

Concordia Newsletter

June 2023



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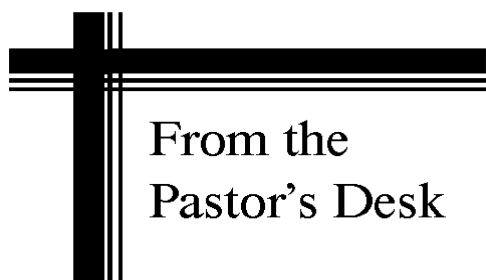
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Worship Times

Sunday 9:00am Contemporary

Sunday 11:00am Traditional



From the Pastor's Desk

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER gODS

The 1st Commandment seems like a no-brainer. Since there is only one God, then why do we even need this commandment? "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Dt 6:4). The explanation to the 1st Commandment gives us a hint why we need this Commandment. "We should fear, love, and trust in God above all **things**" (emphasis added). The reason the title of this article uses a lower case, "g," is another clue to why we need this Commandment. "Things," all too often take the place of, and become for us gods. A god is anything that we place ahead of the one true God. With this definition, there are innumerable gods available for us to follow.

The late, great, Chicago Bears Running Back, Gale Sayers, in his autobiography, *I Am Third*, wrote, "The Lord is first, my friends are second, and I am third." This thought is echoed in Holy Scripture, "Fear the Lord your God and serve Him only" (Dt. 6:13).

When we fear, love, and trust in things over God, we are laying up for ourselves treasures on earth. The gods of power, prestige, wealth, possessions, will eventually take possession of us and we will forget the Lord

our God. When the people of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land, they were forewarned. They were going to live in cities and houses they did not build. They would draw from wells they did not dig. They would drink and eat from vineyards and olive trees they did not plant. The strong admonition followed, “When you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Dt. 6:11-12).

The Church of Jesus Christ is composed of those who have been freed from the slavery to sin and given the promised land of heaven. We have been given blessings we do not deserve, blessings we did not work for. Christ Jesus did the work for us. His suffering, death, and resurrection was done all for us and for our salvation. Having been so blessed, let us take heed, lest we forsake the Lord, our God, following the gods of our own making and placing the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, into a subordinate, lesser role. Do we still need the 1st Commandment? Maybe more now than ever before! The Lord our God is the source of all our blessings. Let us ever and always acknowledge Him to be our one, true, eternal, (capital G) God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen and Amen!

Pastor Geml



What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we *actually* suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Announcement

Regular Voters Assembly Meeting

Sunday June 4, 2023 10:00 AM

This regularly scheduled meeting is for the election of officers and boards of the congregation. Also, any item of business may be brought before the membership at this meeting.

Main Items of business will be:

1. Approval of new members and first time voters.
2. Presentation of Board and Staff reports.
3. Presentation of Financial and Parochial reports for the first 4 months of 2023.
4. Election of Officers and Boards.

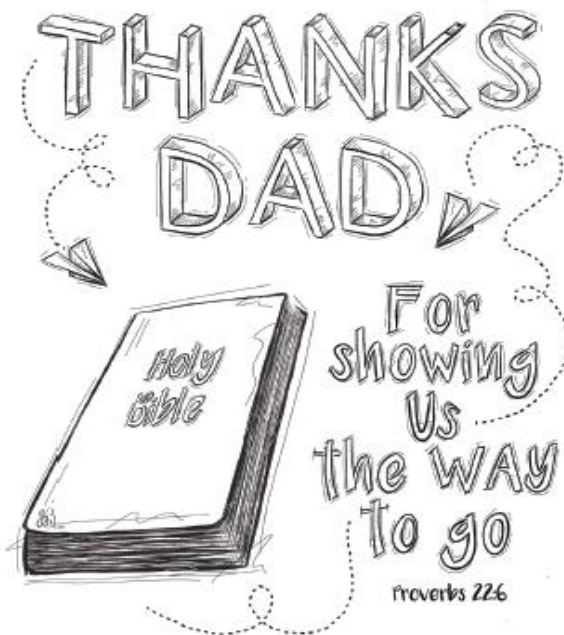
Please add this date and time to your calendar. Fifty members must be in attendance to conduct business as required by our Constitution. Thank you for consideration and time in attending this meeting.

