



The Royal Messenger Newsletter

February/March 2023

From the Desk of Pastor Olsen

“For Lent I am going to give up _____?”

Yeah, I have heard this over and over again from people who are sincere and from those who are just really looking for a diet plan. Giving up something at Lent is a tradition for some, not only of the Catholic background, but others, even as Lutherans. My thought for this newsletter is not to speak for or against this practice, because something else occurred to me. While we are so busy giving up things for Lent, why don't we try the opposite! Maybe we should add something instead? Instead of consciously giving up something that is bad for us or something we like, what if we consciously add something that is good for us?

Lent is a season of repentance as we approach the final suffering of Christ and His resurrection three days later. But what if instead of giving up something, why don't we add something. No, I am not talking about adding a second dessert just because you were going to give up desserts for Lent. What about turning that new leaf? If you haven't been going to church each Sunday to hear the Word, receive the Sacrament for your forgiveness, and gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ, why not make Lent the opportunity to go?

Did you know that Lutherans do Private Confession and Absolution? It is in the hymnal. Check it out on a Sunday. No, we don't have booths that you walk into,

but there is a place, especially at this time of the year to focus on repentance and the assurance that one receives of sins forgiven from Christ through absolution, a blessed gift of the Lord. Instead of taking something away, how about consider adding the opportunity of coming to confess your sins, to have your Pastor speak those blessed words of forgiveness as from Christ Himself.

What about a Wednesday night midweek Lenten service? Instead of giving something up, why not add something such as worship. We spend the short service of Vespers focused on Christ, preparing ourselves for what is coming and singing some of the best hymns in the hymnal. Sure, just like we can make up any number of excuses for why we don't give up something for Lent or why we didn't stick with it, we are just as versed in making excuses why not to add something as well.

How about instead of not eating meat on a Friday, why don't you eat your meat on Sunday? Your meat and potatoes that is in Bible Class. (No, we really don't serve meat and potatoes in Bible Class. It is a metaphor, although I wonder what kind of attendance we might get. Hmmm.) Coming to Bible Class on Sunday is about getting your meat and potatoes, because we dig deep, we mine the depths of God's Word and we grow together in and through that Word with one another.

Instead of giving up your meat, maybe you might consider consuming even more meat after the worship service. Besides I can promise there are no calories nor fat in this, but it will build you up in strength, strength in faith, love for God and love for your neighbor.

I am curious how many are even reading our newsletters anymore to be honest. If you have read this, let me know what you think about this idea. I would love to hear back from you.

So, maybe this Lent don't give up anything. Add something, something that is healthy for you. Maybe you could even say to

someone who tells you, "This Lent I am going to give up _____," You could respond with, "This Lent I not going to give up something, I am going to add _____. Why don't you join me and we can do this together." Something to think about as we consider not only what our Savior gave up for us, but what we have gained because of what He has done in the giving up of His blood. He gave up for us so that we would gain everything, forgiveness, life and salvation.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Olsen

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday School

Nursery (for infants thru 2 yr. olds) will be open during Sunday School/Adult Bible Class time in the Pre-School Room (east hallway).

Preschool—Gr. 1 Students will meet in Ms. Schoof's/Kindergarten Room (front hallway).

Grades 2-5 will met in Mrs. Dahnke's/Grade 5 Classroom (west hallway).

Grades 6-8 will meet in Mr. Dahnke's/Grade 8 Classroom (west hallway).

Sunday Adult Bible Class

"He Has Given Me My Body: A deep study on the Theology of the Body." we're contusing our study and learning that the body matters! In the first Article of the Apostles' Creed, Luther explains that God has made me, body, all my members and still takes care of them. But what does this mean in the world we live in today? What does it mean for our interaction with our culture, our community, with our children and in our church? Implications are not just here on earth, but eternally as we know we will be resurrected bodily, just as Jesus was! Join us in this study written by Pastor Olsen which seeks to biblically understand the importance of "the body" as God created it, redeemed it and sanctified it and how we can "give a defense for the hope that we have," to a world struggling in a sea of sin and degradation We hope you'll join us!

"Promised Treasures"

Beginning Sunday, February 26, we will begin studying our Lenten theme and looking at each week's topic. See more information about our Lenten theme on page 3.

