

Concordia Newsletter

July 2023

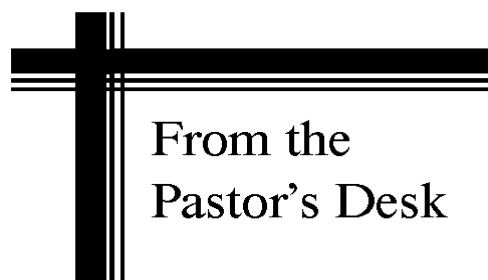


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Worship Times

Sunday 9:00am Contemporary
Sunday 11:00am Traditional



From the Pastor's Desk

The first commandment sets the tone for what follows. There is only one God who is to be feared, loved, and trusted above all things. The 2nd Commandment tells us that we are not to misuse the name of God. This commandment goes way beyond what we may initially think. We hear God's name misused daily. Don't believe me? Just visit any local golf course and you will hear grown men shouting God's curses on their 9 iron. *We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name.* (For a more in-depth understanding of the Commandment, I encourage you to read the explanation of the 2nd Commandment in Luther's Small Catechism). In Holy Baptism we receive forgiveness and from the moment we bear the name of God. Solely by God's grace we are witnesses in our world to all that He has done for us and for our salvation. "You are all sons and daughters of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:26).

I and my siblings were blessed to have a godly father. To this day, over 25 years after his passing, I would never intentionally say or do anything to harm my father's good name. Sons and daughters of God do not use His name carelessly or irreverently. The explanation from the

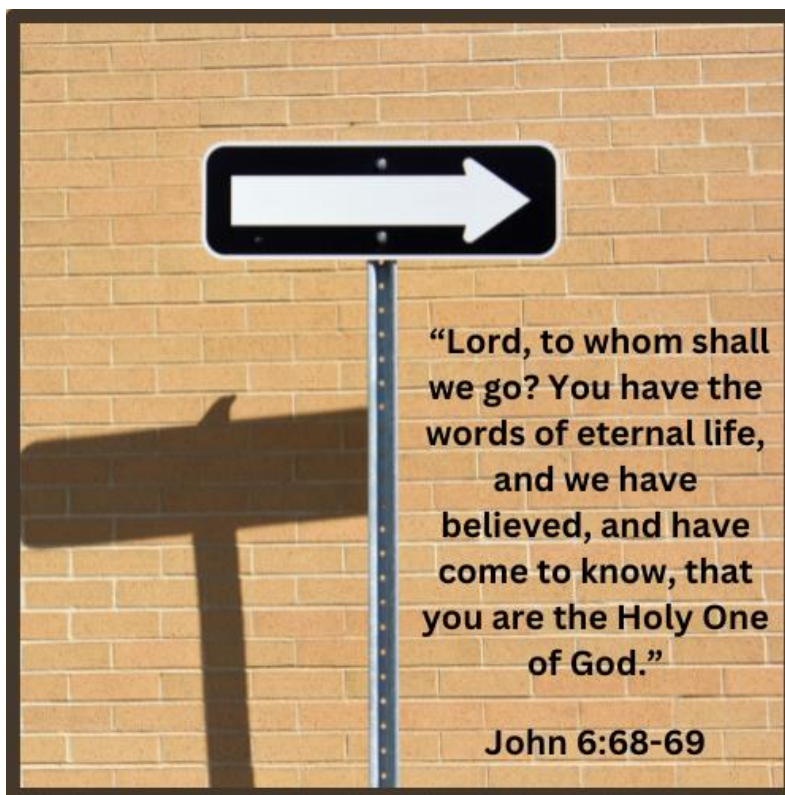
Catechism tells us the way sons and daughters are to respond. We are to call upon God's name in every trouble. We are to pray, praise and give thanks to Him.

Calling upon the name of the Lord is that direct connection to the 1st Commandment. Since there is no other god, to whom shall we turn? When people were deserting Jesus because He called Himself, "the bread of life," and when He said, "whoever feeds on this bread will live forever," He turned to His disciples and said, "Do you want to go away as well?" Peter answered for us all when he said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6).

