

Concordia Newsletter

August 2023



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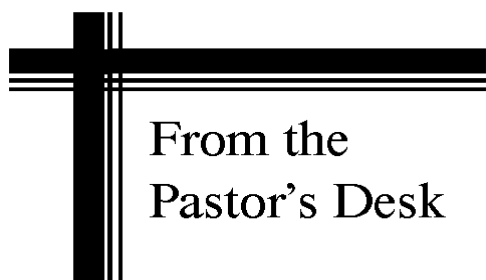
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Worship Times

Sunday 9:00am Contemporary

Sunday 11:00am Traditional



From the
Pastor's Desk

COMMANDMENT 3

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY

BY KEEPING IT HOLY

The Third Commandment sounds like an easy one to obey and is usually presented as such. Following this approach, we could simplify the Commandment and just say, “Go to Church!” For purposes of this article, let us focus on that word, “holy.” How is something kept holy? For something to be kept holy it must be holy from the start. And, for something to be holy from the start it must come from God, who alone is holy.

The original recipients of the Commandments, (the children of Israel), took God’s holy gift of a Sabbath rest and turned it into an ever-expanding, self-imposed, unholy burden. One website, (Orthodox Union) lists 39 categories of work prohibited by Sabbath Law. *Carrying, burning, extinguishing, finishing, writing, erasing, cooking, washing, sewing, tearing, knotting, untying, shaping, plowing, planting, reaping, harvesting, threshing, winnowing, selecting, sifting, grinding, kneading, combing, spinning, dyeing, chain-stitching, warping, weaving, unraveling, building, demolishing, trapping, shearing, slaughtering, skinning, tanning, smoothing, marking.*

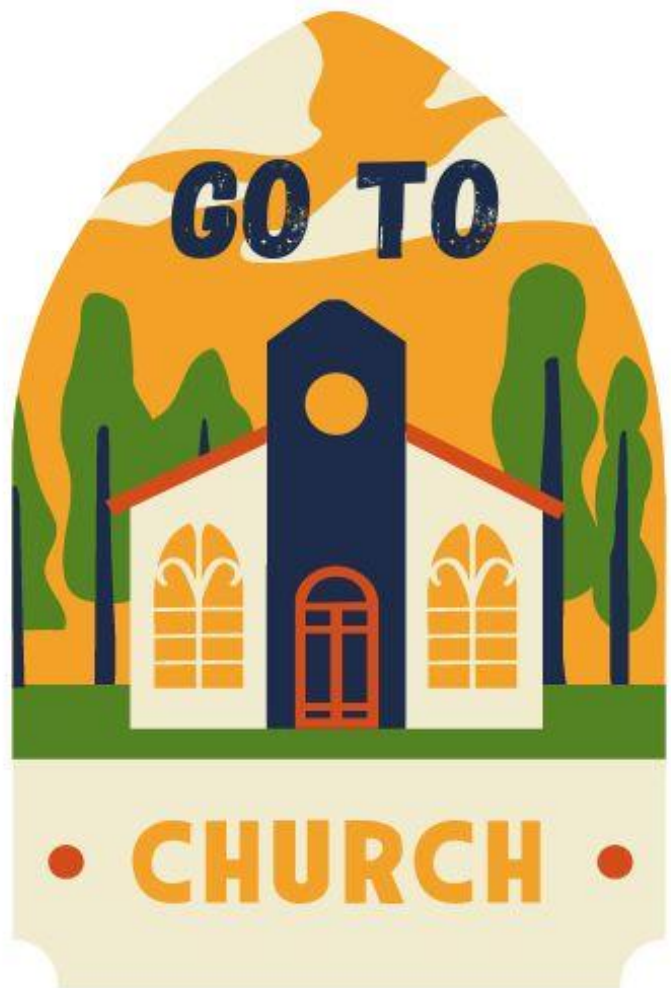
As if that were not enough, under each category is a list of examples of what violates the Sabbath Law. For example, under “Slaughtering,” we read, “This includes the killing of any living creature. Swatting a fly or mosquito is also included, as is wounding or bruising an animal or human being. Deadly snakes and wasps, which pose a danger to human life, may be killed on the Sabbath.” Could any one of us begin to understand the crushing burden of trying to comply with such an extensive list of laws? Where do we go for relief?

