

# Concordia Newsletter

August 2016



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

*Christ shaping us into community here...  
Empowering us to impact community there.*

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## Just These Lines, My Friends...

“Welcome to Concordia, where we *connect, grow* and *bridge*. I’m \_\_\_\_\_ and will be doing liturgy today, and \_\_\_\_\_ will be sharing God’s word with us today.”

If you have been in worship this past year, the above words will sound familiar. Vicar Jim not only spent time at Concordia learning and growing, he also taught us a few things as well. One of these is a sensitivity to guests and first time worshippers. Whether it is how he greeted worshipers at the beginning of our services, or the creation of our “Hebrews 13:2 Ministry,” we can assure him that he left his mark on us.

The point is this: One individual can make a big difference! That includes YOU!

Whether you are at Concordia for only one year, as is the case with Jim and his wife Shauna, or if you have been at Concordia numerous years, the fact remains... YOU make a difference.

Often I hear the question, “Has Concordia missed me on the Sundays that I’ve been away over the summer?” The answer is a resounding, “YES.” Don’t simply ask me, ask those who worship with you, your friends and your fellow church members. They will tell you how there was an “empty space” not only where you typically sit. More important, there was an “empty space” in the sense of our prayers, our singing, and our fellowship together as God’s people.

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God’s word describes the important connectivity that we share as the body of Christ... <sup>12</sup>*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.* <sup>13</sup>*For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body...* <sup>26</sup>*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices*

*with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12)*

So allow me to conclude this thought by getting us back to Vicar Jim's Sunday morning greeting, and what he taught us:

*Welcome to Concordia where we...*

*CONNECT...in Christian Community... that includes YOU!*

*GROW... around God's Word... that includes YOU!*

*BRIDGE...out to our Neighbors and the World... you guessed it—  
that includes YOU!*

At times we say, "Good Bye" to individuals who have touched us with God's love at Concordia. At other times we say, "Welcome" to individuals who become new parts of our Community at Concordia. For however long a time, however new or old the individual, God's truth remains...

YOU make a Big Difference,

Pastor Schudde

### **Key Happenings at Concordia**

Tuesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Concordia hosts National Night Out 5:00- 9:00 pm
Sunday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Installation of our Teachers and Staff of Concordia Christian Day School
Sunday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Move Up Day for our Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry
Sunday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Homecoming with guest preacher, Larry Lineberger
Friday, Sept. 16- Sunday, Sept. 18	Family Camp at Linn Haven

## **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

### **From Pastor Ben....**

My dear friends in Christ, in chapter 12 of Mark we find these words of Jesus, "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." That idea of sacrificial service to others is one that is often forgotten about in our Christian lives together. We get caught up in the idea of making sure that we need to make ourselves right with God and we forget that one of the greatest ways to do that is through service to others.

But really, if we look at the perfect mission and ministry of Jesus, what we see is the deepest level of service to others possible. We see Jesus on the cross, bearing the weight of all of our sin and shortcomings. We see Jesus dying a sinner's death, even though he lived a sinless life. We see nothing but perfect and loving service to the people around him. That is what we see when we look at what Jesus did. He came to serve, and that service led to our eternal salvation.

So, our response is service to others, and we can do that in so many different ways. Here in the church, we can serve others with our time and our

resources. Being generous towards the church can happen in many different ways. Some of you serve on the various boards here. Others serve as volunteers on Sunday morning or throughout the week. Others serve through prayers and gifts. Some serve in all of these ways. The key is, serving in the way that you are able and doing it with joy, not because you feel that you have to.

Those are the easy ways to serve. But, as Jesus says in Mark chapter 2, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” We are called to do more than just serve in the church. We, as brothers and sisters in Christ, are called to serve outside of the church as well. We are called to go out and be with people who may not know the love of Jesus. We are called to go out and help people who are in need. We are called to go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

So you might be thinking, “Okay Pastor, I get it and I want to serve. How do I start?” Well, I’m glad you asked. There are many ways that Concordia wants to get out into the community and serve our neighbors. The Mission and Ministry Board is working on partnering with Habitat for Humanity and sending volunteers into our community to help build houses and also repair houses to make them safe and livable for people who cannot afford to do so. There are also other events coming up such as Highways and Hedges, serving at the Corner Table, or even participating in the Trunk or Treat event in October.

