

Concordia Newsletter

October 2025



Concordia Lutheran Church and Christian Day School

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Worship Times

Sunday 9:00a Contemporary

Sunday 11:00a Traditional



From the Pastor's Desk

CAN I BE FRANK?

Can I be frank? My initial response would be no. My parents named me Michael. I can't nor do I desire to be Frank. My father's middle name was

Frank, and my godfather's first name was Frank. That is as close as I can get to being Frank. Of course, being frank has a meaning beyond one name. Being frank with someone is to be open and honest in your expression, delivering your sincere opinion or thoughts directly and without evasion, even if it might be unpleasant for the other person to hear. That last part of being frank is where some, if not most people, balk. Most of us would not have a problem with sharing honest and sincere complimentary and positive opinions. "You look wonderful. Did you lose weight?" It is the *unpleasant aspect for the other person to hear* that causes us to withhold opinion.

Sometimes unpleasantness is necessary for the good of the other person. A powerful example of this would be when a group of people decide to do an intervention. Someone they care about has a problem, i.e. drugs or alcohol abuse, and they come together to lovingly confront and encourage that person to seek help.

Our Lord is completely frank with us. He has such love for us that He lovingly confronts us with the problem of sin. He doesn't simply encourage us to seek help. He provides all the help we need. He intervenes for us and confronts the punishment for all sin. The great physician of body and soul, Jesus, comes to take upon Himself all in this world that seeks to destroy, namely sin, death, and the power of the devil. The One who intervenes also intercedes for us. We go to the Father through the Son, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we live in faithful response. Our response is best shown in our worship of Him. Can I be frank? We all need to be in worship every Sunday where we enjoy fellowship with others and together receive the blessings the Lord has for us all. Forgiveness, life, and salvation. To God be the Glory! Pastor Geml

Harmonious Stewardship

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship. The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to “carry the tune” for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent,

the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between. The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more. In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

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MEMBERS, AND THE MEMBERS DO
NOT ALL HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION,
SO WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE
BODY IN CHRIST, AND INDIVIDUALLY
MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER.**

ROMANS 12:4-5



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 area

Biblical Instruction

- Biblical instruction is theologically sound for all ages and phases of life
- Offer a variety of Biblical instruction at various time 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.

Sympathy to: The family of Ann Sigmon.

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.



NOTICE!! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Prime Timers Potluck Lunch, Social and special Time on Tuesday, October 14th at 11:30AM. Anyone 55+ are welcome to attend. If you are new, you don't have to bring a dish. Come and join in the fellowship!

From the Day School Board:

Principal Call Committee

The other call is for a school principal. Dave Beringer is retiring after this school year, and we are in the process of calling his replacement. Throughout this process we have asked the Lord for guidance. This call committee has already taken 109 resumes and narrowed it down to 30 semifinalists. They looked closely at those 30 to determine which individuals would most closely meet our needs. The committee is now in the process of contacting the top candidates to see if they would be interested in being considered for this position. We pray that they will be open to being considered. The call committee members are Kyle Hayman, Brandon Elrod, Betsy Murray, Dorcas Dunker, Renee Karre, Paul VonRenzel and Bill Unverfehrt. Please keep this process in your prayers.

From the Board of Christian Education:

The Call Process

Concordia is in the process of calling two individuals for two different positions. As of this publication, Concordia Lutheran Church has extended a call to Nick Butcher to be our Director of Children and Youth Ministries. Whether he has accepted our call or not, please keep him and the Children and Youth Director call process in your prayers as we seek to do the Lord's will.

LWML Sunday is October 5th.

On October 5th, the quilts that have been made in the last year will be blessed. It is another record year for our quilters.

The LWML will also have these items for sale: Rada Cutlery, Boxed Cards, and Home Flavorings. Bring your MITE BOX and join in the celebration of Lutheran Women in Mission.



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.



