

A Note from Your Pastor:

What does "confirmation" mean? United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church. (UMC.ORG)

We have five great kids in their journey of confirmation. It has been a great joy for me to interact with them and their mentors. They are bright young people with open and curious minds. They are already good Christian disciples who care about others and environment. They are insightful and willing to expand their understanding of faith. It is obvious that their parents and teachers are doing a good job. Some of you provided meals for the kids. They understand that the meals in fact deliver your love and support. They appreciate it. It is a blessing and a great joy that we have them among us. The plan is to have a big celebration on the day of Easter. Two will be confirmed, and three will be baptized and confirmed. It will be awesome if all of you are present and celebrate with them. It will be your way of saying you love them.

There are only three sessions left, which means you have only three chances to come and feed the kids. It will be beneficial for the kids to interact with and learn from you. Support them with prayers. Pray that our wonderful kids will choose to confirm their faith as Christians.

Kibum Kim, Pastor



A LETTER FROM THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

I am writing to update you on the finances of Concordia First United Methodist Church.

For the last 3 years we have been doing great with our finances. We were able to get some COVID money which helped keep us in the black financially.

As all of us know we are all experiencing the effects of inflation. The church also is experiencing an increase in expenses. As of the end of January we are now in the red for income compared to expenses.

I ask that you prayerfully consider an increase in your giving to the church for the year.

Yours in Christ, Marsha Wentz

Bible Bingo Photos





Commodities Food Distribution

Commodities will be held March 15, 2023. All Volunteers welcome to help, be here by 10:00am to help unload the truck, pack the boxes and deliver them to the cars in the back parking lot. For more information please call the Church Office at 785-243-4560.

Thank you in advance!





Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access <u>Online Giving</u> or scan the QR code with your phone.

Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!



We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement. By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

Meals on Wheels

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on **Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.** Starting on March 1st, the Food Bank can be utilized once each month; an appointment must be made 24 hours in advance to pick up food at the Food Bank.



There are several other upcoming events at the CCRC, including:

The Girl Scouts are selling Cookies! If you need cookies but don't know a Girl Scout to buy from, stop by the CCRC on Tuesday, March 7th from 4:30-6:00 pm to stock up!

A Cleaning Supply Drive is taking place during March. All items can be dropped off at the CCRC. Items most needed include: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Trash Bags, Razors, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Lysol Spray, Pinesol, and Feminine Hygiene Products.

If you need more information about any of the activities listed above or would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.



Little Free Pantry



Thanks for your donations of 56 pounds of food on Super Bowl Sunday! The Great Plains and Missouri Conferences collected 105,367 pounds of food and won the challenge with the Greater New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania Conferences (they collected 75,000 pounds of food). All food donations will help to stock our Little Free Pantry.

Keep in mind that it is still winter – please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze when the weather is predicted to be extremely cold. In particular, canned goods can freeze and spoil. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. This helps us to provide a variety of food on a daily basis. Thanks to Pam Campbell and Lisa Valcoure for helping to place food from our store in the pantry daily!

Missions and Outreach



Don't forget to pick up your **Lenten box!** Boxes are available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. We collected \$171.47 in Missions Buckets in February that will be combined with Lenten Box giving to give to Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport.

Missions Buckets will be passed on March 19th for the UMCOR Special Offering. For more information, visit https://umcmission.org/umcor_sunday/.

Change the World Sunday

Our 12th annual Change the World event is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th! If you have a project idea, please let any member of the Missions Team know! Team members include: Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, Branson Wilcox, and Nancy Wentz.



Community Baby Shower



We will be helping the Cloud County Health Department sponsor a Community Baby Shower on the afternoon of **Sunday, March 26**th **from 2:00 – 4:00 pm!** All expecting families are invited to attend – there will be lots of free give-away item and we will be distributing Layette Sets!

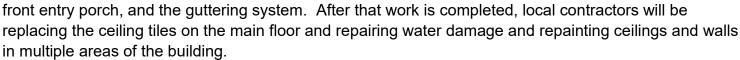
If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, sign-up on the Missions Bulletin Board or contact Nancy Wentz at ndeerloop ndeerloop and a ndeerloop or 785-614-2599.

Trustees Update

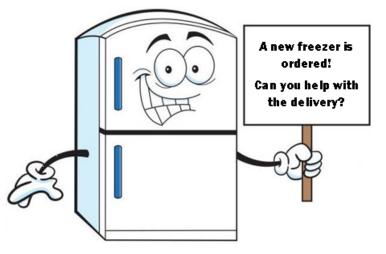
You may have noticed that a portion of the shingles on the roof of the Fellowship Hall were lost in the December 2021 wind storm. Did you wonder if we were ever going to get it fixed? WE ARE!