You could serve here at Concordia as a confirmation mentor for our seventh and eighth grade students. Helping with Sunday school or the new Children’s Church that will be starting in September at the 10:45 service are also ways you can join in service. These are just a few small examples, the possibilities are endless.

Once you get started in serving your neighbor, you will find that you are actually benefitting as well. It is amazing how great it feels to really be a servant to someone else. How wonderful would it be to see our church become known as a church that is out in the community, sharing the love of Jesus every way that we can? That is what it means to live out our faith in Christ.

Your Humble Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Micheel



**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](mailto:bmicheel@concordianc.org).**

## From Vicar...

Welcoming Guests...Hebrews 13:2 Ministry  
Thank You...From a Guest Among You

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

Thank you from a guest among you! You might be asking “Who are you talking about?” Well...I can name a couple that I’ve encountered in recent weeks. But, following one of the rules of effective greeting, which is to make sure guests feel comfortable and not singled out, I’ll keep from singling anyone out. However, I will call to attention one guest...my wife and I.

Shauna and I thank you all for opening your arms and your hearts to both of us this past year. I said in my first sermon in August 2015,

“You all take a great chance bringing a vicar into your midst to teach him how to be a pastor. I thank God in advance for bringing you, Shauna, and me together this year. He has joined us together in order that you can teach us and we can learn from you this year. By God’s grace, because of you, I will become a better pastor for his people someday and someplace in accordance with his will.”

I truly believe that God’s will has been done through you all. Through your loving support, encouragement and feedback, I am confident that I will be a better pastor because of all my experiences at Concordia. Not only that, but Shauna and I will be a much better team because of you all. Somewhere, someplace there is a church filled with God’s people that will thank Concordia Lutheran Church and Christian Day School for the work you did on Shauna and me this past year.

Shauna and I look forward to hearing from you all as we continue our journey to whatever destination God has in store for us next. Only He knows and He has already laid out His plan for us as He says in

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Stay tuned on April 26, 2017 and we’ll see how that plan will unfurl. Until then, we will keep you posted on our progress through letters and social media updates.

Thank you again for everything you’ve done for us. You truly have “entertained angels in your midst.”

Oh...and since this is the Hebrews 13:2 ministry update...Two items of note. First, Kris Schudde will be taking over this ministry. So...second, if you are interested in joining this greeting ministry team or simply wish to have more information on the Hebrews 13:2 ministry, please contact Kris or call the church office at 828-464-3324.

#### 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.”



We've arrived at the mid-point of summer, and the hustle and bustle of the academic/church year is soon to be upon us. Once again, I extend a heart-felt invitation to all worshippers at Concordia to join one of our musical ensembles charged with assisting in the leading of worship and liturgy.

New participants are needed in all of our musical ensembles presently, and now is a great time to begin thinking about how you might be involved.

Handbells and Sanctuary choir will resume rehearsal on Wednesdays, beginning August 24<sup>th</sup>; bells at 6:00PM, choir at 7:15PM. If you are interested, contact Kyle McClure (found at the piano or organ on Sunday, in his office during the week). People interested in joining the praise group should talk to John Holland before or after the 10:45 service.



## **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.

Beth served in a rural Hungarian village near the border of Romania. She taught English in two schools, a Lutheran elementary and high school. She also spent time worshipping and being a part of a Roma Congregation, a faith community made up of mostly Hungarian-speaking, Roma people who are highly discriminated against in Hungary and throughout Europe.

Outside of her daily activities, Beth also worked with Phiren Amenca (meaning "Walk with Us" in the Romani language), a non-government organization connected with the European Voluntary Service Network. Through this organization Beth worked as a grass-roots organizer for Roma Human Rights in her community. This organization connected her with many other young volunteers throughout Europe, representing countries including Germany, France, Romania, Ukraine, Albania, Macedonia, and Serbia. The majority of her discussion will focus on her time spent organizing with this community.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

Carl Welch, Sonny Roseman, Vernice Sittmann, Kathy Unverfehrt

## **Sympathy To**

Doug Green & family upon the death of his father, Ronald Green

Betty Heavner & family upon the death of her sister, Faye Enloe

Delaina Bryan & family upon the death of her grandmother, Edna Brown

Sonny, Nonie and Jay Sowers upon the death of their daughter & sister, Sally Sowers

Katie Byrne & family upon the death of her father

## **Baptism**

Katie Green, daughter of Doug & Rachel Green

## **Birth**

Riley Nikole Micheel, daughter of Pastor Ben & Rachel Micheel

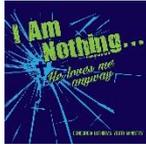
## **Other Prayer Needs**

Our school staff as they begin the new school year

The unchurched in our area and throughout the world

Our Church, School and Leadership

Vicar Jim and Shauna as they relocate back to St Louis



## **Youth Ministry INFO for August 2016**

*If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Galatians 6:3 (NIV)*

### **Youth Ministry goes to Crawdads Game on August 12th:**

All youth and families are invited to attend this event. This is a home game at 7pm...play ball!

