

Concordia Newsletter

November 2025

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Concordia
Lutheran Church

*Shaped by Christ...
to Share His Love!*

Worship Times

Sunday 9:00a Contemporary

Sunday 11:00a Traditional



From the
Pastor's Desk

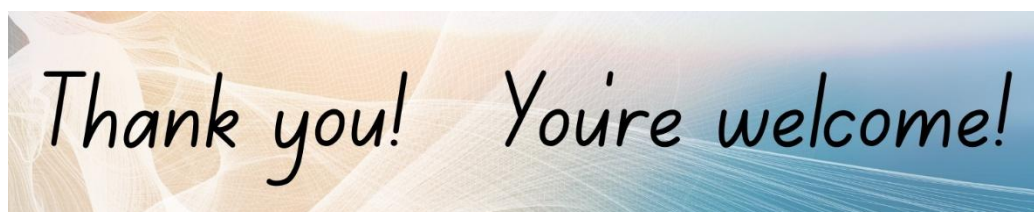
YOU'RE WELCOME

"Thank you." You're welcome" Seems like a no brainer when it comes to common courtesies. A heart felt thank you is followed by the obligatory you're welcome or a reasonable equivalent, such as, no problem or don't mention it. Of course, common courtesies are far less common in our current culture. The contraction you're short for you are. Though technically not shorter because the "a" is replaced by the apostrophe. At any rate where are you welcomed? At the home of a friend or relative? At a hotel? At a Bed and Breakfast? At Church? Only one of those listed comes with an open, no strings attached invitation.

Friends or relatives may hold a grudge against you, or they may not have room so you might not be welcomed. Hotels and Bed and Breakfast facilities require reservations for you to be welcomed there. Only the Church of Jesus Christ opens itself to any and all with the invitation, "you are welcome." We welcome others because we ourselves, sinners though we are, have been welcomed to enter and to receive God's love and His forgiveness in His Son, Jesus.

Greeters are always needed and there will be an opportunity in December to become a Sunday morning greeter. But simply saying, "You are welcome," is something all of us can do. We will be saying this simple phrase when we welcome Nick, Caitlynn, and Asa this month to join us here at Concordia. We will say it when we welcome other new members to the fellowship. And we can even say it to those who have been here for years. Because the welcome we receive from each other reminds us that we are part of God's family. In Christ Jesus we are welcome and to that we can only say, Thank you!

Pastor Geml



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

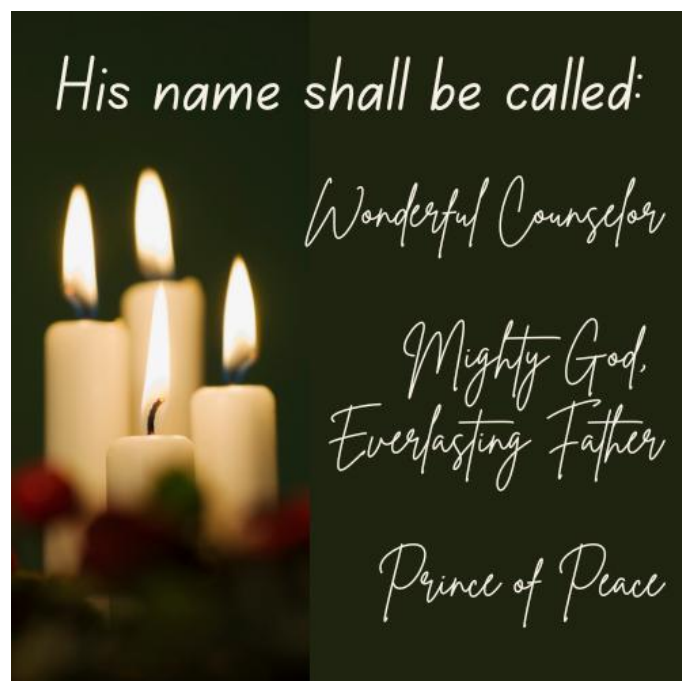
John 14:8-11

Dec 17th

His Name Shall Be Called, Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7

John 14:27-31



Pointing to the Rock of Ages

*Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. (LSB 761:2)*

While the classic hymn “Rock of Ages” shows up in the Lutheran Service Book in the “Hope and Comfort” section, it can also teach us a valuable lesson about Christian stewardship. If that surprises you, stay with me on this one.

