

Concordia Newsletter

May 2023



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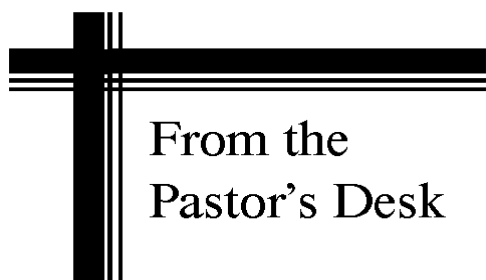
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Worship Times

Sunday 9:00am Contemporary

Sunday 11:00am Traditional



From the
Pastor's Desk

COUNT TO TEN

When someone is on the verge of unleashing their anger on someone else, there is the often advice to, “count to ten.” For some unknown reason, ten is supposed to be the magical number that can diffuse a volatile situation. Whether it is someone around us who is driving in an unsafe manner, a disobedient child, or the inconsiderate shopper who has 55 items in the 12 item or less lane, our fuses can easily be lit with the inevitable, destructive explosion that follows. Counting to ten in those instances may bring the blood pressure down a few points but it doesn't really solve anything. It only delays the explosion until the next time when your fuse gets lit, and we repeat the same cycle.

There is a simple truth that you can't get to number ten without starting at number one. So, let's do just that. #1. *You shall have no other gods.* When we count to ten in those moments of, pre-explosion anger, it is safe to assume that the Ten Commandments are not in our thoughts...but they should be! Over the next ten months, we will take each of the Ten

Commandments in order and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will see how the Lord seeks to guide us into thoughts, words, and actions that reflect His presence in our daily lives.

So, until next month let us look forward to the beautiful month of May and receive the warmer temperatures, the beautiful songbirds, the flowers and the green grass and yes, even the pollen, as a blessing from the one who loves us enough to die and rise for us and to give us the blessed assurance of sins forgiven and eternal life. The Lord's blessings be upon us all. In the name of Christ Jesus our risen Savior

Pastor Geml



Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Proverbs 31:15-20

She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

IT'S BOY SCOUT BBQ TIME!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 383 IS KNOWN FOR ITS AMAZING BBQ!

We know all the secrets to the perfectly smoked Boston butt.
We start with a premium cut of meat, season with our proprietary rub, and spend our weekend slow-cooking it. Whether you like your meat pulled, sliced, or chopped, we promise mouth-watering BBQ!

Boy Scout Troop 383 Annual BBQ
Saturday, May 6th | Concordia Lutheran Church
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR TROOP ACTIVITIES AND CAMPS

\$12/pound
Packaged in one-pound freezer containers.
*Arrangements for delivery of 10 lbs or more available.

Available for pick up at Concordia at the following times:
Saturday, May 6, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, May 7, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Monday, May 8, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

PERFECT FOR...

- Busy families who want something awesome for dinner or Sunday lunch, but have no time to cook it!
- Summer get-togethers and graduation parties.
- Anyone looking for the perfect gift to give. Whether there is a family or a loved one you have been meaning to send a meal to, a teach, a coach, or a neighbor you want to appreciate.
- Sales reps or business owners looking for something memorable to give your best clients.
- Foodies or just plain hungry folks! You will be glad you have this BBQ stashed in your freezer!

FOR QUESTIONS AND ORDER PLACEMENTS
Please contact Wayne Paschall, Scoutmaster, Troop 383, at (828) 205-0049 or email (preferred) wpaschall89@gmail.com, or William Smith at smithw@sherrillfurniture.com (preferred) or call or text (828) 244-3485.

Hopefully, you have placed your order for the Boy Scout BBQ. If not, do it today! Scan the QR code below to place your order!