President Jimmy Martin

Vice President Rick Bare

Secretary Dorcas Dunker

Happy Father's Day



Proverbs 4:10-13

Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.

I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.

Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.

Board of Assimilation Announcement:

Our board hosted the confirmation reception on May 7 for the three confirmands. Approximately 35 people attended to wish them well and enjoy a time for food and fellowship.

Would you like to see more small groups or do you have a common interest with others that you might be interested in starting up a group? We would like to initiate more small groups for all members to enjoy faith formation and fellowship together. When members study the bible together or spend time socially together, you have a more cohesive family unit in the church. Our board is open to new ideas from members of Concordia for creating more of these types of groups (i.e. hiking, fishing, etc.).

Are there special events you would like to see at Concordia? We are open to ideas for fun events and times for fellowship with our Concordia family. Please feel free to contact someone on our board if you have a suggestion.

We will be working on a 2023 July – December greeter schedule in the next couple of weeks. If anyone is interested in becoming a greeter, please contact Sandy Von Rentzell at 303-829-9801 or speak to her or another board member in person. It is a great way to get to know members of Concordia and start someone's day with a smile and only takes about 30 minutes of your time on your scheduled Sunday.

Board of Elders – June, 2023 Newsletter

Pastor Geml will be on vacation June 11-18. Pastor Richard Tucker will be our guest preacher.

The Board of Elders and the Board of Assimilation will be planning and hosting the next 5th Sunday event on July 30, 2023.

We will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Pastor Corey Christians will be our guest preacher. He and Jolleen are looking forward to visiting and renewing friendships.

The Board of Elders have scheduled our 2023 Advent and Christmas worship plans.

We will have Advent services at 6:30 p.m. with a meal before each service on December 6, 13, and 20.

Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, December 24. We will have one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve worship services will be at 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

There will be one Christmas Day worship service at 10:00 a.m.

We have also tentatively scheduled our 2024 Lenten and Easter worship plans following the same schedule as this year with two services with meals on each Wednesday in Lent, one Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m., one Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m. and a contemporary Easter Sunday worship service at 8:00 a.m. and a traditional Easter Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m., all in the Sanctuary.

Join Belinda Bost and Susan Harman the first Sunday of the month in Adult Room #2 from 3 – 5pm in the Education wing of the church.

It is a time to gather, share, and pray for each other and grow in your relationship with God. Everyone is welcome to come.

Stay as long or as little you like. Refreshments will be served.

We are making and taking projects to others to help them find comfort in grief, joy in life and planting “Seeds of Faith”.



Concordia Book Club – 2023 Fall/Winter Book Study

Meets 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.



Please plan to attend our June Prime Timers Meeting the second Tuesday, June 13th at 11:30AM. Dave Beringer will be the guest speaker. Topic will be: 'The joys & challenges of adopting children overseas'. Vice president, Renee Christie will be handling the meeting.

Local LWML News: Save The Date.

Sunday, July 16, at 3:00, at St. John’s LCMS in Conover, a prayer service. Need prayer? Be there.

Thanks to Kim Cater and Sandra Herman at St. John’s, our District Convention buddies, for bringing us together with ladies from other local churches.

For more information about local and regional LWML, read your [Carolinias Cross Connection](#) publication.



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

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
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



There are already 19 kids preregistered for VBS. We need the Imagination Station, KidVid Cinema, Preschool Craft and Play, and Bible Adventures leaders. Crew leaders are also needed. Please sign up by scanning the QR code listed on this page.

Training will be between services on June 11, 2023 and after the 11:00 service in the Scout Room in Youth Central.

We could use help moving furniture on June 13, 2023 at 6:30.

We will meet at the school. We will be decorating on Wednesday June 14 at 6:30pm. Thursday June 15 from 9:00 until finished.

If you wish to help, please contact Dorcas Dunker at ddunker@concordianc.com.

VBS Kick off is Sunday June 18, 2023 from 3:30-5:30pm. Join us for an “Ice Cream Social” and games.