### **Youth Ministry Team meets on Sunday, August 14th:**

Our Youth Ministry Team will meet on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm in Youth Central. Lunch is hosted by Natalie Williams. Parents are welcomed and invited to attend and share their opinions with us!

### **Sr. Youth Council meets on Sunday, August 21st:**

We meet on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Kathyne Smith's house from 12-2pm. This is the "teen leadership group" of our Youth Ministry.

### **"Move Up Day" is Sunday, August 28th:**

All youth will officially advance one grade on the rosters!

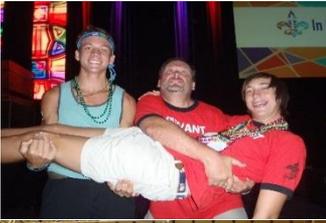
### **"SOS Kick-off Night"**

Join us on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Wear your bathing suit...we plan to play Kiddie Pool Kickball.** 6:00pm is Youth Hang Time. At 6:30pm our activities begin! All new 5-12 grades are welcome...please bring your friends!

# **Please pray for our youth who start back to school this month!**

# 2016 National Youth Gathering Pictures from New Orleans



**DCE Chris Henze, Youth Minister**



## **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.

### **Sundays - 9:15am**

**Emmaus Room** - Adult Bible study group. **Led by Pastor Schudde and Steve Bost**

**Adult Room #1** - Parents of young children –Led by Tray Watson-“Love Does”

**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 Pastor Schudde and Pastor Micheel.

**Tuesdays: 6:30pm** –Emmaus Room-“**In The Dust of the Rabbi – Walking Closely With Jesus**” -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



**SUNDAY BROADCASTS**

**WAIZ 630AM – 10:30am**

**WNNC 1230AM – 8:00am**

**WXRC 95.7 – 6:30am**

**August 2016**

August 7

**"The Word in a World of Words"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

: It's "Archives August" and Pastor Gregory Seltz revisits a classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.

(2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

August 14

**"In Spite of Everything "**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

"Archives August" continues, as Pastor Gregory Seltz preaches another classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.

(Romans 8:28)

August 21

**"Hope Not in Politicians"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

"Archives August" concludes with a classic yet timely message originally presented by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann.

(Isaiah 31:1-3)

August 28

**"Boasting - Ridiculous or Real"**

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

Modern man boasts, "God is dead," but what have we gained from such thinking?

(Galatians 6:14)



## You Can Help

At the beginning of the summer, our third grade teacher Ashley Olson, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She has had surgery and has started an 18 week regimen of chemotherapy. Mrs. Olson will be unable to return to her third grade classroom until after Christmas. Please pray for her and her family. Pray for healing and strength to deal with the side effects from the chemo.

If you would like to help support her, please send her a Wal-Mart gift card. She can use these for food, medicine/pharmacy and her family needs. Cards of encouragement and/or gift cards can be sent to: Ashley Olson, 1020 Paragon Ct. NW, Conover, NC 28613.

## PrimeTimer News...



**Prime Timers** will travel to the Flat Rock Playhouse on **Wednesday, August 10th** where we will enjoy the musical production "**Nine to Five**". Lunch will be "Dutch Treat" at the Moose Cafe in Hendersonville. We will depart at **8:45** from the horseshoe and will return around **6:30**.



Thanks to everyone for making VBS Egypt an awesome experience for over 90+ children from our congregation and community. We celebrate that over 30 of our youth & over 30 adults participated as helpers and leaders during the week. Look for photos around the church and the Family Life Center, the Church Website and The Children's Ministry page on Facebook.

Thank you to Kyle McClure, Minister of Music for a great Summer Sunday School of all things Music and Worship.

