

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 who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

(Romans 8:32)

Labor Day weekend used to be one of those holidays that came and went. It typically marked the end of summer worship schedules and the beginning of the fall worship schedule and Sunday school as well as Confirmation classes beginning again. It was a time that things returned to “normal”. A time when things got back to the way that they were “supposed to be.”

Labor Day weekend has changed a bit. It is, at least in my mind, an anniversary of sorts with memories of our family preparing to move to Cedar Rapids, an unexpected trip to see an ophthalmologist one Sunday afternoon, an early Monday morning surgery, and a change of what was considered “normal”.

The “normal” is fine and actually good. Sometimes though, what we think is the “abnormal” - the trials, the rough places, the challenges are reminders that there are things in life that are not constant and are always changing, like worship services at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 11, 2022. They also serve as reminders that there is One who is constant and never changing.

What we see as “abnormal” in life is a reminder that in this life, the love of God is never changing, ever present, and always willing to pour out mercy and grace for the sake of His Son.

It gives us certainty in the times of our uncertainty. It gives us strength in the time of our weakness. It strengthens our faith in our times of doubt.

It's in that certainty that we find peace and hope for the challenges we face on a daily basis, knowing that if He has given his Son for us, that God will provide for all of our needs of body and spirit. Not only for today, but for all of our days to come.

With Great Joy In The Promise Of Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown

CHURCH NEWS

**Church is not Church
without U!**

CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th
VOTERS' MEETING
10:00 am**



**Reminder—the
office will be
closed on Monday,
September 5th.
Happy Labor Day!**

**Holy Chair
Yoga is back!**
Tuesdays at
9:00am in the
fellowship hall.
Cost is only
\$5 per class.
Everyone is
welcome!



**New worship service times
begin on September 11th**
**Worship Service
8:30 am**
**Children's Sunday School
& Adult Bible Class
10:00 am**

Handbell Choir



The Bells from the back balcony have news!!
They will soon be ringing in
September! Charlene, the bell director is
planning a Bell retreat!! This is an opportunity to
see and learn what we do in the back balcony.
So mark your calendars, grab some friends and
neighbors and make a reservation to come to
the Fellowship Hall on
Saturday, September 24th at 10 am.
Doors open at 9:45 am
for check-in and meet and greet.
Festivities start at 10:15am with a small devotion,
history of the bells and choir chimes from our
church, and instruction on different ringing
techniques. We will then break for a light lunch
and fellowship. We will end with an hour of
hands on ringing and door prizes.
(NO musical experience needed so don't be
shy!) Reservations can be made by
emailing cprosetulips@gmail.com or sign up on
the sign up sheet in the narthex by
September 17th!
Hope to see you there for fun and fellowship!

The Youth Ministry ZONE



YOUTH GROUP
Youth group kicks off on Sunday, September 11th!

We will meet EVERY Sunday from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Youth group leaders this year are Wesley Aquice, Gary Crow & Jody Lippmann. Youth group is open for ALL junior high and high school students.

We will have games and activities each time we meet, as well as devotions and prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

September 11th—Fall Kick Off
“Pizza & games”

October Event—look for Bloomsbury info & permission slips

EMPTIES
are full of
OPPORTUNITY



Fundraiser for Youth Group

We are asking anyone who drinks from bottles or cans to please save their empties until Saturday, November 5th. On that day, you can drop off cans and bottles at church from 9-10am. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN education

STEPP UP

Calling all children PK – 5th grades to join STEPP UP

*Start date – September 7th

*Time– 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Please fill out the registration information you received in the mail and return it to the church office or bring the first night of STEPP UP.

Join us in our journey of learning about the people in the bible and our Savior’s love for us through our fun and engaging activities, games, and lessons.

Sunday School

Friendly reminder, we will be kicking off Sunday School for kiddos

*K – 5th grade

*starting on September 11th

*from 10 to 10:45 am

We are going to do a trial period for 8 weeks to determine the interest and participation in the program. At the end of that 8 week period the future of the program will be decided.

We ask that everyone who would like to see this program continue at Concordia, make a commitment to regularly have their children in attendance.

