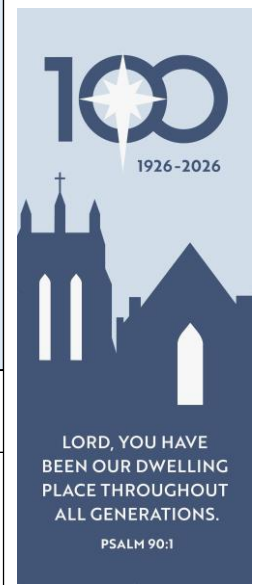


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## From the Pastor's Desk



### A Fool's Hope

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Over the past few months, many of you have heard me mention that I've been slowly making my way through *The Lord of the Rings*. I can't believe it has taken me this long to read such a classic series! As we enter this Easter season, I've found myself in the third and final volume, *The Return of the King*. And there's a moment there, right in the shadow of overwhelming darkness, that has stayed with me. The city of Gondor is under siege. The enemy is stronger, better equipped, and seemingly unstoppable. Inside the city, fear spreads just as quickly as the advancing army. The steward of Gondor, a man named Denethor, looks at the situation and calls any thought of resistance "a fool's hope." To him, hope is naïve. Unrealistic. Embarrassing. And yet, Gandalf uses that same phrase differently. Not dismissively, but almost reverently. A fool's hope. A hope that looks foolish precisely because it refuses to bow to what seems obvious. A hope that dares to stand when everything else says, "Sit down. Give up. It's over."

A Fool's Hope. That phrase has been echoing in my mind as we step into Easter. Because if we're honest, the Christian hope can feel like that sometimes: a fool's hope. We gather and say things that, to the world, sound unbelievable. We stand at graves and confess, "Christ is risen." We look at a world still marked by suffering, violence, and decay, and we say, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." We live out our daily lives working, raising children, caring for aging parents, facing diagnoses, carrying quiet grief and we still dare to hope that death does not get the final word. From the outside, it can look like wishful thinking. Denial, even. A fool's hope.

And yet, we know something the world does not. On that first Easter morning, the situation looked every bit as hopeless as the siege of Gondor. Jesus was dead. Not metaphorically. Not spiritually but actually dead. His followers were scattered, afraid, and hiding. The powers of sin, death, and the grave had done their worst and they had won. Or so it seemed. Then, in the quiet of a garden tomb, everything changed. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not remain in death. He did not accept the verdict of the grave. He rose. Bodily. Truly. Victoriously. He walked out of the tomb, not as a ghost or a memory, but as the living Lord who had shattered death from the inside out. And suddenly, what looked like foolish hope was revealed to be the only real hope there is.

This is the strange and beautiful thing about Easter: it doesn't erase the reality of death we still experience. Just as the battle still raged outside Gondor's walls, we still live in a world where death casts a long shadow. We feel it in hospital rooms, in strained relationships, in anxious hearts, in the quiet dread that creeps in when we least expect it. Scripture even names those forces in ways that echo that great siege: fear, despair, the darkness that presses in. They are real. They are powerful. And we are not strong enough to overcome them on our own. But Easter declares that they are not ultimate.

What looked like the final, crushing victory of death has become its defeat. Christ has entered into the deepest darkness and come out the other side. And because He lives, your future is no longer bound to the grave. Which means our hope, this "fool's hope," is not actually foolish at all. It is certain. Not because we feel strong. Not because the evidence around us always looks promising. Not because we've managed to hold everything together. But because Jesus has already done what seemed impossible. He has defeated death.

So now, we live in a kind of holy defiance. We grieve but not as those without hope. We struggle but not as those abandoned. We face the reality of death but not as those who belong to it. Instead, we belong to the risen Christ. And so we say things that sound foolish to the world. We sing alleluias when things feel broken. We confess life in the face of death. We cling to promises that seem too good to be true. But they are true. Because the tomb is empty.

