CONCORDIA CONNECTION

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Week of June 4, 2023

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
401 S. Main Street, Concordia, MO 64020

Welcome! We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. *If you are a guest, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors.*

Adult Bible Class: "The Trinity." Today is Trinity Sunday! As we celebrate the amazing and mind-boggling nature of our three-in-one God, we will dive into the doctrine of the Trinity. As much as we cannot comprehend God in His fullness, He has revealed Himself to us in a certain way for a reason. Let's explore that importance together. *Join Pastor Andrew in the school gym at 9:15 am Sunday morning for this one-off study of the Trinity.*

Sunday School and High School Sunday School will not meet during the summer. *See you in August!*

The Lutheran Hour: This week's message by Rev. Dr. John Nunes is "It's All Good – Even When It's Not". Listen on the radio at 8 am, KCMO (710 AM); 8 am, KLEX (92.5 FM); 10 am, KMMO (1300 AM); 10 am, KSIS (1050 AM); or 1:30 pm, KWIX (1230 AM). You can also listen anytime online, on your mobile device through the free app (available at lhm.org), or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home.

"The Essential Jesus" Reading Plan Concludes: We have come to the end of our 100-day Bible reading plan exploring what the Bible says about Jesus—His life, His ministry, His impact. *Want to catch-up, see what all the hype is about, or start the plan over again, look for "The Essential Jesus" on the YouVersion Bible app.*
Day 99: Acts 9:1–19
Day 100: Luke 9:18–27

Altar Flowers Today are placed in celebration of Chester & Arlene Fiene's 65th wedding anniversary.

Chancel Flowers Today are from the funeral of Jeffrey Griggs.

Vacation Bible School: StellarVBS is June 26–29 from 8:30 – 11:30 am. At Stellar, kids (ages Preschool – entering Grade 5) discover how they can shine Jesus' love and hope in everyday life! VBS offerings will support Lutheran Bible Translators, helping to make God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language they understand best, and the week ends with a pool party at the Concordia Aquatic Center on Thursday, June 29, from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. *Register, volunteer, and donate at stpaulsconcordia.org/vbs*.

Matching Gift Challenge: A member of our congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous, has offered a $60,000 matching gift challenge to reduce our deficit as we near the end of our fiscal year (June 30). ***To-date $11,523 has been given.*** Gifts to debt-reduction are above-and-beyond our ongoing contributions to the home fund. Gifts may be given in worship, sent or delivered to the church office, or made online (stpaulsconcordia.org/give) earmarked "Debt Reduction." *"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Cor 9:8 ESV).*

New Bible Study: "Christian Sexuality", a 5 week study, will meet on Monday mornings from 9-10am, starting June 5 at the church office. Materials will be provided, please bring your Bible. As Christians we need a holistic Christian sexuality, not an un-pagan sexuality that only fights against what the world gets wrong. Contact Kathy Schnakenberg (660-463-8086) if you have any questions.

Fun Run Registration Is Open! The annual *Concordia Mission Institute 5K, Family Fun Run, and Brunch* for the morning of Saturday, July 15 at Saint Paul Lutheran High School will include a 5K run, 3K walk, and shorter race for younger children followed by a brunch in the dining hall. All are invited to participate at no cost, though you can make a freewill donation to support continued training for the missionaries of Lutheran Bible Translators and Mission of Christ Network. Scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/funruncmi2023 for more information, to donate, to sign up to run, or to volunteer! For questions, feel free to email louisa.lehenbauer@missionofchrist.org.

SOS Rummage Sale Dropoff - Monday, June 12 - 4-6 pm - 210 Main Street

Open House: In celebration of Chester and Arlene Fiene's 65th wedding anniversary, there will be an open house on Sunday, June 4 from 2-4pm at the Kruger Dining Hall at Saint Paul Lutheran School. Chester and Arleen were married on June 8, 1958 by Rev. Oscar Heilman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. The couple requests no gifts, your presence is present enough.

Card Shower: It's Donald & Betty Dedeke's 50th wedding anniversary on June 9th, let's shower them with cards and make their day. You can send greetings to: Donald & Betty Dedeke, 908 Ada; Concordia, MO 64020.

Summer Camps: Saint Paul Lutheran High School is offering a variety of camps over the summer for students entering Kindergarten through 8th grade (depending upon the camp). Camps include athletic training, volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, Spanish, and Hispanic cooking. More information and access to the Google registration form can be found at splhs.org/events.

Fount of Every Blessing: How might retirement change my estate plans? Retirement planning can often change the makeup of your portfolio, as investments change from long range to shorter range. Each one of those investments has a beneficiary designation with it that guides those assets when the Lord calls you home, either to your estate (will/trust), to family by name, or to organizations (such as ministries). If you change the investment, you want to make sure that the way you fill out the new beneficiary designations fits with your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in creating an overview of all your beneficiary designations. Contact Terry Gerdts, 314-409-5453 or Terry.Gerdts@lfnd.org.

Cross Camp at Holy Cross, Emma: On June 6, from 1 – 5 pm, the first Cross Camp of the summer will be centered around the 1969 moon landing! We will have space-themed games and activities, and maybe dabble in some rocket science of our own. Learning from the Apollo 11 mission members, we will see how much we can accomplish when coordinating the talents we have each been given. Most importantly, we will learn about God's amazing creation and how He has given us the curiosity and ability to work together to explore what He has made. Kids from going into 3 – 8th grades may register by calling the office (660) 463-7869 or visiting holycrossemma.org.

The Sound System Crew is looking for a few new members to help run the sound system during services, specifically during the 10:30am services. No experience needed, training will be provided. If interested, please contact Nick Virus 909-702-5449.

Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower, sponsored by Lutherans for Life of MO, will run from Mother's Day (May 14) - Father's Day (June 18). Bring disposable diapers of any size to the church office between Mother's Day and Father's Day as a way to thank your family for giving you life! Diapers collected will be given to New Beginnings in Warrensburg along with a $50 donation from Lutherans For Life of Missouri. Please Contact Kathy Schnakenberg with any questions at 463-8086.

LAST WEEK

Attendance:
8 & 10:30 am Sunday: 235, 129; GSCC: 42

Tithes and Offerings:
Home: $10,855.11; Missions: $1,065.64
Home Improvement: $120.30; Building: $122.82
Lutheran Bible Translators: $60; Grade School: $145
Leckband Scholarship: $100; Comfort Dog: $71.85
Debt Reduction: $8,423; Mission of Christ Network: $20
SPLHS: $205; School Lunch Program: $400
LERT: $100

THIS WEEK

June 4
8 am | Worship with Communion
9:15 am | Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion

June 6
7 pm | Ladies Aid #1

June 7
12 pm | Womens Bible Study
7 pm | Ministry Planning Council

June 11
8 am | Worship
9:15 am | Bible Study
9:30 am | GSCC Worship
10:30 am | Worship with Communion