

THE Concordia Messenger



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

January 2025

Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my Son” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ’s sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

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Sunday School

Young Children are learning about the Wisemen’s Visit (January 5), Jesus’s Baptism (January 12), Mary and Martha (January 19), and Jesus Seeks the Lost (January 26).

Older Children are doing Bible lessons with science experiments. They will start learning about the Israelites in the Promised Land. These kids meet in the Luther Room

Youth are continuing through the Minor Prophets. These youth meet upstairs in the youth room.

Adults will have Bible Studies led by Pastor Fangmeyer in the Fellowship Hall.

Women’s Tuesday Night Bible Study

We will study women in the Bible and we will meet from 7pm-8:30pm on the following days: January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, April 8 and 22, and May 13 and 27.

Director of Christian Education

Thank you.

Those are two words I never say enough to everyone at Concordia. I used to be better at writing and giving out thank you notes. Over the past few years, I’ve discovered a lot of the notes I write end up on the floor of my car sporting a footprint or three, bent at

the bottom of a bag, or hidden under something that I don’t remember having the note near in the first place.

I know I don’t thank everyone enough; but I know those who serve at Concordia in various ways don’t do it for thank you notes or praise. You serve because of your love for God. Thank you all for using your gifts and talents to serve God at Concordia. Thank you for sitting on different boards and committees. Thank you for helping plan events, set up and clean up events, and for hosting them. Thank you for being in Bible Study together. Thank you for bringing food to events. Thank you for doing all of the little things people don’t know you do. I do also have some very special thank yous I would like to share.

The first, a very special thank you to Pastor Fangmeyer and Pastor Keinath. They have both been a huge blessing to Concordia. Without them and many other LCMS pastors helping fill our pulpit, we would not have received God’s Word and Sacrament every week through our vacancy.

The second, thank you to all who serve on the altar guild and those who help us prepare for our church services. Without you, we would not be able to participate in Holy Communion every week.

Thank you also to our elders who find pastors to serve us every week and who collectively help care for the spiritual needs of our congregation.

Thank you to Andrea Kaiser who has served us for twenty years as our church organist. Thank you also to Chris Brooks who has stepped up to fill in when Andrea isn’t able to play.

Thank you to those on the Call Committee who continue to seek God’s wisdom and guidance in finding a new pastor to serve at Concordia.

Thank you also to our Preschool staff who serve God and the children at our Preschool each and every day.

I could list everyone’s name here individually because so many of you serve God here at Concordia. Thank you everyone for serving the Lord with gladness. I pray you continue to serve him in all you say, think, and do. That you continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord and come into His presence with Thanksgiving. For the Lord is good and his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

~Sarah Shadday

January Congregational Fellowship Events

We will have **Game Nights** once a month starting in January. This is a great time to talk, eat, and play games together. A light dinner will be served around 6pm at each game night. Everyone is welcome to bring any extra snacks, drinks, or games they would like. Our upcoming game nights will be on these Fridays from 5:30pm-8:30pm:

January 17 Pizza and Salad
 February 7 Gordon Food Service BBQ Sandwiches and Salad
 March 14 Pizza and Salad
 April 25 Costco Chicken, Salad, and Potatoes
 May 16 Pizza and Salad

We will host the Right for **Life Euchre Tournament** February 22. To enter the tournament, participants should bring a pack of diapers. The diapers will be donated to a local organization.



Preschool

Thank you to everyone who came to our Pre-school Program and Advent Service on December 18th. It was nice seeing so many family, friends, and church members there. The kids enjoyed sharing the true story of Jesus's birth.

If anyone is looking for a Preschool, Concordia is doing EARLY Registration. We will have registration materials available on Monday, January 20th. Here is information that can be shared with others:

PreK child should be 4 and potty trained by August 1st, 2025

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon

\$175/month for 10 months

3's child should be 3 and potty trained by August 1st, 2025

Tuesday, Friday 9am-11:30am

\$125/month for 10 months

Registration Fee

\$80 if registered by March 1st

\$100 if registered by May 21st

\$125 for any day AFTER May 21st

~Sarah Shadday



LWML Mission Grants at Work

2024 Indiana LWML District Convention Large Grant Recipient #1

CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students— \$12,000

The Food Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne provides help to 85% of student families with monthly grocery needs at no cost to them. The Food Co-op is a blessing for families operating on a student budget. Operating as an actual cooperative, each family volunteers monthly to receive points used to purchase grocery items.