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This Easter season, you may find yourself feeling the weight of that “siege” in your own life. The pressures, the fears, the quiet despair that whispers, “There’s no way through this.” If that’s where you are, take heart. The hope you have in Christ may look like a fool’s hope. But it is a hope grounded in a risen Savior. And that means it will not fail. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Clinging to a Foolish Hope,

Pastor Ben

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT - EASTER

April 2 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday - 6:30pm

April 3 - Good Friday - 6:30pm

April 4 – Easter Vigil 6:30pm

April 5 – Easter Breakfast 8:30am

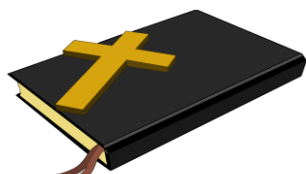
Easter Sunday service 10:00am

# BETHLEHEM FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

## EDUCATION HOUR

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10:30am-11:30am



## IN CHRIST ALONE

Sonshine Club 2025 - 2026

Children ages 3 yrs - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us in the Sonshine Club room during the Education Hour after Sunday worship. Our theme this year will focus on stories of Jesus and how we can live in Him. Parents are always invited to join us and even children under 3 are welcome to participate with a parent present.

## Food Bank Report

By Sharon Shediack  
February

We provided food to 303 individuals. They included 134 children under the age of 18, and 40 individuals over the age of 60.

Our congregation provided 276# of food. We went to Community Harvest 3 times this month to purchase 1345# of food in the amount of \$628.

Our 15 volunteers gave 121 hours of their time. Thanks to ALL of you for all your many volunteer hours, dedication and the financial support you give to help provide this mission at Bethlehem.



Every  
Donation  
Makes A  
Difference



What is Christian brotherhood at Bethlehem? In his book *Life Together* Dietrich Bonhoeffer tells us, "In Christian brotherhood everything depends upon its being clear right from the beginning, *first, that Christian brotherhood is not an ideal, but a divine reality. Second, that Christian brotherhood is a spiritual and not a psychic reality*" (italics in original). Please join us at our Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Bethlehem cafeteria on Saturday, April 25, at 8:30 AM to have breakfast, prayer, a devotion, and to study God's Word. "*Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.* Mark 9:8 NIV.



**Ways to watch WORSHIP ANEW:**

**Online - <https://worshipanew.org/>**

**Watch Worship Anew locally on**

**WPTA 21.2 (NBC) at 7:00 AM Sundays**

**WPTA 21.3 (MyNet) at 8:00 AM Sundays**

**April 3, 2026 – Good Friday**

**Guest Pastor – Rev. Douglas Punke**

**Jesus' Death ~ Good News - 1 Corinthians 15:3;  
Isaiah 53:5**

It's Good Friday, but do you feel good about it? Or on Good Friday, do you feel bad for what Jesus suffered and why that was necessary? Jesus suffered and died for you – for your salvation, but He died and rose again for your everlasting good.

*Featured Choir:*

*Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture:*

*Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

**April 5, 2026 – Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

**Easter Is About Life! - Matthew 28:1-10**

Death is the reality confronting all of us because we are sinners. But Easter is about life! Because Jesus lives, we shall also live!

*Featured Choirs:*

*St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.;*

*LWML Indiana District Choir*

*Featured Art and Architecture:*

*St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dahlonaga, Ga.*

**April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

**A Living Hope - 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Wishful thinking or rock-solid certainty? The Christian understanding of “hope” differs radically from that of the unbeliever. A blood-stained cross and an empty tomb create an eternity-changing hope, “A Living Hope.”

*Featured Choirs:*

*St. John Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ind.*

*Indiana District LWML Choir*

*Featured Art and Architecture:*

*Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, Ga.*

**April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Shayne Jonker**

**Opened Eyes - Luke 24:35**

Two disciples walked with Jesus and their hearts burned. The Emmaus road teaches us that Jesus walks with us and talks with us in the Scriptures. Do you want to have an Emmaus walk with Jesus? Then take God's Word and read. Come to the church and hear. Take a stroll through the Scriptures searching for Jesus' death and resurrection, and your slow, sad hearts will burn too.

*Featured Choir:*

*St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture:*

*All Saints Lutheran Church, Blairsville, Ga.*

**April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

**The Perfect Shepherd - John 10:1-10**

One of our favorite images of Jesus is that of the Good Shepherd. This Good Shepherd guides us, His sheep, to the glory and majesty of heaven. It cost Him dearly to do so. That is because He loves us so.