Boy Scout October Calendar

Saturday, October 4th – Lake Hickory River Sweep

October Backpacking Trip – TBD

Automotive Merit Badge taught by Lane Thompson

Stay tuned for an opportunity to join Troop 383 soon.



Dinner and a Movie

Join us on Wednesday nights for Dinner and Movie. Dinner is at 5:30 pm and is furnished by a different board each week. We have two adult options. An episode of The Chosen will be shown in the Emmaus Room at 6:15 pm with a short discussion afterward. We also offer infant childcare and a children's program up to the fourth grade featuring a video and activities in Adult Room #1. Please join us for fellowship and the opportunity to grow in your faith.

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

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!



From the Board of Mission and Ministry



News from Our Missionaries

In early August, our missionaries to Belize, Pastor Jason and Emily Groth along with their four children, attended the annual missionary conference for those working in Latin America and the Caribbean. The conference was held in St. Louis, MO at the International Center. It provided a time of worship, rest, encouragement and study in God's Word. The children were involved in activities similar to Vacation Bible School.

Also in August, the Groth family was visited by the Missionary Care Coordinator for Latin America, Tirzah Krey. She is both a nurse and a deaconess and works with missionary families offering medical advice, guidance through transitions and spiritual encouragement rooted in God's Word. Her work is essential because most missionaries do not leave the field due to a lack of desire to serve but rather because of health, family and mental challenges.

Pastor and Emily Groth ask us to give thanks for the support they have received through the Missionary Conference and the Missionary Care Coordinator. Also, they ask us to pray for God to strengthen them and encourage them in the work of proclaiming Christ crucified and risen. They also covet our prayers for their children to continue to adjust to homeschooling in a new country.

Friends and Family Sunday

Four individuals new to Concordia along with 5 former members and 9 regular visitors joined us on Friends and Family Sunday for a delightful day of worship and Christian fellowship. The Mission and Ministry team is to be thanked for many hours of planning and implementing this outreach opportunity. Our gratitude is also extended to the Assimilation board providing the brunch, the Trustees providing for the luncheon, Pastor Geml and the Concordia staff.

The purpose of Friends and Family Sunday was to provide members of Concordia a unique opportunity to personally invite an unchurched friend, acquaintance or family member to come to Concordia and hear the Good News of Jesus our Savior. Without faith in Jesus, our friends and family will not experience eternal life. We are commissioned by our Lord to make the Good News of our Savior known.

Please pray for and invite neighbors, classmates, co-workers, family members, longtime friends to join you in worship and Bible Study. All people need the Lord. May we be used by God to bring them to Christ.

Mission and Ministry Team (David Bell Jamie Bell, Paula Brown, Keith Travis, Lisa Travis, Teresa Graudin, Kevin Graudin)

A Community Fall Festival

Concordia will host a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Our goal is to provide a wholesome, family friendly celebration of the autumn season for our members, school families and community. This celebration will provide a perfect opportunity to demonstrate Concordia's hospitality and to "Share His Love."

We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, desserts and drinks. There will be cars positioned in the horseshoe drive for Trunk or Treat along with inflatables, fun games, popcorn, tattoos, possibly a petting zoo, along with contemporary Christian music, a "Story Tent" in which the Good News of Jesus will be shared with children in creative ways and a booth for information about Concordia and prayer.

- Sign up to be one of the Trunk or Treat cars to hand out candy. (Please no demonic decorations or celebrations of death.)
- Donate candy to supplement the trunk or treat cars. Buckets for candy will be placed in the narthex and transept.
- Supervise an inflatable.

- Orchestrate and direct one of the many children's games (Ring toss, corn hole, tug of war, fishing pond, doughnut eating contest, spoon and egg race, etc.)
- Serve as the popcorn vender.
- Work with the trustees grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and maintaining drinks and desserts.
- Share a "Story Time" activity with the children.
- Represent Concordia at the information/prayer booth.

