

**Baptism Lambs** - If your child or grandchild was baptized in 2011, you may still pick up the lamb that was on our baptism tree. Look for the white basket on the table in the sanctuary greeting area, near the nursery entrance.

**It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!** Concordia's Troop 20425 will be selling all your favorite cookies after all services on February 18-19. Please stop by to support a great cause and grab a once a year treat.

**First Quarter Support – Project Mercy**

The people of Concordia support missions in many ways, one of those being through plate offerings marked "Missions." The core group of Concordia mission lay leaders have determined that these gifts will be given to the following organization for the first quarter of 2012.

**Project Mercy** is a Fort Wayne-based international emergency relief and community development ministry. Project Mercy's self-help programs among the Ytebon people of Ethiopia reduces the needs for crisis-driven, emergency aid. Read more...pray... and give. More info at [www.projectmercy.org](http://www.projectmercy.org).

**The Concert Choir from Lutheran Northwest HS** in Rochester, MI, will be in concert at Concordia Church on Thursday, March 22nd, 7:00 pm. Plan to attend this great night of worship and song! Concordia is hosting this group of 65 students and chaperones, so we will need volunteers to take choir members home, feed them and bunk them for the night, and return them in the morning. If you'd like to serve in this way, please contact Becky Rohde at 493-7593, or [solfeger@frontier.com](mailto:solfeger@frontier.com).

**Life Thought:** The disciples were terrified in the presence of the transfigured Jesus (Mark 9:6). They didn't understand. They didn't know what to say. The disciples were mystified and questioned what Jesus meant by "rising from the dead" (9:10). They did not yet get the connection between the glory of God on the mountain and their God glorified on a cross. How could they? But we can, as they eventually did, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our God died for all humanity! What else do we need to value every human life? (Lutherans For Life).

**Upcoming Life Events:**

**A Hope Center Banquet and Fund Raiser** will be held at the Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. The Theme is, "Unified in the Battle for Life" and the guest speaker will be Shawn Carney, Campaign Director of 40 Days for Life. Please contact us for more information (Ron and Lynn Francis 749-7472), or you may wish to contact A Hope Center directly at 422-3544 or email [maylynnranney@ahcfrinds.org](mailto:maylynnranney@ahcfrinds.org).



**40 Days For Life** begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, from 8 am – 8 pm. Just two blocks down the street from the our church on Inwood Drive, a tent will be set up behind the Statewood Baptist Church located across from the abortion facility. This is an opportunity to prayerfully intercede on behalf of the lives of the preborn babies and their mothers who are considering an abortion.

**Save the date!** Concordia Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm. Details coming soon. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Sonya at [sonyahabecker@hotmail.com](mailto:sonyahabecker@hotmail.com)



**Beauty and the Beast** presented by CLHS Drama Dept., Directed by Chris Murphy. **Dress Rehearsal Night :**

(a special showing open to Lutheran Grade School Families and Friends)  
**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m.** (Doors Open at 4:15 p.m.)  
 Rehearsal Tickets—\$3.00 per person  
 This is a casual showing.  
 Kids of all ages welcome.  
 No Concessions, but you can BYOSnack.  
**Regular Show Times:**  
**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>—7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, February, 26<sup>th</sup>—2:00 p.m.**  
 Adult Tickets \$5.00 Students \$4.00  
 Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime  
 More Information at [www.clhscadets.com](http://www.clhscadets.com)

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES:**

Monthly Newsletter: 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month  
 News & Notes: Wednesday @ Noon.  
 Contact: [cwaldron@concordiachurch.org](mailto:cwaldron@concordiachurch.org)



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**Pastor Don Sandmann ~ Pastor Doug Croucher**  
**News & Notes ~ February 19-26, 2012**

God makes every Christian His missionary. Take His Word for it @ <http://tinyurl.com/2eqe5nk>

**THIS WEEKEND**

*If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about our ministry, please speak with one of the pastors, call the church, or make a note on the attendance pad.*



