



“ Who, really, can heal?”

Welcome to Concordia! We are glad you are here!

September 16, 2018 – 9:30am

Serving you this morning:

Worship Leader: Phil Heath

Message: Vicar Alex Slotter

Praise Music Leader: Mr. John Holland

Children’s Church: Mrs. Belinda Bost

Order of Service

Prelude – “All the People Say Amen”

Welcome and Introduction

Guest Speakers: Peter & Lucy Hoffmann

Greeting

Song: “Holy Is The Lord”

Reading: Psalm 116:1-9

Confession & Absolution

Prayer

Song: “The Heart Of Worship”

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Song: “Grace Like Rain”

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:14-29

Sermon: “Who, really, can heal?”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Song: “Send Me Out”

Concordia Highlights September 16, 2018

We are glad you are here: Members and guests, please write your name in the **Welcome to Worship** folders at the end of the pews so we can more faithfully serve you and get to know you by name.

A **Nursery** for ages 6 weeks to 4 years is available in the **Church Nursery** and **PK-4 Room** at the school. The nursery is available during all services. **Children's Bulletins** are also available as well as **worship bags**. An usher can give directions to the nursery, give children's bulletins or get a worship bag.

Looking Ahead:

Sept. 28th – Family Camp

Oct. 2nd – National Night Out

Oct. 3rd – New FISH Classes – Including a **New Member Class**

Oct 21st – Sunday Extravaganza

Oct 21st – Family Field Trip to Devine Farms

Oct. 28th – Reformation Sunday

Oct 31st – Trunk R Treat

Pastor Nelson's office hours this week are:

Tuesday, September 18th 10:30am – 12:30pm

Wednesday, September 19th 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Peter and Lucy Hoffmann, our missionaries of the month, are here today to share news of their upcoming mission to the Czech Republic in all our services and in the **9:30am and 11:00am Adult Bible Study Classes**. Please join one of these class to learn more about what the Hoffmann's will be doing in the Czech Republic.

Communion: In the Lord's Supper, Jesus offers the faithful His true body and blood to eat and drink. "These words, 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,' show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament." Anyone who has questions is invited to speak to the pastor or an elder before communing. The cups in the center of the tray are filled with a white non-alcoholic wine and gluten free wafers are available for those with allergies.

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www.concordianc.org/church

Sunday Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**Concordia Lutheran Church and
Christian Day School
216 5th Avenue SE
Conover, NC 28613**

Remember in your Prayers

Hospitalized: Brenda Garcia (Brian Center East), Debbie Ramseur (Novant Matthews).

Members in need of healing: Janice Pitts, Sydney Karre, Bobbie Brooks, Sonny Roseman, Clarence Canrobert, Doris Kaylor, Shirley Watts, Mary Hartsoe, Nancy S. Bolick, Bruce Roffey, Steve Bost, Johnny Brown, Debbie Ramseur.

Friends of congregation in need of healing: Jessie Altamose Brooks (friend of Carla Hafer), Tyler Griffin (friend of the Canroberts), Clay Jackson & Lee Nash (friends of Kaye Deal), Alex Miller (friend of Philip Lindler), Mike Charles (husband of Leigh Ann Charles), Judy Hamm (mother of Steve Hamm), Alvin Adams (father of Tony Adams), Robert Byrne (father of Mark Byrne).

Blessings to: Cameron and Jessica Sherrill upon 10 years of marriage.

Sympathy to: The family of Pat Clarke.

Concordia Members in the Military: Eric Galloway, Kendall Hamm, Tony Sherrill, Christopher Walker, Jaylen Joyner, Chandler Christians, Jeremy Christians, Nathan Malin, Jon Strande.

Concordia Special Needs: Bethany Henze (Mission Trip); First responders, volunteers, reserve workers and emergency services helpers in Hurricane Florence's recovery especially Robby Henderson.

Missionary of the Month: Peter and Lucy Hoffmann from King of Kings Lutheran Church in Jasper, GA, are so excited and thankful to be God's servants as Globally Engaged in Outreach (GEO) missionaries to the Czech Republic. They will strive to be a Gospel-motivated witnesses and a light to the people of this country who have been under Nazism and Communism for so long.

