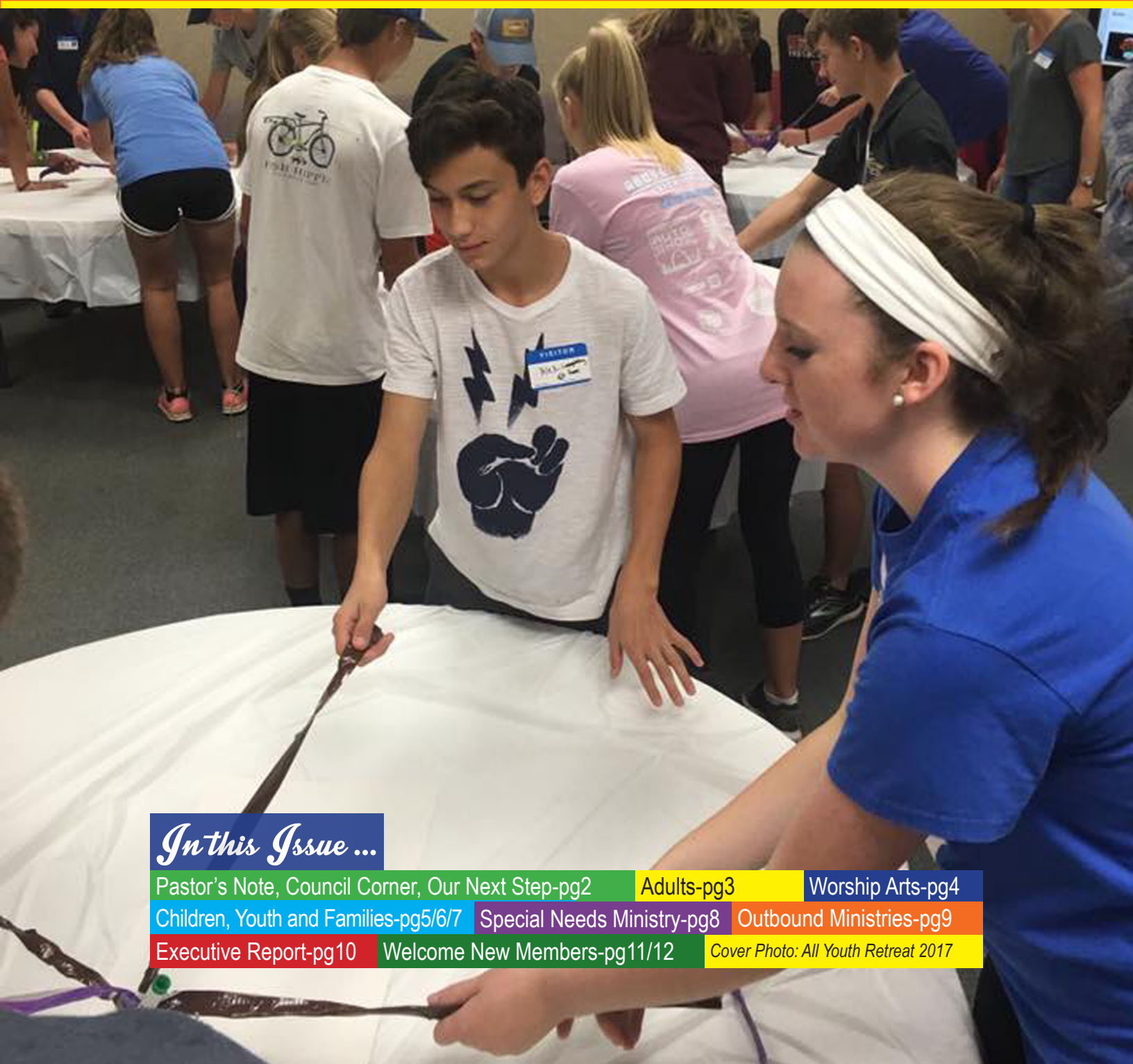


Concordia CONNECTION

October 2017



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PASTOR'S NOTE



Alone can be lonely. Or, alone can be only. The second version is the “alones” we are focused on at Concordia these weeks of September and early October. The four “only” concepts of the church—Scripture, Christ, grace and faith—drive our worship. From them companionship with God is initiated along with the promise we will never be alone. Enjoy this month’s *Concordia Connection* and “get connected” with the many and varied opportunities that fill our ministry here at Concordia ... and beyond!