No Lutheran would ever dispute the fact that our work does not save us. Ephesians 2 makes it truly clear that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and would remain in that state until Christ raises us by grace. There is not a ladder on which we can climb out of the grave that our sins have dug for us. No blood, sweat nor tears will be able to rescue us. We all know this.

Our works do not save. Christ’s work on the cross of Calvary does! He bore human flesh. He carried the burden of our sin to the cross. His body was beaten, bruised and bloodied for us. He has indeed atoned for us! This is more than enough reason for this hymn to be bouncing around in your head all day today!

But our work has a place. The place is in response to what the Father has done for us in Jesus. The Rock of Ages, who is Jesus, becomes the foundation on which our lives of faith are built. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us God’s workmanship that Paul talks about in Ephesians 2:10.

Our workmanship does not display our power or prowess. Like the heavens declare the handiwork of the Creator, the works of a redeemed sinner point others to the salvation that is worked only by Jesus alone. Our work is a response to and reflection of a grace and glory that we ourselves could never accomplish or achieve.

We become stewards of the treasure that is the Gospel. When we faithfully support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our financial support, we are doing the work which points to the One who alone atones. When we come alongside a struggling sister or brother for whom Christ died and we share the stewardship work of compassion and care, we en flesh the treasure of God’s love and redemption. When we make it a weekly priority to arrange our schedule to be in the Lord’s House with other stewards of the Gospel to

receive again and again the Gospel's precious gift, we are stewards of the Body of Christ in the congregation that points even more people to Jesus.

We cannot do this. Jesus does it through us. We are simply stewards of this precious treasure!

From Church Council:



Concordia Lutheran Church Strategic Plan Roll-Out

For your review, comments and suggestions, attached is the proposed Strategic Plan for Concordia Lutheran Church for the next ten years to be formally presented to the congregation at our November 16, 2025 Voters Assembly. If adopted by the congregation, the Concordia Strategic Plan will become effective January 1, 2026. Church Council will evaluate the progress in achieving Our Objectives in April, 2026, and report to the congregation at our June, 2026 Voters Assembly.

We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions.

Concordia Lutheran Church Strategic Plan

Our Mission

Shaped by Christ - To share His love

Our Values

We are...

- Forgiven and empowered by God's Word and Sacrament
- Enriched by Biblical instruction
- Strengthened through fellowship
- Called to connect others to God through outreach and service

Our Measures

To grow to become the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4:15) we will be...

- Faithfully worshiping and praying (Luke 4:8)
- Actively studying God's Word (Psalm 119:105)
- Purposefully uplifting one another through love and forgiveness (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Joyfully serving others (John 13:14-15) and boldly expressing our faith (Romans 1:16)

Our 10 Year Vision

Concordia Lutheran Church and School has an expectation that we are actively involved in outreach and service. We are involved in a group or individual Bible Study. We will reflect the diversity of our community as a greater number of people join us in worship. The church and school are united in fellowship as we support, encourage, and care for one another.

3 Year Vision

Word and Sacrament: We will become equipped to share the Gospel more effectively so more people will come to faith in our Lord Jesus.

Biblical Instruction: We will be more involved in studying the Word of God and how it applies to our lives today.

Fellowship: We will improve relationships with each other and with potential members.

Outreach & Service: We will further develop a culture of service and sharing the gospel message.

Our Objectives

Word and Sacrament

- Evaluate our worship experiences and practices
- Emphasize our prayer life
- Increase school involvement in our worship services
- Support confirmands
- Support our new members to include a mentor program
- Train greeters to be more informed in helping our visitors
- Evaluate our staffing needs in all areas

Biblical Instruction

- Biblical instruction is theologically sound for all ages and phases of life
- Offer a variety of Biblical instruction at various times throughout the week
- All leaders in the congregation will be involved in Biblical instruction

Fellowship

- Create more fellowship opportunities to build relationships
- Develop and support present and new auxiliary groups
- Continue to support our Scouting programs

Outreach and Service

- Effectively use emerging technologies
- Develop new opportunities for outreach and service and promote our present opportunities
- Engage the congregation in school mission projects
- Evaluate how our facilities can be used for the community, and our future facility needs

To achieve the above objectives, the congregation must evaluate the effectiveness of our church governance.



Hospital/Outpatient: Steve Bost, Leslie Brown, Dianna Long, Paul Von Rentzell, Harold Unger, Debbie da Rosa.