Midweek Wednesday Night Pastor Class:

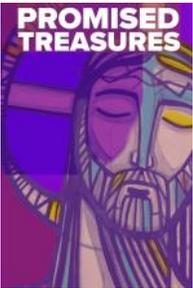
The Word in Song: Hymn Studies

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, & 15, @ 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

The LCMS provides hymn studies for use that go along with the three-year lectionary cycle. Each study comes with sections on Exploring the Scriptures, Exploring the Hymn, and Making the Connection. Join us as we dig into Scripture, gain a greater appreciation of the hymnody that has been passed down to us and what these treasures of the Church teach us of Christ and of our faith.



Lent 2023



This Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (Romans 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. Jesus mentions that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (see Matthew 13:52). So each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements. Our Lenten series is called *Promised Treasures*. Just as Israel wandered through the wilderness under Moses for forty years, awaiting the Promised Land, we await heaven in the wilderness of this life. Life as exiles in the wilderness of this world is not easy and pain-free. In this vale of tears, we await our real home, the new promised land of heaven. Until we enter our eternal promised land, however, the Lord calls us to be His light in this dark world (see Colossians 3; Ephesians 4). This series will begin with ashes, then proceed to salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward water and blood, wood, fragrant oil, and finally, on Easter, milk and honey. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind you of God's eternal love in Christ, fill you with renewed hope, and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Join us on Wednesday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m. for our Soup Supper. Come and enjoy a delicious variety of soups and desserts before we gather for worship. Watch for more information in the News & Notes. All are welcome!



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 p.m.

"Sitting in Dust and Ashes"
Holy communion will be celebrated.

Mid-Week Lent Worship: Promised Treasures Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 1 Salt: the Gift that Sweetens and Preserves

You are God's own dear child, baptized, washed, and salted in Christ. This Lenten walk reminds us that Jesus died on Calvary's cross to vaccinate us completely from sin's power and eternal death. God is not distant from you but very near. He comes to deliver you and preserve you amid all your troubles. He is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

March 8 Water Gives You Life

Water circulates throughout Scripture to wash, cleanse, flood, and reshape. Like a potter, your heavenly Father remodels you every day, conforming you more closely to the image of His Son, Jesus. As a baptized child of God, you will grow to appreciate through the example of daily washings how rich an inheritance is given to you by the water and the Word in Holy Baptism.

March 15 Light Shining in the Darkness

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, who enlightens all who believe in Him. His light dispels sin and darkness and fills you with so much light and joy that you truly reflect His light to the world. Although God's Word exposes all your sin (see Hebrews 4:12), in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. As His baptized child, you now walk as a child of the light (see Ephesians 5:8), reflecting His light to others.

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March 22 Bread of Life

Jesus is the true bread of life given by the Father to us. In Him, and only in Him, is life forgiven, meaningful, renewed, and satisfied. Crave and desire the bread of life, Jesus Christ, who the Father has sent to feed the world. In Jesus Christ, you have all that you need every day and for eternal life.

March 29 Palms and Victory

Christians remain joyful and hope-filled even though life circumstances may change. All of God's people remain victorious even amidst pain, adversity, trials, sin, and death. This is why palms are at the forefront for all the people of God. The Christian remains hopeful even when life, trouble, and circumstances declare something opposite. The ultimate victory in Christ encourages all Christians to remain strong even when sin, death, and trial oppose you.

Journey to the Cross



Coming soon!! Come experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Jesus' last times on Earth. You

will visit several stations to get a hands-on experience unlike any other. The Journey will be held on Saturday, March 11th, in the morning. You will be able to sign up for four times soon. Space is limited, so this is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please join us and bring a friend too! Thank you and hope to see you all there!



Youth Dinner Fundraiser

Please mark your calendars and join us for dinner on Friday, March 24th, from 5-7 pm. We will be serving a spaghetti dinner in the gym to help raise money to send our youth to the Lutheran youth conference in July. Each ticket for the conference is \$475. This will be a Free Will Donation meal. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



March for Life 2023

This year's March for Life took place in Fort Wayne on Saturday, January 28, 2023. This was the 49th annual March For Life in Northeast Indiana.

The event began at the University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, with a presentation by this year's keynote speaker, Hoosier pro-life advocate Katie Shaw.

Thousands marched from the Performing Arts Center to the Federal Building on South Harrison Street despite the cold temperatures.

Thank you to those who came out to walk in support of the sanctity of life!