Pick up dates and times are:

Saturday, May 6, 9am-12pm at the Family Life Center

Sunday, May 7, 10:30am – 12:30pm - Family Life Center

Monday, May 8, 6:30-7:30pm - Youth Central Boy Scout Room



Congratulations to our Confirmation class of 2023

Wade Ethan Cecil

Andrew Zachary Lamb

Helen Elizabeth Murray



You are invited to:

Listen to their Faith Statements, Saturday May 6th at 9AM

Witness their Confirmation, Sunday, May 7th at 11AM

Confirmation Reception, Sunday, May 7th at NOON



Concordia Christian Day School

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates

Andrew Adam

Levi Grant

Kate Hightower

Savannah Kamiche

Peyton Laney

Terry Liu

Evan Miller

Helen Murray

Jenna Sain

Isabella Thomas

Ellie Walker

Kobe Windsor

Evan Allie

Autumn Greaser

Gabriel Johnson

Drew Lamb

Sierra Lilly

Elaine Miller

Miabella Mozgala

Robert Puett

Whitney Spleet

Caleb Underwood

Emily Williams

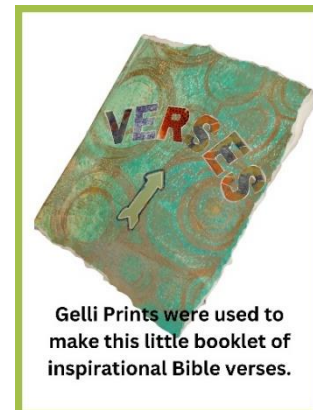
Alexys Wrenn

Come see these young people graduate on
Sunday, May 21st at 2pm in the
Sanctuary of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Continuing from last month: Gelli Prints. We will be using them to make journals. Don't worry! If you missed making some last month, you will still be able to try gelli printing. We will be taking a look at different types of journaling to keep you in the Word! Join us Sunday, May 7th at 3pm in A#1.

Faith Art that you may already be doing:
Taking sermon notes,
Writing or underlining in your Bible,
Praying for others,
Sending a card just because,
Journaling, etc.

Join Belinda Bost and Susan Harman the first Sunday of the month in Adult Room #2 from 3 – 5pm in the Education wing of the church. It is a time to gather, share, and pray for each other and grow in your relationship with God. Everyone is welcome to come. Stay as long or as little you like. Refreshments will be served.



All Ladies, all ages are invited to:

Catawba Valley Zone Rally.
Catawba Valley Zone Rally
Sunday, May 7th at 3:00
Bethel Lutheran Church
Claremont, NC

Registration will start at 2:30. "Gifts From the Heart" will be for the backpack program Camp Linn Haven sponsors during the High School Servant Week.

Please see the list below of the most needed items. Please try to attend, this is the first rally we have been able to have since our zone restarted.

Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks
Wide Ruled 1 Subject Notebooks
College Ruled Composition Notebooks
College Ruled 1 Subject Notebooks
Index Cards
5-tab Dividers
2 Pocket Folders
Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners
Mechanical Pencils
Crayola Colored Pencils
Crayola Washable Markers
Fine Tip Markers
Glue Sticks



Monetary donations, Walmart gift cards, or Thrivent Action Team cards are also welcome. Hope to see you there! Sandra Herman & Kim Cater, Zone Co-presidents

PRIME 55+ TIMERS

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Please make plans to attend our May 9th, Prime Timers Pot luck Lunch at 11:30am.

We will be Entertained by the Concordia School Children’s Group; Led by Jessica Westby & Stephanie Guelzow. They will be singing some songs from their April performance of *Seussical, Jr.*

Local LWML News: Save The Date.

Sunday, July 16, at 3:00, at St. John’s LCMS in Conover, a prayer service. Need prayer? Be there. Thanks to Kim Cater and Sandra Herman at St. John’s, our District Convention buddies, for bringing us together with ladies from other local churches. For more information about local and regional LWML, read your [Carolinias Cross Connection](#) publication.



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

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WRKB	Kannapolis, NC	1460	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WRNA	Kannapolis, NC	1140	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WXRC	Newton, NC	95.7	FM	Sun	6:30 AM



Crew leaders are needed – 6th graders and older can apply
Group Leaders are needed – Adults only
Scan the QR code to the right and register as a participant.