The Gospels record the words of Jesus who said, “The Sabbath was made for man not man for the Sabbath.” Jesus further stated, “The Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath.” Because Jesus was sacrificed, slaughtered for us all we are not burdened by this Command, but we receive it as God intends. It is a gift, a holy gift that we keep holy by continually receiving His love and forgiveness that comes to us in Worship.

The Third Commandment, “Go to Church?” Yes! But go not in order to appease an angry God who seeks to lay unattainable burdens on our shoulders. Go to Church because the holy rest God has for your weary souls has been accomplished by the Savior and is given to you in abundance each and every Lord’s Day. See you in Church!!!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Geml



Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

From the Board of Assimilation:

Thank you for attending our 5th Sunday Fellowship Event! We hope you all enjoyed hanging out with members of Concordia while sharing a light meal, ice cream and a treasure hunt for the children.

Below are our current board members after the most recent elections:

Sandy Von Rentzell – Chair

Katrina Palozzi – Co-Chair

Ann Marie Blackmon

Adam Campbell

Donna Grigg

Martha Staley

Would you like to see a special event at Concordia? Please let one of us know and we can look into it.

Concordia Book Club – 2023 Fall/Winter Book Study

Watch next month's newsletter for the starting date. Will meet the 1st and 3rd Tue at 10:00 a.m. - Library

YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT - Max Lucado

Author Max Lucado unpacks the book of Esther's promise and invitation: Relief will come for the weary! God used her to save her nation and God can do the same with you.

Your life is a crafted narrative written by the author of life who is working toward your supreme good and a sublime ending. If you feel worn out and ill-equipped to weather your storm, find comfort that today's crisis and confusion will be tomorrow's conquest. God's way will triumph!

God never promised us a life without trials, but he does promise to be with us as we walk through them. Trust that he can redeem your struggles for a mighty purpose. You, friend, were made for this moment.



The children's "Happy Times" booklets have arrived for August & September. If your child did not come home with a copy from Sunday School, you can pick one up at the Praise Service or in the church transept area.

These booklets are a great way for parents to engage with their young ones in discovering more about Jesus and His great love for them.

Carolinas District LWML Retreat

When: August 18-20, 2023

Where: Camp Linn Haven

Theme: "Finding God's Joy Everywhere!"

Dean: Pastor Christopher Stout

Philippians 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say
REJOICE!"



Date: August 8, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM

What: Potluck Lunch

Special Guest Speaker: Molly Grantham from WBTV Channel 3 NEWS.

Because of our special guest speaker, there will not be a business meeting. We will email everyone the financial report and the secretary report.

Molly will make time after her presentation to visit and offer her books for sale and book signing.

It is time again for the drawing for the **Camp Linn Haven Boosters Club** fund raiser. The drawing will be Wednesday September 20, 2023 at Bethel Lutheran Church. The tickets are \$100, the grand prize is \$10,000. Only 300 tickets are sold. To get your ticket see Doug Brady, or go by the church office. Proceeds will go to the funding of the new bridge. Construction of the new bridge is complete, along with the landscaping. This year's drawing and meal will be in person, takeout meals can be picked up at the door.



Hospital/Out Patient: Betty Heavner, Diana Long, Nilza Artelt,

Sympathy to: The family of Darlene Dellinger.

Other Prayer Needs: Our church and school staff and students; the unchurched in our area and throughout the world; our church, school; and leadership; peace; our national and world leaders; People in Ukraine; World Hunger Crisis; Marriages; Sudan, Ukraine.

*In Celebration of
50 Years of Marriage*

The Family of Arthur D. and Grace R. Yunker invite you to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 12, 2023, in a very special way.

Because we are so far apart, we ask friends and family members to shower Grace and Art with cards on their Golden Anniversary!

