

Concordia Newsletter

July 2016



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Christ shaping us into community here...

Empowering us to impact community there.

Rev. A. Mark Schudde
Senior Pastor

Mr. Kyle McClure
Minister of Music

DCE Chris Henze
Youth Minister

Rev. Ben Micheel
Pastor of Family Life

Mr. John Holland
Praise Service Leader

Mrs. Leslie Brown
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Mrs. Mary Canrobert
Mrs. Vicki Shull
Stephen Ministers

Mr. Jim Kent
Vicar

Mrs. Betsy Murray
Early Childhood Director
Assistant Principal

Ms. Susan Harman
Administrative Assistant

Just These Lines, My Friends...

In July we take time not only to “Celebrate the 4th” ... we also take time to honor the Founding Fathers, like Washington and Jefferson, Franklin, Madison and Adams. We truly are recipients of and enjoy the benefits of their courage despite opposition and their vision to see beyond the present.

If they could give us words of encouragement today what would they say? I imagine they might say, “Press on toward a bright future beyond the present. Have courage even when faced with opposition.”

In other words, keep applying the truths that never change in the context and the culture in which you now live...

We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

In Hebrews 11, God reminds us of another set of “Founding Fathers.” These are the Founding Fathers of Faith. Once again you and I are recipients of and enjoy the benefits of their courage despite opposition and their vision to see beyond the present. Scripture declares,

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, ... ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household... ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going... ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age... ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to

be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter...²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

If they could give us words of encouragement today what would they say? I imagine they might say, "Press on toward a bright future beyond the present. Have courage even when faced with opposition."

In other words...Press on in Faith. Apply God's truth. Share the promise of His presence in the culture in which you live. Do whatever it takes to share the Good News of Jesus!

For Freedom Christ has set us free! (Galatians 5:1)

Pastor Schudde

Wednesday Worship Summer Series

Theme: ***Confronted by Love***

What: A chapter by chapter study of II Corinthians

When: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. through August 17th

Where: Chapel

Presenters: Pastor Mark Schudde, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pastor Ben Micheel, Vicar Jim Kent, and Seminarian Mark Moretz

Music: Music Minister Kyle McClure has developed various *Evening Services and Songs* for each Wednesday.

Who: For all members, friends, guests and neighbors



Farewell to Vicar Jim and Shauna

Concordia has certainly been blessed and has benefitted greatly through having Vicar Jim and his wife, Shauna as a part of our congregation this past year.

In July we take time to appreciate them, and celebrate their ministry among us. As much as possible you may wish to participate in these “final events” of Vicar Jim’s and Shauna’s ministry among us.

Sunday, July 17th – Vicar Jim leads his final “Praise Service” at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 24th –Vicar Jim gives his “final sermon” as Vicar of Concordia.

Shauna will sing her final Sunday as part of our Praise Team

Sunday, July 31st –Farewell to Jim and Shauna. Join in a special reception in the Church Narthex and Courtyard between the services (9:00 a.m. –10:25 a.m.)

We wish Jim and Shauna God’s richest blessings in Christ Jesus, as they return to St. Louis where Jim will complete his final year of studies. We anticipate the time when he will receive his first congregation assignment at the “Call Service” in April 2017, and graduate with his Master of Divinity in May of 2017.

From Pastor Ben....

Friends in Christ, what a joy it is to finally be able to address you as Pastor Ben in my first newsletter article! In Proverbs 3:5-6 it is written, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Sometimes trusting in God is not the easiest thing in the world. When we are called to do things that are difficult in our lives, we may find it hard to trust in God.

In our recent move, Rachel and I were faced with the usual challenges of relocating to a new home. We were without our belongings for a few days. We had left many good friends. We were a little nervous about what was in store for us here. But, we knew that no matter what happened, we could trust in God.

We knew that I had received a call from God into the ministry and that God had worked through the members here at Concordia to extend that call to me. When we got here, we were welcomed with open arms and we have found so many friendly people who have been willing to help out as needed. We have just felt the love coming from so many people in this church that we know that God is indeed working through you here in this place.

As we get settled, we know there will be times of difficulty. No one and no place is perfect but we also know that as long as we remember the words from Proverbs, that we should trust in God and he will make our path straight, there is nothing that can take us away from God.

In the following weeks and months I look forward to meeting more and more of you. I have already met so many people and I ask for your forgiveness for taking as long as I will to learn everyone's name. I promise, I am working at it.