WALKING WITH JESUS is the theme for our Move Up Day. Come join us on the front patio of the church, by the three crosses on August 28 during the Sunday School hour for food, fellowship and fun. Rising 5th graders and their families are invited to Youth Central, located in the Christian Day School, for a welcoming by the Youth Ministry Team. All are encouraged to wear your flip flops!!!

Also, on the 28<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 service we will be launching a new worship opportunity for our Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> graders, called, Children's Church. During the service, children will have the option of hearing the Children's Message outside of the worship area. During this time an object lesson, art or group activity will be offered. Later in the service, children will return to their parents. Watch for a special mailing highlighting this new worship experience for the children.

Sunday School Power Hour times and locations:

Nursery provided for infants -2 yrs. located past the church office.

Preschoolers- 3-4 yr. olds. This class is a transitional class inviting parents to stay with their child allowing them to adjust to new surroundings, and friends. This class is located beside the nursery.

Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade located in the hallway on the back side of the church. Children gather together for opening in the music room and then go to their appointed classrooms.

5<sup>th</sup> – 12 grades meet in Youth Central located at the Christian Day School. Watch the bulletin for a listing for Adult classes and small group options. Come join us at 9:15 each Sunday ...and Walk With Jesus!

We are in need of extra hands in all age groups, especially substitutes. Please consider helping with this ministry. Contact Carla Hafer at 828 612-9176

Thumbs up to Zoe Finch and Bethany Henze who were chosen as Liturgical Dancers for the 2016 National Youth Gathering.

We welcome new and returning members to the Board of Christian Education. Many thanks to Cindy Sigmon who has served faithfully as Chairman and to Julie Moser who has served as Secretary. Thank you ladies for your service! Returning members: Carla Hafer, Chairman, Belinda Bost, Vice Chairman New Members: Pastor Ben Micheel, Lisa Christian, Secretary, Miranda Bost, Delaina Bryan, Kay Blackwood and Sharon Cox

## **Mark Your Calendars..**

**July 31:** Youth Congregation Share Event 12-2 pm in the Family Life Center with free lunch.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>:** Beth Blackwood sharing in the Emmaus Room at 9:15, her Missionary work and her faith story while working in Hungary for one year. All Adult groups are invited to join together for this event to hear Beth.

**August 23:** First day of school for Concordia Christian Day School with Opening Chapel Service at 8:45 am and dismissal at 11:30 am.

**August 28:** 9:15 am Sunday School Moving Up Day, Walking With Jesus

**September 11 :** Homecoming

**September 16-18:** Family Camp at Camp Linn Haven



## **Mission & Ministry Volunteer Opportunities**

In continuing Concordia's volunteer program at The Corner Table, the following dates have been scheduled for August:

\*Thursday August 16th and 25<sup>th</sup>- 10:30am to 1pm

Please come join us! Contact Betty Heavner at [828-234-2898](tel:828-234-2898) or email [bcheavner@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 neighborhoods. Volunteer opportunities are available each 1st and 3rd Monday (August 1<sup>st</sup> and 15th) 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.



## **Parade of Cans Food Drive**

Mission & Ministry is sponsoring the Parade of Cans Food Drive hosted by The Corner Table Soup Kitchen during the month of August. We are collecting non-perishable items to help them during their busiest feeding season. During the summer months at The Corner Table guests increase and the donation of non-perishable items slow down. Parade of Cans is an opportunity to replenish their stockroom shelves and help them meet the needs of their hungry guests.

**See the insert for items needed.**

"Come and enjoy great food at The Corner Table's "Cruisin' Diner" on August 14th from 11AM to 2PM. **See the insert for more details!**"



# **Concordia**

## **Christian Day School**

*A Tradition of Excellence in a Changing World*

### **THANK YOU**

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 continues to share the Gospel message to people everywhere. Thank you. – *Mr. Bill Unverfehrt*

### **2016-2017 THEME**

Our theme this year is “**Upon This Rock**”. Our theme verse is “Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.” Isaiah 26:4 This is a great reminder for everyone to trust in God as we encounter challenges in our lives.

### **TELL THE TEACHER MORE DAY**

We are continuing the program called Tell Your Teacher More Day. Parents will meet with their child’s homeroom teacher and teacher assistant or departmentalized teacher and spend 10-15 minutes just talking about their child. It is not a time to talk about procedures or school issues, but just an opportunity for the teachers to learn about each child.

