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Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Worship Services

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 A.M**  
Drive-in Church in large Parking Lot  
And Indoor Worship
- Online Service weekly on our webpage  
(www.concordiaelc.com) or our Facebook page.
- \* **Saturday indoor Worship: 6PM**

**Mission statement**

"We celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and sharing His Word and caring for God's creation."

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**COLUMBIA FOOD BANK  
COLLECTION ITEMS**

**February**  
*Hot & Cold Cereals*



**March**  
*Powdered Milk & Drinks*



*Place items in the basket in the Fellowship Hall or drop them off at Sunday Service.*

Information for the April newsletter is due on Fri., Mar. 22. Please email articles to: rose-gall95@gmail.com or place in the wall holder outside the office, or the Secretary bin in the west narthex.

**March Celebrations**

**Wedding Anniversary Wishes to:**

- 3-Janet & Fred Clarke
- 14-Nate & Kim McFadden
- 23-Marshall & Kelly Kleckner

**Property Announcement**

All cemetery decorations will be removed from the cemetery during the first week in **March**. If anyone has a decoration on a gravesite they do not want discarded, they must remove it prior to these weeks.

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING!**

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis.

PICK UP A FORM IN THE NARTHEX OR SEE THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS!

**Reminder**  
**Daylight Savings Time**  
**March 10**

**Birthday Wishes to:**

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, or is incorrect, please call Rose in the Parish office.

- 2-Devin Frey, Garrett Kauffman
- 3-Damien Peters
- 4-Sandy Foltz, Lydia Yoder
- 5-Jody Croft, Natalie Dickel
- 6-Gerald Mowrer, **Pastor Mary Anne**, Lois Greenawalt
- 7-Caleb Bell
- 9-John Dougherty, Bryan Zimmerman
- 11-Laura Klemm, Shane Wagner, Bethany Silva, James Meisenbach
- 14-Nathaniel McFadden
- 15-Susan Heilman, Cheryl Milbourne, Ken Smith, Samaad Young
- 18-Chad Walker
- 20-Ellen Wolf, Jason Hilgert
- 21-Jim Spickler
- 23-Serena Wagner
- 27-Adam Houck
- 28-Annalee Kane
- 29-Anna Lenox, Mandy Shirey, Gene Walter, Amy Lehman
- 30-Cammie Breneman, Erik Ginter
- 31-Steve Renfer

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, or is incorrect, please call Rose in the Parish office.





## February Celebrations



### Wedding Anniversary Wishes to:

14-Robert & Valerie Snyder  
16-Ken & Sharon Swezey  
23-Bruce & Teri Baker

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, or is incorrect, please call Rose in the Parish office.

### PLEASE LET US KNOW

We must make an appeal to you to **CALL** the church office if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.

### Sunday Service Online

There is a link on the website [www.concordiaelc.com](http://www.concordiaelc.com) to the weekly video. It's also LIVE on our Facebook page on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Readings and Children's files are available too.

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

### Happy Birthday Wishes to:

- 1-Kelly Darrenkamp,  
Megan Kingsborough
- 2-Natalie Houck, Jameson Gordon
- 5-Mike Battaglia, Leah Ness
- 6-Sandy Weber, Jameson Gordon
- 7-Jason Miller
- 8-Whitney Kline, Sherry Cornell
- 9-Bob Castleman, Kayla Grier,  
Michael Kline, Diana Bachman
- 10-Charles Ogle
- 11-Cynthia Dougherty,  
Dylan McFadden
- 12-Gary Ament, Kim McFadden,  
Scott Widdall
- 13-Dan Schultheiss
- 14-Derrick Matthews, **Regina Sherick**
- 15-Barbara Schultheiss
- 16-Hunter Long, Aydan Pronovost
- 17-Larry Reich, Avery Dombroski
- 18-Justin Manning
- 21-Sharon Fisher, Jessica Harrigan,  
Betsy Kirchner
- 22-Patrick Dombroski
- 23-Ava Corvino
- 24-Meagan Dougherty
- 25-Jordan McFadden,  
Brittany Kauffman
- 27-Kelly Steele, Jabril Frescatore  
Bonnie Kresge-Bates
- 28-Jessica Wagner
- 29-Jackson Walker

Lent seems early this year. Maybe it is because Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, somewhat fittingly, I believe, but we will have an early Easter, thus an early Lent. I do not know what you do differently in your life during Lent, but the season lends itself to giving up the extras in our lives or even better to add something to our faith life.

We have examples of possible additions through the ages, such as fasting, prayer and acts of mercy. These are wonderful additions to our life of faith, but they are all done on an individual basis. And let's face it, some of us need accountability in our disciplines to follow through. What better way to add something to our faith life on a communal basis than to learn, study, receive Holy Communion and enjoy Christian fellowship all at one time?

