

Concordia Newsletter

November 2019



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

*Christ shaping us into community here...
Empowering us to impact community there.*

Mr. Kyle McClure
Minister of Music

DCE Chris Henze
Youth Minister

Mr. David Beringer
CCDS Principal

Mr. John Holland
Praise Service Leader

Mrs. Leslie Brown
Business Administration

Mrs. Betsy Murray
*Assistant Principal
Early Childhood Director*

Mrs. Belinda Bost
*Children's Ministry
Part-time*

Ms. Susan Harman
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Phil Heath
*Praise Worship Leader
Part-time*

Catechism Review – the Ten Commandments

What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments are God’s Law, His good and loving will for the lives and well-being of all people. (Small Catechism, Question 15)

Confronted by God, Conformed to Christ –by Jonathan Rusnak

Some people refuse to darken the doctor’s door. “I’ll be fine,” they say. They’re not wrong to be afraid. Crossing that threshold has consequences. No more autonomy. Inspection. Diagnosis.

The Ten Commandments are the doorway. God, the Creator, stands just inside. His design and desire are simple: faith toward Him and love toward others.

You’re on the examination table now. The Physician takes a good look. Your defiant disobedience has distorted His design and desire. You’re not just sick; you’re dying. No, worse! You’ve suffocated under your own self-obsession.

There is another who calls Himself the door, God’s Word made flesh, the obedient Son of the Creator, Jesus. He fulfilled His Father’s demands: perfect faith and perfect love. He took your sickness and died your death. Then He burst the door of the tomb and left all your disobedience buried forever. He exited there in order to enter your dead soul by His Holy Spirit. His Spirit now breathes new life into your dry bones in conformity to Himself (Galatians 4:19).

You very well may fear this Great Physician. But He teaches you to love and trust Him. He, and He alone, is your God.

There is one more doorway, though. Jesus stands behind it. The Law still stands as well. But you have already died and are “hidden with Christ” (Colossians 3:3). On the day you cross that threshold, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion” (Philippians 1:6), and you will see Him face-to-face.

Thanksgiving



On Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m. we will have our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Bring your monetary gifts to share with the needy in our community through a special gift to ECCCM; bring your thankful spirit, remembering all the mercies of the Lord which have been new to you every morning. Bring a heart and voice to sing God's praises.

*Come ye thankful people come...
Raise the song of harvest home.*

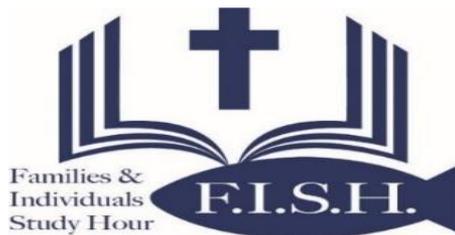
*Join us in giving thanks for our many blessings...
Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 27th
6:30 pm*

An illustration of five lit candles in circular frames, arranged in a semi-circle. The central candle is white, while the others are purple and pink. Behind the candles are green pine branches and brown, textured ornaments.

Advent Schedule

Coming soon – Advent!

The first Advent midweek service will be on December 4th, at 6:30. Please note that there will be no mid-day service this year. Each Wednesday evening, there will be a service at 6:30, preceded by a light supper at 5:30. The various Boards will be serving each of the evening meals. Thanks to everyone for their help in these special ways.



The current term of classes and activities for our Wednesday night F.I.S.H. program ends on Wednesday, November 20th. After Christmas, a new set of small group discussions and classes will begin. Watch for the announcement in the next newsletter and the December weekly highlights. Thanks to the planning committee and the food service volunteers and teachers for all their good work in the sessions of our Families, Individuals Study Hour.

Remembering the Faithful Departed



All Saints Sunday, is November 3rd. We will take time in worship to remember those members of Concordia whom God called to heaven this past year. They include (in the order of their departure):

Cody Garrett Harrelson	11/13/2018
Kevin Avery Mennen	12/30/2018
Patsy Jean Hutchinson Kaylor	02/11/2019
David Wayne Welch	02/25/2019
Herman Smith "Smitty" Bolick, Jr.	03/13/2019
Mary Ann Killian Perry Power	04/25/2019
Jerry Allen Baker	05/23/2019
Catherine "Kitty" Blackwood Bolick	07/01/2019
Shirley Jane Hefner Watts	09/03/2019

In addition to these, you may have family members who died with trusting faith in Jesus this past year. They will be remembered in a moment of silence before the final toll of the bell.

Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services Schedule

Due to the vacancy in our Senior Pastor position, the Elders have established the following dates for our special services during the upcoming holiday season. All services will be held in the sanctuary.



November 27- Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion at 6:30 p.m.



December 04- Light Supper at 5:30 p.m.-Advent Service at 6:30 p.m.

December 11- Light Supper at 5:30 p.m. - Advent Service at 6:30 p.m.

December 18-Light Supper at 5:30 p.m.-Advent Service at 6:30 p.m.

The *Longest*
Night



A worship service of remembrance

“The Longest Night” Christmas Service

December 21st -6:30 p.m.

