

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



This year's Lenten series paints a portrait of Jesus through the eyes of those whose interactions with Jesus lead us to meditate on His Passion as recorded by St. John in his Gospel. Our overall theme is "Witnesses to Christ: People From His Passion."

John tells us he wrote his Gospel: "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30–31).

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those who were present as part of Jesus' journey to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate; sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver); as well as others. The series follows this outline:

Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2023 - "John the Baptist"

Midweek 1 - March 1, 2023 - "Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha"

Midweek 2 - March 8, 2023 - "Malchus"

Midweek 3 - March 15, 2023 - "Peter"

Midweek 4 - March 22, 2023 - "Barabbas"

Midweek 5 - March 29, 2023 - "Pontius Pilate"

Maundy Thursday - April 6, 2023 - "Judas Iscariot"

Good Friday - April 7, 2023 - "John, the Gospel Writer"

Easter Sunday - April 11, 2023 - "Mary Magdalene"

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown



What's Happening?



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

**Wednesday,
February 22**

Chili, broccoli cheese soup, chicken noodle
soup & Texas Roadhouse rolls
will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Serving will be from 5:15-6:30 pm

Everyone is welcome!



Saturday, February 11

8:30 am—until done

All supplies will be here and ready for
eager hands!

Donuts, juice, & coffee available!

Let's TEAM UP to CLEAN UP!



Join us for Ash Wednesday
worship service
with Holy Communion on
Wednesday,
February 22 at 7:00 pm.

Mid week Lenten services will be
held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
beginning
March 1-March 29



**Welcome
New Members**

We would like to welcome
Don & Patti Hawxby and
David & Barb Wichmann
to our Concordia family!

Be sure to say hello and
introduce yourselves to
our new members!



SCARVES, HATS, AND MITTENS—OH MY!

During the month of February, we will
be collecting winter scarves, hats,
mittens, and gloves for
Hoover Elementary School.

You may drop off your donations in the
Fellowship Hall.

Monetary donations will also be
accepted, and you may drop those off
in the office or in the offering plate
with a note denoting what its for.



YOUTH GROUP

REMINDER! Youth Group will meet on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm until February 15th.

During Lent we will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm beginning on February 21st.

UPCOMING EVENTS



6:00 pm @ Concordia Lutheran Church
Please stay for our trivia night while the chili/soups are being judged.



GRAB A TEAM IT'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Doors open at 6:00 pm, game starts at 6:30 pm.

Invite your family & friends!

\$10 per person/max 8 per table.

Bring \$1 bills for chili/soup voting



**NYC YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**

**For registration & more info
wesaquice@gmail.com**

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STEPP UP

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm



Messy, slimy, gross tales from the Bible!

February 1—Gross 1—A little too salty.
(Sodom & Gomorrah)

February 8—Gross 2—Fish Food.
(Jonah runs from God)

February 15—Gross 3—The Hungry Worm.
(Jonah's anger over Ninevah/The Shade Tree)

February 22—Ash Wednesday—NO STEPP Up

ALL PreK-5th graders WELCOME!

SUNDAY School

Reminder – Sunday School hours are 10:00 am to 10:45am.





How often, throughout your work day, are you told how much someone loves you? How many unique works of art have been created JUST for you? Have you been told that you are the best at what you do...IN THE WHOLE, WIDE WORLD? Do you get to sing and dance everyday at your workplace? Pray? Have you spent months creating a caring community only to say good-bye to that group and start all over again?

These are just a few of the reasons that we do what we do. It is our job to ensure that our preschoolers know that school is a safe place where they are loved and known. At Share and Care we are able to share not only our love with our preschoolers but also the love of Jesus with them as well. Do we work on academics? We absolutely do. Do we work on social skills? Every. Single.

Day. But we are here to share the love of learning with our littles. A love that I truly believe has been planted in our hearts.

We would love to be able to continue to share this love with preschoolers in the 2023-2024 school year. Our registration is open and we will continue welcoming new families onto our roster until our classes are full. Here are the offerings for 2023-2024:

-SWVPP (Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program) - Kiddos in this program must be 4 on or before September 15, 2023. Tuition for this program is funded by the state (in partnership with the Cedar Rapids Community School District) and has attendance and assessment requirements. This class meets Monday-Thursday from 9-12pm. Tuition is covered, but we do ask that families provide a **snack fee each month of \$25**. This allows us to provide a nutritious snack each day the child attends our program.

-4 Day - Kiddos in this class must be 3, 4 or 5 years old. This class meets Monday-Thursday from 9-12pm. This mixed age room is a great opportunity to work on our early learning standards, but also serves as a great option for kiddos who aren't ready for an all-day Kindergarten or Alternative Kindergarten program. **Tuition for this program is \$300** and includes a daily snack for your child during his or her preschool time.

-3 Day - Kiddos in this class must be 3, 4 or 5 years old. This class meets 3 mornings a week, Monday-Thursday from 9-12pm. Class days are determined to ensure that we are meeting the smallest teacher to student ratios possible. This mixed age room is a great opportunity to work on our early learning standards, but also serves as a great option for kiddos who aren't ready for an all-day Kindergarten or Alternative Kindergarten program. **Tuition for this program is \$225** and includes a daily snack for your child during his or her preschool time.

-2 Day - Kiddos in this class must be 3, 4 or 5 years old. This class meets 2 mornings a week, Monday-Thursday from 9-12pm. Class days are determined to ensure that we are meeting the smallest teacher to student ratios possible. This mixed age room is a great opportunity to work on our early learning standards, but also serves as a great option for kiddos who aren't ready for an all-day Kindergarten or Alternative Kindergarten program. **Tuition for this program is \$150** and includes a daily snack for your child during his or her preschool time.

Please share our website (www.shareandcarepreschool.com) with anyone who may be looking for a preschool program. We are so very proud of this ministry and would love to fill our classrooms. They can also find information on our program by checking out our Facebook page, Share and Care Preschool. *If you haven't jumped on recently, I encourage you to do so for your daily dose of smiles!* Potential preschool families are also invited to shoot me an email at shareandcarepreschool@gmail.com. It is a good place to jumpstart the communication process and answer any questions that families may have.

Thank you for supporting our preschoolers and sharing the love of learning with so many throughout the years!

Blessed,

Sarah



Celebrating birthdays in February...

5. Nicole Schultz, David Timmerman

7. Maddison Brown, Debbie Domke

8. Morgin Meister

10. Alex Hanson, JoAnn Kramer

11. Marcia Crapo

14. John Bush

15. Ed Pooch, Reese Thompson

17. Susan Spellerberg

18. Judy Mittan

23. Diane Schmelz

25. Sue Humphrey

27. Dana Bekebrede, Lisa Vanourny

28. Judy Trimpe



Celebrating anniversaries in February...

25. Will & Crystal Peters