VBS is Monday June 19, 2023- Thursday June 22, 2023 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Scan this QR code to sign up! **Participants** and **Volunteers** can use this QR code!





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!



ECCCM'S MONTHLY FOOD LIST

- ♥ January Canned Soup or Broth
- ♥ February Macaroni or Pasta or Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- ♥ March March Madness Challenge
- ♥ April Canned or Dried Beans
- ♥ May Pet Food (National Pet Month)
- ♥ June Cereal
- ♥ July Snacks for kids
- ♥ August Canned food with Pig-taps
- ♥ September Peanut Butter or Jellies
- ♥ October Hygiene Items (National Hygiene Month)
- ♥ November Flour or Cornmeal or Sugar
- ♥ December Reverse Advent Boxes

Tear this out and hang on your refrigerator to be reminded of the Food of the Month for ECCCM! Food of the month for June is CEREAL!



Hospital/Out Patient: Lesa Williams.

Sympathy to: Jennifer Canrobert upon the death of her father; Ruth Geml and family upon the death of her sister, Marty; Paula Brown and family upon the death of her husband Johnny Brown.

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

The Sanctuary audio and visual updates should be complete so that services will resume in the sanctuary on June 11, 2023.

Remember, there is only one BLENDED service at 9am on June 4th.

When vacationing this summer, don't forget your devotions. The Board of Christian Education has put together the following list to help you find resources while you're away. Also remember, you can find our 11am service LIVE on Facebook each Sunday. You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch with us. Most of these resources can also be found in different areas of our website at www.concordianc.com.

INDIVIDUAL DAILY DEVOTION RESOURCES

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



The Ladies Spring Tea was a huge success with 48 ladies attending. The ladies enjoyed a variety of tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, scones, lemon and chocolate pound cake, and of course a variety of teas. The Emmaus Room was transformed into a beautiful spring tearoom. Shirley Canrobert and daughters, Louise and Laura, sang the Moravian blessing (a family tradition) to begin our tea and time together. A devotion on the topic of joy was given and focused on true joy can only come from knowing/accepting Jesus as your personal Savior. The fellowship time finished with many ladies sharing cherished family memories. A huge thank you to Carmen Isenhower, Ann Marie Blackmon, Audra Kuchenbecker, Sandy Smith, Renee Christie, Opal Bolick, Susan Harman, Leslie Brown, and Bill Unverfehrt for all of their help in making this an extraordinary time of fun and fellowship for our Concordia women.

Joy in Living – A Ladies Tea Devotion, Part 1



It's early in the morning of a spring March day and it's raining. As I hear the rain pouring down, I step outside my front porch door and am delighted by what I see! The rain is flowing straight down on a patch of tulips that are illuminated by a light. It is so amazingly beautiful and like nothing I have ever seen before that I have to hurry back inside to get my phone, so that I do not miss my opportunity to capture this vision of beauty and peace. I then begin taking picture after picture so I can hold on to this moment of time enjoying God's glorious gift of spring.

When I stepped back inside, I began thinking about how God's creation consumes us with His Presence and how His glory surrounds us in the beauty of spring and the gift of a new and refreshed life. The darkness and dead of winter lies in stillness and retreats behind us as we awaken to a renewing of God's promises. He pours out on us blessing upon blessing revealing His enduring love for His people – to those He has called to be His own. But it's not just the pouring out of the rain that we see, it's also His voice we hear thundering in the sky reminding His people of His Presence and His promises – promises to pour out on us the desires of our heart as we call on His name, trust in His Word, obey His commands, and live in His love.

As I experienced this magical spring moment, I was taken over by joy. It consumed my heart and embraced my body. My spirit was overflowing with God's gift of joy.

But what exactly is this gift, and how does it differ from happiness?

