

# Concordia Newsletter

## March 2024



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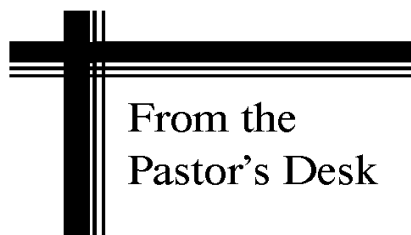
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### **Worship Times**

Sunday 9:00a Contemporary

Sunday 11:00a Traditional



From the  
Pastor's Desk

### **SPRING FORWARD**

Spring forward, fall back. Twice a year we have to adjust our clocks. In November we set them back 1 hour and in March we spring ahead 1 hour. The benefits of this yearly practice are debatable. However, this year we, the members of Concordia Lutheran Church will have the blessing of seeing our Contemporary service springing sideways. After some important discussions, much prayer and an open forum, the decision has been made to move the Contemporary Service from the School Gymnasium to the Sanctuary. This next step in the worship life of our church will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday. I can think of no better time to make this move. Easter Sunrise at 8:00 am will be in the sanctuary followed by breakfast in the Family Life Center. Easter Egg Hunt is at 10:00am followed by worship in the sanctuary. Both services worshipping in the same space will bring many blessings. For there is nothing that unites us more as followers of Jesus Christ than the day of His resurrection. The church of Jesus Christ is united in His death and resurrection (Romans 6).

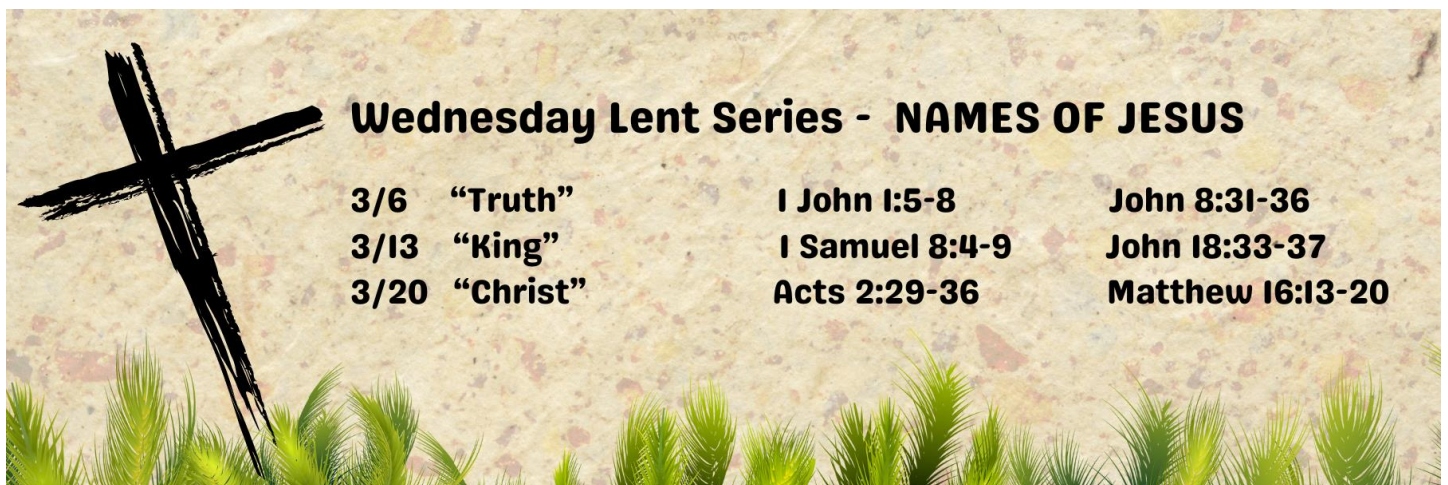
With renewed focus on unity, we hope to see an increase in Bible Study and Sunday school attendance. There will be greater opportunity for fellowship between services as we

actually get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ who attend a different service. We do ask for everyone's prayers and patience during this time of transition.

From the practical side there will be no need for chairs to be set up every Saturday night in the gym and taken down after each service. No one will have to cross the street (sometimes in the rain) to come for Bible study. We can also start using more effectively the updated technology recently installed in the sanctuary to better enhance our worship services. The bottom line and most important aspect of this decision is that it will promote increased unity within the body of Christ. "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:5-6). One body of Christ, soon to be worshiping under one roof. Praise the LORD! "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hands (Psalm 95:6-7). May the blessings of almighty God direct us to worship and praise Him, from who all blessings flow.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Geml



## ***Cherish What God Has Given***

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.


Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

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

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## Holy Week

<b>3/24 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>“The Way”</b>	<b>Zechariah 9:9-12</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>	<b>John 12:20-43</b>
<b>3/28 Maundy Thur.</b>	<b>“The Lamb”</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:16-17</b>	<b>Mark 14:12-26</b>	
<b>3/29 Good Friday</b>	<b>“Priest”</b>	<b>Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10</b>	<b>John 19:17-30</b>	
<b>3/31 Easter Day</b>	<b>“The Light”</b>	<b>Isaiah 25:6-9</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</b>	<b>Mark 16:1-8</b>



Here are a few updates regarding Troop 383 from Matthew Nolte.

The boys represented themselves and the Troop very well at the Scout Sunday Service.

Welcome Landon Harline who recently joined the Troop!!

March Merit Badges - these are both Eagle Required Merit Badges so please try to attend these meetings.

**Dr. Lopina** will teach Citizenship in Society (Eagle Required) to the older scouts

**Mr. Kyle Smith** will teach Camping Merit Badge (Eagle Required) to the newer scouts

Mr. Kyle Smith and I have recently implemented a knot tying program to generate more excitement among the boys regarding knot tying skills. Generally the boys fall into two categories regarding their interest in knots - those that really hate knots and those that tolerate knots. I have attached a copy of the knot program. To be able to achieve the "Knot Master" title it will require work and dedication on the part of the boys. We are planning on installing a plaque in the Scout Room that will have inscribed the name of any boy who achieves "Knot Master".



## Youth Ministry Program Update



We have started a Youth Council that will work with the Youth Director in scheduling meetings and activities. The first four members of the Youth Council are Maggie White, Jennifer Montgomery, Abby Dehart, and Ella Cecil. We are thankful for their willingness to be leaders in our youth program.

The Senior Youth were scheduled to go skiing on February 12. Because of the rainy and warm weather, they went to Top Golf. The nine youth and two adults had a great time. There were some great golfers, some average golfers, and some that were just learning, but everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Junior and Senior Youth will be meeting twice a month for the next few months. The activities and times have not yet been determined. Students who are presently in grades 7-12 are eligible to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2025. We are asking the youth that are interested in going to sign up now so we can start planning.

Kelly Roth did an acolyte training on Tuesday, February 13. Five new acolytes are now available to help and three more are waiting to be trained. We are thankful for all the youth that have and will be involved in assisting with our worship services in this way.

The Concordia Scout Program is scheduling time in March to give back to Concordia Lutheran Church by mulching the school flower beds and pressure cleaning around the school. They had a successful campout on in January, despite the colder weather. Just a reminder for everyone to start planning on buying some barbeque from them in April.

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:** Roger Staley, Renee Long, Randy McKinney, Pat Moser, Steve Hamm, Bill Smyre, Carolyn Kuchenbecker.

**Sympathy to:** Lewis Robinette and family upon the death of his uncle, Samuel Robinette.

**Other Prayer Needs:** 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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### **Did you know the story of our present buildings?**

Recently in these pages we've considered Concordia's inception and our growth through the years immediately following World War II. If you are "of a certain age," you will recall that the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century was a period of unprecedented growth and prosperity. Our most recent "Did you know" story ended with the school rebounding from some sad years and the church bursting at the seams with all those "baby boomers" and their parents, as well as the older stalwarts.

Anything as major as a building project will attract much attention, and such was the case with Concordia congregation when it became apparent that a new building was needed, necessitated by both the age of the turn-of-the-century building and the growing number of worshippers. So – how to build? Traditional or modern? Opinions were strong on either side; records in our archives reveal that dialogue was characteristically robust. But, again characteristically, Concordia eventually went with "hearts together" into the new project.

Citing our centennial history, *Hope is Remembering with Praise*, we learn that an architectural firm was engaged to build "a contemporary church with Gothic lines in the shape of a cross." AG Odell Jr. accepted the challenge (stout fellow). In April 1956 the congregation reviewed the plans and voted: 194 in favor, 16 against. Concordia once again was ready to step out boldly into uncharted territory. The following January the congregation of more than 500 celebrated ground breaking.