All of our Concordia Ministry Staff: Sally Sullivan – PK 3 Teacher, Janie Isenhour – 1st Grade Teacher Assistant, Renee Karre – 8th Grade/Math Teacher, Cindy Starnes – Cafeteria Manager and Kyle McClure – Music Minister.

Just the Facts:

General Fund Offering: \$ 16,370

Budget Needs: \$ 19,146

Attendance: 358

Online Giving: \$ 2,445

Sunday School: \$ 9.00

Homecoming: 301

Leading Worship Today:

8am Liturgist: Vicar Slotter / Preaching: Pastor Nelson

9:30am Liturgist: Phil Heath / Preaching: Pastor Nelson / Children's Church: Belinda Bost

11:00am Liturgist: Vicar Slotter / Preaching: Pastor Nelson

Member of the week: Newby Hunsucker – 340 Hunsucker Road, Hickory, NC 28601.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joyce Pugh for her birthday given by her family.

Connect - Grow - Bridge

F. I. S. H. Families & Individuals in Study Hour – See the flier for next session classes. Which one will you attend? Meal at 5:30pm. Classes beginning at 6pm and 7pm.

Family Camp at Camp Linn Haven is September 28th – 30th. There is still time! Cost \$ 70/adult 16+ Children are free for the first 20 families that sign up! <https://goo.gl/forms/yIMh1lllxPrZgSUR1> If you want to join us for Sunday worship and lunch, the cost is \$8.50 for Sunday Dinner of fried chicken and all the fix'ns! Contact the church office for more information.

The Corner Table Serving Dates: Sonshiners – September 27th; Souper Stars – October 10th.

Highways and Hedges' Annual Coat Drive starts **TODAY**. Bring new or slightly used winter coats, hats, socks, gloves and scarves and place them in the collection boxes. The Coat Drive will run into October but don't wait to the last minute. Cold weather can often surprise us.

Concordia Christian Day School's annual **"Swinging for Educational Excellence Golf Tournament"** is Friday, **November 2nd**, beginning with a shotgun start at **12:30pm**, at **Rock Barn** Country Club and Spa. Sponsorship and registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in each transept and at the school office. **Entry deadline is October 26th.**

"Imperfect But Forgiven" is coming back to Concordia on **Wednesday, September 19th**. They will be performing in the sanctuary immediately after CCDS chapel that morning. Some of the school children will be staying for the concert. Make plans now to attend.

"It's A Boy!" You are invited to a drop-in **baby** shower for Vicar Alex and Ashlie Slotter on Sunday, **September 16th from 2-4pm** in the Emmaus Room.

Pack 383 will be selling that delicious **Boy Scout Popcorn on September 17th**. The popcorn will be delivered on **December 3rd**. They will also have **limited products** for sale after worship on **Sunday, September 30th and October 7th**.

Walk Through the New Testament in three hours. You are invited to St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 22, 9:00 to noon. The cost of the seminar booklet is \$10. Walk Through the Bible leads you through the New Testament with an interesting, energetic, and fun presentation. You'll learn a lot and have a good time, too.

SAVE THE DATE! The next **Sunday Morning Extravaganza will be October 21st**. We worship together at 8am then go to do a service project for Rising Hope Farms in Claremont. `

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Studies:

9:30am – The Gospel of John - Adult Bible Study – Led by Corey Christians - Emmaus Room

11:00am – “Shaken” by Tim Tebow - Led by Cindy Sigmon – Adult Room #1.

11:00am – BLCFM Small Group – Led by Trey Watson – BLCFM

11:00am – “1 Peter and the Case for Christ” – Led by Youth Ministry Team – Youth Central

FISH – Wednesday Nights:

6:00pm – The Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph...and me? – Led by Pastor Nelson Chapel

6:00pm – “Money Mindset” – A Fresh Perspective About Money –Led by Dru Schneeberger, Chuck Benway and Michael Gerken – Adult Room #2

6:00pm – “Christian Parenting” – Led by Kathy Unverfehrt – Adult Room #1

7:00pm – “Preparing for Worship” – Led by Pastor Nelson – Pastor’s Study

7:00pm – “Death... Then What?” – Led by Dave Beringer – Emmaus Room

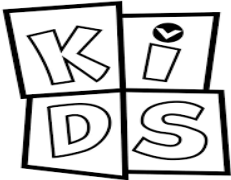
Weekday Small Group Bible Studies:

Mondays: Small Group – Led by Steve Bost - BLCFM.