Sometimes it's hard to experience the joy of Christmas, as we sing, "Joy to the World, the Lord is come." When we have suffered losses, sadness and grief, it

takes the "Merry" out of "Merry Christmas." This time of year, when we have the shortest day and the longest night, memories of past experiences and the pain of present reality can become overwhelming. Recognizing that this is not a season of joy for everyone, a special service will be held on December 21, at 6:30 p.m. You will be invited to reflect on the pain, the loneliness, and the sorrow we may feel because of losses in our life. Maybe you're dealing with the loss of a loved one, the loss of a relationship (maybe through divorce), the loss of a job, of a future, of health, of friends, whatever loss you feel and grieve. In this service of readings, prayers and songs, we will offer it all to the Christ child. He was born to bear our infirmities and carry our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4). Please pass the word to the community for we will welcome all who feel a loss, to bring it to Jesus and pray for his mercy to heal our lives.



**December 24-Christ Mass Candlelight Service with Communion
7:00 p.m.- Featuring the Unifour Brass and Concordia Choirs**



December 25- Christmas Morning with Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Please note there will not be a New Year's Eve service this year.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as the Concordia Christian Day School children lead us in worship proclaiming the Newborn King! The services will feature a wide variety of anthems and hymns-joining our hearts in preparation for the coming of the Christ Child.

We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday, December 5th-6:30 p.m.-1st-4th grades
Lessons & Carols Worship in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 12-6:30 p.m.- 5th-8th grade choir and band
Lessons & Carols Worship in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, December 18 at 8:30 a.m. -Preschool, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten Christmas program will be held during chapel.

Children's Ministry News – November 2019

Belinda Bost, Children's Minister



During the month of October 1st – 4th graders learned about the life of Martin Luther and his family using curriculum from Concordia Publishing. Look for the blue paper back books “Being Lutheran” for your family library. Find them at the Welcome Stations and outside the Children's Ministry office.



Come join us at Children's Church each Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. service. Kindergarten - 4th graders welcome. We gather in the school cafeteria during the sermon. A staffed nursery is available for toddlers and preschoolers.



Parents with infants and toddlers come together during the 4th Sunday of the month in the nursery at 10:45 am for singing, play and fellowship. Get your Nativity block kits at the gathering on November 24th.



We have 3 weeks in November to gather before we break for Advent. Join us on November 27th for Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 . Get your Advent materials after the service. Life is Wild > God is Good!



*Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.*

*God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied.*

*Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.*

Concordia has a long tradition of responding to God's blessings with an event called, "Harvest Home." Pictures from our church archives depict the front of the sanctuary in the "old church" that once sat on what is now our soccer field. The entire front of the church is filled with bounty of the earth. A bounty to be BOTH celebrated and shared.

So once again at Concordia, November is the month we both Celebrate and Share God's bounty! Here are three ways for every member to take part.

1. Join in Operation Christmas Child. Last year between our school and our congregation over 400 Shoe Boxes were filled with items of love, including a written message of God's Love in the native tongue of the child who received it. Pick up your shoebox, fill it as instructed, and return it on Sunday, November 10th.
2. Regarding our Food Drive, this year we are requesting cash donations for ECCCM as opposed to collecting canned/boxed food items. We are making this change for two reasons. First, due to lower costs afforded to ECCCM, they have more purchasing power than we do as individuals. Second, an anonymous ECCCM donor agreed to match donations dollar for dollar this year to celebrate their 50th anniversary. We are planning to collect these donations during the November 10th services.
3. Commit to the Lord your offerings for 2020. Faithfully we trust God to provide all we will need in the year ahead. Be assured that God doesn't need our commitments and offerings. Rather, God knows that making commitments and giving our offerings is something that WE NEED. It directs our hearts toward what we truly treasure. Prepare now for Commitment Sunday, November 10th.



Are you READY to PACK a SHOEBOX? Concordia is once again packing shoeboxes to spread the Word of our God to children in various countries that may never have the opportunity to know about God! Empty shoeboxes will be available for the congregation to pick up at any of the Church Services on Sunday, October 27th. Pack your shoeboxes and bring back the filled shoebox (with transportation donation) on Sunday, November 10th. Each shoebox will contain a brochure with suggested/approved items to fill the shoebox. Also, there will be a donation envelope to assist in covering the transportation costs.

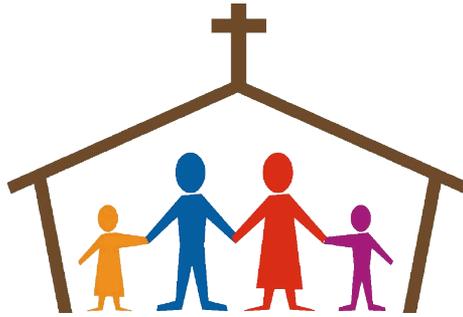
The Board of Mission and Ministry is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Congregational members may pick up boxes at any of the services. Packed boxes must be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, November 10th**.

Suggested items:

- school supplies – chalkboards with chalk, pencils, scissors
- toys – soccer ball with pump, dolls
- make-your-own crafts – add your personal touch
- non-liquid hygiene items – bar soap, toothbrush
- clothing accessories – tops, shoes, socks, hair bows, gloves, scarves
- non-chocolate candy – caramels, taffy, gummy bears
- a personal note from your family – if you include your name and address it's possible that the child could write you back

Please do not include the following: Chocolate, gum, toothpaste or any other liquids, war type toys, breakable items such as snow globes, medications or vitamins.

Thank you for your support with this important ministry!