We hope we can count on you to send a card and (if convenient) a recent photo of your family.

Please send your cards and photos to:

*Rev. & Mrs. Arthur D. Yunker
385 Whitney Blvd. #1
Lake Lure, NC 28746*

Thank you, and God Bless!



The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm at the Brian Long Ministry Center. We will be having a "Beach Games Competition". We will be competing in Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, and Ladder Ball. We will either be grilling or making specialty pizzas in an Ooni. Bring your cooler and your appetite. All men of the church are invited. Send Bill Unverfehrt a text (828-238-4239) or email (bunverfehrt@gmail.com) if you will be attending so we can accurately plan for food.



Lutheran Layman's League



Concordia's Lutheran Laymen's League meets in the school cafeteria on the third Sunday of the month for a great breakfast, a topic, and fellowship. All men of the church are welcome to be a part of this organization that raises thousands of dollars each year for the ministries in this area. A big thank you to the LLL for donating \$250 to Concordia's Back-to-School Bash to purchase school supplies for Newton-Conover Middle School and Shuford Elementary School. The LLL also donated \$250 towards the "One in Christ" Community Outreach Event at the Fairgrounds. Come and be a part of a great godly group of men that exists to promote the Gospel and help people in need. For more information, please contact President Terry Kuchenbecker or the Church Office.



The subscription/renewal cost is:

Pocket Size: \$ 9.50

Digest Size: \$ 17.50

Large Print: \$ 17.50

Creative Haven

Join us on August 6 from 3-5pm. Back by popular demand, another demonstration on making gelli prints will be offered. Prepare to have fun creating mono-prints on many different media. [Thanksgiving journals](#) will also be introduced. (Click on Thanksgiving journals for a preview.) Refreshments will be served!

"One in Christ" Community Outreach

Church Council has approved Concordia's participation in this service event scheduled for August 19th (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM) at the Hickory American Legion Fair Grounds. We will be showing love to our Catawba County neighbors by providing food, games, and school supplies. The event is being organized by St. John's Lutheran, with participation from many other churches throughout the county. Please consider making a monetary donation for food and supplies, or baking/purchasing a cake or cupcakes, as Concordia will be in charge of the "cake walk" game. Anyone who would like to help or would like more information, please contact David Isenhower, Fred Farmer, Audra Kuchenbecker, or Pat Welch. Please pray for this event - that families will be blessed and witness the love of Christ in His people.

WHATS NEW?

Have you, or someone in your household, recently moved? Maybe a parent has moved to a care facility, or an adult child has gotten their own place or recently married? Maybe one of your children start college in the fall? Help us to keep your information current; please call Susan Harman at the church office (828-464-3324) or email sharman@concordianc.org with your new address or other updated information.

INDIVIDUAL DAILY DEVOTION RESOURCES

Take one or more of these devotional resources with you on vacation. Stay close to Jesus, after all He died for you.

E-mail Daily Devotion

- Luther Seminary – God Pause <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>
- LWML – Mustard Seed - <https://www.lwml.org/todays-mustard-seed-devotion>
- Lutheran Hour – Daily Devotions - <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

APPS FOR OUR PHONES

LHM Video Bible Studies App

- Bible Studies with Streaming Videos, study guides and downloads

Project Connect Mobile App

- Topical Booklet Ministry that is an excellent Evangelism source
- Topics include Abuse Addiction, Domestic Violence and Life Skills
- Includes booklets for children that you can read with them when you're on the go

The Lutheran Hour

- Listen to current or archived sermon - <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom>

KFUO Radio

- Podcasts – Listen online or subscribe to over 22 different podcasts
- Daily Chapel
- Moment for the Family
- Morning Prayer Sermonette
- Bible Studies
- youthEsource

www.KFUO.org for a program directory

Portals of Prayer – Subscription Required

- Daily Devotions
- Martin Luther's Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
- Blessings before a Meal and returning Thanks after a Meal
- Order of Family Worship

Bible Gateway - <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

- Library of Bible Study Resources
- Read, search or navigate scripture.
- Listen to audio as you read the Bible or use audio by itself
- Make notes about scripture

Focus on the Family - <https://www.focusonthefamily.com>

- Largest collection of Focus on the Family Episodes for Parenting, Marriage and Spiritual Growth
- 30 Day reading of Scripture plan
- Social Topics including teen suicide and pro-life

RightNow Media - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/> - FREE to join.