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

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

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





On Sunday, April 2, Katrina Palozzi coordinated a playdate at the school with five families attending. Everyone packed their own lunches for a picnic. The children enjoyed various activities and games that were set up.

Two of the families are new and are looking for a new church home. Everyone was so appreciative of the event and had a great time getting to know each other better.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The choir and bell choir prepared and hosted this year's Easter breakfast and served a delicious meal of sausage and egg casserole, French toast casserole, Hashbrown casserole, fruit salad and an assortment of homemade muffins. The food was excellent, the time spent around the tables was enjoyable, and because of your generosity, we raised \$762 through the free will offering for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Ft. Myers, Florida. In total, Concordia Church and School raised \$10,594 to help our sister congregation in Florida help pay for expenses incurred by hurricane Ian.



Hospital/Out Patient: Jose Ruelas, Donna Hager, Johnny Brown, Anita Bailes, Billy Smyre, Kaye Deal

Sympathy to: The family of Robert (Junior) Deese, JR.; The family of former vicar Rev. Roger Vernick; Jeanette Bowman and family upon the death of her brother, Michael Bolick; Ronald Bumgarner and family upon the death of his mother, Margie Bumgarner.

Blessings to: Bobby & Deanna Moore upon the birth of their first grandchild, Della Rae Crowe. Parents are Justin & Heather Crowe; Paul & Sandy Von Rentzell upon the birth of twin grandsons. Parents are Seth and Claire Von Rentzell.

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



Hey, Ladies! A spring tea has been scheduled for Saturday, May 13, from 11:30am-1:30pm. What a beautiful time for us to gather as women of faith in celebrating the joy of new life! We will have a light lunch of tea sandwiches, fruit, and pastries. The program will include a short devotional and sharing time. If you would like, please bring a special spring memory to share (a time spent with a grandmother, granddaughter, or other special person in your life), an item that holds a special memory for you (teapot, cup/saucer, special serving plate/platter, etc.), a cherished family recipe, a spring book, poem, etc. There will be a table set up to display your items. Please mark your calendars for this time of fun fellowship with other women, while praising God for His many blessings! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Friendly Reminders

From the Board of Elders:

At the request of Dave Beringer, the Elders have approved moving the May 21 Contemporary worship service to the Sanctuary to accommodate the 8th grade banquet on the evening of May 20 and clean up issues.

Due to the installation of the Sanctuary A/V updates being underway on May 22nd, the Elders have approved combining the May 28 and the June 4 Traditional worship services with the Contemporary worship services on those two dates for blended worship in the gymnasium beginning at 9 a.m.



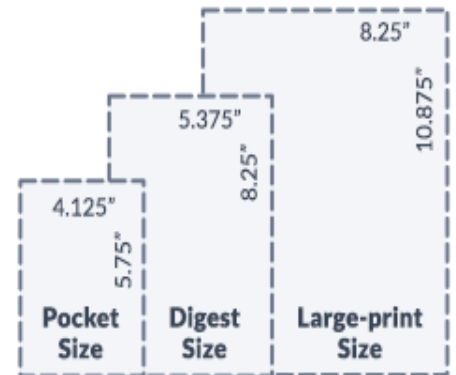
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The subscription/renewal cost is:

- Pocket Size: \$ 9.50**
- Digest Size: \$ 17.50**
- Large Print: \$ 17.50**



The Men's Group is going to the Crawdad's game on Tuesday, May 2. **Tickets will be purchased in advance so we can all sit together.** The game time is 6:00 pm and it is Dollar Dog Day and Craft Beer Day. RSVP to Bill Unverfehrt at b.unverfehrt@gmail.com or text (828) 238-4239.



The Parent Block

Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents

Written by Kathy Unverfehrt



Scripture Verse

“The time is coming when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and that time is here already. You see, the Father too is actively seeking such people to worship Him.”