Warmly,

Pastor Seidler

Senior Pastor

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COUNCIL CORNER

We had a great meeting on **Monday, September 18**. Pastor Seidler updated Council on our progress with the expansion and renovation of Concordia. He also expressed all the positive energy going into the project and how everyone is working together as a team to guarantee its success. Pastor then shared with the board his results from the Core Leaders meeting and the priorities deemed most important to complete our mission (BE STILL, BE ONE, BE FAITHFUL). Kristin Anderson discussed Concordia’s financial position and stated that offerings are moving in a positive direction. The board also discussed the call before Audrey and wished her all the strength in making her decision.

Matt Wilson

Council Vice President



OUR NEXT STEP



CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are deep into detailed design and it is going well. Our plan is now under review by structural engineers; we will probably need to make some modifications after they finish this process. *Example: Perhaps, they will need to put a column in the middle of a hallway.* We are very excited about the possibilities. Of course, budget is still an issue; we will not get everything we want or think we need. *For example, take flooring options: our desire would be to have polished concrete in the common areas. We have since learned that*

concrete is 6-7 times more expensive than VCT tile. As we reach specific design decisions, we will modify plans to incorporate only what we can afford. More dollars may be spent in some areas if determined to be a “need” versus a “want.” Using the flooring example, VCT tile requires yearly maintenance. Spending a little more for different tile that does not require yearly stripping and waxing may be something that is worth the extra money. At any rate, we will watch our budget closely!

We also will have a “punch list” of items to be added at a later date. If you have not pledged and/or given to Concordia’s Our Next Step capital campaign, and would like to help fund a specific item such as technology, flooring, furniture or signage, please contact **Kristin Anderson** at kanderson@CKhome.org.

We hope to share architectural plans in our next *Concordia Connection*! Our youth and children will LOVE this new space. And, adults will be impressed, as well!

ADULTS



Dear Friends in Christ,

By now it is likely that you have heard a lot about a 500-year celebration. It was 500 years ago in October that an Augustinian monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 sentences (or theses) suitable for

academic debate to the door of a Wittenberg church. And the world has not been the same since! This is not an over-statement. The Reformation resulted in greater literacy, dramatic growth in education for all, and a shift from one central power to more localized government. Indeed, Luther was one of the most influential people of the last millennium.

However, at the center of the Reformation was Jesus. Luther rediscovered the freedom we have in the Gospel of Jesus and the connection we have with God through Him and only Him; not through deeds done by us. That is the freedom and connection in which we live today.

Our Lunch and Learn OKTOBERFEST (**Thursday, October 19, at 11:30am**) will focus on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Rev. David Mahsman, who spent a number of years in Wittenberg, Germany, helping prepare for Reformation 500, will be our guest. “Katie Luther” will also make an appearance.

Concordia Seminary will host a Reformation Anniversary Service on **Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00pm**. It will be an evening of song and meditations on the great Reformation Solas.

But the Reformation is not simply a celebration of the past, not a celebration simply of heritage. Reformation is ongoing in the daily life of a Christian. That is a Lutheran understanding of our baptism into Christ. That is why we are celebrating the Reformation over the next weeks at Concordia under the banner **RE: formation**. Not merely looking back, but “straining on to what lies ahead” we will truly honor these 500 years by being people who take this Good News into the next 500 years!

God bless you in JOY ... and, continue to “RE: form” you for life and service in His Kingdom,

Pastor Meggers

Associate Pastor

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LUNCH AND LEARN—OKTOBERFEST

October 19—Concordia Commons; 11:30am

Enjoy custom-brewed beer and apple cider—along with brats, sides and dessert—for a \$5 suggested donation. Please bring canned goods for Feed My People to help those in need. Sign up with **Patty Wilson** at 314-822-7772 x128 or pwilson@CKhome.org.

