

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



## THE MARCH CHRONICLE 2024

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



***“When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him, but the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.”***

***Luke 9:51-53***

The days are actually drawing nearer and nearer. There is a celebration that is coming in about thirty-one days that is one of great joy and excitement. Of course in between, well that is a completely different story. Or is it?

Between now and then we will come together as a congregation in the building of the church on four Sundays, three Wednesdays, one Thursday and one very Good Friday. Is there really a difference between any of these days and the day that is coming up on March 31st?

If we are completely honest with ourselves, we treat the day that we celebrate Easter as a day that is maybe a bit more holy. A day that is a bit more special. A day that maybe is held in higher regard than any other Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - or any of the rest of the days of the week.

But that day is NOT any more of any of those things specifically for the reason that every single day is just as special as the next or the last, because Easter Day, the day of The Resurrection has already happened.

It is exactly there, in The Resurrection, that we find that joy, peace, excitement for yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Let us greet each one of the next thirty-one days with the same excitement that we will welcome March 31st.

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Brad A. Brown*



# What's Happening?



The Lenten season is upon us and we are asking members and friends of Concordia to help decorate the church for this holy season. You may assist by purchasing lilies which will be used in decorating the church until the conclusion of our Easter morning worship, at which time you may pick yours up and enjoy them in your home. **To take part in this tradition, please fill out an order form and return it to the church along with your payment.** Order forms may be picked up at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Place your order form and payment in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or on Wednesday evenings **no later than March 10th.** The cost of each lily this year is \$10.00. Thank you!

**Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent**



**Services are at 7:00 pm**

- Wednesday, March 6**
- Wednesday, March 13**
- Wednesday, March 20**

**HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy (Holy) Thursday, March 28—7:00 pm**

**Good Friday, March 29—7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday, March 31—8:30 am**

**Easter Breakfast after worship service**



**Mark your Calendars!**

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

**Trivia will start at 6pm.**

**Sign up sheets are 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!**

### EASTER BREAKFAST—MARCH 31

#### Following Service

Youth will be hosting Easter Breakfast—please join us following service for great fellowship and great food! There are several ways you can help support this fundraising effort!

Donate food items for the Easter breakfast. This includes items for the main dish along with baked goods. (Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the narthex) If you are bringing main dish items you can drop your food items off in the kitchen on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday before or after services. PLEASE drop items off by Friday evening. We will do an inventory after Good Friday service and will purchase any needed food items. If you are bringing baked goods you can drop off in the kitchen any time before the Easter service. Most importantly, EAT BREAKFAST with us Easter morning!

Breakfast will be served following service and a free will offering will be taken that will help send the youth on their mission trip this summer!

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 REMINDER—PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECYCLABLE CANS/BOTTLES FOR THE YOUTH .

DROP OFF IS JUNE 1ST -9:00 AM AT CONCORDIA



Share and Care Preschool is now taking 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](http://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 March...

- 2. Charlene Parks
- 4. Tessa Timmerman
- 9. Reegan Cutter
- 10. Chris Scheck, Amanda Sir, Sherry Sir
- 13. Bart Seltrecht
- 14. Berkley Bramsen
- 15. Ameilia Meister
- 16. Lilly 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 & Nichole Schultz