ALL IN THE FAMILY

*This is an update of the happenings in the
Life of Concordia since the last Newsletter*

Hospital/Out Patient

Dianne Lawing, George Deal, Wanda Hefner

Sympathy To

Betsy Murray and family upon the death of her father
Adam Campbell and family upon the death of his grandmother
Doris Kaylor upon the death of her brother-in-law

Baptisms

Lydia Rose Garrison, daughter of Luke & Katrina Garrison
Olivia Anne Canrobert, daughter of Christopher & Emily Canrobert

Other Prayer Needs

Our church and school staff and students
The unchurched in our area and throughout the world
Our church, school, and leadership
Our national and world leaders
Our Call Committee
Our Advent & Christmas Worship Planning



Weekday Small Group Bible Studies:

Mondays: 6:30pm Small Group – Led by Steve Bost - BLCFM.

Wednesdays: 7am Ladies' Bible Study – Led by Kim Hauser. Adult Room #1

9:30am Bible Study – Led by Carla Hafer – Adult Room #1

10am Bible Study – Led by Vicki Shull - Library – First & third
Wednesday's

6pm – F.I.S.H. – Bible studies for Children, Youth and Adults

7pm - F.I.S.H. – Bible studies for Youth and Adults

Thursdays: 7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study–Daniel-Led by David
Isenhower. CVMC-AHEC 105.

Sunday Bible Studies and Sunday School-

9:15am – Children's Sunday School

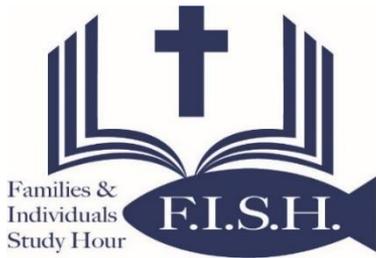
9:15am – "That's in the Bible?!" – Led by Charlie Canrobert & YMT – Youth
Central

9:15am - "Joshua" Led by Geri Halma - Emmaus Room

10:45am – "That's in the Bible?!" – Led by Chris Henze & YMT – Youth Central

10:45am - Ray Vander Laan video series - Led by Cindy Sigmon - Adult #1

10:45am – "Overcomer" Led by Brian Hefner. This class is for parents of youth
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FISH – Families and Individuals in Study Hour-Classes continue through November 20th-Join Us!

Concordia's Board of Christian Education offers small group classes for all. The night begins with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Nursery is provided from 6 until 8 p.m.

5:30pm – Light supper in the Emmaus room

6-7pm Classes:

“A Man Called Martin – Part 1 – The Man” Led by Dale Lawing – Adult Room #1

Nearly 500 years ago, an unknown monk from a backwater town in Germany, set in motion a movement that would literally transform Western civilization.

“Praying In Design” Led by Kathy Unverfehrt – Library.

How would you describe your prayer life? Are you a one-sided conversationalist doing all the talking without listening to what God has to say? Maybe you are a 911 prayer person, only seeking God in a critical emergency. Perhaps you see God as a magic genie as you give Him your “wish” list.

Wherever you are in your prayer journey, come and see where God may be leading you. Discover where praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and trust fit into your communication with the Almighty through visual reflection and meditation.

Children’s Study Hour - Led by Mrs. Belinda Bost, the children will learn a memory verse each week, and have a lesson especially for them. Kindergarten through 4th Graders are welcome. A nursery is provided for younger children.

Youth Study Hour - Led by DCE, Chris Henze, the youth meet in Youth Central for age appropriate classes that will include SOS, Confirmation and other planned activities.

7-8pm Classes:

“Preparing for Worship” – Led by Paul Nelson – Library

Come look at the Old Testament, Psalms, Epistle and Gospel readings for the following Sunday to come better prepared to worship the Lord. Led by Pastor Paul Nelson in the Library.

Visual Faith / Chrismon Making – If you enjoy crafting, this class is for you. We will be teaching the basic skills to making Chrismons and continue our projects for Visual Faith. Bring your own project to work on or let us coach you into something new. Visit visualfaithmin.org click on projects then Counting Gifts. Led by Belinda Bost and Susan Harman – Adult Room #2

Youth Study Hour - Led by DCE, Chris Henze, the youth meet in Youth Central for age appropriate classes that will include SOS, Confirmation and other planned activities.



In November, we will be meeting at Parkway House Restaurant located at 1640 10th Ave NE, Hickory NC 28601. As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we see one of God's creations as the green leaves begin to turn colors and drop off the trees to make room for the new leaves next spring. Once again, please keep all seniors and PrimeTimers in need of medical attention in your thoughts and prayers. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO GRANT YOU HIS PEACE, LOVE AND MERCY TILL LIFE HERE AFTER.



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When you shop on Amazon, you can support the causes you love at the same time!

Lutheran Hour Ministries is an eligible organization for you to support on AmazonSmile.

Amazon has introduced a service called AmazonSmile. When you begin your online shopping at smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com, you can select a charity that you want to support.

You can sign up in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com and log in like usual.
2. When asked which charity, type Lutheran Hour Ministries into the search box and select it in the results.
3. Start shopping!

You must enter through smile.amazon.com each time for the donation to occur.

Once you have selected a charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases you make to that organization of your choice. You can change your charitable organization of choice at any time.



Mission & Ministry Volunteer Opportunities



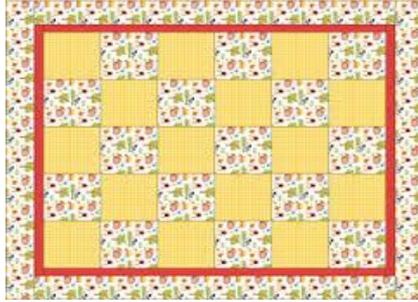
Highways & Hedges needs help the 1st & 3rd Mondays from 4-7pm. Volunteers are needed to serve on November 4th and 18th at 4pm. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the church office.

