



Concordia CONNECTION

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PASTOR'S NOTE



Mission-cation is here to stay! Beyond worship and the opportunities to grow deeper in your knowledge of God and His plan for your life, “mission-cation” is the catchphrase for **Concordia's Summer 2017 mission emphasis**.

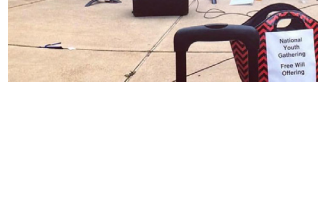
The idea is simple ... take a break and make a difference. Or, go on an adventure and bring Jesus with you. The point is, don't squander a good vacation by just pampering yourself. Whether it is the hotel staff or a person you run into on the beach (*Watch those Frisbees!*), a homeless person you see while walking to a Cardinals game or a relative you are visiting who needs a lifeline—make the most of every opportunity! That way, when years later you look back on the pictures and recall the memories, one of the memories you bring to mind can be the way God used you to advance His love in someone else's life.

Warmly,
Pastor Seidler
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#JESUS-PALOOZA

Bring your friends and family over to the **Lions' Amphitheater at Kirkwood Park** for an evening of worship, music, food and fellowship on **Sunday, July 16, from 6:00-8:00pm**. The event, named **#JesusPalooza**, kicked off last Summer and turned out to be a great time for us to gather as a faith community, while also attracting other park visitors who simply heard the music! We would like to build on that success and grow it into an even larger gathering in 2017.

Spread the word about this year's **#JesusPalooza** on social media ... and join us this July!



ADULTS

Dear Friends in Christ,

How does your Summer look? For the Meggers family, it kicks off with some **friends in town for Memorial Day weekend**, includes a **week at beautiful Lake Minnewaska in Minnesota** as part of our nephew's wedding, and will be blessed with a **brief visit from our favorite missionaries to Ethiopia**, Jim and Susan (Jeanette's sister) Kaiser.



How does your Concordia Summer look?

BE STILL: Picture yourself in our “new” **8:30am Sanctuary** or **10:00am Concordia Center** Sunday morning worship services; new in terms of time, that is, for the Summer! You will have an opportunity (or two ... or 10) to connect with Concordia members who may or may not worship regularly at the same time as you. **Yes, this means they may also be in YOUR seat.** What a great opportunity to share at least one thing you have in common!

BE ONE: Picture yourself making new connections at these new times. See yourself thinking about beginning a **small Christian Care Group**, perhaps with one of these new connections. Envision life lived together in a way that supports and encourages!

BE FAITHFUL: Picture a group of our Older Adults and the Ageless Generations team who **attended St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 4**. They presented a check for \$750.00 to help St. Trinity finish turning its old parish house into a mission house; the remodeled facility will be used to house short-term mission groups wishing to engage in and learn more about mission in urban areas.



What is your “mission-cation” plan? A short-term mission trip? A Thrivent Action Grant for a mission of your choice? A more intentional connection to family and neighbors in the Name of Jesus?

God bless you with JOY in your Summer journey,

Pastor Meggers

Associate Pastor

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LUNCH AND LEARN

On **Thursday, June 15**, Lunch and Learn will feature **local artist Kelly Schumacher**, who has created very beautiful religious artwork. She will share the motivation and thought process behind her creation of these masterpieces. A 2013 MFA Graduate from the PA Academy of Fine Arts and founder of Agnus Dei Liturgical Arts, Kelly's goal is to reestablish classical religious art in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). Join us in the **Dining Hall** at 11:30am; all are welcome! Main dish will be provided; suggested donation \$5.00—please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please sign up on the Welcome Tab or contact **Patty Wilson** at 314-822-7772 x128.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be no Lunch and Learn gathering in July; we will resume on Thursday, August 17. More details to come!

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SAVE THE DATE—the **All Youth Retreat 2017** is coming up!!! This **September 8-10** more than 100 students will gather together for a weekend of community, worship, and fun learning.

A unique two-day camp experience that happens annually for students in 6th-12th grade—ALONG WITH parents of the 6th graders—the All Youth Retreat is a great way to kick off the school year! Each day is packed full with activities like community building, ropes courses, bonfires, lake swimming, basketball, ping pong, worship, and interactive learning.

