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Please join us for worship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday  
or 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

CHURCH — SCHOOL — PRESCHOOL

## Jesus Loves Children...So Does Concordia!



Grace, peace, and mercy be to you from God, our Father, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” 1Peter 2:1-3

Satan is very good at what he does, he is good at twisting things to his advantage and subtly making things seem to be good and God pleasing that are not. He has been wreaking havoc on the church for millennia and he is good at it. So how do we know when the issues at hand are God pleasing and good or not? Remember each of the temptations the devil placed in front of Jesus in the wilderness were based on or quotes from Scripture. Jesus, knowing The Word of God saw through the temptation and responded with Bible passages used properly and thus resisted the Devil.

So how do we follow Christ's example, how do we stand before temptation and resist? As we hear from St. Peter, we are to “put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,” that is to confess our sinfulness to God and know He, in Christ has forgiven us, and then, “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation.” A baby craves its mother's milk. It not only craves it but needs it to survive. We need to crave the Word of God and recognize our need for it, or spiritually we will die. In God's Word we see the salvation He has given us though Baptism and The Lord's Supper; we see the forgiveness of sins in and through Christ, we see the indwelling of

His Holy Spirit Who creates and sustains faith in us. We see and taste that The Lord is good in Word and Sacrament, and in these means alone we grow up into salvation.

Through the words of Peter in his first epistle, he was encouraging not only members but the pastors to remain in the Word (study) of God and grow in the grace God gives. Luther said this of 1 Peter:

“This epistle St. Peter wrote to the converted heathen; he exhorts them to be steadfast in faith and to increase through all kinds of suffering and good works.

In chapter 1 he strengthens their faith through the divine promise and power of the salvation to come. He shows that this salvation has not been merited by us but was first proclaimed by the prophets. Therefore they ought live new and holy lives, and forget the old life, as those who have been born anew through the living and eternal Word of God.

In chapter 2 he teaches them to know Christ as the Head and the Cornerstone, and like true priests to sacrifice themselves to God as Christ sacrificed himself. And he sets about giving instructions to the various estates. First he teaches in general subjection to temporal rulership; afterward he teaches in particular that servants are to be subordinate to their masters and [even] to suffer wrong from them, for the sake of Christ who also suffered wrong for us.

In chapter 3 he teaches wives to be obedient, even to unbelieving husbands, and to adorn themselves with holiness. Likewise, husbands are to be patient with their wives and bear with them. And finally, all in general are to be humble and patient and kind to one another, as Christ was because of our sins.

In chapter 4 he teaches us to subdue the flesh with sobriety, watchfulness, temperance, prayer, and to find comfort and strength through the sufferings of Christ. He instructs the spiritual rulers to inculcate the words and works of God alone, and each to serve the other with His gifts; and not to be surprised but to rejoice, if we have to suffer for the name of Christ.

In chapter 5 he exhorts the bishops and priests as to how they are to live and to tend the people. He warns us against the devil, who without ceasing pursues us everywhere.

Only by remaining firmly grounded in God’s means of grace can and will we, as a church, congregation, and even individually, grow in faith and be able to withstand the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Prayerfully consider your regular weekly attendance in church and Bible class. We offer Wednesday morning classes at 10:15, Thursday evening classes at 6:00 as well as Sunday morning at 9:00 before our Church service at 10:00. May God continue to draw us closer to each other as He draws us closer to Himself by His Word.

In His Name,  
Pastor James L. Hennig



Thank you so much to all who come out to donate blood during our blood drives. It feels so good to know that Concordia can help our community in this way. What better way is there to help others than by giving blood (which God enables us to regenerate) to others who are desperately in need of our donations in order to live.

Also thank you so much to those who bring and buy baked goods at the bake sales we offer during the blood drive. We do that in order to bring in some money for our school financial aid, which helps families afford to

go to our school. Thank you.

**NEXT DONATION DATE: JANUARY 19th!!**

# SCHOOL NEWS



## PONDERINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“Mine” and “no” are often some of the first words that a child learns. In fact, those words and mindset are something all of us struggle with. We want what feels good to us and often forget about the needs and desires of those around us. It was with that in mind that we set “The Nerve to Serve” as the theme for this school year.

Matthew 20:28 is our text for the year which states “even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Since serving and meeting the needs of others is not something that comes naturally to us, I would like to highlight some of the examples of how I have witnessed people serving others at school. The examples for the first month of school include:

- Concordia Village residents taking up a collection and purchasing quite a few school supplies for our students and school.
- The upper grade students helping the younger students in the computer lab each week.
- During chapel and opening, the older children assisting the younger ones in finding a page in the hymnal so they can participate with us.
- All of the preschoolers willingly picking up the toys after they have been scattered all over the playground or gym during their playtime.
- A younger student who feels comfortable walking up to an eighth grader and asking for help knowing that the eighth grader will stop what they are doing and help in whatever way they can.

This is far from a complete listing. It is an attempt to share with you a small aspect of what we are learning and working on in the preschool and grade school. While serving is something that is probably talked about in most schools, at Concordia we also discuss why we serve. We serve because Jesus served us by giving his life as a ransom for each of us.

In His Service,  
Janet Burmeister, Principal

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## *Our Savior's Youth Ministry Craft Festival*

Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

You will find a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, and crafts, just in time for your holiday shopping. Join us in this shopping and crafting adventure!

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## *Lutheran High Craft Fair*

When: Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 9:00am to 3:00PM

Where: Lutheran High School Learning Commons/Hallways  
3500 W. Washington St, Springfield

Who: Presented by LuHi's Crusader Aiders  
Benefiting the students of LuHi



### Lutheran High Crusader Aider Wreath Sale

Fresh handmade Christmas wreaths are coming! Wreath sales kick off at the Lutheran High Craft Fair on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Orders will be accepted through November 21, 2018, and wreaths will be distributed beginning on November 30, 2018. Please see the attached order form for this year's choices and pricing. Orders can be placed at [cawreath@yahoo.com](mailto:cawreath@yahoo.com) or by completing and dropping off the order form in the school office. *Look for us at the Lutheran High Craft Fair on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



**Meet the authors!** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sherman (500 S. Sherman Blvd.) is hosting a meet-and-greet with authors of Emmanuel Press's latest release, *He Restores My Soul*, on Thursday, November 1, at 6:30 PM. The event is open to the public and includes a cookie reception, a presentation made by the authors on the writing process, and a book signing. Copies of *He Restores My Soul* will be available for purchasing. For more information on the book, the authors, and the event, go to [KatieSchuermann.com](http://KatieSchuermann.com).

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT: FALL PLAY

The cheapest airline in world history is Go Bananas line, so wretched that even the Bermuda Triangle rejects its planes. The first act introduces us to a bevy of stewardesses whose boss, Smiling Jack Pott, is using the flight as their "final exam," a movie producer who will do almost anything to stop his leading lady from boarding the flight, and the incredible Dragbottom family, concerned that someone has been making bombs in their cellar. Toss into this unlikely group of people: a guy who thinks he's Superman, an eccentric billionaire, a rock star, a hijacker, and a dancer with three feet. Then it's "all aboard" for these, and a large assortment of additional oddball characters, for an insane flight through a terrible storm. No radar, no navigator, the pilot sold his compass at a garage sale thinking it was an egg timer, and the control tower is bedlam!

**Come to the show to find out how this wacky flight ends!**



Dates: November 9 & 10

Showtime: 7pm both nights

Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students, \$3 ages 3-5 years,  
under 2 is free

Reserve your seats by calling the Lutheran High School Office at  
(217) 546-6363