- Biblically based Videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery and more.
- Audio only mode for podcasts or audio books
- Share content with friends and family
- View, Print and study scripture with built in reader



Joy in Living – A Ladies Tea Devotion, Part 3

For the past two months we have been discovering more about joy, one of the fruits of the Spirit that the Apostle Paul preached about. We have learned that a fruit of the Spirit is the supernatural and spontaneous work of the Holy Spirit in us and characterizes the people of God. Then we looked at where we can find joy of this nature. We discovered that joy is found on our lips, in the works of God’s hands, in the trials we face, and in the Presence of God. This month we conclude our short study of joy by understanding how we can nurture and keep joy as a part of our godly character.

How Do We Keep Joy?

Joy is already ours as it is one of the fruits of the Spirit. That means whoever has the Spirit dwelling within them already has joy automatically. As the Spirit speaks the Word of God into our hearts and minds, it reminds us that our Father wants us to live with joy.

1. Trusting in God. Trusting in the Resurrected Promise.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
Romans 15:13

2. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2

3. Joy is found in serving others – having a heart of servanthood. Being a blessing to others.

***“I delight to do Your will, O my God;
Your law is within my heart.”***
Psalms 40:8

What is God’s will? That we love one another as He has loved us – without exception! God’s will is placing others before ourselves. It is doing good, and **giving** joy! It is what Jesus did for His people in the past and what he does for us today. (Wedding at Cana, healing the sick, making the lame to walk, the blind to see, etc.) Think of your own examples when you experienced true joy in what you did for someone. Finally, joy is found in the Resurrection Promise of eternal life given to us through the overwhelming love of Jesus which led Him to the redeeming cross. Enjoy living a life of Joy in Jesus!





Via de Cristo, "The Way of Christ" is a structured three-day weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew the faith of all Christian people. You will spend three days with Christ, immersed in an abundance of His grace while enjoying worship, singing, fellowship and instruction from clergy and lay team members at Camp Bethelwoods. The cost is \$100.

Upcoming Fall Weekends

September 28 - October 1 – Men's Weekend #82

October 5 - 9 – Women's Weekend #84

October 12 - 15 – Mixed Weekend #54

Roger & Martha Staley (Ambassadors/Sponsors)

You will need a sponsor to provide an application, answer any questions and help prepare you for your weekend. Sponsors will take you to the camp and bring you home afterwards.

Family Camp is September 8-10

We will for sure be setting up to watch the App. State vs. UNC-CH football game on Saturday. Thanks to Doug Brady, this may be a yearly event if our weekend falls on game day. LOL! Go Doug! Game-time is 5:15pm.

Other activities that can be available are corn hole (two sets), 9-square and disc golf. Planning by the Board of Christian Ed. is ongoing so watch for details of more activities to come!

Rates this year are: \$85 for adults - all children and youth, through 12 grade, camping fees will be covered by the church. For \$170/family, this is best deal around for a weekend in the mountains. Make checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to the church office or place in the offering plate between now and September 5th.



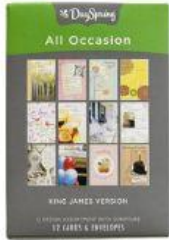
Use this QR code to sign-up for Family Camp. Families of all sizes are invited to attend this wonderful weekend at Camp Linn Haven.





Restocked and ready to sell
are all your favorite brands!

LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission



Concordia's LWML sell all these items and have recently restocked the closet! Knives, kitchen tools, and various baking and cookery supplies. See a representative selection at the church, or go to <https://radafundraising.com> and enter Conover NC 28613 and select Dorcas Society of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Buy your Happy Home Flavorings here. A selection of vanilla and lemon flavorings and extracts is available at all times. Excellent red food coloring is always on hand. Coarse-ground black Malabar pepper is another favorite.