SEPTEMBER LUNCH AND LEARN



SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF WEBSTER-KIRKWOOD

“Chores Galore” on **Saturday, October 28**—Family, youth, Scouts and volunteer groups of all kinds are needed to rake leaves and help get yards in shape for the Winter season. Call the Shepherd's Center at 314-395-0988 to help. If you are an older adult in need of this seasonal yard clean-up, please call to register, as well.

PRAYER SQUARES

Those who can knit or crochet ... consider, as the weather gets colder, joining this ministry in making small squares for those who need a reminder of God's love for them. A simple pattern is available from **Sharon Ema** at the church office. For more details, contact Sharon at 314-822-7772 x132 or sema@CKhome.org.

LWML FALL RALLY BRUNCH

On **Saturday, October 21**, Concordia LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will host the West Zone Rally. Pastor and Jeanette Meggers will be our guest speakers, discussing their recent trip to CCLS-Uganda. Registration begins at 8:30am; brunch at 9:00am. Deadline for registration is Monday, October 16.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, decorate tables on Friday, October 20, and to help serve Saturday, October 21. Donations of stollens, breads, muffins and egg casseroles are needed. If you can help in any way, or wish to attend, call **Shirley Meckfessel** at 314-892-3807 or email smeck@juno.com.

WORSHIP ARTS



Fall is here! These upcoming months bring several special worship services that I'd like to highlight for you, especially if you're newer to the Concordia family. As you've heard from Pastor Seidler in our **Re: formation** worship series, this year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. That anniversary is celebrated in worship on **October 29** this year. This month is also important for our 9th graders who will be confirmed. What is Confirmation? Great question.

Confirmation is a significant spiritual rite, but it is also a process that our 6th-9th graders participate in. Through instruction, we hope that youth learn about their Christian faith, continue to experience what it means to be a member of the body of Christ, and are en-

couraged to consider how they intend to live out their lives as Christians. The process culminates with the confirmands making a public confession of faith through their Confirmation vows. Concordia's Confirmation service is also held on **October 29**, but only at the **9:30am service**.

On the weekend prior to Confirmation (**October 21/22**), each confirmand will share his or her personal faith statement with the whole congregation while assisting with worship in one of the weekend services. We refer to this as "Witness Weekend," and it's an inspiring opportunity to hear these young people give their faith testimonies in worship!

Looking ahead to early November, we celebrate All Saints' Day on **November 5**. During worship, we take a moment to reflect on and remember those in our congregation or other family/friends who have entered into eternal life this past year. While there is certainly solemnity to this remembrance, it is also a chance to give thanks for the lives of these saints. Please look for an announcement about submitting names of family or friends who are not members of Concordia. We will be happy to include them in our services on that day.

Finally, we have some short-term singing opportunities coming up. Our Sanctuary Music Director, Dr. Jim Marriott, will be assembling a Festival Choir to sing at the **8:30am services** for Reformation and All Saints' Day on **October 29** and **November 5**, respectively. Rehearsals will be **Wednesdays, October 18, 25, and November 1** from **7:45-8:45pm**.

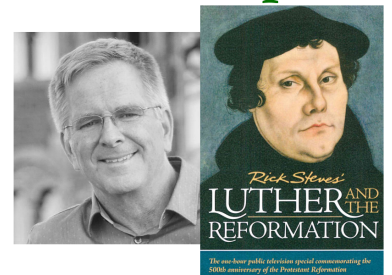
Also be on the lookout for information about our Christmas Cantata Festival Choir, which will begin rehearsing in November and sing on **December 17**.

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"Luther and the Reformation" with Rick Steves **Screening Tuesday, October 31, at 1:00pm**

This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Join us for this informative documentary narrated by Rick Steves and learn about the places in Germany where the Reformation took place. Enjoy popcorn and drinks, too!



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

YOU CAN'T ... BUT I CAN

Just a little over four years ago God called me to a new adventure, to serve God's people at Concordia Lutheran Church. I left the role that I loved for 21 years as Director of Youth Ministry in Topeka, Kansas, to take on a new role as the Unit Chair and Director of Children, Youth and Families ministry. As I spent time in prayer around the call to Concordia I kept saying, "God, I don't know if I can do this?" ... and, He said, "YOU can't, but I can!" And, He kept reassuring me of His presence and power with every step.