Conover lore records that people came from near and far to observe the Conover project. Was it celestially beautiful? Was it uglier than homemade sin? Whichever side public opinion fell, it was and to this day continues to be a point of fascination to Conover residents and visitors.

An interesting feature of the current building, which housed worship, Sunday school, and school functions, is that it incorporated much of the precious former building. In the narthex the cross from the old church stands in a place of honor; the present day chapel is almost in entirety the old church relocated. Concordia's rich heritage, including memorial stained glass windows, altar, and furnishings, is preserved, used, and treasured.

Just recently the sanctuary received an update. The organ pipes were moved to the placement of the original plan; the dossal cloth was replaced (custom-made by the same weaver); the flooring was upgraded to tile throughout; and the windows were cleaned and repaired. Tree damage from a devastating storm nearly wrecked the chapel, but quick intervention by loyal parishioners saved it, after which it was also thoroughly cleaned and refurbished. We continue to improve acoustics, and screens have been tastefully installed to enhance the worship experience.

Concordia's commitment to worship and education continues to grow in beauty and loving attention well into her third century.



# The Parent Block

## Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents

Written by Kathy Unverfehrt



### *Scripture Verse*

**“Fathers, do not exasperate your children;  
instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”**

*Ephesians 6:4*

### *Reflection*

**“The surest way to make it hard for children is to make it easy for them.”**

#### Memos from Your Child:

Don't spoil me. Teach me to share.

Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it . . . it makes me feel more secure.

Don't correct me in front of people. I'll take much more notice if you talk to me in private.

Don't forget the difference between mistakes and sins.

Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the hard way.

Don't take too much notice of my small ailment. Sometimes it gets me the attention I want.

Don't nag. Give me instruction and guidance.

Don't make rash promises. Remember that I feel badly let down when promises are broken.

Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as well as I should like. That is why I am not always accurate.

Don't be inconsistent. That completely confuses me and makes me lose my faith in you.

Don't punish me when you are angry. It may be unfair and I won't respond well.

### *Parent Commitment*

*I will show understanding, fairness, and respect to my child,  
as I raise him according to the instruction of the Lord.*



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: June 17-20, 9a-12p

Where: Family Life Center – Youth Central

“Diving into friendship with God!”



Prime Timers will be Hosting the MEAL after our 11:30AM Lent service on Wednesday, March 13th. There will not be a meeting on the 12th, which is our normal meeting day.

## Costa Rica Mission Trip Share Day

Concordia's most recent short-term missionaries will be sharing about their November 2023 mission trip to Sarapiquí, Costa Rica on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the beginning of both services. This group will also be packing boxes during the Sunday school time that day to send to a church in the Sarapiquí area. Anyone wanting to donate gently used clothing and shoes (warm climate wear), may do so on or before March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be receptacles designated for this purpose in the transept and entrance to the gym. Thank you, God for this opportunity allowing Concordia to partner with the local church in Costa Rica.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

**Time: 9a – 10:30p**

**Date: March 31, Easter Sunday**

**Where: Family Life Center**

**Menu: Sausage & Egg Casserole**

**Hashbrown Casserole**

**French toast Casserole**

**Fruit, Muffins, Juice, Coffee**

**Proceeds go to Hearts for Jesus - Ukraine Food Boxes.**

*Creative Haven*

“Telling the story of His faithfulness” is what Creative Haven is all about. God answers prayers.

1Thessalonians 5:16-18 says “ Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Do you desire a way to help you remember your prayers? Is God answering your prayers? Do you rejoice every day in the things God has provided to you?

Creative Haven meets on the first Sunday of each month at 3-5p. We will show you ways to “Tell the Story of His faithfulness.” Creative Haven is a time to grow in God’s Word. Come hang out with Belinda Bost and Susan Harman. Stay as little or as long as you like. This is not a craft class although sometimes we will make our own journals to hold our thoughts and to leave a legacy behind for our children and grandchildren. We show you how to make it personal for your family. Sometimes we color a prayer card as we pray for a dear friend. Write on the back of the card your prayers for your friend then mail it to them. Share your faithful heart with others!



Do you desire to know about the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League? Do you collect MITES for the LWML? If you would, like more information about the Carolinas District of the LWML, scan the QR code below to read the latest newsletter. Get the big picture of how the LWML serves in our communities. See MITES at work.