This year's theme is **Inside Out** and, though each grade level will have specific learning subjects/activities set aside just for them, the **entire group will travel, worship, and eat meals together.**



6th Grade (with parents):	<i>God Is ...</i>
7th Grade:	<i>God's Masterpiece</i>
8th Grade:	<i>Changes and Choices</i> – discussing sexuality from a faith-based perspective
9th Grade:	<i>Bridge to Commitment</i> – preparing for the Rite of Confirmation
10/11th Grade:	<i>The Challenge</i> – interactive activities, processing, and application will help youth discover the unique purpose God has for them ... how their unique personalities, talents, and gifts help God accomplish His Mission
12th Grade:	<i>Moving On</i> – facing the end-of-high-school transition with a firm foundation

The All Youth Retreat is an experience that BOTH youth, and the adults who lead, WILL NEVER FORGET; most want to keep coming back year-after-year! We **desire for lives to be transformed through encountering Jesus and connecting with other believers**, all while having a blast doing it in a safe and loving environment.

Early registration opens July 1, 2017! Remember, save the date (September 8-10, 2017), because we don't want anyone to be left out!

Contact Jayme Nichols with any questions or to help lead.

Jayme Nichols, DCE

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CONCORDIA KIDS CAMP

Join us for Kids Camp, designed for our 3rd-7th graders! Come explore how we are all a transformation of Jesus' work through a variety of camp experiences with our theme "Inside Out." Kids Camp is June 20-23 at Camp Trinity near New Haven, MO. Register at CKhome.org/KidsCamp.

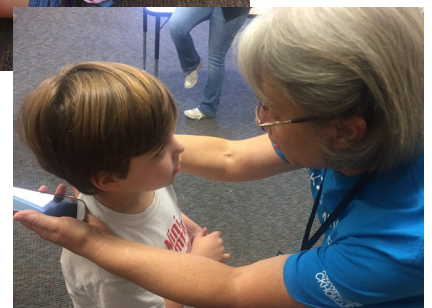


MISSION-CATION "TO-GO" BOXES

This Summer, the Children, Youth and Families Ministry has provided families an **opportunity to care for others, share faith together, and create their own memories** with our "To-Go" boxes, available at the Spotlight Table in the Commons throughout the Summer. They are focused conversation cards for everything from a National Park vacation to a "stay-cation" right here in St. Louis! Check back for new ones every few weeks!

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Vacation Bible School - 2017

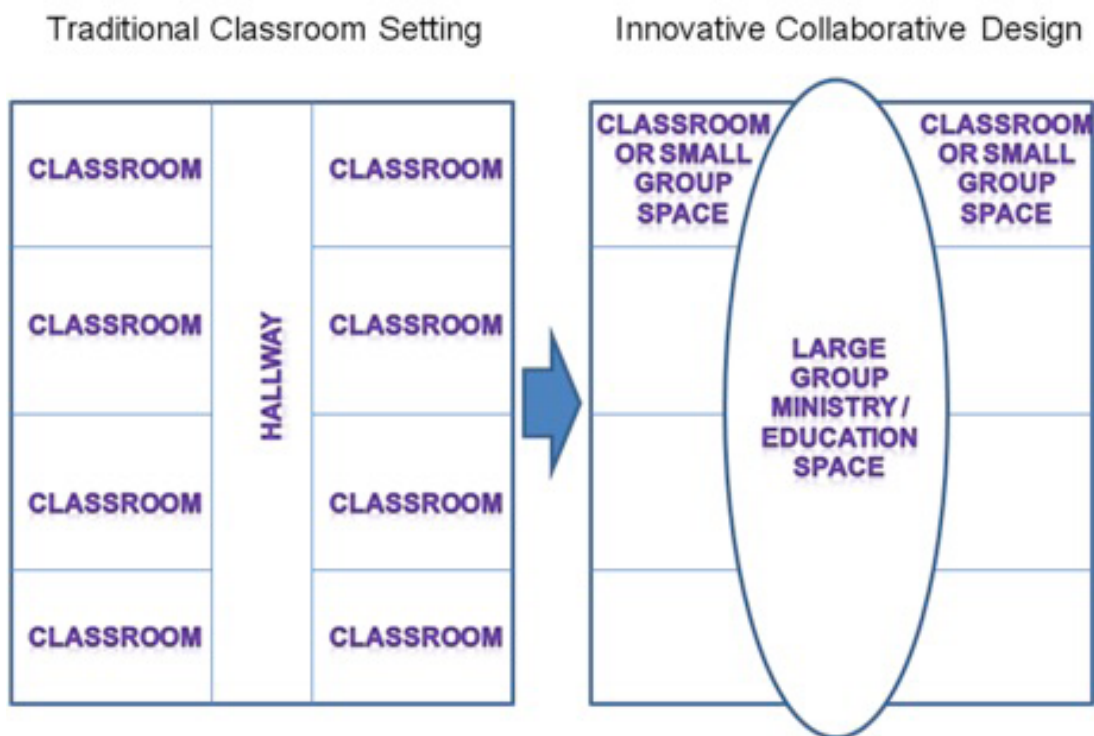


OUR NEXT STEP

Over the last couple of weeks we held several **Information Sessions** to bring you up to speed on the **Our Next Step** capital campaign project. We will present once more on **Sunday, June 11, at 11:00am**, immediately following worship in the **Atrium Room**.

