

Concordia Newsletter

December 2025

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to Share His Love!

Worship Times

Sunday 9:00a Contemporary

Sunday 11:00a Traditional



From the
Pastor's Desk

QUIET TIME

Way back when, when I was in kindergarten, there was a certain time of everyday when Mrs. D (that's what we called her) would announce that it was, "quiet time." Quiet time came right after we had our milk and cookie snack. We all had our own little rugs that we would retrieve from the shelf. We would roll out our rugs on the floor as the lights were dimmed, and we would lay on them during the 30 minutes of quiet time. As I get older and as I think about that quiet time, I have the sneaking suspicion that the quiet time was more beneficial for Mrs. D. than it was for us. Be that as it may, what a lesson to be learned for us all.

"Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." We have this picture in our minds of what happened the night our Savior was born. The scene is described as we picture the baby Jesus in the manger sleeping in heavenly peace. In our world as it exists today, I find increasing comfort from that picture. Because I know that true heavenly peace is not what we experience from the world. I need, we all need that quiet time that looks back to Bethlehem and with eyes of faith, views the face of the One who came to bring us peace.

It comes almost 60 years too late, but I want to publicly thank Mrs. D. for the lesson she taught. The lesson that there are times during each day that we need to set aside the chaos of our world, even if the chaos comes from ones closest to us and have a quiet time. (milk, cookies and laying on the floor are optional)

Regardless of what your quiet time looks like, remember that Jesus came to bring us peace in the middle of the storms. So dear friends in Christ, during this Holy Season of Advent, as we once again anticipate the coming of the Savior, let us remember that Jesus came for you, for me, for all people to bring us forgiveness, life, salvation, and peace.

The quiet times are God's gift to you. It is a daily rest that finds its fullest expression when we come together for worship. Please make room in these coming days for midweek Advent Services and plan on celebrating with your Concordia family the birth of your Savior on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For in worship God, in His loving kindness to us, bestows His quiet time gifts of forgiveness, rest, peace, and the consolation of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us never cease to thank and praise Him for all He has done for us and for our salvation.

A most blessed, restful, peace-filled Advent and Christmas celebration to all!

Pastor Geml



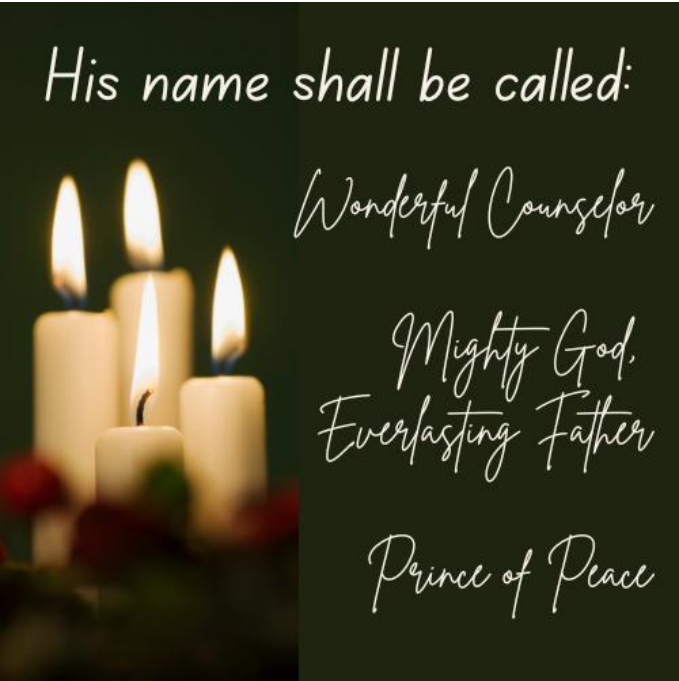
Advent mid-week services start on December 3rd. Service times are 11:30a and 6:30p. There will be a light lunch after the morning service and a light meal at 5:30p before the evening service.