The Corner Table Serving Groups: Souper Stars serve 11/4 and the Sonshiners serve 11/20- each at 10:30am. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact the church office at 828-464-3324.

Concordia's day to volunteer at **ECCCM** is the **first Monday** of every month. Join Alex Opper at **ECCCM at 10:30am** on November 4th. You can volunteer for one hour or all day!

ECCCM is still accepting **paper and plastic bags**. They will also take **empty egg cartons**. Drop them by the church office. Cindy Sigmon has graciously volunteered to take any donated items to ECCCM.

Boy Scout Troop 383 will be smoking Turkey breasts and Boston butts in November for their Holiday Meat Sale. This is tentatively scheduled for November 24th, just in time for Thanksgiving. Place your order with one of the Boy Scouts, William Smith, or Dottie DeHart. Email: smithw@sherrillfurniture.com, dottie@dehartandcompany.com, or text [828-244-3485](tel:828-244-3485).



Quilt Tacking invites you to help with tacking quilts. **Tacking means** that you take a needle and thread and pull it through the layers of the quilt, cut the thread then tie a knot. If you would like to help, **Quilt Tacking** meets on the **first and third Monday** of every month at **1:30pm**. We need you!



Please mark your calendar for our **Voter's Meeting**, scheduled for **Sunday, November 10th** at **2:00pm** in the Sanctuary. The agenda includes presentation of the **2020 budget** and reports from boards and committees. Please plan to attend!



Our last set of doors-office entrance at the Emmaus Room- has been changed to the new key system. See Leslie in the church office to be issued a new key.

Who is my Elder?

Elder	Care Zone Minister	Zone #	Member Names
Steve Bost		1	A-BL
David Isenhower	Ryan & Holly Rudisill	2	Bo-Bz
Jimmy Martin	Opal Bolick	3	C
Vicki Shull		4	D-E
Fred Farmer	Pamela Farmer	5	F-G-I
Harvey Travis	Clarence & Joyce Pugh	6	H
Roy Sigmon		7	J-K-L
Carl Roth	Carl & Pat Welch	8	M
David Isenhower	Linda Moretz	9	N-O-P-Q-R
Steve Bost		10	S- So
Fred Farmer	Clarence & Shirley Canrobert	11	Sp- V
Dale Lawing	Dale & Diane Lawing	12	W-X-Y-Z

Corner Table Candy Tin Sale



Christmas Candy Tin orders will begin on October 1st and deadline is November 15th. Order forms are available in the church office.

Proceeds from the Christmas Candy fundraiser will feed hungry people all year long. Candy tins are \$25 and include four types of homemade candies. Mailing boxes can be purchased for \$2.00 each.

Candy tins include delicious Chocolate Fudge, White Chocolate Christmas Crackle (A Famous Salty Sweet Treat at The Corner Table), Peppermint Bark, and Peanut Butter Balls.

Candy tins will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 8:30AM - 1:00PM.

RENEW

Lutheran Witness Renewal Time

The Lutheran Witness magazine renewal is upon us. If you want to renew your subscription, please contact the church office. Subscription rate is \$12.95 for one year. As the Synod's official magazine, *The Lutheran Witness* features stories and commentaries that interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Learn to think and speak like a Lutheran on topics of faith, culture and family. New subscriptions are welcome.

Spread the Warmth Annual Coat Drive



Eastern Catawba
Cooperative Christian
Ministry
A Circle of Light To Those in Need



Collection boxes are located in the transept nearest the church office and at the entrance to the Praise Service in the Family Life Center. Donate new or slightly worn coats, hats, gloves, etc.



SUNDAY BROADCASTS

WAIZ 630AM – 10:30am

WNNC 1230AM – 8:00am

WXRC 95.7 – 6:30am

November 2019

November 3-"Stranger Danger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human.

(Genesis 18)

November 10-"For Such a Downer"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series -

(Genesis 21)

November 17-"The Dawn Wall"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

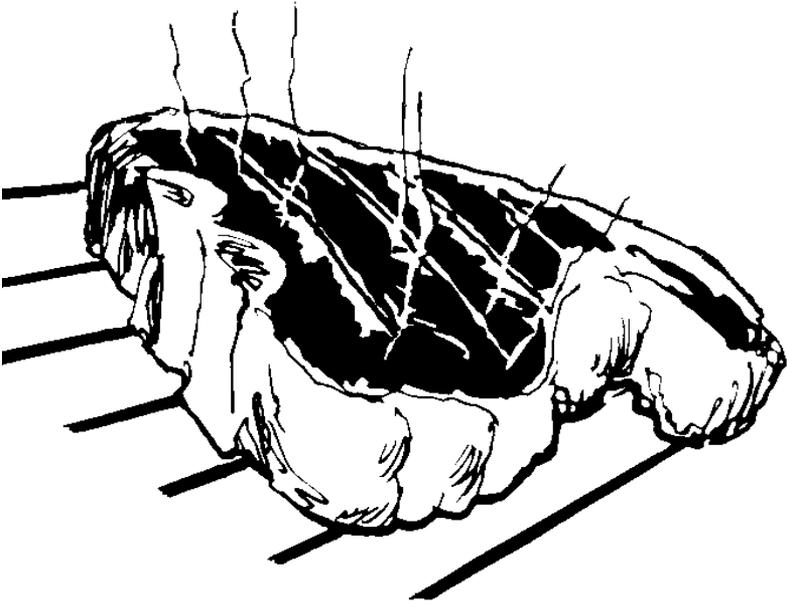
Genesis Series

(Genesis 22)

November 24-"God Is Love"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter

(1 John 4:7-12)



Save the date...

