

# The 809



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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, August is shaping up to be a very exciting time in ministry for Concordia. Our youth will be sharing some of the excitement and joy of their recent National Gathering in Minnesota on August 4. We will "send" our college students on August 11 and that afternoon/evening will host an Open House for Concordia members to view our Center for Christian Education. Then on August 17/18, we will dedicate this new tool for ministry.



When I look at this building, I tend to think of how we got here. And I'm not just talking about the last few years. I think of all the years, all the sacrifices, all the toil of the generations before us that have enabled us to come to this next exciting step in our lives together. I thank God for those generations. I thank God for you and your part in this endeavor. I thank God for the future that is being laid for the generations to come.

Looking forward to celebrating life and ministry with you,  
JOYfully in Christ, PM

## LUNCH AND LEARN HAPPENINGS

Those who attended our June Lunch and Learn gathering were treated to a wonderful indoor picnic along with a game organized by Jerry and Carol Witte and "campfire" songs led by Brendan Knorp and Jeanette Meggers. Thanks to everyone who made this event such fun!

After a July break, we are looking forward to resuming our monthly gatherings on August 15. We're going to have a good old-fashioned potluck, so get out your favorite church cookbook or your mother's or grandmother's "tried and true" recipes and bring back fond memories of yesterday! Nothing fancy... just down-to-earth yummy tasting food! If you don't have a favorite recipe, come anyway... there will be plenty of food! Concordia member Mel Spall, former Chief Investigator for the City Juvenile Court, will share a brief program on his experiences during his 42 years in the juvenile justice system. Join us in the dining room at 11:30am.





Plans for our September 19 Lunch and Learn are still in the planning stage. Save the date and be on the lookout for more details. Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Oktoberfest, October 17, in the Concordia Commons. All who have attended our past gatherings know that they cannot be missed! Our November 21 Lunch and Learn will again have a military theme as we express gratitude to our veterans. And, finally, plan to attend our Christmas party based on the theme "Prince of Peace." The date is Tuesday, December 10 in Concordia's dining hall. The annual Christmas gathering is always a very special event with a catered lunch, fun entertainment, and devotion.

As we begin the fall season, the Ageless Generation Team invites everyone to the Lunch and Learn gatherings at 11:30am. We are a fun group and a vital part of Concordia's ministry. Sign-ups can be done on the bulletin welcome tab, on the list at the registration table, or by contacting Patty Wilson, [pwilson@CKhome.org](mailto:pwilson@CKhome.org) or 314.822.7772 x121.

### PASTOR SEIDLER'S CALL

Concordia's senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Scott Seidler, has accepted a call to Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ. Pastor Seidler preached his farewell sermon during services the last weekend in July. We are very thankful for his 13 years of faithful service here at Concordia and pray that God's richest blessings will accompany him and his family as they transition to their new congregation.



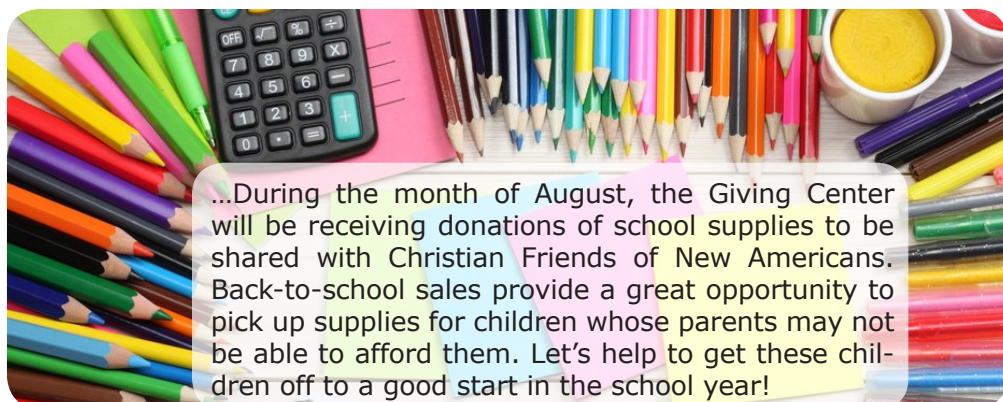
### CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

An Open House to officially mark the opening of Concordia's Center for Christian Education will be held on Sunday, August 11, 4:00-6:00pm. Please join us to tour the facility and enjoy refreshments in the Dining Commons. The new building will be dedicated during worship services on August 17/18.



