Concordia Newsletter January 2024

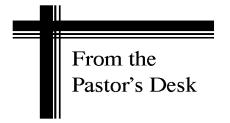


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ONCE IN MY LIFETIME

Do yourself a big favor. As the New Year begins, don't make any resolutions. At least, don't make them if you know your resolution track record is one of disappointing failure. "I will lose weight, exercise more, read my Bible every day, get back to church." That last one listed, about getting back to church is one I have heard countless times over the years. Sadly, I have only seen that promise kept once in my lifetime. Don't say it if you don't mean it. Years ago, I met someone who said it and meant it. John came off the street and walked into my office. I quickly learned about his troubled life that included violence, drug and alcohol abuse, a gunshot wound and time in prison. He shared fond memories of how his grandfather had faithfully taken him to church when he was a young boy. After wandering for years and suffering the consequences of bad choices, John realized he needed to come back to church. He said it and he meant it! He completed the new member class, became a member and was in church every Sunday for worship and Bible study. He even found ways to serve. Those who are forgiven much, love much.

Have far too many of God's people forgotten that they too have been forgiven much? And as a sad result have wandered into dangerous territories? "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble...Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love..." (Psalm 107:2,8). In Holy Baptism we have been redeemed in the cleansing flood of God's forgiveness. We have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness. We have the light of Christ Jesus who loves us and who gave himself for us. So, let us come to Him

in thankfulness and be regularly, continually fed with Word and Sacrament and be encouraged in the gathering of God's redeemed people. If you insist on making a New Year's resolution, may I suggest a resolution of daily prayer for the Church? Prayer for effective in-reach to our brothers and sisters who have removed themselves from the Body of Christ and prayer for effective outreach to those who are unaware of the love and forgiveness of God though our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A blessed New Year to all!

Pastor Geml



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – <u>lcms.org/stewardship</u>

Newsletter Article – January 2024

The Chief Stewards of Humanity: Mom and Dad

St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the first commandment with a specific promise attached to it is, "Honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the land" (Eph. 6:2). This promise is one indication of the importance of this commandment. The other thing that highlights the special nature of this commandment is its placement within the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments are clearly organized in two big categories. The first three commandments deal with our relationship with God. This category is called the First Table of the Law. The last seven commandments, the Second Table of the Law, tell us how we should relate to other people. These two tables correspond to what Jesus calls the two greatest commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37–39).

The order of the Second Table of the Law is also important. Murder is a greater sin than adultery, which is a greater sin that stealing, or lying, or coveting. But why is the Fourth Commandment first in the Second Table, ahead of "you shall not murder"? Is disobeying your parents really worse than murder? Or maybe we should give up on thinking these commandments are ordered?

The overall effect of this order is to get us to see our parents as a connection point between our neighbors and our God. Throughout our upbringing our father and mother stand between us and God and deliver His gifts to us: God clothes us, feeds us, protects us and teaches His Word to us through our parents.

So, parents have a very high calling from God. They are called to be stewards of the greatest gift: the gift of life.

Parenting thus gives us a keen insight into all our stewardship. Parents know that they have been given a great treasure in their children, a treasure that does not belong to them, yet for which they feel a great deal of responsibility. Truth be told, every gift we have been given is like this, because everything we have — whether our own personal skills and powers or our wealth and time — is all from God. He entrusts it all to us so that we can use it all and take care of it all for His great purposes.

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Did you know?

You probably have noticed that at Concordia we observe particular **altar practices**. Ever wonder why, or where these traditions originated? Let's give it some consideration here.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod practices "close communion," meaning that we share altar fellowship with Christians who teach and believe that in the bread (most churches use wafers rather than the more perishable bread) and wine we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. Communion is a sacrament, a means of grace instituted by Christ Himself. (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20) Worshipers uncertain about or unfamiliar with this significance are encouraged to speak with the pastor before communing; partaking of this holy rite is an outward indication of this understanding.

