

## Weekly Calendar December 4 – December 11, 2022

<i>Sunday</i> – 4	8:30 am	<b>Communion Worship – Sanctuary</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Worship – Arena</b>
	10:00 am	Voter’s Meeting – Sanctuary
	11:00 am	<b>Worship – Sanctuary</b>
	6:00 pm	High School Youth group – Parish House
<i>Monday</i> – 5	7:00 pm	“Choose Joy” Moms Bible Study – Miss Bahr’s room
<i>Tuesday</i> – 6	7:00 pm	Young Adults Bible Study – various locations
<i>Wednesday</i> – 7	10:00 am	OWLS Bible Study – Centennial Hall
	12:00 pm	<b>Advent Worship - Sanctuary</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Advent Worship – Sanctuary</b>
<i>Thursday</i> – 8	6:15 am	Men’s Bible Study – Centennial Hall
	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study – Parish House
	6:00 pm	Praise Singers – Balcony
	6:00 pm	“The Chosen” Bible Study – Centennial Hall
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir – Music Room
<i>Friday</i> – 9	No scheduled events	
<i>Saturday</i> – 10	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parish House
	5:00 pm	<b>Worship – Sanctuary</b>
<i>Sunday</i> – 11	8:30 am	<b>Worship – Sanctuary</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Communion Worship – Arena</b>
	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study – Centennial Hall
	10:00 am	Sunday School
		PreK-1st grade – Miss Harmon’s room
		2-4 <sup>th</sup> grade – Art room
		5-8 <sup>th</sup> grade – Mr. Rauch’s room
	11:00 am	<b>Communion Worship – Sanctuary</b>
6:00 pm	High School Youth group – Parish House	
6:00 pm	7/8 <sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group – Mr. Rauch’s room	

### Important Upcoming Dates

December 4 – Voter’s Meeting @10am in Sanctuary – No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School  
December 18 – Christmas VBS – see insert for more information

*Submission Deadline: Wednesday Noon. The weekly calendar, prayer guide, News & Notes, Worship bulletins and more are available each Thursday at [www.concordiachurch.org/news](http://www.concordiachurch.org/news)*



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*Our Mission: To know Christ and make Him known.*  
Pastor Doug Croucher – Pastor Joe Reineke – Principal Mike Rosin



### Continuing Care

Loretta Barlow, Peter Barlow,  
Janet Dalman, Helen Fairfield,  
Rev. Ron Francis, Bob Gick,  
Steve Gilliom, Holly Johnson,  
Beth Kumfer, Nancy Niblick, Amy Mee,  
Rita Runge, Jim Wallace

### Family & Friends

Betsy (Hencye’s friend)  
Mark Carbaugh (Martin Carbaugh’s father)  
Dorothy  
Lorraine Hartmann (Roger Hartmann)  
Beau Lang (Terri Dinus’s friend)  
Sarah Painter (Bill Loeffler’s daughter)  
Tara Scheuman

### Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Beth & Steve Kumfer, in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

From an OWL, in appreciation of Janell & Al Hoepfner and their crew, for their talents and willingness to serve others at the wonderful events for the congregation

Welcome to Concordia Lutheran Church! If you are a visitor today, we invite you to stop by our greeters stand to pick up a small gift from us to you!  
We are so glad you are here today.



# December 4-11 stayCONNECTED

## Be Nourished



**Women's Bible Study:** Thursday mornings at 9am in the Parish House. Contact Katherine Grepke at 422-2429 for more info.

**Men's Bible Study:** Thursday mornings at 6:15am in Centennial Hall. Contact Andy Schumm at 442-6820 for more info.

**Adult Bible Study:** Sunday mornings at 10am in Centennial Hall.

**Senior Adult Bible Study/OWLS:** Wednesdays at 10am in Centennial Hall. Contact Amy Kaschinske at 446-1197 for more info.

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Contact Ryan Monce at [rdmonce@gmail.com](mailto:rdmonce@gmail.com) for more info and location.



Do you like games? Do you like leading games? Then Christmas VBS needs YOU! Langleigh Cummins is looking for someone or a group of individuals willing to lead the games during Christmas VBS. If you can help, please contact her at 260-422-2429 ext 129. This is a great way to share Jesus with kids in a fun way!

Altar Flower sign ups available for 2022/2023. See board in church hallway for more info. Arrangements for 2023 are \$20 per arrangement. Flowers may be taken home by the purchaser after the 11am service.

Concordia is proud to offer Tithe.ly as an additional way to give.

Go to: [www.concordiachurch.org/giving](http://www.concordiachurch.org/giving) or scan the QR code with your smart phone



You may give using:  
Credit Card/Debit Card/Bank Routing Number  
*No sign-up or download required!*



## Christmas Worship Schedule

Advent services: Wednesday Nov 30th and Dec 7th and Dec 21st at 12p/7pm  
School Christmas program: Wednesday Dec 14th, 1:30 & 7:00pm – arena  
Christmas Eve services: 4, 7, and 10pm  
Christmas Day service: 10am (no Bible study/Sunday School)  
New Year's Eve service: 5pm  
New Year's Day services: 8:30, 9:00 and 11:00am (no Bible study/Sunday School)

**Seminary Food Co-Op:** December is **Cough Drops and Tissues**. Please consider donating to the Seminary's food co-op to help ease the financial burden of Seminary families. Drop off your donations in the marked bin in the Narthex.



Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us Himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy (Psalm 72:4).

Check out the Christmas VBS cardboard tree in the Narthex for needed donations. Also, don't forget to register your child for Christmas VBS. Volunteers are still needed to help this year. Please contact Langleigh Cummins at 260-422-2429 ext 129 with any questions.



## Substitute Teachers and Janitorial Help Needed

Concordia Lutheran Church and School is in desperate need of both substitute teachers and evening cleaning help. If interested in becoming a substitute teacher please contact Mr. Rosin in the school office. Contact Marc Pape in the church office if you can help clean, even if it's just for some of the days/time.

You're invited to a special Christmas program on Wed. December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 or 7:00pm in the arena, as grades K-6 perform "Rooty's Christmas Wish". Join us as we hear about Rooty, a Christmas tree, who learns that his worth isn't found in his beautiful decorations, but rather in His Savior, Jesus.



## TURKEY

**OVERVIEW:** Fewer than 1 percent of Turks are Christians. Turks are proud of their nation, which has seen rapid industrial growth and modernization. Unfortunately, Islam is considered by most Turks to be part of their national identity; it is hard for them to imagine leaving Islam even if they know little about its teachings and do not practice its tenets. Christians in Turkey have limited freedom of worship. While there are few Turkish churches, believers boldly share Christ with their countrymen. Ongoing changes in Turkey's government have limited missionary activity and increased pressure on the small Christian community.

**WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN TURKEY:** Pastors have been targeted in sophisticated assassination plots, and a missionary was murdered in 2019. Another missionary and two Turkish believers were brutally murdered in a highly publicized 2007 incident. Evangelism faces significant opposition in Turkey, and Christian converts from Islam are harassed and pressured from all sides. Believers are opposed by their families, communities and all levels of government. Mature expatriate believers – many of whom have lived in Turkey for decades – have long served in Turkish churches; however, the Turkish government has recently targeted these foreign workers for expulsion.

- Pray that new Turkish church leaders will arise to replace deported foreign workers.
- Pray for university students and teachers who have asked for Bibles and information about Christ.
- Pray for Arab and Persian ministries working among refugees.