Sympathy to: The family of Shirley Brooks upon the death of her sister, Kathryn (Kathie) Campbell; Ruby Killian and family upon the death of her daughter, Denise Gilbert.

Blessings to: Brian & Madison Jordan upon the baptism of Ryleigh Robin Jordan

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.



Attention!! Please mark your calendar; November 11th. 2025 at 11:30AM. Prime Timers will be having their Monthly POTLUCK lunch, followed by BINGO. If you plan to play, there are two requirements. Bring a gift to be placed on the prize table and sign the player register.

Please come and have GOOD food, fellowship and fun.

From the Day School Board:

Principal Call Process

The Principal Call Committee has been busy interviewing candidates for the principal position. We were able to interview some candidates in-person and others via zoom. The next step is to fly in a candidate that we met via zoom for an in-person interview. Please keep the principal call process in your prayers.

From the Board of Christian Education:

Nick Butcher's Installation

Nick Butcher, our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries, will be installed at both services on Sunday, November 16. There will be a reception between services in the Emmaus Room to welcome Nick, Caitlynn, and Asa to Concordia. Please plan on joining us for the reception.

Nick and his family will be living in the Stone House until they are able to purchase and move into their new home. We are thankful that we have a place for them to live during this transition. A special thank you to Doug Brady who has been working to get the house move in ready by coordinating workers and making many repairs himself.



LWML Quilters

A note from the Quilters

As we are getting ready to ship our quilts to Lutheran World Relief this year, we want to take time to thank those people who helped make this such a successful year. We will be shipping 67 quilts! This is a record for us!

First, we especially thank the hard-working members of

this small group: Ann Marie Blackmon, Renee Christie, Etta Gardner, Sheri Hiler, Ann Holt, Sharon Knowles, Mary Ann Nolte and Joyce Pugh.

A heartfelt thank you to the people who make it possible for us to buy a new sewing machine to bind our quilts: Susan Harman for a gift card, the Pughs for a Thrivent Grant and an anonymous gift of money.

Many thanks to the following people:

1. For Thrivent Grants: Ann Marie Blackmon and Frances Propst and sisters from Augustana Lutheran in Hickory.
2. To Roger & Betty Heavner for a continuous supply of wonderful fabrics.
3. To Tim McRee who continues to donate our batting from Wm T. Burnett Co. This is a huge cost-saving item for us.
4. Susan Harman for the thread.
5. Sheila Mallo for the fabric and sewn quilt tops.
6. Thelma Greaser, Teri Ellis, Linda Moretz, and Evelyn Caldwell for fabric.
7. To many others who quietly leave fabric at our door.

We need volunteers to join our group. If you can sew a straight seam, tie a knot, cut or pin fabrics together we can use you! We do "on the job" training. We meet twice a month for about two and half hours each time. If you can only come once or do some sewing at home that would be most helpful.

Last but not least, we need your prayers for this ministry. "He who sleeps under a quilt is covered with love."

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.

Connect with Concordia

- Sunday Bulletins and Highlights
- Funeral Announcements
- Inclement Weather
- Activities
- Invitations
- Monthly Newsletters
- Other Special Announcements

This list is what you are missing out on if you have NOT signed up for email communications from the church office. Find the link on our Facebook page and Instagram or call the church office. 828.464.3324

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.

From the Board of Assimilation:

Music Bingo is coming to Concordia!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 8 from 3:00 - 5:30 and join the Board of Assimilation for some music, fellowship, and food! Think you know your tunes? Put your music knowledge to the test with a fun twist on classic bingo! Never played Music Bingo? Don't let that stop you from coming out! Don't worry about knowing songs...that's what Shazam is for! Shazam is a free app you can download to your phone prior to coming that will help you recognize the songs being played. Or, just ask the person next to you for the name of the song being played! Either way, someone will get Bingo, and we'll have some fun along the way! All are welcome to come and enjoy a fun afternoon of music, followed by fellowship and pizza!



GREETERS



Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do you like to talk to people? Please consider being a Sunday morning church greeter! What a great way to start the day by smiling and welcoming our church family. A new greeter program and schedule is being formed, so please reach out to Jackie Smith at the 9a service or Evelyn Caldwell at the 11a service.