### **2016-2017 TEACHING STAFF**

We thank God that almost every teacher and staff member is returning this year. This continuity only makes our school more effective in its instruction and guidance of our students.

Mrs. Lucila (Lucy) Gaviria is our new Spanish teacher. Mrs. Gaviria grew up in Columbia where she taught school for four years. She has been teaching for the past three years in the Iredell County School System. Mrs. Gaviria is

married to Brandon who is a teacher in Hudson and they have a little girl. She is excited about being in a school where you can talk about God as it is more like the schools in Columbia.

Mrs. Colleen Ferner is our new part-time middle school math teacher and will be teaching two middle school math classes. Some middle school math is divided into two sections of each grade level. She will teach one section of sixth grade math and one section of seventh grade math while Mrs. Karre teaches the other section. Mrs. Ferner has 13 years of experience teaching math in Canada and presently does math tutoring for students in middle school and high school. She is described as a gifted math teacher who is skilled at being able to teach the math skills in a variety of ways to meet each child's needs.

Mrs. Dee Lotsey is our new Teacher Assistant for 3rd -5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Mrs. Lotsey has a degree in Social Work and has worked with children and their families as a Social Worker for eight years. She is described as highly organized, positive, happy, consistently upbeat, having a strong faith and a giving heart. Her son Liam is in our PS3 class.

Mrs. Sandra Reinhardt will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade interim teacher until Mrs. Olson is able to return to the classroom. Mrs. Reinhardt has 40 years of experience teaching elementary students, primarily teaching fourth and fifth graders. The past seven years she has been tutoring 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grader. She loves students to work in groups and takes the first few weeks working on a classroom environment that makes that possible. She is organized and appreciates Concordia's philosophy of teaching the whole child.

Mrs. Lori Teague is our new Elementary PE Teacher and Athletic Director. Lori substituted a lot last year and got to know the students and staff well. We are excited for her to return and become a part of our staff.

## **CONCORDIA SHINES**

Concordia's 2016 Stanford Achievement Tests were outstanding. Overall our student average increased by 2 percentile. We improved from 2015 in Reading Vocabulary, Total Reading Score, Math Procedures, Language, Spelling, Science, Social Studies, and Listening. Total Math is at the 84 percentile, Total Reading at the 78 percentile, Science improved to the 87 percentile and Social Science is at the 84 percentile. Thinking Skills that tests critical thinking skills is at the 87 percentile. This means that Concordia

students scored better than 87% of the students in the nation in their grade level.

This year 100% of our Algebra I/Math I students passed the North Carolina EOC exam with all of them getting a level 4 or 5 and the entire class having a 95 percentile average. That is an unbelievable statistic.

We again had Concordia graduates honored as graduating high school students. Sydney Karre was the Valedictorian at Newton-Conover High School while Claire Long was honored as the Salutatorian at N-CHS. Lexie Davis was the Salutatorian of University Christian High School. Aoife Sinclair was the Valedictorian at Discovery High School. In the past 10 years we have had 18 high school Valedictorians or Salutatorians. Many other Concordia graduates are again in the top 10% of their high school classes. We are thankful that God has blessed the success of our graduates in high school.

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Concordia Christian Day School will begin on Tuesday, August 23 at 8:10 a.m.**

If needed, Before School Childcare will be available in both programs beginning at 6:30 a.m. Please join the Kindergarten – Eighth Grade students at 8:45 a.m. as we gather in the sanctuary to praise God for another school year. All parents, grandparents, friends of the family, and anyone who wishes to worship with our students is welcome. Please feel free to join us for our Wednesday Chapel services throughout the school year beginning the second week of school. Our regular chapel time is at 8:20 am.

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



# News From...

## **UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL**

### **GROUND BREAKING NEWS!**

These are exciting times at UCHS! God continues to bless our school in so many ways. The final plans for the new school building have been approved, and we will have our **ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, August 7, at 4:00 pm** on our building lot.

In addition, also on that day at **3:00 pm**, there will be a special service at St. Andrew's. At the service, Bill Unverfehrt will be installed as the new principal of UCHS. During that same service, teachers will be commissioned for their work in the coming year, and representatives from the LC-MS will present UCHS with its certificate of re-accreditation. All members of our association churches are invited and encouraged to attend both of these events.

