

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



Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay.

(Mathew 28:1-6)

It is certainly an account that we have heard more than once. It actually is a true story that we tell time and time again in each church service. It is told in the liturgy. It is told in the preaching of God's Word. It is told in the celebration of the sacraments. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, crucified and risen for the forgiveness of our sins. It is truly the Good News of the Gospel and the event in which we put our faith and hope.

If it was not for the resurrection of Jesus, everything else that happened in his life and ministry would be worth nothing. It is the event of the resurrection that is the final fulfillment of God's plan of salvation for us all. In the resurrection we find hope and comfort for the days ahead of us. The days when we face trials and tribulation, anxiety and distress, even illness and even death.

On Easter Sunday, when we hear the words "He is Risen!" and respond "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" we celebrate the victory that he has won for us and affirm that by the gift of faith, created in us by the Holy Spirit, that we too are joined with the whole company of heaven and all the saints on earth. Together we celebrate because the tomb could not hold him and that God raised him from the dead, giving to us that promise of eternal life with him in heaven.

May the joy of the resurrection be yours not only on Easter Day, but each and every day. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With Great Joy In Christ Our Risen King,

Pastor Brad A. Brown



What's Happening?



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet on Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm. All youth in 6th-12th grade are welcome! Bring a friend!

Check out the Youth Mission Table in the narthex—find out a little about our mission trip to Puerto Rico this summer and help support us if you can!



Voters' Meeting
Sunday, April 14th
(following service)

All members are invited to attend!

Reminder—the church office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.

Happy Easter!



Please join Troop 214 for a Chili Soup Luncheon & Silent Auction Fundraiser at Concordia on **Saturday, April 6th, from 11 am—2pm**. This fundraiser helps fund the year for the Scouts in our Troop. Cost per ticket is \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance. Tickets in advance can be purchased from **Nicolas Schmitz, Zachary Deimerly, or Christina Johnson**. Please come support our Scouts by enjoying some soup or chili and checking out the silent auction.



7 pm Friday, April 12 thru
8 am Saturday, April 13

**YOUTH
MOVIE
NIGHT
&
Lock In**



Come enjoy fun games, a movie & popcorn! Please bring sleeping materials for after the movie. Sign up on the Youth board. Each youth may invite one friend.

REMINDER—

Wednesday, April 24th
is the last STEPP Up
& Confirmation class
for the year.

Enjoy your break and we will
see you in the fall!

April's STEPP Up theme is "Mission Possible"

April 3—Saul's Conversion

April 10—Paul Heals a Crippled Man

April 17—Paul's Vision & Lydia's Conversion

April 24—LAST STEPP Up—Paul & Silas in Prison





Every year at this time I sit back during class time and look around at the amazing classroom community we have created together. We still have occasions from day to day where we need to take a moment to learn together through a difficult situation, but for the most part, our kiddos have transformed from unsure and timid preschoolers who require constant assistance throughout our class day to confident learners capable of managing the challenges of each new day on their own.

This year I feel like our community of learners has excelled in two areas in particular. First of all, they have learned to value the relationships with their peers. We have worked tirelessly on teaching them the skills to get their friends' attention by tapping them on the shoulder, saying their name, looking them in the eye and then talking to their peer. This meant that we have had to really work on learning the names of our peers. There is nothing sweeter to our human ears than to hear our names being said by others. We have also given them the tool of how to handle a situation when we can't just quite think of the name and we see our kiddos politely ask their friend for their name if they forget. Hearing our kiddos use the names of their friends during our class time has changed the feel of our classroom and we just love it so much.

The other thing that we have worked really hard on is advocating for ourselves. We want our kiddos to know that they have a voice and how to use it for positive change. If you are feeling smushed sitting on the rug, it is perfectly acceptable to kindly ask your friend to give you a bit more space or to move yourself to a place where you feel more comfortable. If you are building a tower and a friend knocks it over, it is absolutely appropriate to tell your friend how that makes you feel and to ask them to not do it again. You may even ask for their assistance in the rebuilding process if you feel like you would like to include them in your play efforts. We are still occasionally hearing our kiddos ask the teachers for assistance in those social situations, but with a reminder to use their voice, kiddos are starting to, more and more often, tackle those situations on their own. They are using their toolbox and we are so very proud of them.

We would love to fill our classroom community with even more learners for the 2024-2025 school year and have openings in all of our classes. If you know of someone with a kiddo who is 3-5 years old and would benefit from the Share and Care experience, we would love to chat with them. Encourage them to check out our website (www.shareandcarepreschool.com) for more information and they can even schedule a tour of our facility through that website.

We thank you for your continued support of our preschool ministry. We absolutely love what we do.

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
10. Debbie Marz
11. Jake Moore, Kenn Pettit
12. Connor Kriegermeier, John Timmerman
13. Carole Pock
15. Carver Churchill
17. Bill Settlege
18. Kelsey Jaeger, Cameron Johnson
19. Kevin Mittan
20. Lane Robson, Laura Sir,
22. Sharon Harms
23. Parker Bramsen
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, Gene & Debbie Marz