Theme: "His Name Shall Be Called"

Dec 3rd
His Name Shall Be Called, Wonderful Counselor
Isaiah 9:6-7 (The Old Testament Reading will remain the same for each service)
Matthew 1:18-21

Dec 10th
His Name Shall Be Called, Mighty God, Everlasting Father
Isaiah 9:6-7
John 14:8-11

Dec 17th
His Name Shall Be Called, Prince of Peace
Isaiah 9:6-7
John 14:27-31



Advent, 2025 Meal Serving Groups:

	Lunch 12:15p	Supper 5:30p
December 3	Elders	Stewardship
December 10	PrimeTimers	Day School
December17	Christian Ed.	Assimilation

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/Outpatient: Steve Bost, Leslie Brown, Paul Von Rentzell,

Blessings to: Nick & Larren Bockler on the baptisms of their sons Ledger and Ford.

Sympathy to: Ruby Killian and family upon the death of her daughter, Denise Gilbert.

Other Prayer Needs: Our church and school staff and students; School building restoration after the fire; 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; Ongoing hurricane & fire recovery efforts.



Prime Timers will be hosting the Advent lunch on December 10th. There will be soup, sandwiches, drinks and dessert. Please make plans to attend the Advent service and join us for lunch after the service.

Ladies' Advent Brunch

Mark your calendars, ladies, for Thursday, December 4, to attend an Advent brunch.

Come and join in some festive fellowship and a special devotion to help prepare your hearts for this special season of preparing for the arrival of the Promised Messiah!

The time will be from 10:30a-12 noon.

The topic will be, "Joy to the World."



Bereavement Meal Serving Groups

Concordia has a tradition of offering a bereavement meal to member families that have lost a loved one. Choices are a full meal, a sandwich meal or a reception type with pick up items. If you

would like to volunteer to serve on a meal group, please let the church office know. You can help by making something for the meal, helping to set up the Emmaus Room for the meal, cleaning up after the meal or by simply donating a small amount to help pay for some of the expenses. Here is the best part; we have five different serving groups that are on a rotation! This means that you would only need help maybe three times a year. Would you be able to give up some time to help Concordia keep this tradition going? Again, please call the church office if you would like to help.

Dorcas Society of LWML of Concordia will host the now-traditional baby shower on December 13 from 2:00p to 4:00p. Each year the congregation is invited to honor Baby Jesus by benefiting the Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley (PCC) in a festive occasion. The usual baby shower items are welcome, as well as gently used layette items, toys, large diapers, and of course cash or checks. Gifts may be left in the Emmaus Room. The event will feature Lawanda Brown, Executive Director of the PCC, who will report on the exciting expansions underway at the Center. Baby-themed games and Christmas music have also broken out at these events...and, of course, snacks.

New Webpage

Please visit Concordia's new website! It's all new, dynamic and can be seen on your cell phone! There is also a private members page. Please call the church office before signing up so you can be assigned a one-time code. We want to keep the private page private for members only.

News from the Board of Assimilation

GREETERS



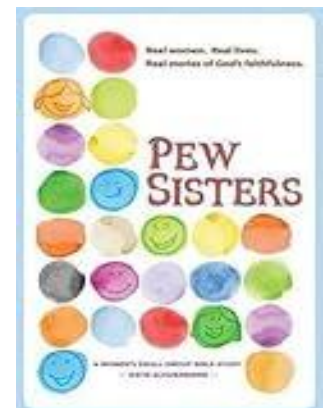
Anyone interested in being a greeter for either church service is invited to attend a short greeter information session on Sunday, December 7, right after the 9:00 service in the chapel. This very brief 10-minute informational session is also for those who currently serve as greeters. All members are welcome to join the Board of Assimilation and learn more about welcoming our visitors.

Chili Cook-off Time - Save the date!

It's almost time for the annual chili cook-off! Get ready to bring your best pot of chili and join the Board of Assimilation on Saturday, January 24 at 5:00 in the Family Life Center of the school. Bring your appetite and come out for a night of food and fellowship!