There are exciting things happening here at Concordia. There are many plans in the works for new learning opportunities as well as potential outreach opportunities where we will be able to better serve our neighbors and be leaders in our communities. I am excited to work with you in these areas and I look forward to our discussions about how we can work together.

Please feel free to reach out to me through phone, email or even just stopping by the office. Blessings to you as you continue to walk with God this month!

Pastor Ben



Family Camp at Camp Linn Haven will be September 16-18

**The sign up sheet is live and can be found at
<http://goo.gl/forms/LK6AfViJLk0I8DxI3>**

The first 20 families will be able to register their children who are 15 and younger for free. All registrants who are 16 and older will be \$70 each. After the first 20 families are signed up, the fees are \$60 each for children ages 12 to 15, \$50 each for children ages 2 to 11. All children under 2 are free.

**Please contact Pastor Ben with any questions
at 828-464-3324 or bmicheel@concordianc.org.**

From Vicar...

Welcoming Guests...Hebrews 13:2 Ministry

What's Next?

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels.” – Hebrews 13:2

I mentioned last month that **Concordia “connects, grows, and bridges”** through the worship of God and the teaching of His Gospel. **One of the ways we do this is by using our God-given talents to connect guests with us and with each other by showing them the love of Christ through our greetings.** The Hebrews 13:2 ministry is one way we do this. We've been at this new ministry team for a couple of months now. By the power of the Holy Spirit through the work of this team and the whole congregation things are happening!

I was studying Jesus' **Parable of the Talents** (Matthew 25:14-30) in preparation for Sunday School. I noticed an interesting thing. Jesus didn't say the Master gave the three servants the same exact amount of property. In fact, **Jesus says “To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.”** (Matt 25:15-ESV) The Master gives the talents to the servants, not because they asked for them or earned them in any way...he just gives to them to use. He does this because he expects his servants to make good use of these gifts by using them to grow his property for him while he is away.

We see the **reaction of each servant** to the gift given. **Two of the servants put the talents to work at once**, wasting no time, for the Master. A **third servant didn't do anything with his talent**, except bury it in the ground for safe keeping. When the Master returned, the **Master was pleased with the two who did something** with their talent. The other one...well...let's say I'd rather not be that guy...not only did he get thrown out into the outer darkness (the worst kind by the way) but the Master took the one talent he so carefully guarded and gave it to one of the others who went to work with the talent the Master gave him.

God blesses each us with gifts and talents of different kinds in different amounts too. But, the point is this...He blesses us all **with gifts**

to be used...not buried in the ground. He expects us to boldly use the various gifts we have **to grow His kingdom**. If we don't use these gifts though...hmmm...think about that **third servant** who is out there in **“the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”** (Matthew 25:30-ESV)

Not all of us have the gift of gab...or the **gift of comfort around people we don't know** very well. But, **we can all smile and be friendly and welcoming** in some way. And...we all have one amazing gift...**we all have the gift of the Holy Spirit** who lives within us and enables us to have faith in God our Father, the provider of all of our gifts. The Holy Spirit also **enables us to trust God our Father to use these gifts**. We may be timid at first...and receive appropriate results. But, we will receive results. And like the servant who received the unused talent, **God will bless us with confidence which will lead to more results** the next time!

If you're **interested in using your God given talents for hospitality** in some capacity to help Him grow His church, consider joining the Hebrews 13:2 ministry team. Call the office at 828-464-3324 for more information!

What Should I Say?

1. “How long have you lived in this area?” If new or not a “lifer”, ask “Where did you come here from?”
 2. “What kind of work do you do?”
 3. “Where did/do you go to school (high school, college)?”
 4. If they indicate military background...“Where did you serve in the military?”
 5. “What helped you find Concordia as a place to worship today?”
 6. “What has God been doing in your life lately?”
 7. “Is there anything I can pray with or for you about this week?”
- The Body of Christ, His church, is the only place where people gather to pray to the one, true God who hears and answers prayer. This shows how the church is different than other “helping agencies.”



Thank you very much for your kind words of congratulation when we celebrated the 50th anniversary of my ordination last June 5. Thanks to Sidney Halma and his committee for the beautiful display. Thanks to Pamela Farmer and her committee for arranging the reception. Thanks to all for your prayers and support as we embark on the next 50 years! The ministry opportunities and challenges of the past 50 years have brought many blessings. The happy times and sad times I have shared with so many of God's people have enriched me. The presence and power of the Spirit of Jesus have been my strength and joy. For all the ways God has worked through you to bless me and my family I am humbled and grateful. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all with mercy, peace, and joy.