Calling upon the name of the Lord is acknowledging that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (John 3). We call upon the One who came to us in our sin, sin that would eternally condemn. Jesus took the wrath, the full punishment our sin deserved and gave us forgiveness, life, and salvation. I can think of no greater reason to pray, praise and give thanks.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Geml



Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us

by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

Elder Assignments

As a result of the election in June the following chart shows Elder assignments by last name.

Elder	Care Zone Minister	Zone #	Member Names
Steve Bost		1	A-BL
Doug Brady	Ryan & Holly Rudisill	2	Bo-Bz
Mike Spake	Opal Bolick	3	C
Rick Miller		4	D-E
Fred Farmer	Pamela Farmer	5	F-G-I
Harvey Travis	Clarence & Joyce Pugh	6	H
Roy Sigmon	Cindy Sigmon	7	J-K-L
Carl Roth	Pat Welch	8	M
Audra Kuchenbecker	Linda Moretz	9	N-O-P-Q-R
Cliff Brown	Leslie Brown	10	S- So
David Hartsoe	Clarence & Shirley Canrobert	11	Sp- V
Dale Lawing		12	W-X-Y-Z

The Board of Mission and Ministry has put out collection baskets for school supplies to send to Camp Linn Haven for their Teen Servant event week that starts July 23rd. Please bring your donations no later than July 16th! Paper (wide ruled), pencils, crayons, erasers, Ballpoint pens and 3-subject notebooks (college-ruled) are needed.

July has 5 Sundays

Our 5th Sunday offering will go to Rising Hope Farm

Rising Hope Farm is a faith based therapeutic horse ministry located on Bethany Church Road in Claremont. It was founded in 2007 and is a 501(c)(3). The mission statement of Rising Hope is: "It is our mission to provide hope and healing to those with special needs in our community through faith and therapeutic horse interaction".

Rising Hope provides services without any charge to participants, is staffed solely by volunteers, and is funded solely through donations.

Rising Hope provides 3 programs:

1. **Therapeutic horseback riding** benefits almost any disabling condition including: cerebral palsy, autism, down syndrome, head injuries, hearing impairments, visual impairments, multiple sclerosis, seizure disorders, speech & learning disabilities, and sensory integration dysfunction. The physical, mental, and emotional benefits of therapeutic horsemanship are widespread. The rhythmic motion and warmth of the horse stimulates and exercises the rider's muscles, increasing mobility in the pelvis, hip, and spine. The rider experiences weight shift and trunk mobility as if he were walking on his own.
2. Additionally we have a weekly "**Reining Through Life**" program which serves at-risk youth- both teen boys in a residential program (North Carolina Boys Academy) as well as foster and adopted children and teens in the community- through a mentoring program utilizing the farm and the horses.
3. The "**Hooves for Hospice**" program allows Carolina Caring to utilize the farm, volunteers, and animals for programs for families of patients through camps, special programs, and occasionally more individualized counseling sessions with the horses.



Concordia Youth Head to Camp Linn Haven for Teen Servant Week

Teen Servant Week is a yearly summer camp hosted by Camp Linn Haven. This is a week where 140 teenagers (rising ninth graders and above) come from all over the country to work on service projects (along with their adult counselors). They bring their old clothes, a strong work ethic, a great attitude, a burning desire to make a difference, their love for Jesus Christ, and spend the week serving others.

Concordia will be sending 24 youth and 2 leaders to serve July 22-29th. We will be commissioning both the youth and adults on Sunday, July 16th at the 9:00 am service.

Leaders: Doug Brady and Dottie DeHart

Youth Attending: Abby DeHart, Katie Grace DeHart, Abigail Tabor, Harleigh Lowman, Sadie Schmucker, Ella Cecil, Ella Smith, Chloe Brown, Jennifer Montgomery, Ellie Adams, Maggie White, John Moore, Jacob Moore, Wade Cecil, Noah Hedrick, Gunner Smith, Sam Hoffman, Jack Hoffman, Banks Collins, Braxton Eckerd, Ethan McKay, Zach White, Ben Ellwanger.