LLL Steak Supper

Saturday, December 7th

4:30-7:30pm

Family Life Center

Cost: \$16 Adults, \$8 Children

Take Outs Available



Concordia

Christian Day School

A Tradition of Excellence in a Changing World

Science Fair

We will be holding our Science Fair in the Concordia gym on Friday, November 22nd from 6:00-8:00 pm. Fourth through eighth grade students' projects will be scored and evaluated by a team of local professionals. This is a qualifier for our students to go to the regional Science Fair at Appalachian State. Come see what our young minds are discovering!

2019-2020 Jr. Beta Club

The new Concordia Beta Club members were inducted last month. To qualify for the Beta Club, students need a 95% overall average on their latest report card, are recommended by the principal, have no major disciplinary incidents, and have to volunteer 5 hours each semester. Congratulations to this year's members:

New 8th Grade Members: Avery Beringer, Brady Chamberlain, Will Choplin, Adrienne Fidler, Peyton Gerken, Saylem Hudson, Fernando Mendoza-Flores, Smith Swanson, Bennett Tepper and Charlie Tomlinson.

New 7th Grade Members: Ellie Adams, Alice Christian, Addie Ellinger, Jack Hoffman, Brianna Miller, Ava Grace Noell, Hailey Okuboye-Born, Sean Roth and Sara Sain.

New 6th Grade Members: Miles Britton, Phoebe Carver, Braxton Eckard, Ben Ellwanger, Larkyn Gerken, Noah Hedrick, Sam Hoffman, Ethan Johnson, Cayman Lewis, Jude Lopina and David Robison.

Executive Members: President, Peyton Gerken; Vice President, Will Choplin; Secretary, Avery Beringer; Treasurer, Ava Grace Noell; 7th Grade Representative, Ellie Adams; 6th Grade Representative, Larkyn Gerken.

Yearbook Ad Sales

Work has begun on Concordia's **2019-2020 Yearbook**. Each year the yearbook grows and improves and makes an excellent keepsake for the

school year. We are asking **individuals** 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 persons interested in placing an ad in the yearbook or making a donation, should call the school office (464-3011) or stop by to pick up an **order form**. Artwork or logo needs to be emailed in a digital format to Yearbook@ConcordiaNC.org . All ad orders, artwork and payments are due by **Friday, December 20**. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Mark your calendar. Christmas will be here before you know it!

*Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm, the 1st-4th grades will be singing in the sanctuary.

*Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm, the 5th-8th grade choir and band will be performing in the sanctuary.

*Wednesday, December 18 at 8:30 am our Preschool, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten Christmas program will be held during chapel.

SPORTS CORNER

The **Varsity Girls Volleyball Crusaders** topped off a phenomenal season with a conference championship last month. The team played with an aggressive confidence and it showed as they dominated the first match of the 4 team tournament with a 25-1 and 25-10 victory against Hickory Day.

The Crusaders carried their focus and momentum into the championship match and won decisively 25-13, 25-13.

Hadleigh Swagger and Adrienne Fidler were named to the All-Conference team and Saylem Hudson earned Most Valuable Player for the Conference Season and Tournament.

The **JV Girls Volleyball** team traveled to St Stephens Lutheran for the conference tournament and unfortunately, ended their season with a loss. They played hard and took the match to three sets, losing the 1st 17-25, winning the 2nd 25-15 and losing the third, 5-15. The girls played with heart and determination and lost to a very tough St

Stephens Lutheran team. They were led in serving by Larkyn Gerken and Abby DeHart. Larkyn Gerken was also named to the All-Conference Team for the tournament. The girls had a fantastic season overall and grew greatly as individual players and together as a team!

The **Cross Country** team has greatly improved over the season and took home the 1st place trophy from the Hickory Day Invitational Cross Country Meet. The highlight of the meet was the sportsmanship and Christian character demonstrated by one of our students. He slowed his pace and allowed another runner from a rivaling school who is recovering from a brain tumor to finish ahead of him so he would not be in last place as he had been throughout the season. He lived out our school's Bible verse theme on the trail and put another ahead of himself.

Philippians 2:3-5; "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."

Basketball season is underway. All four teams (Boys and Girls, Varsity and JV) have been practicing several times a week. Come over to watch some games this fall and winter and encourage our young athletes.

Accreditation Time

Please continue to pray for our school and staff as we continue to prepare for our dual accreditations from National Lutheran Schools Accreditation and AdvancEd.

We Love Volunteers!

We have many opportunities for our church members to volunteer at the school. Helping in the library, reading stories to children, assisting a teacher in the classroom or helping out in the lunchroom and during recess so teachers can get a longer lunch break are just a few ways that you can help. If you are interested, contact the school office at 828-464-3011.

News From...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

“BRIDGE THE GAP”

The UCHS Annual Fund Drive entitled, “Bridge the Gap”, will be kicking off in November. You can help us reach our goal to “Bridge the Gap” between the income from tuition and our expenses for the year. You can send us a check or donate on-line at uchigh.com/annual-fund. Thank you for supporting Your Lutheran High School.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

This is an exciting time as our first college acceptances are starting to come in. Last year we had 92% of our students get accepted to their first or second choice of college. Our prayers are that we can match that high percentage again this year.

