

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



He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

So many times we think of those words as the traditional Easter greeting that we share with each other on the morning we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. If I was a betting man I would be willing to bet you that you haven't been greeted that way since Easter morning. This thought came to mind today - "Why do we only greet each other like that on Easter morning?" It honestly is a greeting that we can joyfully share with not only on Easter Sunday, but every Sunday. It's the reason we meet together on Sundays and come together in worship. He IS risen... It's not a "WAS" or a "WILL BE", but an "IS".

If you listen carefully through the liturgy of the Sacrament of the Altar you will hear these words: *"Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life."*

You see it's not about just Easter Sunday. It is about EVERY Sunday. We come together to worship our Savior who IS risen. The one who died on the cross so that our sins ARE forgiven. The one who is risen from the tomb so that we DO have life eternal as the promise of those who have been given the gift of faith. Easter is a specific day in the calendar that we celebrate the fact His resurrection took place, but each and every day we have reason and opportunity to remember and celebrate.

Throughout the remainder of the season of Easter within the church and every other day of the year, let us remember that it is not just on Easter Sunday that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but that it is EVERY DAY that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. If it were not for the resurrection we would be a people without hope and a people with an empty and unfocused faith.

Jesus IS risen, and now reigns as our risen King of Kings for eternity. This is not only good news but the best news that we could ever possibly receive.

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

What's Happening?

Sorry CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday, May 29

dates
to Remember

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Elders

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 11

immediately following
worship service.

Pancakes, sausages,
bacon, and drinks
provided.

Please bring a pastry
or fruit to share.

Sign - up sheets are
located on the bulletin
board in the narthex.
Free will donation to
go towards the tree
removal fund.



Congratulations
Kalena Parks

Prairie High School

**May God be with you in
all you do**

*¹¹“For I know the plans I have for
you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to
harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.*

*¹²Then you will call on me and come
and pray to me, and I will listen to
you. ¹³You will seek me and
find me when you seek me
with all your heart.*

SAYCHEESE



THE BOARD OF ELDERS ARE
WORKING ON AN UPDATED
PICTURE DIRECTORY OF OUR

MEMBERS AND ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. PLEASE
STOP BY THE MAIN LOBBY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE ANY
SUNDAY THIS SUMMER TO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN
FOR THE DIRECTORY. THE NEW DIRECTORY WILL INCLUDE
YOUR NAME AND A PHOTO, AND SHOULD ONLY TAKE A
FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
WITH THIS PROJECT!

The Youth Ministry
ZONE

Sunday School

Have a wonderful summer!

We will communicate information about our
2023-2024 program year in late summer.

YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER FUN!!!

Flocking

Flamingos flocking will be Sunday nights
from 9-10pm. Please email or text Wes if
your youth will be able to attend.
A sign up sheet will be on the youth
bulletin board.



We will be going to **Adventureland** on
Friday, June 23rd. Please meet at 8am
at church. Youth are allowed to bring
one friend. Friends will need to pay the
full cost of the ticket. We will return by
8pm to the church. Please sign up on
the youth bulletin board.



Camping

We will be going to
Maquoketa Caves—
leaving on Thursday,
August 17th from church at 3pm.
Cost for this trip is \$10 per person.
We plan on returning to the church by
3pm on Saturday, August 19th.
Youth can sign up on the bulletin board.

reminder

The last Youth Group
meeting for the school
year will be on
Wednesday, May 24th



You've Been Flocked!

FLAMINGO FUNDRAISING
SEASON IS HERE!

June 4th-
July 30th

HOW IT WORKS

Help support the youth as they prepare to go to Puerto Rico for a mission trip in summer 2024, while having a little pink flamingo fun! By making a donation and using the attached form you can send a flock of pink flamingos to another congregation members front yard! The recipient will then have the opportunity to choose the next house by making a donation. The flock will be moved to the next house after 7 days or by calling Wesley at 319-899-2856.



FLOCKING INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer flocking insurance in exchange of a donation. Fill out the attached form to protect your home.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT WESLEY AT
WESAQUICE@GMAIL.COM OR PHONE (319) 899-2856

PURCHASE FLOCK INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer Flock Insurance for a one-time donation. Return this form and donation in an envelope located in the narthex next to our donation box. Insurance is due by May 28th

YOUR NAME:

PHONE:

YOUR ADDRESS:

DONATION AMOUNT:

☐ CASH

☐ CHECK



Our preschool day is over and we are going home.



Good-bye! Good-bye!

We love you!

Good-bye! Good-bye!

Jesus loves you, too!



And that's a wrap on another great year of learning at Share and Care Preschool. Our classroom communities have grown and thrived during our time together and we are amazed at all of the new things that our learners are now capable of confidently doing. From writing our name, to sounding out words, to tallying quantities and even telling you about how different crops are farmed in different parts of the world....we've done a little bit of it all. The best part of all of it, though, is that we have done it with each other. We have learned how to work in a group of people who are all different than we are. We've learned how to include our peers and how to advocate for our ideas. We've learned how to balance our own ideas with the ideas of others and how to accept guidance from adults that we are not related to. We have learned that we are all priceless in God's eyes and that our purpose is great...even if we are still kiddos. We are proud of where we are and we are so excited to imagine all of the wondrous things that we will accomplish in the future.

Our Moving On Ceremony will be held at 9:15am on Monday, May 22 for anyone who would like to come and celebrate the work of all of our friends who are Kindergarten eligible in the fall. We will have a short ceremony in the sanctuary followed by a fellowship time where each of our preschoolers will receive their very own copy of The Beginner's Bible. It is always an exciting day and a fun way to kick off the final week of preschool. Our last day for the 2022-2023 school year will be Thursday, May 25.

As we look to the future, we are looking for your help in sharing the message of our preschool ministry with anyone who may be looking for the Share and Care experience. We have openings in all of our programs and would be happy to offer tours to anyone who may be interested in seeing our space or answering questions about what our program has to offer. We have partnered with a marketing firm to do some more digital advertising as it is harder to connect with people the "old fashioned" way. Watch for a short, promotional video coming out in late May and then share it with EVERYONE you can! The best way to connect with me is through email shareandcarepreschool@gmail.com, but you are welcome to encourage interested families to give me a call and leave me a message if I am not in the office at the time. Our office number is 319-396-9148.

Thank you for all you do to support a "job" that I love with my whole heart. I couldn't think of anything more important that I could spend my days doing.

"And whoever welcomes one child, like this, in my name, welcomes me." - Matthew 18:5

Blessed,

Sarah Hoffman



Celebrating birthdays in May...

3. Susan Denny, Diane Long, Alexa Terrington
4. Dean Frey
5. Lynn McCullough
6. Lisa Byerly
9. Gretchen Aquice
10. Makayla Pooch
11. Rita Frey, Ryder Plein
13. Sabrina Pooch
15. Wayne Soberg
17. Todd Armstrong, Dorothy Pomeroy, Debbie Settlege
18. Lisa Schmelz
19. June Cabrnock
21. Gary Wendel
22. Ryan McCullough, Mary Schneekloth
24. Marilyn Hendrian
25. Hannah Woldruff
27. Billy Hale, Baer Worden
28. Nadine Heiserman, Blakelyn Kroemer, Jackson Schultz
29. Brenda Deimerly, Rachelle Timmerman



Celebrating anniversaries in May...

4. Chris & Brenda Deimerly
8. Duane & Diane Schmelz
14. Kenn & Kathy Pettit, Mike & Susan Spellerberg
22. Bryan & Rosie Cutter
25. Mark & Diana Stauffer
28. David & Jan Pearson