Immediately following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, the Board of Assimilation will host a gathering in the narthex to enjoy some pre-Thanksgiving feast sweet treats! Do you have the best apple pie recipe ever? Is your pumpkin delight legendary? Is there a secret ingredient hiding in the back of your spice collection waiting to sneak into a tasty confection, or does Marie Callender visit your dessert table every year? Please join us and bring your favorite pie to share as we gather in fellowship and give thanks for our church and one another!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.





News from Our Missionaries

Now living in Belize, Jason and Emily and their four children are busy living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. As directors of Camp Concordia, Jason and Emily hosted a Christian Health Evangelism team that provided vision and hearing tests for children in Belize as well as workshops for teachers and parents on topics such as nutrition, child development and injury prevention. These workshops included prayer and teaching from God's Word.

Pastor Groth has had numerous opportunities to preach in small churches in the area and to share the Good News house to house. The entire family participated with the Belize City LCMS Little Lambs Preschool in the Valley of Peace Independence Day Parade.

The family asks for prayer for the difficult process of securing long term residency status in Belize. They also ask for God's help in building relationships as He grows His church in Seine Bight and for good health and endurance as they work in the hot, humid conditions of Central America.

From the Board of Mission and Ministry

Silver Bells for Christmas

Many adults who are served by Catawba Social Services do not have family or close friends in the area. Their Christmas celebrations are very limited and often do not include a gift given to them. We have been asked by Adult Social Services to provide gifts for thirty (30) of these individuals. A tree with silver bells identifying an adult and his or her Christmas request will be positioned in the narthex and transept in November. Select a bell, purchase a gift, enclose a card that expresses your love and proclaims the Good News of our Savior and return the gift to the tree by November 23rd. You will make someone's celebration of Christ's birth so much brighter by your kindness. – Mission and Ministry Team

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Once again, this year, Samaritan's Purse is collecting gift-filled shoeboxes packed for boys and girls in need around the world. They distribute the gifts – often a child's first – in more than 100 nations, telling the children about Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Boxes are available in the narthex and transept. The boxes need to be received by November 23rd.



What will you pack? A "wow" fun item to delight the child such as a soccer ball with pump, a doll, a stuffed animal, a musical instrument. Fill in the empty spaces with school supplies and personal care items such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, stickers, a flashlight, calculator, compass, scissors, adhesive tape, wristwatch, hair accessories, a hat, yo-yo, magnets, slinky, a small toy.

Include a note of encouragement, expressing your faith and a photo of your family. A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing and shipping the boxes. Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes – no two are alike and they bring joy to a child's life! Plan your shoebox today!

Fifth Sunday Offering – Special Needs Children - November 30th

The Lutheran Women in Mission of Concordia (Dorcas Society) has requested that the November's Fifth Sunday offering be given to support the special needs children at Conover School. These precious children, ages 3 to 22, have unique needs that traditional children do not have and their teachers often pay for some of these necessary items. We can help as Christ followers! Your financial gifts on November 30th will provide these children with toiletries, changing pads, pull-ups, sweatpants and high nutrition snacks. Thank you for your kindness!

Stay Connected with The Stewart's:

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



The Stewart Family

1537 Paradise Valley Dr High Ridge,
MO, 63049





CONCORDIA Christian Day School

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

**CONCORDIA CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS

DAY ★ ★ ★ ★

CHAPEL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 11

8:10 AM

Concordia Lutheran Church

Followed by Refreshments in Emmaus Room



November Mission Project

This month, our chapel offerings will be donated to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. The entire student body will pack shoeboxes on November 14 and pray over them before the boxes start their journey to the ends of the earth!



October 20-24 Character Counts! Week

CHARACTER COUNTS!®

We celebrated Character Counts! Week at school last month, highlighting positive character attributes such as Caring, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Responsibility, and Respect. We acknowledge and celebrate our students throughout the year by collecting short written nominations from teachers and staff, and then drawing three winners every month during

chapel. Those three students win a prize, such as a basketball or game, a gift card to Sweet Frog, Barnes & Noble, or Academy Sports.

YEARBOOK BUSINESS AD SALES

Work has begun on Concordia's 2025-2026 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, which will help keep the purchase price down. Ad prices are as follows: Full Page = \$100, ½ Page = \$50 and ¼ Page = \$25. All people interested in placing an ad in the yearbook can complete this [form](#) or contact the school office at 828-464-3011. 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 Annual Golf Tournament

Concordia's Annual Golf Tournament is on Thursday, November 6, at Catawba Country Club. We have been blessed this year with many generous Sponsors!

