </ul>
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twenty-third Sunday af</li> <li>9:30am Worship</li> <li>10:45am Trunk or Tr</li> <li>6pm Sunday Womer</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[F] St. Simon and St. JL</li> </ul>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[F] Reformation Day</li> <li>9am Preschool Trick</li> </ul>	<p>Nov 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[F] All Saints' Day</li> <li>9am Preschool Trick</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Church Work D</li> <li>9am LWML Event at</li> <li>10am O.A.</li> </ul>

# Treasurers Report

*August 2024*

<b>Income Descriptions</b>	<u>Aug 2023</u> <b>4 Sundays</b>	<u>Aug 2024</u> <b>4 Sundays</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Unified Budget	16,765.00	14,974.35	196,522.20
Memorials (Non-Designated)	-	-	2,130.00
Memorials (Designated)	205.00		150.00
Designated Gifts	558.50	5,701.43	29,544.98
Reimbursements & Refunds		-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	120.00	-	340.00
Miscellaneous	2,060.76		74,352.13
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,709.26</b>	<b>20,675.78</b>	<b>303,039.31</b>
Average per week Unified Budget	4,191.25	3,743.59	5,780.06
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,476.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

<b>Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses</b>	<b>Aug-24</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Missions - District Synod	500.00	4,000.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	6,000.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	<u>187.50</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,437.50</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>

<b>Board Expenses</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Church Checking Account Balance Aug 2024</b>	
Pastoral Care	3,765.29	47,347.09	125,400.00	Beginning	192,876.32
Christian Education	6,983.35	59,490.82	81,800.00	Deposits	20,675.78
Congregational Worship	-	1,639.61	7,200.00	Payments	<u>88,970.32</u>
Missions & Outreach	2,527.97	11,436.82	21,500.00	Ending Balance	124,581.78
Office	379.79	6,725.11	32,500.00		
Properties	<u>9,706.57</u>	74,509.02	81,500.00		
<b>Unified Budget Total</b>	<b>23,362.97</b>	<b>201,148.47</b>	<b>349,900.00</b>		

<b>Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts</b>	<b>Balance 08-31-2024</b>
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,606.74
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,123.06
Building Fund - 2978	19,687.29
Capital Improvements	10,343.77
Church Sign	958.06
Church Landscaping	867.60
Heine Family Project	1,706.09
Total Capital Improvements - 9545	13,876.52
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,478.48
Inheritance Fund - 7423	123,647.17
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	<u>147.62</u>
<b>Total in LCEF Steward Accounts</b>	<b>172,565.88</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>67.76</b>

<b>Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord</b>			
	<b>Children SS</b>	<b>Youth SS</b>	<b>ADULT SS</b>
August 25, 2024	11	4	27
September 1, 2024	10	3	14
September 8, 2024	10	4	21
September 15, 2024	11	3	27
September 22, 2024	8	2	20

<b>Worship</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Tithes</b>
August 25, 2024	91	94	\$3,671.35
September 1, 2024	91	90	\$5,700.00
September 8, 2024	94	73	\$2,110.00
September 15, 2024	94	99	\$2,535.00
September 22, 2024	92	104	\$3,327.00

**INTERCESSION and PRAYER**  
**(Matthew 8:17)**

**Concordia Members**

Testing / Recovery:

- Diane Smith
- Kevin Horn
- Diane Beam-Garland
- Gene Waltz
- Jim Roemer
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale



**Friends of Concordia**

- Lee Guinn 9/1/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- Bob Sellers 8/27/24
- Josephine Shafer 8/13/24
- Leeroy & Vernon Good 6/10/24
- 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

**Battling Cancer / MS**

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

**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 Gravely)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger ( c/o 6565-A Kekahuna Pl., Kailua, HI 96734)



**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:

- 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

**10/6      Fit to Be Tied**  
**10/13     Difficult People**  
**10/20     Children of God -- No Longer Losers**  
**10/27     God-Struggles**

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

**Worship Anew—Sundays**  
 WRTV (TV 6) 7:00 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

### Oct. Wedding Anniversaries:

Allen & Albi Distler (70) 10/5	Mike & Jeri Pardieck (50) 10/13
Dave & Lorna Warren (45) 10/6	Philip & Sharon Caruana (52) 10/14
Kevin & Becky Horn (48) 10/9	Dave & Vicki Wilson (47) 10/15
Dean & Tammy Owen (26) 10/10	Andrew & Emily McNally (8) 10/15
Chris & Beth Forster (21) 10/11	Steve & Shannon Barrick (20) 10/24
Larry & Deb Brooks (11) 10/12	Jim & Julia Yeater (32) 10/24

### October Birthdays:

Brooks, Abigail                  10/1	Mihu, Rose                      10/17
Brooks, Kaylee                 10/1	Everson, Ray                    10/17
Markel III, Bruce               10/1	Santiago Salazar, Aria       10/17
Larson, Janet                    10/4	Finger, Anne                    10/23
Guinn, Luke                     10/4	Marot, Michael                10/24
Monroe, Carol                  10/5	Tinsley, Margaret             10/27
Thetford, Tyler                 10/5	Olmos, Adriana                10/31
Barkes, Linda                  10/11	Marot, Caroline                10/31
Yeater, Julia                     10/11	

### Church Council

**President**  
 Bruce Markel

**Vice-President**  
 Chris Brooks

Mike Emkes, Elder

Mike Finger, Elder

Mike Ford

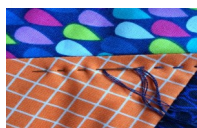
Emily McNally

Julia Yeater

**Recording Secretary**  
 Edie Masters

**Treasurer**  
 Tammy Owen

**Financial Secretary**  
 Carol Monroe



Quilting Oct. 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!

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