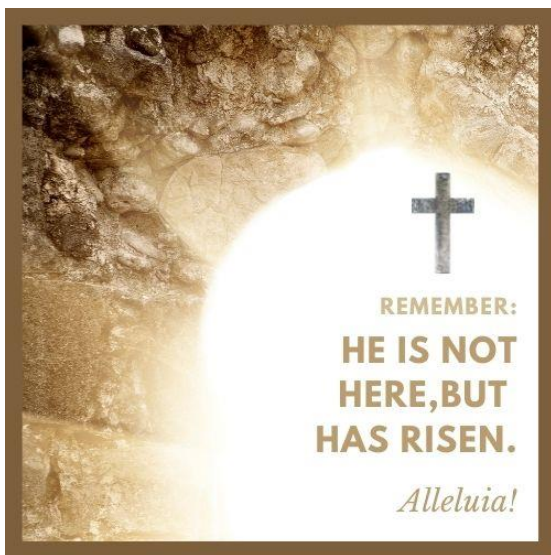


Concordia Highlights April 17, 2021



We are glad you are here: Members and guests, please write your name in the **Welcome to Worship** folders at the end of the pews so we can more faithfully serve you and get to know you by name.

The church nursery is open but is not staffed at this time. Parents, please sign the contact tracing attendance form before leaving. Thank you.

Lessons for Next Week, April 24

READ: [Acts 5:12-20](#) (Pew Bible p. 1161)
[Psalm 148](#) (Pew Bible p. 667)
[Revelation 1:4-18](#) (Pew Bible p. 1310)
[John 20:19-31](#) (Pew Bible p. 1154)

Communion: The Lord's Supper is celebrated with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but His true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Web Page:

www.concordianc.org/church

Sunday Worship:

9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Christian Education

10:10-10:50am

**Concordia Lutheran Church and
Christian Day School
216 5th Avenue SE**

Church office hours are:

Mon – Thur. 8:00am – 4:30pm
Friday 8:00am – 12pm



Remember in your Prayers

Hospitalized: Lois Hintzmann (Trinity Ridge), Doris Kaylor (Forsyth Memorial).

Members in need of healing: Janice Pitts, Sydney Karre, Carl Welch, William Whitener, Alice Baker, Vicki Shull, Etta Gardner, Linda Moser, John White, Peggy Travis, Caleb Brown, Jill Graff.

Friends in need of healing: Eli Ames (grandson of Paul & Barbara Nelson), Gerald & Ramona Amos (sister and brother-in-law of Sandra Gerken & Monte York), Kerry Joe Farmer (brother of Fred Farmer).

Blessings to: Christopher Bare and Jessica Ashe who were married on Saturday, April 16th at Ocean Isle Landing. Christopher's parents are Rick & Cindy Bare.

Concordia Members in the Military: Eric Galloway, Kendall Hamm, Tony Sherrill, Christopher Walker, Jaylen Joyner, Chandler Christians, Jeremy Christians, Nathan Malin, Mack Isenhower, Amber Miller.

Missionary of the Month: Rev. Dr. Tom Park serves the Lord in Taiwan. As a theological educator, he teaches theology to laypeople as well as to those studying to become pastors, deaconesses and other church workers. In this role, he also is helping to start a new Lutheran seminary on the island. Pray for Tom as he serves in Taiwan. Ask God to give good health to him and to his mother, who still lives in South Korea, so that Tom can carry out his responsibilities without distraction. Pray for Tom as he studies Mandarin, so he may speak fluently as he shares the Gospel. Pray also that God would open the hearts of the Taiwanese people to heed Tom's preaching and teaching so that all might come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

All of our Concordia Ministry Staff: Samantha Hendershot – School Office Manager, Casey Talley – PK4 Teacher Assistant, Jennifer Kiser – 2nd Grade Teacher Assistant, Jessica Westby – Music Teacher and Chris Henze – Youth Minister.

Just the Facts:

General Fund Offerings: \$ 14,169

Online Giving: \$ 4,516

Mid-week Lent \$ 774

Budget Needs: \$ 19,312

Attendance: 253

Member of the week: Hilda Hefner – PO Box 725, Conover, NC. Her birthday is today.

The lilies on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of many of our loves ones. If you would like a full list, you can find them in the welcome centers.

Connect - Grow - Bridge

In preparation for our Voters' Assembly meeting on May 15th at 2pm, the ballots for the election have been placed in all the welcome centers. Please pick one up and consider filling an open position.

Sunday Christian Education Classes are offered at **10:10am**. Here is where you can find your group:

Pre-school 2 – 5 year old classroom beside the nursery. – Led by Jerri Alice, Maggie Lou and Mary Elizabeth Carter.

K – 2nd grade – Kindergarten Classroom in the Church Education wing. – Led by Ellie Adams, Avery Beringer and Ava Grace Noell.

