

# WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

*Shaped By Christ... To Share His Love!*

## New Members

### Welcome Our New Members

Last week we welcomed these new members to Concordia Lutheran Church. This may not be a complete list so please let the church office know if your name was missed.

Jose & Maria Barrios, Lukas and Mateo

JR Morton

Gary Reeder

Dale & Heather Borget

Bill Walch, Sean

Bill Stewart

Shannon & Jessica Huffman

Michael & Phyllis Kane

Evelyn Caldwell

Dennis & Carolyn Quackenboss

You may have seen some of these faces around for awhile. Some have joined earlier in the year but were just recently recognized as new members.

### Bible Verse for Reflection



There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

Isaiah 11:1-2

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### Nursery Hours

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

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

### Connect with Staff

Michael Geml, Sr. Pastor 517-395-8422

Kyle McClure, Music Minister 828-302-1236

Nick Butcher, DCE, Director of Children and Youth Ministries 989-274-5953

Susan Harman 828-464-3324

Dave Beringer, Principal 715-551-5740

Leslie Brown, Business Admin. 828-234-0372

Kate Cullen 828-464-3011

## Pray for:

### Members:

Sydney Karre  
Peggy Travis  
Steven Geml  
Donna Hager  
Harold Unger  
Sandy Smith  
Steve Bost  
Ann Holt  
Leslie Brown  
Paul Von Rentzell  
Greg Roseman

### Church & School Staff:

Brittany Hoke  
Hannah Reid  
Seminary Student: Lamar Stewart & family  
Missionary Family: Rev. Jason & Emily Goth, Belize  
Sympathy to: Frankie Hubbard upon the death of her son, Thomas Hubbard.

Lauren Cornwell  
Amy Coffey

### Friends:

Eli Ames  
Greg Sigmon  
Marsha Winkler

### Military:

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

## Children's Sunday School Christmas Program

The following dates and times for the Sunday School Christmas program practices and dress rehearsal are: **TODAY** (practice) 2-4 pm; **12/14** (practice) 2-4 pm; **12/21** (dress rehearsal) 3-5 pm (pizza dinner included following rehearsal)

## Connect With Concordia

### Advent Theme: "His Name Shall Be Called"

Advent mid-week services times are 11:30a and 6:30p. There will be a light lunch after the morning service and a meal at 5:30p before the evening service. This week's message will be "Mighty God, Everlasting Father" based on John 14:8-11.

### Principal Call Committee

The Principal Call Committee has been busy interviewing potential candidates via zoom. From those interviews we selected several candidates that will be visiting here so we can have an in-person interview with them. We also want these candidates to see our campus and meet our faculty and staff. We had Kyle Barth and his wife Kelsey from Milwaukee Lutheran visit us this past week.

Christy Malone and her husband, Brad, are visiting us today. They will be here until Tuesday. Christy is the principal of Concordia Lutheran School in Seattle. They will be here for church services, an interview with the Call Committee, meet with Pastor Geml, see our school in action, visit UCHS, and tour the area. We continue to pray for God's guidance in this process.

## ***Christian Education***

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

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

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

**4th – 5th Grade** - Led by Debbie Roth - Education wing of the church

**6th – 8th Grade Confirmation** - Led by Kelly Roth - Education wing of the church

**9th – 12th Youth** – Led by Bill Unverfehrt - Education wing of the church

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

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

### **Weekday Bible Study Classes**

**Men's Bible Study** led by Kevin Graudin - 6:30p - BLCFM

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

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

**Pastor's Bible Study** led by Pastor Geml - Thursdays 2p - Emmaus Room

**Christian Book Club** led by Martha Staley - Meets first and third Tuesdays at 10a

## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Sunday, December 7**

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Ed.

11a Worship & Communion

2p Christmas Program Practice

4:30p Scouts

### **Monday, December 8**

6p Assimilation - Library

6:30p Scouts

### **Tuesday, December 9**

8:30a Staff Devotion and Meeting

6:30p Bd. of Christian Ed. - Library

### **Wednesday, December 10**

7a Ladies Bible Study - EM

11:30a Mid-week Advent Worship

12:15p Advent Meal - EM - PrimeTimers

5:30p Advent Meal - EM

5:45p Handbells

6:30p Mid-week Advent Worship

7:05p Choir

### **Thursday, December 11**

6:30a Men's Bible Study - EM

2p Pastor's Bible Study - EM

6p Trustees

6:30p CCDS 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program

### **Saturday, December 13**

2p Baby Shower for Jesus

### **Sunday, December 14**

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Ed.

11a Worship & Communion

4:30p Scouts

### **Greeters Today:**

(9:00) Mary Anne Wike

(11:00) Rick & Cindy Bare

Advent 6:30p Keith & Lisa Travis

### **Greeters Next Week:**

(9:00) Bill & Kathy Unverfehrt

(11:00) Opal Bolick & Monte York

Advent 6:30p Carla Hafer

### **Lectors Today:**

(9:00) Kathy Unverfehrt

(11:00) Cristal Rager

### **Lectors Next Week:**

(9:00) Dave Beringer

(11:00) Gina Sigmon

### **Children's Message Next Week:**

(9:00) Kathy Unverfehrt

(11:00) Kathy Unverfehrt

### **Fellowship Today:**

Opal Bolick

### **Fellowship Next Week:**

Bd. of Assimilation

### **Concordia's New Website is Live!**

Go to [www.concordianc.org](http://www.concordianc.org) and look at our new website. Test it out on your smart phone too! There is also a secure members portal. Call the church office for a code so that you may sign up for the members portal.



**The electronic recycling bin is back and located outside the entrance to the Emmaus Room. Bring your old computers, phones, hard drives and any other electronic device that needs to be recycled and place it in the bin.**

As we enter the holiday season, please be alert for scam emails, texts, or social media messages pretending to be from church staff. No staff member will ever ask you to purchase gift cards, send money, or share personal information through unofficial channels.

All legitimate church communication will only come from an official [@concordianc.org](mailto:@concordianc.org) email address.

If you ever receive a message that feels suspicious, please contact the church office directly before responding. Stay safe this season!

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!**

### **Do you want to join our greeter team?**

Attend a short 10-minute meeting immediately following the 9a service in the chapel with other greeters and the Bd. of Assimilation. The meeting will be about Concordia's Greeter program. If you are currently a greeter, we'll give some hints. If you would like to be a greeter or desire to learn more, please come!

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

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

### **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 plate 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:** \$ 24,188

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

**Attendance:** 237

**On-Line Giving:** \$ 3,025

**Advent:** \$ 470

**Attendance:** 118

**Member of the Week:** Mary Herman – 2332 S Brushwood Circle, Newton, NC 28658. Her birthday is December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Find us on:

Live Broadcast of services are at 11a  
on Sundays on Facebook and YouTube.