Wednesdays: 7am Ladies’ Bible Study – Led by Kim Hauser. Adult Room #1

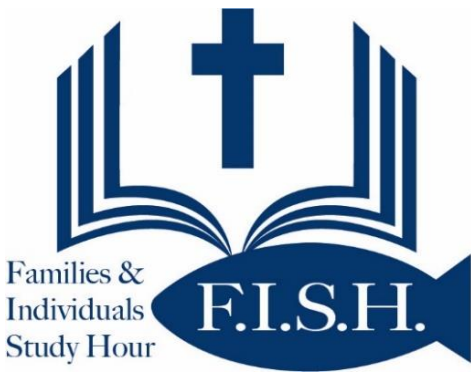
9:30am Ladies Bible Study – Led by Carla Hafer. Adult Room #1

Thursdays: 7am Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study – Luther’s Small Catechism - Led by David Isenhower. CVMC - AHEC 105.



IN WORSHIP! *A Family Faith Walk each Sunday, children can learn to worship with repetition as others provide examples and models.*

Beyond Crayons and Cheerios: *Does your child moan about being bored in church? Consider this: Worship is first and foremost God coming to us with His gift of forgiveness, life and salvation. In the liturgy, God’s gifts are given to His people. One of the important blessings of the church liturgical heritage is repetition and predictability. When your child says, “we say this every Sunday, this is boring”, you can share that through repetition, Christians learn by heart. With the heart we believe and with our mouths we confess. Stepping stones in our Faith Walk. This provides a firm foundation on which the person can build for a lifetime. Sunday morning is that time for reaching, teaching and nourishment. Be there as a family. Be on time. Set an example. Be part of the whole worship experience. Come receive all of the gifts!*



New Starting October 3rd.

6pm-7pm

- **Bible study with Vicar Alex**-When you pick up the Bible, what are you holding? When you go to church, what are you hoping for? When you read the Scriptures, what is going on? Over the next seven weeks, this class will study the Word of God, what it is, how God uses it to speak to us, and why we continue to rely on it for guidance in all of faith and life. If you want answers to these questions and others

like them (Is the Bible really trustworthy?), then join us and learn how God continues to speak to us in his Word today.

- **New Member class with Pastor Paul** - If you are interested in becoming a member of Concordia, or if you are a current member wanting a refresher - this class is for you.
- **“Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart”** - Led by Vickie Shull & Mary Canrobert- Attend the Oct. 3 - Nov. 14 FISH Bible study based on the book *Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* by Kenneth Haugk; if you have known anyone going through grief due to the loss of a loved one, if you currently know someone experiencing grief, or know anyone suffering emotional pain because a person he/she cares about has died, this class is for you. Are you a hermit? If not, this class is for you. You’ll be a better friend, spouse, parent, sibling, or unexpected angel to a stranger in distress. This class will help you find good words to say.
- **“One Thousand Gifts”** - Led by Chris Beringer-Drawing heartbreaking beauty out of the simplest of details, Ann Voskamp invites you into her grace--bathed life of farming, parenting, and writing--and deeper still into your own life. Here you will discover a way of seeing that opens your eyes to ordinary amazing grace, a way of living that is fully alive, and a way of becoming present to God that brings you deep and lasting joy.

7pm-8pm

- **Preparing for Worship** by Pastor Paul – Pastor Paul will be going over the readings for next Sunday’s worship so you will be better prepared to hear the sermon on Sunday.
- **Crocheting** a basket from a kit or bring your own project of crocheting/knitting a Baptismal blanket to be included as a gift from the congregation to our new infant members. Led by Susan Harman



September 16, 2018
Youth Ministry
Highlights

Youth Ministry
Rules:
Respect
Participation

DCE Chris L. Henze
Youth Minister

Thanks to Corey Christians for hosting the “Youth Cottage Meeting”!