If you are interested in teaching or helping we are also looking volunteers. Please contact a member of the Board of Education with your interest.

God’s Blessings
Angie Cooling





Annndddddd....we're back! Classrooms are cleaned and organized, paperwork is filed, cubbies are filled with brand new school supplies, and our preschool friends are back in the building. It feels like September! We have adjusted our schedule for the 2022-2023 school year to mirror the preschool schedule of the Cedar Rapids Community School District so we will be here a bit longer during the day on Mondays through Thursdays, but will be leaving our Fridays open for professional development, planning and other prep work. We have filled our extra time with our preschoolers with longer play time, an additional whole group learning block and some extra read aloud time. As with most things preschool related, we'll just have to see how it all goes, but we are excited for the change.

Thank you to everyone who has partnered with us for our Preschool Pen Pal program. We are still in need of 5-6 more Pen Pals. If you would like to get to know one of our preschoolers a bit better, through the exchange of "mail" in our building, please let us know. There are Pen Pal sign up forms outside of the sanctuary or you are welcome to email me at shareandcarepreschool@gmail.com and I'll add your name to my list.

Our September learning will focus around two themes: "Welcome to School" and "All About Me." During our "Welcome to School" time, we will be focusing on learning what it is to be a Share and Care Preschoolers. This means lots of practice on all of our classroom procedures and learning the routine of our day. You wouldn't believe how long it can take to learn how to stand in a line or leave the snack table. Once we have a feel on what it is like to be at Share and Care, we will focus on all the amazing little people that God has sent to our preschool. In our "All About Me" unit we will focus on what makes us special and will spend LOTS of time working on our very special name.

If you want to sneak a peek at our daily fun, feel free to follow us on Facebook at "Share and Care Preschool" or we've just started an Instagram account which you can find at [shareandcarepreschoolcr](https://www.instagram.com/shareandcarepreschoolcr). I know that social media isn't always a super uplifting place, but I can guarantee that you'll find lots of smiles on our feeds! It is also my goal to use my Fridays to keep our website up to date so maybe give it another peek towards the end of September (after the dust has settled from the start of school). You can find us at www.shareandcarepreschool.com.

Speaking of our website, we utilize our website so families can enroll in our program online. If you know of someone who is looking for a preschool, please encourage them to check out the website. It is a few easy clicks to find the registration page and list of classroom options and openings. If anyone has questions on how best to complete the process, I am always an email away at shareandcarepreschool@gmail.com and I LOVE to chat about our amazing program.

I never would have imagined that when I walked across that wooden bridge/boat at Bever Park and received my Share and Care graduation diploma, while also trying to keep the construction paper mortar board on my little head, that I would be blessed with the opportunity to come back to the preschool as a teacher one day. I thank God for all the way God surprises me and I thank God for a ministry that continues to share the love of Jesus with little ones in our community all these years later.

Blessed,
Sarah Hoffman

We're Going Back To School



Celebrating birthdays in September...

5 Kraig Snyder

7 Lucas Furne

8 Mike Spellerberg

9 Heather Scheck

11 Bruce Feuerbach, Doug Winders

14 Tyler Parks, Judy Tibben

15 Helen Pallesen

16 Leah Deimerly

18 Kimberly Bielefeld, Molly Meister, Hannah Robson, Richard Schmitz

22 Mary Hudson

23 Keith Furne, Dorothy Marquardt, Tina Porter

24 Linda Bekebrede, Mark Postel

26 Dick Faas, Jack Liedtke, Lois Wessling



Celebrating anniversaries in September...

2 Larry & Jody Lippmann

6 Troy & Lisa Vanourny

8 Michael & Jenni Cutter

13 Don & Becky Hass

19 Titof & Angela Aquice, Randy & Cindy Dee

21 Rev. Brad & Kimberle Brown, Kevin & Roxy Smith

22 Lloyd & Donna Lewis, Rev. Larry & Jane Schmidt

27 Eldon & Barbara Burkhart

28 Adam & Jennifer Coats, Bob & Mary Hudson