The **altar** itself is adorned significantly in the main sanctuary. Again, in accordance with Scripture, the place of worship is to be maintained in good order and beauty. In the Lutheran tradition, as in several other denominations, the items on the altar and the colors of the paraments are significant. (The what? – The paraments – the altar, pulpit, and lectern coverings, and the pastor's stole.) First, the altar items: ever notice that there are two candles on the altar as well as the six candles flanking the cross? When the two on the altar are lit, it indicates that Holy Communion is going to be served. Now, the colorful drapery – that also has liturgical significance. (What kind of significance? – Liturgical meaning related to specific worship practices.) Observe how these adornments vary with the seasons of the church year. The first season of the liturgical year, the paraments are blue (some churches use violet); at Christmas and Epiphany they will be white; then with the second Sunday of Epiphany they will change to verdant green. At Ash Wednesday they change to a more somber hue as we enter the season of Lent. During Passion Week the altar is stripped of adornment and sometimes draped in black. Then on Easter the triumphant festival white re-appears. Then during Pentecost, the longest church season, they are green again. Special observations (Ascension, Transfiguration, Annunciation, etc., depending on tradition) are often marked with white or red paraments.

Our Minister of Music, Kyle McClure, is responsible for altar maintenance. If you are interested in assisting with this important service to Concordia, check with him.



The Troop 383 Court of Honor and Nick Cadwallader's Eagle Presentation Ceremony were a fitting capstone to a fruitful year. We are truly blessed as a troop to have such wonderful boys, parents, assistants and the support of Concordia Lutheran Church. Enjoy a break from meetings and outings over the holiday season to rest our bodies and minds and spend time with family.

Make sure to use this time off to work towards completion of merit badges and work on knot skills: square knot, sheet bend, bowline, double hitch, taut line hitch, clove hitch and timber hitch (extra credit for truckers hitch)....

We look forward to 2024! Matthew Nolte



Youth Ministry Program Update

We have a new Youth Logo that reflects the three pillars of our youth program.



Happy New Year! Our Youth Program is active and moving forward in meeting our goals of Growing in Faith, Fellowship, and Service to Others, which are the three pillars of our restructured Youth program.

THANK YOU! We want to thank the members of Concordia Lutheran Church for their tremendous support in helping our *Family in Need*. The Concordia youth purchased shoes and clothes that the family greatly needed. The youth met and wrapped a total of 48 Christmas gifts that this family of six needed. Many gift cards for food, and a TV that was no longer needed at the youth center were also given and received with gratefulness. **Thank you for helping this family experience the joy of Christmas.**

On Saturday, December 9, twelve Concordia youth partnered with the youth from Bethel Lutheran and St. Stephens Lutheran in giving the students from Crossnore School a Christmas party. We even had some college students from Concordia and St. Johns join us from Western Carolina and Appalachian State. It was a full day of helping these young people have fun and celebrate our Savior's birth.

A National Youth Gathering Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21, at 5:00 pm for any youth or potential adult leaders interested in going. The National Youth Gathering will take place in the summer of 2025. We want to start preparing now so as many youth as possible can experience this life-changing event. We hope that all youth come to discover more about this exciting event!

The CCDS Middle School Hang-Out Christmas Party had to be rescheduled because of the flu that hit our school hard. The rescheduled party will be on Sunday, January 21, from 1-3 pm in Youth Central. We will have a scavenger hunt, play games, hang-out, and eat. We will also talk about the upcoming SE District Middle School Youth Gathering in April.

The youth program has also scheduled Sunday School classes, skiing, a joint Youth Group at St. Stephens, and weekly Hang-outs for CCDS students.

Concordia's Boy Scout Troop 383 celebrated the end of the year with their Court of Honor on December 11 where they recognized the many accomplishments of our troop members. The highlight was the presentation of the Eagle Award to Nick Cadwallader. Nick is Concordia Troop 383's forty-ninth Eagle Award recipient.

You can see pictures of our youth in action on our Facebook Page at Concordia Lutheran Youth NC. To see all of the activities of our scout program – go to the Troop 383 Facebook Page.

Please pray for our youth as they navigate the challenges of today's world.





Hospital/Out Patient: Ervin Preston, Dave Beringer.

Sympathy to: The family of Vivian Knight.