John 4:23

Reflection

Worship – what does it mean to your child? What does it look like to him, and you, as well? Who is the “true worshiper” that the Father is seeking and how does one worship in spirit and truth? In order to address these questions, we must first define and understand what worship is. Worship is instilling our mind with the truth of God, surrendering our will to His purpose, and opening our heart to the love of God so we may live in His love. It is our innermost being praising God for all that He is through our words, thoughts, and actions. It is knowing through our heart who He truly is so we can love, honor, adore, obey, and proclaim Him in the way we live our lives. Knowing this, how can you help your child learn how to worship God in spirit and truth? The first lessons that children learn about God is that He is the Creator of the world and that He loves them. However, the most critical lesson to teach your child is that God is his heavenly Father. Jesus himself modeled this when He referred to God as “Abba” bringing to light a relationship of intimacy, dependency, and total surrender to God His Father. This understanding of who God the Father is allows your child to “crawl up into the lap” of the Almighty and to talk to Him much as a young child would do to his father. Just as a child comes face to face sharing the desires of his heart with his own father, so God inclines the faces of children to be lovingly in His face. Teaching children to worship in spirit is more than showing up for church, going through the “acts of worship,” and then returning to daily life as if he had not been touched by the Presence of God. You must teach your child that God desires him to worship Him joyfully through song and faithfully in prayer. He must learn that God’s love for him is unconditional and is unequivocally present in all aspects of his life.

Parent Commitment

My child will see me worshipping the Father joyfully and reverently in spirit and truth.





Confirmation Sunday is May 7th



Sunday-10:00am pictures/gifts

11:00am Worship Service (Rite of Confirmation & 1st Communion)

12:00pm Reception in the Emmaus Room



High School and College Graduate Info:

We love hearing about your awards, certificates, scholarships, GPA's & future plans. Please send us info about future colleges, grad schools, jobs, marriages, military, etc. We would love to share your story with the congregation.



Graduate Recognition:

Concordia will congratulate our High School Seniors and College Graduates on Sunday, May 21st during the 11:00am Worship Service. All graduates please join us for worship so we can publicly "thank God" for you!



**Hey mom & dad...
Your Passion Becomes
Their Passion**

"Like father, like son" and "Like mother, like daughter" may not apply very often to you and your teenagers. But you're having more of an influence on your kids than you may realize. We've always known that parents' faith is important for kids' spiritual development. Now some landmark research shows just how crucial your beliefs are. The National Study of Youth and Religion recently found that three out of four religious teenagers consider their own beliefs to be similar to those of their parents.

Teenagers aren't likely to come right out and admit that their parents are serving as role models. Sometimes you probably feel like your kids don't even want to associate with you. But another major NSYR finding is that most teenagers desire to have stronger relationships with their parents. They just aren't sure how to make it happen. So that's where you come in!

It's up to parents to take the lead with faith discussions in your home. When you're passionate about your beliefs, that passion will be contagious. Academic studies and real-life examples prove that parents who strive to live out a devoted Christian faith raise kids who tend to do the same.

Our Concordia Cub Scouts are hosting this year's District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, May 13th in our gym!



In honor...our youth will be handing out Mother's Day Flowers at both worship services this year!



All youth free bowling:

Wednesday, May 10th

Wednesday, May 17th

Join us from 6:30-8:30pm



Join us for our next International Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, May 7th at 6:00pm in Youth Central!



Our Boy Scouts are selling their famous BBQ for \$12/pound!



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 2023-2024

We are now accepting enrollment applications for the 2023-2024 school year. When you are talking with your family and friends about schools, please remind them of the outstanding Christian education available at Concordia. Call the school for a personal tour. Space is VERY LIMITED.