Pastor Paul Nelson

Beth Blackwood to Share at Concordia

Beth Blackwood, a former student at Concordia Christian Day School, graduated from Duke University in the spring of 2014.

During her time at Duke she was involved in the Lutheran Campus Ministry. Through this ministry Beth was led to serve as a Missionary to Hungary for one year. While there she worked through a church with the less fortunate, particularly the persecuted Roma people.

Currently Beth is working on a post graduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill.

She will be sharing her faith story, and how God used her during her one-year Mission experience:

When: Sunday, August 7th 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

Where: In the Emmaus Room

On this particular Sunday we will invite all Adult groups to join together for this event to hear Beth.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

(This is an update of the happenings in the Life of Concordia since the last Newsletter)

Hospital/Out Patient

Betty Spencer, Ashley Olson, Pat Deal, David Brooks, Miriam Davis, Susan Harman, Alice Baker, Vivian Knight, Pat Clarke, Donna Grigg, Michelle Montgomery, David N. Smith, Don Beal and Newby Hunsucker

Sympathy To

Joan Rowe upon the death of her son, David N. Rowe
Alan Jones upon the death of his sister, Edna
Greg Terry and family upon the death of his father, Stewart Terry

Other Prayer Needs

Our Principal Call Committee
The unchurched in our area and throughout the world
Our Church, School and Leadership
Our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
Vicar Jim and Shauna as they relocate back to St Louis



In The Word...

New Bible Study:

“In The Dust of the Rabbi – Walking Closely With Jesus” - A video series that takes us on site to the Holy Land and gives special insight from Jesus’ time by Ray Vander Laan. Led by Pastor Schudde and Steve Bost in the Emmaus Room, **begins July 10th**.

Sundays - 9:15am

Emmaus Room - Adult Bible study group. **Led by Pastors**

Adult Room #1 - Parents of young children –Led by Cindy Sigmon.

BLCFM - Acts – Led by Dale & Dianne Lawing

Youth Central - Pre-Teens, Jr. Youth and Sr. Youth- led by the Youth Ministry Team

Weekday Bible Studies:

Wednesdays: 7am Ladies’ Bible Study – Led by Kim Hauser. Adult Room #1

10am – Bible Study – First & Third Wednesday’s. Led by Vicar Jim Kent

Tuesdays: 6:30pm –Emmaus Room-The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer-
Led by Steve Bost

Thursdays: 7am Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study – Revelation –
Led by David Isenhower. AHEC 105 CVMC

6:30pm FAITHbooking – Led by Belinda Bost – Emmaus Room

Where Moms Connect – BLCFM. See calendar for meeting days and times.



Youth Ministry INFO for July 2016



In Christ Alone

We Stand

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
NEW ORLEANS · JULY 16-20 2016

Concordia's Youth & Adults attending the 2016 National Youth Gathering:

Matthew Adair	Nathan Chapman	Zoe Finch	Lindy Kuchenbecker
Oliver Grigg	Hunter Rudisill	Colbie Dwigginns	Alec Montgomery
Caleb Henze	Kathryne Smith	Haley Burgess	Carson Settlemyre
Davis Ellwanger	Kayla Cochran	Jacob Hardee	Andy Henze
William Pittman	Julia Spencer	Shelby Adair	Jessica Montgomery
Bethany Henze	Chris Henze	Eddie Dwigginns	James Glenn
Laura Miller	Julie Moser	Holly Rudisill	Ryan Rudisill
Buffy Smith	Natalie Williams		

Please keep these individuals in your prayers!

Here are July's NYG events:

- July 10th Commissioning @ 10:30 & 10:45 Worship
- July 12th Family Send-Off Celebration (pool party)
- July 14th we fly out (leave Charlotte @ 2:35pm)

JULY 16-20 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. LA

- July 21st we fly home (arrive in Charlotte @ 7:09pm)
- July 30th from 4-6pm set up for Congregation's Share Event

**The entire congregation is invited to join us on*

***Sunday, July 31st from 12-2pm in the gym for our free LUNCH/SHARE
EVENT!***



Congratulations to Zoe Finch and Bethany Henze for being chosen as Liturgical Dancers for the 2016 National Youth Gathering!