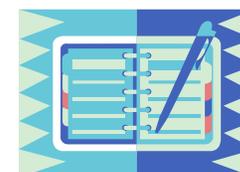
February Meetings

Board of Outreach	Monday, February 13	6:00 p.m.
Board Finance	Monday, February 13	7:00 p.m.
Board of Elders	Monday, February 20	6:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Svc	Tuesday, February 21	4:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Ed	Tuesday, February 21	6:00 p.m.
School Board	Tuesday, February 21	6:00 p.m.
Church Council	Tuesday, February 21	7:00 p.m.



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Board Reports

Board Chairpersons/Secretaries: Please be sure to submit your board's report/meeting minutes to Darlene by:

Wednesday, February 15th, for the February 20th Church Council meeting.

Wednesday, March 8th for the March 14th Church Council meeting.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day.



Sunday, March 11, 2023

It's that time of year again! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th, !

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, February 10
Movie Night

Friday, February 17
TLSP Teacher Inservice
Day
No School
E-Learning Day

Monday, February 20
Presidents' Day
NO School
E-Learning Day

Friday, March 3
Wax Museum

Friday, March 10
End of 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 13
Records Day
NO School
(Potential E-Learning
Day)

Saturday, March 18
Boots & Bowties
Auction @
Fort Wayne Country
Club

Emmaus School & Preschool News



National Lutheran Schools Week

Both the Elementary and the Preschool came together to celebrate National Lutheran Schools week the last week of January. Our theme was "Making Disciples for Life". We had great fun dressing up crazy, in pajamas, as a fan and for decades day. Our week was split up because of two snow days so we stretched our week into the next week so that we could enjoy! We were able to have school wide devotions together and view a video about the missionary that we support- former field worker- Pastor McMiller. We ended our week with a Progressive Dinner giving all of our families time to enjoy fellowship with each other and see all of our classrooms!

Your Help is Needed!

It's time for our congregation to help us! There is a bill in the Indiana House right now to expand the voucher program and get rid of the "pathways to a voucher" and the income limits! If this passes it will not only be a game changer for the Elementary School, but it will allow PreK students to get scholarships through the SGO which will be a huge help to our Preschool families! Please call your local representatives and encourage them to vote for "School Choice"!

2023-2024 Registration

Registration is opening for next year! If you know of someone looking for her a Preschool or Elementary School, please have them contact me so that I can give them a tour and try to sell our school to them! Word of mouth is our best advertisement!

Opportunities to Serve

A big thank you to Karen Detwiler for coming back as our Preschool Librarian! She comes once a week to read to our children and help them check out a book! There are lots of ways to help both Preschool and Elementary School. Do you have an hour or two a week? Come help spread Jesus' love to our children. If you are interested, please talk to me! I would love to help you find a place to serve!

Boots & Bow Ties! Auction

Don't forget our Auction coming up on Saturday, March 18 at the Fort Wayne Country Club. This year we have our theme is Boots to Bowties! Dress up or down! We have the band The Dead Picker's Society coming and we have some great Auction items to auction off! Tickets will be on sale at Church by the end of February! Come join the fun and help support our ministry here at Emmaus!

In Christ,
Joann Olsen

Women's Guild



Allocations

The January meeting was a busy one. Allocations were the important item on the agenda.

We first voted to support all of the recurring expenses: Portals of Prayer; Fort Wayne Lutheran; Altar Guild needs including Communion, Baptism and Confirmation supplies; Bulletin print licensing; Clip Art; Member Caller charges; choir and bells choir needs; Pulpit supplies - for an estimated total cost of \$2,000.00.

We also voted to allocate the following funds. This accounts for a partial list with more to be presented at our February meeting:

1. \$2,000.00 to cover partial registration for our young adults to attend the Higher Things national conference in July. The rest of the funding will be raised by the young attendees.
2. \$250.00 for 5th grade families pizza party with the purpose of sharing middle school information to help parents choose to stay at Emmaus School.

3. \$150.00 for our Preschool for replacement toys and games.
4. \$450.00 for our sports program to help fund new basketball jerseys.
5. \$100.00 for some replacement sports equipment.

Pending decisions: Altar Guild needs, Church requests, property updates, and Music project for our 125th anniversary.

PIZZA HUT DISCOUNT CARDS:

Please consider buying several for small gifts - Valentine's Day, Birthdays, etc. They offer 6 great choices with each used 4 times, and they don't expire for 6 months!