Quality cards of all kinds are also available. Birthday, All Occasion, Christmas, Get Well and Sympathy boxed cards are now in stock.

Here is a good reason to join:

Did you know? "Dorcas Society" consists of women of Concordia Lutheran Church. Why are we called "Dorcas?" Well, partly because the Greek name has become more traditional than the Aramaic name, "Tabitha." Mainly, though, whether the good lady is known as Tabitha or Dorcas, the women of ancient Joppa and St. Peter himself commended her mission-mindedness and tenderness for the poor. See her story in Acts 9, following that of St. Paul's conversion and Aeneas's cure. Church ladies of every stripe call themselves "Dorcas" – just do a quick search, and you'll see that Concordia Lutheran Church in Conover NC, is far from the only "society," that is, women of a particular church, to call themselves Dorcas. Each time you purchase fundraising items, you help pave the way for miracles. Miracles? Yes, miracles. Perhaps not as dramatic as St. Peter's miracle with Dorcas, but every time a woman in mission touches a hungry soul with kindness in the name of Jesus, she helps spread the Kingdom. It's easy to be part of that miraculous process.



In addition to needing all types of bags to serve the less fortunate in our community, for August, ECCCM is collecting any item in a pop top can. These items are put into food bags for the homeless population of Catawba County.

As you do your weekly shopping in August, pick up a few cans of pop tops! Canned fruit and meats are just some of the items available. Will you contribute today?



It's hard to believe that the start of a new school year is just around the corner! While many children are still enjoying the freedoms of summer, retail stores are stocking their shelves with every imaginable school supply. To help students whose families are struggling financially in our community get off to a great start, the Board of Christian Education is hosting a "Back to School Bash" and we want you to be a part of it! Please bring a donation of any of the following school supplies: pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, ruled notebook paper, etc. Then join your Concordia family in some fellowship and fun. A light lunch will be provided, as well as planned activities for the children! This event is for our entire Concordia family as we kick off another school year celebrating our children. So come on out!!!

WHAT: Back to School Bash

WHEN: Sunday, August 13, 2023

TIME: 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

WHERE: Concordia's Family Life Center

If you are unable to attend the bash, you can still make a difference in the lives of these young children as they begin a new school year. Just bring your school supplies and place them in the baskets labeled, "Back to School Bash," which are found in the Family Life Center lobby, the church narthex, and the church transept area. If you would like to help and find it easier to write a check, please make it out to Concordia Luther Church and earmark it, "Back-to-School Bash." Thank you for sharing your caring heart and for making the start of a new school year a happy one for children in need!

***"And the King will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers (and sisters),
you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40***



What is Rally Day?

Rally Day is often celebrated in churches at the start of a new school year. It is not to be confused with a “Back-to School Bash” which is a separate event to help children in need within our own community.

Webster’s Dictionary defines “rally” as:

A verb: “to draw or call together for a common purpose”

A noun: meaning “a renewal of energy in joint action”

Rally Day originated at the turn of the last century and traditionally was held on the last Sunday of September. It was a time of ice cream socials, strong vigorous music, and processions of all Sunday School students from the youngest to the oldest. It was a time of spiritual rallying together. Although Rally Day may look somewhat different today, it continues to be a time of “drawing together for a common purpose” seeking the Holy Spirit’s power to “renew our energy” for worship, for digging into God’s Word, for praying, for serving, and for witnessing.

Because summer is a busier time filled with activities, vacations, and other events, it tends to draw church members away from each other – especially on weekends. Summer can also be a spiritually draining time as we fill our “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” with other priorities. We may begin the summer with good intentions of reading our Bibles daily, worshiping regularly, and attending Bible class. However, the reality is that summer’s hectic schedules can easily derail us from those good intentions. By the time summer comes to an end, we need a “renewal of energy” when it comes to our spiritual life. It’s much easier to renew our energy in a group rather than on our own. That’s why the church sets aside one special day a year for all members, young and old, to rally together for the common purpose of renewing our trust, obedience, knowledge, and love of Jesus. It is a day of deep spiritual significance as we commit our faithfulness to God and His Word.