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

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Parent/Youth National Youth Gathering Meeting on September 23rd!
We meet next week for our 1st NYG meeting from 6-8pm in Youth Central. This is an informational meeting for all 8th-12th graders with their parents! There is no obligation, just come and hear about this awesome spiritual (fun) opportunity!

Our Boy Scouts are having a flag retirement:
Turn your old flags in to the Boy Scouts, ASAP.

Our Cub Scouts are camping on Lake Hickory this weekend!

Sign up to be an Acolyte:
This is for youth in 5th grade and older! See Chris to sign up on the new schedule!

Thanks to Vicar Alex:
He has been faithfully teaching our youth on Wednesday nights!

SOS/Confirmation continues every Wednesday:
Join us for Christian Discipleship!



“SEE YOU @ THE POLE”

This International Day of Prayer is Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Students independently gather around their flagpole and pray. Please consider your participation at your flagpole at 7:00am to pray for your school, students, teachers, principal, community, state and country!
May God be praised!

Sunday, September 16

8am Traditional Worship & Communion
8am LLL
9am Youth to Va. Creeper Trail
9:30am Praise Worship & Children's Church
9:30am Bible Study – EM – Led by Corey Christians
11am Bible Study – A#1 – Led by Cindy Sigmon
11am Traditional Worship & Communion
11am Children's Ministry & Youth Sunday School
2pm – 4pm – Baby Shower for Vicar & Ashlie Slotter

Monday, September 17

1:30pm Quilt Tacking
2:10pm CCDS – Life Enrichment Class – EM
6:30pm B/C Scouts
6:30pm Mission & Ministry – A#1
6:30pm Small Group – BLCFM

Tuesday, September 18

8:35am Staff Devotions & Meeting – EM
10am Inmate Letter Assembly

Wednesday, September 19

7am Ladies Bible Study – A#1
8:20am CCDS Chapel
9:00am "Imperfect But Forgiven" Concert
9:30am Ladies Bible Study – A#1
10am Bible Study
5:30pm FISH Dinner
6pm FISH Activities – Children, Youth, Adults
6pm Handbells – Handbell Room
7pm Fish Activities – Youth & Adult Studies
7pm Choir – Choir Room
8pm Praise Group

Thursday, September 20

7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study – AHEC 105

Friday, September 21st

12pm Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 23

8am Traditional Worship & Communion
9:30am Praise Worship/Communion/Children's Church
9:30am Bible Study – EM – Led by Corey Christians
11am Bible Study – A#1 – Led by Cindy Sigmon
11am Traditional Worship
11am Children's Ministry & Youth Sunday School
6pm NYG Meeting – Parents & Youth

This Week at Concordia

Acolytes 09/16/2018

(8:00) Jaden Burgess
(9:30) John Moore
(11:00) Mary Elizabeth Carter

Acolytes 09/23/2018

(8:00) Jenna Munday
(9:30) Katie Grace DeHart
(11:00) Mary Elizabeth Carter, John Moore

Flowers Sanctuary 09/23/2018: Open

Greeters Today:

(8:00) Anna Bolick, Ann Marie Blackmon
(9:30) Gary & Donna Lacicer
(11:00) Rick & Laura Miller

Reader Today:

(8:00) Jimmy Martin
(9:30) Lisa Christian
(11:00) Lori Bedder

Fellowship Today:

(8:00) Carmen Isenhower
(9:30) Leigh Ann Charles

Elders Today:

(8:00) Dale Lawing
(9:30) Open
(11:00) Steve Bost, Ronald Kaylor, Harvey Travis

Meal Serving Group 2: Pamela Farmer - Chair

Altar Guild:

(8:00 & 11:00) Frieda Williams, Joyce Pugh
(9:30) Susan Harman

Trustees of the Month: Caleb & David Welch

Ushers for Month:

(8:00) Cliff Brown, Bret Graff
(11:00) Brandon Elrod – Captain, Mike Spake, Steve Hamm, Clarence Canrobert

9:30am Set Up & Usher Teams

1st Sunday: Terry Kuchenbecker Team
2nd Sunday: Greg Roseman Team
3rd Sunday: Gary Lacicer Team
4th Sunday: Roy Sigmon Team
5th Sunday: Scout Troop 383

Sermon Notes:

