



## Walking Together

### Concordia Lutheran Church

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October 3-4, 2026

#### Worship/Christian Education Options October 3-4, 2026

**Worship in the Sanctuary** Sat. Oct 3, 5:30 (No Holy Communion) Sunday Oct.4, 8:00 and 11:00 (No Holy Communion) **Christian Education** Hour 9:30—10:30 Adult classes: Revelation with Chip Brown (Sub) A new study begins this week on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John with Pastor Bill Pekari in the Outreach Center, Younger classes downstairs, older classes upstairs Luther room and Lion's Den.



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| Lectors  | Oct.3-4, 2026   | Sat. 5:30 TBD   | Sun. 8:00 Sara Hilmer | Sun. 11:00 Sylvia Shives |
| Greeters |                 | Volunteer       | Volunteerb,           |                          |
| Lectors  | Oct.10-11, 2026 | Beverly Walling | Mark Eberly           | John Ziegler             |
| Greeters |                 | Volunteer       | Volunteer             | TBD                      |

#### Our Stewardship

Attendance Sept 26-27 5:30—13..... 8:00—29.....11:00—82  
General Fund September 2026 .....29,909.87.....YTDz\$322,890.62

#### Calendar this week October 4—11

Sunday Youth Group with Mr.Lowery  
Monday LifeLight Acts Pt. 2, 1:30, Luther Room  
Griefshare, Luther room, 6pm  
Wednesday Confirmation Class, 6-7:15, Sanctuary  
Choir rehearsal, 7:30  
Thursday, Lutheran Women , 9:30, Community Room

#### Looking Ahead

Saturday October 25, Reformation / German Dinner  
Saturday Nov. 7, gift jar workshop with youth and LWM.  
November 29, Advent Begins

#### Nurturing the Faith

Readings provided for your worship preparation, based on the Lectionary for October 11, twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Psalm 23; First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9; Epistle Philippians 4:4-13; Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

#### October Mission of the Month

##### Erber Family

Missionaries in West Africa

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries Oct. 4—11 +

##### October Birthdays

1 Debra Jorae  
2 Karen Mullican  
3 Aubrey Davidson  
6 Logan Burcker  
6 Sara Hilmer  
7 Karen Meinelschmidt  
8 Ethan Bearman  
11 Madison Bearman  
Edgerton

##### Baptismal Birthdays

1 Rosella Rogers  
1 Debra Jorae  
4 Mark Roeder  
4 Paul Roeder  
4 Frank Waldron

#### New/updated Prayer Requests

†**Dottie M.** Going into Hospice care at Homewood  
†**Christine B.** (surgery 10/5)  
†**Sylvia S.** (surgery 10/6 )  
†**Fred M.** Broken hip age 92) friend of Roland Foster  
**Tom O.** (tumor removal)  
**Jim G** (neurological tests, )  
**Garrett, A.** (broken elbow) Great grandson of Eloise Kline  
**Olivia** (lost vision, righteye) sister of Beverly Walling  
**Joanne E.** (therapy)  
**Christine B.** (surgery 10/5)  
**Sylvia S.** (surgery 10/6 )

#### Ongoing

**Twins** (Jason and , Dominck )  
**Gabriel and Abby**  
**Amy R.**, relapse of lymphoma,  
**Kathy D.** (home, after rehab))  
**Geoff K.**, (cancer)  
**Lee L.** (2 heart attacks)  
**Emmalee**, (God knows the need)  
**Tom O'** (chemo) and **Jane**  
**Rodney B.** (recovering)  
**Ken J.** (chemo)  
**Marian F.** (Cancer treatment)  
**Dan and Patty H.** (medical issues)  
**Rita**, (chemo for cancer)  
**Madison**, (Crohn's)  
**Jenn J.** (chemo)

**Ed and Trudy C.** (health issues)  
**Frank W.** (Senior issues )  
**Jeannette L.** (cancer care)  
**Barbara L** (2 cancer & chemo)  
**Gary R.** (health issues)  
**Dottie M.** (Senior issues)  
**Brooke R** (health issue)  
**Pam Y.** (Rheumatoid arthritis)  
**Martin** (Personal issues)  
**Nursing H, Assisted Living**  
**Carolyn L**, Somerford Place  
**Ruth P.** Menno Haven  
**Ron & Millie B**, Homewood  
**Phyllis M.** Assisted L in Florida  
**Missionaries/ Other**

**Pastor Mark** and family  
**Tim Buss**, DCE  
**Beverly Walling**, Deaconess  
**Open Arms Preschool**  
**Sunday School**  
**Youth/Young Adult Groups**  
**Stephen Ministry**  
**Melissa Pflug**, Eurasia  
**Erber Family**, Africa  
**Fox Family**, Guatemala  
**Persecuted Christians**  
**Ukraine** - country and people  
**Israel and Palestine**  
**People** affected by natural disasters