We will be offering Dinner Church on Tuesdays in Lent at 6:15pm here in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful meal in fellowship, hear some compelling voices from the Bible, revel in discussion and fellowship, and break bread and share in Holy Communion, much like the earliest Christians did.

Please join us. Add something to your Lenten journey and you will take new experiences home to ponder and richen your faith walk.

In Christ,

*Pastor Mary Anne*

**Dinner Church** - Tuesdays in Lent 6:15 pm  
**"The Voices"**

Come and hear the voices that were speaking at the time of Jesus' death. Enjoy a full dinner and dramatic reading with discussion and worship with Holy Communion.

### Church Council Information

The council minutes will continue to be posted on the Bulletin board in the west narthex. There is also a copy in the purple Council Minutes binder on the counter in the office. Council meets via a Zoom meeting or indoors once each month. Visitors are welcome.

**2024 Officers:** **President:** Cheryl Milbourne **Vice Pres:** Deb Eshleman  
**Secretary:** Janet Clarke **Treasurer:** Mike McCoy  
Pastor Mary Anne Kingsborough

**Thank you to our retiring Council Members: Dan Lenox and Kathy Bachman; Thank you both for your service! Congratulations to our newest council member: Larry Reich**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun., Feb 11** Transfiguration Sunday w/SS 9:30am  
**Wed., Feb 14** Ashes-To-Go (outdoor) 7am-9am  
Ash Wednesday Service at St James 7pm  
**Sun., Feb 18** First Sunday in Lent 9:30am  
**Sat., Mar 2** Free Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30am  
**Tuesdays in Lent**—Dinner Church—**Feb 20,27 March 5,13,19,26**, 6:15pm

### Worship

**Saturdays—6pm**-indoors only

**Sundays**—One Service at **9:30am**-indoor/outdoor and streamed on FaceBook. (Sunday Funday-2nd Sunday each month)

**Please be aware** that this service is being **live-streamed** and can be viewed by the public. If you do **not** wish yourself or your child to be visible, please sit in the back of the church and receive communion at your seat with the packaged elements or contact the pastor.

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

**Morning Ashes-To-Go at Concordia 7-9AM**  
**Evening Ash Wednesday Worship at St James 7PM**



### **2024 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ **Easter lily plant(s) @ \$10 each (5 to 6 blooms)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Tulips @ \$7 each (6 “ pot, 5 blooms)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Daffodils @ \$7 each (6” pot)**

( ) I will provide my own Easter flower *(Please mark with name for identification.)*

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(living)

( ) In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(deceased)

( ) Presented to the Glory of God

( ) I will be taking my order

( ) Please give my order where it will bring cheer

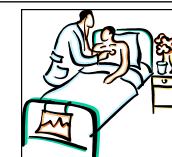
Return this order blank and payment to the parish office or drop it in the offering plate in an envelope marked to the attention of “RoseG.”

**Deadline: Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**Make checks payable to: Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church**

### PLEASE LET US KNOW!

We must make an appeal to you to **CALL** the church office if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.



### Donations for Egg Hunt

The children's Sunday School classes will celebrate Easter with an egg hunt after the service. **Candy donations (individually wrapped)** would be appreciated and can be placed in the W. Narthex before Palm Sunday.



### Lutheran Camping Events - Winter 2024

Winter Fun Day February 18, 2024 @ 1-5 pm Kirchenwald  
Lenten Day Apart February 24, 2024 @ 9am - 3pm Wittel Farm  
Quilting Weekend March 15 - March 17, 2024 Kirchenwald  
Summer Camp Open House March 17, 2024 @ 2-4:30 pm Kirchenwald/Nawakwa  
Check [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org) for details.



**Special thanks to Don Zerphey** who schedules the parking ushers. He continues this service from Florida!

**Thanks for all those who contributed** cookies, fruit, and supplies for the **Fruit and Cookie Project** as well as those who **delivered to all the shut-ins.**

**Special thanks to Jeff and Nancy Young** for continued help in preparing the newsletter for mailing.

### Concordia Wish List 2024

The **Wish List** is a compilation of needed items for the church, outside of budgeted items. This includes replacement of property and equipment in poor condition, that needs replacement or maintenance.

- A. **Parking Lot** \$30,000+ (donations of any amt are welcome.)
- B. **Opportunities for Assistance w/partner church of Luteba, Tanzania (See letter in narthex or ask Pastor)**

- Scholarship for evangelist-\$600
- Widows group work fund-any amt
- Luteba Church Building fund-any amt

**THANK YOU** to all those contributing!!

**The Social Ministry committee is excited to collect donations** for Arch Street Center during the month of February. Arch Street Center is a non-profit organization that offers encouragement and support for adults living with serious mental illness. They provide a safe and caring space where members have access to meals, shower and laundry facilities, the internet, educational programs, and much more. For more information on Arch Street, please visit [archstreetcenter.org](http://archstreetcenter.org). Items will be collected in the front narthex of the church.