Youth Ministry INFO for July 2016



NYG Send-Off Celebration

Our NYG family celebration is Tuesday, July 12th from 5-8pm at Conover Pool. We will swim, pray, and fellowship with our NYG group before they leave for their trip. This is for all participants and their families. Bring 1 meat dish and 1 side dish to share! Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel!

Sr. Youth Council High Adventure Retreat in June:

We went whitewater rafting, boating, skiing, swimming and rope-swinging. We shared the Bible in worship and fellowship. Thanks for your prayers!

Thanks to those who worked @ Vacation Bible School...

Thanks to those who worked @ "SUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA"!

Thanks for reading the new 6-month calendar card in this newsletter & then giving it away as an EVANGELISM TOOL!



Youth Pool Party

All youth and their friends are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 27th from 6-8pm at Conover Pool. Dinner will be provided!

Happy July 4th

DCE Chris L. Henze -- Youth Minister



SUNDAY BROADCASTS

WAIZ 630AM – 10:30am

WNNC 1230AM – 8:00am

WXRC 95.7 – 6:30am

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July 3-(Galatians 6:1-18)

"Freedom in Action"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

In Christ, you are free from being ruled by your burdens, free to serve others for the glory of God.

July 10-(Luke 10:25-37)

"Extreme Neighborliness"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Through His love and sacrifice, Jesus is the extreme neighbor to you and all people.

July 17-(Luke 10:38-42)

"The One Thing You Really Need"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

The story of Mary and Martha is not so much about Mary or Martha--or us. It's really about Jesus.

July 24-(Luke 9:51-62)

"Never to See Them Again"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Opportunity knocks; Christ invites us to receive the gift of faith.

July 31-(Acts 5:27-34)

"Bullies"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

When bullies pressure Christians to keep quiet, we can retreat, push back, or choose to endure.

Principal Search...

Please continue to keep this process in your daily prayers. Ask that the Holy Spirit guide the process every step of the way, and bring the individual who will most benefit and build Christ's Mission at Concordia Lutheran Church and Christian Day School.

PrimeTimer News...

The **PrimeTimers** will meet on July 11 for a special "Farewell Event" for Vicar Jim and Shauna in the Emmaus Room at 11:30. You are asked to bring your favorite covered dishes and a guest to enjoy this special and entertaining event. Hope to see everyone!



Prime Timers will travel to the Flat Rock Playhouse on **Wednesday, August 10th** (note: this is a change from our normal Monday meeting days) where we will enjoy the musical production "**Nine to Five**". Cost of this activity is \$60. per person which includes traveling by commercial bus and ticket to the play. We have 34 seats available for our group and we need to confirm these seats with payment by **July 15**. Thus space is limited to the first 34 who make their commitment. Lunch will be "Dutch treat" at the Moose Cafe in Hendersonville. Reserve your seat early, make your check to **Concordia Prime Timers** and either give it to Vivian Knight, treasurer; or drop it by the church office to Susan Harman. Details regarding departure time and return to the church will be shared later.



Pray about what your gifts are and how they can be shared. There are so many short term ways to be part of the Children's Ministry at Concordia.

Save The Dates:

- August 28th Rally Day
- September 11th Homecoming
- September 16-18th Concordia Weekend at Camp Linn Haven

Find us on Facebook for important dates and announcements
Like and share our page, Children's Ministry of Concordia NC

In addition to teaching a **workshop** at **Tending the Flame**, **Belinda Bost** will be offering a two day workshop introducing the **Creative Faith** concept, **Praying in Color** and **Bible Journaling**. She will be working with Sirpa Quinn and Sally Hiller, both from the SED office, to launch Creative Faith Coaches that will share these concepts with our sister congregations across the SED.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

If you would like to receive the *Concordia Highlights* by email each week, please send your email address to the office at sharman@concordianc.org to be added to the email list. You will receive a notification by email when the *Highlights* are available.

Position: Part-Time Children's Minister

Characteristics:

- *Team Leader
- *Passionate Faith
- *Value God's Work
- *Great Visionary—Think outside the box
- *Must Love Children
- *A member of Concordia Lutheran Church

Expectations:

1. Envision and communicate goals and directions for the children's ministry at Concordia Lutheran Church to pastoral staff, volunteers, and the congregation.
2. Recruit, lead, impart, empower and excite a team of volunteers to assist in achieving the goals.
3. Develop programs to encourage church wide support of the children at Concordia and the children's ministry.
4. Equip volunteers to provide loving Christian education for the children through the Sunday school, VBS, and other children's programs and activities which may be developed.
5. Work with pastoral staff and Board of Christian Education to assure the programs developed fit our Mission and the objectives of Family Life Ministry.
6. To develop a program that prepares our children to be a part of the Missional Church.
7. Reports directly to the Pastor of Family Life Ministry.
8. Active participation in weekly Children's Ministry and faithfully attends Sunday Worship.