### **WELCOME, Mr. U!**

UCHS is pleased to welcome (back) Bill Unverfehrt as its new principal. No stranger to UCHS, Mr. U was instrumental in its creation and served as its first principal. With over 35 years of experience in Lutheran education, Mr. U has served the past 18 years as principal of Concordia Christian Day School. He was named the 2015 Lutheran Administrator of the Year. Retired principal, Mr. Willard, will continue at UCHS doing what he loves best—teaching kids.

*University Christian High School mission is to provide a Christ-centered education that inspires each child to achieve excellence in academics, moral character, and servant leadership.*

### **OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE IN FRESHMEN CLASS**

UCHS is still accepting applications for students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. UCHS provides outstanding academic opportunities such as AP and dual-credit courses in a Christian environment. Students have the advantages of a small school while enjoying all the facilities, diversity, and activities of a college campus. Qualifying students can graduate with up to 30 college credits—all at the price of a high school education.

### **HELP WANTED!**

UCHS is looking for someone to coach its girls' basketball team. If you are interested, please contact Athletic Director, Jeff Taylor, at [jtaylor.uchhs@gmail.com](mailto:jtaylor.uchhs@gmail.com) for more information.

For more news about UCHS or information about applying, check out our website at [www.uchigh.com](http://www.uchigh.com) or call us at 828-855-2995.

# PARADE OF CANS

## Food Drive



**All Non-Perishable  
Food Items Are  
Welcome!**

**Foods Most  
Needed:**

Peanut Butter Crackers  
Potted Meat  
Ranch  
Mayonnaise  
Ketchup  
Cake Mix  
Cake Frosting  
White Beans (Dry)  
Black Eyed Peas  
Tomato Sauce  
Cream of Chicken Soup  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Salt  
Fruit Cups  
Pudding Cups  
Evaporated Milk  
Rotel Green Chilies &  
Tomatoes  
Self Rising Flour  
Spaghetti's  
Ravioli

Drop off any time before  
August, 31<sup>st</sup>!

Collection bins will be located by all the entrances.

Our Goal is to donate 650 lbs.

QUESTIONS?

828-464-0355

[info@thecornertable.org](mailto:info@thecornertable.org)

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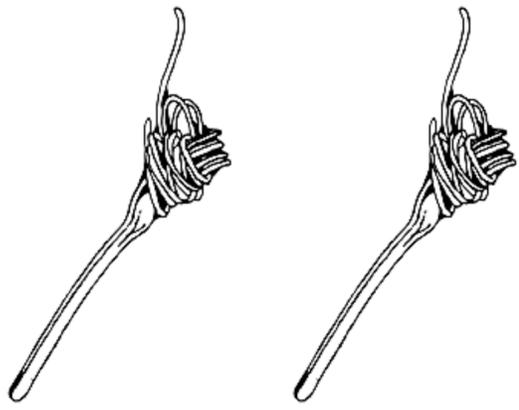
A competition will be held for churches/businesses to collect the most food! The winner will be awarded the infamous "Canned Trophy"!

**Benefiting**



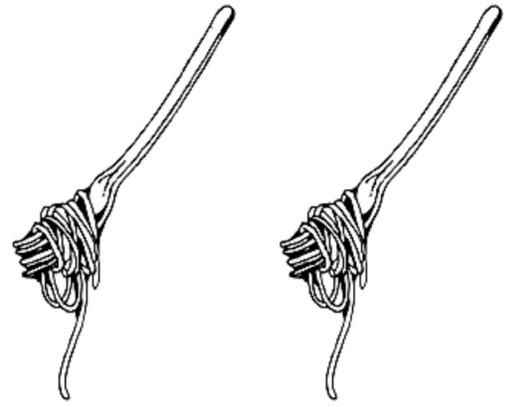
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# **Cruisin' Diner**

