

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Empowered by Christ's forgiveness,
We worship Him, praise Him, and study His Word.
We nurture community members, and serve mission fields.

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PASTOR'S CORNER



“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

Martin Luther is quoted as once having said: “To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.”

I know the scripture verse above from St. Paul’s letter to the church at Ephesus is one that I am certain you are very familiar with because it is foundational to the Lutheran faith and we have heard it, and probably spoken it or read it, more times than we can even remember. But the question that I have to ask myself, and maybe you ask yourself also is this. Do I live in this reality or do I live in another reality?

We can be certain that faith created in us through the Holy Spirit has brought to us the gift of God’s grace. So many times though we want to be able to add something to it, something that makes us worthy of that grace and of forgiveness. Our hearts have been lied to and convinced that the person we are, this sinful wretch of a human being, is saved apart from anything we can do. So we try to do something about it. We try to earn God’s favor. We try to get on God’s good side. We try to be strong and capable of doing it all ourselves. And with each attempt we fail because salvation has absolutely nothing to do with what you can do for yourself and EVERYTHING with what God has already done for you through the one in which you have faith.

Know this though - God’s love for you is so immense and so perfect that he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to do the single work necessary for you to have forgiveness of your sins, salvation, and life eternal. That work was to take on all of your sin and take it to a place where sin and death were put to death and salvation made the free gift of all those who believe. Not only is the cross empty, but so is the tomb. Your sins are forgiven as promised, by the life death, and resurrection of Christ. He is risen indeed and you are forgiven. Indeed.

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown

*Saved by
grace*



The 2025 Stewardship Campaign is fast approaching. This is time where we make our annual pledges as an expression of our gratefulness to God for His redemption and compassion. Our spiritual, financial, general health begins with the acknowledgement that everything we have is a gift AND trust from God. Let's respond with courage and generosity, in anticipation of what God is going to do in us and throughout this following year. All for the glory of Jesus' name!!

Stewardship Sunday is November 3rd, and this is the day Concordia Lutheran Church begins our

2025 campaign for financial, service and spiritual support for the following year. The term "stewardship" refers to the teaching that all creation belongs to God and that each man and woman is an agent or steward to whom God's property is entrusted for a while. On this Sunday, the church appeals to your sense of responsibility to serving our church selflessly and generously.

The following Sunday, which is **November 10th, is Commitment Sunday**. This is a Sunday where we celebrate communion and baptism, we bring our tithes and offerings, and we sign commitments for the following year to reaffirm and renew our commitments to God and to each other in our church family.

Stewardship Campaign packets can be picked up as early as the evening of Wednesday, October 30th after 5:30pm in the coat room. You may also pick up packets in the coat room the following day, Thursday, October 31st, or the following week Monday-Thursday, the 4th-7th, during office hours. You may also pick up your packet when you come to service on Stewardship Sunday, November 3rd; the Stewardship committee will be in the narthex on this day handing packets out. This packet will include forms for you to fill out to make your service, financial and spiritual commitments for 2025. Your help is needed in all categories, wherever you are able. **Please pray and mediate on how you can help Concordia Lutheran Church in these three ways the following year.**

Thank you for your support in the ministry of our church!

Stewardship Committee

Christina Johnson, Mike Schneekloth, Mary Hudson, Lisa Byerly, and Pam Glandorf

What's Happening?



REMINDER:

National Youth Gathering deposit and registration materials are due on **Sunday, October 20th.**

If you have any questions, please email, text or call Wesley.

Let's go shopping! October 13—December 31

The Women's Bible Study is sponsoring a food gathering project.

Every 2 weeks we will identify a new item to shop for to help fill a pantry shelf at a local food bank. At the end of the year, we will deliver our collection to a food bank to start off the new year with a good supply. Simply bring in your items as you purchase them and place them in the food box outside the church office (under the Youth bulletin board). You may also choose to donate funds, and we will do the shopping.

Please drop those off to Kathy in the church office.