#### Military

**Philip P. Michael H. Nick B. Jackson**  
**B. Ethan B. Victor C. Brandon E. Rodney B. Pierre M. Quinn P.**

### Youth and Young Adult Corner

Contact Info. E-mail - for Mr. Tim [dcetimbuss@gmail.com](mailto:dcetimbuss@gmail.com)  
Cell Phone - 970-712-1617 Church Phone - 301-797-5955

**Sunday School** There may be some adjustments to classes.

**Preschool through elementary**, Community Room with Mr. Tim

**Middle and High School**, Lion's Den with Jesse Lowery

**Young Adult class**, Luther Room, Erin Davidson, Facilitator

**Youth Group** Sundays 6-8

**Young Adults** Next Meeting October 15, Bowling

**Do you Have a Room To Rent?** One of our new young adults, Silas Power, is looking for a room to rent. He was wondering if anyone in the congregation would be willing to rent to him. Silas just moved here recently and is attending Hagerstown Community College. Contact Tim Buss for more information.

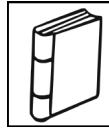
**Lutheran Witness Subscriptions** are due by October 13 th, the cost is \$26.00 per year.

**Portals of Prayer** The October-November-December issue of Portals of Prayer is free to pick up in the Welcome Center. Large print is available. Good to take to a homebound friend.

**Pastor Appreciation Month** Welcome October! It is officially Pastor Appreciation Month, and we would love for our congregation to take this opportunity to show our pastor how much we love, appreciate, and thank him for all he does. Throughout the month of October, we invite everyone to participate by bringing a **card or personal note of appreciation** for pastor. A simple word of encouragement, a heartfelt message, or a scripture can be a meaningful reminder of how much their faithfulness, leadership, prayers, and service mean to our church family. There is a basket in the office to collect the notes and cards which will be presented to him at the October German lunch.

**Reformation Sunday and German Dinner** We will celebrate Reformation Day (October 31) on Sunday October 25. The day will be celebrated with a traditional German Dinner. Watch for information on the meal components.

**Cari Sez...** This is just to inform you that the construction project, last week, Sept. 28 thru Sept. 30, that lifted and leveled the sidewalks around the entire building has been completed.



**Library Notes** Are you dealing with grief or do you know someone who is? Check out the selection of books on the topic displayed on the table outside of the outreach center.

### **Concordia Choir** *Here I Stand, I can do no other!* *Martin Luther*

Concordia Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 -8:30 pm. We are currently working on an anthem for Reformation Sunday and we are beginning Christmas music. Come join us if you love to sing.

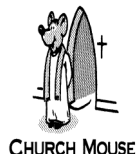
**Open Arms Preschool** We had a great start to the school year and September just flew by! In October will be equally busy reviewing the letters in the alphabet—we are up to letters C,D,E, and F already. Other events this month are Lunch Bunch on Tuesday when parents can bring their lunch and join us from 12-1 pm, It's Fire Prevention month so the Halfway will be visiting the school on F week to talk about fire safety. We will do our annual Pumpkin Patch trip to Summers Farm in Middletown. The last week in October where each class will have their Halloween parties.

**Micah's Backpack** Current needs are Mac & Cheese cups and 100% juice cups.



**Lutheran Women in Missions** Linda Schnaser and Sara Hilmer spent last weekend in Virginia Beach at the LWML Chesapeake Convention. They had an opportunity to meet both Pastoral Counselors for the district who are sons of pastors who served at Concordia in earlier years. There was a record 160 attendees at the convention, more than expected. We experienced worship, Bible studies, inspirational speakers and even business. We heard from Rev Paul Ernwein director of Forged by Fire - one of the many ministries under the Southeastern District Disaster Response umbrella. Their ministry is a food truck to feed responders and a trailer for laundry and showers. We elected a new LWML president and approved a mission goal and several new mission grants.

Some of the Small group Bible studies for women have started. See the list on the bulletin board near the Welcome Center and if you would like to join in, contact someone in the group to see where and when they are meeting.



CHURCH MOUSE

**News and Notes** Pastor Mark is finally taking a well deserved vacation. Along with his family they are headed to Florida to get some grandparent time. We pray for safe travel and a time of rest and relaxation..

Don and Kathy Schleef are in Illinois this week to visit family.

Tim Buss is also taking some vacation time this week.

Brenda Ellis is heading to Kentucky to visit family and to celebrate her sister's 80 th birthday.