As I looked to Him for direction and vision on what ministry to Children, Youth and Families looked like at "such a time as this" at Concordia Lutheran Church, He would throw ideas that were huge and daunting and I'd say, "God, I don't know if I can do this?" ... and, He said, "YOU can't, but I can!" And, He kept reassuring me of His presence and power with every step.



I was honored to be team leader for Janet, Karen, Jayme, Kyla, Carlea, Kasey and Valerie—all such beautiful servants of God! I was honored that God chose me to be their leader and there were many times I would say, "God, I don't know if I can do this?" ... and, He said, "YOU can't, but I can!" And, He kept reassuring me of His presence and power with every step.

And, in the last couple months, God has called me to move on to another adventure. And there are times I keep saying, "God, I don't know if I can do this ... I don't know if I can leave these people and their children who I love so deeply ... I don't know if I can create a 'from scratch' Children, Youth and Family ministry program, raise up millennial DCEs, and lead the families of Redeemer Lutheran Church ... I don't know if I can do it, God?" And, He keeps saying, "YOU can't, but I can!" And, He keeps reassuring me of His presence and power with every step.

I'm sure you are feeling the same way right now. You are probably asking, "What's going to happen to children's ministry at Concordia? What's going to happen to ministry to families? Who is going to care for Jayme and the youth ministry team?" And, you may have even thrown up your hands and said, "God, we can't do this!" ... and, God says to you, "Oh, Concordia Lutheran Church, I love you so much. I want you to know that YOU can't, but I can. And, I will keep reassuring you with My presence and power every step of the way!"

My favorite Bible verse, **Zephaniah 3:17**, says: "He is a mighty warrior Who saves. He will quiet you with His love. He will sing over you." Know that I will miss you all fiercely and that you are loved by me, but—more importantly—that you are loved by the one true King, Jesus. It's all about Jesus! He's got YOU ... and He's got THIS.

I am praying that you all will see how present and powerful He is in the days ahead.

It's all about Jesus,

Audrey Duensing-Werner, DCE

Minister to Children, Youth and Families

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More pictures of Audrey's ministry moments on page 9 ...

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

KIDSMIN SUNDAY

Get Ready! KidsMin Sunday Launches **November 5!**

For all kids preschool through 5th grade! Let's praise God! Let's learn the Bible in ways that are memorable and fun! Whether your family worships at 8:30am, 9:30am or 10:30am, KidsMin Sunday will work for you.

- 9:20-9:40am - ALL kids check in outside the Dining Hall (before 9:30am worship or after the 8:30am service concludes)
- 9:25-9:50am - **Let's Praise GOD!** All age groups are welcomed and encouraged to praise God, together, through fun worship songs and faith-filled activities.
- 9:50-10:10am - **Let's Learn the Bible Point!** Kids separate into age-specific groups to reinforce the Bible Point through age-appropriate activities.
- 10:15am - For those parents in 9:30am worship, kids will be brought to the Concordia Center to join their families at the altar for Communion. All others will return to the Dining Hall for prayer and closing.

It's simple: Kids praise God. Kids learn the Bible Point. And, kids pray. Every week!

*Children with special needs who require assistance are invited to attend on November 5 with a parent. Special Needs Ministry services will begin **Sunday, November 12.***

WE NEED ADULTS AND YOUTH WHO LOVE JESUS!

Parents, grandparents, other loving youth and adults—that means you! We need parents to step up, volunteer and lead. We cannot continue our ministry at the current pace and launch a new 9:30am program without you. Are you willing to give one Sunday per month to help make KidsMin Sunday a success? Please contact **Kristin Anderson** at kanderson@CKhome.org.