8th GRADE GRADUATION

Sunday, May 21

We have 24 students in Concordia's 2022-2023 graduating class. Congratulations to this year's Valedictorian, Elaine Miller, and Salutatorian, Terry Liu. The recipient of the Gilbert Pingel Christian Citizenship Award will be presented at the graduation service on May 21 at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM

June 5 - July 28

We are so blessed to have our school-age summer camp full. Only a few spots remain in our Preschool Summer Day Camp for rising PS-3 thru kindergarten children. If interested, please call the school office at 828-464-3011 for an application.

DATES: This year's program is seven weeks long and begins on Monday, June 5, and ends on Friday, July 28. We will be closed the week of the 4th of July (July 3-7).

HOURS: Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 6 pm.

Please return all forms and the \$60 registration fee to the school office as soon as possible to reserve your child's spot this summer! The registration fee must accompany your application, or your application WILL NOT be accepted.

News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

May 2023

UCHS Hosting Blood Drive April 6th

UCHS & Oneblood.org are holding a blood drive on Thursday, April 6th, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. All donors will receive a OneBlood t-shirt, a free wellness checkup, and refreshments. Donors can drop in, but appointments are encouraged. Please go to oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 69865 to schedule your appointment. ID required.

Students Attend North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly

UCHS was well-represented at the NCYLA in Raleigh, on March 17th by these seven student leaders: David Abel, Ellie Adams, Braxton Brown, Addie Duke, Hadley Hines, Langley Parker, and Mary Parker Pate. David Abel received the Outstanding Delegate award for the Environment Committee.

Two Envirothon Teams Advance to State

27 UCHS Envirothon students attended the Regional Envirothon Competition on March 22nd. Two teams qualified for the State Competition - the Homeostasis Homies: Aiden Kistler, Sean Kelty, Jackson Behmer, Julieta Soto-Cerda, & Kaleigh Sloop and Get 'Nannered: Noah Thompson, Josh Cline, Luke Miller, Clara Morrow, & Lucy Roseman.

Winter Sports (Basketball & Swimming) Awards

Foothills Athletic Conference Character Award winners were Sophie Witke, (Swim), Abby Pruitt (Basketball), Peyton Gerken (Basketball), & Alex Chandler (Swim). They were recognized for having shown great sportsmanship and leadership as student-athletes. Sophie Deese (Basketball) was chosen as the FAC Player of the Year.

NCISAA All-State Honors went to Sean Kelty (Swim) & Sophie Deese (Basketball)

Of special note; Sophie Deese now joins her sister and UCHS Alum, Ally Deese, as the only two Girls Basketball team members in UCHS history to make the All-State Team.

4th Annual UCHIGHDitarod, April 21st

The UCHIGHDitarod is a shopping cart race modeled after the Alaskan Iditarod race to collect non-perishable food for the Corner Table's Community Kitchen & Backpack Program. You can help fight community hunger by donating non-perishable goods or becoming a sponsor. Event details at <https://www.uchigh.com/news/uchighditarod-feed-1-000>

ECCCM Volunteers Needed!

ECCCM's Charlie Bunn Food Pantry We are in need of volunteers who are willing to learn and work some of our more specialized positions. First, we need people who would be interested in working our client food pick up door. This involves assembling a food cart by selecting food items for the clients based on our distribution system. When the cart is complete, the volunteer takes the rolling cart out to the client vehicle just outside the pick-up door. At this point, the client will load the groceries into their vehicle. This position involves a little bit of walking, and can be very rewarding! Second, we need grocery van drivers. We are looking for those who would be interested in going to designated grocery stores to pick up food for us. Basically, this involves using the ECCCM van to pick up food from specific stores, and upon returning to ECCCM, helping to unload and weigh the newly arrived food.

This position requires a valid driver's license, and a good driving history. If you or any of your church members are interested in learning either of these positions or any other volunteer opportunities, please contact Allen Sherrill, the Director of Food Pantry Operations. Allen can be reached at (828) 465-1702 ext. 116, or at a.sherrill@ecccm.org. We look forward to working with you soon!

