

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Shaped By Christ... To Share His Love!

Christmas Services



Special Services



Christmas Eve

4:30p - Children's Sunday School Program

8:00p - CHRISTMass with special music from the Unifour Brass Ensemble, handbell choir and sanctuary choir.

Christmas Day

10:00a - Worship Christ the Newborn King in the chapel.

The church and school offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the day after Christmas.



Bible Verse for Reflection



"Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

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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

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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
Opie Williams

Church & School Staff:

Kyle McClure
Leslie Reed

Kate Cullen
Briana Welch

Seminary Student: Lamar Stewart & family

Missionary Family: Rev. Jason & Emily Goth, Belize

Blessings to: Jose & Maria Barrios upon the baptism of their boys, Mateo and Lucas. They were baptized as part of the CCDS Chapel service last Wednesday.

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 dates and times for the Sunday School Christmas program practices and dress rehearsal are: **TODAY** (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 "Prince of Peace" based on John 14:27-31.

New Sunday Bible Studies Starting January 4th

Pew Sisters: A 12-session Bible study for women, 12 different women generously share the story of God's faithfulness in their lives for the consolation of their sisters in Christ. Each session begins with a Scripture reading followed by a narrative of an individual woman's real-life story. Eight study questions, designed for both personal and group study, help the reader apply the reading and narrative to her own life in Christ. A meditative hymn stanza and collect complete each session. Taught by Jen White. Meet in church library.

The Story: God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Taught by Kevin Graudin & Dennis Quackenboss. Meets in Adult Room #2.

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

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 14

9a Worship 1st & 3rd Grade Sing

10:10a Christian Ed.

11a Worship 2nd & 4th Grade Sing

2p Sunday School Christmas Program Practice

4:30p Scouts

Monday, December 15

1:30p Quilt Tacking

6:30p Scouts

Tuesday, December 16

8:30a Staff Devotion and Meeting

10a Christian Book Club - EM

6:30p Men's Bible Study - BLCFM

6:30p Stewardship - EM

Wednesday, December 17

7a Ladies Bible Study - EM

8:10a PS3-K Christmas Program

11:30a Mid-week Advent Worship

12:15p Advent Meal - EM

5:30p Advent Meal - EM

5:45p Handbells

6:30p Mid-week Advent Worship

7:05p Choir

Thursday, December 18

6:30a Men's Bible Study - EM

12p Newsletter Deadline

2p Pastor's Bible Study - EM

Friday, December 19

2p Joyful Stitchers

Sunday, December 21

8a LLL

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Ed.

11a Worship & Communion

2p Christmas Program Practice

4:30p Scouts

Greeters Today:

(9:00) Bill & Kathy Unverfehrt

(11:00) Opal Bolick & Monte York

Advent 6:30p Carla Hafer

Greeters Next Week:

(9:00) Paul & Sandy Von Rentzell

(11:00) Steve & Dorcas Dunker

Christmas Eve:

(4:30) J. R. & Nicole Morton

(8:00) David Isenhower

Christmas Day:

Jimmy & Jane Martin

Lectors Today:

(9:00) Dave Beringer

(11:00) Gina Sigmon

Christmas Eve:

(4:30) Lesa Williams

(8:00) Cristal Rager

Christmas Day:

(10:00) Kathy Unverfehrt

Lectors Next Week:

(9:00) Susan Harman

(11:00) David Isenhower

Children's Message Next Week:

(9:00) Pastor Geml

(11:00) Pastor Geml

Fellowship Today:

Bd. of Assimilation

Fellowship Next Week:

Mary Anne Wike

Concordia's New Website is Live!

Go to 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 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!**

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: \$ 19,603

Budget Needs: \$ 18,315

Attendance: 233

On-Line Giving: \$ 1,675

Advent: \$ 522

Attendance: 141

Member of the Week: Angelique Bost – 4435 S NC 127, Hickory, NC 28602-9301.

Find us on:

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