Plan now to join your Concordia family as we rally together in the celebration of our faith!

When: Sunday, August 20, from 10:10am – 10:50

Where: The Church Narthex (entry to the church)

Who: Adults, Parents, Youth, Children – YOU!

Schedule

10:10 Refreshments, Parents sign-up children, Meet ‘n Greet Sunday School teachers

10:30 Teachers lead their students to their Sunday School classrooms for a “Get to Know You,” craft time, and goody bag.

10:50 Prayer & Dismissal



The Parent Block

Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents

Written by Kathy Unverfehrt



Scripture Verse

The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be,
and as I have purposed, so it will happen."

Isaiah 14:24 NIV

Reflection

As parents, we want not only the best for children, but we are convinced we know what is best for them. From the time our children are born, we dream of what they will become, and as they continue to grow and develop, we begin to activate our plans for them. We lay out their path and encourage them to be the best in their academics and whatever athletic, music, dance, or art endeavor they participate in. We begin grooming them at a very young age to perform at a higher and better level than others they are competing against. We may even plan what university they will attend, pushing for the same school that family has attended for generations. When the aspirations we have for our children are crushed, what is our response? Anger, frustration, or disappointment? Do we look for someone to blame other than ourselves? Do we stop and consider that the goals we have for our children may not be in alignment with God's goals for them? Our heavenly Father, who created our children and gave them life, did so with His own purpose for their existence. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God has a plan for His creation. God tells us in Isaiah that His plans WILL happen. So what is our role as a godly parent? Seek God's will and trust His plan for our children. When our own dreams and goals for our son's or daughter's life fail, look to God for his plan and purpose for their life. Every time we worry or are anxious about our children's life or future it is a reminder of how little control we truly have over their lives. Godly parenting means acknowledging that God is in control and putting total trust in His will for our children.

Parent Commitment

*I will seek God's plan and purpose for my child's life.
I will trust God and find joy in His ultimate power and authority.*



August 2023



Concordia Youth



Costa Rica International Mission Team

May God be Praised! 2 more people have signed up to serve in Costa Rica this November. We thank God for all the commitments! We are praying, learning about the country, securing Passports, creating logos, and serving together as a team. Our next meeting is Sunday, August 6th from 5:00-7:00pm in Youth Central! Thanks to our Concordia congregation for your prayer support!



Confirmation Orientation Meeting with Parents

Join us on Wednesday, August 23rd in Youth Central from 6:00-7:30pm to learn about this ministry of Christian education and spiritual growth!



SUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA is August 27th

Please join us for this community service outreach project. We worship together at Concordia, go serve our neighbors and then eat lunch together:

9am Worship

10am Serve the Community

12pm Group Lunch



Youth Carwash
for the Costa Rica International Mission Trip is Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 9:00-11:00am!



The Sr. Youth Council meets on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 12pm at Jennifer Montgomery's house! We'll see you there!

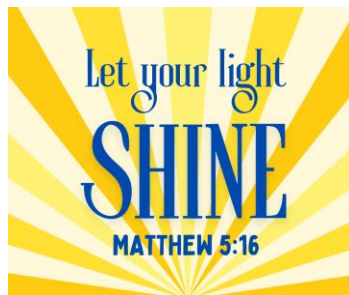


CONCORDIA
Christian Day School
A Tradition of *Excellence* in a Changing World

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to provide a comprehensive, excellence-driven education in which an integrated faith in Jesus Christ is fostered, celebrated, and shared throughout our community.

2023-2024 SCHOOL THEME



Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. This theme inspires chapel messages, songs, and activities throughout the school year. We want every child to shine their light for Jesus.

