

Concordia Newsletter

December 2024

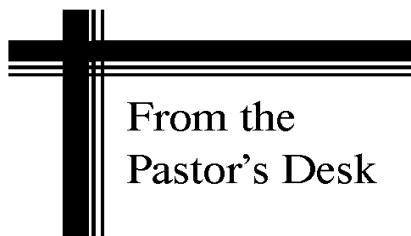


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Worship Times

Sunday 9:00a Contemporary
Sunday 11:00a Traditional



From the
Pastor's Desk

***"And being found in human form, He [Jesus] humbled Himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross."***

Philippians 2:8

Jesus became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. In perfect obedience to God's plan for our salvation, Jesus came to live in the flesh. His incarnation was truly humbling. He left the glories of heaven in order to live among us. He came as an infant born in the most humble of surroundings, meek and mild and lying in a manger. He humbly lived under the authority of His earthly parents Mary and Joseph. But more than merely humbling, His obedience eventually brought to Jesus unimaginable pain, suffering, rejection, betrayal and death. That is what being obedient brought to Jesus.

That is not what we consider to be the fruits of obedience. Obedience in our lives usually is to our benefit. When we live in obedience to the law, we live in peace and need not fear punishment under the law. When children live in obedience to their parents they can expect just rewards for such obedience. We live with the expectation that life will be reasonably fair and that as we live in obedience to the various powers that be we can reap the rewards of such obedience. And even if we don't expect to be rewarded, at least we expect smooth sailing. So, where do we go when life runs contrary to expectation?

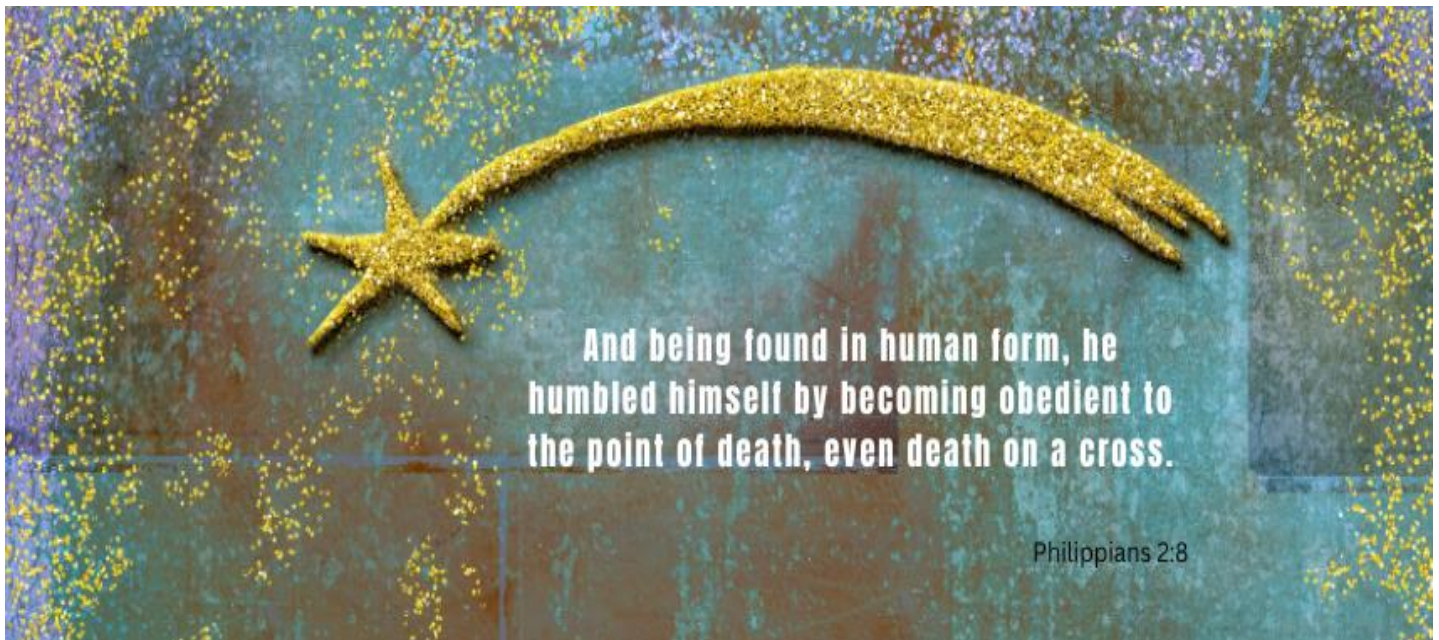
As the Church looks forward to the celebration of the birth of the Savior we are drawn to look into the manger to find meaning and security and answers to our most pressing questions. Instead of looking all around and being disappointed by our world's solutions, God would have us look down. The face of the baby lying

there is the face of the Savior. He is the One who would be perfectly obedient to the Father. For His obedience Jesus would suffer and die in our place. The promise of the Savior comes to us to give us peace and eternal security. Even when our sinful disobedience rears its ugliness, we receive the Father's love and the forgiveness won for us by the obedient One, Jesus Christ.

