

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 you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Galatians 5:13

There is absolutely nothing more American than baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and as the commercials say, Chevrolet, although that is always a topic of debate among car owners. There is something that we, as Americans, do usually believe is more American than all of those things though. That thing is freedom.

The founding fathers signed off on a well known document called “The Declaration of Independence” stating that they believed what was contained within the document as truth. The preamble states *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

Here and now, some 250 years later, we often interpret that in our “free” society to mean that we can do whatever we want, whenever we want, to whomever we want because we have been guaranteed freedom through this Declaration, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

We know, however, that freedom in the United States of America is not “absolute”. There are laws established *“to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty.”*

Where we do have absolute freedom is in the Son of the one who established this government, this nation, and your salvation. The **ONLY** place we have absolute freedom is in Christ. Freedom not given so that we may serve our own needs, but the needs of those around us as Christ also served those around him. May we always use that freedom to bring honor and glory to God.

Pastor Brad A. Brown

What's Happening?



Please join us for **Family Game Night** on **Saturday, July 18th from 6-9pm**. Enjoy games with family and friends! Free will donation with popcorn and lemonade provided. If you would like to bring a snack to share that would be great, but not required.



PERU MISSION TRIP

Please join us on **Sunday, July 19th** after worship service for a presentation about our mission trip in Iquitos, Peru.

Youth would like to attend Lost Island water park in late July. Cost will be determined closer to the event. Parents please look for emails about this to come.



Have a safe & happy 4th of July!



I dare you to walk through our space at any point in the year and not smile at the beauty of God's work happening at Share and Care Preschool.

When I walked through our outdoor classroom this morning, I was greeted by hollyhocks taller than me, the cheerful chirping of birds waiting for their next meal, and a blanket of morning glories winking hello.

Throughout the summer, our preschool families have lovingly adopted this space, and it has been so much fun to experience their adventures

through the pictures they have shared with us.

Inside Share and Care, our classrooms are also undergoing a transformation. After many years of beautiful murals on our walls, we have decided to create a calmer, cozier environment where children's creativity can truly shine. Nature scenes will be replaced with a soft sage green, giving little eyes a quiet place to rest when busy brains are working overtime soaking up all the learning that takes place during our preschool day.

Our walls will now become a gallery for the artwork of our students. We hope this change helps our preschoolers feel an even greater sense of belonging and connection to their classroom community. Be sure to check our website throughout the summer as we share updates on these exciting changes!

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we have just a few openings remaining before reaching our licensed capacity. While our state-funded program currently has a waiting list, openings are still available in our tuition-based classes for children ages 3–5.

Our tuition programs meet two, three, or four mornings each week from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with monthly tuition ranging from \$180–\$330 depending on the class option selected.

If you would like to learn more about Share and Care Preschool, we encourage you to visit our website at www.shareandcarepreschool.com. There you can learn more about our program, see photos of our preschool days, and sign up for a tour or enroll your child.

Thank you for all you do to support our ministry. If you are in the building, please stop by and take a look at our space. Together, we are creating a foundation of faith, learning, and community that will guide our preschoolers for years to come.

Blessings,

Sarah Hoffman



Celebrating birthdays in July ...

1. Lloyd Lewis
6. Janelle Woldruff
11. Will Peters
12. Allan Postel, Dustin Wendel
13. Jane Schmidt
15. Margie Popenhagen, Jayme Scheck,
Samantha Scheck, Ryan Spellerberg
17. Felicity Lavin
19. Walker Armstrong, Barbara Burkhart, Pat Fehlberg
22. Carter Bramsen, Pearl Crow
24. Mark Cooling
27. Ron Floerchinger
28. Amy Worden
30. Chris Auman



Celebrating anniversaries in July...

5. Kraig & Kelly Snyder
7. Tom & Bette Jo Wendel
10. Jack & Shelley Gott
27. Ron & Jackie Floerchinger,
Phillip & Amy Worden
30. Doug & Beth Winders