News from the Board of Christian Education

Attention All Ladies of Concordia: There will be a new Bible Study for you beginning January 4, 2026. The class will be held on Sunday Mornings at the BLCFM during the Bible Study hour from 10:10 until 10:50. Jen White will be leading the Study of Pew Sisters by Katie Schuermann. This is a 12 session Bible study for women that tells what God has done in the lives of real women in the church. Please contact Susan in the church office at 828-464-3324 if you are interested in attending so Bible Study supplies will be available for you. If you have any questions concerning this class, please call Dianne Lawing at 828-850-1460.



News from the Board of Elders

Care Zone Ministers

Concordia has two empty Care Zones. What are Care Zone Ministers? These are people that have a love for the wellbeing of our congregation. They send birthday cards and anniversary cards to our members. They remember our members if they are sick or in the hospital with a card or phone call. A Care Zone Minister will keep in touch with the Elder they are assigned to, help them when needed and pray for them. Prayerfully consider being a Care Zone Minister. Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer. All materials needed are supplied by the church.

News from the Board of Mission & Ministry

Share Jesus this Christmas! Christian musician Phil Keaggy who wrote songs like “Rise Up, O Men of God,” grew up ignoring the Lord while he focused on playing guitar. At age 18 his mother died suddenly, and his heart was broken. His older sister, who was a believer, invited him to church. He went with her, heard about God’s love for us in Christ and opened his heart to Jesus. Sometimes God must break our hearts to open our hearts to him.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services provide a perfect opportunity to invite those we know to join us. They will hear “good news of great joy.” An invitation card will be available in December to invite others. Do you know anyone whose heart is broken this Christmas? Tell them about the Savior of the world whom God sent for them! -Mission and Ministry Team

Children’s Sunday School Christmas Eve Practice and Dress Rehearsal

12/7 (practice) 2-4 pm

12/14 (practice) 2-4 pm

12/21 (dress rehearsal) 3-5 pm (pizza dinner included following rehearsal)



Stay Connected with The Stewart's:

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



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The Stewart Family

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CONCORDIA
Christian Day School
A Tradition of *Excellence* in a Changing World

Mission Statement

To Boldly Provide Christ-Centered Education
to Impact Tomorrow's World

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 14! 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!

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

The Principal's List includes students in 4th-8th grade 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: Brooke Byerley, Quinn Connor, Abigail Elmore, Maggie Hendershot, Aubrey Herman, Parker Hodge, Mariana Kaylor, Isaac Matthews, Jacob Matthews, Gianluca Palozzi, Bear Radke, Cole Sample, Ryker Stewart

5th Grade: Charlotte Allie, Liam Balchev, Riley Burris, Eason Chen, Ariella Cohn, Kaizleigh Fisher, Hunter Hawes, Emmalyn McCurry, Zachary Mullinax, Liam Reed, Brayden Roseman, Natalie Rowe 6th Grade: Ella Bentley, Marla Donohue, Weston Spencer, Colden Westby

7th Grade: Alexandra Matthews, Adrienne Mullinax, Kahlan VanderMolen

8th Grade: Jude Beringer, Alexander Elmore, Sydney Fletcher, Jonah Fox, Sophia Frugone, Alana Jimenez, Tiffany Liu

The Honor Roll List is for students in 4th-8th grade 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: Madilynn Bryant, Blaire Campbell, Ariana Contreras Puga, Lucian Duncan, Ariel Farley, Nazareth Garcia, Isabella Hoke, Lyla Krueger, Silas Lutar, Victoria Mendoza

5th Grade: Sadie Abernethy, Meryt Artelt, Finley Bixby, Kraegan Dixon, Alex Duarte, Matthew Fallas, Matilyn Fox, Aubriana Franklin, Audrey Keisler, Emery Lotsey, Carter Moretz

6th Grade: Lucas Brittain, Mia Essary, Cole Fletcher, Easton Franklin, Harrison Gilliam, Maxx Gilliam, Adyson Haugh, Ryleigh Sipe, Ashlee Stillwell, Gemma Varelli