2023-2025 Mission Grant #21
(Milwaukee Convention)

Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church — Lutheran Family Services, U.S. — \$106,000

God directs the church to care for those He calls to serve in ministry. Church workers and their families regularly face unprecedented stress, challenges, and suffering, which affects their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual well-being. There is an urgent need for the church to support and care for church workers.

Lutheran Family Services is responding to this need by launching a campaign to fund expanding its services to support church workers and their families beyond Iowa and into the greater Midwest. These professional services are provided on an ability-to-pay basis by the support of individuals and congregations without funding from the Synod or government to not limit their Christ-centered ministry.

This grant will help increase their ministry team of masters-level, licensed therapists who provide Christ-centered marriage and family counseling.



Launched at the Iowa District West Convention in the summer of 2022, Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb shares a personal testimony of his struggle as a young pastor and how an LFS counselor helped him by bringing professional support and the love of Jesus to him at a time when he was at a point of potential ministry burnout. Dr. Lamb reminded the group that he — and most pastors — are good at hiding their pain.

Giving Updates

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our **Thanksgiving baskets, Giving Tree, Samaritan's Purse, Gift Cards for the Seminary Christmas, and The Refuge**. We know we have many giving opportunities at the end of the year. With your kindness and generosity the past few months, we were able to share God's love with others by:

- Providing a Thanksgiving dinner to two families in the Northeast Elementary School in our Greenwood Community.
- Provide Christmas gifts for the children and parents to two families in Northeast Elementary School.
- Provide boxes of gifts for kids around the world.
- Provide over \$930 in gift cards to give to future pastors and their families.
- Provide items for The Refuge Food Pantry in Greenwood.

Thank you for being kind stewards of the gifts God gives you and sharing those with others in need.



January 2025 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 First Sunday after Christmas 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible	30 [F] New Year's Eve [F] New Year's Eve	31 New Year's Day [F] Circumcision and Name of	1 [F] The Confession of St.	2 [F] The Conversion of St.	3 10am - O.A.	4 10am - O.A.
5 Second Sunday after 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible	6 The Epiphany of Our Lord 6:30pm - Properties 7pm - Elders	7 7pm - Women's Tuesday	8 [F] The Confession of St.	9 9am - Quilting 10am - O.A.	10 [F] The Conversion of St.	11 10am - O.A.
12 First Sunday after the The Baptism of Our Lord 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible	13 7pm - Church Council	14 7pm - Women's Tuesday	15 [F] The Confession of St.	16 [F] The Conversion of St.	17 [F] The Confession of St.	18 [F] The Confession of St. 10am - O.A.
19 Second Sunday after the 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible	20 Inauguration Day (regional) Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 [F] St. Timothy, Pastor and	22 [F] The Confession of St.	23 [F] The Conversion of St.	24 [F] St. Timothy, Pastor and	25 [F] The Conversion of St. 10am - O.A.
26 Third Sunday after the [F] St. Titus, Pastor and 9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday School 6pm - Sunday Women's Bible	27 7pm - Women's Tuesday	28 7pm - Women's Tuesday	29 [F] The Confession of St.	30 [F] The Conversion of St.	31 10am - O.A.	1 10am - O.A.

Treasurers Report

November 2024

Income Descriptions	Nov 2023 4 Sundays	Nov 2024 4 Sundays	Total to Date
Unified Budget	22,370.39	27,183.18	257,219.38
Memorials (Non-Designated)	225.00	-	2,130.00
Memorials (Designated)	-	2,835.00	48,014.75
Designated Gifts	1,026.84	2,512.61	34,416.45
Reimbursements & Refunds	485.27	-	-
Rents & Wedding Fees	-	-	535.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	74,352.13
Total Income	24,107.50	18,844.25	416,667.71
Average per week Unified Budget	5,592.60	4,258.00	7,565.28
Amount needed per week for Unified Budget	6,570.00	6,728.85	6,728.85