Contact Kevin Graudin (828-578-4682, kevingraudin@gmail.com) or any member of the Mission and Ministry board pick up a sign-up sheet from the Welcome Centers or use the QR Code.



On behalf of all of us at The Corner Table, thank you for being part of this year's Parade of Cans Food Drive. Because of your generosity and teamwork, we collected an incredible **24,791** pounds of food!

Your participation directly impacts families, children, and individuals in our community who are facing food insecurity. Every pound you helped collect translates into meals that bring comfort and hope to our neighbors.

If you are a winner in one of our Parade of Cans categories, we have contacted you separately to set up a date to present to your team or congregation. All other participants will either receive their certificate in the mail or have it delivered by one of our team members.

We are so grateful for your support and for joining us in the fight against hunger. This remarkable success would not have been possible without you and the other caring organizations and individuals who stepped up to make a difference.

Thank you again for your dedication and compassion—we're proud to partner with you in serving our community.

With gratitude,
Summer Jenkins | Executive Director

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

October Mission Project



This month, our chapel offerings support HopeMill in their efforts to help those affected by Hurricane Helene. Their mission is to bring hope and stability to communities impacted by disasters, and thanks to their incredible donors, they've been able to make a real difference. They have secured housing, helped families cover essential bills, cleared debris, graded lots, provided construction equipment, offered temporary housing, transportation, and more. Learn more about their important work at their website, <https://hopemill.org/>.

Concordia Golf Tournament

Concordia's Annual Golf Tournament is on Thursday, November 6, at Catawba Country Club. Please accept this invitation to continue helping our outstanding students excel in the classroom and as leaders. Would you be interested in supporting us by being a golfer or sponsor for the event? Sponsorships range from the Crusader sponsorship at \$5,000 to a Hole Sponsor at \$125. Your Sponsor Fee would include your name on a flyer as well as a personalized hole sign or banner. This is an opportunity to advertise to potential customers while helping support CCDS. Thank you so much for helping Concordia Christian Day School achieve Educational Excellence!

Become a sponsor or register your team [HERE](https://forms.gle/zva7wc19Po8N6SVK7). <https://forms.gle/zva7wc19Po8N6SVK7>

Please email Golf@concordianc.org if you have any questions.

See the flyer on the next page for more information.



CONCORDIA GOLF TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 6, 2025

SWINGING FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Catawba Country Club

Thursday, November 6, 2025

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

11:30 AM REGISTRATION & LUNCH

1:00 PM SHOTGUN START

Awards ceremony with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will follow.

REGISTER A TEAM - \$540.00

- ◆ 18 holes of golf at Catawba Country Club
- ◆ Cart, green fees, and range balls
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Hole in One, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest to the Pin Prizes



USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR
TEAM OR BECOME A SPONSOR!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Crusader \$5,000

- ◆ Title Sponsor— Company name on all publications
- ◆ Large banner at tournament
- ◆ Two - Four player teams
- ◆ Media recognition

Platinum \$1,500

- ◆ One - Four player team
- ◆ Large banner at tournament

Gold \$1,000

- ◆ Food & Beverage Sponsor
- ◆ One—Four player team
- ◆ Sign at tournament

Silver \$500

- ◆ Sign on putting green or driving range

Bronze \$125

- ◆ Hole Sponsor, Company Name on sign at tee

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

This Golf Outing, along with other fundraising efforts, supports the vision and mission of Concordia Christian Day School. Through your support, we can expand our technology, broaden our course offerings, and encourage our children to use their God-given abilities. Concordia Christian Day School continues its tradition of being a leader in Christian education.

JOIN THE CONCORDIA CRUSADERS TEAM!

**Sunday, October 5
3:00 PM**



Use the QR code below to register for The Hunger Walk and be a part of the Concordia Christian Day School Crusaders team!

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
CONCORDIA CRUSADERS
SHIRT!**



WHEN?

October 5, 2025
2:00 PM - Registration
2:45 PM - Welcome/Warm-Up/Awards
3:00 PM - Walk (Followed By Refreshments)

WHERE?