INVITATION TO SHADOW

Making the move from middle school to high school is an exciting prospect. But, how do you know which high school is right for you? Why not take an opportunity to experience UCHS first hand? At UCHS you can register to “shadow” or follow a current student around for the day. You will attend classes, get a feel for the school culture, and talk to students and teachers about your academic goals. We’re sure you will find that UCHS can meet your needs and exceed expectations. There are still openings available for November 11. This will be the final opportunity to shadow this semester. Call 855-2995 to reserve your spot.

UCHS FALL SPORTS SUCCESS

The UCHS Girls Tennis Team is the Foothills Athletic **Conference Champion** with a 14-2 record. They have the #3 Seed in the NCISAA State Tournament. They received a first-round bye and played their second round match against Fayetteville Academy.

The Boys Soccer Team is the Foothills Athletic Conference Runners up with a 11-5 record. They received the #8 Seed in the NCISAA State Tournament. They won their first match against Carolina Friends 3-1. This was their first ever playoff win. They played their second round game against Trinity School of Durham and Chapel Hill.

The Girls Volleyball Team ended their season with a 9-7 record. They qualified for the State Playoffs for the 4th consecutive season. They lost to Hickory Christian Academy in the first round of the State Tournament 3-2.

The Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams both came in third place in the inaugural FAC Championships. The top seven runners for each team advanced to the NCISAA State Championship in Charlotte.

For more news about UCHS or information about applying, check out our website at www.uchigh.com or call us at 828-855-2995.

LWML News-

Stretching our hearts and hands to help people in need.



Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts give families around the world one of life's essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone. From chronic poverty and conflict to drought and typhoon, the intensity of humanitarian needs continues to increase. Our quilts are urgently needed!

Anyone can work on a quilt. It strengthens fellowship within our congregation, serves as a faith witness to our community and brings us closer to our global neighbors. The gifts we give through this project are an immeasurable blessing to families around the world.

Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling your share through an LWR Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope – you are not alone.

In October-on LWML Sunday, our congregation dedicated 25+ quilts to be shipped and shared with our world neighbors.

May God continue to bless the hands of those making the quilts, and especially those receiving these stitched and tacked labors of love.

If you are interested in participating in this mission outreach, they meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 1:30. No sewing experience is necessary...just bring a cheerful heart for missions!



November 2019 - Youth Ministry

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.” 1 Chronicles 16:8 (NIV)



Sr. Youth Initiation!

Please join us November 17 for “SUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA”:

We are planning to work at the The Conover School. The entire church is invited to help. You must wear the red Servant t-shirt (shirts will be available before the service). *This qualifies for school service hours!

Schedule: 8:00am Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00-11:00am Serve @ The Conover School (weeding, planting, mulching, raking and cleaning)

11:00am-1:00pm Lunch @ Blue Moon Tavern (bring your own money)

1:00pm Go Home

Bring shovels, rakes, trowel to plant, gloves! Wear old clothes!



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What is Confirmation? - Basic Instruction in the Christian Faith!

1. Confirmation is a time-honored church tradition (not required by God's Word, but we believe useful nonetheless) in which the child baptized as an infant is given the opportunity to confess for himself or herself the faith that he or she was unable to confess as an infant.
2. In the early church, when adults were the center of its outreach, the church developed a “catechumenate.” Though the catechumenate took many forms, the content was a confession of faith, instruction in the Word of God, Baptism, anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and Holy Communion.
3. Faith is not “created” at confirmation, but it is rather confessed for all to hear so that the church can join and rejoice in this public confession, which has its roots in the faith which God Himself created in Baptism.
4. As a team, we can help young people develop a Law-Gospel view of God’s character as a seeking and sending God, be clear about their identity as disciples of Jesus Christ, be grasped by the power of the Gospel, stand on the solid foundation of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, have a vision of one’s role in the mission of Christ’s church and live daily in the light of one’s Baptism.
5. Being a new person in Christ happens through nurture and instruction based on Word and Sacraments. When confirmation contributes to this aim, isn’t this a blessing to celebrate?

The above quotes are from LCMS “Frequently Asked Questions” about Doctrine. For further review check out:

<https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/doctrine>

New and Old Sr. Youth Council (SYC) to meet:

The new SYC will meet with the old SYC on Sunday, November 3rd from 12-2pm in Youth Central. Lunch is provided!



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“Scouting for Food”

Our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be collecting food this year for the needy. Watch for the door hangers going out on Saturday, November 16th. Watch for the food to be picked up on Saturday, November 23rd.

Sr. Youth Council (SYC) nominations...Congratulations:

The following teenagers were nominated by their peers to serve on the new SYC. This is the leadership group for Concordia’s youth group! The voting process is taking place, now!

- 9th: Jackson Bryan, Katie Grace DeHart, Jordan Henze, Sonny Pruitt
- 10th: Mary Elizabeth Carter, Victoria Charles, Paige Furr, Chloe Hedrick
- 11th: Hope Cable, Carrigan Elrod, Jamie Henze, Emily Jackson,
- 12th: Will DeHart, Zoe Finch, Lindy Kuchenbecker, Hunter Rudisill

SYC/YMT serve Thanksgiving Dinner:

Our Sr. Youth Council and Youth Ministry Team will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the needy on Thanksgiving Day! May God bless!



Jr. Youth Thanksgiving Family Project:

Our Jr. Youth will be supporting a family this year. We shop, pack and deliver the food on Sunday, November 24th. Meet in Youth Central from 2-4pm. Bring the suggestion donation of \$5 (or more) to support this family!