### SERVANT HEARTS AND HANDS

...Appreciation is expressed to the many servant hearts and hands who helped to make this year's "In the Wild" Vacation Bible School a big success. From the wonderful chancel set created by Bill Matzat to the room and hallway decorations, Concordia looked like a real "zoo!" Thanks to all the volunteers who served as teachers, craft helpers, crew leaders, decorators, snack providers, music leaders, recreation helpers and in many other ways. Concordia's Health Ministry Action Team shared a health focus each day that coincided with the daily theme and awarded small prizes to those who answered questions correctly. Thanks to those who provided donations!



...During the month of August, the Giving Center will be receiving donations of school supplies to be shared with Christian Friends of New Americans. Back-to-school sales provide a great opportunity to pick up supplies for children whose parents may not be able to afford them. Let's help to get these children off to a good start in the school year!

# HANDS ON KIRKWOOD

A missionALL community project. Making a difference.

...This year's Hands on Kirkwood Day of Service will be on Saturday, October 5. Hands on Kirkwood, a one-day mission blitz of our local community, is coordinated by Kirkwood Baptist Church, but the events and volunteer opportunities are open to everyone. As the date nears, look for specific service projects on the website [KirkwoodBaptist.org](http://KirkwoodBaptist.org).

...Feed My People will hold a fundraising Race Against Hunger and Manna Mile Walk on Saturday, September 21, beginning at 8:00am at the Gold Star Pavilion area in Jefferson Barracks Park, 345 North Road. Online registration is at [racesonline.com/events/race-against-hunger](http://racesonline.com/events/race-against-hunger). Donations are welcome from those who cannot participate.

...Wayne Shaw has a sight disability and loves to attend worship on Sunday. Volunteers are needed to pick up and return Wayne to his apartment in Kirkwood once a month. Dates are flexible. If interested, please call or text Jim Scholl, 314-941-1676.

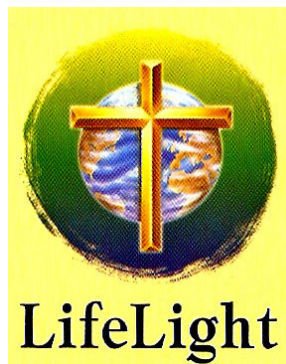
...Grace Koehn will be serving with LCMS missionaries and church workers in Papua New Guinea for the next nine months. Please keep Grace in your prayers!

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

Fall LifeLight classes will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 7:15-8:30pm for men's, women's and couples' groups and on Wednesday, September 4, 9:00-10:30am for men and 9:15-11:00am for women. New members are welcome!

This year's LifeLight will feature the book of Genesis in two parts. Come back to the beginnings of God's salvation plan for Israel and the New Testament Church through the Messiah, Jesus Christ. See your part in God's story so that you live for Jesus in today's world. Develop a Biblical worldview so that you can better understand the challenges of a world distorted by sin.

Dr. Stephen Carter will lead these classes along with capable discussion leaders. The spring curriculum will study Ephesians and 1&2 Thessalonians. Grow in faith, knowledge and prayer with our LifeLight community. The first class is an orientation to the LifeLight model with a chance to get reacquainted. Session 1 of Genesis starts on September 10/11.



## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW....

...The following were recently elected to serve as Concordia's leaders: Secretary - Nate Schmoll; Treasurer - Carrie Duesenberg; Council-at-Large - Sarah McCarthy and Nora Witbrodt; Nominating Committee - Don Herweck (chair), Casey Carlson, Terri Kreienkamp, Jen Pawlitz, Starla Stoppel; CCLS School Board - Tom Dankenbring and Keith Duesenberg.

...Grandparents' Day is observed nationally on Sunday, September 8. We certainly know that this is a "Hallmark Holiday," but it does give us a chance to reflect on the blessings of family. All of us have wonderful opportunities to share our faith stories with those whom God places in our lives.

...Because of the increased demand for food assistance in the summer months, our area food pantries need to have their shelves restocked. Please take a yellow bag in the Lobby or Commons, fill it with non-perishable items, and return it to the large brown collection bin in the Lobby. The food is divided between Feed My People and Kirk Care.

...The family of Ruth Lorenz is requesting birthday greetings to be sent to Ruth for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 2. See the church directory for her address or contact the church office.



...The theme of this year's October 1 observance of the International Day of Older Persons is "The Journey to Age Equality." A major shift is occurring in the world's population: there are now more people age 65 and older than there are under age five. This shift presents not only challenges but also wonderful opportunities for our society, including our churches.