Compensation: \$10-12.00 per hour
depending upon skill level & experience.

Approximate Time: 8-12 hours/week

**Please submit resumes to Concordia Church office or
via email (lbrown@concordianc.org) by July 29th.**

Mark Your Calendars..

Mission & Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

In continuing Concordia's volunteer program at The Corner Table, the following date has been scheduled for July...

*Thursday July 14th and 28th- 10:30am to 1pm

Please come join us! Contact Betty Heavner at [828-234-2898](tel:828-234-2898) or email bcheavner@bellsouth.net to schedule your volunteer times. The Mission & Ministry Board thanks everyone for your prayers and support of The Corner Table.

Highways & Hedges - This ministry provides a healthy evening meal, as well as, groceries, clothing and other supplies to families in need within our neighborhood. Volunteer opportunities are available each 1st and 3rd Monday (July 4th and 18th) from 4pm to 8pm. Please call Smitty Bolick at [828-310-9589](tel:828-310-9589) or [828-459-9196](tel:828-459-9196) if you would like to help serve the meal or pack to-go bags.

A "Thank You" from Trinity Hmong....

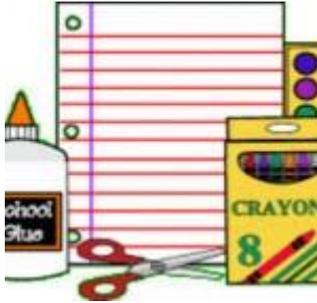
Thank you for all pastors and congregations, especially, to Concordia, St. Stephen, Mt Side, and Bethel, who have supported generosity and hearts to "Trinity Hmong Lutheran Mission" in Newton. I write to let all of you know that the "Project" we were most concerned about-- the kitchen and the roof-- has been completed on June 19th, 2016. Without your support we could not have gotten this "Project" done. Please announce and inform your congregation how much we appreciated your support. We still have more projects ahead of us, and we hope that all of you will continue to support the "Trinity" on going project in the future.

We thank you so much and appreciate what each one of you has been led by God's grace to do. May the Lord bless each of you in many different ways in God grace and mercy. Amen!

Again, thank you so much. There are no words that can describe our appreciation in our heart to you, but the Holy Spirit will fill in and provide the correct word to your heart.

From: Trinity Hmong Lutheran Mission
Rev. Zang Yang

Would you like to sponsor a child in who is involved with Catawba County Child Protective Services with school supplies for the next school year? We have two options for backpacks. Please consider providing backpacks for each.



Elementary

- A new standard sized backpack
- 1 wide ruled one subject spiral notebook
- 1 pack of #2 pencils (at least 10 pencils)
- 2 wide ruled composition notebooks
- 3 packs of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 24- pack of Crayons
- 1 pair of blunt tip scissors
- 1 hard 3 ring binder (2 inch)
- 1 pencil pouch with grommets
- 1 highlighter

Middle/High School

- A new standard OR string/cinch backpack
- 2 college ruled one subject spiral notebooks
- 1 pack of #2 pencils (at least 10 pencils)
- 1 hard 3-ring binder (3 inch)
- 1 pack divider tabs
- 3 packs of college ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 pack of blue/black ink pens



Concordia

Christian Day School

A THANK YOU FROM MR. "U"

I want to thank all of the members of Concordia for your support and encouragement over the past 18 years. It has been a real joy to be a part of the ministry here and to see the many ways God has blessed us. I have so many wonderful memories of my time here. I am confident that God has great plans for Concordia Lutheran Church and School as it shares the Gospel message to people everywhere.

I am not leaving, just graduating. After 38 years of ministry to elementary and middle school students, I get to go to high school. I now have the opportunity to help these students grow in their faith and understanding of our Lord. I am excited to be a part of a ministry that I helped start and can only dream about what God has in store for this Lutheran High School. Please keep Concordia and UCHS in your prayers. Thank you!