**CONCORDIA**  
Christian Day School  
A Tradition of *Excellence* in a Changing World

#### **Mission Statement**

**Our Mission is to provide a comprehensive, excellence-driven education in which an integrated faith in Jesus Christ is fostered, celebrated, and shared throughout our community.**

## **Now Enrolling for 2024-2025**

When you are talking with your family and friends about schools, please remind them of the outstanding Christian education available at Concordia. We want every possible child to be given the opportunity to learn about Jesus. We are now accepting enrollment applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact the school office at 828-464-3011.

## **SUMMER DAY CAMP - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Concordia offers two camps: a Preschool Program for rising PS-3 through Kindergarten and a School-Age Program for rising 1st graders through 12 years old. The programs are designed so the parent may choose which weeks their child will attend for the summer. Our programs this year begin on Monday, June 3rd, and end on Friday, August 2nd. The camp will be closed the week of July 4th (7/1 – 7/5).



Preschool Camp is an excellent introduction for little ones to acclimate to their teachers and classmates. The summer is built around a camp theme with fun weekly activities. The main activities are set for the summer by the days of the week. For example, Monday is Story Day, Tuesday is Art Day, Wednesday is Water Day, etc. Campers are on the go daily with scheduled activities in the School-Age Program, including swimming at Conover Pool, bowling, hiking, going to the movie theatre, and more! Please return all forms (available in the school office) and the \$75 registration fee to the school office as soon as possible to reserve your child's spot this summer. Space is limited!

## SET SAIL WITH *MOANA JR.* AT CONCORDIA CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL



### Disney's *MOANA JR.*

Disney's *Moana JR.* is playing at Concordia Gym on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27. The 60-minute musical adventure, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 2016 Disney film *Moana*. Ms. Stephanie Guelzow and Mrs. Jessica Westby lead the 5th-8th grade cast. Ticket sales will begin soon and will sell out fast!

See the line where the sky meets the sea? You'll love this thrilling and heartwarming stage adaptation of the coming-of-age tale of Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. She and the demigod Maui embark on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie as she learns to harness the power that lies within. Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite songs by Tony®, GRAMMY, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetaia Foa'i, and Mark Mancina, such as "How Far I'll Go," "Shiny," and "You're Welcome." With its empowering message of bravery, *Moana JR.* is sure to awaken your inner hero!

Disney's *Moana JR.* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by

Music Theatre International, New York, NY

212-541-4684 [mtishows.com](http://mtishows.com)

# CONCORDIA CELEBRATES LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

March 4-8



This year's theme is "Connected," based on John 15: 1-5. **1** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine; you are the

*branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

Every day we will focus on our connection to Christ, our school, our church, our community, and our families with special activities. We are holding a "Can the Man" canned food drive to benefit our neighbors in Claremont who lost so much in January's tornado. If we meet our goal, Mr. Beringer has to play Can Roulette and eat mystery items out of tin cans. It could be fruit, or it could be something YUCKY!!! Other highlights of the week include chapel on March 6, led by our Preschool 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten classes, the Scholastic Book Fair, a spring performance from grades 1-4, and Grandparents' Day on Friday. It will be a spirit-filled week with fun opportunities to connect with Christ and each other.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

**Friday, March 8**

We will have Grandparents' Day for Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade on Friday, March 8. The Grandparents' Day will begin with coffee and cookies, followed by a welcome speech. The Preschool-Kindergarten program will be at 9:00 am, and the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade performance will follow shortly after. Grandparents may visit classrooms and the Scholastic Book Fair after the performances. School dismisses at 11:30 am for Preschool and 11:45 am for K-8th Grade.

## ANNUAL CONCORDIA DINNER AUCTION

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, for Concordia's Dinner Auction at Catawba Country Club. It's a fun event to attend and for a great cause! Tickets will be available for purchase soon on our new auction platform, Silent Auction Pro. If you have a business and would like to support Christian education, please consider becoming a sponsor. Sponsorships begin at \$250 and go up to \$5000. Please contact the school office for more information. Many thanks to Matthews Construction and Catawba Women's Center for being Gold sponsors again this year!

