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(The number 809 represents the approximate total of Concordia's membership age 50 and older)

A WORD FROM PASTOR MEGGERS...



Dear friends in Christ,
How many weddings are you attending in the next 6 to 8 weeks?
How many confirmations have you attended or are you attending in the next few weeks?
How many graduations, high school and/or college, are you attending in these beautiful days of spring and summer?

I always look forward to May and June but then I find myself wrapped up in quite the hectic schedule that has to do with any or all the above. And while I do look forward to seeing and celebrating with family and friends, I also look forward to this time of year for periods of re-

freshment, relaxation, and even rest.

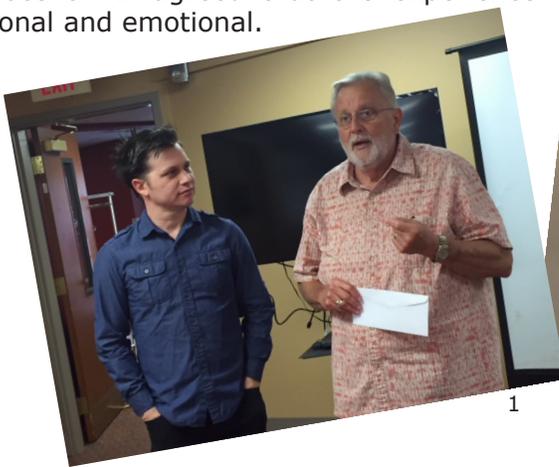
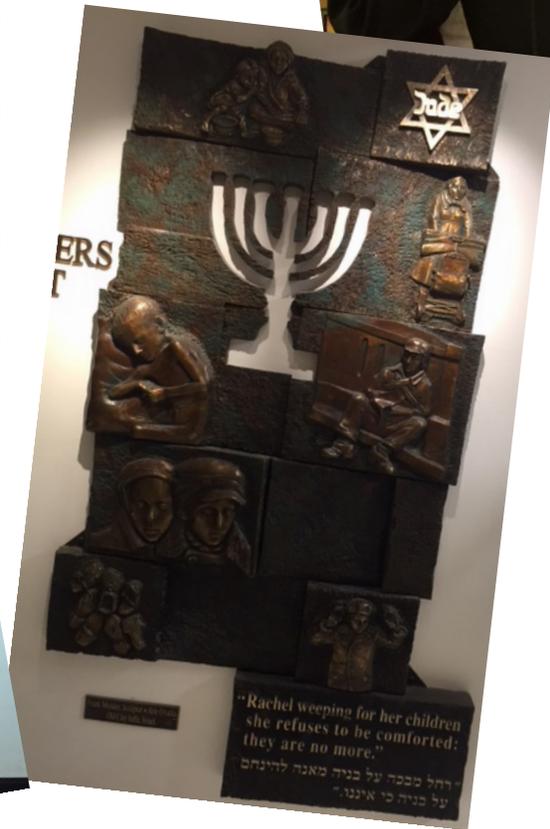
God grant that these weeks are a beautiful season in your life. May God also grant you the opportunity to grow in family and friend relationships across all the generations you will encounter.

God grant you Joy, Pastor M.

LUNCH AND LEARN HAPPENINGS

Those who attended our April Lunch and Learn gathering were treated to a wonderful presentation by Concordia's beloved former pastor, Rev. Walter Schoedel. His delightful sense of humor and his steadfast love for his Lord were very evident as he shared stories from his many years of ministry. He and his wife Lee continue to be an inspiration for all of us!

In May, we enjoyed a barbecue lunch at Concordia and were pleased to have Rev. Chris Paavlova from All Nations Church in University City as our guest. Jerry Witte presented Pastor Paavlova with a check totaling \$830.00 which represented half of the freewill offerings gathered during our Lenten Soup's On lunches. Following lunch, the group visited the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center. We heard a moving presentation from the daughter of a Holocaust survivor and toured the museum with a very knowledgeable docent. All agreed that the experience was both educational and emotional.