Meeting Dates

Our next meeting dates are:

February 8th when plans will be made for our annual **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - February 22nd**. (more info on pg. 3)

March 8th as we continue to plan for future events to support our church, school, and preschool. Join us if you can at 9:00am

Barb Kanning, Secretary

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!

I received notification that all members with **Thrivent Choice dollars** need to check their accounts. Updated Choice dollars have been posted for the remainder of 2022 and are ready to give. If you have an online account, they have updated their website. I had to change my password to get into my records to designate funds. Once I did that, all was easy to do. If you do not have an online account, please CALL **1-800-847-4836** and say, "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Every dollar designated to either church or school helps. Be sure to say **Emmaus Fort Wayne**, as there are 2 other LCMS congregations in Indiana with our name.

Thanks for helping,
Barb Kanning, Congregational Advocate

Don't Replace "And" with "Or"

We've all heard that stewardship means giving to the church of our time, talents and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. As we confess in the Small Catechism's explanation of the First Article of the Apostle's Creed, God gives us everything we have and enjoy. First we confess that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses" (SC II). Then we confess that He gives us material things. The time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all three of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have, and indeed, everything we are, comes from God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word — when we replace the word and with the word or. It is always written with the and, but when we read it, we read it with the or. Thus this quite helpful trinity, which extolls that everything that we have and are is a gift from God, to be given back in service of His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose from when we serve God. The giving of our time, talents and treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents or treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasure? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give of our treasure and not of our time and talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. Rather, they are given to us, and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus, we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things for us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents AND treasure as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings with which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents and treasure to our families, our society, our church and our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price: the holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything — His time, His talents and His treasure — to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God. Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love — time, talents and treasure together.

*Each month, the LCMS Synod Office writes Stewardship newsletter articles for congregations to use.
See more at LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship.*

Religious Liberty: Free to be Faithful: A religious liberty education and awareness campaign from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



In response to increasing intrusions by government in the realm of the church, the LCMS launched this "Free to be Faithful" campaign in September 2012 to educate and move people to take informed action to protect religious freedom and all the cultural issues that pertain to it: the definition of marriage, the work of social service organizations, confessing the faith in the public square, aspects of the Health and Human Services mandate and the like. The website

is: www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful.

Topics covered include: responses from our Synodical president on Planned Parenthood controversy, The Boy Scouts of America and the recent Supreme Court rulings, as well as many others. Stay informed about these and many other events that affect the religious liberties of Emmaus Lutheran, as well as Christians all across our nation.

Life Affirming News

Equipping Lutherans to be gospel-motivated voices for Life

(January 2023)

Compassionate Abortion *by Dr. Harrison*

A few years ago, a friend shared with me that her pastor and his wife were expecting a baby, a blessing that the whole church had celebrated. Then, at an ultrasound scan, the baby was diagnosed with a defect. As an obstetrician, I knew that surgery could easily correct the problem and would not cause suffering for the baby. I had seen children thrive under much tougher medical circumstances. Yet the physician told the parents that the baby was “incompatible with life” and that continuing the pregnancy would cause them and the baby to suffer. After praying, the pastor and his wife concluded that obtaining an abortion would spare the baby and themselves from further pain. To them, it was the compassionate option.

The story has many troubling aspects, not least of which is the parents’ decision based on inaccurate information about the child’s chance of surviving and thriving. But what troubles me most is that I encounter fellow Lutherans who have bought the narrative that it is better for babies with physical imperfections to be aborted rather than embraced and loved for whatever time the Lord allows them to live. I offer four problems with that mindset.

First, we all have imperfections. What degree of physical or genetic imperfection is sufficient to warrant death? Some say “a severe defect.” But severity varies from person to person. I knew a Lutheran ICU nurse who adopted three “severely” handicapped children who had been labeled as “incompatible with life.” She raised them until they died — between 5 and 20 years. These children’s limitations never stood in the way of her love for them. Nothing in Scripture tells us to kill our physically or genetically limited neighbors. Rather, even though our culture might consider the man lying beaten and near death on the road to Jericho to have a life-limiting condition, the Good Samaritan spared no expense in caring for him.