Here are a few of the projects they will be helping with as part of Servant Week.

Crossnore School: This is a Christian home for children who have experienced abuse or other trauma. They offer a full range of services to help the kids reclaim, rebuild, and reimagine the essential belief in a safe, dependable home. We work with the school to do the projects their overworked maintenance staff can't get to (painting, mowing, weeding, etc.). We also do a VBS with them. On Friday, we have the kids from the school on campus at Camp Linn Haven for a day of fun including swimming, games, lunch, singing songs, etc. It is the highlight of Teen Servant Week.

Local Schools: We get a list of maintenance and repair projects from the local elementary schools (Avery, Yancey and Mitchell counties) and our team gets to work. From moving furniture, to weeding, to spreading mulch, to painting, our team is on hand to help with projects that help make the school a better place for the kids and teachers.

Backpack Program: We supply fully stocked backpacks to kids from kindergarten to high school who may need assistance in the Avery County School System. We collect supplies throughout the year, but we still buy a large amount of supplies during Teen Servant Week. (Our bill at Walmart was more than \$10,000 this year!) We packed and distributed more than 700 backpacks for the upcoming school year.

Yellow Mountain Enterprises: Yellow Mountain Enterprises is a day vocational program for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities living in Avery County. They focus on education, independent living skills, and work opportunities. Our team helped with repairs and painting on their campus, but also got to spend some great one on one time with residents. They also have a thrift store, and our team assists with organizing and sorting donations. On Thursday, we hosted them on campus at Camp Linn Haven where we played games, had a carnival, and fed them lunch. It was truly a blessing for everyone involved.

Hospice: Hospice provides our team with a list of clients that need help at their residence. We make minor repairs, replace doors, mow, weed eat, trim trees, paint, clean, organize, or do most anything people need done. We also visit and fellowship with the clients (and their pets) and spend some time getting to know them. They share old photos and tell us a little about their journey and we sing and pray with them. This has been a unique opportunity to meet some of the most interesting people in the community.

Teen Servant Week is an immersive spiritual experience. Throughout the week, we have regular morning devotions to prepare our hearts and minds for the day ahead. In the evenings, we reflect on and share our experiences with the rest of the campers. We also break into small groups and do a comprehensive bible study. We often meet on top of the mountain where we sing and praise God. Teen Servant Week is truly a life-changing spiritual experience and many of our kids come back year after year. They want to make an impact in the community and fellowship with other Christian teens, all while growing their own personal relationship with God.



ABOUT CAMP LINN HAVEN

A Tradition for Over 80 Years!

Camp Linn Haven is a Christian summer camp owned by Camp Linn Haven, Inc., and affiliated with the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Established in 1940, Camp Linn Haven is a non-profit organization operated and managed by a Board of Directors.

Situated on 52 acres of pristine Blue Ridge Mountain property, Camp Linn Haven is located on NC Highway 181 two miles south in Linville, NC. The property consists of level grassy meadows as well as forests filled with native hardwoods and evergreens. The scenic Linville River borders the camp.

Our Mission

Provide a wholesome, safe Christian vacation setting for persons of all ages and abilities. Offer opportunities to combine the camping experience with worship and devotional activities. Encourage fellowship through the many and varied recreational activities offered by the camp.

For more information, please visit www.camplinnhaven.org.



This little box collected \$286,121.35 over its goal of 2,150,000.00. The LWML Mite Goal for the two- year period ending March 31, 2023 was \$2,150,000.00 and was not only obtained but exceeded. The total amount received for the period was \$2,436,121.35.00. The MITES funds support missions internationally, nationally, and locally. It is so easy to pick up a MITES box at the church and start contributing to help the LWML fund missions in the future. One little box makes a huge difference. See more [here](#).

