

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Empowered by Christ's forgiveness,
We worship Him, praise Him, and study His Word.
We nurture community members, and serve mission fields.

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PASTOR'S CORNER



There are times in all of our lives when we say one thing and mean another. It is like the times we sarcastically say “No” when we mean “Yes” and say “Yes” when we mean “No” or “Oh, that’s just wonderful!” when things are really not all that great at all.

There are two other words that you may have never considered before that could be used, not sarcastically, to mean something very different than what we think they mean. Those two words are “Empty” and “Full.” Consider the Gospel of John as we look toward understanding the possible opposite meanings.

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.” John 20:1-9 (ESV)

This for us makes “Empty” mean “Full” and “Full” mean “Empty” specifically when we consider the tomb. The empty tomb, and the resurrection, mean that we have fullness of life in Jesus Christ. Sin and death have been defeated. And now as Christians we have an eternal life that is given to those who have faith and trust that the promise of God is true: that we who have been baptized into His death will also be raised with Him in a resurrection like His.

If the tomb had not been empty that morning, but instead was found full, that would mean that the promise of God was empty. It would mean that we had no hope for salvation. It would mean that there was no forgiveness of sins and that death, eternal death, was all that we could possibly anticipate. That would be for us a very empty existence.

Praise be to God though for the empty tomb! Praise be to Him who has conquered death and the grave so that we too may have fullness of life in Christ Jesus. May each of your days be filled with the joy of the resurrection and the hope of His return. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With Great Joy In The Risen Christ,

Pastor Brad A. Brown



What's Happening??



SUNDAY, APRIL 16th following worship service.
ALL members are encouraged to attend.
Voters' packets are available at the Welcome Desk.



HOLY WEEK

- Maundy Thursday worship
with Holy Communion
Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday service
Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday worship
with Holy Communion
Sunday, April 9th at 8:30 am
- Easter breakfast served
following worship service
Everyone is invited!





April 23

Confirmation
Sunday

Congratulations 2023 Confirmands!

- ◆ Zachary Diemerly
- ◆ Elijah Furne
- ◆ Jake Scheck

reminder

Youth Group is moving back to
Wednesday nights beginning
April 12th from 6:30-8:00 pm.



Youth Group will be going to
Texas Roadhouse on
Tuesday, April 4th.
Meet at Concordia at 6:00 pm

STEPP Up

Happy April! We are in our final month of this STEPP UP season. God has lead us through lots of learning, laughs, and fun this year. Thank you to all of our parents who have made it a priority to bring your children each week. Shout out to all of the volunteers who dedicate their time each week. We couldn't do it without your love and support. Special recognition and thank you to Sarah Hoffman for planning our lessons; we appreciate you!



SCHEDULE

April 5th – Holy Week – no STEPP UP

April 12th – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Upward1—God is always good. Joseph is sold by his brothers.

April 19th - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Upward 2—We can help others on good days and bad. Joseph in prison.

April 26th - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm – Last STEPP UP. Upward 3—God is working things out for good. Joseph is reunited with his brothers. If the weather is warm/cooperates, we will probably be spending time outside.

Sunday School

Hello all Sunday School Families.
We will be wrapping up our Sunday School season in the month of April. We have had a great year learning and growing in our faith. Thank you to all of the Sunday School Teachers who have volunteered their time and talents through the year. We appreciate you greatly!

Schedule

April 2nd – 10 am to 10:45 am

April 9th – Happy Easter – no Sunday School

April 16th - 10 am to 10:45 am

April 23rd - 10 am to 10:45 am

April 30th – Last Sunday School of the year.



The sun is shining, the birds are at the feeders and we are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to get back out in our outdoor classroom. It must be spring. In addition to all the signs in the outside world that the winter world is waking up, we can definitely see change inside our classrooms as well. Our little group of little learners that struggled to sit through a story, follow multi-step directions and play WITH their friends instead of just NEAR their friends, has turned into a group of learners that

absorb and recall the information that we share with them, ask questions and share ideas, and look forward to seeing their friends whom they now call by name. We have come so far and we are just so proud of each and every one of them. This month we will celebrate 100 school days at Share and Care Preschool. We will ask our friends to take some time at home to count out 100 items by counting to 10, 10 times. We will ask them to bring those items to school to show their friends and then we will ask them to stand in front of the group to tell us about what they brought. All of these things would have been nearly impossible in September and now we know that our kiddos can flourish in all of those areas of academic knowledge and social development. It is truly remarkable to see how much innate ability God has planted in each of our preschoolers and it is wondrous to watch that ability grow and blossom throughout our days in the classroom. We love what we do. We love the families that we get to know through our preschool days. We love knowing that we are sharing Jesus with kiddos who may not have that experience anywhere else in their lives. We love that Share and Care has been a constant in our community for over 40 years. We would love to share this ministry with even more of the families in our area in the 2023-2024 school year. We have openings available in all of our programs (tuition based programs that meet 2, 3 or 4 mornings a week and our state-funded preschool program for 4 year old learners) and we encourage anyone who is interested to contact us for more information and to set up a tour. You can email us at shareandcarepreschool@gmail.com.

Blessed,
Sarah Hoffman



Celebrating birthdays in April...

1. Sharon McCullough
2. Terri Liedtke, Paige Meister, Jan Sperry
4. Linda Cabrnach
6. Nile Kroemer, Wynne Kroemer, Elaine Pruett
7. Mia Conrad
11. Jake Moore, Kenn Pettit
12. Connor Kriegermeier, John Timmerman
13. Carole Pooch
15. Carver Churchill
17. Bill Settlege
18. Kelsey Jaeger, Cameron Johnson
19. Kevin Mittan
20. Lane Robson,, Laura Sir
23. Parker Bramsen, Grant Wessling
26. Jackie Floerchinger
29. Jane Farris, Grant Schultz, Jackson Snyder



Celebrating anniversaries in April...

3. Fred & Judy Mittan
4. Chad & Shane Kriegermeier
8. Justin & Lisa Schmelz
9. Gary & Shari Wendel
11. Gary & Judy Trimpe
12. Gary & Terri Liedtke, Ryan & Charlene Parks
15. Mark & Angie Cooling
19. Dean & Rita Frey