“Alaska Mission for Christ” Mission Trip:

Join us on Sunday, November 24th during SS#2 at 10:45am to hear about this unique experience. We will have mission workers on hand to discuss their experience in Fairbanks. We will also look into the possibility of joining this group for the summer of 2020! Come find out about this unique opportunity!

Order your Boy Scout Holiday Meats!

DCE Chris L. Henze, Youth Minister



AN EPIDEMIC

IS SWEEPING ACROSS AMERICA. CAUSING DRIVERS EVERYWHERE TO BLACK OUT FOR FIVE SECONDS AT A TIME. IT'S CALLED **TEXTING AND DRIVING.**

Text Free Driving Pledge

- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it makes me 23 times more likely to crash. ¹
- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it's like driving after having 4 beers. ²
- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because it's like taking my eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds. At 55 MPH, it is like driving the length of a football field - completely blind. ³
- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because car crashes kill an average of 11 teens - EVERY DAY. ⁴
- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because distracted driving injures 330,000 people every year. ⁵
- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because texting and driving is dangerous and life threatening to me, others in my car and everyone else on the roads.
- _____ I PLEDGE NOT TO TEXT AND DRIVE because texting and driving ends and ruins lives everyday and I will NOT contribute to this growing epidemic.

By signing below, I am making a conscious commitment to not text while driving, always wear my seatbelt and encourage my friends and family to always do the same

Signature _____

Date _____

Get connected with the text free community at www.facebook.com/textfreedriving
www.textingthumbbands.com & www.textingwhiledrivingbands.com

1. Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and NHTSA. 2. Setting Limits. Saving Lives—The Case for .08 BAC Laws. available at www.mtsa.fdot.gov. 3. Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. available at www.vti.edu. 4. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Fatally Faced 2013. available at www.iihs.org. 5. Stanford Center for Race & Equity Studies.

	<u>November 3</u>	<u>November 10</u>	<u>November 17</u>	<u>November 24</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>				
(8:00)	Alice Christian	Sean Roth	Jordan Henze	Ella Cecil
(9:30)	Connor Hefner	Colbie Dwiggins	Caroline Hefner	Carrigan Elrod
(11:00)	Avery Beringer	Alice Christian	Open	Fiona & Zoe Finch
Thanksgiving Eve-6:30	Jackson Bryan			
<u>GREETERS:</u>				
(8:00)	Carla Hafer & Cindy Spears	Fred Farmer & Susan Harman	David Isenhower & Pat Moser	Ann Marie Blackmon & Anna Bolick
(9:30)	Jill Graff & Ana	The Kuchenbecker Family	The Tony Adams Family	Gary & Donna Lacicer
(11:00)	Roger & Vicki Shull	George & Pat Deal	Gary & Marigene Matthews	Rick & Laura Miller
<u>READERS:</u>				
(8:00)	Kathy Unverfehft	Bret Graff	David Reitzel	Michelle Montgomery
(9:30)	Kelly Adams	Pat Welch	Delaina Bryan	Susan Harman
(11:00)	Jill Adair	Vicki Shull	Ann Marie Blackmon	Jimmy Martin
<u>8:45 FELLOWSHIP:</u>	Leslie Brown	Sandy Carosi	Pat Moser	Ann Marie Blackmon
<u>ELDERS:</u>				
(8:00)	David Isenhower Fred Farmer Dale Lawing Open	David Isenhower Fred Farmer Dale Lawing Open	Fred Farmer Dale Lawing Open Open	Fred Farmer Dale Lawing Open Open
(9:30)	Roy Sigmon Fred Farmer	Steve Bost Fred Farmer Roy Sigmon Open	Roy Sigmon	Steve Bost David Isenhower Roy Sigmon Open
(11:00)	Steve Bost Vicki Shull Harvey Travis Open	Harvey Travis	David Isenhower Vicki Shull Harvey Travis	Vicki Shull
Thanksgiving Eve-6:30	Open-(3)			

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Moser & Mary Anne Wike , Susan Harman (9:30)

TRUSTEES: Mike Spake & Caleb Welch

USHERS: 8:00-Jake Parks & Dexter Warren 11:00 Kyle Hayman-captain, John Allison, Steve Bost and Darrin Reid