## *Spaghetti Luncheon*

**Fundraiser**

**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

**11AM-2PM**

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread

& Drink - \$5

Drinks - \$1



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 4pm Highways and Hedges  5pm Stephen Minister Supervision 6:30pm Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm Scouts	<b>2</b> 8:35am Staff Devotions & Weekly Meeting - EM  6pm National Night Out  <small>POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP</small>	<b>3</b> 7am Ladies Bible Study 10am Bible Study  6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel  8pm Praise Group	<b>4</b> 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  6:30pm FAITHbooking - EM 6:30pm Church Council A#2		<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Beth Blackwood Shares - EM 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship & Communion 10:45am Praise Service  3pm Baby Shower for Riley Micheel 3pm Installation of Bill Unverfehrt at UCHS	<b>8</b> 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts  7pm Stewardship - EM	<b>9</b> 8:35am Staff Devotions & Weekly Meeting - EM 6:30pm Elders - A#1 6:30pm Mission & Ministry - BLCFM  7:00pm Day School Board	<b>10</b> 7am Ladies Bible Study 9am PrimeTimers  6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel  8pm Praise Group	<b>11</b> 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  6:30pm Bd of Christian Ed 6:30pm FAITHbooking - EM 6:30pm Trustees	<b>12</b> 7pm Youth & Families to Crawdads Game	<b>13</b> 10am NCCS Back to School Bash
<b>14</b> 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship 10:45am Praise Service & Communion 12pm Youth Ministry Team	<b>15</b> 1:30pm Quilt Tacking  4pm Concordia Serves at Highways & Hedges 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 8am School & Church Staff Team Building Day with Sally Hiller	<b>17</b> 7am Ladies Bible Study 10am Bible Study  6:30pm Summer Worship In the Chapel  8pm Praise Group	<b>18</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  6:30pm FAITHbooking - EM	<b>19</b>	
<b>21</b> 8am Worship & Communion 8am LLL 9:15am Power Hour/Bible Study/Youth SS 10:30am Worship & Communion 10:45am Praise Service 12pm Sr Youth Council	<b>22</b> 12pm Newsletter Deadline  6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Boy Scouts  7pm Dorcas - LWML	<b>23</b> 8:35am Staff Devotions & Weekly Meeting - EM  8am First day of School CCDS 	<b>24</b> 7am Ladies Bible Study  6pm Bells 6pm No Youth Activities 7:15pm Choir  8pm Praise Group	<b>25</b> 7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study  6:30pm FAITHbooking - EM		<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8am Worship & Communion 9:15am Bible Study/Youth SS  9:15am MOVE-UP Day! Reception on Patio  10:30am Worship 10:45am Praise Service & Communion	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 8:35am Staff Devotions & Weekly Meeting - EM	<b>31</b> 7:00am Ladies Bible Study  6pm Bells 6pm Youth Hang Time 6:30pm Youth SOS - Kick off Night 7pm Assimilation - A#2 7:15pm Choir  8pm Praise Group			

# 2016 August Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



Kate Cullen	8/1
Julie Gast	8/1
Maggie Hamm	8/1
Caleb Brown	8/2
Jerri Carter	8/2
Abbey Hayes	8/2
Madilynne Leary	8/2
Jay Noell II	8/3
Mallory Young	8/3
Daniel Long	8/4
Scott Cannon	8/6
Bethany Henze	8/7
Kay Loftin	8/7
Lydia Newton	8/7
Jake Parks	8/7
Jim Soderberg	8/7
Ashton Abernethy	8/8
Ernest Britton	8/8
William DeHart	8/8
Carla Hafer	8/8
Tom Bell	8/9
Preston Padgett	8/9
Dottie DeHart	8/11
Jennifer Vetter	8/11
Gussy Warren	8/11
Bobbie Brooks	8/12
Arden Hintzmann	8/12
Mack Isenhower	8/12
Evan Kaylor	8/12
Laura Miller	8/12
Deanna Moore	8/12
Lesa Williams	8/12
James Glenn II	8/13
Sophie Hayes	8/13
David Tupman	8/13
Julie Connor	8/14
Allison Deese	8/14
Bo Glenn	8/14
Angie Isenhower	8/14
Alicia Krug	8/14

Michael Paysour	8/14
Paul Nelson	8/15
Tommy Blasdel	8/16
Gina Sigmon	8/16
Laura Davis	8/17
Cliff Reid	8/17
Debbie Spencer	8/17
Bobby Moore Jr.	8/18
Mike Moreau	8/19
Kelly Burgess	8/20
Julie Eckard	8/20
Allen Jones	8/20
Doris Kirby	8/20
Jonathan Jones	8/21
Connie Lingle	8/22
Joe Rhyne	8/22
Kim Hauser	8/23
John Newton	8/23
Darrin Reid	8/23
Don Beal	8/24
Gina Bell	8/24
Destinie Davis	8/24
Pamela Farmer	8/24
Kendall Hamm	8/24
Hunter Bogert	8/25
Katherine Settlemyre	8/25
John Williams	8/25
Cliff Brown	8/26
Caden Glover	8/26
Linda Coffey	8/27
Tony Hefner	8/27
Trinity Morrow	8/27
Presley Olson	8/27
Kristen Kaylor	8/28
Melinda Parks	8/28
Pat Welch	8/28
Chasity Bridge	8/29
Nolan Rudisill	8/29
Tony Adams	8/30
Paul Hale	8/30
Sean Reid	8/30
Laura Warren	8/30
Alice Baker	8/31
Gracin Roseman	8/31