THRIFTY THREADS AND TREASURES Volunteers mean everything to ECCCM operations! Currently our ECCCM thrift store, **THRIFTY THREADS AND TREASURES**, is in serious need of volunteers. Here is a detailed list from Christina, our thrift store manager, about what a store volunteer may be asked to do:

- Assist Customers - A major part of a thrift store volunteer's job description is to assist customers. Volunteers answer customer questions about the products, and may also step in to process cash and credit card transactions if a cashier isn't present. The process is easy to learn!
- Sort through Donations - With the many donations that come in, it's important that the donated items are in good condition for customers to buy. Volunteers, with the help of the manager, sort through items to check for broken, chipped or damaged items, and permanent stains or tears in clothing.
- Stock Donations - Every day the thrift store receives different items, and the thrift store volunteer categorizes and places items on the shelves or racks. Items that have been on the sales floor long enough, will need to be removed and placed in proper destinations. Volunteers may also be responsible for placing the price tags on before stocking.
- Store Maintenance - Thrift store volunteers also help maintain the store's physical appearance by keeping shelves neat, returning misplaced items to appropriate places, and general tidying up if needed.

If your church can provide volunteers, or someone from your church would like to know more, Christina can be reached by phone at 828-465-1702 ext. 123, or by email at c.rodgers@ecccm.org. If your church can provide volunteers, or someone from your church would like to know more, Christina can be reached by phone at 828-465-1702 ext. 123, or by email at c.rodgers@ecccm.org.



May 2023

Mite Challenge Calendar



BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Say a prayer for school principals. Donate 10¢	2 Treat a teacher today. Donate 90¢	3 Sing LSB #706 Love in Christ is Strong and Living. Donate 40¢	4 Participate in the National Day of Prayer. Donate 70¢	5 Invite someone for Mexican food. Donate 15¢	6 Pray for nurses today. Donate 55¢
7 Call a friend and discuss today's sermon. Donate 30¢	8 Read Matthew 5:1-12. Donate 95¢	9 Go for a walk, thanking God for His creation. Donate 50¢	10 Pray for those working overnight. Donate 20¢	11 Express how blessed you are to those you meet. Donate 80¢	12 Donate to a backpack program. Donate 35¢	13 Have a piece of apple pie with someone. Donate 75¢
14 Mother's Day Praise the Lord for Godly mothers. Donate 60¢	15 Send a "thinking of you" card. Donate 25¢	16 Count the trees in your yard and give 10¢ each or Donate 65¢	17 Clean out a drawer or cabinet today. Donate 45¢	18 Sing a praise song as you wash your dishes. Donate 85¢	19 Invite someone to share a pizza. Donate 10¢	20 Pray for those in the Armed Forces. Donate 90¢
21 Start reading a Christian book. Donate 40¢	22 Graciously tip waitstaff today. Donate 70¢	23 Read Matthew 25:35-40. Donate 15¢	24 Pray for siblings to love one another. Donate 55¢	25 Brown bag it for lunch today. Donate 30¢	26 Write out your prayer requests. Donate 95¢.	27 Tape a list of blessings where you will see it. Donate 50¢
28 Pentecost! Praise the Lord for the Holy Spirit. Donate 20¢	29 Memorial Day! Remember those who served. Donate 80¢	30 Sing LSB #848 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Donate 35¢	31 Read Lamentations 3:22-24. Donate 75¢			

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Family Life Center
215 5th Ave SE, Conover

May 26, 2023

1:00pm – 5:30pm



Scan the QR
Code to make an
appointment.