May we ever and always live in the peace of the Lord.

A blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

Pastor Geml



Repenting of “Yours” and “Mine”

Retailers have had their Christmas displays up since before Reformation Sunday. The kids have made their list and checked it twice, or three times or more. It won't be long before the tree will start shedding its needles, the stockings emptied, the gifts unwrapped, toys broken, and the too small or out of style clothes returned. Before we know it, the annual celebration of Christmas will be over.

But for the children of God, we know that the gift of Christmas doesn't ever end. Week in and week out, the Lord continues to shower His gifts on us. Every time the Lord gathers us to His house, and we are led to kneel at His table, the gift of forgiveness is repeatedly granted to us. It is nothing we deserve. It comes to us freely!

The fourth stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us Lord for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) highlights both this gift and our response.

*Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost*

To learn thankfulness is necessary. The parents of young children are well-versed in the fact that they must teach their children thankfulness. It does not come naturally. The spiritual genetics inherited from our parents allow us to think that the world revolves around us. When we receive something, there is an inward desire to think that we in some way deserve it.

But there is no way that we deserve anything we get from our Lord. We need that ongoing lesson from God Himself. Thankfulness toward God is worked in us by the Holy Spirit. God's Word works this thanksgiving in us. We need this weekly reminder that Jesus didn't consider “equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself” for us, to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:6). He didn't bat an eye. He paid the price! Our life of stewardship is one of daily and weekly thanksgiving inspired by the Lord Himself.

*That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”
assured that only what's withheld is lost.*

Because Jesus gave us everything and more, there can be no ownership. The child at Christmas is quick to claim that the newly gifted toy is “mine!” But as Psalm 24:1 asserts, “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” There isn't anything in creation that is ours. When we cling to and claim ownership of anything in creation, we are losing out on the continual gifts with which the Lord desires to shower upon us. Closed hands cannot receive anything new. We cling to the old and dead and miss the new thing that the Lord desires to do in and for us.

We are led to repent of the “yours” and “mine” and remove the lie that we have any ownership. In this we have the promise that God will continue to give to us. Not just at Christmas, but every Sunday at the altar in the Lord's house.



Hospital/Out Patient: Ronald Kaylor, Sandy Chi, Helen Westfall.

Sympathy to: Ryan & Holly Rudisill upon the death of his father Brent Rudisill; Bill & Kathy Unverfehrt upon the death of his brother-in-law Steve Dinger.

Blessings to:

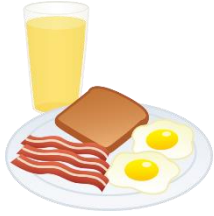
Other Prayer Needs: Our church and school staff and students; the unchurched in our area and throughout the world; our church, school; church leadership; peace; our national and world leaders; people in Ukraine; World Hunger Crisis; Marriages; Sudan, War in Israel, hurricane recovery efforts.



Stay for a noon meal after the 11:30a service and/or come at 5:30p for supper before the 6:30p service. The meals will be simple soups and sandwiches.



Attention everyone 55 & older!!!! The December Prime Timers meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 11th. We will be providing the meal after the 11:30a Advent service.



Concordia Lutheran Laymen's League will celebrate Christmas with a breakfast for LLL members and their guests on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Day School Cafeteria. Please let Terry Kuchenbecker or Mike Spake know if you plan to attend.



FROM THE BOARD OF ASSIMILATION

Our board joined the LLL men to help deliver fruit baskets to shut-ins on November 23. What a fun time visiting with these members of Concordia who are unable to attend services in person.

Everyone enjoyed some pie and fellowship after the Thanksgiving Eve service. There were many delicious pies and time spent with church members is always a joy.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Chili Cook-off
Saturday, January 25, 2025
5:30 - Family Life Center

LLL STEAK SUPPER



SATURDAY, DEC. 7
4:30P-7:30P
\$20 ADULT \$15 CHILD

**Includes: Ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, rolls,
homemade desserts, tea, coffee or water**

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER
215 5TH AVE SE, CONOVER, NC 28613

GREETERS



Greeters Needed!