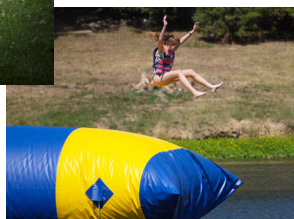
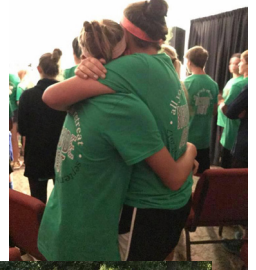
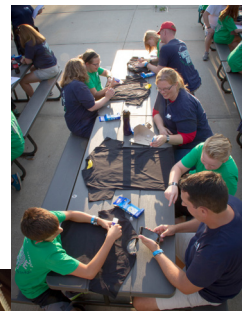
WHAT'S NEXT?

In the short-term and taking the hand-off from Audrey Duensing-Werner, Kristin Anderson—Concordia's Chief Operating Officer—will spearhead the volunteer ministry team leading our new KidsMin efforts.

HAS A CALL COMMITTEE BEEN FORMED TO REPLACE AUDREY?

It is never wise to begin a Call or hiring process right away. As head of staff, Pastor Seidler will be listening to our staff and core lay leaders, as well as most certainly seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance through them. Please know that it typically takes 9-12 months to call or hire a church worker when doing a national search. The input of congregation members will be invaluable as a plan is developed!

ALL YOUTH RETREAT 2017



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

What Is Confirmation?

“Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community.”

~Luther's Small Catechism



Every year, in October, this “next step” in the faith journey is embarked upon by our 9th grade students who have taken part in our Confirmation program for the past three years by participating in our Rite of Confirmation service. But what *IS* it? Why do we do it? Is it just about robes, ceremony, and doing what the parents want? Does it make any impact on the faith life of a student?

In the Spring of 1993, I was all set to be confirmed. I’m not usually a huge cake person (logical connection right? Confirmation = cake ... stick with me!). If I have to pick a dessert for a birthday or something, most of the time it won’t be cake. But, I was being confirmed, family was coming over, and we had to have cake. So, being 14 at the time, I wanted to make sure it was a cake I actually liked, and I picked a funfetti cake with pink and purple icing. Typical teenage girl, right? The cake was exactly what I wanted, made by dear friends of ours, and in beautiful script on the top of the cake was written my Confirmation verse: *“And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming.”* **1 John 2:28.**

Well, in the midst of a chaotic morning trying to get to church on time for the service, making sure the house was clean for the family and friends that would come over after, and just the all-around stress that seemed to permeate our family during “big” events ... it happened! You know, those things that can only happen when you absolutely CANNOT have them happen!? My chocolate lab, Hershey, decided she thought the cake looked pretty scrumptious herself, so also decided to take a big old lick to try it out! All we could do was laugh, cut that part of the cake out, and move on ☺

The cake disaster was not the only memorable moment of the day. I also recall wearing a white robe with a red carnation pinned to it, getting together with my friends after all of our parties, and my brother photo-bombing EVERY single one of the pictures I took that day (way before photo-bombing was even a thing).

Those memories might seem insignificant to you, but they aren’t to me. Those memories helped me see the importance of what was happening that day. I didn’t necessarily see the significance of it at the time, but the celebration, the robes; having family make it a priority to be there all taught me how important it was ... how different from a normal day it was ... how set apart it was ... how holy that day was for me!

Confirmation is a step in our faith journey, a time to step away from our normal routine and reaffirm that we want to continue on the journey we started at our Baptism. And, just like at our Baptism, we may not fully understand what is taking place, but our lack of understanding never changes the faithfulness of God.

So, if you happen to see students in robes the last weekend of October, the special bulletin, the processional that doesn’t happen often, the party invites, the cakes, or even all the extra family that will be in town, remember that you are seeing holiness in action. You are seeing a moment of time that God has set apart ... a moment that doesn’t mark the end of the journey, but prepares us for the rest of it!

Jayne Nichols, DCE

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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



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Children of all ages are already planning their Halloween costumes and dreaming about trick-or-treating and, of course, ALL that candy! For many kids with special needs, though, trick-or-treating may not be an option due to sensory difficulties, anxieties, dietary restrictions or even the physical restrictions of their own neighborhoods.

For this reason, the Special Needs Ministry will be hosting an inclusive and accessible, sensory-sensitive Trunk-or-Treat event on **Sunday, October 22**, from **2:00-4:00pm**, for children with special needs and their families from the community. Download the flyer to share with a friend at CKhome.org/trunkortreat.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT!