In fact, when that storm happened, we were already negotiating with our insurance company regarding damage from a previous storm in the spring of 2021. We have finally reached a settlement with the insurance company.

During March, RestoreMasters will be on site to replace the shingled roof on the entire building, the membrane roof on the



We will be scheduling an all-church work day to prepare spaces for the painters including removing and recovering the water damaged sound panels in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more details on the work day – many volunteers will make the job go faster! This is one way to help keep our out-of-pocket expenses down. While the majority of the work will be funded by the insurance claim, we will be responsible for covering the deductible. If you would like to make an extra gift to help cover that expense, please place a note on your check "Insurance".



The old Chest Deep Freezer is no longer working. A replacement upright freezer has been ordered from Town and Country.

We are looking for some volunteers to haul the old freezer to the transfer station, and pick up the new one at Town and Country. If you can help with this, please contact the church office at 785-243-4560.



CHAIR YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

at 6:00pm on March 5, 2023

All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!





Easter Lilies

6" One stem \$20.00

Your Name_____
In Memory of

Or you may make a monetary

donation in memory of your loved one.

In Memory of _____

Orders Due by March 12, 2023



HIGH FIVE SEWING





Sewing classes for all ages and abilities men or women Free at Concordia First United Methodist Church

March 15, 2023, 1-5 P.M.

and March 16, 9-12 A.M.

Come either or both days

We will have some machines or you can bring your own. If you want to bring your own supplies a list is available at 785-243-4560



COMMODITIES

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 15, 2023
ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
WE WILL MEET IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL OR BACK
PARKING LOT.



Mat Yoga Class
Choir Room
at 6:00pm on March 19, 2023
All are Welcome!
Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!



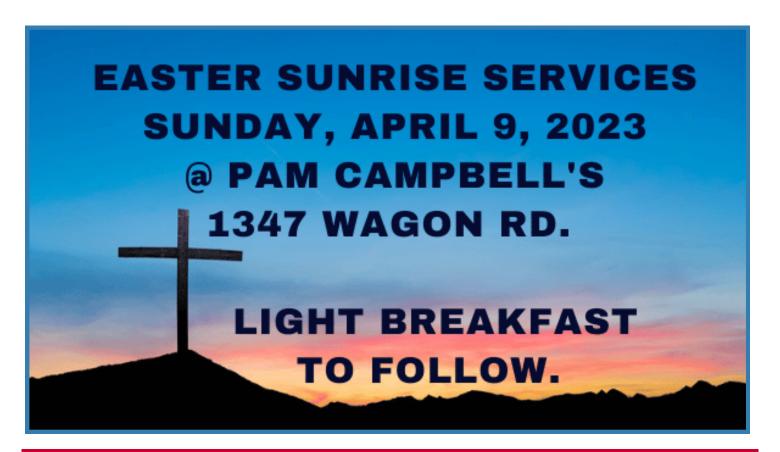
Good Friday Services
Friday April 7, 2023
Concordia First United
Methodist Church
12:00N
Combined with the
Lutheran
&
Presbyterian Church

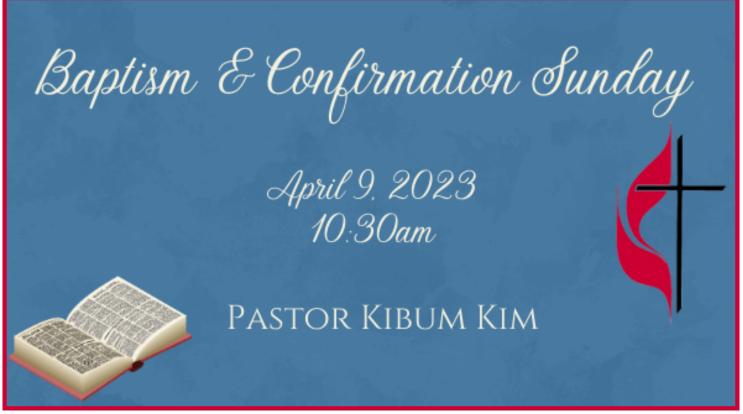


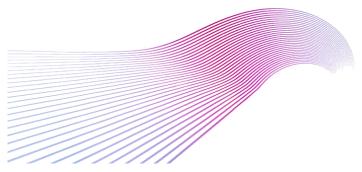


Hungry Hollow Ministries:
Seder Meal with Potluck
Friday, April 7, 2023
5:30pm
Fellowship Christian Church



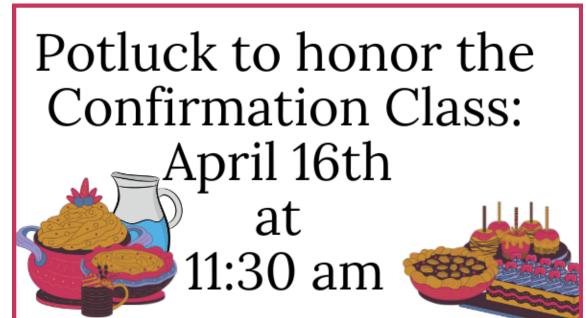












Searchers Class

Come and join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am for time of learning and fellowship.

