

# WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

*The Official Announcements of Concordia Lutheran Church*

## Chili Cook-off & Voters' Assembly

### An Event for the Whole Family

It's back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 25, 2025 for the Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off! Bring your favorite pot of chili to share and enter into the competition. Don't have a chili recipe? No problem! Bring a side dish or your favorite dessert. Condiments, bread, crackers, and drinks are provided. Enter to win the coveted Hot Chili Trophy! There will also be activities for children including a Piñata! So bring the little ones for a night of family fun, food, and fellowship. The cook-off is at 5:00p in the Family Life Center.

Contact Adam Campbell, Sandy Von Rentzell, Katrina Palozzi, Donna Grigg, Frances Hale, or Evelyn Caldwell with questions. See you on January 25 and bring your appetite!

**When:** January 25, 2025

**Time:** 5:30p-7:00p

**Place:** Family Life Center

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### Nursery Hours

**8:45a - 12:15p**

We are happy to have a church nursery available for your needs. It is located down the main hall off the sanctuary on the right-hand side, just a few doors past the office area. Look for the sign.

### Connect with Staff

Michael Geml, Sr. Pastor 517-395-8422

Kyle McClure, Music Minister 828-302-1236

Kathy Unverfehrt, Christian Ed. Coordinator 828-464-3324

Church Office 828-464-3324

Dave Beringer, Principal 715-551-5740

Leslie Brown, Business Admin. 828-234-0372

School Office 828-464-3011

## Time with God

Join the VFM Community on Thursday evening, January 23, as we share two practices that will enable you to linger longer in God's Word, while also allowing God's Word to linger longer in you. No expensive tools required; just gather a few supplies that you already have, print a few pages from the event packet, and settle in for a hands-on experience with Scripture Prayers. Sign up on the VFM events page. [This Zoom Gathering is FREE and WILL BE RECORDED if you can't join us live - A Zoom link will be sent to your email upon registration.](#) (Please check your spam folder if you do not receive the confirmation email!) [Go here:](#) <https://www.visualfaithmin.org/plans-pricing> or use the QR code to register.



### Bible Verse For Reflection

Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:4-5

## Pray for:

### Members:

Sydney Karre  
Peggy Travis  
Steven Geml  
Donna Hager  
Denise Gilbert  
Bernice Holler  
Ronald Kaylor  
Debbie Da Rosa  
Harold Unger  
Ronald Williams  
Sandy Smith  
Bobbi Jo Robinson  
Ruby Gilbert

### Church & School Staff:

Jessica Westby  
Brent Pearson  
Kathy Unverfehrt

### Friends:

Eli Ames  
Daniel Meier  
Sondra Phillips  
Brenda Kanipe  
Chelsea Nowak's  
newborn son

### Military:

Eric Galloway  
Kendall Hamm  
Tony Sherrill  
Christopher Walker  
Jaylen Joyner  
Nathan Malin  
Mack Eisenhower  
Amber Miller  
Clay Weedman

**Blessings to:** Rick & Cindy Bare upon the birth of a grandson last Tuesday. Parents are Christopher & Jessica Bare.

**Sympathy to:** Evelyn Caldwell upon the unexpected death of her brother.

**Seminary Student:** Lamar Stewart & family

**Missionary family of the year:** Rev. Jason & Emily Groth, Belize

## Connect with Concordia!

"The Chosen" - Dinner will be served from 5:30p to 6:00p. The movie will start at 6:15p. Season 2 Episode 3 is "Matthew 4:24" A long, exhausting day turns into night as the disciples help Jesus deal with a large crowd hoping to be healed. Around the campfire, over dinner, the group tried to get to know each other better. But tensions erupt.

Please RSVP if you are coming for DINNER. We need to know how many to prepare for. Use the QR Code or call the church office.



## NOTICE: All Confirmed members of Concordia Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly Announcement

The annual Congregational Meeting of Concordia Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00p in the sanctuary. Did you know a quorum of at least 50 voting members of our congregation is required to take care of business at our meetings? Did you know that all confirmed members 18 years and older are voting members of our congregation? Did you know that at this Annual Congregational Meeting, the members present will take action on the year-end Parochial Report and Financial Report and review and comment on the draft of Concordia's Strategic Ministry Plan? Please plan to attend this pivotal meeting!