*Featured Choirs:*

*LWML Indiana District Choir;*

*Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.*

*Featured Art and Architecture:*

*Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.*



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# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

## Celebrating 100 years 1926-2026

*"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations." Psalm 90:1*



### **SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

Clean up for Shepherd's Hand Walk

Bethlehem is seeking members to support The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach to help with a Clean-Up Day on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm. With the help of a Thrivent Action plan, volunteers will be provided with essential supplies including plastic bags, gloves, water, snacks, etc. Volunteers and neighbors will prepare the area for The Shepherd's Hand 5K race taking place on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Sharon (515-2616) if you would like to help with cleanup.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

Preacher: Rev. Eli Voigt

**It's not too late to order your 100th anniversary shirts!**

Use the QR code



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

Service 9:00am – Preacher: Rev. Phil Rigdon, Liturgist: Pastor Jeff Olsen

### **Education Celebration / Church Potluck**

Blake Sebring – “Bethlehem Memories”

### **JUNE 20**

10:00am - Neighborhood Walk - 3205 Alexander St. Site of Bethlehem's 1926 Portable Chapel

Presentation: Mr. Ron Oetting

## **100th Anniversary Thankoffering**

Throughout this 100th Anniversary year, we are praising God for all He has done in and through Bethlehem. He has been faithful “throughout all generations.” In response to His goodness, we are gathering a Thank Offering to support needed improvements around our church—projects like pew cushions, new signage, and updated awnings. These updates will help us continue welcoming our community and carrying out our ministry for years to come.

As of March 23rd, we have raised \$25,327 toward our goal of \$100,000. Thank you to everyone who has already given! Your generosity is a beautiful witness to God's work among us. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to participate, there will be several chances to give throughout the year at our anniversary events. Special envelopes are available, and you can also give online. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you for being part of what God is doing at Bethlehem both in the past and in the years ahead.

## **BETHLEHEM TRIVIA**

1953 – The school enrollment was 557, confirmed church members numbered 1800.

1958 – The school enrollment was 693, the largest enrollment in the LCMS.

1966 – March 27, a new pipe organ was dedicated.

It was the Queen of Musical Instruments.

1995 – February 26, the first class of 23 Stephen Ministers were commissioned.

# small GROUPS

## Looking for a GOOD BOOK to snuggle up with?

.....a DVD to watch this evening?

.....a daily DEVOTIONAL to start your day?

.....a book to read to your GRANDCHILD?

.....a new BIBLE STUDY for your small group?

Come and check out the selection in the Library located next to the Fellowship Hall.

Here's the procedure:

- 1) Browse the selection of materials.
- 2) Choose any materials that interest you.
- 3) Take them home for as long as you want.
- 4) Pass them on, or return them for others to enjoy. Look for the box labeled RETURNS.
- 6) Donate any books, videos, music CDs, or audio books that others might enjoy. Place them in the box labeled DONATIONS.

The door of the library is always open. It's a comfortable space for sitting and reading, with a table for meeting with a few others. There are toys and books for children and teens as well.

## PLEASE ENJOY OUR LIBRARY!

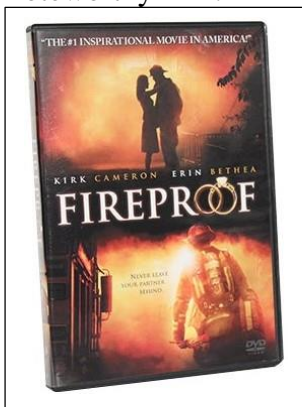
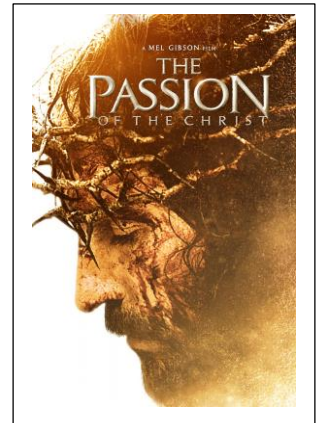
### DVDs you may want to watch!