Second, we need to reflect on the concept of “relieving the child’s suffering.” We know from surgeries performed on children in the womb that they exhibit the same kind of responses to pain that we do. They withdraw from sharp objects touching them; they show an increase in heart rate and stress hormones. When doctors operate on patients in utero, they give them anesthesia that is separate from their mom’s. Unborn children feel pain from at least 12 weeks’ gestation. However, children in the womb with “life-limiting” diagnoses do not exhibit the normal signs of pain from those illnesses. In fact, the womb is the most comfortable place for them, as the mother provides for all the baby’s bodily needs. Cutting short these children’s lives to end their suffering makes no sense. In fact, performing an abortion causes intense suffering for the child. In this case, the real driver for abortion seems to be the assumption that it will end the psychological suffering of the parents rather than compassion for the child.

This leads to the third point: Aborting pregnancies with fatal diagnoses does not result in less suffering for parents. Studies comparing the outcomes of aborting such pregnancies versus carrying them to term using a service called perinatal hospice have found that parents who choose to carry the baby to term suffer less complicated grief and have less regret than parents who abort. In fact, overall, women who abort unplanned pregnancies have a greater risk of suicide, drug abuse and major depression than women who carry those pregnancies to birth.

Parents who are encouraged to abort their child with a “life-limiting” diagnosis are being told that this child is an “it,” a disposable clump of cells. But, in reality, women bond to the children in their wombs and grieve their loss. When a woman decides to end her child’s little life, it compounds

and complicates grief. In contrast, perinatal hospice acknowledges that the parents of a child with a “life-limiting” diagnosis are parents. And this child in the womb is a son or daughter, a grandson or granddaughter, a brother or sister — a human being in God-given relationships with family members who love them. Giving birth to these little ones also gives extended family members the opportunity to acknowledge that relationship and grieve that tiny life. Why would we cut that life short?

The fourth point: What if the diagnosis was wrong? I had a son with a fatal congenital heart defect; he died at age two and a half. With my next pregnancy, the prenatal ultrasound showed that my second son had the same diagnosis. Two cardiac ultrasounds confirmed that he would share the fate of my first. Needless to say, the pregnancy was difficult. However, when he was born, he did not in fact have the fatal defect. Medicine is not perfect, yet we make life-ending decisions based on imperfect information. Am I against prenatal testing? No. But we must understand that no test is perfect. And perhaps we should recognize that God has given this child as a chance to show the beauty of this human being for as long as it pleases Him to share that baby’s life with us.

This view of all human life as a gift leads us as Lutherans to treat those in the womb as our tiniest neighbors. When we face difficult situations that call for us to lay down our lives for our neighbors, we are strengthened by seeing the meaning behind the suffering that we are asked to bear for one another. That is why killing our neighbor to avoid suffering has no place in Lutheran theology. It is why, for the last 2,000 years, the Christian church has consistently opposed abortion.

Bearing suffering is undeniably a part of living in Christian community. And there are certainly times when pregnancy involves suffering. To the secular world steeped in self-idolatry, suffering for one’s neighbor seems nonsensical. They often see pregnancy as a disease and abortion as its cure. However, we suffer as part of the love we show to our neighbor. God has given each mother a little neighbor, chosen specifically for her, formed from her body. The suffering involved in loving this neighbor is part of God’s good and gracious will for our lives (For more in this article go to Lutheran Witness 1/ 2023).

Calendar

January 13, 9:30 am LFL meeting at Emmanuel
January 20, National March For Life in DC
January 28, 12 noon Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana at
January 29, Life Sunday at Emmanuel
February 10, 9:30 a.m. LFL meeting at Emmanuel

Executive Board

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Concordia Lutheran High School News

Honor Roll and Honorable Mention - The following students have been named to the Honor Roll and Honorable Mention list for Fall 2022. Congratulations to our Emmaus students!! Honor Roll - Emma Lunz, Maddie Bultemeier, Caroline lunz, and Erik Olsen. Honorable Mention: Lawson Fairchild. To be eligible for Honor Roll, a student must carry a minimum of four full-credit classes and have a *grade point

Facilities Manager Needed - CLHS seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a **Facilities Manager**. The role of the Facilities Manager is to oversee the facilities (including furnishings), grounds, and operations of the school campus, along with supervising the Maintenance Department personnel. The Facilities Manager performs general mechanical, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and painting repairs; identifies problems, researches solutions, and provides recommendations; and keeps the Administration informed about maintenance activities and emerging issues. The Facilities Manager must have strong project management skills, an ability to communicate well with stakeholders and vendors, be available to respond to building and/or service emergencies, and reflect the professionalism expected from our organization. Compensation will be dependent upon qualifications. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered. Applicant must complete a background check before being hired.