3rd – 6th Grade – Third Grade Classroom in Church Education wing – Led by Julie Moser

7th - 8th Youth – Youth Central – Led by Stephanie Henze

9th – 12th Youth – Youth Central – Led by Chris Henze

Adults – Emmaus Room – The Book of Acts – Led by Pastor Geml

Adults – A#1 – The Parent Block on Christian Parenting – Led by Kathy Unverfehrt

Weekday Bible Study Classes

Ladies Bible Study led by Kim Hauser – Wednesdays 7am – Emmaus Room

Men's Bible Study led by David Isenhower – Thursdays 7am – Emmaus Room

Bible Study Led by Pastor Geml - Thursdays 2pm - Emmaus Room. The Book of Revelation

Confirmation – Wednesdays 6pm – Led by Pastor Geml – Youth Central

SOS - Wednesdays 6pm – Led by Chris Henze – Youth Central



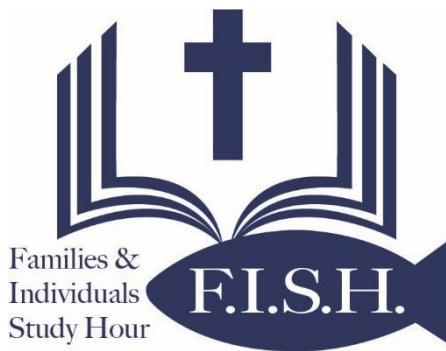
You can be greeter! We are looking for names of members who would like to be a greeter for church services. This includes most church services and all locations. Our goal is to start this back up in April and especially for Holy Week and Easter services.

Please call the following people to volunteer or if you have questions.

Sandy Von Rentzell – 303-829-9801

Ann Marie Blackmon – 828-464-4734

Thank you! From the Board of Assimilation



**The spring session of F.I.S.H. will begin April 20th.
The session runs through May 25th.**

Here are the classes that will be offered:

5:00-5:30 PM - Dorcas Dunker - 2.5 years-6 year olds

5:00-5:30 PM - Kathy Unverfehrt - Parenting Class

5:30-6:00 PM - Meal Served

6:00-7:00 PM - Dorcas Dunker - 1st& 2nd Graders

6:00-7:00 PM – Julie Moser 3rd- 6th Graders

6:00-7:00 PM - Carl Roth - “Lutheran Spirituality: Word” - Adult Room #1 – Written by respected Lutheran Scholars in the US and Australia, this adult Bible study series emphasizes the Bible, Luther’s Catechism and the Lutheran hymnal as concrete and integral resources for a truly Lutheran spirituality.

6:30-8:00 PM - Susan Harman - Chrismon Workshop - Adult Room #2

6:30-8:00 PM – Youth SOS/Confirmation – Youth Central – Led by Chris Henze and Pastor Geml

7:00-8:00 PM - Dave Beringer - “Book of Matthew” - Emmaus Room - The apostle Matthew writes his gospel to proclaim to the world that it’s promised Savior has come. Pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Matthew proclaims the universality of Jesus’ love.

| DATE | BOARD/GROUP | FISH MEAL DESCRIPTION |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| 4/20/2022 | Congregational Officers | Baked spaghetti and salad |
| 4/27/2022 | Day School Board | Taco Bar |
| 5/4/2022 | LWML | Chicken casserole or chicken salad |
| 5/11/2022 | Trustees | Chicken fillet sandwiches |
| 5/18/2022 | Hand Bells/Choir | Undecided |
| 5/25/2022 | Board of Christian Education | Ham/Cheese Sandwich (Children), Chicken Salad Croissant, Salad, Chips, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Water |

Connect - Grow - Bridge



Church Nursery Worker Needed
Concordia Lutheran Church

Do you have a love of children and their families? Do you enjoy interacting with young ones? If so, then you might want to consider a part-time paid position providing child care for children under the age of five of Sunday mornings here at Concordia Lutheran Church. The Board of Christian Education is looking for someone who is at least 16 years of age and has experience in caring for children between the ages of 0-4. This service would be provided during the 9:00 Praise Service, Sunday School, and the 11:00 Worship Service. The hours are from 8:45am until 12:15pm each Sunday. If you are interested, please contact the church office at (828) 464-3324 for more information and for a copy of the Church Nursery Worker Job Description!

Make a Difference Project By Drew Lamb

Drew Lamb is supporting the Pajama Program for his "Make a Difference Project." The Pajama Program is an organization that gives new pajamas and books to help and support children in foster care and people in homeless shelters. There is a chapter located in the Catawba County area that he will be supporting. Drew is raising money to give to the organization for the to purchase pajamas and books appropriate for the people in need right now. The Pajama Program helps all around the U.S.A. The money he raises will be used for our local area. He will be collecting money on April 24th and May 1st. Find Drew or a member of his family by any of the doors after each service. Thank you for anything that you can give.

We have a new listening system for anyone wearing hearing aids!

We have gone wireless!

Simply go to your phone's app store and download the **"Listen Everywhere"** app.

When you come to church, log in to the church's free wifi. **CCDS-Guest**

Open the "Listen Everywhere" app and select Venue Scan and connect to **CCDS-Guest**

You will be able to hear the service through your hearing aids.