First Day of School

School begins on Wednesday, August 16, at 8:00 am, with an Opening Chapel Service at 8:45 am. All parents, grandparents, and friends of the family are welcome to join us for worship with our students. Preschool parents should note that their students will not be participating in chapel on the first day of school but will throughout the rest of the school year. Preschool students are dismissed at 11:30, and kindergarten – 8th-grade students at 11:45 am. There is no after-school childcare on this day.

August Mission Project

Every month, the school's chapel offerings are given to a charity organization. This month we designate our chapel offerings to the Corner Table's Backpack Program. The Backpack Program serves children in over forty local schools who face hunger on the weekends in Catawba and Alexander County.



Welcome, New Staff & Faculty!

We thank God for our talented Concordia staff members and their commitment to our children's education. We have been blessed to add a lot of new faces to our staff this year. To better meet the needs of our students, we have added full-time 2nd-4th Grade Teacher Assistants and part-time in 5th Grade. Please welcome Mrs. Brooke Bryant, Kindergarten; Mrs. Leslie Reed, 1st grade; Ms. Amanda Walters, 3rd grade; and Mrs. Kathy Pruitt, 5th grade. We also want to warmly welcome Ms. Caitlyn Snyder as our new Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Amy Coffey as our new Technology teacher, and Mr. Brent Pearson as our new PE Instructor and Athletic Director.

News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

August 2023

Strong Start to 2023-2024 School Year

The UCHS '23-'24 School Year is off to a rousing start by welcoming 35 new Barracudas, offering new & expanded courses, and three new staff members!

We are pleased to welcome our new principal, Mr. Colin Barrett. Mr. Barrett, a former UCHS history teacher, returns to UCHS after working for the Dept. of Justice. Mr. Barrett brings strong leadership skills, classroom experience, intellect, dedication, and an understanding of the unique culture of excellence in education, moral character, and servant leadership at UCHS.

We are also happy to welcome two new staff members, Elspeth Shepherd & Skylar Johnson. Ms. Shepherd will teach Religion 9 & 10 and Mr. Johnson will take on the role of Athletic Director, Basketball Coach, and Assistant Business Manager.

Outstanding AP Scores Reported

UCHS is thrilled to announce the results of our latest AP scores. An exceptional 96% of the 74 UCHS students tested received an AP score of 4 or above! The UCHS average AP score was 4.63 while the state average was 2.78. We congratulate those 74 students and their teachers on their impressive results and hard work!

9th Grade Openings for 2023-2024

UCHS is still accepting applications in the 9th grade for the 2023-2024 school. The online application can be found at www.uchigh.com under Admissions. If interested, don't delay!



August 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



DIRECT MY PATH: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Have a water balloon fight on a hot day. Donate 45¢	2 Enjoy an ice cream sandwich with a friend. Donate 15¢	3 Make a watermelon salad mixed with other fruit. Donate 30¢	4 Memorize Psalm 119:105. Donate 10¢	5 Visit the zoo with family. Donate 75¢
6 Make & enjoy root beer floats with a friend. Donate 20¢	7 Pray for teachers and administrators. Donate 60¢	8 Go to the library. Donate 10¢	9 Share homemade pizza. Donate 25¢	10 Play mini-golf with friends. Donate 35¢	11 Attend an outdoor concert. Donate 55¢	12 Go fishing with a friend. Donate 15¢
13 Write Psalm 119:105 with non-dominant hand. Donate 10¢	14 Meditate on Sunday's Bible readings. Donate 45¢	15 Pray for college students leaving home. Donate 20¢	16 Tell your favorite joke. Donate 35¢	17 Watch the sunset. Donate 55¢	18 Take a power nap. Donate 75¢	19 Plan a family/friend game night. Donate 20¢
20 Plan meals for the week. Donate 80¢	21 Write out your "bucket list". Donate 25¢	22 Join the church choir. Donate 40¢	23 Pray for all pregnant women. Donate 90¢	24 Visit lcms.org/missionary-podcast . Donate 30¢	25 Journal about your favorite Bible verse. Donate 50¢	26 Teach a child or grandchild a card game. Donate 15¢
27 Choose a favorite hymn, and memorize one verse. Donate 40¢	28 Volunteer to teach/sub for Sunday School. Donate 35¢	29 Pray for missionaries. Donate 75¢	30 Become a pen pal with a college student. Donate 15¢	31 Check out lwml.org for information on new items. Donate 60¢		