Are you looking to get more involved? It's as easy as saying "Hello!" Being a greeter doesn't require much time or energy, yet makes a huge difference by starting our church service off with a friendly smile. We'd love to have you join our greeting team. Please reach out to Sandy Von Rentzell at 303-829-9801 for more information or to sign up! All you have to do is say "Hello!"

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP!

Fellowship is not possible without volunteers to make the coffee, set out the stocked items, and provide fresh fruit or a sweet or savory treat. You can volunteer by using the QR code or by calling the church office. It is very easy to manage, it just takes a little of your time on Sunday mornings to get things organized. Please consider being a part of this fellowship ministry.



Greeter Schedule for December 2024

December 1, 2024	Paul and Sandy Von Rentzell	Jimmy and Jane Martin
December 8, 2024	Susan Harman	Paul and Frances Hale
December 15, 2024	Donna Grigg and Sandy Von Rentzell	Rick and Cindy Bare
December 22, 2024	Angelo and Katrina Palozzi	Opal Bolick and Monte York
December 24, 2024 4:30p ChristMASS	Terry and Audra Kuchenbecker David Isenhower and Pat Moser	
December 24, 2024 8:30p ChristMASS	Mary Ann Wike Keith and Lisa Travis	
December 29, 2024	J.R. & Nicole Morton	Steve and Dorcas Dunker

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies' Christmas Brunch

Mark your calendars ladies for Thursday, December 5, to attend an Advent brunch. Come and join in some festive fellowship and a special devotion to help prepare our hearts for this special season. The time will be from 10:30a-12 noon. Please sign up using the QR code or call the church office.

Stay Connected with The Stewart's:

We plan to continue updating our family newsletter online regularly. Check back for updates on **The Stewart's Seminary Journey**, use the following QR Code to check-in on updates from us as a family. If you would rather us send the newsletter to you directly, email Jessica at jhstew15@gmail.com.

The Stewart Family

1537 Paradise Valley Dr
High Ridge, MO, 63049





The Parent Block

Spiritual Building Blocks for Parents

Written by Kathy Unverfehrt



Scripture Verse

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9

Reflection

Many people believe that in order to have a special sense of belonging or to attain a desired relationship they must do something, be someone worthy, or have accomplished some huge impressive goal. They will spend countless hours and exhaust many resources to achieve acceptance. We tend to base our self-worth on our jobs, successes, wealth, or knowledge, and if we possess all of these, then we will gain a sense of belonging. The truth is, our value comes from being one of God’s children, not from our earthly accomplishments. God has already made us a chosen people, not by what we have done, but because of what He has done. Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a special people belonging to Him and our relationship with Him is already guaranteed. Because of our union with Him, we are a chosen spiritual body of believers and are to, not only represent Him to others, but to bring others to Him, as well. The way we accept and live out this calling of leading others into His wonderful light directly relates to our children. Parents have been given the responsibility of teaching their children to live as a people who belong to God, and to equip them with the biblical truth in living out the commands of God. As parents, we desire to see our children happy in their friendships and relationships. We may even spend a great deal of time and concentrated effort on ensuring that our children will be liked, accepted, and included. The question is, do we possess that same energy and commitment in teaching our children that they have already been chosen and accepted by the One who has given them life? Are we teaching them confidence in “how fearfully and wonderfully made” they are? Are we rejoicing with them that God has called them “out of darkness into His wonderful light” and they belong to Him? Praise God for His gifts of love and acceptance into His family of believers!

Parent Commitment

*I will model to my child how a “Chosen One” of God lives his life.
I will teach my child that they are a loved and accepted child of God.*



Parent Post

Christian men and women are grateful to the heavenly Father for the gift of His Son Jesus, whose death and resurrection gives them salvation and eternal life. As a result, they want to serve Him in all that they do and say.

Do our actions always reflect our gratitude? When children respond to their parents' comments with a flippant remark or the classic "rolling of the eyes," they are showing their disdain – not their gratitude. What is needed is a new attitude – an attitude of gratitude!

When parents model gratitude by readily acknowledging all that God has done, they set an example worth emulating. With the help of the Holy Spirit an attitude of gratitude can become the standard operating policy in the family.

Stretch your faith-filled parenting:

Tell about a spiritual blessing for which you are grateful. Ask your child to share one, too.

Prayer:

Gracious God,
Fill me with thanksgiving and a joy-filled heart for all the blessings You have poured into my life. Help me to show You my gratitude through both words and actions.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

(LWML Mustard Seed: Faith-Filled Parenting)

Family Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, is Your greatest gift to us, a great sign of Your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to Your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in You. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to You.
Amen.