#### The Passion of the Christ

A Mel Gibson film (we have several copies of this film)

The Passion of the Christ is the most powerful and violent depiction of Jesus' final earthly hours ever put to film. It begins in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with a glimpse of Christ's resurrection. It marches unflinchingly through Jesus' suffering and death.

This is not appropriate for young children or the faint of heart. But if you want to better appreciate the suffering and death of our Savior, you may want to watch this noteworthy film.



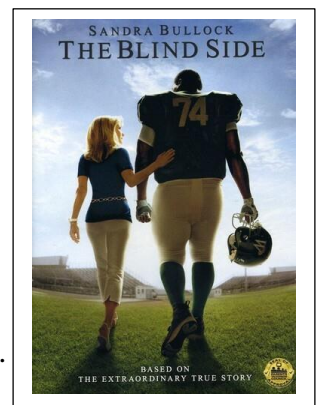
#### Fireproof

Fireproof is one of the nine movies produced by the Kendrick brothers. It stars Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea. Fireproof is about a young couple struggling in their marriage. The husband (Kirk Cameron) receives a 40-day challenge from his dad that ultimately changes his relationship with God and with his wife. It has an excellent message for married couples and those hoping to someday be married.

Other films by the Kendrick brothers include The Forge, Lifemark, Overcomer, Show Me the Father, War Room, Courageous, Facing the Giants, and Flywheel. We have several of these in our library.

#### The Blind Side

This hope-filled movie starring Sandra Bullock is based on a true story about a well-to-do white family who takes in a homeless African-American teenage boy and helps him become an All-American offensive left tackle. Along the way, the whole family learns things about love and trust. If you've never seen this movie, you should. If you've already watched it, watch it again!



\*Look for DVDs in the Small Groups Library or on the rounder in the Fellowship Hall.

Would you like to review a book that is in our library?

Submit it to [hapners6@gmail.com](mailto:hapners6@gmail.com).

# LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

The Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem is under the direction of Joyce Knipstein. **Bethlehem seeks to be a caring community and to provide hope.**



When we think of spring, we picture fresh starts, longer days, blooming flowers, and warmer weather. For many, this season brings energy, optimism, and a renewed sense of purpose. But for others, spring and summer can trigger a surprising shift in mood, including increased anxiety, irritability, restlessness, or even depression. This phenomenon, often referred to as a seasonal pattern in mental health, affects people more than we may realize.

Our mental well-being is tightly connected to our environment. Changes in sunlight exposure, weather, routines, and even allergens can all influence how we feel emotionally and physically. These factors can alter our circadian rhythms, which help regulate sleep, hormones, and overall mood balance.

Here's a closer look at some of the causes behind spring-related emotional shifts:

- One of the most influential factors in springtime mental health is the shift in sunlight. The longer days mean we get more exposure to natural light, and this can have a positive or negative effect on different people. For some, longer days and early sunrises can make it harder to fall or stay asleep — leading to reduced sleep quality, which is closely tied to depression and anxiety.
- Spring comes with calendar changes as well. School breaks, travel plans, shifting work hours, etc., they can disrupt the steady rhythm your mind and body depend on. This is especially true if you're the type who feels grounded by routine.
- Spring is the season of watery eyes, itchy skin, and stuffy mornings, and these can affect one's emotional well-being. Studies have found a clear link between seasonal allergies and increased mood disorders—especially in spring when pollen counts are high.

Spring is commonly seen as a season of growth and renewal. Everyone is energized and happy, and the world starts moving faster—there is more sun, more plans, and more people doing outdoor activities. This cultural expectation can create pressure to feel a certain way. You might feel like you should be thriving, but instead, you're withdrawing. Your energy is low, and your thoughts feel heavy. This emotional mismatch is often called the spring blues, and it can be just as difficult as the winter lows people talk about more often.

If you notice that changes in your mood, behavior, or energy are making it hard to function—at work, in relationships, or everyday life—it may be time to seek help. There's no shame in asking for support. In fact, reaching out is a powerful first step toward feeling better in the long term.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you feel you would also benefit from the care of our Stephen Ministry Bereavement program, please call Pastor Ben (989-907-9481), or Thresa Lightning (260-417-1450), our Grief Coordinators.