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

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Dorcas Society thanks all who helped make the annual shower in honor of Baby Jesus and benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center a success. The gifts that came in were much appreciated by the Center, and will make some new mothers and fathers happy...as well as some older siblings of newborns. Cute newborn clothes for the wee babies are darling, but the knee babies love new stuff and toys, too! (If you missed it, it's never too late to contribute.) Ladies from Immanuel, St. John's and Trinity Hmong joined us at Concordia. Many thanks to all who help make our church a clean, beautiful, and inviting place, and for your warm hospitality.

FROM THE BOARD OF ASSIMILATION

Mark this date on your calendars for our 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off, January 27th at 5:30p! The 2023 winner will be passing this trophy on to the 2024 winner so bring your favorite pot of chili to share and enter into the contest. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert; condiments, bread, crackers and drinks will be provided. If creating a charcuterie board is more your thing, please bring one to share and enter into the competition for the charcuterie board contest. There will be games for all ages at this **family** event, including child care for your children to enjoy fun with other littles. Please contact Adam Campbell, Sandy Von Rentzell, Ann Marie Blackmon, Martha Staley, Katrina Palozzi or Donna Grigg with questions. See you on January 27 at 5:30p.

FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

A subcommittee of the BOE (Roy Sigmon, Mike Spake, Audra Kuchenbecker, Steve Bost, Cliff Brown, Rick Miller, and David Hartsoe) is evaluating our 9a Service to identify what is working well, what opportunities exists for improvement, and to determine the vision going forward of this service. As the next part of this work, we are holding an open **Forum on Sunday, Jan 7, immediately following the 9a service in the Family Life Center**. At that time you can come and hear an account of the committee's work, ask questions, give feedback, and engage with your fellow members in a vital part of the future of our church. As always, we encourage you to connect with your Elder or member of this committee or me, Carl Roth, with any questions, comments or suggestions.



The Joyful Stitchers will be meeting at 2p on Friday, January 5 and Friday January 19. The evening sessions will be at 5:30p on Monday, January 8 and Monday January 15 because of the New Year's Holiday. Please join us for fun and fellowship at one of the upcoming meetings. If you have questions call Dianne Lawing at 850-1460 or Susan Harman at the church office.



Prime Timers will be meeting on January 9th, 2024 at 11:30AM. We will be having a Pot Luck Lunch and afterward we will be playing Bingo. A brief business meeting will follow. Please mark your calendar.

YOUTH: SAVE THE DATE!



Winter Jam has announced the artists that will be featured on the 2024 tour: Crowder, Lecrae, CAIN, Seventh Day Slumber & Katy Nichole.

Concordia youth will be joining St. Stephens youth to travel to Charlotte for this Christian music concert.

GREENSBORO COLISEUM FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Jam Nation Entry: 4:00 PM

General Admission Entry: 5:00 PM

Pre-Show: 5:00 PM Show Starts: 6:00 PM

International Mission Trip

One of our college age young adults shared how this mission trip has positively impacted her life. She writes: "There are so many aspects from the Mission trip that stuck with me. However, one in particular that I want to share is from the service project where we made concrete. God taught me a lot about discipline through the hard work of mixing concrete by hand. Oftentimes we don't necessarily feel like reading our Bible, evangelizing, or praying, but when we do we are building a strong foundation in Christ. It is hard work and we might get dirty in the process just like the service project, but the result is worth it."

SAVE THE DATE: FISH STARTS JANUARY 3



FISH returns on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. We will meet for six Wednesdays with our last one on February 7, one week before Ash Wednesday. The schedule will be the same as last fall with PK/K meeting from 5:00 – 5:45. Kathy U's class for parents will meet at the same time. Supper will be served from 5:30 – 6:15 pm. Confirmation will start at 6:00pm, while Bible Studies will run from 6:15 – 7:15pm. Dave Beringer will teach the Book of Matthew. The second Bible Study offering has not been confirmed. If you are interested in leading a Bible class during this time on Wednesdays, please let the church office know. Please join us for this special fellowship as we study God's Word.





What is "The Epiphany of Our Lord"?

The word "epiphany" (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth!

Why do we celebrate Epiphany?

Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6.



Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus' life. For example, we remember Jesus' Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!



Parents: "God in flesh made manifest" is a hard statement for children to understand. Be sure to remind them that Jesus is real, alive and once walked on the earth for all to see. When Holy Communion is offered, be sure to let your children attend with you. Instruct them that this is where Christ manifests and gives His true body and blood for us.



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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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS RESCHEDULED

We are happy to announce the **Preschool 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten Christmas Chapel** program will be held in the sanctuary of Concordia Lutheran Church on **Wednesday, January 10, at 8:10 am. Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 pm**, our **5th-8th Grade Choir and Band** will present **Lessons and Carols**. These programs had to be postponed in December due to widespread flu and sickness in the school.

SAVE THE DATE: CONCORDIA DINNER AUCTION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20, 2024, for Concordia's Dinner Auction at Catawba Country Club. It's a great time to socialize with other parents, enjoy a delicious meal, and bid on memorable experiences, ticketed events, and the coveted one-of-a-kind classroom art projects. Your participation in this event is a fun way to support Christian education at Concordia Christian Day School! Sponsorships and ticket information will be coming soon.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Girls and Boys Varsity teams will travel to Asheville for the annual Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament, January 12-14. This year's tournament, "Ram Jam," is hosted by Emmanuel Lutheran School and has five teams competing for the trophy.

News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

January 2024

January Open House

All interested families are invited to attend an Open House on January 29th, 6:00 pm. Learn more about UCHS and how the NC Opportunity Scholarship allows families to earn up to \$7,213 towards private school tuition. We are still accepting applications for the '24-'25 school year. www.uchigh.com

Senior Maddie Smith Signs with ASU

Senior Maddie Smith signed her national letter of intent to play volleyball at Appalachian State University. In her time playing for UCHS, Smith was a three-time all-state selection, two-time Player of the Year, and led her team to the 2022 NCISAA 2A State Champion title. Maddie accumulated 1340 kills, 803 service aces, and ended with a career .480 hitting percentage. Maddie is enrolling early at ASU and plans on majoring in exercise science. Congratulations and good luck Maddie!

Junior Conner Frizzell Awarded Runner of the Year

Congratulations to Junior Conner Frizzell for being awarded the Unifour Area Cross Country Runner of the Year sponsored by Catawba Shoe Store & Radio Station WAIZ! Conner was selected as the top runner from the eight Unifour area Cross Country athletes previously awarded Cross Country Runner of the Week. Well done, Conner!

Students Inducted Into NHS

We are pleased to recognize our six new National Honor inductees! NHS membership is based upon excellence in four areas; Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Membership requires a weighted GPA of at least 4.0. Members must have also completed 20 service hours per semester at UCHS, in addition to the required hours for graduation. Congratulations to **Owen Liu**, **Santiago Garcia-Ordonez**, **Abby Pruitt**, **Amelia Pope**, **Max Haan**, and **Conner Frizzell**.

UCHS Hosts Holocaust Exhibits

UCHS hosted a Holocaust Remembrance Museum, which was curated by our World Literature students. The museum showcased two traveling exhibits on loan from the NC Council on the Holocaust, featuring a "panel" exhibit and two suitcases with Holocaust artifacts. Additionally, the museum displayed interactive exhibits showcasing the research conducted by the students. The SSLS 8th grade class and St. Andrews parishioners received a guided tour of the exhibit by representatives of the World Literature class.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TASTES GREAT

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CONCORDIA CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL PTO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th 4:00pm – 9:00pm



DINE-IN or DRIVE-THRU. Tell our Team Member you're supporting the organization when you place your order. A portion of your purchase will be donated.

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Winter 2023-2024

Who's Who at Family Builders of Catawba Valley

This month we are introducing our Kinship Team. These individuals are responsible for home studies, family support, training, licensing, and adoptions for Kinship/Relative Placements.