...At their recent national convention, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League adopted 21 mission projects totaling \$2,100,000 as their goal for the next two-year period. These grants will fund ministry needs throughout the world.

...Under the theme, JOY:fully Lutheran, the 67<sup>th</sup> regular Synodical convention of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod was held in Tampa, FL last month. Incumbent President Matt Harrison was re-elected to another three-year term.

...Are you 70 1/2 and have an IRA? You have to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) before the end of 2019. If you have not done this, you might consider designating all or part of it to the church, designated by the IRS as 501c(3). The funds must go directly from your account to get the tax-advantage. If you do, on the IRS Form 1040 you will see the letters "QCD" (Qualified Charitable Distribution) on the line showing the total amount of the RMD. Talk with your financial advisor to make the distribution per your direction. The end of the year is coming up fast!



...*Fraud Caution!* There is a lot of gift card fraud/scams going on these days. For example, you may receive a text message or an email from a friend saying that they are out of town and their granddaughter has birthday. They will ask you to purchase a gift card and then ask you to send them the card number and the security number. They have the information to activate card without the physical card. First look at the email address on the message and click on it because that ought to show you who is the real sender. Or call your friend to verify if it is a legitimate request.

## UPCOMING

...On Saturday, October 5, **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** Concordia will honor those couples who have been married 50 or more years. If you are among this group of special folks, please make sure the church office has your correct contact information, including your wedding date and the bride's maiden name. If you would be willing to help with this wonderful celebration, please let Sharon Ema know.



...Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) will be holding their two major fundraising events this fall. October 8 is the date for their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Benefit at Norwood Hills Country Club and the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night at the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens will be on November 16. Many Concordia members are involved with CFNA's gospel-centered ministry to immigrants and refugees in the greater St. Louis area. For information about these two events and ways in which you can help with this important ministry, go to [cfna-stl.org](http://cfna-stl.org).

...Family Shield Ministries will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a "Step Into the Future" celebration on Sunday, October 13, at Royale Orleans on Telegraph Rd. Tickets are \$30. Doors will open at 5:00pm. For more information, go to [FamilyShieldMinistries.com](http://FamilyShieldMinistries.com). Concordia's Kay Meyer is the founder and president of Family Shield Ministries which seeks to serve individuals and their families through the power of the Gospel.

...The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Saxon Lutheran Memorial Fall Festival will be held on October 12, 9:00am-4:00pm, 296 Saxon Memorial Drive in Frohna. The annual celebration features life in the 1880's on the original farmstead site of the Bergt family who came to America in 1893. Visitors will have a chance to see live demonstrations, tour historic log cabins, enjoy musical entertainment, watch crafts being made by local artisans, etc. Those who went on the May Lunch and Learn trip to Perry County got just a taste of the historical richness the Memorial offers. The event is free; donations are appreciated.



...The Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood is having a "BBQ Bash" on Friday, September 6, 5:00-8:00pm at the Affton Elks Lodge, 6330 Heege Rd. There will be lots of food and fun. Contact the Shepherd's Center, 314-395-0988, for more information.

...The annual Lutheran Prayer Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at the Orlando Events and Conference Center, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza in Maryland Heights. The events begin with breakfast at 7:00am and program at 7:30am. Registration will open on August 19. Be on the lookout for more information.

## WELLNESS

A 4-part class on "Living with Memory Loss" will be held at the Shepherd's Center, 1333 W. Lockwood, on successive Fridays, August 16-September 13, 10:00am-noon (no class on August 30). The classes are for those with early stage memory loss/dementia of all types. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. The classes are sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and are free but pre-registration is required (class size is limited). Call 314.395.0988.

## MINISTRY MILESTONES

Concordia Seminary will begin its 181<sup>st</sup> academic year with their annual Opening Weekend Hymn Festival on Sunday, August 25, 3:00pm, in the chapel. The concert will feature guest artist Dr. Jeffrey Blersch, professor of music at Concordia University, Mequon, Nebraska, as well as an ensemble choir made up of Seminary students, faculty and staff, and musicians from across the St. Louis community. The hymn festival is free; the public is invited to attend. A freewill offering will be collected.

German immigrants in Perry County, MO founded Concordia Seminary in 1839 and built a log cabin in which still stands in Altenburg. A replica of that original Seminary building is located on the current Seminary campus in Clayton. Since its founding, the Seminary has trained more than 12,000 LCMS pastors, missionaries, deaconesses and other church leaders.

## REMEMBERING...

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

Joanna Seals  
Ally Kostial