If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out goodies, help with games during the event or wish to donate to this event, please contact me at the email address shown or by calling/texting 314-374-0682.

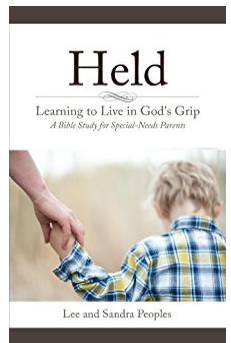
We hope to fill the parking lot with 20 festively decorated cars!

FALL BIBLE STUDY

This Fall, the Special Needs Ministry will offer a monthly Bible study for parents who have a child/children with special needs. Grandparents and caregivers are invited to attend, as well.

Based on, and following, the book *Held: Learning to Live in God's Grip*, this study will be an informal, yet structured, time for family members to come together in fellowship with others who can relate to life with a child with special needs.

Beginning **October 11**, we will meet the **2nd Wednesday** of each month from **6:30-7:45pm** at Concordia; facilitated by Jennifer Haughey. If you would like to attend, are in need of childcare or would like more information, please contact me at the email address shown or by calling/texting 314-374-0682.



Jessica Crawford

Director of Children and Families with Special Needs
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CKDEAF MINISTRY

CKDeaf invites you to learn American Sign Language (ASL)! Class meets from **7:00-8:00pm** on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month. All ages and abilities welcome.

CKDeaf Sunday Fellowship, begins **November 5** at **10:45am**—Bible study for the Deaf and hearing communities to come together in learning and faith-filled community.

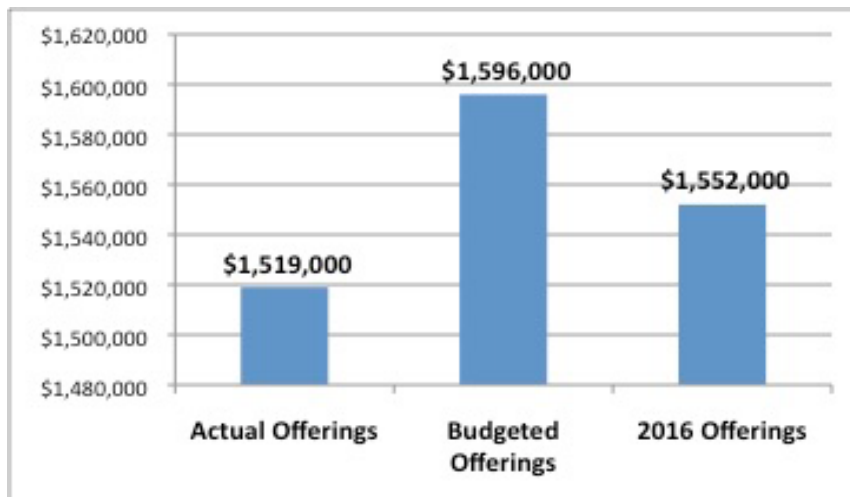
EXECUTIVE REPORT

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

Did you know it takes **more than 100 volunteers** on a weekend to make sure worship runs smoothly? As you have most likely heard in worship, we are in the process of reviewing all of our Sunday morning service opportunities. Our goals are to determine where we can improve on scheduling and delivery, as well as recruit additional people to serve. With more than 500 new members in the last three years, we believe there are members who wish to serve, but simply do not know how to start! We are analyzing the current processes in all areas and reaching out to those who already serve, thanking them and asking for improvement ideas. We have been actively recruiting you during and after worship! Please consider serving! If you have not yet indicated your interest, please visit CKhome.org/serve and sign up today.



We will make sure you get the information, training, and appropriate schedule you desire. An overall launch of the new processes and recruits will begin in early November.



FINANCIAL PICTURE

After seeing an encouraging uptick in offerings for August, September was down once again, missing budgeted expectations by \$17,000. Our offerings are \$77,000 less than our budgeted expectations and \$33,000 less than what they were at this time last year. Staff is diligently working to decrease expenses, but we ask that you prayerfully consider an increase in your Inbound offerings.