New Innovative Design

After visiting two schools in Springfield, MO, we discovered a design that completely **reframes the vision for multi-functional use** of the Center for Christian Education, Concordia's proposed new building. This design accommodates BOTH the ministry and educational objectives of Concordia and Christ Community Lutheran School (CCLS) in a dynamic and innovative way! Based on the premise that a hallway in the center of a building represents wasted space, the new design expands the hallway in such a way that it can also become a large group educational or ministry space (see below).



The above multifunctional features will afford multiple **positive** applications:

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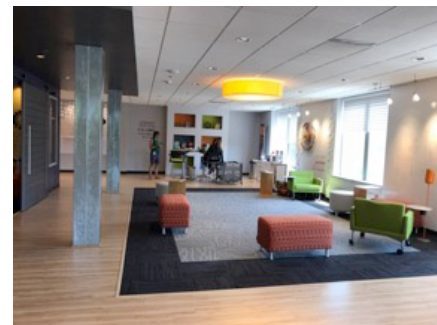
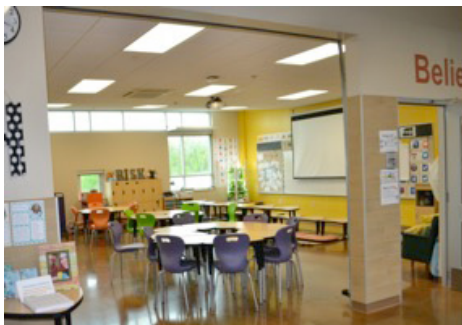
- The open space becomes our Youth Room, with small group breakout pods
- KidsNight/Sunday School large group meeting spaces, with breakout capacity
- Large gross motor space for toddlers in early childhood areas
- Receptive to adult learner small-to-large group settings
- Encourages small group collaboration/team sharing
- New nursery age-appropriate rooms

CCLS

- Multiple learning-style environment
- Simple design and uncluttered quality
- Spacious and efficient
- Secure space

Examples of what this design could look like are on page 7 ...

OUR NEXT STEP CONTINUED



Concordia Publishing House –
Center for Innovation

Proposed Project Timeline



The Next Step in OUR NEXT STEP...

The **weekend of June 17/18**, and at the **Congregational Voters' Assembly Meeting on Monday, June 19**, Concordia will vote to move forward. Specifically, we will vote to approve the next step of **Project Design**, which begins in July and ends in October. It is the next "checkpoint" in our process.

The above information, plus more detail, was shared at each Information Session. If you were unable to attend and would like to know more, please contact **Kristin Anderson** at kanderson@CKhome.org.

REFORMATION TOUR - SEPT. 27–OCT. 8, 2018

Pastor David and Jeanette Meggers **extend an invitation to members of Concordia, their families and friends** to join an inspirational trip to Germany in the Fall of 2018. The itinerary includes extended time in **Lutherstadt** (Wittenberg, Erfurt, Eisenach and Eisleben) and **Bavaria** (Rothenberg, Oberammergau and Munich), as well as **Austria** (Salzburg). In addition to a **guided tour at each town** (including Berlin), our schedule allows for **personal time to explore these sites in-depth and soak up the culture** for a truly memorable and pleasurable travel experience. For example, in Wittenberg, we will visit the Old Latin School to learn more about the Wittenberg Project and attend church services at the Castle Church as part of celebrating the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation** (*Albeit a year later!*). This journey affords a deeper understanding of Martin Luther and the Reformation, while also providing a great opportunity to visit the beautiful towns and countryside of Bavaria and Austria.

Visit the tour website for more specific information: <https://reformationtours.com/package/rdm18/>. If you prefer, contact **Don Wolfinger** at dlwolf@charter.net or 636-484-0248.



NOTE: To determine the level of interest, we are asking you to indicate as such on the bulletin's *Welcome Tab* or by *stopping at the Registration Center in the Commons*, where you will find a sign-up sheet. This is **NOT** a commitment to travel, but simply a gauge of interest. Formal commitment comes this Fall.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Paul and Chris Altvater

Lifelong Lutherans, Paul and Chris were raised in St. Louis and are back after 13 years in Florida to be near family and friends. Before retiring, Paul was a salesman and Chris worked in an office. They enjoy traveling, playing “at” golf and spending time together.