Table Talk Topics

Here are some Advent/Christmas questions for your family to share while sitting around the dinner table.

1. Advent means coming or arrival. What are you looking forward to as you prepare for the arrival of Jesus?
2. Which Bible character in the Christmas story is your favorite? Why?
3. How can we as a family prepare for Advent?
4. What is your favorite Christmas song?
5. What is something you could do to help someone this Christmas?
6. What gift would you bring to the newborn king?

More Steps to More Effective Parenting

Raising kids is one of the toughest and most fulfilling jobs in the world. Here are #'s 8 & 9 in child-rearing tips that can help you feel more fulfilled as a parent.

8. Show That Your Love Is Unconditional

As a parent, you are responsible for correction and guiding your children. But how you express your corrective guidance makes all the difference in how a child receives it. When you have to confront your child, avoid blaming, criticizing, or fault-finding, which hurt self-esteem and can lead to resentment. Instead, try to nurture and encourage, even when disciplining your kids. Make sure they know that although you want and expect better next time, your love is there no matter what.

9. Know Your Own Needs and Limitations as a Parent

Face it – you are an imperfect parent. You have strengths and weaknesses as a family leader. Recognize your abilities – "I am loving and dedicated." Vow to work on your weaknesses – "I need to be more consistent with discipline." Try to have realistic expectations for yourself and your children. You don't have to have all the answers – be forgiving of yourself.

And try to make parenting a manageable job. Focus on the areas that need the most attention rather than trying to address everything all at once. Admit it when you're burned out. Take time out from parenting to do something that makes you happy.

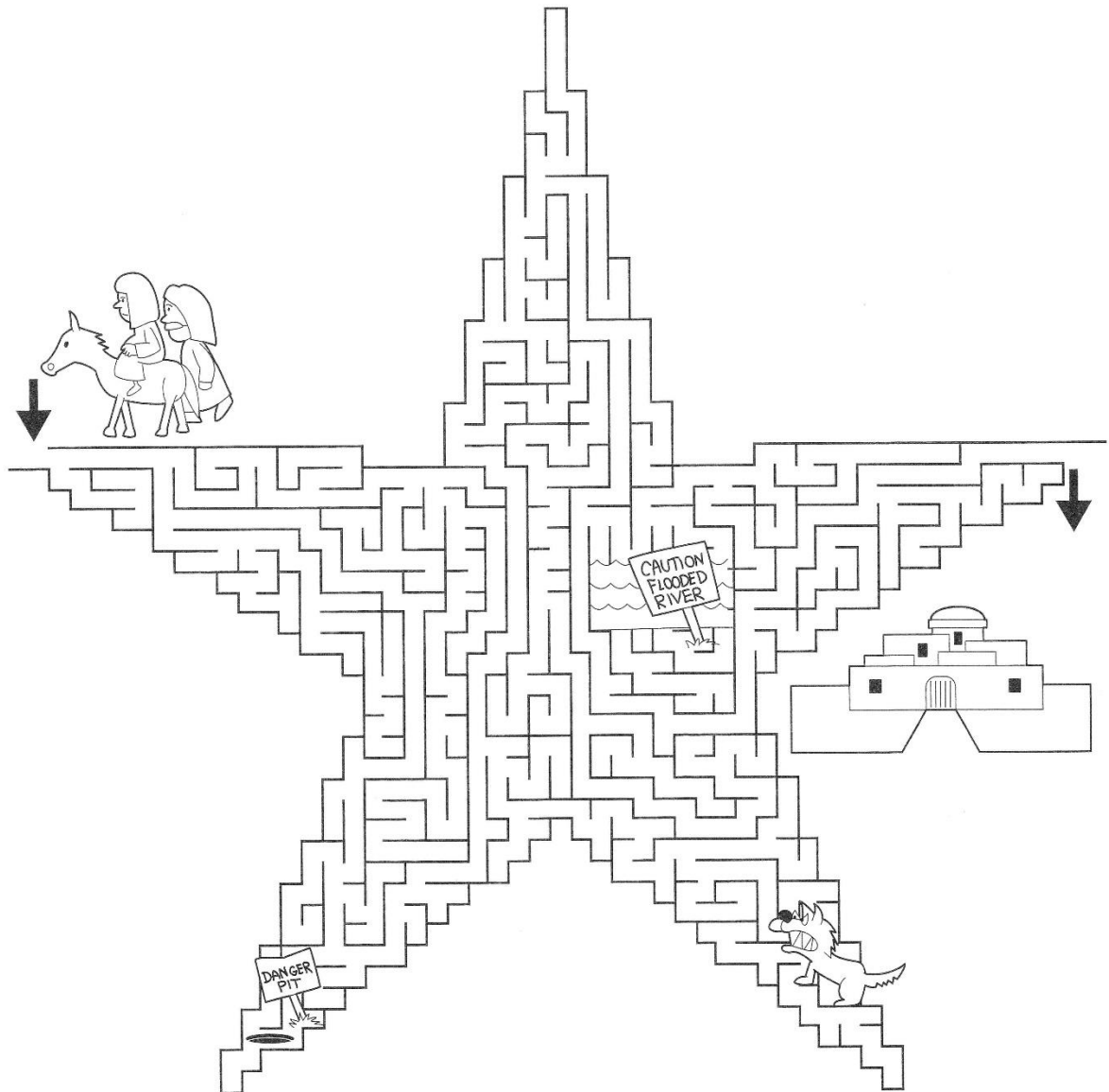
Focusing on your needs does not make you selfish. It simply means you care about your own well-being, which is another important value to model for your children.

