

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

July 19, 2026

Shaped By Christ... To Share His Love!

Director of Music and Worship Planning



On June 26, Cory Westby of Hickory was offered the job to become Concordia's new Director of Music and Worship Planning. I am pleased to announce that he has accepted our offer and will be joining our ministry team.

Cory comes to us from The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Hickory, where he has served faithfully. He is an outstanding musician and church leader, and we are excited to welcome him to Concordia. Cory plans to begin his ministry with us September 1st.

I would like to thank the members of the Search Committee, as well as the church staff here at Concordia, for their support, and assistance throughout the search process. Most importantly, we thank God for His guidance and blessings as we look forward to this new chapter in our music ministry.

Doug Brady, chairman of BOE

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.

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Leslie Brown
Kelli Kaylor
Don Hauser
Vicki Shull
Lesa Williams
Greg Roseman
Angelique Bost

Church & School Staff:

Donovan Douglas Sam Hendershot
Ashley Mc Curry Lori Roseman

Seminary Student: Lamar Stewart

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

LCMS 69th Regular Convention

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
Phyllis Bollinger
Sandy Sigman
Scott Sigman
Marsha McNair

These Sunday Christian Education Classes are offered at 10:10a.

Pre-school 3 – K – Led by Jerri Alice, Maggie Lou & Mary Elizabeth Carter. Beside nursery

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

4th - 5th Grade - Led by Nick Butcher - Education wing of the church

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

Adults - A#2 - Led by Katrina Palozzi - “Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles”

Adults - A#1 - Led by Pastor Geml/Carl Roth - A Longer Look at the Lessons

Adults - Emmaus Room - Led by Kevin Graudin - The Story

Adults - Library - Led by Jen White, Promised Rest

Today's Theme

The Lord of hosts is the indisputable Redeemer - there is no other! All Creation awaits the revelation of the sons of God, who by the grace become God's adopted heirs. We are the redeemed, the hope-filled, the ones for whom the Spirit cries out that our weakness may not devastate, suffocate, or strangle us. In Christ, we are forgiven and known as the children of His kingdom, because we hear His Word and believe!

Today's Lessons

Isaiah 44:6-8

Apart from Me, there is no God.

Romans 8:18-27

“The Spirit...intercedes for us.”

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Parable of the weeds among the wheat

Birthday and anniversary dates will no longer be published in our publications. Making these dates available only gives scammers more ways to steal your information online.

Greeters Today:

(9:00) Angelo & Katrina Palozzi

(11:00) David Isenhower

Lectors Today:

(9:00) Susan Harman

(11:00) Carolyn Quackenboss

Fellowship Today:

Opal Bolick

Greeters Next Week:

(9:00) JR & Nicole Morton

(11:00) Paula Brown

Lectors Next Week:

(9:00) Bill Stewart

(11:00) Ann Marie Blackmon

Fellowship Next Week:

Jane Martin

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 19

8a LLL School Cafeteria

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a worship & Communion

Monday, July 20

1:30p Quilt Tacking

6:30p Scouts

Tuesday, July 21

9a Staff Devotion & Meeting

6:30p Men's Bible Study BLCFM

6:30p Stewardship

Wednesday, July 22

7a Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday, July 23

6:30a Men's Bible Study

6:30p Church Council

6:30p Praise Band

Sunday, July 26

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a worship & Communion

Just the Facts:

General Fund Offerings: \$ 17,142

Budget Needs: \$ 18,726

Attendance: 217

Online Giving: \$ 1,300

Member of the Week: Donna Jarrett - 204 Brentwood Circle, Newton, NC 28658. Her birthday is later this week.