

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 by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

I read this quote from Martin Luther the other day. It said: “To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.”

I know the scripture verse above from St. Paul’s letter to the church at Ephesus is one that is not only one that I am certain you are very familiar with because it foundational to the Lutheran faith and we have heard it, and probably spoken it or read it, more times than we can even remember. But the question that I have to ask myself, and maybe you ask yourself also is this. Do I live in this reality or do I live in another reality?

We can be certain that faith created in us through the Holy Spirit has brought to us the gift of God’s grace. So many times though we want to be able to add something to it, something that makes us worthy of that grace and of forgiveness. Our hearts have been lied to and convinced that the person we are, this sinful wretch of a human being, is saved apart from anything we can do. So we try to do something about it. We try to earn God’s favor. We try to get on God’s good side. We try to be strong and capable of doing it all ourselves. And with each attempt we fail because salvation has absolutely nothing to do with what you can do for yourself and EVERYTHING with what God has already done for you through the one in which you have faith.

Know this though - God’s love for you is so immense and so perfect that he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to do the single work necessary for you to have forgiveness of your sins, salvation, and life eternal. That work was to take on all of your sin and take it to a place where sin and death were put to death and salvation made the free gift of all those who believe. Not only is the cross empty, but so is the tomb. Your sins are forgiven as promised, by the life death, and resurrection of Christ. He is risen indeed and you are forgiven. Indeed.

With Great Joy In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Brad A. Brown



I just counted up the days we have been at preschool this school year, and if our friends came every day (and many do not!), we have only been together for **10 days**. We cannot believe how amazing our little learners already are at working together as a community, following our classroom routines, and participating in their learning.

We have found our **LION voices** and are willing to share our ideas with teachers and friends. We have learned how to show we care during rug time by staying in our space, listening with our ears, and keeping our voices off. We interact during story time and have shown bravery during new experiences, like a fire drill. We have shown empathy toward a friend who was missing their mom and helped a friend whose backpack just wouldn't zip at the end of the day.

If this is what we look like at the end of September, I cannot even imagine what we will look like at the end of May!

And in addition to the best preschoolers in the world, I am blessed to work with some pretty amazing **tall people** as well.

Shelley Gott has been at Share and Care since 1996 and continues to be a pillar of our program. She does an incredible job of making sure everyone feels included, valued, and capable.

Laurie Weber joined Share and Care in 2013 and has made our program extra special. Just check out our dramatic play center any month of the year to see her creativity in action! Our space feels magical because of her extra touches, and we love watching our kiddos' imaginations come alive in the spaces she creates.

In addition to our teaching team, Share and Care is fortunate to welcome a variety of adults from our community who enrich our program in so many ways.

Mr. Andy has been part of Share and Care for a number of years and joins us twice a month to share his gift of music. Under his guidance, we work on being the best listeners we can be, controlling our breathing, singing different pitches, and even playing our tiny pianos. He fully understands how wonderfully God created each of us and does such a beautiful job of helping our kiddos discover their musical potential.

We also partner with **Grant Wood AEA** to provide the support and services our kiddos need. We are especially fortunate to have **Miss Jen**, our speech and language pathologist, working with us each week. She helps some of our kiddos with their speech and language development, and while she works with a small group, everyone loves seeing Miss Jen. She always receives a warm welcome when she walks through our door!

This year, we have also added a couple more friendly faces to our classroom.

Miss Caitie is a consultant from Bright Foundations. She comes to observe our classroom about once a week and provides support as we help our kiddos navigate big feelings. We love her willingness to jump in, offer suggestions, and help us make sure each child feels safe and successful at Share and Care.

We also welcome **Miss Kelli from Tanager**, who will join us throughout the year to provide mental health education through the creative arts. We are excited for her to help us explore things like patience, frustration, and anxiety through drama, storytelling, music, movement, and art. Little people have a lot of big feelings, and we are excited to help them learn ways to manage those feelings that are productive, healthy, and safe.

I can't even begin to tell you how amazing it is to be part of Share and Care Preschool in 2026–2027! We are so grateful for the incredible people who pour into our kiddos and for a community that supports us so faithfully.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We truly feel God's presence in our classrooms each and every day.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

With HIS Love,
Sarah Hoffman

GEORGE NEWS

➤ youth
+ group ➤

Just in time for the holidays! Youth Group is offering Butterbraids for sale. Orders are due at the end of October and pickup is November

16th. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Proceeds will go towards the next mission trip in 2028.



Please join us for breakfast
(scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage)
hosted by the elders on
Sunday, October 18th
following worship service.

OCTOBER IS

**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PASTORS!

THANK YOU, PASTOR BROWN FOR ALL YOU DO FOR
CONCORDIA!



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER...

Stewardship Sunday & Commitment Sunday.

Watch for more information to come!

Celebrating birthdays in October...

1. Marvin Hoyt
2. Morgan Settlage
3. Angie Cooling, Rosie Cutter
4. Jenni Cutter
6. Ella Peters
7. Paige Timmerman
12. Edward Dawson, Mya Furne
14. Zachary Deimerly
15. Julie Ekland
16. Elijah Furne
20. Sally Seltrecht
21. Kathy Jedlicka, Chad Mittan, Gary Trimpe
22. Angela Aquice, Travis Poock
23. Dominick Conrad, Fred Mittan
25. Shane Kriegermeier, David Schultz
28. Roman Bramsen
29. Beth Winders
30. Darlene Van Meter



Celebrating anniversaries in October...

9. Chad & Krystin Mittan
14. Steve & Sally Seltrecht
17. Jim & Jane Hess