Children's Puzzle Page

Mary – Jesus' A-MAZE-ing Mother

Mary was an A-MAZE-ing young woman of faith. When an angel told her that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God, she believed his message. Even though she was afraid, she told the angel, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." Mary never doubted God's plan, and she became a good mother to Jesus. But Jesus was not only her Son—He was her Savior. Mary put her faith in Jesus because she knew God had sent Him to save His people from their sins.

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem before Jesus was born. Help them find the city, but watch out for dangers along the way!



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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.

December Mission Project

Chapel offerings will be donated to Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child. The entire student body packed a total of 258 shoeboxes on November 15! This is a fun opportunity to share the Gospel with children to the ends of the earth! If you want to help with the shipping costs, please mark your church donation as Operation Christmas Child.



WE LOVE SANTA COPS!



As part of our community outreach for December, we ask our students to bring in an unwrapped toy to donate to Santa Cops, a program from the Conover Police Department. Our students enjoy participating in this every year. Anyone interested in giving may drop off new, unwrapped toys in the large Santa Cops box outside the school office. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Conover Police and children in need in our community!

BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT NIGHTS- EVERYONE WELCOME!



The Concordia Athletic Booster Club is having TWO Spirit Nights this month! First, treat yourself to a satisfying meal at Roc’n Oven on **Thursday, December 12**, from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm. The next Spirit Night is **Wednesday, December 18**, from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm at Nagano Japanese Restaurant in Conover. Show your support for our school’s athletic program and visit these fine local restaurants for lunch, dinner, or both!



Japanese Restaurant

1ST QUARTER PRINCIPAL'S LIST AND A/B HONOR ROLL

The **Principal's List** includes students in 4th - 8th grades who have earned A's in every subject on their report cards. Congratulations to the following students who have made the Principal's List:

4th Grade: Charlotte Allie, Finley Bixby, Riley Burris, Ariella Cohn, Kraegan Dixon, Kaizleigh Fisher, Hunter Hawes, Audrey Keisler, Brayden Roseman, Natalie Rowe, Zachary Mullinax, Liam Reed

5th Grade: Ella Bentley, Lucas Brittain, Marla Donohue, Cole Fletcher, Maxx Gilliam, Weston Spencer, Colden Westby

6th Grade: Liam Hendershot, Alexandra Matthews, Adrienne Mullinax

7th Grade: Jude Beringer, Sydney Fletcher, Jonah Fox, Sophia Frugone, Tiffany Liu, Analeigh Windsor

8th Grade: Katelyn Pennell, Keaton Webster

The **Honor Roll** List is for students in 4th - 8th grades who have earned A's and B's in every subject on their report cards. Congratulations to the following students who made the Honor Roll:

4th Grade: Meryt Artelt, Liam Balchev, Eason Chen, Alex Duarte, Matthew Fallas, Emmalyn McCurry, Carter Moretz, Mia Rodriguez

5th Grade: Mollie Boyles, Adrian Chavez Rodriguez, Mia Essary, Nicholas Fragomeno, Harrison Gilliam, Adyson Haugh, Ariella Jimenez, Elise Jimenez, Skylyer Lookadoo, Brayleigh Richardson, Ryleigh Sipe, Ashlee Stillwell, Gemma Varelli

6th Grade: Sophia Arango Monson, Madison Campbell, Samuel Carver, Joshua Fallas, Kahlan VanderMolen, Annaliese White

7th Grade: Myla Cahill, Alexander Elmore, Samuel Essary, Ariella Fisher, Jackson Hefner, Mary Channing Hoffman, Alana Jimenez, Madelyn Martin, Jackson Sigmon