**PLEASE NOTE YOUR ATTENDANCE**  
*in the red pen folder*

**WHEN WE OBEY, FOLLOW, AND SERVE CHRIST, WE WILL BECOME MORE LIKE HIM.**



**“Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did”**  
 (1 John 2:6).

**SUNDAY GROW HOUR**

**Sunday Adult Bible Study** (9:15) (Centennial Hall)  
**Jr. High Youth** (9:15) (Parish Center)  
**Sunday School** (9:15)

**Sunday Classroom Directory:**

PS	Rm	114 (Koenig's Room)
Kdg	Rm	111 (McEachern's Room)
1st	Rm	201 (Williamson's Room)
2nd	Rm	203 (Gieschen's Room)
3rd	Rm	204 (Goeglein's Room)
4th	Rm	401 (Art Room)
5/6	Rm	403 (Meyers' Room)

**WORSHIP/GROW**



**WEEKEND WORSHIP TOTALS**  
 (Last Week): 181+143+204+243=771  
**Sunday School = 65**  
**Bible Study = 43**



**OWLS NEWS:**

**SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Centennial Hall. Please join us as often as you can. Bring a guest and share fellowship and

the Word of God with a friend or neighbor.  
**This week we'll be looking at James 2:14-26.**  
 "... Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

**Women's Bible Study** continues on Thursdays in Centennial Hall from 8:30 to 10:30. We are studying **"Power of a Positive Women"** by Karol Ladd. Study will be led by Sharon Croucher. For more info & materials, please contact Sharon Croucher at 409-0775 or Sonya Habecker at 450-5578 or [sonyahabecker@hotmail.com](mailto:sonyahabecker@hotmail.com).



**Guys: Looking to grow in your Christian "walk", meet new friends, and/or drink more coffee?** Join the dozen or so guys who meet each Friday morning (6:45-7:30 a.m.) at the Firefly Coffee House for a devotion. We're also looking to start a second group that will meet on Saturday mornings. *Come on out and give it a try!* You may call or email Collin Holloway for more information: 485-4600 (csholloway@frontier.com) or talk to Brett Stedje, Scott Davis or Brian Robertson

The "In His Hands" Bible study will begin a new study of the inspirational Book of Habbakuk on February 26 at 4:30 pm in the conference room, and also meet on March 4 and 18.

### CARE



#### Creative, Competent Caring

Have you ever had a friend who was grieving or depressed and you wished you knew what to say or

do? Has anyone ever called you to talk about a problem, and you did not know how to respond? There are basic skills and insights that you can learn to care for hurting people. These skills are taught in Stephen Ministry training. Interested? Talk to a Stephen Leader today. Concordia's Stephen Leaders are Emmalee Wade, Sue Beach, Mary Koehlinger and Kim Pape.

**Remember, when your world turns upside down... a Stephen Minister can be there with you.** If you have the need for this kind of care or

to find out more about Stephen Ministry call Kim Pape at 422-2429 ext.107. Please do not report a friend's need without first asking his or her permission to do so.

**When I said, 'my foot is slipping', your love, O Lord, supports me." Psalm 94:18**



Times continue to be tough and yet *the Lord continues to meet our needs and use us to meet the needs of others!* Please remember the Concordia Theological Seminary's food co-op as they work to help ease the difficult financial task of managing money for the seminary students and their families. These families have given up much to prepare for God's service and we can help. Let's fill the wagon to overflowing!



#### February is: "SIDE DISHES" Month!

This month let's fill the wagon with all kinds of Side Dishes! Share any/all varieties of boxed or bagged potatoes, stuffing, rice, noodles, dried beans, etc. Be generous. Be

creative. Have FUN! **Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."** John 21:17

#### SUMMER PLANNING? ALREADY?

It's about time to start gathering folks to serve on the VBS Steering Team for this summer's VBS. Love children's ministry and looking for a way to get involved? This is a GREAT way to be a part of the fun! VBS will run June 24-28 and is called "SKY - Everything is possible with God!" The sky is the limit, and we'd love you to be a part of the planning! Questions or interested? Contact Lisa Slack at 422-2429 Ext. 129.

