

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,
Some of you may remember a time when your pastor would show up at your hospital room almost as if by magic. That was in the day when hospitals would call churches to inform us of your admission. Those days are long gone, but our desire to care is not. Please call, text, or email our church office when you are hospitalized or otherwise are in need of pastoral care. We have a very caring team ready to serve you.



Our team is led by Sharon Ema, Director of the Healing Arts. Utilizing primarily myself, Pastor Schultz, Pastor Erik Erkinen, Sharon assigns us our caring visits to members in need. Sharon Ema makes many of these visits as well. She also directs an awesome crew of communion visitors who regularly visit some of our members who are homebound.

We are ONE as a family in Christ.
JOYFULLY, Pastor Meggers

LUNCH AND LEARN HAPPENINGS

The theme of our September Lunch and Learn was "What's Next?" as Pastor Meggers, Pastor Schultz and Kristin Anderson answered questions and shared information on the call process, our current building status, and projected plans for the second phase of our capital campaign. A delicious meal from Kenrick's added to our enjoyable gathering.



Now it's time to think about Oktoberfest! Those who have attended our past October gatherings know that this event can't be missed. Brats and fixin's, including wine and beer, will be served for a suggested donation of \$7.50. Some fun activities are being planned as well. Please join us at **11:30am on October 17**. We will be participating in a "Socktober" outreach effort and are asking for donations of new men's socks (size large or extra-large). The socks will be shared with homeless men through a local Moms on a Mission group, including Concordia's Sandy Kline.





In November, we will again have a veterans' theme as we welcome our speakers Major Paula Wilson, US Army (Ret) and Kitty Bickford who served 10 years on active duty in the Air Force and was also married to a career military person. Please join us on **November 21 at 11:30am.**

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 TO US
 A CHILD
 IS BORN TO
 US ° A SON IS
 GIVEN AND THE
 GOVERNMENT WILL
 BE ON HIS
 SHOULDERS
 AND HE WILL BE
 CALLED *JESUS*.
 A WONDERFUL
 COUNSELOR ° MIGHTY GOD
 EVERLASTING FATHER ° PRINCE
 OF
 PEACE
 ISAIAH 9:6

Please note the date for our December Christmas gathering. This year's event will focus on the theme "Prince of Peace" and will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 11:30am.** The meal will be catered by Hawthorne Inn at a cost of \$15 per person. As always, there will be special entertainment and fun fellowship.

RSVP's for Lunch and Learn events can be done on the bulletin welcome tab, on the list at the registration table, or by contacting Patty Wilson, pwilson@CKhome.org or 314.822.7772 x121.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

...Thanks to everyone who provided recommendations for the Senior Pastor Call Committee. The Church Council worked to ensure that members selected would be good leaders and have a diversity of interests and skill sets. Committee members include: Keith Fatzinger – Chairman, Brandy Boyle, Dr. John Eckrich, Krista Hartmann, Randy Haun, Joel Karsten, Rev. Ken Krueger, Ellen Miller, Coleen Schick, Jerry Schmidt, Kristin Anderson. The committee will begin their work soon. If you have questions or concerns, please continue to use the email: CallProcess@CKhome.org.

SERVANT HEARTS AND HANDS

...The Uganda Mission Team is preparing to visit Christ Community Lutheran School in Kawete, Uganda from **October 15-26.** The Giving Center is currently receiving donations of solid stick deodorant and anti-fungal cream to help fill their suitcases! Monetary donations for medications are also welcome (make checks payable to CCI). Please hold them in prayer as they travel. You can follow their journey on ccioctober2019.blogspot.com.

...Our Special Needs Ministry is hosting an inclusive, accessible and sensory-sensitive Trunk-or-Treat event on **Sunday, October 20, 2:00-4:00pm,** for children with special needs and their families. Help is needed!



If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out goodies, help with games during the event, or wish to donate, please call or text Jessica Crawford, 314.374.0682.

...Many servant hands will again be needed for our annual Turkey Blessing event which will be held the Sunday before Thanksgiving here at Concordia. Monetary gifts are also welcome; a donation of \$40 will fund a meal for a family of five. This inter-generational event continues to be a blessing not only for our community, but also for those who participate.

UPCOMING

...Christian Friends of New Americans will be holding their 12th annual Trivia Night at the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens will be on **November 16.** For information about these two events and ways in which you can help with this important ministry to refugees and immigrants in our area, go to cfna-stl.org or call Carol Buckman, 314.517.8513.



...The St. Louis West Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is offering a women's mini retreat at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church on **Saturday, October 19, 8:30-11:30am.** Featured speaker will be Jessica Bordeleau, who coordinates Lutheran Youth Fellowship and writes online studies for Lutheran Hour Ministries.



...The Shepherd's Center is holding its Fall Chores Galore from **October 26-November 9**. Volunteer groups of all ages will be available to help rake leaves and get yards in shape for the winter. If you are an older adult in need of this service, please call 314.395.0988.