8th Grade: Ella Arru, Marisa Barnes, Reagan Blair, McKenzie Church, Lewis Griggs, Joyren Lin, Delilah Martinez, Max Miller, Moxon Mitchell, Jack Phillips

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR GROUP IN THE YEARBOOK

Work has begun on Concordia's **2024-2025 Yearbook**. The yearbook grows and improves each year, making an excellent keepsake for the school year. We are asking **individuals, groups, and companies** to help sponsor the yearbook to help keep the purchase price down. **Ad prices** are as follows: **Full Page = \$100, ½ Page = \$50** and **¼ Page = \$25**. All businesses interested in placing an ad in the yearbook should complete this form <https://forms.gle/L1osQwpbtpVtwYSQ6>. Please email your artwork or logo in a digital format to Yearbook@ConcordiaNC.org. All ad orders, artwork, and payments are due by **Wednesday, January 10**. Thank you for your support!



The annual Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, November 7, at Catawba Country Club. Eighteen teams competed, and the Modern Nissan team (Laila Vongsavanh, Nola Vongsavanh, Grayson Baucom, and Jayden DelVecchio) won! Many thanks to Mark Duncan for organizing the event and all the volunteers who helped it run smoothly! A huge thank you to CR Laine, our Crusader sponsor! Thank you to R&D Plastics, our Platinum Sponsor. Our Gold Sponsors were Carolina Wealth Stewardship Group, Peoples Bank, Jason Herman Insurance Agency LLC, and Mennel Milling & Bakery Mix. Custom Coatings

Inc., Data Imaging, and Startown Veterinary Hospital were Silver Sponsors. Thank you to everyone who played and sponsored holes. The tournament raised over \$17,000!

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SPECIAL THANKS

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Modern Nissan	The Sock Factory	
Chick-fil-A		
New York Life- Nick Church		

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar for these beautiful events. All friends and family are welcome to attend. In addition to these programs, on December 1, the 1st and 3rd grade students and families will join us for worship at the 9:00 am Praise service. Then, at the 11:00 am service, 2nd and 4th-grade students and families will attend. On December 8, the 5th-8th-grade Choir students and families will join us at the 9:00 am Praise service.



STUDENT COUNCIL PASTA DRIVE FOR THE CORNER TABLE



Everyone is welcome to participate in the Student Council Pasta Drive for The Corner Table! The Pasta Drive runs from December 2 - 6. Pasta may be dropped off at the school.

The class that collects the most pasta will get to throw cooked pasta at Student Council President Christian Dula!

News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

December 2024

Admissions 2025-2026

Acceptance letters for the '25-'26 school year are now being sent out, but applications are still welcome. We strongly encourage interested families to begin the online application process soon as openings are limited. To apply go to www.uchigh.com/admissions. While you're there, check out the available scholarship opportunities, sign your student up for a Shadow Day, or register to attend our next Open House on February 10th!

UCHS Makes AP School Honor Roll

UCHS earned a place on College Board's AP School Honor Roll with Bronze recognition for the 2023-24 school year! The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success. This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our exceptional teachers and the outstanding efforts of our students. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and the positive impact it will have on our student's futures.

Model UN Success

Twenty-four members of the UCHS Model United Nations club attended the Appalachian State University High School MUN Conference, joining over 260 students from across North Carolina. Representing twelve member states, UCHS students researched and participated in debates on global issues.

Noah Roeder and Alex Geertz received Best Delegate, the highest award given by committee chairs, and brought home the coveted wooden gavel. Awards also went to Sean Roth, Will Underwood, Evaline Tanzie, & Matilyn Brown for Excellent Delegate, and Helen Murray, Kylie Scheller, Luke Aberle, & Miles Britton for Outstanding Delegate.

All-Conference & All-State Athletes

Congratulations to the following athletes:

All-State: Larkyn Gerken (Volleyball); Ellie Adams, Conner Frizzell, & Madison Sledge (Cross-Country)

All-Conference: Ellie Adams, Conner Frizzell, Ethan Johnson, Kevin Tee Moreau, & Madison Sledge (Cross Country); Thomas Keever & Mason Thomas (Men's Soccer); Makinzi Froedige & Bella Haan (Women's Tennis); Layla Dameron, Larkyn Gerken & Makenzie Haworth

Consider Becoming an Impact Partner

The UCHS Impact Partner program ensures that University Christian High School continues to be a place where young minds and hearts are shaped for a lifetime of purpose and service. To sustain and enhance our mission, the support of generous donors like you is essential.