Downtown Newton
(Frank & Sue Jones Amphitheatre)



SIGN UP NOW!

Stay for ice cream and inflatables after the walk!

News from...

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Your Lutheran High School

October 2025

Admissions Open for 2026-2027

UCHS is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year! The online application can be found at <https://www.uchigh.com/admissions>

Attend an Open House

UCHS will host Open Houses for interested families on *October 13* and *February 9*. Prospective parents can learn about the advantages of attending UCHS, hear an in-depth discussion of academic and student life, receive details regarding the admissions process, and enjoy a guided tour of the campus led by UCHS Student Ambassadors. Open Houses start at 6:00 pm. No registration is needed but is greatly appreciated. You can use the QR code below to register.



Shadow Days Available

Prospective students are encouraged to spend a day “shadowing”, so they can experience what it is like to be a Barracuda. Shadow Days can be set up to fit your student’s availability. Go to “Schedule a Visit” at www.uchigh.com/admissions to sign up now!

National Merit Scholarship Recognition

UCHS takes immense pride in our students' academic achievements. For example, five of our twenty-nine seniors have been recognized for their exceptional performance on the 2024 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Program. According to the National Merit Scholarship Committee, “These students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success... and represent a valuable national resource.”

Congratulations to Felicity Sinclair, Ethan Johnson, Evelyn Gerrard, Patrick Garmon, and Miles Britton on this accomplishment!

Servant Schedules for October 2025

Children's Message Schedule

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
October 5	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml
October 12	Kathy Unverfehrt	Kathy Unverfehrt
October 19	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml
October 26	Chris Beringer	Pastor Geml
November 2	Pastor Geml	Pastor Geml

If you cannot be there on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone. Included is a list of contact. 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 October

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
October 5	Paul & Sandy Von Rentzell	David Isenhower & Pat Moser
October 12	Bill & Kathy Unverfehrt	Clarence & Joyce Pugh
October 19	David & Jamie Bell	Paul & Frances Hale
October 26	Roy & Cindy Sigmon	Rick & Cindy Bare
November 2	Kyle Hayman Family	Opal Bolick & Monte York

Lectors for October

	<u>9:00a</u>	<u>11:00a</u>
October 5	LWML – Ann Marie Blackmon	LWML – Carolyn Quackenboss
October 12	Dave Beringer	David Isenhower
October 19	Susan Harman	Ann Marie Blackmon
October 26	Audra Kuchenbecker	Vicki Shull
November 2	Jimmy Martin	Sherri Hiler

Fellowship for October

October 5 – Renee Christie
October 12 – Carmen Isenhower
October 19 – Ann Marie Blackmon
October 26 – Kathy Unverfehrt
November 2 – Kim Hauser

OCTOBER

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 Autumn and cooler weather.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #23.
3. For Poland, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the LWML North Dakota District.
5. For immigrants and the people who help them settle in the USA.
6. For coaches who give their time to young athletes.
7. For the country of Russia.
8. For musicians who bring us wonderful Christian music.
9. For Youth Group leaders.
10. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Meeting Manager.
11. For LWML Mission Grant #24.
12. For the LWML South Dakota District.
13. For the Florida-Georgia District.
14. For the country of Rwanda.
15. For our senses that allow us to enjoy our beautiful world.
16. For people who struggle to put food on the table.
17. For the country of Siberia.
18. For the LWML Minnesota North District.
19. For our local, state, and national elected leaders.
20. For Sunday school teachers.
21. For the country of Sierra Leone.
22. For the stars God created that are too numerous to count.
23. For beautiful sunsets that bring us to the close of each day.
24. For the country of South Korea.
25. For LWML Mission Grant #25.
26. For God's promise through a rainbow after a storm.
27. For our waste and recycling collectors.
28. For food pantries and people who donate and volunteer their time.
29. For the country of Sri Lanka.
30. For the sun that brightens our days.
31. For the Lutheran Reformation.



