

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



**"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:"**

Ecclesiastes 3:1

We know what comes after... "a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

It's always about this time of year that I find myself on the not so great times of each of these statements. The cold days of winter wear on long while there is an anticipation of things turning green again. Shorter sleeves instead of sweaters. The smell of a crisp spring morning rather than the smell of wood smoke from a neighbor's fireplace. Things right now are right there on the cusp of changing. For me, at least, March is the "Wednesday" of months.

We are deep into the season of Lent, a season of self reflection and contemplation. Lent is, in a way, the "Wednesday" of the church calendar. A time that we certainly pass through with great anticipation of what lies ahead: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the celebration of Easter Sunday and the seven Sundays of Easter that follow.

It's the difference of wallowing in our sinfulness and seeing our sins forgiven through the cross of Christ, His death, and His resurrection. It's the difference of facing eternity separated from God or eternity there in His presence. It's a difference that is as clear as the "times" that are represented in Ecclesiastes 3. Now is the time to turn our hearts back to God in repentance. Now is the time to understand the full benefits of what Jesus has accomplished for us through the amazing work of redemption that He has done for us. Blessings to you all as we continue through this season of Lent.

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown



What's Happening?

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, March 4—11am-3pm

Concordia Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop 214 Chili Dinner & Silent Auction

*Come for GREAT FOOD, AWESOME SILENT
AUCTION, & LIVE MUSIC!*

\$8/person in advance—\$10/person at the door

*For more information please see
Christina Johnson, Nicholas Schmitz
or Zachary Deimerly.*



REMINDER!

Daylight Savings Time
BEGINS on
Sunday,
March 12, 2023

REMINDER
Please join us for
mid-week
Lenten services
on each
Wednesday
during Lent at
7:00 pm



YOUTH GROUP

REMINDER! During Lent Youth Group
will meet on Tuesdays from
6:00-8:00 pm

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STEPP Up



GriefShare – Coming Monday, March 20th

If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, parent or friend, I invite you to consider attending GriefShare sessions starting on Mondays, March 20 at 10:00 at King of Kings Lutheran Church in the Fireside Room. This Support Group uses the worldwide Christian based curriculum that consists of 10 weekly lessons that meets up to 2 hours. Each week we watch a 40 minute video with the presenters being pastors, counselors, psychologist and lay people that have experienced death of a spouse, child, parent or friend. They give advice on how to deal with grief and how to manage your life and feelings after your loss. GriefShare is a Bible based Support Group the gives emotional and spiritual guidance as you walk through your life ahead without your loved one.

Grief is difficult for everyone impacted by a death of a loved one. Plan to attend this helpful Support Group of GriefShare, invite a friend or neighbor that is struggling.

Contact: Darlene Wood - 319-270-1276



Messy, slimy, gross tales from the Bible!

**March 1—Spot the Difference
(Naaman)**

**March 8—Straight from the Fish's Mouth
(The Temple Tax)**

**March 22—Piggy Plunge
(Jesus heals a possessed man)**

**March 29—ROTTEN EGGS
(Don't reject Jesus' Egg-ceptional Gift)**

ALL PreK-5th graders WELCOME!



Let's take you through a Share and Care Preschool day.

8:55-9:15 - Mrs. Hoffman greets kiddos in our drive through lane and ushers them from cars into our building. Mrs. Weber is our hall teacher and helps kiddos get their backpacks and coats hung up, folders out of backpacks and hands sanitized before entering our classrooms. Mrs. Uthe and Mrs. Gott are posted in the classroom with a myriad of morning arrival activities to help our kiddos start the day with LEARNING!

9:15-9:30 - This time is dedicated to our morning meeting where we embrace our classroom community. Each day we choose a greeter (this person greets each person by name and lets them choose a greeting such as superhero or by giving a wink), a song leader (this person chooses from our "music box" and we will sing that song twice during our class day), a line leader, a light helper, a flag holder (for the Pledge of Allegiance) and a pet vet (who is in charge of feeding our aquarium friends. Friends are also given the opportunity to mark how they are "feeling" that day with their feeling spot that we try to talk about during the course of the day. Our feeling choices are happy, sad, angry, worried, excited and scared.

9:30 - 9:45 - This is our literacy block time and each week we have one book that we read repeatedly. This week's book is "Maggi and Milo" and is a book about friendship. We use this time to work on things like alliteration, rhyming, segmenting, understanding print concepts and learning new words. The word this week is "concentration." Each "wonderful word" that we introduce has an action and a child-friendly definition to go with it. For concentration we put on our thinking faces because to concentrate is to think very hard about just one thing.

9:45 - 10:10 - This is currently our gross motor time because we are unable to be OUTSIDE for our gross motor time. When the weather warms up, we will move our gross motor time towards the end of the day. Our indoor gross motor time includes dancing, yoga, parachute play, bean bag activities and obstacle courses.

10:10-10:15 - BATHROOM BREAK! This time is not only our time where we ALL try to use the bathroom and get our hands washed before snack, but this is also our opportunity to practice walking in line which is a super important skill for when we get to Kindergarten. We also use our bathroom transition time to work on a specific skill each week. Last week we used this time to practice patterning.

10:15 - 10:30 - We kick off snacktime with a table song and then enjoy the company of our friends while we also enjoy our snack. Our preschool does work on introducing locally available food to our preschoolers. This month's locally-available food for the month is BEEF and we will try to incorporate it into a couple of snacks throughout the month. We also attempt to cook occasionally, but this month our cooking days have been snow days.

10:30-10:40 - This is our second whole group learning time for the day and we use this time to work on math, science, social studies, social-emotional learning or creative arts activities. We were super impressed to encourage the reading of class names during today's time. Later this week we will use Pop-It frames to make sets of 10.

10:40-11:30 - PLAY TIME! At least that's what the kiddos would call it. This is a time when we partner with our classroom to provide rich play experiences for our kiddos. Each area of our classroom is thoughtfully curated to ensure that we are continuing to work on our learning goals while we are immersed with our peers in play. We also use this time for our teachers to work one on one with kiddos or in small groups.

11:30-11:40 - We decided to add a second read aloud time to our classes when we extended our day by half an hour. Reading aloud with kiddos has so much value and is proven to be a key component in reading success later in life. Our tuition based classroom has an additional picture book that they enjoy during this time that is related to our weekly theme. Our statewide voluntary preschool program uses this time to read a chapter book. Currently we are enjoying EB White's, [The Trumpet of the Swan](#).

11:40-12:00 - We end our day with praise music and a Bible story. We also use this time to pray over our day. We end our day by singing our good-bye song before packing up and getting ready to head to our cars. Mrs. Hoffman goes back out to the drive through lane to help kiddos get in the correct vehicles while Mrs. Uthe, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Gott hang out with our waiting kiddos in the building.

We surely do jam pack our days full ensuring that every single minute is planned and used well. We know that we have a big job to do when we are only given a few hours a day. It is a tough job but one that we absolutely love. Thank you for partnering with us in this valuable ministry.

Blessed,

Sarah Hoffman

Celebrating birthdays in March...

- 2 Charlene Parks
- 4 Tessa Timmerman
- 7 Shari Wendel
- 9 Reegan Cutter
- 10 Chris Scheck, Amanda Sir, Sherry Sir
- 14 Berkley Bramsen
- 15 Ameilia Meister
- 16 Lily Worden
- 17 Austin Snyder
- 18 Ryland Cooling
- 20 Michele Lavin, Nicholas Schmitz
- 25 Rachel Plein
- 26 Gary Crow



Celebrating anniversaries in March...

- 18 Dwight & Krista Oehlerich
- 25 Grant & Nicole Schultz