7th Grade: Madison Campbell, Samuel Carver, Levi Fredell, Liam Hendershot

8th Grade: Rylan Abernethy, Myla Cahill, Samuel Essary, Ariella Fisher, Jackson Hefner, Mary Channing Hoffman, Elijah Murgolo, Jackson Sigmon, Analeigh Windsor

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR GROUP IN THE YEARBOOK

Work has begun on Concordia's 2025-2026 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/B8zKX8cevXH4AwAF9>. Please email your artwork or logo in a digital format to Yearbook@ConcordiaNC.org. All ad orders, artwork, and payments are due by Friday, January 9. Thank you for your support!



Concordia's annual Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, November 6, at Catawba Country Club. Twenty-four teams competed, and the Shaw Polymer team (Mike Bell, Bob Bell, Cullen McCrite, and Andrew Furr) 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, and to all our other sponsors listed below. The tournament raised over \$20,000 for our school!

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Concordia Christian Day School

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

at Concordia Lutheran Church

1ST-4TH GRADE

Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 pm

5TH - 8TH GRADE CHOIR & CONCERT BAND

Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 pm

PS3, PK4, KINDERGARTEN

Wednesday, December 17 at 8:10 am

Mark your calendar for these beautiful events. All friends and family are welcome to attend. In addition to these programs, on December 14, 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 17, the 5th-8th-grade Choir students will perform at the 11:30 am Advent service.

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

December 2025

Admissions for 2026-2027

UCHS is still accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year! The next Open House will be held on February 10th at 6:00 pm. You can sign up for an Open House, Shadow Day or begin the online application at <https://www.uchigh.com/admissions>.

Model United Nations Team Accolades

On October 29th, student members of the UCHS-Model United Nations team competed against other high schools across North Carolina on the campus of Appalachian State University. Congratulations to the following UCHS teams:

Kylie Scheller & Helen Murray (Russia) - Best Delegation
Peyton Vang & Clara Tanzie (Brazil) - Excellent Delegation
Alex Geertz & Noah Roeder (Russia) - Excellent Delegation

Conference Christian Character Awards

Character is defined by how you behave when no one is observing. However, during Conference play, many were indeed watching, leading to the recognition of five exceptional individuals; Alex deBettencourt, Ben Garmon, Kayla Covington, Skylar Hintz-Stahulak, and Mary Prather Hugerich were all honored with the Conference Christian Character Award. Congratulations to these student-athletes for exemplifying Christian values both on and off the field!

Conference MVP's

UCHS is proud to have THREE student-athletes chosen to receive the honor of Conference Most Valuable Player for their sport!

Larkyn Gerken (Volleyball) achieved a remarkable 6th place overall in NC, encompassing both public and private schools. She is only the 2nd person in the school's history to earn this prestigious recognition. Additionally, Larkyn played a vital role in leading the volleyball team to a second-place finish in the conference and securing a spot in the second round of the state playoffs.

Madison Sledge (Cross-Country) had an outstanding competitive season! Her impressive fifth-place finish at the State meet contributed to the women's team's remarkable eighth overall finish at State. Madison finished undefeated in every local race she participated in. Notably, she is the first UC athlete to win the United Way Championship race.

Mary Prather Huegerich (Tennis) finished the season with a record of 7-3 and remained undefeated in conference play. Her contributions were pivotal in helping the girls' team secure a tie for the conference championship. MP was also chosen to receive the Fall 2025 Conference Christian Character Award in Tennis.