*News from...*

# UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

*Your Lutheran High School*

March 2024

## **UCHS Swim Team Sends Swimmers to State!**

UCHS had 16 swimmers qualify for the NCISAA State Championship on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Standouts were Sophomore Morgan Ruebusch who took 1<sup>st</sup> in 200IM and 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 Fly and Freshman Max Keltly who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 500 Free. The Girls team placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams and the Boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 25 teams! So proud of all our swimmers!

## **Lillian Hedrick to Play Collegiate Soccer**

Senior Lillian Hedrick signed to play collegiate soccer for Drew University in New Jersey! Lillian was the Foothills Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Year last season and, as a sophomore, became the first-ever UCHS Girls' soccer player named to an All-State team. Congratulations, Lillian!

## **NC Opportunity Scholarship**

Have you heard about the exciting financial assistance available to families choosing the private school option through the broadened terms of the NC Opportunity Scholarship? Families who previously could not take advantage of the income-based scholarship may now qualify under the expanded eligibility for households making up to \$250,000. Visit Admissions at [www.uchigh.com](http://www.uchigh.com) for a link as well as information about other scholarship opportunities.

## **Enrollment for 2024-2025 Still Open**

It is not too late to apply to UCHS! Go to [www.uchigh.com](http://www.uchigh.com) to apply online. Call us if you'd like to schedule a tour and see for yourself what UCHS has to offer. 828-855-2995

## **UCHS Reaches Milestone!**

UCHS is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 12! Founded in 2009, the school began with just eight students and a plan to provide a parochial school committed to the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of its students. Our partnership with Lenoir-Rhyne began the very next year and we've since expanded our in-person college class offerings to include Appalachian and CVCC. UCHS has flourished, assembling a top-notch supportive faculty who have produced 291 graduates who are lifelong learners who can lead, make morally upright decisions, think critically, and utilize their God-given talents for the betterment of their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Happy Birthday, UCHS!



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## Highlights

### Food Pantry

Our pantry's item of the month is macaroni, pasta, or canned spaghetti sauce. We are so thankful you help us keep our pantry stocked with these needed items! As always all donations are welcome; these are just monthly suggestions. **COMING UP IN MARCH...** Are you ready for some Madness? Our 6th annual March Madness Challenge is kicking off on March 1st and will run through April 10th. Donate food or funds under your favorite NCAA basketball team's banner, and support a great cause! Whose team has the best fans with the largest hearts? Let's see who it is this year! Food donations count as 2 points per pound, while monetary donations count as 3 points per dollar! Learn more at [ecccm.org/mmc](http://ecccm.org/mmc), and LET'S GO TEAMS! Want to volunteer? We have quite a few slots open on our church calendar rotation as well as a great need of individuals in the afternoons! Please contact our Director of Volunteer Engagement, Allen Sherrill at [a.sherrill@ecccm.org](mailto:a.sherrill@ecccm.org), or by calling (828) 446-5418.

### Thrift Store

When you donate gently used or new items for us to sell in our thrift store, our clients are able to purchase things very affordably. (We do have many clients who will qualify for clothing vouchers and will be able to receive clothing at no cost). All profits from the store are used to help clients in need. We can always use gallon zipper bags and medium and large recycled shopping bags. We are so grateful for your support of this outreach of our ministry! Afternoon volunteers are needed; call or email Allen at the contact information above.

**ECCCM is Hiring!** We are seeking a food pantry associate and a case manager. For more information, visit [ecccm.com/employment](http://ecccm.com/employment).

### Upcoming Calendar:

April 1st-Closed in Observance of Easter

ECCCM and Thrifty Threads and Treasures are located at 245 East N Street, Newton, NC.

# MARCH

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*This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings. Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from LWML at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!*



1. For a clean heart (Psalm 51:10).
2. For LWML Mission Grant #6.
3. For China, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the work you do.
5. For things that make you smile or laugh (Psalm 68:3).
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Communication.
7. For the country of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).
8. For the LWML Mid-South District.
9. For trials that strengthen and refine you (James 1:2-4).
10. For your basic needs.
11. For the country of Cuba.
12. For wisdom (James 1:5).
13. For government and world leaders.
14. For church leaders.
15. For the Czech Republic.
16. For the LWML Gulf States District.
17. For your family.
18. For the city/community where you live.
19. For the Dominican Republic.
20. For friends who are nonbelievers.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #7.
22. For your coworkers.
23. For the country of Ecuador.
24. For the persecuted.
25. For your enemies (Matthew 5:44).
26. For the country of Egypt.
27. For the missions of your church.
28. For those in nursing home facilities.
29. For those who clean and maintain your church.
30. For those facing life changes.
31. For those with serious illness.