# The Joyful Corner

## JOY IN JESUS

Tim Gustafson

“I have the right to be happy,” said a teenager as she spoke before a legislature. Yet she could have been anyone, anywhere, speaking for everybody. It’s our human cry. One self-help guru even said, “God wants you to be happy.”

Is that true? It’s not wrong to pursue happiness. That desirable state of mind, however, ebbs and flows with our moment-by-moment circumstances, and the fulfillment of one person’s desires can crush the happiness of another.

Jesus points us to something better. He knew He was about to be nailed to a Roman cross, where He would bear the weight of the world’s sin. Yet His concern was for His disciples. He told them, “You will weep and mourn while the world rejoices.” But He also said, “Your grief will turn to joy” (John 16:20). Then He promised, “No one will take away your joy” (v. 22).

This kind of joy is more than a good feeling based on desirable things happening to us. It grows out of doing the will of our Father in heaven. Jesus also said, “Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).

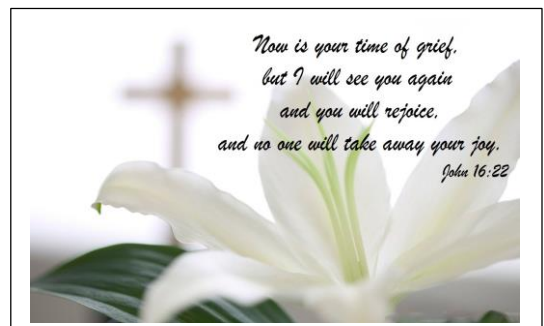
Happiness can slip away with the next unpleasant circumstance. The joy that comes from following Jesus can thrive despite those circumstances.

Reflect

How does chasing what you want ultimately leave you unhappy?  
What’s the difference between happiness and joy?

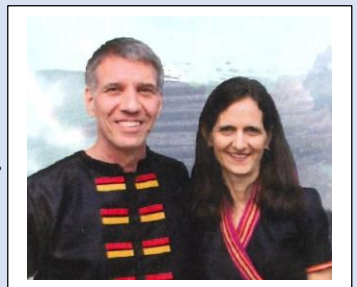
Pray

Dear Father, please teach me to learn the difference between temporary happiness and lasting joy.



## Bethlehem Mission News and Prayers

**We are pleased to welcome missionaries Tim and Michelle, who will be visiting Bethlehem on Sunday, April 12. They will be sharing an update on how the Lord is at work in Southeast Asia and the ways God is moving among the people there. Please join us in praying for Tim and Michelle as they travel, asking the Lord to grant them safety, strength, and encouragement during their journey and time with us.**



The work of our missionaries is a magnificent expression of the Lord’s redeeming love.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 10, 2026

Members present: Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Greg Shediack, Brian Bates, Dan Bates, John Bates, Rachele Dance, John Stafford, Blake Sebring.

Missing: David Schult.

March's regular meeting started at 6:28 p.m.

Pastor's devotion studied how the children of Israel complained a second time about not finding water in the desert (a separate time from the March 7 and 8 sermons about living water from Exodus 17). This time, Moses was told to speak to the rock but instead struck it, and that is why he and Aaron were prohibited from coming into the promised land. This tale was from Numbers. Later, Moses DOES visit the Promised Land at the Mount of the Transfiguration with Jesus and Elijah.

The February minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Soul accounting included the death of Willard Brown on Feb. 15.

In the Treasurer's report, we received \$29,982 in offerings in February, which makes up for our slow start in January. We are currently over budget for offerings by \$3,733 at \$52,300, which is 16.6 percent of the annual budget.

The year-to-date, we have \$64,900 in total receipts, which is 14.3 percent of our annual budget. Expenses for the month were \$30,500 and year-to-date is \$74,000 which is 16.3 percent of the annual budget.

Our Wells Fargo Endowment sits at \$55,215; and the Lutheran Foundation Endowment sits at \$1.48 million, and the total endowments are \$1.54 million.