CONCORDIA STUDENTS EXCEL

Concordia's 2016 Stanford Achievement Tests were outstanding. Overall our student average increased by 2%ile. We improved from 2015 in Reading Vocabulary, Total Reading, Math Procedures, Language, Spelling, Science, Social Studies, and Listening. Total Math is at the 84%ile, Science improved to the 87%ile and Social Science is at the 84%ile. Thinking Skills that tests critical thinking skills is at the 87%ile. This means that Concordia students scored better than 87% of the students in the nation in their grade level.

The seventh grade had the greatest improvement from last year as their average percentile went from the 71%ile to the 79%ile. Third grade increased 6%ile. The fourth grade class had the highest average percentile at the 85%ile. First grade was at the 83%ile and fifth and eighth grade were at the 81%ile.

Please remember that our Achievement Testing is also just one way we evaluate our educational program. This year 100% of our Algebra I/Math I students passed the North Carolina EOC exam with 7 of the 10 scoring a level 5 and the entire class having a 95%ile average. That is an unbelievable statistic.

We had 4 Concordia graduates honored as a high school valedictorian or salutatorian. Lexie Davis was the Salutatorian at UCHS. Sydney Karre was the Valedictorian of Newton-Conover High School and Claire Long was the Salutatorian. Aoife Sinclair was the Valedictorian of Discovery High School. In the past 10 years we have had 18 high school Valedictorians or Salutatorians. Many other Concordia's graduates are again in the top 10% of their high school classes. We pray that God will continue to bless us as we seek to educate children for Him.

AWARDS

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 Hannah Ferrara.

The Faculty and Staff of Concordia Church and School have created a new award, the "U" Award. This 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 Wyatt Sain.

Staff Update

We are sad that Laura Perry will not be returning this year as our Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. She has taken a position at Tri-City Christian School where her daughter, Katie, will be attending high school.

Amanda Welch, who has been working part-time as a teacher assistant, will be our new Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. We have revised the position slightly so Mrs. Welch can continue to teach Middle School Art.

We have hired Lucila Gaviria as our new Spanish Teacher. Mrs. Gaviria, a native of Columbia, has nine years of teaching experience. Six years were in Columbia where she taught English and three years in Statesville in a total immersion program. She comes with outstanding recommendations from a former principal. She is the kind of teacher who will give a lot of love to her students while challenging them to learn and grow to love Spanish.

TEACHER ASSISTANT POSITION

We are hiring a part-time Teacher Assistant who will work about four hours a day. This teacher assistant will assist the teachers and work with students in grades 3-5. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested, please have them come by the school office and fill out an application. Thank you.

TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

Because of the success of our Golf Tournament, School Auction and Annual Gift Appeal we are making some big strides in our technology plan. We are purchasing 60 Google Chromebooks for grades 3-5. This will make all of our students in grades 3-8 in a one-to-one with computers/iPads. The Chromebooks will be stored and charged in two carts that allow a teacher to pick up a basket of Chromebooks and take them to their classroom or to a group of students. The batteries should last all day, so we don't have to deal with power cords. The Chromebooks will NOT go home.

The iPads that were in these classrooms will be moved to K-2. Each classroom will then have about one iPad for every 2 students, which is what our teachers wanted. PK4 will have a projector and screen installed like grades K-8.

While each middle school student has their own iPad, they often want to use a Windows program for a project. We have upgraded all of the laptops with new hard drives and batteries. We are purchasing a new cart that will allow the laptops to be charged without the present tangle of wires. We are also trying out a 3D printer. Our goal with it is for the students to be able to create Science and History objects for discussion, projects and investigations. We will keep it if it is able to be used educationally.

SPORTS CAMPS THIS SUMMER

Sign up Now! Concordia Sports Camps this summer are July 25-28. Soccer (K-8) is from 9:30 -12am, and Basketball (K-8) is from 12:30 – 3:00. Newton-Conover High School Varsity Soccer Coach Angelo Palozzi and former N-CHS Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Coach Jonathan Tharpe are leading the soccer and basketball camps. These are excellent instructors. Sign up now! More information at the school office.

Dates to Remember

Preschool – Kindergarten Students

On Thursday, August 18th, PS and Kindergarten students and parents are to come anytime from 10:00am – 12:00pm to meet the teacher and see their new classrooms.

Tell Me More Day

All parents are required to meet with their homeroom teacher to talk about their child for 10-15 minutes on August 18 or 19. No other business will take place but the parent helping the teacher to better understand their child. The teachers found this very helpful.