Laine & Diana Cloninger	8/1
Don & Clydie Beal	8/3
Mark & Mary Canrobert	8/4
Randy & Carmen Isenhower	8/6
Brian & Victoria Weaver	8/8
Paul & Barbara Nelson	8/10
Matt & Beth Pennell	8/10
Bart & Jennifer Travis	8/10
Steve & Andrea Miller	8/11
Bruce & Nancy Bolick	8/12
Brad & Miranda Bost	8/13
Kyle & Vanessa Brown	8/14
Gary & Joyce Boston	8/15
Phil & Jennifer Heath	8/16
Andrew & Susan Matthews	8/16
Cindy & Tom Dishmon	8/17
Douglas & Doris Howard	8/17
Allison & Lane Crouse	8/18
Lisa & Michael Jackson	8/19
Jane & Joe Long	8/19
Tray & Kendra Watson III	8/19
Fred & Nancy Starnes	8/20
Mark & Cynthia Spears	8/21
George & Pat Deal Jr.	8/22
Arden & Lois Hintzmann	8/22
Jason & Amy Moore	8/23
Colin & Renee Christie	8/25
Jonathan & Stephanie Moore	8/26
Corey & Jolleen Christians	8/27
Terry & Audra Kuchenbecker	8/27
Connie & Jim Lingle	8/27
Jennifer & Paul Franscella	8/28
Adrian & Hilda Hefner	8/28
David & Connie Welch	8/28
Eric & Diana Hicks	8/29
Cristal & Bernie Rager	8/29

	<u>August 7</u>	<u>August 14</u>	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>
<b><u>ACOLYTES:</u></b>				
(8:00)	Lindy Kuchenbecker	Carrigan Elrod	Matthew Adair	Robert Deese
(10:30)	Katie Perry Connor Matthews	Robert Deese Raegan Hayman	Jamie Henze	Will DeHart
(10:45)	Nate Chapman	Gemma Cullen	Garrett Burns	Hunter Rudisill
<b><u>GREETERS:</u></b>				
(8:00)	Pat Moser	Smitty & Opal Bolick	Carol McRee & Ann Marie Blackman	Barry & Laura Perry
(10:30)	Steve & Maggie Hamm	David & Brenda Harris	Fred & Pamela Farmer	Roger & Vicki Shull
(10:45)	Gary & Donna Lacicer	Jill Graff & Ana	Warren & Stephanie Frye	Roy & Cindy Sigmon
<b><u>READERS:</u></b>				
(8:00)	Shelby Graff	Bret Graff	David Reitzel	Gina Sigmon
(10:30)	Susan Harman	Karen McClure	Tammy Hayman	Cristal Rager
(10:45)	Kelly Adams	Kathy Unverfehrt	Jill Adair	Forrest Christian
<b><u>8:45 FELLOWSHIP:</u></b>	Board of Assimilation	Opal Bolick	Mary Anne Wike	Board of Assimilation
<b><u>ELDERS:</u></b>				
(8:00)	Tim Settlemyre Dale Lawing	Tim Settlemyre Rick Miller	Tim Settlemyre Roger Heavner	Tim Settlemyre Dale Lawing
(10:30)	David Isenhower Fred Farmer Vicki Shull		David Isenhower Dale Lawing Vicki Shull	
(10:45)		Steve Bost Roy Sigmon Audra Kuchenbecker Rick Miller	Open	Steve Bost Gary Lacicer Roger Heavner Roy Sigmon
<b><u>KITCHEN DUTY:</u></b>	Glenda Garcia & Geri Halma			
<b><u>ALTAR GUILD:</u></b>	Pat Moser			
<b><u>TRUSTEES:</u></b>	Brandon Elrod & Alan Hefner			
<b><u>USHERS:</u></b>	(8:00) –Steve Brewer & Rick Wike (10:30) –Clarence Canrobert-Captain, Monte York, Darren Reid and Kyle Hayman			