

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 while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

Romans 5:6-11

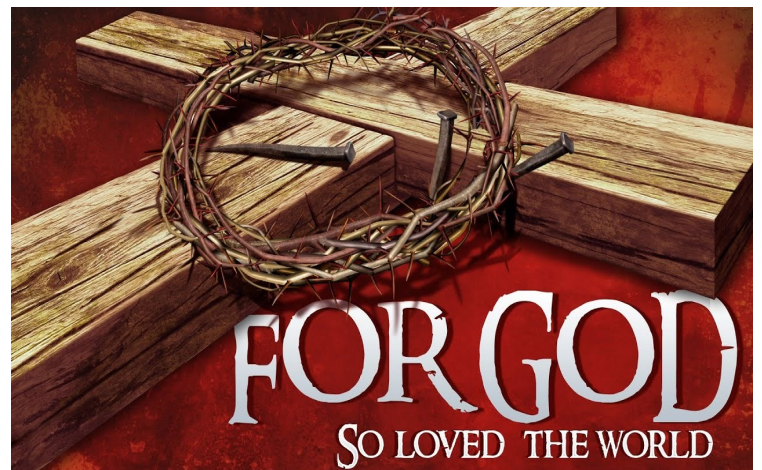
February often brings tiny cards and candies that try to express an idea of love or fondness for another person, maybe even from a secret admirer. There is however a love that is greater than any that could be found between any two people, and it is certainly not a secret at all. These words from St. Paul sum up the tremendous love that God does have for each of us - “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

It's sometimes hard to imagine that. That while we were far off from God and unable to bring ourselves back to Him, God cared for and loved each of us so much that He was willing to separate Himself from His own Son so that we might be justified and made righteous in His sight through the shedding of Jesus' blood. The greatest expression of love that has ever been given is that of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for you and I.

As our minds turn to the thought and idea of love here on earth, let us remember each day, that perfect love does exist for you. His name is Jesus.

With Great Joy and Love In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown



What's Happening?



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Stewardship Committee will be hosting Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 14th

We will be providing, at a minimum chili and chicken noodle soup from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Chili toppings, desserts & beverages will be available as well. Texas Roadhouse will be donating rolls and butter. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share and bring to the kitchen by 5:20pm.

Freewill donations will go toward our list of charities we collect for during Lent, Thanksgiving and Advent. Come join us in fellowship and enjoy a meal prior to Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Services are at 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday—February 14
Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, February 28
Wednesday, March 6
Wednesday, March 13
Wednesday, March 20

Mark your Calendars!

Saturday, March 2nd for the annual Trivia & Chili cook-off night.

Trivia will start at 6pm.

Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

If you have any questions please contact Wes.



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 next summer and help support us if you can!

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER—THE YOUTH ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR PIZZA ROLLS UNTIL FEBRUARY 4TH. THERE IS AN ORDER SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX. ORDERS CAN BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE.

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY—Sunday, February 11th. With kickoff at 5:30 pm, come at 5:15 pm and bring a snack to share. Potluck style.

REMINDER YOUTH—we will meet Saturday, February 10th at 9 am to prep Pizza Rolls.



REMINDER—YOUTH GROUP WILL BE ATTENDING THE CR ROUGH RIDERS VS. MADISON HOCKEY GAME ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH. WE WILL MEET AT THE STADIUM AT 3:30 PM. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.



Share and Care Preschool has opened our registration for the 2024-2025 school year. All kiddos who are 3, 4 or 5 years old are welcome to join in our fun and learning. We have a variety of programs that are designed to serve each learner's needs. Our 2 day, 3 day and 4 day tuition based programs are for all of our friends who are at least 3 year olds on or before September 15, 2024. Some of our friends use this as their first school experience and other friends use it as a bonus year before they enter the elementary school classroom, but no matter what the circumstances are, each learner's developmental needs are met and expanded upon in these programs. All of our classes meet from 9am-12pm and class days are assigned to ensure that we are maximizing our teacher-student ratios.

Our 2024-2025 tuition rates (monthly tuition also includes a daily snack:

2 Day - \$175/month

3 Day - \$250/month

4 Day - \$325/month

We are also proud to partner with the Cedar Rapids Community School District to provide a state funded preschool program for our 4 year old friends. This program has attendance requirements and all participants must be 4 on or before September 15, 2024. Kiddos meet in this program, each day Monday-Thursday and their tuition and snack fee is covered by state funding.

To register for any of our programs, please check out our website www.shareandcarepreschool.com. From that website you can fill out our enrollment application through brightwheel. The \$50 non-refundable registration fee can be paid through the website OR can be mailed in to the preschool.

We look forward to learning with your little learners in the 2024-2025 school year!

Sarah Hoffman

Celebrating birthdays in February...

5. Nicole Schultz, David Timmerman

7. Maddison Brown, Debbie Domke

8. Morgin Meister

10. JoAnn Kramer

11. Marcia Crapo

14. John Bush

15. Ed Pooch, Reese Thompson

17. Susan Spellerberg

18. Judy Mittan

23. Jean Ihns, Diane Schmelz

28. Judy Trimpe



Celebrating anniversaries in February...

25. Will & Crystal Peters