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May Birthdays and Anniversaries



1-May Landon Hauser
1-May John Christian Reid
1-May Angie Sigmon
1-May Stephen Bost
4-May Jane Martin
6-May Michael Ajazi
6-May Shelby Adair
7-May Judy Brown
7-May Dale Lawing
8-May Janice Whitener
8-May Ava Noell
8-May Shawn Hedrick
8-May Sharon Cox
10-May Grant Artelt
10-May Harrison Gilliam
10-May Maxx Gilliam
11-May Donna Grigg
11-May Nancy Starnes
12-May Rodney Burns
15-May Thomas Goodin
15-May Thomas Goodin
15-May Bill Unverfehrt
15-May Luke Canrobert
15-May Jana Sweezy
15-May Robert Smith
17-May Nicholas Loftin
17-May Angelo Palozzi
17-May Caroline McClure
17-May John Sloter
18-May Connie Welch
19-May Haley Starnes
20-May Linda Moser
20-May Matt Pennell
21-May Ted Karre
21-May Jackson Bryan
23-May Annette Henry

23-May Airiel Spencer
23-May Solomon Campbell
24-May Katie Grace DeHart
25-May Jacob Hayman
26-May Jordan Henze
26-May Jackson Lamb
26-May Jessica Stewart
27-May Cristal Rager
27-May Alec Montgomery
27-May Monica Hedrick
27-May Debbie Roth
28-May Rachel Bare
28-May Brad Bost
28-May Delilah Martinez
29-May Michael Allman
31-May Kurt Artelt










1-May David and Jamie Bell
5-May Ruby and Lester Killian
6-May Kyle and Tammy Hayman
11-May Chris and Anna Walker
12-May Warren and Stephanie Frye
12-May Curtis and Airiel Spencer
13-May Anthony and Dottie DeHart
16-May Chris and Stephanie Biernacki
17-May Steve and Maggie Hamm
17-May Fred and Pamela Farmer
17-May Brad and Tina Furr
17-May Kurt and Nilza Artelt
18-May Lewis and Judy Robinette
18-May Rick and Cindy Bare
18-May Billy and Kay Loftin
19-May Philip and Kaitlyn Lindler
21-May Kenneth and Sherri Elliott
23-May John and Rita Williams
28-May Ketha and Alan Benfield
28-May Cameron and Britney Lundy
30-May Alan and Wanda Hefner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Concordia Volunteers at ECCCM 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet	2  6pm Men's Group goes to Crawdads Game	3 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Youth SOS 7:15pm Choir	4 National Day of Prayer 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM	5 	6 7am Conover Car Show 9am Confirmation Faith Statement and Rehearsal 9am Pick up Boy Scout BBQ
7 Confirmation Sunday 9am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 10:30am Pick up Boy Scout BBQ 11am Worship & Communion & Confirmation - Sanctuary 12pm Confirmation Reception - EM 3pm Creative Haven 6pm Mission Trip Meeting	8  6:30pm Pick up Boy Scout BBQ 6:30pm Scouts Meet	9 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 11:30am PrimeTimers - EM - Seussical Cast Songs 6pm Stewardship - A#1 6:30pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Day School Board - School Cafeteria 6:30pm Elders - EM	10 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Youth Bowling 7:15pm Choir	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6pm Trustees  6:30pm 5-8 Spring Music Concert	12	13 7am District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 3:30pm Youth Mother's Day Flowers
14 Mother's Day 9:00am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education 11:00am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 	15 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts Meet	16 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 6:30pm Board of Christian Education	17 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Praise Band 6:30pm Youth Bowling 7:15pm Choir	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:15pm M & M - Library 6:30pm Pre-K 4 Graduation and PS3 - K Spring Program	19 5pm Corner Table Feed the Flock Gala	20 6pm 8th Grade Graduation Banquet - FLC
21 8am LLL 9am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 2pm 8th Grade Graduation	22 8am Sanctuary A/V updates begin. 6:30pm Court of Honor 6:30pm Scouts Meet	23 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 4:30pm ECCCM Board Meet-EM 6:30pm Church Council - A#1	24 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 3pm Scouts place Flags for Veterans in Cemetery 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15pm Choir	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study	26 8:10am Closing Chapel 1pm Blood Drive - FLC	27
28 9am Blended Worship & Communion - FLC 10:10am Christian Education	29 Memorial Day 	30 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM	31 7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15pm Choir	