Name: _____

Date: _____

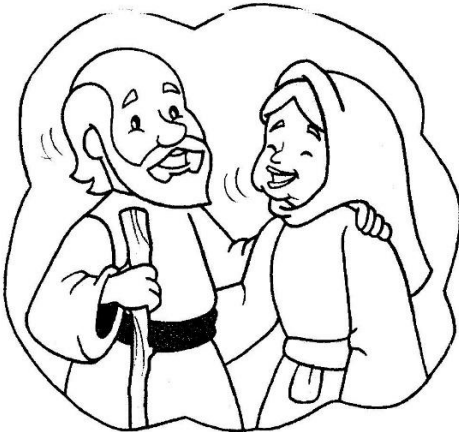
I. What is/are the Scripture passage(s) used in the sermon?

II. What is the Theme of the sermon?

III. What problems does the sermon address?

IV. What is God's solution to the problem?

V. How does the message apply to you?



Sarah hears God promise she'll have a son within the next year. Sarah is very old, so she laughs at the idea. But by the next year, she has a son. She names him Isaac, which means laughter, because God brought her laughter. God brings us laughter, too.

Concordia Kids and Children's Ministry

Sunday School 11:00 am

Children's Church 9:30 am During the Praise Service
located in the Family Life Center of the Day School

Contact Belinda Bost, Children's Minister

bbost@concordianc.org 828 244-1905

FAMILY CAMP at Camp Linn Haven

September 28-30 Hope to See You There!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Tonight We Learned: that God brought Sarah laughter. She thought it was funny to imagine becoming a mom at such an old age. But when Isaac, her son was born, it was a different kind of laughter. She laughed out of joy. God loves it when we are happy and filled with joy. He gives us people and things that bring us joy and laughter, just as he did Sarah.

Family Focus- Tickle War! Tickling is one thing that can make almost anyone laugh. Take some time this week to see who in the family can endure the most tickling.

God gives us laughter. Laughter brings us joy and we thank Him for that!

Tonight We Created: Rainbow process art pictures.

- Place dabs of paint on a piece of cardstock.
- Place the cardstock in a large Zip lock baggie and close.
- Rub your hands gently over the plastic bag moving the paint around on the card stock.
- Carefully remove the painted cardstock from the baggie and let dry.

The rainbow colors will be a reminder that God makes promises and He keeps those promises everyday!



Talk About This

What's the funniest YouTube video you've ever seen?

Concordia Lutheran Church and Christian Day School present:

“Imperfect But Forgiven”



When: Wednesday, September 19th at 9:00 am

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church
216 5th Ave SE
Conover, NC 28613

“Imperfect But Forgiven” is a gospel group from Catawba Correctional Center. Superintendent Tim Kerley and other staff at the prison decided to create an inmate singing group to be ambassadors of Christ in the community. “Imperfect But Forgiven” is a five member gospel praise team that glorifies God with their music and testimonies of change.

A freewill offering will be collected to support The Corner Table, Newton, NC.



Please join us as we **“shower”** Vicar Alex & Ashlie

With gifts for their new baby!

When: Sunday, September 16th - Floating 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church Emmaus Room

Diapers, wipes and Walmart gift cards are great gifts!

Notice date correction from the Newsletter.



Concordia

Lutheran Church

Transition/Call Arrangements Committee
(T/CAC)

Did You Know?

Did you know as many as 200,000 churches in America are in various stages of stagnation or decline, and every year more than 4,000 close their doors?

What We Are Learning:

Every church should form a group of laypeople to meet regularly with the pastor in strict confidence. The group's focus is not so much on the tasks of the church as on the relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

Help Us Understand.

In my opinion, the three most important works a pastor does at a church are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Your Age: 0-14 15 - 25 26 - 50 51 - 70 71+

Last Weeks Question: What should be relationship between pastor and church leadership?

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| 78% | Pastor & leadership prayerfully work together |
| 10% | Pastor sets agenda, leaders carry it out |
| 4% | Leaders set the agenda, Pastor carries it out |
| 3% | Pastor does his thing, leaders do theirs |
| 5% | Other |

*Please place in offering plate or drop off at Church Office by 3:00 on Monday.
Questions? Contact Communications Team Chairman, David Hartsoe
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