Becoming an Impact Partner is more than just a financial commitment; it is a partnership in our shared mission to educate and inspire the next generation. Your recurring gift, no matter the size, will have a lasting impact on the lives of our students and the future of our school. We hope you will consider making an ongoing difference by becoming a UCHS Impact Partner!

<https://www.uchigh.com/giving/impact-partners>



Reverse Advent Calendar



- Dec. 1 - box of cereal
- Dec. 2 - peanut butter
- Dec. 3 - mac and cheese
- Dec. 4 - canned fruit in juices
- Dec. 5 - canned tomatoes
- Dec. 6 - canned tuna
- Dec. 7 - apple sauce (plastic jar)
- Dec. 8 - canned beans
- Dec. 9 - mayonnaise (plastic jar)
- Dec. 10 - oatmeal
- Dec. 11 - pasta
- Dec. 12 - spaghetti sauce (can or plastic jar)

- Dec. 13 - tomato soup
- Dec. 14 - chicken noodle soup
- Dec. 15 - canola or olive oil
- Dec. 16 - canned chicken
- Dec. 17 - pancake mix
- Dec. 18 - canned vegetable
- Dec. 19 - hearty canned soup

FILLED BOXES MAY BE BROUGHT TO
 ASHURE MINISTRY
 245 EAST N STREET,
 NEWTON, NC 28658.
 NO GLASS PLEASE. THANK YOU!



For it is in giving, that we receive. ~ St. Francis of Assisi



MONTHLY FOOD LIST

- January Canned Soup or Broth
- February Macaroni or Pasta or Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- March March Madness Challenge
- April Canned or Dried Beans
- May Pet Food (National Pet Month)
- June Cereal
- July Snacks for kids
- August Canned Food with Pop-tops
- September Peanut Butter or Jelly
- October Hygiene Items (National Hygiene Month)
- November Flour or Cornmeal or Sugar
- December Reverse Advent Papers

DECEMBER

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 Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!



1. For the gift of Jesus, coming as a vulnerable child to open heaven to us through His sacrifice on the cross.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #28.
3. For the privilege of waking to a new day full of fresh mercy.
4. For The United Kingdom.
5. For those serving in the LWML at the local, district, and national levels.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Pastoral Counselors.
7. For the country of Uruguay, one of 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
8. For the LWML South Wisconsin District.
9. For thanksgiving of God's peace in a world of tribulation.
10. For our country, the United States of America.
11. For those who don't have enough to eat, Lord, please provide.
12. For LWML Mission Grant #29.
13. For those who need miraculous healing: spiritual and physical.
14. For our families during this Advent season.
15. For the country of Venezuela.
16. For the LWML North Illinois District.
17. For vulnerable children around the world.
18. For the tender love and mercy that the Lord shows us daily.
19. For those considering service in church vocations: pastors, deaconesses, and teachers.
20. For discernment to see the lost and hurting.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #30.
22. For those who are caregivers.
23. For the country of Vietnam.
24. For those grieving, give them hope.
25. For the birth of God's only Son.
26. For the country of Zambia.
27. For LWML Mission Grant #31.
28. For God's faithfulness to us.
29. For thanksgiving for God's amazing gift of grace in Christ Jesus.
30. For those who are persecuted because of their faith.
31. For the glory of God, may it be shown all around the world through us who profess His holy name.



PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE:
**NEW EVOLUTION
GOLF-CART**
VALUE: \$11,000+

2ND PRIZE:
APPLE IPAD

3RD PRIZE:
55" SMART TV

4TH PRIZE:
FLAT TOP GRILL

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**\$100 WALMART
GIFT CARD**



HO! HO! HUNGER!

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

PRESENTED BY:



MARSHALL STEAM STATION

12.13.24 AT 2PM

LIVE ON THE CORNER TABLE'S
FACEBOOK PAGE

TICKETS: \$20

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT
THE CORNER TABLE OR ONLINE

828.464.0355

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SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

INCLUDING EARLY
BIRD SPECIAL!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Annual Shower

