

CONCORDIA CONNECT - HIGHLIGHTS

October 18, 2026

Shaped By Christ... To Share His Love!

Today's Theme

Creation is bathed in light and darkness, subject to chaos and order. But in all things, God calls, equips, creates, and makes things well. The culmination of His divine care is Jesus-the One whose Word unleashes pure Gospel, unmasks pharisaical deception, acknowledges secular authority, and yet infuses into mankind unrelenting hope, steadfast faith, and incredible mercy. Believers cling to these God-given things in the midst of all wrath and affliction, confident in salvation through Christ Alone.

Today's Lessons

Isaiah 45:1-7

"I am the Lord."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

"He has chosen you."

Matthew 22:15-22

Give to God what is God's.

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Church & School Staff:

Renee Karre Brooke Delk
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Seminary Student: Lamar Stewart

Missionaries: Rev. Jason & Emily Groth, Belize
Rev. Jonathan Anderson, Panama

Blessings to Spencer Elizabeth Cloninger, who is being baptized today at the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents are Laine & Diana Cloninger.

Military:

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

Friends:

Eli Ames
Greg Sigmon
Nathan Brown
Ginger Sermons
Andra Pingel

Nursery Hours

8:45a - 12:15p

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 - Highlights deadline is noon on Wednesdays and pertains to items happening on Sundays.

Greeters Today:

(9:00) Bobby & Deanna Moore
(11:00) Evelyn Caldwell

Lectors Today:

(9:00) Audra Kuchenbecker
(11:00) AnnMarie Blackmon

Fellowship this week:

Opal Bolick

Greeters Next Week:

(9:00) Terry & Audra Kuchenbecker
(11:00) Joel & Wyn Ann Quackenboss

Lectors Next Week:

(9:00) Jackie Smith
(11:00) Gina Sigmon

Fellowship next week:

Mary Anne Wike

Trustees for November:

Cliff Brown
Bob Malin

Altar Guild for November:

Carla Hafer
Renee Christie

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 18

8a LLL

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a Worship & Communion

5p Youth Group - YC

Monday, October 19

1:30p Quilt Tacking

5:30p Mission & Ministry - Library

6:30p Scouts

Tuesday, October 20

9a Staff Devotion & Meeting

10 Christian Book Club

6:30p Men's Bible Study

6:30p Stewardship - EM

Wednesday, October 21

7a Ladies' Bible Study - EM

8:10 CCDS Chapel

3p Youth Hangs

5:30 Dinner and a Movie

6p Handbells

7:15p Choir

Thursday, October 22

6:30a Men's Bible Study

2p Pastor's Bible Study - EM

5:30p Church Council

6:30p Praise Band

Friday, October 23

6p PTO Bluegrass & BBQ

Sunday, October 25

Reformation & Confirmation

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a Worship & Communion

4p Trunk-r-Treat & Fall Festival

5p Youth Group - Youth Central

Sunday Christian Education begins at 10:10a.

EDU 1 - Preschool 3 - K

EDU 3 - 1st - 3rd Grade

EDU 6 - 6th - 8th Grade Confirmation

EDU 7 - 4th - 5th Grade

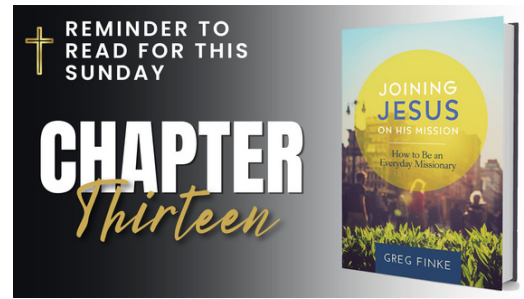
EDU 4 - Adults

EDU 8 - Adults

EDU 9 - Adults

Emmaus Room - Adults

Library - Adults



Cabinet Clean-out

If you are missing a dish or want to add to your collection, please check the items on the table outside the Emmaus Room door. They are FREE for the taking.

Dear friends, thank you for the kind words, prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent illness. Pastor Geml, your visits have been wonderful. Thanks again, Etta Gardner

Birthdays and Anniversaries Oct. 18 - Oct. 24

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

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Birthdays: Tom Considine, Gary Matthews, Stephanie Frye, Delaina Bryan, Jimmy Burgess, Andrew Recker, Rachel Quackenboss, Wynn Ann Quackenboss, Micah Recker, Amy Matthews, Duke Spencer, Kathryn Oppen

Wedding Anniversaries: Don & Kim Hauser, David & Michelle Montgomery, Joel & Wynn Ann Quackenboss, Jeff & Karen Starnes

Just the Facts:

General Fund Offerings: \$ 12,248

Budget Needs: \$ 19,407

Attendance: 250

Online Giving: \$ 2,990

Member of the Week: Belinda Bost - 3245 14th St Circle NE, Hickory, NC 28601-9286