Support is included in Unified Budget Expenses	Oct-24	Total to Date
Missions - District Synod	500.00	7,500.00
Lutheran High School	750.00	8,250.00
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry	187.50	2,062.50
Total Support	1,437.50	17,812.50

Board Expenses	November 2024	Total To Date	Total Budget
Pastoral Care	2,708.16	57,819.29	125,400.00
Christian Education	6,859.38	84,142.12	81,800.00
Congregational Worship	1,499.99	4,814.40	7,200.00
Missions & Outreach	1,537.50	20,784.54	21,500.00
Office	1,688.88	13,125.47	32,500.00
Properties	4,558.51	167,958.65	81,500.00
Unified Budget Total	18,852.42	348,644.47	349,900.00

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Steward Accounts	Balance 11-30-2024
Anniversaries & Birthday - 1073	4,630.77
Board of Youth - Trip - 5446	7,160.22
Building Fund - 2978	19,806.46
Capital Improvements	10,396.67
Church Sign	966.40
Church Landscaping	874.39
Heine Family Project	1,717.58
Total Capital Improvements - \$13885.53	13,955.04
Concordia Cares - 6370	3,495.26
Inheritance Fund - 7423	124,553.65
Preschool Landscaping & Gardening - 2434	148.33
Total in LCEF Steward Accounts	173,749.73
Interest Earned	487.18

Our Spiritual Response in Worship, Bible Study and Giving to our Lord			
	Children SS	Youth SS	ADULT SS
November 24, 2024	0	0	0
December 1, 2024	10	3	22
December 8, 2024	7	3	29
December 15, 2024	0	0	0
December 22, 2024	16	3	17

Worship	2023	2024	Tithes
November 24, 2024	82	101	\$10,245.00
December 1, 2024	87	91	\$6,709.00
December 8, 2024	99	90	\$6,391.64
December 15, 2024	87	82	\$6,625.60
December 22, 2024	78	90	\$6,309.45

INTERCESSION and PRAYER
(Matthew 8:17)

**Concordia Members
Surgery/Testing/
Recovery:**

- Cindy Emkes
- Betsy Krinhop
- Betty Economou
- Mike Emkes
- Gene Waltz
- Jim Roemer
- Peter Economou
- Tommy Ragsdale



Friends of Concordia

- Mary Grace McCullar 12/18/24
- Russell McCullar 12/18/24
- Tyshae Smith 8/28/24
- 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, Ste-
ve & 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
- 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

- 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 Cir-
cle, Indianapolis IN 46237

Military Servicemen & women.

- Erica Stephenson, Army, National Guard
- LTJG Chloe (Owen) Munoz, 8153 Vil-
lage Gate Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32217
- Ivan Munoz, (USS Gravelly)
- Zach Goins, 822 Timbervale Trail, High-
lands Ranch, CO, 80129 (Navy Reserve)
- CPL Jadon Ranbarger (2166 Marmande
St., Kailua, HI 96734)



Quilting We will start up again on
January 11 at 9 am weather permitting.
We will be needing donations of clean
and unstained flat sheets to use as
backing for the quilts if you have any
that you would like to be put to good
use. Consider coming and helping with
the tying.

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

1/5 In the Beginning Was Dialogue
1/12 What's This Neighborhood Coming To?
1/19 He Made Me a Believer
1/26 An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told

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

January Birthdays:

Guinn, Tracy	1/4
Tinsley, Mike	1/6
Dempsey, Matt	1/8
Krall, Norma	1/9
Bass, Emma	1/12
Kearns, Heidi	1/13
Bass, Chandler	1/15
Reed, Shawn	1/16
Thetford, Lori	1/16
Thetford, Jared	1/22
Ackerman, Deborah	1/24
Whitrock, Cliff	1/24
Economou, Peter	1/24
Moyers, Tony	1/25
Neumann, Miriam	1/25
Moyers, Regina	1/27
Moreth, Wrigley	1/29
Ragsdale, Tommy	1/30

Wedding Anniversaries:

January	Years	Date
Jake & Erin Gates	7	1/12
Bruce & Pennie Markel	7	1/12
Connie & Richard Howrey	15	1/22
Mike & Adele Tinsley	43	1/23
Jim & Doris Roemer	67	1/25

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

HUMOR CORNER

Proverbs 17:22 "A merry heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

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