The water problem has been fixed and the February bill came down to approximately \$400 compared to \$1,300 in June. It has been \$1,100 or higher from June until last month.

The board unanimously accepted the monthly finance report.

After an initiative from chairman Mark Blessing on a suggestion from field worker John Dize, the Community Center Committee has been invited by the Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation to submit a grant proposal. We are going to ask for \$20,000 to help with the original grant from Sacred Places, which requires us to raise approximately \$33,000 to give us \$100,000 to do some repairs around the building. The board authorized the submission of a grant application to the Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation on a motion by John Stafford and a second by Dan Bates.

In the pastor's report, it was announced that Natalie Reynolds, and Noah Vancina will be filling in for organist Janelle Deal who will be gone from March 29 until June on maternity leave.

In new business, Greg mentioned the committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee has decided to spend \$10,000 of the current Thank Offering proceeds on the seating pads for the pews. We received a donated check to cover the initial down-payment for the project which will cost approximately \$30,000 with Sauder Worship Seating. This is to hold in place the current cost. Rachele made the first motion seconded by John Bates and approved unanimously.

The meeting closed with prayer at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

# LSUS NEWS

## Lutheran South Unity Kindergarten

### Round-Up & Pizza!!!

Registration for Kindergarten Admission for the new academic year is now open!!! Come join the fun!!!

April 16th 6p-7pm



5401 South Calhoun St  
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

## Registration is now open at Lutheran South Unity School!

We are excited to continue providing a strong academic foundation rooted in Christ-centered values. If you know any families with elementary-aged children who are looking for a nurturing, faith-filled school community, please help us spread the word. Your invitation and support make a meaningful difference as we grow this ministry together!

**Enroll Now**

**Early Bird Specials**

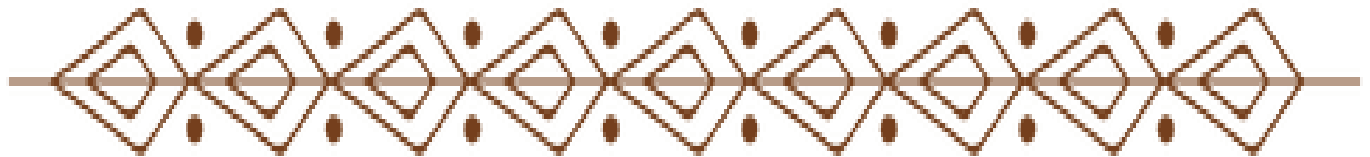
- February 23rd–March 15th –\$60 with maximum of \$120
- March 16th–April 30th \$80 with maximum \$160
- May 1st–May 31st \$100 with maximum \$200
- June 1st–June 30th \$120 with maximum \$240

**Regular Tuition**

- July 1st–August 15th \$140 with maximum \$280

Registration must be paid within the registration discount dates for discount to apply

**Contact Us**  [lsus.org](https://lsus.org)  260-744-0459



# CLHS NEWS

## Register Now for Summer Camps at Concordia Lutheran High School!

Registration is now open for our Summer Camps and Online Summer School classes. With more than 20 camps to choose from, students entering **Kindergarten through Grade 12 for the 2026-2027 school year** can explore interests in athletics, the arts, technology, music, leadership, and more. **Camps begin June 1 and continue through July 30**, offering flexible options throughout the summer while having fun, making friends, and trying something new.

Make plans now to learn, grow, and enjoy a fun and engaging summer. Register today to reserve your spot. Find more information and register at [clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS](https://clhscadets.com/apps/pages/summer-at-CLHS)