**ECCCM'S 6TH ANNUAL**

# **MARCH MADNESS CHALLENGE**

**MARCH 1 - APRIL 10**

Each pound of food  
donated = 2 points

Each dollar  
donated = 3 points

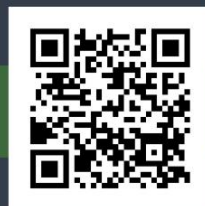
**THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!  
DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO ECCCM  
MONDAYS-THURSDAYS FROM 9-4PM.**

Include  
with donation :

Team name, your name,  
church or business name

Our March Madness Challenge rallies businesses, churches, schools, and individuals to compete in donating food or funds under their favorite NCAA basketball team's banner, all while supporting a great cause!

**give today at [ecccm.org/mmc](https://ecccm.org/mmc)**



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# Pasta Drive



THE CORNER TABLE NEEDS PASTA!  
THE BETA CLUB IS SPONSORING THIS EVENT TO  
HOPEFULLY RAISE 600 BOXES OF PASTA FROM  
THE SCHOOL AND CHURCH

HERE ARE THE DIFFERENT  
PASTAS YOU CAN BRING:

- EGG NOODLES
- PASTA SHELLS
- PENNE TRI-COLOR ROTINI



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# March Birthdays and Anniversaries



Andy Hass	1-Mar
Mike Spake	1-Mar
Lisa Travis	1-Mar
Brian Weaver	2-Mar
Cameron Hayman	3-Mar
Doc Canrobert	4-Mar
Eian Huss	4-Mar
Mariam Ajazi	5-Mar
Ellie Walker	5-Mar
Kay Blackwood	6-Mar
Donny Setzer	7-Mar
Opie Williams	7-Mar
David Montgomery	9-Mar
Leslie Brown	11-Mar
Gary Isenhour	11-Mar
Jill Graff	12-Mar
Ruby Smith	12-Mar
Trey Carlton	13-Mar
Diana Hicks	13-Mar
Conrad Yount	13-Mar
Rick Miller	14-Mar
Lexie Hamm	16-Mar
Alec Hass	17-Mar
Ann Marie Blackmon	18-Mar
Eric Hicks	18-Mar
Mark Moretz	18-Mar
Chloe Hedrick	20-Mar
Vanessa Brown	21-Mar
Paul Karre	21-Mar
Fred Starnes	21-Mar

Barbara Unger	21-Mar
Grayson Welch	21-Mar
Oliver Grigg	22-Mar
Connor Matthews	22-Mar
Noah Brown	23-Mar
Nick Isenhower	23-Mar
Jake Lamb	23-Mar
Holly Rudisill	23-Mar
Katelyn Pennell	24-Mar
Billy Smyre	24-Mar
Stephanie Henze	25-Mar
Avery Beringer	27-Mar
Karen McClure	27-Mar
David Bright	28-Mar
Ashlyn Karre	28-Mar
Payton Roseman	30-Mar
Addison Elliott	31-Mar



Dwight and Shirley Brooks	2-Mar
Rev. Alex and Ashlie Slotter	2-Mar
Rick and Mary Anne Wike	7-Mar
Roger and Vicki Shull	10-Mar
Kyle and Karen McClure	12-Mar
Jason and Jerri Carter	15-Mar
Gage and Anna Ward	24-Mar

If your name is missing from this list, please let the church office know. 828.464.3324 [sharman@concordianc.org](mailto:sharman@concordianc.org).

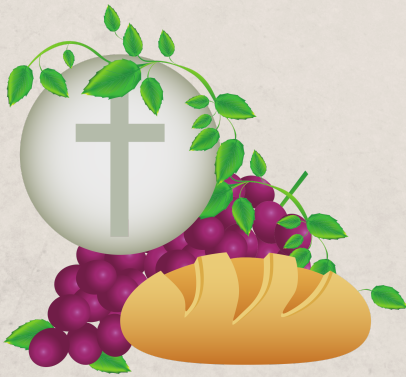


# Holy Week Services



## Palm Sunday

Jesus enters Jerusalem  
9a Family Life Center  
11a Sanctuary



## Maundy Thursday

Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper  
11:30a Sanctuary  
6:30p Sanctuary



## Good Friday

Service of Darkness  
11:30a Sanctuary  
6:30p Sanctuary



## Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 8a - Gather at the Columbarium  
Breakfast - 9a - 10:30a Family Life Center  
Easter Egg Hunt - 10a Church Grounds  
Easter Festival Service - 11a Sanctuary

# *It's Time to Order Easter Lilies!*

We will be placing the order for Easter Lilies on **Friday, March 15**. This year the lilies are \$10.50 each. You may designate your lily in memory or honor of a loved one by filling in the blanks below.