OR

You can scan the QR code here:

Simple. Easy. Free.



Download the free Listen
EVERYWHERE App



Connect to the venue's
wireless network



Audio is delivered to
your Smartphone

PRIME 55+ TIMERS

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Blessed Easter to all. The PrimeTimers met this past Tuesday for a potluck luncheon. Thanks to the ladies and a fellas that provided the great food we shared with everyone. The one thing that we can still do very well is cook food and enjoy eating it. We were entertained by Michael Solesbee from Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. He played his guitar and sang for us. It was nice to have him here with us again. In our business meeting, everyone was given a schedule of the meetings for rest of the year.

Last week, some of the PrimeTimers traveled to the Hudson Dinner Theater to see the play *The Cotton Patch Gospel*. It was about the life of Jesus Christ told in a very different way. It was told in a present day, Cotton Patch, bluegrass sort of way. We had a wonderful time.

In case you were unable to attend the play, *Annie Jr.*, presented by the CCDS students, join us for our meeting on May 10th. Some of the students that performed in the play will be here to sing for us. This will be a real treat!

May this Easter bring comfort and joy to your heart and soul “for by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

*The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.*

Psalm 118:14



**April 17, 2022
Youth Ministry
Highlights**



**DCE Chris Henze
Youth Minister**



Happy Easter!

Join us for Easter Breakfast!

Working together our **Lutheran Layman's League & National Youth Gathering** group are hosting Concordia's Easter Breakfast in the Family Life Center from 8:00-9:00am this morning! Please join us!

The menu includes:

Biscuits & gravy, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, pastries, juice, coffee, milk, hot chocolate, and cider!

Mother's Day Fern Sale:

We will be selling Boston and Kimberley Queen Ferns! Pre-orders will take place on Sunday, April 24th and May 1st!

Confirmation Sunday is 2 weeks away!

We pray for our Confirmands who are reading their Confirmation Journals and working on their Faith and Visual Statements which will be presented on Saturday, April 30th in the sanctuary!



Concordia's Spirit Day at Sweet Frog in Hickory is next Sunday (4/24)!

Enjoy your Easter/Spring Break this week!

Be safe, refresh and renew!

Congratulations to these Concordia youth:

Mary Elizabeth Carter and Anna Grace Patel-Speakers of the House @ the 50th Session of the NC Youth Legislative Assembly

Chloe Hedrick: CVAC Swimmer of the Year

Jordan Henze: Wrestling...All Conference & Coaches Award

Maggie White: Beta Club



The Parent Block

Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents



Scripture Verse

“In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory.”

Ephesians 1:11-12

Reflection

You have been chosen by God with a purpose and a calling that He has predestined for you. He chosen this for you in keeping with His plan through Christ Jesus. He is the one who orchestrates everything in your life, from birth until death, and makes it agree with what He decides and wants. It is part of a plan that He had for you even before you came into being. You were chosen to be God’s people, to live for Him, to love Him, to serve and worship Him. Nothing in your life goes unnoticed by your Creator, as He already had the events and circumstances of your life aligned with His will. He brought you into the gift of parenthood expecting you to teach your child about Him and His love for them. It is a responsibility that you cannot ignore or push aside. In fact, you should consider it an honor that the God of heaven and earth has selected you to such a position! Therefore, teach your child that he is not just your child, but he is God’s child, too. It is God who has given him life and who lovingly watches out and protects him. Help your child to see, as well as believe, that all situations and events in his life, whether pleasing or disappointing, are under the guise of God who loves him and knows what is best for him, even though it may not seem like it at the time. Teach him to know that all he is and has is a gift from a gracious God. Lead by example a life that reflects praise and thanksgiving for your daily blessings and teach your child to do the same. Develop a thankful heart within your child for everything God does for him, from the seemingly little and insignificant things to the amazing things. Together with your child, praise and glorify God for His goodness and love that He so freely gives!

Parent Commitment

*I believe God has called me into the purpose of His will for my life.
I will praise God, and teach my child to do the same, for all He wills me.*



This week at Concordia

Sunday, April 17

7am Sunrise Worship & Communion
8am Easter Breakfast- FLC
9am Worship & Communion - FLC
10:10am Easter Egg Hunt
11am Worship & Communion – Sanctuary

Monday, April 18

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 19

8:30am Staff Devotion & Meeting
6:30pm Assimilation

Wednesday, April 20

7am Ladies Bible Study – EM
12pm Newsletter Deadline
5:00pm - 2.5 years-6 year olds
5:00PM - Parenting Class
5:30PM - Meal Served
6pm FISH classes start – See Schedule
6pm Confirmation – Pastor Geml
6pm – Youth SOS – Chris Henze
6:30pm Chrismon Class – A#2
7pm – FISH Second Session Classes

Thursday, April 21

6:30am Men's Bible Study – EM
2pm Pastor's Bible Study – EM
4:15pm Mission & Ministry – Library
6:30pm Christian Education

Sunday, April 24

9am Worship & Communion – FLC
10:10am Christian Education
11am Worship & Communion