## Concordia's Theatre Department Presents

### *Full Swing* - Spring Comedy

Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

"Full Swing" follows the cast and crew of a theater production through a disastrous final rehearsal. The chaos and confusion repeatedly send actors packing, leaving only a ragtag group of swings keeping the show together. Getting the show to its curtain call will require every actor, stage hand, tech crew member, and involuntarily drafted audience member they can muster. The show must go on, even once no one can agree on what show they're even trying to perform anymore, in "Full Swing". This show is written by alumni Mr. Michael Slack and directed by Mr. Chris Murphy and Miss Hannah Mundt.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 – Teddy Bishop Sharon Shediack	16 – Alex Reche Kamari Young
2 – Jasmine Stewart Angelique Woods	17 – Ted Bercot Donald Davies
3 – Dustin Jackson Amie Pishvai	19 – Ken Knipstein Jayce Recht Kaleigha Trump
4 – Janine Bernabe Sarah Curl	20 – Martin Magadan
5 – Donovan Eisom Pam Fuller Tyler Fuller Pamala Morvilius	21 – Christian Magadan
6 – George Jacobs Desirae Williams	22 – Jamila Williams
8 – Eddie Ramos	23 – Aleana Branigan Welton Jones Daniel Mitchell
9 – Robert Huggins Shaneesha Norfleet	25 – Charles Krill
12 – Jaxson Jones	26 – Claudette Daniels Drake Perry
13 – Cynthia Howard	28 – Laurie Hapner Andy Vongphachanh
15 – Patricia Flores Phyllis Reinking Vesta Scott	29 – Tashayla Sutorius
	30 – Steve Bercot Rhonda Cheng LeeNathan Griggs Laura Reche

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 – Denisson and Christina Carillo (20)
- 12 – Wayne and Shirley Brunson (68)
- 16 – John and Linda Stafford (49)
- 24 – Ken and Joyce Knipstein



## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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**IS YOUR  
INFO UP  
TO DATE?**

If you have had a change in home address, home or cell phone number or email address, please be sure to let us know so that we can update our database.

If your children have moved out on their own please provide the office with their updated information.

**We want to stay in touch, so having accurate contact information is important to us.**

Please call, mail, or email the church office with any updates.



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# April Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Power point</u>	<u>Live Stream</u>
2	Linda Stafford					Hapner Family
3	Mary Snow Allison Cheng					Hapner Family
4	Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley	Brian Bates			Blake Sebring	
5	Amber Herndon	Greg Shediack	Evans Branigan	Kimberly Brooks	Allison Cheng	Hapner Family
11	Kim Ellison	Ed Ramos			Charlotte Ratliff	
12	Sharon Shediack	Peter Schlie	Dan Bates	Dena Schult	Aaron Brown	Hapner Family
18	Linda Stafford	Peter Schlie			Blake Sebring	
19		John Bates	Ron Gallmeyer	John Stafford Linda Stafford	Josiah Hapner	Hapner Family
25	Mary Snow	Michael Johnson			Carla Johnson	
26	Allison Cheng	Greg Shediack	Evans Branigan	Glenn Emley	Allison Cheng	Hapner Family

## HELP SHARE OUR WORSHIP BEYOND THE WALLS

Our church's **Livestream Ministry** helps us reach members who are homebound, traveling, or unable to attend in person—and it's only possible because of faithful volunteers behind the scenes. Right now, we are in need of **Livestream operators** and **PowerPoint operators** to help support our worship services.

No experience is required—we **will provide training** and ongoing support. If you're comfortable with basic technology, willing to learn, and have a heart to serve, this could be a meaningful way to use your gifts. Even serving **once or twice a month** makes a big difference.

By volunteering, you're not just running equipment—you're helping people worship, stay connected, and feel included in our church family. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the church office to sign up or for more information (260-744-3228).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Maundy Thursday service	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Good Friday service	<b>4</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study <b>6:30pm Easter Vigil</b>
<b>EASTER</b> 8:30am Breakfast <b>10:00am Worship w/Comm</b>		6:30pm – Bd. of Elders	<b>8</b> 6:00pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:00am Worship w/Comm</b> 10:30am Education Hour	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30pm – Bd. of Directors	<b>15</b> 6:00pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9:00am Worship w/Comm</b> 10:30am Education Hour	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30am Prayer Breakfast Clean-up for Shepherd's Hand Walk <b>4:00pm Worship w/Comm</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:00am Worship w/Comm</b> 10:30am Education Hour	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30pm – Bd. Of Property	<b>29</b> 6:00pm - Choir 7:15pm - Handbells	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	

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