### SHARE



#### Baby Bottle Campaign: Baby bottles are due

**back this weekend. If you forgot, please drop them off as early as possible.**

**"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap a harvest..."**

(Galatians 6:9) A member here at Concordia needs transportation home after the 10:30 service. You can help your brother by being part of a monthly rotation of servants. Please contact Wendy Simpson at 760-4204 or [simpsonwendy@yahoo.com](mailto:simpsonwendy@yahoo.com).

## OUR Financial Response to GOD's Work at Concordia:

### CHURCH OFFERINGS

**Week of February 12, 2012**  
 This week's needs for His ministry: \$ 30,429  
 This week's response to His blessings: \$ 22,404  
**NEEDS For His Ministry: (\$8,025)**

**Year-to-Date 2012**  
 Year-to-Date needs for His ministry: \$186,271  
 Year-to-Date response to His blessings: \$166,341  
**NEEDS For His Ministry: (\$19,930)**

### SCHOOL MINISTRY

**Year-to-Date 2012 (Tuition & Registration thru 1.31.12)**  
 Year-to-Date budget for School Ministry: \$73,049  
 Year-to-Date receipts for School Ministry: \$67,930  
**Needs For His Ministry: (\$5,119)**

Line of Credit Balance owed to LCEF(1.31.12): **\$107,932**  
 Mortgage Balance owed to LCEF(1.31.12): **\$737,142**  
 Questions? Contact Laura Bowser, Business Manager. Ext.103

**SCRIP TIP: Is Dr. Hoagburg your orthodontist?** Did you know that Dr. Hoagburg's office offers \$100 per phase per patient? All you have to do is request a simple sheet from the scrip kiosk, fill it out and turn it in to Dr. Hoagburg and they send Concordia a check. **That's \$60 back** to your personal scrip credits each patient each phase! Don't miss out on this generous opportunity.

**CPP TRAINING:** There are now two Child Protection Program training sessions scheduled before the end of the school year. Certification is required for Biz-Town, Outdoor Ed, the 8th grade DC trip, among other things, so please mark your calendars now! Upcoming sessions are **Tuesday, March 6th @ 7pm** in Centennial Hall; **Monday, May 7th @ 7pm** in Centennial Hall. **No RSVP required.**



**Free AARP Tax Help!** Mondays & Fridays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Concordia Church Narthex. Sessions run through April 13, 2012. Tax help is for taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. Call 1-888-227-7669 for more info.



**Free Movie Matinee!** Join us this Sunday for a free showing of Cars 2! The movie starts at 2 pm in the school gym. Come comfy, bring a pillow, a friend, and your coupon for a free popcorn if you have one! Enjoy a relaxing afternoon as a family.

**Come One, Come All to Concordia's Carnival!** Sunday, March 11, 1:30-6 pm. New games as well as old favorites. Master the *Lagoon of Doom* and slide down the *Big Kahuna*. Take a chance at the *High Striker* and have a blast launching frogs.



Concessions by the 8th grade and face painting/

tattoos sponsored by our youth group. Invite a friend and receive a prize. Games and fun for all ages. A wonderful chance to enjoy fellowship with family and friends!!!



We are pleased to update you on how the **paper recycling program** is going at

Concordia. Our second check, this one in the amount of **\$116.35**, was recently received. Thank you to so many of you who are participating in bringing your paper recycling to Concordia so that we can earn money and keep the paper out of landfills. Should you have any questions, please call the Church Office (422-2429) and speak with Laura Bowser, Business Manager (ext. 103) or John Maxwell, Facilities Manager (ext. 124).



**FREE DATE-or-not-NIGHT!** Mark your calendars now to join us on March 10th for a FREE dinner & a movie evening.

No date required! We'll have a simple pizza dinner (free will offering taken) at 6:15 pm and the movie "**Courageous**" will start about 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. What a GREAT idea for Bible study groups, etc. **Please sign up** at the table in the family center if you're planning to attend, to help us plan for food that night.