October 13th—Canned Fruit

October 27th—Canned Vegetables

November 10th—Canned or Boxed Soup

**November 24th—Boxed Meals
(Hamburger Helper, etc.)**

December 8th—Cereal

**December 22nd—Travel size Hygiene Products
(soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste,
tooth brushes, lotion, etc.)**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



Just in time for the holidays! Youth Group is now taking orders for Butterbraids until October 20th. All orders will be delivered by the youth after November 11th.

Proceeds will go towards the Lutheran National Youth Gathering which will take place July 2025. Order forms are in the narthex by the bulletin board.

WE **NEED** YOUR BOTTLES & CANS!



PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECYCLABLE CANS/BOTTLES FOR THE YOUTH CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH. YOU MAY DROP OFF YOUR CANS & BOTTLES BETWEEN 8-9 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Youth Group Camping Trip Fri Oct 18th - Sat Oct 19th Backbone State Park

If you are interested in camping, please sign up on the Youth bulletin board.

The cost of this event is \$10/person

Look for further details in your email.

OCTOBER is Pastor

APPRECIATION

Month

THANK YOU!

For all you do!



Share and Care is such a wonderful place to learn and we have kicked off our 2024-2025 school year with some of the best little learners! Starting something new is always hard and for many of our preschoolers, this is their very first school experience. We started the school year with a few tears and some anxiety about exactly what preschool would feel like and ended our month feeling confident that we were made to learn here at Share and Care with our new friends and teachers.

We were blessed by returning preschoolers who led by example and also, sometimes, by holding the hand of our new friends. We love that they have grown so accustomed to being a Share and Care learner, that they are willing to share their confidence with others who are less sure. We also continue to hear stories of former preschoolers sending their kiddos to have the Share and Care Preschool experience. Serving generations of learners in this place is such an awesome legacy for this Concordia ministry.

As we look forward to more learning in the month of October we will be focusing our play around Farms. We will read Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown as well as Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle. We will investigate apples in our discovery center and have a variety of farm art projects for our kiddos to choose to complete in the art center. Our Bible stories will take us through the stories of Moses all the way to leading God's people into the Promised Land. We will sing Praise songs that remind us that "I Was Made For This" and "I Will Not Be Afraid" and by the end of the month we will have created a classroom community of confident learners from the teary, anxious kiddos that first entered our classrooms in September.

Thank you for supporting this ministry in this place. It is a privilege to be able to work beside you as we continue to share God's love with kiddos who do not always get to have that experience. Knowing that you are chosen and created to do great things is the BEST way to begin your educational journey. Feeling that you are loved and capable, makes trying new things easier. We hope that those are the things that our preschoolers take with them when they leave our program. They may not remember what we taught, but we hope they always remember how it felt to be a Share and Care preschooler.

With HIS Love,

Sarah Hoffman

Share and Care Preschool Alum & Director

Celebrating birthdays in October...

2. Laretta Robson, Morgan Settlege
3. Angie Cooling, Rosie Cutter
4. Jenni Cutter
6. Ella Peters
7. Zach Robson, Paige Timmerman
10. Tom Fehlberg
12. Edward Dawson, Mya Furne, Kurt Kroemer
14. Zachary Deimerly
15. Julie Ekland
16. Elijah Furne, Pat Wagner
17. Krista Oehlerich
18. Alex Wendel
20. Sally Seltrecht, Amber Sir, Gary Sir
21. Kathy Jedlicka, Chad Mittan, Gary Trimpe
22. Angela Aquice, Travis Pooch
23. Dominick Conrad, Fred Mittan
25. Shane Kriegermeier
28. Roman Bramsen
29. Jerald Railsback, Beth Winders
30. Darlene Van Meter



Celebrating anniversaries in October...

9. Tom & Pat Fehlberg, Chad & Krystin Mittan
14. Steve & Sally Seltrecht
17. Jim & Jane Hess
30. Kurt & Christina Kroemer