Crusaders Class

You are invited to join the Crusaders Class for a time of Lessons and Fellowship on Sunday Mornings at 9:30am in room 202.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TABLE TALK

6:00PM MEAL

6:30 ~ 7:15 PRESCHOOL ~ 3

6:30~7:15 ~ GRADES 4~6

6:30~7:45 ~ GRADES 7-12

6:45-7:30 ~ ADULTS

Spring Break No Table Talk on March 15

SITTING WITH JESUS WEDNESDAY 5:00PM IN THE **CRUSADERS ROOM!**







Become An IMPACT Mission Trip Sponsor

Loveland, Colorado July 30th-August 4, 2023

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		You May Purchase More Than One Of Each Month!!!	Quantity	Total
		\$20.00 each item		
March 19	Dinner for Two	Italian Dinner for Two		
		Enjoy an Italian dinner for two which includes a salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, and a delectable dessert. The meal will be served at the First United Methodist Church in March following a Sunday service. (11:45 am - 1:00 pm)		
April 9	Easter	One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls		
		Let us help you prepare for breakfast on Easter morning. Order 1 dozen cinnamon rolls topped with cream cheese frosting. Rolls will be delivered April 6th-8th. (Easter is on Sunday, April 9th)		
May	Mother's Day	Hand-Crafted Gift		
		Shower a special mother, grandmother, or woman in your life with a hand-crafted gift made with love. Gifts will be delivered May 11th-13th. (Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th) (Possible examples: door sign, bath salts, small flower bouquet)		
June	Father's Day	A Gift For A Guy		
		Get that father, grandfather, or guy in your life a "Gift For A Guy". Gifts will be delivered June 15th-17th. (Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th) (Possible examples: candy bar bouquet, desktop sign)		
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All Sponsors are invited to a Post-Mission Trip Presentation.

IMPACT Kids Attending:

Peyton Johnson Gentry Thomas

Névaeh Valcoure Carly Brown

Zac Allen Coltón Haskett

Kyler Haskett

Anyone who wants to purchase items may contact any of the youth above or leave order form at the Church Office.

Secret Prayer Sisters

2023⁻ 2024



Front Row: Linda Culley, Pam Campbell, Taryn Mosher, Ann Lanoue Back Row: Nonie Steinert, Deb Ketterman, Loretta Brown, Mary Vazquez, Patty Mosher.



Front Row: Karla Lawrence, Peggy Barrett, Julie Cory, Back row: Amanda Morgan, Mary Lisa Thoman, Lisa Valcoure, Donna Reedy







Future Secret Prayer Sister: Brooklyn Mosher











1~Monte Wentz 17~Audrey Stiles 5 ~ Beth Whisler 17~Kay Thompson 6~Amanda Terrill 17~Pat Cory 7~Darlene Pearson 21~Linda Culley 8~Jim Lanoue 24~Connie Bentz 9~ Jeff McDaniel 25~Betty Musick 9~Alicia McKenna 25~Jeff Swenson 12~John Culley 25~Kirk Lowell 13~ Mary Vazquez 27~Megan Thoman 15~Claudia Ukens 31~Bailey Conner 31~Marty Ade 15~Daniel Chaput 15~Inshin Kim

Sunday Morning Volunteers

March	2	12	19	26
Worship Leader	Cindy	Christy	Loren	
Sound	Monte			
Media	Nancy			
Greeters				
Nursery Helpers				
Children's Moment	XXXXXXXXXX	Pam/Marsha	Monte/Nancy	
Scripture Reader				
Ushers				
Acolytes				
Coffee Bar	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha
Alter Flowers		Pam		

Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with Pastor Kibum in the Chapel at 10:20am.

Please Contact the Church Office If you can help with any of the Volunteer Opportunities!



March 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SPRING AHEAD March 12	<u> </u>	1 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	2	3	4
5 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship 5:30 Confirmation 6:00p Chair Yoga	9	7	8 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	6	10	11
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19 10:30 Worship 1130 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Mat Yoga	20 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	21	5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	23	24	25
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Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Christian Ed. Coordinator: Angie Gabel-McConkey

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Church Phone: 785-243-4560

Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am Searchers: 9:30am Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Night Services:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm 5:30pm Table Talk Meal 6:30pm Classes for all ages