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Fall Back 2

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



<p>All Saints Day 3</p> <p>8am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 9:15am Bible Study - EM 9:15am SS#1 - Youth & Children 9:30am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:45am Bible Study - A#1 & DLL 10:45am SS#2 - Youth & Children 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 12pm Sr. Youth Council</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Concordia at ECCCC 10:30am Souper Stars Corner Table</p> <p>12pm Deadline for ordering Holiday Meats from Boy Scouts</p> <p>1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm B/C Scouts 6:30pm Steve Bost - BLCFM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM</p> <p></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 8:20am CCDS Chapel - Sanctuary 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 10am Bible Study - EM 11am Tai Chi - Narthex 5:30pm FISH - Light meal 6pm F.I.S.H. Classes for Children, Youth, & Adults 6pm Handbells 6pm Youth SOS/Confirmation 7pm F.I.S.H. Youth Confirmation & Adults 7:15pm Adult choir 8pm Praise Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study - AHEC 110</p> <p></p> <p>6:30pm Church Council</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>Commitment Sunday 10</p> <p>8am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 9:15am Bible Study - EM 9:15am SS#1 - Youth & Children 9:30am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:45am Bible Study - A#1 & DLL 10:45am SS#2 - Youth & Children 11am Worship 12pm Turn in Shoe Boxes 12pm Youth Ministry Team 2pm Voters Assembly</p>	<p>11</p> <p> <i>Happy Veterans Day!</i></p> <p>11:30am PrimeTimers</p> <p>6:30pm B/C Scouts 6:30pm Steve Bost - BLCFM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM</p> <p></p> <p>5pm M & M - A#2 6:30pm Elders - EM 6:30pm Stewardship - A#1</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 8:20am CCDS Chapel - Sanctuary 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 11am Tai Chi - Narthex 5:30pm FISH - Light meal 6pm F.I.S.H. Classes for Children, Youth, & Adults 6pm Handbells 7pm F.I.S.H. Youth & Adults 7:15pm Adult choir 8pm Praise Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study - AHEC 110</p> <p></p> <p>6pm Trustees</p> <p>6:30pm Board of Christian Education</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30am Scouting for Food</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 8am LLL 9:15am Bible Study - EM 9:15am SS#1 - Children 9:30am Worship - FLC 10:45am Bible Study - A#1 & DLL 10:45am SS#2 - Children 11am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:30pm Quilt Tacking</p> <p>6:30pm B/C Scouts 6:30pm Steve Bost - BLCFM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM</p> <p></p> <p>6:30pm Assimilation - EM 7:00pm Day School Board - School Conference Room</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 8:20am CCDS Chapel - Sanctuary 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 10am Bible Study - EM 10:30am Sonshiners at Corner Table 11am Tai Chi - Narthex 5:30pm FISH - Light meal 6pm F.I.S.H. Classes for Children, Youth, & Adults 6pm Handbells 7pm F.I.S.H. Youth & Adults 7:15pm Adult choir 8pm Praise Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study - AHEC 110</p> <p></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Scouting for Food</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8am Worship & Communion - Sanctuary 9:15am Bible Study - EM 9:15am SS#1 - Children 9:30am Worship & Communion - FLC 10:45am SS#2 Youth Alaska Mission for Christ 10:45am Bible Study - A#1 & DLL 10:45am SS#2 - Children 11am Worship 2pm Jr. Youth Thanksgiving Family Pick up your Holiday Meats after each Service</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm B/C Scouts - Pick up Holiday Meats</p> <p>6:30pm Steve Bost - BLCFM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM</p> <p></p>	<p>27</p> <p>7am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - A#1 11am Tai Chi - Narthex</p> <p>6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Communion</p> <p>8pm Praise Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Church & School Offices closed</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>10:30am YMT serve Thanksgiving Dinner</p> <p></p>	<p>29</p> <p>Church & School Offices closed</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	<p>30</p>

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Cole Hass	11/1
Barbara Nelson	11/1
Sandy Chi	11/3
Sherri Elliott	11/3
Ronald Williams	11/3
Frankie Hubbard	11/4
Samuel Dorrier	11/4
Beck Dorrier	11/4
Kade Heath	11/6
Katie Coffey	11/6
Miles Britton	11/8
Rachael Green	11/8
Joan Rowe	11/9
Johnny Brown	11/10
Abby DeHart	11/10
Isa Alfaro	11/10
Nicole Hass	11/11
Marigene Matthews	11/11
Jonah Watson	11/11
Caleb Watson	11/11
Ann Holt	11/12
Barry Perry	11/12
Jana Glenn	11/12
Kent Couch	11/12
Michelle Montgomery	11/13
Marcel Byrd	11/13
Kathy Unverfehrt	11/13
Tamara Hayman	11/13
Anthony DeHart	11/13
Beth Settlemyre	11/13
Vicki Shull	11/14
Brock Heath	11/15
Ivy Alfaro	11/15
Shelly Hayes	11/15

Beau Eckard	11/15
Brian Hefner	11/15
Rick Wike	11/16
Leland Burgess	11/16
Rory Reid	11/16
Bart Travis	11/17
Anna Bolick	11/17
Matthew Farmer	11/17
Elijah Ellis	11/17
Evelynn Yount	11/17
Elizabeth Spicer	11/18
Jason Dillard	11/19
Kurt Beal	11/20
Leila Walker	11/20
Susan Deal	11/21
Kaye Deal	11/21
Christa Holland	11/22
Hoy Holler	11/22
Scott Christensen	11/22
Jimmy Spencer	11/22
Susan Harman	11/22
Linda Bolick	11/23
Graham Hauss	11/23
Monte York	11/23
Brody Eckard	11/23
Kiera Dufault	11/25
Matthew Connor	11/25
Melanie Urtel	11/25
Jill Adair	11/25
Alice Young	11/25
Jordan Tabor	11/27
Paige Furr	11/27
Dennis Hunsucker	11/28
Frankie Matthews	11/28
Joni Reid	11/28
Brayden Roseman	11/28
Gail Robinson	11/29
Michael Watts	11/29
Charlie Tomlinson	11/30



Andy and Amy Matthews	11/2
Kurt and Emily Beal	11/7
Ronnie and Susan Kaylor	11/10
Jimmy and Joyce Spencer	11/16
Allison and Robert Deese	11/17
Michael and Leigh Charles	11/17
Chris and Stephanie Henze	11/19
Elizabeth and Will Spicer	11/21
Charles and Nancy C. Bolick	11/24
Donny and Pat Setzer	11/24
Gary and Donna Lacicer	11/25
Laura and Dennis Davis	11/29

If your name is missing from either list, please let the church office know.

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