

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Announcements of Concordia Lutheran Church

Special Edition

Pray for:

Members:
 Sydney Karre
 Peggy Travis
 Steven Geml
 Donna Hager
 Doc Canrobert
 Harold Unger
 Roger Staley
 Denise Gilbert
 Steve Bost
 Debbie da Rosa
 Renee Long

Staff:
 Samantha Hendershot
 Krystal Freeman
 Chris Beringer
 Brent Pearson
 Leonard Herman

Friends:
 Eli Ames
 Jerry Willard
 Erma Weber
 Boyd McIntosh
 Denise Stock


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

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Bible Verse for Reflection

The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
 to all who call on Him in truth.
 Psalm 145:18

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
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Dave Beringer, Principal 715-551-5740
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Church Office 828-464-3324
 School Office 828-464-3011

A Letter from Pastor Geml

Dear members of Concordia,

Our history as a Christian Church has always pointed to God's means of grace given freely and generously in the Water and Word of Holy Baptism and the Body and Blood of Jesus received in the Holy Supper. In these blessed Sacraments, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The earliest practice of the Church was to commune young children when they had reached a level of understanding concerning Baptism and the Lord's Supper as well as a general understanding of the faith as communicated to us in the Bible. Unfortunately, this practice fell out of favor. Sadly, one of the results has young people leaving the Church in disturbing numbers. Often they gravitate to Churches who do not acknowledge or celebrate the means of God's grace. Young children who attend Concordia Lutheran Church are hearing about the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper every Sunday. They are seeing the blessing of the Lord's Supper being received by others every Lord's Day. Some of these children already have a general understanding and a desire to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. Connecting our young children to the Church is vital to our task of passing on, "The faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). Along with the approval and direction of the Board of Elders, I am excited to announce an opportunity for parents to, "Train up their child in the way they should go.. (Proverbs 22:6). Parents with children who are 10 years old and older will have the opportunity to learn about the blessings of receiving the Lord's Supper. After attending two 1-hour sessions with the Pastor, parents can decide if their child is ready to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Parent/Parents will be required to attend these sessions with their child/children. Dates and times for these sessions will be determined soon. Please contact me or the Church office to register for this wonderful opportunity. May God bless and direct us in this time of learning and growing in faith.

Pastor Geml

Connect with Concordia

Holiday Closure Announced

The church offices are splitting their July 4th Holiday this year. We will be open on Thursday, July 4th from 7a to 11a. We will close Thursday afternoon and Friday. We hope you have a great holiday weekend!

We Are One In Christ

Donations of glue sticks and pencils will be collected until July 5th. Place your items in the boxes mark "Back to School Bash" that have been placed in the narthex and near the fellowship room.

Christian Education

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

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 & Audra Kuchenbecker

Adults – A#1 – Parents Leading Children in Faith

Adults - Emmaus Room - A Longer Look at the Lessons - Led by Pastor Geml

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, June 30

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a Worship & Communion

Monday, July 1

1:30p Quilt Tacking

6:30p Scouts

Tuesday, July 2

9a Concordia Hosts Circuit Meeting

Wednesday, July 3

7a Ladies Bible Study

6:15p Praise Band

Thursday, July 4

6:30a Men’s Bible Study -EM

7a - 11a Church Office Open

Friday, July 5

Church Office Closed

2:30p Joyful Stitchers

Sunday, July 7

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a Worship & Communion



You are Invited!

Who: All Lutheran Women in Mission

What: 2024 District Convention

Where: Resurrection Church, Cary

When: September 20-21, 2024

Guest Speaker: Deb Burma

Topic: “Be Still and Know That I am God”

Cost: \$70 Use the QR Code to Register and see page 4 for more information.



Pondering for Parents



It’s not only children who grow. Parents do, too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can’t tell my children to reach for the sun without reaching for it myself.



Congregation wide Pool Party
 Wednesday, JULY 17th
 6-8p
 Elks Club Pool, Newton, NC
 Hot Dog dinner will be provided!



Faith Thought



Every single thing God has ever or will ever say is true. The simplicity of faith is this: taking God's Word for it.

Jackie Hill Perry

Children's Activity Bags

Location: Welcome Centers

What: Coloring and other religious Activities

Use during church then return them to the Welcome Centers so they can be refreshed and used again.

CAROLINAS WOMEN IN MISSION DISTRICT CONVENTION

To learn more about the Carolinas District Convention, go here:
https://lwmlcarolinas.org/lwml_carolinas_district_convention_central_2024
 or use the QR code.



Deb Burma, the guest speaker, has spoken at national and regional conferences across the country. She has written Bible studies that we have used here at Concordia: "JOY: A Study of Philipians" and "BE STILL & KNOW: A Study of Rest and Refuge." Make plans now to attend the conference.

If you renewed your **Portals of Prayer**, please send your subscription payment to the church office.

Rates are:

- \$12.75 for the regular size
- \$18.40 for the digest size
- \$19.50 for the large print edition

The Stewarts have moved! Here is their new address:

The Stewart Family
 1537 Paradise Valley Dr.
 High Ridge, MO 63049

Lamar & Jessica Stewart, Aileen, Esther & Lydia

Why not wear a name badge to church? I forget it. I don't like name badges. Don't tell me what to do.

OK, granted, so then why does the Board of Assimilation encourage wearing name badges to church? Here's why: it jogs our memories when our minds go blank on a name. It helps visitors identify members if they have questions. It encourages us to look at one another as we discreetly check names. A face and a name together carry more personality and are easier to remember than either a face or a name alone.

C'mon, be a sport! Let's wear our name badges. If you don't have one, fill out a form that can be found in the welcome centers. Put it in the offering plate and your name tags will appear in about 2 weeks.

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:

General Fund Offerings: \$ 27,986

Budget Needs: \$ 18,541

Attendance: 213

Online Offerings: \$ 1,911

Member of the week: Ann Sigmon – Brookdale Hickory Northeast, 2530 16th St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601. Her birthday is July 9.