The DeBeir Family

Rev. Jay and Traci DeBeir celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary last year. They have three children: Jacob will be a senior at Missouri Baptist University, Julia a sophomore this Fall at Missouri State, and Jonah a junior at Eureka High School. Traci works as a nurse for BJC’s Health Kids Express program and Jay works at Lutheran Hour Ministries as their executive vice president and chief operating officer.



The Hahn Family

The Hahns—married at Concordia in 2005—moved to Eureka, MO, last year from Belleville, IL. Randy works as an internal audit manager for Mastercard, and Katie directs the Library and Information Services for Greensfelder, Hempker and Gale Law Firm. Maddie is in the 5th grade and Ella is in the 3rd grade at Geggie Elementary in Eureka. They all enjoy spending time outdoors, biking and hiking the local trails or canoeing.



The Hill Family

Previously from the Chicago area, the Hills now live in Compton Heights in St. Louis city. The entire family enjoys travel, hiking and music. Jeff works for Hayward Baker as a civil engineer and director of business and market development. He also owns Dogtown Restoration, a company that renovates historical homes/apartments. Stacey works as an English language learners specialist for Bridgeway Elementary School in the Pattonville School District. They have three children: Ryan – 1st grade at Kennard CJA, Evan – Kingshighway Hills Preschool Plus, and Nathan – 21 months old. God has blessed them!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Our next orientation is **Monday, June 26, 6:30-8:30pm**. Childcare provided. Register at CKhome.org/membership or contact **Marcy Scholl** at mscholl@CKhome.org.

Terri Dooley

Terri likes to take long nature walks and experiment with cooking. She also enjoys reading, and Bible studies are at the top of her list, as well as writing poetry. She works as a resident apartment manager of Apartment Communities and loves to babysit for all the new babies in her family. God is great!



Dawn Fraser

Dawn has been married to Brian for 26 years, and they have three children: Alyssa, Austin and Brooke. Alyssa goes to Mizzou, Austin to Lindenwood and



Brooke—a Lutheran South graduate—will attend SEMO. Dawn works for Concordia Lutheran Church and loves reading!

Kristen Wehmeyer

Kristen returned to St. Louis when accepted into graduate school at Saint Louis University. She is currently a full-time student in the Communications Department and has an assistantship teaching public speaking to college students. Kristen previously lived in Memphis, TN, where she taught 6th grade at a public school and then 4th grade at a Lutheran school. When Kristen is not reading, writing, or doing homework, you will find her cooking “tasty” recipes (which are delicious) or outside hiking and playing tennis.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Kielbasa Family

A family of four that loves to spend time riding bikes and going to the Zoo, they are also big St. Louis Cardinals fans! Nate is in the 4th grade and Lauren is in the 1st grade at North Glendale Elementary School. Brian works as a director at Altice. Amy is a school psychologist for the Special School District.

The Roesslein Family

Brian and Ashley were married in May 2015 and live in Webster Groves. They welcomed Margaret (Maggie) to their family in February 2017. Ashley is in sales for Kraft Heinz and Brian is in finance at Anheuser-Busch. The Roessleins are also proud pup parents to their huskies—Luka and Mischa. Brian and Ashley enjoy traveling, dining out around town and working on their house.



The Pieske Family

John and Florencia met at Mizzou and have two wonderful boys: Maximiliano (Max) and Marco. Max will be attending 6th grade at CCLS this Fall and Marco is going to be in 1st grade in the Lindbergh School District. John is the owner of ABBCO Service Corporation, a maintenance contracting business. Florencia takes care of the household and manages rental property. They love to travel and be outdoors. Florencia is from Argentina, and they have spent a lot of time there introducing the culture to their sons.



Jessica Middeke

Jessica, a lifelong Lutheran, previously attended Immanuel in St. Charles, MO. She is currently working at Maritz Travel Company as a web project manager. Her hobbies include gardening and photography. Much of her time is spent with friend, Ben Schmitt.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

– Psalm 139:13-14

The Special Needs Ministry invites you to **learn American Sign Language (ASL)** with us this Summer! Learn the alphabet, numbers, greetings, vocabulary and more as you build a bridge between our Deaf and hearing communities! Classes will meet this Summer on **Wednesday evenings** from 7:00 to 8:30pm on **June 21, July 5 and July 19**. All ages and abilities welcome. We hope to see you there! Contact me to sign up.

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MINISTRY PICTURES

Lunch and Learn - May 2017