Concordia Book Club – 2023 Fall/Winter Book Study

Watch next month’s newsletter for the starting date. Will meet the 1st and 3^d 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.

PRIME 55+ TIMERS

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

July Prime Timers meet on the 11th of July. Please make plans to attend our Independence Celebration. We will have Hot Dogs with all the fixings. Deserts including cake, brownies and homemade ice cream! Guest Speaker will be Paul Von Rentzel speaking about the history of the United States Independence Day Celebration. Please make plans to enjoy a great time with us at 11:30am.



Save the Date: Our weekend at Camp Linn Haven this year is **September 8th – 10th**. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. **Planning for Family Camp is underway!** Let the Board of Christian Education know what you would like to do at Family Camp this year. Again, our weekend is September 8th – 10th.



The Lutheran Hour can be found on the following local radio stations.

Station	City, State	Freq	Band	Day	Time
WRKB	Kannapolis, NC	1460	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WRNA	Kannapolis, NC	1140	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WXRC	Newton, NC	95.7	FM	Sun	6:30 AM



Creative Haven will not be meeting in July. 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!

The Men's Group will not meet in July!



Sunday School Teacher Needed

Do you have a love for children and enjoy watching them grow in their faith? Do you desire to impact young lives by teaching about Jesus and His great love? If so, you may want to consider being a teacher for our grades 1-3 Sunday School class. We have a wonderful curriculum that provides all the resources you need. If you have a passion for children and want to know more about this position, please contact Kathy Unverfehrt at the church office (464-3324) or by email (kunverfehrt@concordianc.org). Thank you for considering serving God in this ministry!





Hospital/Out Patient: Nilza Artelt, Kaye Deal, Tom Considine,

Sympathy to: The family of Charlie Canrobert

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.

The Sanctuary audio and visual updates have been completed. What do you think?



A Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

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 2



Last month we explored the topic of joy and how joy satisfies the heart in a way that happiness, which is temporary, never can. Joy is measured by what we have been given through Jesus which is His saving grace that lives in us and that cannot be taken away. We can hold onto joy, we can feel joyful, and we can rejoice with praise no matter what our circumstances may be because no matter what is going on in our lives God is always near.

This month we want to take a look at where do we find joy in our everyday living.

Where Do We Find Joy?

1. Joy is found in the works of God's hands.

***“You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord;
I sing for joy at the works of Your hands.”
Psalm 92:4***

Examples: a baby being born, a good report from the doctor, a job promotion, a sunrise or sunset, healing of body, restored relationship, etc.

2. Joy is found on your lips.

***“God will fill your mouth with laughter
and your lips with shouts of joy.”
Job 8:21***

Examples: praising God in church, shouting an alleluia when you find your lost keys or cell phone, saying, “God is good” when you receive or hear good news. It's saying, “Thank You, God,” when He comes to your rescue.

3. Joy is found in trials.

***“Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds.”
James 1:2***

Examples: broken, estranged, or strained relationships, physical setbacks, loss of a loved one, loss of a job, financial hardships, being gossiped about, falsely accused, etc.

Jesus Himself faced many trials, but He never wavered in His love for others. No matter how down we may become, there is always joy to be found in the Lord. (Scripture is filled with examples of joy.) (Story of Aunt Barb)

4. Joy is found in the Presence of God.

***“You make known to me the path of life;
You will fill me with joy in Your Presence
with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.”
Psalm 16:11***

Examples: quiet time in His Word, devotion, dark room with candles or fireplace on, prayer, being still, in nature, in the car)

Our joy is found only in God and being in His Presence.

Joy is not found in our possessions or our accomplishments.

The eternal pleasures are what God has given us through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Our greatest joy is found in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and our relationship with Him. He is the Way to our path of life. He gives us complete joy, which we simply cannot find apart from Him. We get to live in His joy each day, no matter what we are experiencing.