Crusader Sponsor - CR Laine

Platinum Sponsors - R&D Plastics, Republic Services, and Scout Search Group

Gold Sponsors - Bach Polymers, Carolina Wealth Stewardship Group, Jason Herman Insurance Agency, Matthews Construction Co. Inc., MGI International, and Servpro Restoration

Silver Sponsors - Subway of Hickory and VESCO ToyotaLift

Bronze Sponsors - Conover Chiropractic Center, Edward Jones, Kay Loftin/Coldwell Banker Boyd & Hassell, Inc, Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church, and Truist



News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

November 2025

Open House, Shadows Days & Admissions for 2026-2027

UCHS is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year! Prospective students can sign up to spend a day “shadowing”, so they can experience what it is like to be a Barracuda. The next Open House will be held on February 10th. You can sign up for an Open House, Shadow Day or begin the online application at <https://www.uchigh.com/admissions>.

UCHS Fall Sports Update

Our Fall sports programs have experienced significant success, setting a strong foundation for the remainder of our season as we transition into winter sports. We take immense pride in all our student-athletes and the achievements they have accomplished so far this year.

Our Cross-Country teams have not only secured the conference championship but are also preparing for a crucial final state championship. Both the girls' and boys' teams have achieved numerous personal bests, earned conference accolades, and attracted attention from colleges. Cross Country runner, *Madison Sledge*, has had an outstanding season, finishing undefeated in every local race she has participated in. Notably, she is the first UC athlete to win the United Way Championship race.

Our Women's Tennis team has enjoyed an exceptional season, achieving the best record in recent years and tying for the Conference Championship. *Makinzi Froedge* and *Mary Prather Huegerich* excelled in doubles play, earning the top record in the conference.

Men's Soccer enjoyed a more successful season compared to previous years, achieving greater wins and scoring more goals. Standout players *Patrick Garmon* and *Hudson Gentry* left a lasting impression on both teammates and opposing coaches from the schools we faced.

The Volleyball team had an exceptional season, earning numerous prestigious awards both collectively and individually. They achieved impressive victories against notable schools such as Gaston Day, Newton Conover, and during the First Round Playoffs against the Burlington School. *Larkyn Gerken* shone brightly in her senior year, ranking 15th in the state for hitting point percentage and kills per game.

Servant Schedules for November 2025

Children's Message Schedule

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
November 2	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml
November 9	Audra Kuchenbecker	Pastor Geml
November 16	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml
November 23	Kathy Unverfehrt	Pastor Geml
November 30	Pastor Geml	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 November

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
November 2	Kyle Hayman & Family	Opal Bolick & Monty York
November 9	Randy & Carmen Isenhower	Cliff & Leslie Brown
November 16	Bobby & Deanna Moore	Steve & Dorcas Dunker
November 23	Angelo & Katrina Palozzi	Carla Hafer
November 26 Thanksgiving Eve (6:30p)		Donna Grigg & Sandy Von Rentzell
November 30	Terry & Audra Kuchenbecker	Paula Brown

Lectors for November

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
November 2	Jimmy Martin	Sherri Hiler
November 9	Katrina Palozzi	Jill Adair
November 16	Chris Beringer	Cristal Rager
November 23	Lesla Williams	Stephanie Guelzow
November 26 Thanksgiving Eve (6:30p)		David Isenhower
November 30	Bill Unverfehrt	Steve Dunker

Fellowship for November

November 2 Kim Hauser
November 9 Audra Kuchenbecker
November 16 LWML & Kathy Unverfehrt
November 23 Jane Martin
November 30 Teresa Graudin



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Highlights

You Did It! Hunger Walk Raises Over \$68,000! 🙌 The 2025 Catawba County Hunger Walk was a huge success—raising over \$68,000 (a 17% increase from last year!) to fight hunger in our community. With 442 participants walking in support of Ashure Ministry, The Corner Table, and Hickory Soup Kitchen, this event showed the power of coming together to make a difference. Special congratulations to First Methodist Conover for leading the largest group and to Anita Deal as top fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's walk such an incredible success. Save the date for next year: October 4, 2026!

Pantry Needs

October: Hygiene Products (National Hygiene Month)

November: Flour or Cornmeal or Sugar... All food donations are welcome; these are just suggestions.