STAFFING UPDATE—AUDREY DUENSING-WERNER ACCEPTS CALL TO REDEEMER, AUSTIN

As reported on the Children, Youth & Families pages, Audrey accepted the Call to serve at Redeemer in Austin, Texas. We realize many of our children, youth and families have been touched by her ministry here at Concordia. She will be missed! Please see page 6 for more details about planning.

Kristin Anderson
Executive Director
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AUDREY YOU WILL BE MISSED—YOUR LOVE RUNS DEEP!

CONCORDIA OUTBOUND MINISTRIES (COM)

GIVING CENTER RESPONSE - THANK YOU CONCORDIA!

Every year, families with school-age kids spend hundreds of dollars on school supplies. For some parents, especially among New Americans, providing backpacks and basic school supplies for their children may constitute a genuine financial challenge.

This year members of **Concordia Lutheran Church-Kirkwood** stepped up with a substantial collection of backpacks and school supplies for distribution among New Americans. Twenty-three recently arrived Ethiopian and Eritrean children were the beneficiaries, and it was a blessing to see how these gifts brightened the faces—and the hearts—of these children. As an LCMS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) pastor to the Eritrean and Ethiopian immigrant community, I gratefully acknowledge and thank the generous donors and the congregation, without whose timely support this much appreciated assistance for these families would not have been possible.

Among Ethiopian and Eritrean immigrants, a significant gap exists between those who regularly gather around God's Word and those who do not. Clearly, God uses the generosity of His servants to further establish His Kingdom, especially among these immigrant people. Those of us who lead this effort are very much enabled by your continued generosity, and we request your continued prayers and financial support.

We praise God for His many blessings!

Rev. Theodors (Teddy) Workeneh
Evangelistic Missionary
Ethiopian/Eritrean Bible Fellowship



GIVING AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Help fill the truck! Lutheran World Relief will be here at Concordia Lutheran Church on **Saturday, October 21**, from **8:00am-2:00pm** collecting quilts, kits, and soap. Assemble a kit today! Find out more information at lwr.org/get-involved/.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Or, if you prefer, **volunteer on October 21!** Volunteers are needed to move boxed ingathering items from pickup trucks, cars and trailers and stack them in the large box trailer. Our parking lot is one of the main collection points in the state of Missouri for this very worthwhile cause. With your help, Lutheran World Relief will make a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world by distributing the collected quilts, kits and soap. Volunteer a couple of hours or the entire day; your help is appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact **Cindy Redecker** at 573-579-7128 or cmredecker@yahoo.com.

GRANTEE FUNDING

At the Concordia Outbound Ministries (COM) meeting in September, the committee reviewed several applications for funding and awarded the following grantees:

Grantee	Amount
Humanitri	\$8,000
Christ Community International (CCLS-Uganda)	\$12,000
St. Trinity	\$4,000
Grace Place	\$2,000
Gideons	\$1,000
Shepherd Center of Webster-Kirkwood	\$1,500
Family Shield Ministries	\$1,500
LCMS - Missionary Support for Hank Rowold	\$2,000
Total	\$32,000

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The Abolahrari Family

Siroos and Jadea have been married for 13 years. They both work at Nestle Purina; Siroos as a project manager supporting Research and Development and Jadea managing recruitment marketing efforts. Raeya is in Kindergarten at Keysor Elementary and Amelia is attending CCLS at Concordia in the 2's room. They also have a Jack Russell Terrier named Casey.

When not working or at school, the family loves to be outside playing games, going on walks or bike rides, or exploring at the park. They also love to spend time with family/friends and travel as much as possible.

The Kinder Family

The Kinders live in Chesterfield, MO, with their two cats, Vader and Hershey. Both John and Becky work in IT: John is a senior technical account manager with Dell EMC and Becky is a senior product manager with WEX Health. Owen is in 7th grade and Emmie is in 4th grade at CCLS. Owen plays basketball, soccer, golf and enjoys video games. Emmie loves tennis and plays competitively. She also enjoys basketball, cooking, and piano. John enjoys golf with friends, while Becky is an avid reader and enjoys entertaining.