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**Lily #1**                      Please Circle one: Memory    Honor

of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Lily #2**                      Please Circle one: Memory    Honor

of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Lily #3**                      Please Circle one: Memory    Honor

of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Lilies ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sun

Mon

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Sat

# March 2024

**1**  
2:00pm Joyful Stickers - BLCFM

**2**  
  
Troop 383 Cub and Boy Scouts Service Project at CCDS.


**3**  
**9am Worship & Communion - FLC**  
10:10am Christian Education  
**11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary**  
  
3pm Creative Haven  
4pm Cub Scouts  
5pm Youth

**4**  
1:30pm Quilt Tacking  
5:30p Joyful Stickers - BLCFM  
6:30pm Scouts Meet

**5**  
10am Christian Book Club  
3pm CCDS Hangout time

**6**  
7am Ladies Bible Study - EM  
**11:30am Lent Service**  
12pm Lent Meal  
5:30pm Lent Meal  
5:45pm Handbells  
**6:30pm Lent Service**  
7:15pm Choir

**7**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM  
2pm Pastor's Bible Study  
  
6:30pm 1-4 grade SPRING PROGRAM

**8**  
International Women's Day  



**9**

Daylight Saving Time starts **10**  
**9am Worship & Communion - FLC**  
10:10am Christian Education  
**11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary**  
  
4pm Cub Scouts  
5pm Youth

**11**  
6:30pm Scouts Meet

**12**  
8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM  
  
6pm Assimilation - Library  
6:30pm Day School Board  
6:30pm Elders - EM

**13**  
7am Ladies Bible Study - EM  
**11:30am Lent Service**  
12pm Lent Meal - Prime Timers  
5:30pm Lent Meal  
5:45pm Handbells  
**6:30pm Lent Service**  
7:15pm Choir

**14**  
  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
2pm Pastor's Bible Study  
6pm Trustees  
6:30pm Christian Ed. - A#1

**15**  
2pm Joyful Stickers - BLCFM

**16**  
National Corn Dog Day  


**17**  
8am LLL  
**9am Worship & Communion - FLC**  
10:10am Christian Education  
**11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary**  
  
4pm Cub Scouts  
5pm Youth

**18**  
1:30pm Quilt Tacking  
5:30p Joyful Stickers - BLCFM  
6:30pm Scouts Meet

**19**  
8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM  
10am Christian Book Club  
3pm CCDS Hangout time  
6:30pm Stewardship - EM

**20**  
7am Ladies Bible Study - EM  
**11:30am Lent Service**  
12pm Lent Meal  
5:30pm Lent Meal  
5:45pm Handbells  
**6:30pm Lent Service**  
7:15pm Choir

**21**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
**12pm Newsletter Deadline**  
  
2pm Pastor's Bible Study  
4:15pm M & M - Library

**22**

**23**  
National Puppy Day  
  
  
10am Heritage Tour

**Palm Sunday 24**  
**9am Worship & Communion - FLC**  
10:10am Christian Education  
**11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary**  
  
4pm Cub Scouts  
5pm Youth

**25**  
6:30pm Scouts Meet - Board of Review

**26**  
8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM  
  
3pm CCDS Hangout time.

**27**  
7am Ladies Bible Study - EM  
5:45pm Handbells  
7:15pm Choir

**Maundy Thursday 28**  
6:30am Men's Bible Study  
**11:30am Maundy Thursday Worship**  
2pm Pastor's Bible Study  
**6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship**

**Good Friday 29**  
School Office Closed  
**11:30am Good Friday Worship**  
**6:30pm Good Friday Worship**

**30**  
National Take a Walk in the Park Day

Easter Sunday **31**  
**8am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary**  
9am Breakfast - FLC  
10am Easter Egg Hunt  
**11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary**

Church office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