...The annual Lutheran Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, October 31** at the Orlando Events and Conference Center, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza in Maryland Heights. Registration begins at 7:00am with breakfast and program at 7:30am. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, speaker of the Lutheran Hour. Individual tickets are \$25; tables of 10 for \$250 can also be reserved. Go to lcms.regfox.com/2019-lutheran-prayer-breakfast for more information or to register. Registration ends on October 18.



...A community 5K run/walk for Christ Community Lutheran School – Kawete, Uganda will be held on **November 9, 9:00am** at Queeny Park, 550 Weidman Rd, Ballwin. Registration begins at 8:30am. There is a \$25 entry fee with a \$50 family maximum. The proceeds will support the educational and spiritual development of the children at CCLS-Uganda. Many of these children travel great distances to study at CCLS-U; sometimes they walk farther than race participants will travel in Queeny Park! For more information and to register, go to ChristCommunityInternational.org.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW...

...Our congregation has been selected to receive Feed My People's 2019 Carol and John DeGuire Humanitarian Award which honors individuals, businesses or churches who have great support for the mission of Feed My People in its efforts to make positive changes to their clients and our community." This prestigious award will be presented to Concordia at the annual Fall and Holiday Fashion Show on **Sunday, November 17, 1:00-3:00pm** at the River City Casino and Hotel, 777 River City Casino Blvd. In addition, Concordia's Joan Ferguson will be receiving Feed My People's inaugural Standing Ovation Award. Tickets are \$35; doors open at 12:30pm.

...Concordia has again been selected to be an official host church for the 2020 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Last year's event was a huge success and many volunteers will be needed to provide another unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 7, 2020** and be on the lookout for ways you can help.



...The old nursery in the Sanctuary Commons is being refurbished to include a Multi-Sensory Environment, a special space designed to meet the needs of children and youth with sensory sensitivities. Concordia has been working with a non-profit organization, The Synapsory, to design this Sensory Room which will allow us to reach families who were previously unable to bring their children to worship because of their special needs.

...Two of Concordia's faithful servants were recently recognized for their many years of service: Will Woelzlein as a money counter and Mel Jacobs as an usher in both the Sanctuary and Concordia Center.

...Our part-time Director for Sanctuary Worship, Phillip Magness, has accepted a missionary call from the LCMS to serve as a half-time music specialist in West and Central Africa. He will provide instruction in musical composition, Lutheran hymnody and liturgy at the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies in Togo, West Africa. He will also lead music seminars and advise the LCMS partner church in Ghana on their new hymnal project. Phillip's missionary responsibilities will be coordinated so that he will be at Concordia when he is most needed.

...The 125th anniversary of LCMS mission work in India is being marked with a new exhibit at the Concordia Historical Institute museum located on the campus of Concordia Seminary. The exhibit, "The Mercy of Christ Freely Given: The First Twenty-Seven Years of Missouri Synod Mission Work in South India," opened to the public in August and will continue through February 2021. The exhibit is open weekdays from 9:00am-4:00pm.

MINISTRY MILESTONES

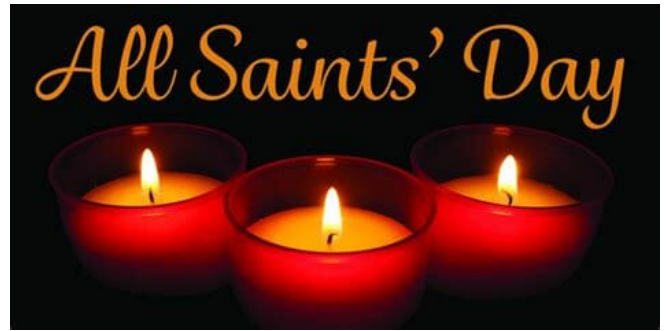
Concordia Publishing House is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. It was founded in 1869 by C.F.W. Walther, the first president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The young synod needed books so they formed the small St. Louis printery. Everything was printed in German. The size and scope of CPH have certainly changed over the years but its mission remains the same: to print materials that point to Jesus. From its humble beginnings, it now has customers in 75 countries throughout the world.



Concordia's Rev. Dr. Stephen Carter served at CPH for fifteen years, first as vice-president of editorial services and then as president.

REMEMBRANCE ON ALL SAINTS' DAY

Following the late service on **Sunday, November 3**, a special service of remembrance will be held in the sanctuary. Pastor Meggers will lead the service of reflection and hope. Participants will be given an opportunity to share a brief remembrance of their loved one, if they wish. If possible, please give the names of loved ones who have died since last All Saints' Day to the church office by October 20, 314.822.7772 x 108.



REMEMBERING....

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

- Lee Schoedel
- Andrea Dobbs
- Audrey Gooch-Elliott
- Deborah Bagy



A few pictures from our Golden Anniversary Celebration