- Pam Bookhart—Pam is one of the four supervisors at Family Builders. She enjoys leading the kinship team and helping keep kids in placements that are familiar to them when they are experiencing foster care. She has worked for Catawba County since 2009. Pam lives locally with her husband and four boys. You can often find her in the kitchen baking up some kind of treats, reading a book, or cheering at her kids sporting events.
- Hendrix Boags

 Hendrix has been involved with social work for 21 years. He has worked in group homes, Child Protective Services, and as a Kinship worker. He enjoys numerous outdoor activities with family and friends.

- Jessica Norman– Jessica has been a social worker for 12 years. She enjoys traveling, hiking, photography, music, and spending time with her family and friends.
- Mandy Rollans

 Mandy has been working with children and families of Catawba County for 13 years. She enjoys getting to know many different people and being able to help.
- Candie Johnson

 Candie has been a social worker for six years. She enjoys reading, video games, and spending time with her husband, family, and friends.



TOP CURRENT NEEDS:

- Twin Size Blankets
- New Bed Pillows
- Towels
- Lightly used or new clothing (Childrens Sizes S-XL, Adult Sizes S-L)
- Textured Hair Care Products-gel, cream, oil
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Shampoo and Conditioner

Events Coming Up:

- Monthly Information Meeting— 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm via Zoom
- In Person Information Meeting on 01/06/2024 at 10am at Maiden Library Branch

If your church is interested in learning more about how to get involved, please email Trista Newton at:

tnewton@catawbacountync.gov



Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry Phone: 828-465-1702 P.O. Box 31 Newton, NC 28658 eccem.org

Highlights

Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your contributions to December's Reverse Advent Calendar food box collection! Late boxes are still welcome when we return from Christmas break on January 2nd! Coming in January, the item of the month is canned soup or broth, and then in February it will be macaroni, pasta, or canned spaghetti sauce. Thank you for helping us keep our pantry stocked, and as always all donations are welcome; these are just monthly suggestions. Want to volunteer? Volunteering is good for the soul! Please contact our Director of Volunteer Engagement, Allen Sherrill at a sherrill@ecccm.org, or by calling 828-465-1702, ext. 116.

Thrift Store

As the winter chill sets in, our hearts are warmed by what we are able to accomplish through our thrift store. This January we are looking for warm coats for men, women and children. When you give your gently used coats for us to sell in our thrift store, our clients are able to purchase them very affordably. (We do have many clients who will qualify for our clothing vouchers and will be able to receive a coat at no cost). These items are instrumental in providing lasting comfort to those facing the bitter cold. As a reminder, all proceeds from the thrift store help those in crisis in Catawba County. Afternoon volunteers are needed; please call or email Allen at the contact information above. Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Calendar:

December 20- Turn in Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes

December 25- January 1- Closed for Christmas January 15th- Closed in Observance of

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

ECCCM and Thrifty Threads and Treasures are located at 2:45 East N Street, Newton, NC.



JANUARY

Use this prayer guide for the month of January. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Gants. What a joy it is to lift these needs to our Father's listening ears!

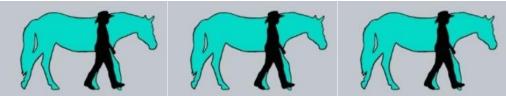


- For God's direction in your life during this new year.
- 2. For LWML Mission Grant #1.
- 3. For Afghanistan, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
- 4. For your pastor.
- For your LWML District Board of Directors.
- 6. Epiphany! Thank God that Jesus came to save us!
- 7. For the country of Angola.
- 8. For the LWML Texas District.
- 9. For young people to follow Jesus.
- 10. For all Church workers.
- 11. For the country of Argentina.
- 12. For your community and the opportunity to share the Gospel with other people groups.
- 13. For LWML Mission Grant #2.
- 14. For our Lutheran Women in Mission President.
- 15. For the country of Austria.

- 16. For the LWML Oklahoma District.
- 17. For all Lutheran Braille Workers and volunteers.
- 18. For all law enforcement officers.
- 19. For the Bahamas.
- 20. For your vocation.
- 21. For LWML Mission Grant #3.
- 22. For those who receive needed staples from food pantries.
- 23. For the country of Bangladesh.
- 24. Recite the Lord's Prayer today.
- 25. For the editors of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly.
- 26. For the homebound in your congregation.
- 27. For your dear friends.
- 28. For countries that have not yet heard the Gospel.
- 29. For the homeless in your area.
- 30. For the country of Belize.
- 31. For Sunday school teachers.