Preschool – 6th Grade and new 7th & 8th Grade Parents

On Monday, August 22, there will be Mandatory Orientation Meetings. There will be several meeting times. Sixth grade and new 7th and 8th grade students and parents will be attending an iPad Orientation. PS – Gr. 5 parents will be meeting with their child's teacher so students are not expected to attend. More detailed information will be sent home later this month.

First Day of School

School begins on Tuesday, August 23, with an Opening Chapel Service at 8:30 am and dismissal at 11:45am.

Middle School Students & Parents

On Wednesday, August 24, at 6:30 pm there is a Mandatory Middle School Orientation Meeting. Parents will be visiting each classroom and meeting with all of their child's teachers. Students are not required to attend.

Openings Available 2015-2016

Concordia has been blessed with many new students this year and our enrollment is projected to increase. While a few grades are full, we still have openings in most grades. If you know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child, please have them call the school office for more information.

**REMEMBER THE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT AND
SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN YOUR WILL!**

July

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Ketha Benfield	7/1
Mark Robinson	7/1
Hannah Starnes	7/2
Ed Coletti	7/3
Donna Lacicer	7/3
Becky Rhyne	7/3
Alan Spencer	7/3
Hunter Rudisill	7/4
Tyler Guynn	7/5
Matthew Kaylor	7/5
Matthew Moser	7/5
Sandy Von Rentzell	7/6
Bryan Elrod	7/7
Ernest Herman	7/7
Katrina Garrison	7/8
Andrea Miller	7/8
Ginger Rink	7/8
Matthew Smith	7/8
Kristen Carlton	7/9
Parker Edwards	7/9
Anderson Reid	7/9
Ann Sigmon	7/9
David Stewart	7/9
Chad Roffey	7/10
Nathan Von Dohlen	7/10
Adele Roseman	7/11
Brayton Vetter	7/11
Kelsey Isenhower	7/12
Todd Sipe	7/12
Kent Walker	7/12
Jessica Teague	7/13
Greg Terry	7/13
Kennedy Hill	7/14
Patsy Kaylor	7/15
Scott Watts	7/15

Jennifer Franscella	7/16
Katie Green	7/16
Raegan Hayman	7/16
Josie Munday	7/16
Jennifer Pendley	7/16
Paul Von Rentzell	7/16
Victoria Weaver	7/16
Glenn Hunsucker	7/17
Elisa Reid	7/17
David N. Smith	7/17
Tracy Abernethy	7/18
Eric Boston	7/18
Sadie Flowers	7/18
Katie Perry	7/18
Tim Settlemyre	7/19
Steve Turner	7/19
Hilda Price	7/20
Jacqueline Soderberg	7/20
James Soderberg	7/21
Lorraine Yount	7/21
George Deal Jr.	7/22
Eric Galloway	7/22
Amanda Welch	7/22
Carrie Emerson	7/23
Russell Emerson	7/23
Kimberly Hill	7/23
Hallie Keil	7/23
Miranda Bost	7/24
Wilson Elliott	7/25
Donna Jarrett	7/25
Lillian Spencer	7/25
Alice Christian	7/26
Cody Harrelson	7/26
Samantha Hawn	7/26
Bernice Holler	7/26
Sherri Isenhower	7/27
Cayla Miller	7/27
Trinity Allman	7/28
Hadlie Morrow	7/28
Stuart Allen	7/29
Paula Brown	7/30
Zoe Finch	7/30
Joe Kaylor	7/30
Helen Murray	7/30

James Schlie	7/30
Cristina Boston	7/31
Amanda Campbell	7/31
Raylee Galloway	7/31
Andy Henze	7/31



Ashley & Keith Lindsay	7/2
Todd & Erica Sipe	7/2
Mike & Kristen Carlton	7/4
Carl & Nadine Seitz	7/5
William & Ann Holt	7/7
Martha & Abe Ajazi	7/9
David & Mary Hartsoe	7/12
Brent & Melissa Hayes	7/14
Mary Ann & Jack Power	7/14
H.Y. & Sandi Chi	7/17
Roy & Cindy Sigmon	7/17
Dale & Debbie Spencer	7/20
Donald & Judy Parris Brown	7/23
Micheal & Lesa Spake	7/24
Andy & Nicole Hass	7/25
Barry & Ashley Huss	7/26
Sonny & Adele Roseman Jr.	7/28