***“I am coming to You now,
but I say these things while I am still in the world,
so that they may have the full measure of my joy.”
John 17:13***

In the last prayer Jesus had with His disciples at the Passover meal, He prayed that His disciples would experience the full measure of His joy – now, even though He knew what was about to happen was in no way a joy for their human mind to comprehend. He was praying that they would experience joy in the midst of what seemed apparent suffering and injustice for their Teacher and friend. Jesus was also praying for us that we would experience His joy in the middle of our anxieties, fears, and heartbreaks.

The joy of Jesus was His absolute surrender and self-sacrifice to His Father – the joy of doing that which His Father sent Him to do. That joy is ours too, when we seek and follow the will and purpose of God.



If you currently receive "Portals of Prayer", your subscription has been automatically renewed. Please bring or mail your payment to the church office as listed in the renewal price below. You may also drop your payment in the offering plate marked for your "Portals of Prayer" renewal.

The subscription/renewal cost is:

Pocket Size: \$ 9.50

Digest Size: \$ 17.50

Large Print: \$ 17.50



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.

Upcoming Fall Weekends

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

October 5 - 9 – Women's Weekend #84

October 12 - 15 – Mixed Weekend #54

Camp Bethelwoods - York, SC

Cost \$100

Roger & Martha Staley (Ambassadors/Sponsors)

You will need a sponsor to provide an application, answer any questions and help prepare you for your weekend.

They will take you to the camp and bring you home afterwards.



The Parent Block

Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents

Written by Kathy Unverfehrt



Scripture Verse

**“It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere.
Keep His commands and obey Him; serve Him and hold fast to Him.”**

Deuteronomy 13:4

Reflection

Raising children has been taking place since the beginning of creation. For centuries children have been born and parents of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds have been investing time in the raising of their children. One would think that after thousands of years of leading young children into adulthood, we would have it down as to what is effective in raising wholesome, respectful, and godly children. Think of the number of hours that have been spent on child-rearing. Then look at the amount of money that has been spent on parenting books, counselors, child psychologists, and other professionals. Yet after all this, we still struggle with raising independent, self-reliant, respectable, and godly young adults. In a world where philosophies of parenting are swiftly changing, the one guidebook that has not undergone any change, and the one we must hold fast to, is the Bible. In the story of Mary and Martha, Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the “the one thing needful” which was listening to the words of Jesus. As Christian parents, perhaps that is what we need to do – turn our heads and listen to the words of God. The Bible is filled with passages of godly wisdom to equip us in leading children from spiritual immaturity to spiritual maturity. What does God share with us? He says to follow and revere Him. What does this mean? He gives us four facets – keep His commands, obey Him, serve Him, and hold fast to Him (hang on to Him). We are to teach our children to obey God and keep His commands. When they do this, God will lead them in the right direction every time. As a result, children will develop a heart that is willing to serve God and follow Him. However, the choice for them to listen and to follow God is theirs to make. When children see their parents holding fast to God and seeking His help, it will encourage them to choose what God desires of them.

Parent Commitment

I will seek God’s Word and will in the raising of my children. I will hold fast to God as I raise my children according to His commands.



July 2023

Concordia Youth



Youth (family) Pool Party is Thursday, July 13th

Join us at Conover Swim Club from 7:00-9:30pm. We plan to order pizza! There is no cost. Bring your family and friends. This is for all youth and young adults! We will conclude this evening with Bible/Devotions!



Costa Rica International Mission Team

You can still volunteer to serve! Thanks for your positive response to our "Invitation" Announcement made in the worship services in June! Two more people have signed up and paid their registration money to do mission work in Costa Rica this November. We thank God for the commitment! Our next meeting is Sunday, July 9th from 5:00-7:00pm in Youth Central! You are encouraged to attend!



Teen Servant Event Week at Camp Linn Haven
is July 23-29, 2023

We pray for our Sr. Youth and adult leaders going up to the mountains to make a difference. This week of volunteer service is set up to share the love of Jesus Christ with all. Through scripture, song, food, play & hard work our youth will be able to share Christian love and community. Thanks to those who will make this service week so impactful!