HONORING

Baby Jesus



Sat
14
Dec

Concordia
Lutheran
Church

Emmaus
Room
2PM - 4PM

News from staff at the Center Refreshments and fellowship

Donations For Pregnancy Care Center

0- 24M clothes
Baby Blankets
Baby Bottles
Bibs

Gently Used Baby Toys
Crib Sheets
Diapers

Infant - 2T Baby Items
New Cribs/Bassinette
Wipes

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Chuck Stone	2-Dec
Pat Setzer	3-Dec
Ryen Reid	5-Dec
Michael Kane	5-Dec
Alessia Palozzi	5-Dec
David Hafer	6-Dec
Dwight Brooks	6-Dec
Layla Herman	6-Dec
Jonathan Nelson	7-Dec
Nancy Kelley	8-Dec
Kathryne Smith	8-Dec
Steven Geml	8-Dec
Bob Malin	10-Dec
A.J. Baker	10-Dec
Shea Beringer	10-Dec
Priscilla Sigmon	11-Dec
Diana Long	11-Dec
Steve Hamm	12-Dec
Kristin Baker	12-Dec
Kyle McClure	12-Dec
Jeff Starnes	12-Dec
Ryan Rudisill	13-Dec
William Smith	13-Dec
Jennifer Montgomery	15-Dec
Kate McClure	15-Dec
Mary Herman	16-Dec
Mark Canrobert	17-Dec
Melissa Hayes	17-Dec
Matthew Hafer	17-Dec
Joel Quackenboss	17-Dec
Evelyn Caldwell	18-Dec
Sandy Smith	19-Dec



















Anderson Welch	19-Dec
Andy Matthews	20-Dec
Dwayne Welch	20-Dec
Randy Isenhower	22-Dec
Andrew Matthews	23-Dec
Zachary Perry	25-Dec
Pat Deal	26-Dec
Adam Campbell	27-Dec
Amanda Munday	27-Dec
Donald Oldenburg	27-Dec
Jeff Smith	27-Dec
Seth Quackenboss	28-Dec
Peggy Travis	29-Dec
Anna-Kathryn Hass	29-Dec
Shauna Kent	29-Dec
Rick Bare	31-Dec

5-Dec	Conrad & Evelyn Yount
14-Dec	Harvey & Peggy Travis
15-Dec	Darrin & Joni Reid
18-Dec	Tom & Kate Cullen
20-Dec	William & Janice Whitener
23-Dec	Clarence & Joyce Pugh
29-Dec	Tom & Beverly Considine
31-Dec	Jerome & Linda Bolick

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am Worship - CCDS 1st & 3rd Graders Sing 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship, CCDS 2nd & 4th Graders Sing & Baptism</p>  <p>4pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:30pm Quilt Tacking</p>  <p>6:30pm Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am Christian Book Club – Library</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 11:30am Advent 1 Midweek Service 3pm Hang out with Mr. U - YC 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Advent 1 Midweek Service 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting 10:30am Ladies' Advent Brunch 2pm Pastor's Bible 6:30pm Grades 1-4 Christmas Program</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2pm Joyful Stitches – BLCFM</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>4:30pm LLL Steak Supper</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9am Worship & CCDS 5th - 8th Grade Sing 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion</p> <p>4pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Scouts Court of Honor</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 11:30am PrimeTimers - EM 6:30pm Elders - EM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 11:30am Advent 2 Midweek Service 3pm Hang out with Mr. U - YC 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Advent 2 Midweek Service 7:15pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 10:30am Ladies Advent Brunch 2pm Pastor's Bible 6pm Trustees - EM 6:30pm Grades 5-8 Choir & Band Lessons & Carols</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am BSA Troop 383 - Leave no Trace Campout at Sherrill Farm 5:30pm Sunday School Children Grades 1-6 Sign Making and Supper</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1pm Baby Shower for Jesus - EM</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8am LLL 9am Worship & Communion 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion 12pm School Grades 1-6 Christmas Practice 4pm Confirmation Check In - EM 4pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12p Newsletter Deadline</p>  <p>1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 10am Christian Book Club - Library 6:30pm Stewardship - EM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 8:10am PS3, PK4 & Kindergarten Christmas Program 11:30am Advent 3 Midweek Service 3pm Hang out with Mr. U - YC 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Advent 3 Midweek Service 7:15pm Choir</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 2pm Pastor's Bible 5:30pm SS Families Supper/Dress Rehearsal Grades</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>1pm Blood Drive</p>  <p>2pm Joyful Stitches - BLCFM</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am Sunday School Christmas Program & Communion 10am Christmas Reception for 1st-6th Grade SS student and Parents - BLCFM 10:10am Christian Education 10:10am No Children's Sunday School 11am Worship & Communion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1pm LWML – EM</p> 	<p>Christmas Eve 24</p> <p>Church & School Office Closed</p>  <p>4:30pm ChristMASS with Communion 8pm ChristMASS with Communion</p>	<p>Christmas Day 25</p> <p>Church & School Office Closed</p>  <p>10am Christmas Day Worship & Communion – Chapel</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church & School Office Closed</p> 	<p>27</p>  	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am Worship & Communion 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship, Communion & Baptism</p> <p>4pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM</p>	 <p>DECEMBER 2024</p> 			

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