The deadline for donations is **Sunday, February 25th.**

Thank you for supporting this wonderful organization!

#### **Items to donate:**

##### Pantry Items:

Dawn  
Aluminum foil  
Foil pans (large and small)  
Plastic wrap  
Plastic Cutlery  
Disinfectant wipes  
Floor Cleaner  
Trash Bags (35 and 55 gallon)  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Laundry pods, Dryer sheets  
Bath towels and washcloths  
Window cleaner, Paper products: paper towels, napkins, and tissues

##### Hygiene Items:

Deodorant  
Shaving cream  
Lotion (hand and body)  
Disposable razors  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Hand soap  
Body wash  
Bar soap

### CONCORDIA COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sat., Mar 2, 8:30am**

Our monthly **2024 sponsor/host sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Front Narthex. Please consider joining us by taking a turn in this worthwhile Concordia mission. We offer this breakfast on the **first Saturday of each month from 8:30 – 10:30am**. If you wish to help in this ministry, come and see how it's done; sign up for 2024! **Everyone is welcome!**

### Condolences

**Sincere sympathy to Bob Brown and family** upon the passing of his wife **Loretta (Sis) Brown**. She was the daughter of Raymond & Violet (Greenawalt) Dietrich. May the hope of the resurrection embrace them all.

**Thank You**

**Thank you so much to Sharon Gambler**, our resident school bus driver, who donated the beautiful Blue Poinsettia again this year.

**Special thank you to John McCoy**, who cleaned all the stained-glass windows in the church. He also cleared the brush pile and trimmed shrubbery in the lower part of the cemetery.

**Special thank you to Tammy & Gene Walter, and Cheryl Milbourne** for cleaning out the lower storage classroom.

**Thanks so much** for the cookies and fruit. – **Earla Ament**

**Thank you for the delicious cookie and fruit tray**, Thanks to those who baked the cookies, prepared the trays and delivered them. We are blessed to be part of the Concordia family, -**Love, Don and Sue Zerphey**

**Dear Friends from the Little Church with the Big Heart.** Thanks to Pastor Mary Anne for coming to visit me while I was in the hospital. Thanks for her prayers that healed me. Also, thanks to Cheryl Milbourne and the social committee for the cookie tray and fruit. It was delicious! Thanks to all who prayed for Guy and me during a tough time. I am doing better but not back to where I need to be yet. My doctors are working through Christ to get me healthier, and I am working to keep a positive attitude and keep a sense of humor. Thanks again to my wonderful church members that I appreciate very much. May God Bless All in the Church. **Carol Markle**

**Dear Congregation**, Thank you all so much for the very generous gifts you gave us for Christmas. They were greatly appreciated. – **Pastor Mary Anne, Tom Donovan, and Rose Gallagher**

**Confirmation Class Schedule**

**The Confirmation Schedule** for the winter/ Spring is as follows  
**February 18th**- 12:30- 1:30pm  
**March 17th** 12:30-2:00pm  
**April 28th** 12:30- 2:00pm (rehearsal and final)  
**May 19th** - Confirmation Day - group picture and reception after service

**FEBRUARY-MARCH SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parking Ushers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>
2/18 9:30am	Ed & Sharon Fisher	Ronda Knighton	Wayne Hoffman
2/25 9:30am	Lynne & Ken Houck	Mike McCoy	Larry Reich
3/3 9:30am		Wayne Hoffman	Marge Fasnacht
3/10 9:30am		Desiree Reich	Doug Ockrymiek
3/17 9:30am		Tracy King	Hope Long

**Sunday Morning Worship Change—Indoor folks will now be communing at the Altar Rail.**  
**Second Sunday of each month is Sunday Funday for Youth**  
**—Held following the Children's Sermon**

**SUNDAY FUNDAY**

**Sunday Funday** is the **second Sunday** of each month. Children are encouraged to attend. The session begins after the **Children's Sermon**. There are crafts, games, music, and snacks under the direction of Janet Clarke.



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**Sun., Mar 24**      **Palm Sunday—Service and Pancake Breakfast**  
**Thur., Mar 28**      **Maundy Thursday Service**      7pm Concordia (indoors)  
**Fri., Mar 29**      **Good Friday Service**      7pm Concordia (indoors)  
                                  **No Saturday Night Service**  
**Sun., Mar 31**      **Easter Sunday Worship**      9:30am  
                                  (Easter Egg Hunt following.)

**First Communion Classes will be held the following dates: Feb 25, Mar 3,10,17** - Sundays following the 9:30am service. We are meeting in the **Library**. The **First Communion Class** will be taking their First Holy Communion on **Easter Sunday**. Please see **Rose Gallagher** if your child is 2nd grade or older, and wishes to begin taking Holy Communion.