Jr/Sr Youth Hike is:
July 8, 2023!

9:00am-3:00pm

We are going to hike the Upper Creek Falls.

Meet in Youth Central!

We will take the minibus!



Youth Carwash

for the Costa Rica International Mission Trip is July 15, 2023 from 9:00-11:00am @ Hair Masters in Conover, NC!



Concordia Scouting:

Our Boy Scout Troop 383 goes to Summer Camp Bud Schiele the week of July 9-15. They will work together, earn merit badges, cook, explore, swim and learn what it is to be an honest and helpful youth in today's society. Be safe...have fun!

Sr. Youth Council meets on Sunday, July 9th at 12pm at Tosaka!



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.

ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY

We have LIMITED openings in a few classes for the 2023-2024 school year. Concordia offers a highly academic program in a caring, safe, and Christian environment. If any friends or family may be interested, please have them contact the school office or email schooloffice@concordianc.org.

SEEKING HELP IN AFTER-SCHOOL CARE



Attention, church members! We have openings in our After-School Care Program that you can fill. Use your spiritual gifts and be a positive Christian role model for our students! Duties include but are not limited to providing snacks, helping with homework, leading activities and crafts, and organizing games. This is a part-time position on school day afternoons from 2:45 – 6:00 pm. Not available every afternoon? We can work with you! Compensation depends on experience. Send your resume and direct all inquiries to schooloffice@concordianc.org.

8TH GRADE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The highest award that Concordia Christian Day School presents each year is the **Gilbert Pingel Award**. This award is given to the eighth-grader who best exemplifies the Christian Spirit of Love. The recipient must be honest, a model to underclass students, willing to help in many circumstances, and proud to be a child of God. This year's award was given to **Helen Murray**.

The **Mr. U Award** is given to a student in grades 6-8 who is visibly Living the Faith, mentoring and caring of other students, demonstrating a strong passion to serve others, goes above and beyond what is expected, has a strong work ethic in all areas, shows compassionate heart for others and is dedicated to their personal family and the Concordia family. This year the "U" award was given to **Sierra Kate Lilly**.

Valedictorian: Elaine Miller

Salutatorian: Terry Liu

Scholar Athletes: Terry Liu & Elaine Miller

Sportsmanship Awards: Kobe Windsor & Jenna Sain

Catherine Tedder Arndt Literacy Award: Terry Liu

Congratulations to these outstanding students!

End-of-Year Awards

The Principal's List includes students who have straight A's on their report cards in 4th -8th grades.

Congratulations to the following students who made the PRINCIPAL'S LIST all four quarters of the school year: Liam Hendershot, Alexandra Matthews, Adrienne Mullinax, Kahlan VanderMolen, Jude Beringer, Jonah Fox, Katelyn Pennell, and Autumn Greaser.

The Honor Roll List is for students who have A's and B's with no unsatisfactory grades on their report cards in the 4th -8th grades. Congratulations to the following students who made the HONOR ROLL all four quarters of the school year: Leila Walker, Caleb Brown, Gideon Burns, Madison Campbell, Isaac Crouch, Alana Jimenez, Jackson Sigmon, Lowell Spleet, Analeigh Windsor, Sophia Frugone, Parker Edwards, Alexander Elmore, Samuel Essary, Ariella Fisher, Mary Channing Hoffman, McKenzie Church, Delilah Martinez, Keaton Webster, Lewis Griggs, Jack Phillips, Curtis Burns, Christabelle Carter, Mia McAbee, Joe Crump, Mason Hamrick, Max Hoffman, Lilly-Ann Stewart, Lydia Walters, Andrew Adam, Kate Hightower, Drew Lamb, Sierra Kate Lilly, Terry Liu, Elaine Miller, Mia Mozgala, Helen Murray, Jenna Sain, Whitney Spleet, and Isabella Thomas.