Always Needed: Recycled grocery bags & fresh produce

Coming Soon! Get geared up for our annual Reverse Advent Calendar

Ashure MINISTRY 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

For it is in giving, that we receive. - St. Francis of Assisi

FILLED BOXES MAY BE BROUGHT TO ASHURE MINISTRY BY DECEMBER 23RD.
245 EAST N STREET, NEWTON, NC 28658.
NO GLASS PLEASE. THANK YOU!



■ **Want to Learn More About Ashure Ministry?** Invite Josh Farmer to speak at your church!

✉ j.farmer@ashureministry.org OR...

Join us for Coffee & Conversation 📅 Every 3rd Thursday | 🕒 8:30-9:30 AM.

Interested in volunteering?

Join our church rotation calendar or come serve individually. ✉ Contact Allen Sherrill:
a.sherrill@ashureministry.org.

🙏 Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

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Poinsettia Order From

We will be placing the order for Poinsettias on Monday, December 1st. This year the Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. You may designate your Poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one by filling in the blanks below. **PLEASE PRINT**

Poinsettia #1 Please Circle one: Memory Honor

OF: _____

BY: _____

Poinsettia #2 Please Circle one: Memory Honor

OF: _____

BY: _____

Poinsettia #3 Please Circle one: Memory Honor

OF: _____

BY: _____

Number of Poinsettias ordered _____ X \$10.00 ea = _____

Name: _____

Phone Number _____





Christmas Candy Tin Fundraiser

*Purchase a gift with meaning this holiday season.
Proceeds from our Christmas Candy fundraiser will feed hungry people all year long.*

Candy Tins include:
Chocolate Fudge
White Chocolate Christmas Crackle
Peppermint Bark
Peanut Butter Balls

Price: \$30

*Please send your orders to:
The Corner Table, P.O. Box 1051, Newton, NC 28658 or Email to info@thecornertable.org
We will cut orders off once we have reached 900 tins.

Pick up is Friday, December 12, 2025, between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Pick-up will take place in the Welcome Center at First United Methodist Church in Newton
(300 N Main Avenue, Newton, NC 28658)
Questions? Call 828-464-0355

Christmas Candy Tin Order Form

Due by Friday, November 14, 2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Email: _____

Number Of Tins Ordered: _____ @\$30 each Tin Total \$ _____

Number of Mailing Boxes: _____ @\$3.00 each Box Total \$ _____

Order Total: \$ _____

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The
Corner
Table

Kid's Gifts;
New &
Unwrapped

300 Needed

- Corn
- Green Beans
- Canned Ham (1 lb)
- Canned Apples (15 oz)
- Mac-N-Cheese (7.5 oz box)
- Razors
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo (8 oz or 12.5 oz)
- Laundry Detergent ((2) Loads in a Sandwich Bag)
- Toothpaste (2.8 oz or 6 oz)
- Toothbrushes (Individually Packaged)
- Mouthwash (4 oz-Alcohol Free)
- Deodorant (5 oz or larger)
- Soap (4 oz Bar)

Donations due
by 12/13

Christmas on the Corner
- *Donations* -

NOVEMBER



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 thanksgiving for all the saints who have gone before us.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #26.
3. For the day of activity and the night of rest.
4. For The Sudan, one of the 83 countries supported by an LWML grant.
5. For those in elected offices.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission Treasurer.
7. For the country of Taiwan.
8. For the LWML Iowa West District.
9. For thanksgiving of God's goodness and love.
10. For the country of Tanzania.
11. For those who have served in the Armed Forces.
12. For the opportunity to give thanks through song.
13. For medical researchers.
14. For church camps.
15. For the country of Thailand.
16. For the LWML Iowa East District.
17. For school students.
18. For the country of Pakistan.
19. For the peace that only God can provide.
20. For teachers and those studying to be teachers.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #27.
22. For those who provide transportation for others.
23. For the country of Togo.
24. For those mourning a loss.
25. For the opportunity to profess God's name.
26. For the country of Turkey.
27. For those who might not have a bountiful Thanksgiving meal.
28. For the blessings given by the Lord.
29. For the North Wisconsin District.
30. For the country of Uganda.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE LORD'S PRAYER — NOVEMBER 1-13

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) gives thanks for God's abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. In all things we give thanks for His love and mercy.

Give thanks as you pray:

- 1.** Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.
- 2.** Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News.
- 3.** Thank God that He is our heavenly Father. Rejoice that God invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children.
- 4.** Thank God that His name is holy. Rejoice that all can trust in the Lord, for His Word is truth.