## Christian Education

**Sunday Christian Education Classes are offered at 10:10a. Chose from below:**

**Pre-school 3 – K** Classroom beside the nursery. – Led by Jerri Alice, Maggie Lou and Mary Elizabeth Carter.

**1st – 3rd Grade** – Led by Sharon White & Ron Bumgarner - Education wing of the church

**4th - 6th Grade** - Led by Kelly Roth - Education wing of the church

**7th – 12th Youth** – Led by Bill Unverfehrt - Youth Central

**Adults** – A#1 – Parents Leading Children in Faith - Kathy Unverfehrt

**Adults** - Chapel - A Longer Look at the Lessons - Led by Pastor Geml

**Adults** - Emmaus Room - “Person of Interest” - Led by Audra Kuchenbecker - Continues through January 2025

### Weekday Bible Study Classes

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

**Men’s Bible Study** led by David Isenhower – Thursdays 7a – Emmaus Room

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, January 19

- 8a LLL
- 9a Worship & Communion
- 10:10a Christian Education
- 11a Worship & Communion
- 4p Cub Scouts

### Monday, January 20

- No School - MLK, Jr. Holiday
- 1:30p Quilt Tacking
- 6:30p Scouts

### Tuesday, January 21

- 8:30a Staff Devotion and Meeting
- 10a Christian Book Club
- 5:30p Mission & Ministry - Library
- 6:30p Stewardship - EM

### Wednesday, January 22

- 7a Ladies Bible Study
- 3p Middle School Hang Out - YC
- 5:30p Dinner and a Movie - EM
- 5:45p Handbells
- 6:30 Praise Band
- 7:15 Choir

### Thursday, January 23

- 6:30a Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study
- 2p Pastor’s Bible Study - EM
- 6:30p Church Council - EM

### Friday, January 24

- 3p Scouts go Cold Weather Camping

### Saturday, January 25

- 5p Chili Cook-off - FLC

### Sunday, January 26

- 9a Worship & Communion
- 10:10a Christian Education
- 11a Worship & Communion
- 2p Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 4p Confirmation Check-in - EM
- 4p Cub Scouts



### Pondering for Parents

Don’t raise your kids to have more than you had. Raise them to be more than you were. God knows what your child needs – trust Him to provide.

### Inclement Weather Policy Announcement



If you did not receive an email about our cancelled services last Sunday, either go to our website at [www.concordianc.org](http://www.concordianc.org) and subscribe to our emails at the bottom of the home page or let the church office know. We will need a good email address for you and/or a phone number where we can send text messages.

You can also contact Doug Brady, Elder Chair, at 828-612-6504 or David Isenhower, Congregation President, at 828-612-5239





## National Youth Gathering Fund Raising

### Are you planning to take your sweetheart out for Valentines' Day?

Take advantage of our Baby Sitting services on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p-9:30p. Beat the crowds and make your reservations a week early! Bring your children 3yo (must be potty trained) to 12yo and let us entertain them for the evening.

### Spaghetti & Meatball Lunch

On Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11a to 1p, join us for a Spaghetti Lunch in the Family Life Center! We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, tea, coffee and water. Support our trek to the National Youth Gathering by giving a free will offering.



### Faith Thought

*"If we are faithful to God in little things, we shall gain experience and strength that will be helpful to us in the more serious trials of life."*  
**Hudson Taylor**

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS**

You can find these activity bags located on the Welcome Center in both the narthex and transept areas of the church. When church is over, please return it, with all the items in the bag, so they can be available again next week for the children. Thank you!

### **Don't forget about Concordia's Prayer Circle.**

If you would like to submit a request for prayer, please contact Dianne Lawing at 828-850-1460 or [dlawing0912@yahoo.com](mailto:dlawing0912@yahoo.com); Cindy Sigmon at 828-302-2688 or [thecrew@charter.net](mailto:thecrew@charter.net); Sharon White at 828-238-4869. The Circle will pray for you in strict confidence. Please call the church office if you would like to be added to the prayer list in the highlights.

### **OFFERINGS & TITHES**

All are invited to make an offering today as a worship expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Concordia Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plates near the entrances as you enter or leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministries which these gifts enable.

**Just the Facts:** The figures below are for two weeks. Services were cancelled last weekend.

**General Fund Offerings:** \$ 16,190 & \$ 3,825

**Budget Needs:** \$ 18,315

**Attendance:** 216 & 0

**Online Offerings:** \$ 1,966 & \$ 1,306

**Member of the Week:** Alice Baker – 218 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Conover, NC 28613.

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