Our June 21 Lunch and Learn gathering will be an indoor picnic featuring a patriotic theme. Our program will be a Living History Presentation by Barbara Kay who will portray Betsy Ross and also lead us in some favorite patriotic musical selections. The lunch will be pot-luck so bring your favorite dish to share. If you are unable to fix a dish, please come anyway. There will be plenty of food! Get out your red, white and blue and join us in the dining hall beginning at 11:30am. You can sign up on the bulletin welcome tab, on the list at the registration table, or contact Patty Wilson, pwilson@CKhome.org or 314.822.7772 x128.

There will be no Lunch and Learn gathering in July as we take a summer break. Be on the lookout for additional details as we meet again at Concordia at 11:30am on the following dates:

- **August 16** – Matt Wilson – diving ministry with wounded veterans
- **September 20** – Bob Wagner – former National Football League referee
- **October 18** – Oktoberfest – Don Wolfinger – Concordia’s Germany trip
- **November 15** – Kitty Bickford – women in the military
- **December 11** – Christmas party – “Immanuel, God with Us”
(Please note the date change for the Christmas party from our usual third Thursday.)

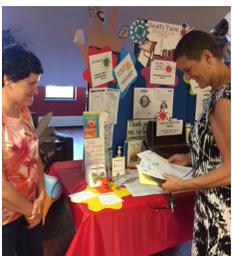
In addition to these regularly scheduled monthly gatherings, a day-trip to Perry County to visit the Lutheran Heritage Museum and the Saxon Memorial is in the planning stages for Saturday, October 27. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information.

SERVANT HEARTS AND HANDS

...Some of Concordia’s senior youth will be heading to Houston, TX July 7–15 to join 400 other high school youth from around the nation to serve and minister to people who are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Thanks to all who supported their recent car wash which helps fund this servant mission trip. The youth washed hundreds of cars and raised over \$1200 for their Houston trip.



...Concordia’s Vacation Bible School will be held July 16-20, 9:00am-noon. Our Health Ministry Action Team will be sharing a health focus each day. Volunteers are needed to help Sharon Ema at the Health Table. Small new toys for prizes are also needed. If you can help with the table or wish to donate small prizes, please contact Sharon.



...Thanks to those who donated food for Feed My People in May. The summer months can be especially difficult for our needy neighbors as their children are home from school. Please be generous and continue bringing non-perishable food items to the donation box in the Lobby throughout the year.



...In June the Giving Center will be receiving needed items for Vacation Bible School and in July school supply donations will be requested for Christian Friends of New Americans. More details to follow.

...Sharon Ema has some Concordia historical photo negatives from the early 1900’s that need to be gone through and identified/processed. If you would be willing to help with this project, please contact her.

LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR ASSISTANCE

At a recent meeting of the Ageless Generation Ministry Action Team, Michelle Wamser from Lutheran Senior Services presented an overview of three programs LSS offers for seniors:

- Aging Answers subsidizes the costs of goods and services for seniors in need. Eligible individuals may receive up to \$300 in financial assistance in a 12-month period.
- Eliezer Fund provides needed assistance for retired church workers and missionaries. Award amounts vary, depending on the services and items requested.
- Answers for Seniors assists seniors and their families through in-home assessments, referrals to community resources, and financial assistance.

To qualify for these programs, seniors must meet age and income requirements. For further information, please call 314.446.2475. Sharon Ema also has a limited number of brochures explaining the programs.

NEXT STEP UPDATE

Our current youth room which needs new furniture and flooring will be remodeled the first week of June. Updates to be installed will match what we plan to use in the new building.

Higher than anticipated facility expenses, including replacement of air conditioning units and elevator repairs, have been incurred. As a result, our 2018 expenses are much larger than normal at this point of the year. Concordia would appreciate any special facility offering, if you are able to help. A washer/dryer is being installed in the little kitchen off the Commons. Thanks to the Facilities Committee for their assistance. The new washer and dryer will eliminate the cost of more than \$1,000/year for towel service.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW THAT...

...A new Women's Ministry is in the formative stages at Concordia. At the Spotlight Table on Mother's Day, women attending service were given the opportunity to connect with home-bound Concordia women by taking note cards and sending personal notes. Be on the lookout for upcoming fellowship and service opportunities. By the way, there were some very stylish hats in attendance on Mother's Day!!



...Rev. Jacob Schultz, part-time pastoral assistant at Concordia, and his wife Rebecca recently welcomed their new daughter Gloria Lynne. Gloria joins big brother Isaiah. Gloria was baptized on May 27 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wood River, IL.