First Day of School

School begins on Wednesday, August 16, at 8:00 am, with an Opening Chapel Service at 8:45 am and dismissal at 11:45 am. No After School Care is provided on this day.



News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

July 2023

Margaret Johnson Signs Letter of Intent

Senior Margaret Johnson signed a National Letter of Intent to swim collegiately at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Margaret's swim accomplishments were '23 Conference Champ in 200 IM & 500 Free, '23 State Runner Up in 500 Free, All-Conference Athlete all 4 years, '23 MVP UCHS Women's Swim Team, and member of the '20 & '21 UCHS State Championship Teams.

Catawba County Honors Student-Athletes Behmer & Young

Seniors Virginia Young & Jackson Behmer were honored as Scholar Athletes of Excellence at the Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame.

Hadley Hines – NC Governor's School

Hadley Hines, a rising junior, has been selected to attend the prestigious Governor's School of North Carolina. Hadley's chosen area of study is Violin in the String Orchestra. Congratulations, Hadley!

UCHS Model UN Team Attends Conference

Eight members of the UCHS Model UN Team competed in the regional two-day conference at ASU. Sean Roth & Will Underwood were recognized as Excellent Delegates. Also representing UCHS were Chris Mosteller, Will Choplin, Frannie Zagaroli, Laya Dameron, Caroline Mullen, & Cole Isaak.

Two Rising Seniors Chosen for Tar Heel Boys State

Rising Seniors Will Choplin & Luke Miller were selected by American Legion Post 48 to attend Tar Heel Boys State, a summer youth leadership & political affairs program.

Golf Team Wins Foothills Athletic Conference Championship

The UCHS Golf Team won their **eighth straight** FAC Championship! The team was led by Will Choplin with a score of 35 and Max Edwards with a 38.

Enrollment Open for 2023-2024

UCHS is still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year for the 9th & 10th grades. The online application can be found at www.uchigh.com under Admissions. There are limited openings, so apply today!



July 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



GUIDE OUR CHILDREN IN FAITH: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hang the Mission Grant Poster for July! Donate 15¢	3 Share a cup of coffee with a friend. Donate 25¢	4 Wearing Red, White, & Blue? Donate \$17.76	5 Read Philippians 4:6-7. Donate 30¢	6 Donate a children's book to a "Little Free Library". Donate 40¢	7 Sing LSB Hymn 728, How Firm a Foundation. Donate 10¢	8 Pray for one of the 2023-2025 Mission Grants. Donate 50¢
9 Volunteer to help at Sunday School. Donate 20¢	10 National Kitten Day! Do you have a cat? Donate 35¢	11 Sing LSB Hymn 691, Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing Donate 60¢	12 Donate to a Back-to-School Drive. Donate 25¢	13 Pray for our Teachers. Donate 55¢	14 Read Joshua 1:9. Donate 60¢	15 Visit a beach and enjoy God's creation. Donate 40¢
16 National Ice Cream Day! Have a cone after service. Donate 45¢	17 Read Zephaniah 3:17. Donate 15¢	18 Pray for students going back to school. Donate 30¢	19 Gather books for a school classroom. Donate 25¢	20 Take a picture with your family. Donate 70¢	21 Donate to your local food pantry. Donate 20¢	22 Have a summer picnic. Donate 25¢
23 Share a Mustard Seed Devotion. Donate 50¢	24 Send a card to a seminary student. Donate 45¢	25 Share Proverbs 3:5-6. Donate 15¢	26 Sing LSB 727, On Eagle's Wings. Donate 40¢	27 Pray for your pastor. Donate 30¢	28 Make a Bible verse card to keep or give away. Donate 25¢	29 Read Colossians 3:12. Donate 20¢
30 Connect with a young mom. Donate 35¢	31 Print August Mite Challenge Calendar! Donate 20¢					