LLL Steak Supper



Concordia Lutheran Church - Lutheran Layman's League

Family Life Center – 215 5th Ave SE, Conover, NC 28613

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

4:00p-7:00p

\$20.00 Adults - \$15 Children

(15 and younger)

Includes: Rib-eye Steak

Baked Potato

Salad Rolls

Homemade Desserts

Tea, Coffee, Water

Dine-In / Take-Out

828-464-3324 - Tickets available in the Church & School Offices

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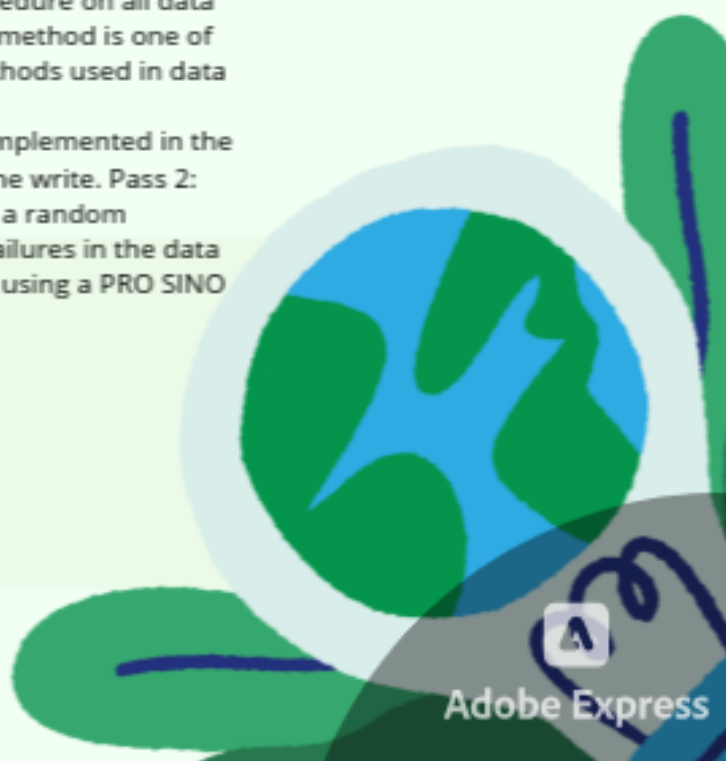
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Upcycle uses a proprietary version of software from DBAN that performs a DoD 5220.22-M data sanitization procedure on all data bearing devices. The DoD 5220.22-M sanitization method is one of the most widely used and secure sanitization methods used in data destruction software.

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ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

01-24-2026

BRING THE HEAT!

5:00p

Hot Prizes for the best chili!



Concordia Family Life Center
215 5th Street SE. Conover, NC 28613



Concordia Lutheran Church

BLOOD DRIVE

**2 JANUARY
2026**

**1:00P –
5:30P**

**215 5th Ave SE
Conover, NC
28613**

Concordia Family Life Center

Servant Schedules for December 2025

Children's Message Schedule

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
December 7	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml
December 14	Kathy Unverfehrt	Kathy Unverfehrt
December 21	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml
December 28	Audra Kuchenbecker	Pastor Geml

If you cannot be there on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone. Included is a list of contacts. Choose any one of the readings from the Old Testament, Epistle, or Gospel to use as the foundation of your message.

Pastor Geml: Church Office (828)464-3324 Chris Beringer: (715)551-5743
Audra Kuchenbecker: (828)234-8162 Kathy Unverfehrt: (828)291-4300

Greeters for December

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
December 7	Mary Ann Wike	Rick & Cindy Bare
December 14	Bill & Kathy Unverfehrt	Opal Bolick & Monte York
December 21	Paul & Sandy Von Rentzell	Steve & Dorcas Dunker
December 28	Roy & Cindy Sigmon	Cliff & Leslie Brown

Advent Services

December 3	David & Jamie Bell
December 10	Keith & Lisa Travis
December 17	Carla Hafer

Christmas Eve Services

4:30p J. R. & Nicole Morton
8:00p David Isenhowe & Pat Moser

Christmas Day Service

10:00a Jimmy & Jane Martin

Lectors for December

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
December 7	Kathy Unverfehrt	Cristal Rager
December 14	Dave Beringer	Gina Sigmon
December 21	Susan Harman	David Isenhowe
December 24	4:30p Lesa Williams	8:00p Cristal Rager
December 25	10:00a Open	
December 28	Audra Kuchenbecker	Ann Marie Blackmon

Fellowship for December

December 7	Opal Bolick
December 14	Bd. Of Assimilation
December 21	Mary Ann Wike
December 28	Lois & Arden Hintzmann

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

Egg Roll

FUNDRAISER

December 6

9:00 AM - SOLD OUT



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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Annual Shower

HONORING

Baby Jesus



Sat
13
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



You Are Invited To A


LADIES' ADVENT BRUNCH

Thursday
10:30a | 4 Dec

Use the QR code to reserve your spot.