...Appreciation is expressed to Dorothy Jacobi for her 18 years of service to Concordia as a welcoming face at the lobby desk on Fridays and to Aaron Pawlitz for his six years of board service to Christ Community Lutheran School. In addition, medical, military and first responders were recently recognized during weekend services. Thank you for your faithfulness!



...Concordia Seminary's 2018 Call Day was observed with special services in the Seminary chapel on April 24. Fifty-eight fourth year students received their first calls as pastors, missionaries and chaplains. In addition, fifty-nine vicarage assignments were assigned. We pray God's richest blessings to these servants as they head into His mission field.

...Jonathan Butterfield has accepted a call to serve as principal at Lutheran High School South. He will continue to serve at Christ Community through June.

...Tai Chi classes will continue at Concordia through August on Monday and Wednesday mornings beginning at 10:00am. The classes incorporate a series of gentle movements to improve balance strength, flexibility, and stamina. To check on cost and registration availability, call Oasis, 314.862.4859 x24.

Dear Concordia Family,
I am writing to let you know I have received a Divine Call (a God-ordained job offer within the Lutheran Church body) to serve as the Director of Youth and Family Life at St. Luke in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At this time I have two Calls to consider, one to Concordia Lutheran Church and the other to St. Luke-Ann Arbor.
My family and I will be spending the next couple of weeks immersed in prayer, trusting in God's voice to lead us in every step. We invite you to pray along with us as we seek Jesus' direction for both church bodies.
My prayer is that God will speak to our hearts in a way that transforms us through this Call process. That we will be drawn deeper into a relationship with Him and know God's Will which is good and pleasing and perfect. My heart desires for it to be about Jesus. Only about Jesus.
Trusting in Jesus,
Jayme Nichols



STAFF CHANGES

Appreciation is expressed to Dr. Jim Marriott who has assisted with Concordia's Sanctuary music ministry for the past couple of years. Dr. Marriott will be leaving his position here to pursue pastoral studies at Concordia Seminary while continuing to serve as a professor there.

Phillip Magness who is currently serving in the Tulsa area will be joining our staff in July to lead Sanctuary music. Not only is he an experienced musician, but he is also a composer and speaker. We look forward to welcoming Phillip and his wife Cheryl who works as the managing editor for Reporter Online with LCMS Communications. They have three children: Trevor (25), Caitlin (22), and Evan (14) who will be a freshman at Lutheran High South in the fall.



UPCOMING



...Carillon concerts will be held in the quad on the Concordia Seminary campus each Tuesday evening in June beginning at 7:00pm. The concerts are free and open to the public. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a beautiful hour of music played by professional carilloneurs. The Seminary's carillon of 49 bells is one of only 170 such instruments in North America.

...The MO District LWML Convention will be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons from June 8-10 under the theme "He Knows My Name." Additional information can be found at their website missourilwml.org.

...The open-air Whitaker Music Festival will present free Wednesday evening concerts at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Wednesday evenings through July 25. On June 13, Charlie Halloran, son of Suzie Halloran, will be featured. Free admission after 5:00pm; music begins at 7:00pm. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic supper, baskets, or coolers (no glass).

...The next informational meeting for this fall's Germany Reformation Tour will be held on July 8, 4:00pm in the Concordia dining hall. Information on Oberammergau and Salzburg will be featured along with travel tips and a little German language instruction.

WELLNESS

Two opportunities sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association are available in June:

- A workshop on the 10 Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's will be held at the Webster Groves Public Library, 301 E. Lockwood, on Thursday, June 14, 9:30-11:00am. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.
- A 4-part class on Living with Memory Loss will be held at the Shepherd's Center, 1333 W. Lockwood, on Fridays, June 8-29, 10:00am-noon. The classes are especially designed for people with early stage memory loss/dementia of all types and their care team. Family/friends are encouraged to attend.

The workshop and classes are free but pre-registration is required. Call 314.395.0988.

REMEMBERING...

Please keep the families of these departed saints in your prayers....

Leonard Fuerman
Tim Stahl
Arthur "Scotty" Dorffi

I AM
THE
RESURRECTION
AND
THE
LIFE
JOHN 11:25