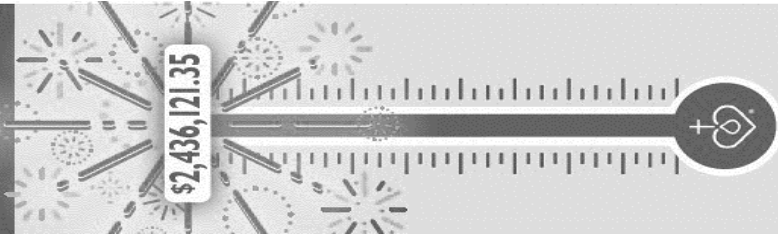
Click on the photo to read more about the Mite Challenge.

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LWML Mite Challenge Calendar – July 2023

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:
\$2,150,000

Total Mites Received:
\$2,436,121.35
LWML MISSION GOAL EXCEEDED!



Mite Offerings
Received March 2023
\$83,091.02

July Anniversaries and Birthdays



1-Jul Ketha Benfield
2-Jul Hannah Winkler
3-Jul Becky Rhyne
4-Jul Hunter Rudisill
6-Jul Sandy Von Rentzell
7-Jul Bryan Elrod
7-Jul Ernest Herman
7-Jul Timothy White
8-Jul Katrina Garrison
8-Jul Andrea Miller
8-Jul Helen Westfall
8-Jul Archie Lindler
8-Jul Aileen Stewart
9-Jul Ann Sigmon
9-Jul Anderson Reid
11-Jul Adele Roseman
12-Jul Kelsey Isenhower
12-Jul Sean Roth
14-Jul Maggie White
16-Jul Raegan Hayman
16-Jul Victoria Weaver
16-Jul Paul Von Rentzell
16-Jul Josie Munday
17-Jul Elisa Reid
17-Jul Aiden Stone

18-Jul Katie Perry
18-Jul Eric Boston
20-Jul Kristen Dwiggin
21-Jul Lorraine Yount
21-Jul Stephanie Guelzow
22-Jul Amanda Welch
24-Jul Miranda Bost
25-Jul Wilson Elliott
25-Jul Martha Ajazi
25-Jul Donna Jarrett
26-Jul Bernice Holler
27-Jul Cayla Miller
30-Jul Paula Brown
30-Jul Helen Murray
31-Jul Andy Henze
31-Jul Cristina Boston
31-Jul Amanda Campbell

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

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9-Jul Abe and Martha Ajazi
12-Jul David and Mary Hartsoe
14-Jul Brent and Melissa Hayes
15-Jul Bob and Paula Malin
16-Jul Caleb and Briana Welch
17-Jul H.Y. and Sandy Chi
17-Jul Roy and Cindy Sigmon
20-Jul Dale and Debbie Spencer
23-Jul Donald and Judy Brown
24-Jul Mike and Lesa Spake
25-Jul Andy and Nicole Hass
26-Jul Stephen and Ashley Huss
28-Jul Sonny and Adele Roseman
28-Jul Dave and Chris Beringer
29-Jul Keith and Lisa Travis
30-Jul Steve and Dorcas Dunker

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2</p> <p>9am Worship & Communion - FLC 11:00am Worship & Communion – Sanctuary</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>10am Concordia Volunteers at ECCCM 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day Church and School Offices closed</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am Jr/Sr Youth Hike Upper Creek Falls</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary</p>  <p>12pm Sr. Youth Council @ Tosaka 5pm Costa Rica Mission Team Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Scouts Meet</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 11:30am PrimeTimers - EM</p> <p>PRIME 55+ SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY</p> <p>6pm Stewardship - A#1 6:30pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Day School Board - School Cafeteria 6:30pm Elders - EM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 6pm Trustees 7pm Youth Families Pool Party</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am Car Wash for Costa Rica Mission Trip @ Hair Masters</p> 
<p>16</p> <p>8am LLL 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion – Sanctuary</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>1:30pm Quilt Tacking</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 12pm Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:15pm M&M - Library 6:30pm Christian Education</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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