The Myers Family

Josh and Amie have four children: Simone and Edison in 7th grade, Andre in 4th grade and Elijah in 2nd grade. Amie homeschools the children and is currently working towards her degree in Deaf Communication. Josh works at Monsanto as a security officer. The Myers children enjoy swimming, jumping on the trampoline, fishing and hiking.



The Ruch Family

Dustin works as vice president of Business Development for Metrologistics (a vehicle logistic company), while Laura is a school teacher at House Springs Elementary where she teaches 4th grade. Recently, they became a family of three when they welcomed their daughter, Ruth Louise, on March 3. Another very important family member is Bailey, their Irish setter. As a family they love to do fun activities around St. Louis, take walks with their dog and frequent the lake each Summer with their boat.



The Goebel Family

Matt develops and builds senior living facilities throughout the Midwest for a firm in Clayton. He also serves on the board at Lutheran Family and Children's Services. The family likes to travel, go to local sport-



ing events and hiking. Clara is a freshman at LHSS (Lutheran South) and Maria is a 6th grader at CCLS.

Shelley Kohlenberg

Shelley recently moved from East Alton, IL. Before retiring, she worked early on as an administrative assistant in the advertising department at Boatmen's Bancshares, Inc. and, for the last 28 years of her career, at Hagan Transports, Inc. She enjoys volunteering, reading, painting and Cardinals baseball.



Aimee Pieper

Aimee is a senior in high school. She volunteers at the St. Louis Zoo and works at Bethel Christian Daycare in Webster Groves. Aimee enjoys playing with her two cats, hanging out with her sister, Gillian, and spending time with her family.

John and Nikki Winter

John and Nikki are newlyweds of just a few months. John is a pool technician for Baker Pool and Spa. Nikki is a graduate student at Fontbonne University studying speech-language pathology. In their free time, they enjoy fishing, biking and eating delicious food!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



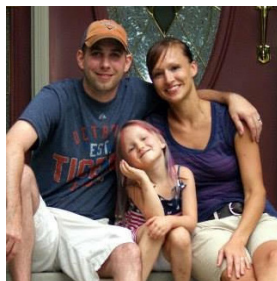
The Schario Family

The Scharios live in Crestwood with their two children, Pierson and Bennett. Paul is a business analyst for Wells Fargo Advisors. Kassandra specializes in marketing through her company, St. Louis Marketing Consultants. Pierson is in the 4th grade at CCLS and enjoys being on the swim team, as well as playing baseball, soccer and running cross country.

Bennett loves playing with his big brother and is excited about being a future CCLS Charger himself next Fall. They also enjoy their family dog, Dancer.

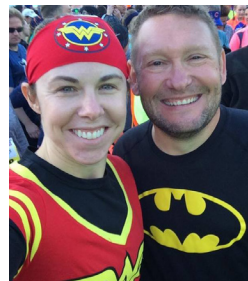
The Oosterhouse Family

The Oosterhouses moved two years ago from Michigan after Tracey graduated from Michigan State University. Greg is a carpenter working for a property management company in South County. Tracey is a veterinarian. Anya is in 5th grade at CCLS.



Dan Schimpf

Dan has enjoyed a lifetime of world travel. He has a 12-year-old daughter, Erin. They enjoy open-air jeep rides. With a talent for computer security, Dan is a senior director for Global Compliance with Equifax. He enjoys adventure sports and is currently training for the New York City Marathon this Fall. Dan has been attending Concordia over the past year as a guest of his girlfriend, Andrea Ratemann, and her family.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Our next orientation is **Monday, October 9, 6:30-8:30pm**. Childcare provided. Register at CKhome.org/membership or contact **Marcy Scholl** at mscholl@CKhome.org.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Come one, come all to the greatest auction on earth! This year's Lutheran High School Association auction theme, "Under the Big Top," is sure to entertain with jugglers, stilt walkers, fire breathers, and more! Enjoy a cotton candy cocktail, bid on some great items, and stay for the after-party with live music and dancing. There is something for everyone! The dinner auction will be held **Saturday, November 18**, at the DoubleTree Westport. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit lhsastl.org/auction2017. If you would like to donate or help sponsor the auction, please contact **Kippin Schelp** at kimberlysanchez@hotmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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