THANK YOU for giving to the LORD!





What an excellent job everyone did that came out to work at **Still Water's Farm** in support of preparations for **Walk With Me Healing Steps'** Christmas fundraiser!

In spite of the rain, Concordia was well represented and so much was accomplished by the hours of service you provided.

To quote Healing Steps' comments:

"All the work you guys did was phenomenal!".

Thanks to all in your service to our community, as well as our Lord!

hank youthank y The Costa Rica Mission Team appreciates your support in making this spiritual opportunity a reality! Our journey was amazing and filled with so many God moments! He was with us through the precious children, families, and youth attending Sunday worship, VBS, food deliveries, prayer vigils, construction and the special celebration service, to name a few. Busted pipes, no electricity, broken air conditioners and cold showers didn't dampen our spirits! Our Lord turned circumstances into provision of so many blessings as we were constantly reminded of His great love! GOD IS GOOD! Check out our trip journal per the link below: https://www.ppm.org/mission-tripjournals/19144:

January 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries



| Mary Canrobert | 1-Jan |
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| Allen Sigmon | 1-Jan |
| Drew Hass | 1-Jan |
| Billy Loftin | 1-Jan |
| David Isenhower | 4-Jan |
| Sonny Roseman | 4-Jan |
| Martha Staley | 4-Jan |
| Sophie Hass | 6-Jan |
| Mary Hartsoe | 7-Jan |
| Jane Long | 7-Jan |
| Laura Perry | 9-Jan |
| Brycen Burns | 9-Jan |
| Alan Hefner | 11-Jan |
| Noah Hass | 11-Jan |
| Kathy Isenhour | 11-Jan |
| Carrigan Elrod | 12-Jan |
| Channing Loftin | 13-Jan |
| Wade Cecil | 13-Jan |
| Jimmy Martin | 13-Jan |
| Sonny Pruitt | 13-Jan |
| Jennifer Travis | 14-Jan |
| Pat Moser | 15-Jan |
| Christopher Elrod | 16-Jan |
| Bran Reid | 16-Jan |
| Roger Staley | 16-Jan |
| Abigail Garrison | 16-Jan |
| Dale Spencer | 17-Jan |
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| Jana & Tiger Sweezy | 1-Jan |
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| Roger & Martha Staley | 4-Jan |
| David & Brenda Harris | 10-Jan |
| Dwayne & Amanda Welch | 19-Jan |
| Ronald & Frances Kaylor | 22-Jan |
| Rev. Mark & Janise Moretz | 24-Jan |
| Greg & Lori Roseman | 25-Jan |
| Carl & Debbie Roth | 28-Jan |
| Brad & Kelly Isenhower | 30-Jan |
| Eugene & Diana Long | 31-Jan |

If your name is missing from one of these lists, please contact the church office. 828-464-3324 or sharman@concordianc.org

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Welcome to January! Happy New Year! | Happy New Year! Church Offices Closed | 2 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 10am Christian Book Club | 7 am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 5pm FISH Finding & F.I.S.H. 5:45pm Handbells 6pm Confirmation - A#1 7:15pm Choir | 4 6:30am Men's Bible Study | 5 2pm Joyful Stitchers – BLCFM | 6 |
| 7 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education No Youth SS today 11am Worship & Communion – Sanctuary 3pm Creative Haven Creative 4pm Cub Scouts | 8 5:30pm Joyful Stitchers – BLCFM 6:30pm Scouts Meet | 9 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 11:30am PrimeTimers - EM 3pm CCDS Hangout time 6pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Day School Board - CCDS Library 6:30pm Elders - EM | 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 8:10am Combined Chapel - PS3-K Class 5pm FISH 5:45pm Handbells 6pm Confirmation - A#1 7:15pm Choir | 11 6:30am Men's Bible Study 2pm Pastor's Bible Study 6pm Trustees 6:30pm 5-8 GRADE Choir & Concert Band 6:30pm BOCE - A#1 | 12 | 13 |
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