TEACHING POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

• **English Teacher**

Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a

qualified candidate to serve as an **English Teacher**. A bachelor's degree in secondary education, or a related field, with teaching license, and English certification or endorsement. Seeking candidates that desire a classroom teaching experience. Prefer a minimum three years successful teaching in a high school setting, though new teacher candidates will be considered for this position. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

• **Physical Education (PE) Teacher**

Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a **Physical Education (PE) Teacher**. A bachelor's degree in secondary education, or a related field, with teaching license, and Physical Education (PE) certification or endorsement. Seeking candidates that desire a classroom teaching experience. Prefer a minimum three years successful teaching in a high school setting, though new teacher candidates will be considered for this position. To view the position description and responsibilities and to apply, please visit www.clhscadets.com/employment. Only applications with all materials, including the completed application, will be considered.

JROTC Army Instructor Needed

Concordia Lutheran High School seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a **JROTC Army Instructor**. The candidate must be a retired Active Component (Active Duty or Active Guard Reserve) Soldier in the grades of E-6 through E-9, W-1 through W5. A Reserve Component Soldier retired in the grades listed above, under Title 10, United States Code (USC), section 1223 (Reserve Service), may be considered for hard-to-fill locations only; have an Associate's Degree or obtain an Associate Degree within 5 years of

initial hiring; be retired no more than five years (for initial employment) and in receipt of or entitled to retirement pay; have been discharged under honorable conditions from all previous enlistments and prior service, if any, before employment; meet JROTC Medical Fitness and Standards; possess sufficient medical, physical, and mental fitness; be willing to perform, participate in, and supervise activities of JROTC; and pass the Child Care National Agency Check with Inquiries (CNACI).

The JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) Army Instructor (AI) will assist the Senior Army Instructor (SAI) as the institutional leader in managing the conducting the JROTC program in accordance with United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) regulatory guidelines and Concordia Educational Association (CEA) requirements, rules and policies. Assists the SAI to accomplish the instructional, operations and administrative mission of the JROTC program. Responsible for providing classroom instruction to cadets as established within the curriculum's program of instruction (POI) as provided by USACC and CEA guidelines and policies. Adheres to Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS) JROTC established operating

procedures relating to administration, control, and training of cadets. Assists in establishing and maintaining viable extra-curricular activities such as Color Guards, Drill Teams, Raider Teams, Rifle Teams, Robotics Teams and Junior ROTC Academic and Leadership Bowl Teams. Instructor Qualifications are outlined in USACC Reg 145-2, 12 August 2022 and can be found : <https://www.usarmyjrotc.com/application-certification/>

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

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Membership Changes

The following membership changes have taken place since our last newsletter:

BAPTISMS

Alexander Jamieson Bruns 1/1/2023

Thomas Lee Gilliom 1/29/2023

TRANSFERS OUT

Steve Evertson to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Sabrina McDonald to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN

Benjamin & Kate Schultheis to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Moving?



Please be sure to notify the Church Office of your new address, so that we can keep our records up to date. This will help save money on postage when we need to mail something to you. Thanks for your cooperation!

Going to the Hospital?



If you know in advance that you are scheduled for a hospital stay, please call the church office so that we can include you in our prayers. If you are admitted unexpectedly, please be sure to have a family member or friend call and inform us. The voice mail on the phone system is "on" 24 hrs. a day, seven days a week, so please call any time!

Newsletter Deadline: Monday, March 27, 2023



Please take note of the deadline for submitting information for the **April/May 2023** newsletter. Information can be mailed or dropped off at the church office, faxed to (260) 459-7766, or e-mailed to: dheeren@emmausfortwayne.org. Thank you!



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Our Mission Statement

Empowered by God's gift of never-ending love in Word and Sacrament and responding to the forgiveness won for us by Jesus Christ on the cross, the mission of the family of Emmaus Lutheran is to
COURAGEOUSLY CONFESS CHRIST
through worship, life together, teaching and service.

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Worship Schedule Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 1st thru 4th Sundays of the month. Matins Service will be held on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes meet after the worship service. Please join us as we study and learn God's Word.

Ash Wednesday & Midweek Lent Services

Please see the schedule for these special services on page 3.