Joy is:

1. A state of being, something that stays with you – it's always a part of who you are.
2. It differs from happiness which comes and goes. Joy is lasting and brings true satisfaction which happiness, even at its best moment, cannot.
3. Joy satisfies the heart in a way that happiness, which is temporary, never can. This is because happiness is found in the moment and is measured by our circumstances or situations. Happiness is found in earthly tangibles and can be lost. It lasts for only a moment of time. (Donna)

4. Joy, however, is measured by what we have been given through Jesus. As Christians we have been given something that cannot be taken away. We have joy because of the saving grace of Jesus Christ that lives in us. 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. Even if we are having a bad day, as we all experience at some time, we can joyfully focus on our Savior and who He is in our life and who He is to the world.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,”
Galatians 5:22a

5. Paul tells us in his book of Galatians that joy is a fruit of the Spirit. What is the fruit of the Spirit? The supernatural and spontaneous work of the Holy Spirit in us and characterizes the people of God. If the Holy Spirit is dwelling within a Christian’s heart, then joy will be an attribute that should be noticeably evident in his life. It is important to know and to believe that there is no power of positive thinking that can bring lasting joy. No time spent with a therapist or counselor will bring lasting joy. True joy is found in Jesus and His absolute surrender and self-sacrifice to His Father.

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



Concordia Receives the Donation of a Piano



Janice Pitts was a woman who loved the Lord and loved music. As a young child, her father, Dr. Caldwell purchased a Steinway grand piano for her to take piano lessons. That piano moved with her from her childhood home to her home on 6th Street in Newton. After her death in November of 2022, a conversation was started with Janice’s son, Will about the church purchasing the piano for the sanctuary. Following in his mother’s generous footsteps, Will and his wife, Shannon, determined that they would not sell the piano to the church, but would donate the piano, knowing this would have pleased Janice. Concordia received this incredible gift and will dedicate the piano to God’s glory on June 25th. This piano is a fine musical instrument, and we thank God for Janice, Will, and Shannon, and their gift that has provided Concordia with such a fine piano.



The Parent Block

Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents

Written by Kathy Unverfehrt



Scripture Verse

“Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy . . . Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God’s peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4:4,6-7 NCV*

Reflection

*Philippians 4 can be a bit perplexing to live one’s life by. “Be full of joy” is emphasized by Paul when he repeated it twice in one verse. Yet, how can a person be full of joy when there seems to be so many frustrations, heartaches, pain, sickness, stress, and more in the world surrounding us and our families. When isolating the words, “full of joy always,” it will seem out of reach in our daily living. However, when Paul says to be **full of joy in the Lord**, he is referring to our ability to have a relationship with our Lord. When we are in close fellowship with Him, He is all we desire. We know and trust that we can come to our Heavenly Father in prayer for all our needs and He will hear us. Once our requests are laid before Him, we need to let them go, to put our worry aside, and find peace in knowing that He will answer our prayers according to His will for our children. This peace is something we cannot begin to understand. It comes from being thankful and keeping our hearts and minds focused on Jesus. The one thing that prevents us from receiving God’s peace is when we fail to take all of our worries and concerns to God in prayer. As we try to deal with the issues of raising our children on our own, we needlessly wallow in a pool of fear and anxiousness. Instead, go to God in prayer over your child and leave your requests with Him. God does not promise to change the circumstances to our liking, but He does promise us peace in the journey.*

Parent Commitment

*I will go to God in prayer asking for His guidance when I am worried about my child.
I will keep my heart and mind focused on Christ Jesus, trusting in His love for my family.*



June 2023



Concordia Youth



Youth Pool Party is June 14th

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! Let's have fun, play, talk, read scripture and fellowship!



Costa Rica Mission Team

There are 15 people who have prayed about, signed up and paid their registration money to do mission work in Costa Rica this year. We thank God for their commitment. You can still join this Costa Rica Mission Team! Our next meeting is Sunday, June 11th at 10:00am in Youth Central! Come check it out!



Sr. Youth Council Leadership Retreat is June 4-7, 2023

For this year's retreat our leaders are going to North Myrtle Beach. We will be studying the book of Amos. Prayer, community-building, Bible, and deep sea fishing are all on the docket. Keep us in your prayers as we explore healthy peer ministry like our SYC peers before us have done!



Plan to spend time with your dad this month on (or around) June 18th!



Vacation Bible School is June 18-22, 2023!