Concordia Lutheran Church
216 5th Ave SE, Conover
Emmaus Room



December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Chuck Stone	2-Dec
Pat Setzer	3-Dec
JR Morton	4-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
Jams Ballbach	15-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
Sully Lindler	26-Dec
Adam Campbell	27-Dec
Amanda Munday	27-Dec
Jeff Smith	27-Dec
Seth Quackenboss	28-Dec
Jasmine Galloway	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
<div>DECEMBER 2025</div> 	<div>1</div> <div>1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10am Christian Book Club 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</div> 	<div>3</div> <div>7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 11:30am Mid-week Advent Service 12:30pm Advent Lunch - EM 5:30pm Advent Meal - EM 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Mid-Week Advent Service 7:15pm Choir</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 10:30am Advent Brunch - EM 2pm Pastor's Bible Study - EM 6:30pm CCDS 1st - 4th Grade Christmas Program</div>	<div>5</div> <div>2pm Joyful Stitchers – BLCFM</div> 	<div>6</div> <div>9am Trinity Hmong Egg Roll Sale 4pm LLL Ribeye Steak Supper</div>
<div>7</div> <div>9am Worship & Communion 9:50am Morning Fellowship 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion 2pm Christmas Program Practice 4:30pm Scouts</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Scouts - Court of Honor</div>	<div>9</div> <div>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 6:30pm Board of Christian Ed- Library 6:30pm Day School Board - CCDS Library 6:30pm Elders - EM</div>	<div>10</div> <div>7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 11:30am Mid-week Advent Service 12:30pm Advent Lunch - EM - Host: PrimeTimers 5:30pm Advent Meal - EM 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Mid-Week Advent Service 7:15pm Choir</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 2pm Pastor's Bible Study - EM 6pm Trustees - EM 6:30pm CCDS - 5th Grade - Middle School Christmas Program</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>2pm Baby Shower for Jesus</div> 
<div>14</div> <div>9am Worship - CCDS 1st - 3rd Grade Sing 9:50am Morning Fellowship 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship - CCDS 2nd - 4th Grade Sing 2pm Christmas Program Practice 4:30pm Scouts</div>	<div>15</div> <div>1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6:30pm Scouts</div> 	<div>16</div> <div>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 10am Christian Book Club 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Stewardship - EM</div>	<div>17</div> <div>7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 8:10am PS3-K Christmas Program - Chapel 11:30am Mid-week Advent Service - 5th Grade & Middle School Choir Sings 12:30pm Advent Lunch - EM 5:30pm Advent Meal - EM 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Mid-Week Advent Service 7:15pm Choir</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 12pm Newsletter Deadline 2pm Pastor's Bible Study – EM</div> 	<div>19</div> <div>2pm Joyful Stitchers – BLCFM</div> 	<div>20</div>
<div>21</div> <div>8am LLL 9am Worship & Communion 9:50am Morning Fellowship 10:10am Christian Education 11am Worship & Communion 3pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 4:30pm Scouts</div>	<div>22</div> <div>1pm LWML - EM 6:30pm Scouts</div>	<div>23</div> <div>8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting – EM</div> 	<div>24</div> <div>Christmas Eve Church Office Closed 4:30pm Children's Christmas Program 8pm Christmas Eve Worship & Communion</div> 	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas Day Church Office Closed 10am Christmas Day Worship</div> 	<div>26</div> <div>Church Office Closed</div> 	<div>27</div>
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