**Shaped by
Christ...**

**To Share His
Love**

Concordia

Lutheran Church



Fall FESTIVAL

FUN FOR ALL CHURCH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES



26 OCTOBER, 2025

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

GAMES, ACTIVITIES,
TRUNK OR TREAT, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP

Concordia Lutheran Church and Christian Day School
Horseshoe Area of the Church
216 5th Avenue SE, Conover



October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Shirley Brooks	2-Oct
Shirley Canrobert	2-Oct
Lesa Spake	5-Oct
Jason Carter	5-Oct
Jolleen Christians	5-Oct
Harper Herman	5-Oct
Mary Anne Wike	6-Oct
Brad Furr	6-Oct
Steve Miller	6-Oct
Tina Furr	8-Oct
Cindy Sigmon	9-Oct
John Allison	10-Oct
Beth Pennell	10-Oct
Jim Kent	10-Oct
Alex Price	11-Oct
Brad Isenhower	12-Oct
Gary Boston	12-Oct
Susan Matthews	13-Oct
Caleb Garrison	13-Oct
Cornelia Allman	14-Oct
Jenna Munday	15-Oct
Charleigh Bost	15-Oct
Briana Welch	15-Oct
Zachary White	15-Oct
Karen Starnes	16-Oct
Dianne Lawing	16-Oct
Jeff Munday	17-Oct
Tom Considine	18-Oct
Delaina Bryan	18-Oct
Gary Matthews	18-Oct
Stephanie Frye	18-Oct

Rachel Quackenboss	19-Oct
Wynn Ann Quackenboss	21-Oct
Micah Recker	22-Oct
Amy Matthews	23-Oct
Kathryn Opper	23-Oct
Duke Spencer	23-Oct
Mauri Burns	24-Oct
Shay Baker	25-Oct
Janise Moretz	25-Oct
Sandy Gerken	26-Oct
Drew Lamb	26-Oct
Ruby Killian	27-Oct
Leigh Charles	27-Oct
Roy Sigmon	29-Oct
Larkyn Gerken	31-Oct
Edgar Mendoza	31-Oct



Kendall & Lexie Hamm	6-Oct
William & Jill Adair	9-Oct
Jim & Shauna Kent	13-Oct
Don & Kim Hauser	19-Oct
David & Michelle Montgomery	19-Oct
Joel & Wynn Ann Quackenboss	23-Oct
Jeff & Karen Starnes	24-Oct
Mike & Ruth Geml	27-Oct
David & Nancy Kelley	28-Oct
Kevin & Teresa Graudin	29-Oct

If your name is missing from one of these lists, please let the church office know.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie  5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15pm Choir	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 2pm Pastor's Bible Study - EM	3 2pm Joyful Stitches – BLCFM 	4
5 LWML Sunday 9am Worship & Communion 9:50am Morning Fellowship 10:10am Christian Education 10:10am Welcome to Concordia Class 11am Worship & Communion 3pm Catawba Co. Hunger Walk  4:30pm Scouts	6 1:30pm Quilt Tacking  6:30pm Scouts	7 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM 10am Christian Book Club 5:30pm Conover National Night Out  6:30p Men's Bible Study – A#1	8 7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie  5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15pm Choir	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 2pm Pastor's Bible Study - EM 6pm Trustees - EM	10	11
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26 9am Worship & Communion 9:50am Morning Fellowship 10:10am Christian Education 10:10am Welcome to Concordia Class 11am Worship & Communion 4pm Fall Festival  4:30pm Scouts	27 1pm LWML - EM 6:30pm Scouts	28 8:30am Staff Devotion & Weekly Meeting - EM	29 7am Ladies Bible Study - EM 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie  5:45pm Handbells 6:30pm Praise Band 7:15pm Choir	30 6:30am Men's Bible Study - EM 2pm Pastor's Bible Study - EM	31	