Please volunteer and join us for VBS this year!

Sunday at 3:30pm is our Kick-Off Ice Cream Social
Monday through Thursday from 9am-12pm is VBS!



Concordia Scouting:

June 4th:

Cub Scout Pack Night with awards and fun

June 9-11:

Boy Scout Boat Camping at Lake James

June 12:

Flag Retirement

Thanks to our 2023 Graduates for sharing your lives with us...Congratulations!

Tim White is a graduate of Concordia University Ann Arbor with a bachelor degree in business hospitality and event management. He was also awarded the “Haab School of Business excellence in achievement in hospitality and event business award”. He has accepted a job with Marriott and will be moving to Savannah GA in July.

Jackson Bryan is an Honor Graduate with magna cum laude, Presidential Award of education excellence and CVCC Promise Scholar with 4.0 gpa or higher. His future plans are Liberty University to study Pre-Law.

Zachary White’s future plans consist of Appalachian State University to get a Bachelors in Secondary Education to teach high school history. “I see God leading me along this path, but also one as a steward of His Creation; protecting the wild, planting trees, and general conservation efforts. And thus, using this stewardship to teach others about God through showing them Creation.”

Jacob Ryan Lamb is a 2023 Bunker Hill High School graduate. He played football and baseball there, and has applied to CVCC to start his college career this fall.

Jordan Henze is an Honor Graduate from NCHS with summa cum laude distinction. He was a 3-sport athlete all 4 years in high school. Jordan and his teammates won the Dual Team State Wrestling Championship. Jordan placed 2nd in state for individual wrestling. He has received an athletic booster scholarship and will attend Engineering School at NC-State.

Sonny Pruitt is a graduate of St. Stephens High School. He plans to go to Wilkes Community College to study Culinary Arts.

Jenna Munday graduates from University Christian High School on May 26th. She plans to attend UNC Wilmington and Major in Exercise Science. “I am most grateful to my family and friends for always loving and supporting me no matter what.”

John Moore graduated Challenger Early College High School Summa Cum Laude with an unweighted GPA of 3.94 and an Associate’s Degree in Arts. He will attend Elizabeth City State University in the fall in pursuit of an Aviation Science – Concentration in Flight Education, B.S.

Colbie Dwigins graduated from WCU with a double major, marketing and finance, with a 4.0, summa cum laude, and he already has accepted a job with SECU.

Katie Grace DeHart Graduated from Challenger Early College Magna Cum Laude!





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.

Congratulations, Class of 2023



Congratulations to all 24 members of Concordia's 2023 graduating class. They just wrapped up a weekend of celebration at the graduation banquet and graduation ceremony on May 20 and 21. This year our Valedictorian is **Elaine Miller**, and our Salutatorian is **Terry Liu**. The winner of the Gilbert Pingel Christian Citizenship Award is **Helen Murray**. Four of our graduates will be attending University Christian High School, where they will continue their Lutheran School education. Seven graduates will attend Newton-Conover High School; three will go to Challenger Early College High School; three will go to Saint Stephens; two will attend Hickory Career & Arts Magnet School; one will go to Bandy's High School; one will go to Discovery High School; one will attend Hickory High; one will attend Hickory Christian Academy, and one will attend Christian Family Academy. Many of these students have been at Concordia since preschool. We are so proud of these graduates and can't wait to see what their futures hold!

2023-2024 Openings Available

We have limited openings available in very few classes for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any friends or family that may be interested, please have them contact the school office at schooloffice@concordianc.org or call 828-464-3011. We will be happy to schedule a personal tour of the school.

DINNER AUCTION

The Dinner Auction Committee would like to express their gratitude to everyone that attended the event on April 22 at Catawba Country Club. We had over 140 people in attendance, and the night was a great success with delicious food, fellowship, and fun! Thanks to you and our generous donors, we raised over \$46,000 with a net profit of \$37,000 for the school! This year's committee members were Cameron Bixby, Kate Cullen, Lisa Herman, Jessica Stewart, and Vanessa Brown.