- 5.** Thank God for His Kingdom. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would provide workers for the harvest field.
- 6.** Thank God for His will. Pray that His will is done. Not ours.
- 7.** Thank God that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray that God would keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die.
- 8.** Thank God for daily bread. Pray for all those who are hungry today.
- 9.** Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that your sins are forgiven by Christ.

10. Thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.

11. Thank God that He leads us out of temptation. Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

12. Thank God that He delivers us from evil. Rejoice that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil.

13. Thank God that He hears our prayers for Jesus' sake. Rejoice that God promises to hear our prayers as a loving Father.



NOVEMBER *Pray For Us Calendar*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE APOSTLES' CREED — NOVEMBER 14-30

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Give thanks as you pray:

14. *Thank God that He is the God who saves.* Pray that all might fear, love and trust in Him alone.

15. *Thank God that His name is trustworthy.* Call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

16. *Thank God for Sabbath rest.* Hold His Word sacred. Gladly hear and learn it.

17. *Thank God for your parents.* Thank Him for all those in authority. Pray for the strength to obey.

18. *Thank God for your neighbor,* that you might help in any need.

19. *Thank God for Christian marriage.* May all learn to love as Christ loves His Church.

20. *Thank God for what He has provided for you.* May all learn the secret of being content.

21. *Thank God for the people in your life.* May we speak well of them and explain everything in the kindest way.

22. *Thank God for your home.* Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.

23. *Thank God for the people God has provided in your life.*

24. *Thank God for the Ten Commandments.* Pray for strength to rejoice in His will and to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.

25. *Thank God for creation.*

26. *Thank God for His Son Jesus Christ.*

27. *Thank God for the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.* Rejoice that Christ's death has purchased and won you from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil.

28. *Thank God for the promise of Christ's return.* The Church prays, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



29. *Thank God for the Holy Spirit,* who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

30. *Thank God for St. Andrew, apostle.* St. Andrew, Peter's brother, heard John's cry to "Behold the Lamb of God" and followed Jesus.

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 THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Cole Hass	1-Nov
Barbara Nelson	1-Nov
Sandy Chi	3-Nov
Sherri Elliott	3-Nov
Ronald Williams	3-Nov
Frankie Hubbard	4-Nov
Laine Cloninger	4-Nov
Katie Coffey	6-Nov
Mike Geml	7-Nov
Abby DeHart	10-Nov
Nicole Hass	11-Nov
Marigene Matthews	11-Nov
Ann Holt	12-Nov
Barry Perry	12-Nov
Michelle Montgomery	13-Nov
Kathy Unverfehrt	13-Nov
Tammy Hayman	13-Nov
Anthony DeHart	13-Nov
Vicki Shull	14-Nov
Anna Bolick	17-Nov
Bart Travis	17-Nov
Matthew Farmer	17-Nov
Evelynn Yount	17-Nov
Jack D'Arcy	18-Nov
Kurt Beal	20-Nov
Leila Walker	20-Nov
Susan Deal	21-Nov
Jimmy Spencer	22-Nov
Susan Harman	22-Nov
Linda Bolick	23-Nov
Monte York	23-Nov
Jill Adair	25-Nov
Paige Furr	27-Nov

Dennis Hunsucker	28-Nov
Frankie Matthews	28-Nov
Joni Reid	28-Nov
Brayden Roseman	28-Nov
Gail Robinson	29-Nov



Andy & Amy Matthews	2-Nov
Kurt & Emily Beal	7-Nov
Ronnie & Susan Kaylor	10-Nov
Jimmy & Joyce Spencer	16-Nov
Michael & Leigh Charles	17-Nov
Rodney & Carrie Burns	18-Nov
Donny & Pat Setzer	24-Nov

If your name is missing from one of these lists,
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time ends 9am Worship & Communion 9:50am Morning Fellowship 10:10am Christian Education 10:10am Welcome to Concordia Class 11am Worship & Communion 4:30pm Scouts 	3 1:30pm Quilt Tacking 6pm Assimilation - Library 6:30pm Scouts	4 10am Christian Book Club	5 7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie 5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15pm Choir	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting 2pm Pastor's Bible Study - EM	7 2pm Joyful Stitchers - BLCFM	8 3pm Music Bingo! 
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