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



27-Aug Linda Coffey
28-Aug Melinda Parks
28-Aug Pat Welch
28-Aug Charlotte Weaver
29-Aug Chasity Bridge
30-Aug Tony Adams
30-Aug Paul Hale
31-Aug Alice Baker
31-Aug Gracin Roseman
31-Aug Ashlie Slotter



7-Aug Everlee Farmer
8-Aug Carla Hafer
8-Aug William DeHart
11-Aug Dottie DeHart
12-Aug Laura Miller
12-Aug Arden Hintzmann
12-Aug Mack Isenhower
12-Aug Lesa Williams
12-Aug Deanna Moore
13-Aug Sophie Hayes
14-Aug Angie Isenhower
15-Aug Paul Nelson
16-Aug Gina Sigmon
17-Aug Debbie Spencer
17-Aug Cliff Reid
18-Aug Stephen Huss
18-Aug Bobby Moore
19-Aug Aidan White
20-Aug Doris Kirby
22-Aug Joe Rhyne
23-Aug John Newton
23-Aug Kim Hauser
23-Aug Darrin Reid
23-Aug Nilza Artelt
24-Aug Don Beal
24-Aug Kendall Hamm
24-Aug Pamela Farmer
24-Aug Kelly Roth
25-Aug John Williams
26-Aug Cliff Brown
26-Aug Paula Opper




If YOUR name is missing from one of these lists, please let the church office know.

Thank you!

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1-Aug Laine and Diana Cloninger
3-Aug Don and Clydie Beal
4-Aug Mark and Mary Canrobert
4-Aug Paul and Sandy Von Rentzell
6-Aug Randy and Carmen Isenhower
8-Aug Brian and Victoria Weaver
10-Aug Bart and Jennifer Travis
10-Aug Paul and Barbara Nelson
10-Aug Matt and Beth Pennell
10-Aug Jeff and Jackie Smith
11-Aug Steve Miller and Andrea
13-Aug Brad and Miranda Bost
14-Aug Kyle and Vanessa Brown
15-Aug Gary and Joyce Boston
16-Aug Andrew and Susan Matthews
20-Aug Fred and Nancy Starnes
22-Aug Arden and Lois Hintzmann
27-Aug Terry and Audra Kuchenbecker
27-Aug Corey and Jolleen Christians
29-Aug Cristal and Bernie Rager
29-Aug Eric and Diana Hicks
29-Aug Lamar and Jessica Stewart

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 2023</p>				National Watermelon Day		
		1	2	3	4	5
			7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band	6:30am Men's Bible Study <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM	1pm Blood Drive - FLC 	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary  3pm Creative Haven 5pm Costa Rica Mission Team Meeting	10am Concordia Volunteers at ECCCM 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet	8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 11:30am PrimeTimers - EM  6:30pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Day School Board - School Library 6:30pm Elders - EM	7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1  6:30pm Praise Band	6:30am Men's Bible Study <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 6pm Trustees 6:30pm Board of Christian Education A#1	3pm Boy Scouts go camping	9am Mission Trip Car Wash 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Backpack Blessing Sunday 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary  12pm Sr. Youth Council Meeting	6:30pm Scouts Meet	8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 6:30pm Stewardship - A#1	7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1  6:30pm Praise Band	6:30am Men's Bible Study <i>Men's Bible Study</i> 4:15pm Mission & Ministry - Library		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rally Day 8am LLL 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 	1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet	8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 4:30pm ECCCM Board Meeting - EM 6:30pm Church Council - A#1	7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 12pm Newsletter Deadline  6:30pm Praise Band	6:30am Men's Bible Study <i>Men's Bible Study</i>		
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