A Special Thank you to our Gold Sponsors, **Matthews Construction** and **Catawba Women's Center**. **Carolina Glove** sponsored our new auction paddles, **Considine Textiles Enterprises** sponsored our Wine Grab, and **Catawba Insurance Agency** provided Concordia cake pops. Crusader sponsors were **Hanes Companies**, **Miss Treva's School of Dance**, **Mountain Mitsubishi Hickory**, **Newton Family Physicians**, **Spangler Restoration**, **Stewart Electric**, **Realtor Tami Fox**, **Truist Bank**, and a **special friend of Concordia**.

Thank you to the Teachers for the much-treasured Classroom Projects. Your time and talents are very much appreciated. A special shout out to the following teachers, who took the time and money to come up with their own special experience for families to bid on. Mrs. Krystal Freeman, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Mrs. Lori Roseman, Mrs. Briana Welch, Mrs. Alyssa Scalf, Mrs. Renee Karre, Mr. Kenny Paetow, Mrs. Betsy Murray, and Mr. Dave Beringer.

We couldn't have pulled off this event without the help of Robert & Tiffany Abernethy, Cameron & Britney Lundy, Jason Herman, Lamar Stewart, Brandalyn Connor, Thao Spencer, Nilza & Kurt Artelt, and many other parents who landed a hand when we needed help! Thank you to the Classroom Parents for the appealing Auction Baskets. They were extra-creative this year! A round of applause to Jay Brown, Realtor, for lending us his time and talents for being our emcee and auctioneer!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Volunteer Child Care Attendants, Emilie Murphy, Avery Beringer, Payton Roseman, Peyton Laney, and Helen Murray. The world is a better place because of these young women!



News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

June 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!



Donation Guidelines

Acceptable Items

- Gently used clothing and shoes
- Jewelry, purses, accessories
- Baby items
- Toys with no missing parts
- Electronics with all parts and cords
- CD's, DVD's, Blu-Ray's, video games
- Home decor and artwork
- Furniture gently used and clean
- Books
- Toiletries and personal use items
- Kitchen items: small appliances, dishes, cutlery

Unacceptable Items

- Furniture in poor condition
- Large appliances
- Used mattresses
- Any type of TV, computer, or printer
- Car seats
- Torn, stained, dirty clothing or any rags
- Used underwear
- Used humidifiers
- Any medical equipment
- Large rugs, or carpets

Shopping that supports the ECCCM mission



June 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar

LOVE IS: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Give an encouraging card to the choir director. Donate 25¢	5 Read Matthew 22:37. Donate 60¢	6 Pray for the Mission Grants, that the love of Christ is shared. Donate 15¢	7 Sing LSB 588 "Jesus Loves Me". Donate 80¢	8 Give a "Mustard Seed" to a wait staff. Donate 35¢	9 Share a knock-knock joke with a child. Donate 70¢	10 Donate food to the food pantry. Donate 45¢
11 National Children's Day! Bake goodies for Sunday School. Donate 70¢	12 Review the Gospel Outreach resources on the website. Donate 65¢	13 Phone or email a distant friend to "catch up". Donate 40¢	14 Flag Day. Show love for your country. Donate 95¢	15 Give a hug. Donate 20¢	16 Color an LWML "We are His" bookmark. Donate 85¢	17 Read John 13:34-35. Donate 90¢
18 Father's Day! Take a dad's car to the car wash. Donate 35¢	19 Write down your "Faith Story". Donate 90¢	20 Remind your neighbor that God loves him or her. Donate 75¢	21 Take a new LWML Bible study to church to share. Donate 50¢	22 Recite Luke 10:27. Donate 35¢	23 Watch the LWML Convention online. Donate 80¢	24 Bring old blankets and towels to the animal shelter! Donate 25¢
25 Take a walk in the sun. Feel God's presence and love. Donate 80¢	26 Read about the work of one of the LCMS missionaries. Donate 35¢	27 Do a chore for a friend or family member. Donate 70¢	28 Sing LSB 544 "O Love, How Deep". Donate 65¢	29 Invite a loved one to dinner! Donate 40¢	30 Print out next month's Mite Challenge Calendar! Donate 95¢	