If your name is missing from this list,
please let the church office know.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship & Communion 10:45am Praise Service	4  Church Office Closed Independence Day 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 4pm Serve Highways & Hedges	5 9am Bi-Circuit Pastors meet at Concordia 6:30pm Bible Study EM	6 7am Ladies Bible Study A#1 10am Bible Study EM 6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel 8pm Praise Group	7 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6:30pm FAITHbooking - EM	8	9 
10 NYG - Commissioning 10:30 & 10:45 Services 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship 10:45am Praise Service & Communion 8pm Boy Scouts at Camp	11 11:30am PrimeTimers 	12 5pm NYG Family Send-Off Celebration @ Conover Pool 6:30pm Bible Study EM	13 7am Ladies Bible Study A#1 6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel 8pm Praise Group 	14 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 10:30am Concordia Serves at Corner Table 6:30pm FAITHbooking - EM 6:30pm Trustees	15	16 Youth Leave for NYG 9am Board Leadership Orientation Scouts return from Camp
17 Installation of Board Members Sending - Bill Unverfehrt 8am Worship & Communion 8am LLL 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship & Communion 10:45am Praise Service	18 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 4pm Serve Highways & Hedges	19 6:30pm Bible Study EM 	20 7am Ladies Bible Study A#1 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel 8pm Praise Group	21 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 12pm Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm FAITHbooking – EM Youth Return from NYG	22	23 
24 Vicar Jim Kent's Last Sermon 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship 10:45am Praise Service & Communion	25 7pm Dorcas – LWML 	26 6:30pm Bible Study EM	27 7am Ladies Bible Study A#1 6pm Youth Pool Party 6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel 8pm Praise Group	28 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 10:30am Concordia Serves at Corner Table 6:30pm FAITHbooking – EM	29	30 4pm NYG Lunch Set Up
31 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Going Away Reception for the Kents 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship & Communion 10:45am Worship & Communion 12pm NYG Share Event with Lunch						

		<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>	<u>July 31</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	(8:00)	Robert Welch	Oliver Grigg	Robert Deese	Matthew Hafer	Katie Perry
	(10:30)	Hunter Rudisill	Grayson Welch	Garrett Burns Emily Jackson	Gemma Cullen Carrigan Elrod	Nate Chapman Caitlyn Chapman
	(10:45)	Matthew Adair	Lindy Kuchenbecker	Fiona Finch	Jamie Henze	Emily Jackson
<u>GREETERS:</u>	(8:00)	Sidney & Geri Halma	Arden & Lois Hintzmann	Donny & Pat Setzer	Eric & Diana Hicks	Mary Anne Wike & Pat Moser
	(10:30)	Bill & Ann Holt	Allison Crouse & Wanda Hefner	Cristal Rager & Kim Hauser	Mary Ann Power & Vivian Knight	Becky Rhyne & Dana Biehler
	(10:45)	Carl & Pat Welch	The Bryan Family	The Andy Matthews Family	The Kyle Hayman Family	The Greg Terry Family
<u>READERS:</u>	(8:00)	Tammy Hayman	Katrina Palozzi	Paul Karre	Marissa Alfaro	Kathy Unverfehrt
	(10:30)	Clarence Pugh	Charlie Canrobert	David Isenhower	Jill Adair	Roger Heavner
	(10:45)	Lisa Christian	Susan Harman	Jill Graff	Pat Welch	Delaina Bryan
<u>ELDERS:</u>	(8:00)	Rick Miller Sidney Halma	Rick Miller Sidney Halma	Corey Christians Jimmy Martin	Corey Christians Dale Laeing	Roger Heavner Dale Lawing
	(10:30)	Steve Bost Roger Heavner Vicki Shull	Steve Bost	Dale Lawing Roger Heavner Vicki Shull	Vicki Shull	Jimmy Martin Vicki Shull Steve Bost
	(10:45)	Jonathan Moore	Roger Heavner Dwayne Welch Andy Matthews Audra Kuchenbecker	Jonathan Moore	Jimmy Martin Roger Heavner Audra Kuchenbecker Gary Lacicer Dwayne Welch	Jonathan Moore Corey Christians Audra Kuchenbecker Andy Matthews

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Moser and Mary Sandy Smith 10:45-Susan Harman

USHERS: (8:00) Ted and Paul Karre

(10:30) Alan Hefner-Captain, David Isenhower,
Randy Isenhower and Tom Considine

TRUSTEES: Rick Wike and Greg Roseman