Birthdays and Anniversaries



3-Jun Lori Roseman
3-Jun Gemma Cullen
4-Jun Don Hauser
4-Jun Michael Gerken
4-Jun Robert Welch
5-Jun Naomi Weaver
5-Jun Esther Weaver
6-Jun Victoria Charles
6-Jun Rita Williams
8-Jun Carolyn Kuchenbecker
8-Jun Audra Kuchenbecker
8-Jun Tom Cullen
8-Jun Brooke Pope
9-Jun Britney Lundy
9-Jun Calvin Jenkins
9-Jun Roger Shull
11-Jun Gianluca Palozzi
13-Jun Rachael Hamm
13-Jun Vivian Knight
13-Jun Jamie Bell
14-Jun Donald Brown
15-Jun Nadine Seitz
15-Jun Brianna Miller
15-Jun Rose Long
16-Jun David Harris
16-Jun Betsy Murray
16-Jun David Hayes
16-Jun Ruth Geml
18-Jun Wanda Hefner
18-Jun Lori Bedder
18-Jun Allie Matthews
19-Jun Alex Slotter
20-Jun Courtney Raatz
20-Jun Alex Furr
20-Jun William Adair

20-Jun Ronnie Kaylor
20-Jun Trevor Beal
21-Jun Douglas Brady
21-Jun Greg Roseman
22-Jun Julie Moser
22-Jun William Whitener
22-Jun Chris Henze
23-Jun Collin Matthews
23-Jun Roger Heavner
23-Jun Keith Travis
24-Jun Opal Bolick
26-Jun Carmen Isenhower
26-Jun Harvey Travis
26-Jun Steve Murray
26-Jun Philip Lindler
27-Jun Eric Isenhower
28-Jun Jeanette Bowman
29-Jun Ashley Huss
29-Jun Hazel Braun
30-Jun Maggie Lou Carter
30-Jun Gregory Murphy
30-Jun Belinda Bost

5-Jun Paul and Frances Hale
6-Jun Eric and Angie Isenhower
6-Jun Joe and Becky Rhyne
13-Jun Eddie and Kristen Dwiggin
13-Jun JR and Nicole Morton
14-Jun Brandon and Delaina Bryan
17-Jun Stephen and Belinda Bost
18-Jun Jimmy and Jane Martin
19-Jun William and Buffy Smith
22-Jun Shawn and Monica Hedrick
23-Jun Ernest and Mary Herman
24-Jun David and Mary Reitzel
24-Jun Angelo and Katrina Palozzi
26-Jun Bill and Kathy Unverfehrt
26-Jun Tony and Kelly Adams
27-Jun Doc and Shirley Canrobert
27-Jun Steven and Debra Braun
28-Jun Luke and Katrina Garrison

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30am Men's Bible Study	2	3 10am Sandbox Daycare Graduation 2:00pm CLH Bridge Dedication
4 9am Blended Worship & Communion - FLC 10am Voters' Assembly Meeting 11am Christian Education 2pm Cub Scout Pack Night 2pm Sr. Youth Council Leadership Retreat 3pm Creative Haven	5 10am Concordia Volunteers at ECCCM 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet	6 	7 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 6pm Trustees	9 9:30am Boy Scouts Camp at Lake James	10
11 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10am Costa Rica Mission Team Meeting 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 2pm Boy scouts return from camping trip	12 6:30pm Flag Retirement Ceremony	13 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 11:30am PrimeTimers - EM 6pm Stewardship - A#1 6:30pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Day School - School Cafeteria 6:30pm Elders - EM	14 Flag Day 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band 7pm Youth Pool Party	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:15pm M & M Library 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	16	17
18 Father's Day 8am LLL 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 3:30pm VBS - Ice Cream Social 	19 9:00am VBS 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet	20 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 9:00am VBS 	21 First Day of Summer 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 9:00am VBS 6:30pm Praise Band	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am VBS 	23	24
25 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary	26 6:30pm Scouts Meet 	27 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 4:30pm ECCCM Board Meets - EM 6:30pm Church Council - A#1	28 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study	30 	