

June
2024



First United Methodist Church

Revelation

Pastor's Peddling's

I am really excited about two things in July and August. First, I will be leading a Bible study and, second, preaching a series God has weighed on my mind for years, and only recently have I started to understand it. What I find exciting about each project is not just how they will help people grow in United Methodist congregations in Concordia, but also how each has potential adaptations I've wanted to do ever since completing my doctorate in 2014.

The Bible study is "How to Read the Bible." The sermon series is "Home."

When I went to seminary, I remember how surprised I was to learn all I learned about reading the Bible, particularly when it came to reading scripture contextually, focusing on historical, literary, cultural, theological and contemporary contexts inherent to every passage of scripture from a multi-disciplinary perspective (biblical scholarship, anthropology, sociologically, and so on).

For instance, through the years I've noticed folks will take scripture readings they like and ignore the meatier aspects of a text. For example, one of my favorite chapters of scripture is 1 Corinthians 13, otherwise known as Paul's love chapter. You've likely heard me quote from 1 Corinthians 13:12, which is one of my favorite verses. When you take the chapter in its context – sandwiched in the book of 1 Corinthians and related to 2 Corinthians – what was happening in the Corinthian church at the time of Paul's writings, and what's happening earlier in 1 Corinthians specific to chapters 12 and, later, in 14, could affect how you read 1 Corinthians 13. That's one reason why taking a single verse by itself might have a nice ring to it, but taking it out of context means putting what you want a passage to say on the passage rather than letting the passage inform you of what's actually being said. A running joke when I was in seminary was "I can do all things" ... through a verse taken out of context, playing off Philippians 4:13.

There is also the practice of apologetics, which is common in some traditions where other verses will be used to support argument that's being made of a singular verse. The task of this class is to encourage contextual interpretation of scripture, which helps each of us to be more authentic in our faith. What really has me excited about this course is that depending on how it goes, it could be a model for certified lay member classes within the Great Plains conference. I'm excited about that because those who participate will be evaluating the lessons as I teach, based upon what I've learned through the years.

The sermon series on "Home" is also exciting for me. Since I usually preach from the revised common lectionary, any series I've done in the past has often been shaped by what scriptures have been available for use for the given Sunday's of the lectionary year. The "Home" series, however, incorporates scriptures that apply to the topic of each Sunday, which I am just starting to research, so I cannot tell you what they will be at this time. One of the things I discovered in my doctoral work, in particular, is how much I love doing research, so as I go along developing this series now and into June, I am getting more and more excited by its prospects. I am uncertain, as yet, how many weeks the series will go, but I am thinking somewhere between 6-8 weeks.

One aspect of this "Home" series, for me, is also the prospect that it might result in publishable material. For years, I've wanted to do a sermon series that could be adapted and used as a bible study with lesson plans. As my concept of "home" has grown since moving to Concordia, this series becomes very personal and I look forward to sharing it with everyone.

So, that's what I have for now. So, until next month, just keep pedaling.

Pastor Mark Crist

Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) 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.

Little Free Pantry



Thanks for your continued support of the Little Free Pantry. Please place your donations directly in the pantry. You may also leave food donations in the food box in the entry of the church for future use.

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!

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 and Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.** Starting on March 1st, the Food Bank can be utilized one each month; an appointment must be made 24 hours in advance to pick up food at the Food Bank.



A summer food drive will take place from June 1st – August 1st. Items most in need include: Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Meats, Baby Food, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products. Donations can be dropped off at the CCRC, Travel and Tourism, Senior Center, and Century 21.

A Family Board Game Day will take place on Sunday, June 9th from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at the CCRC! Bring your favorite game or use a loaner game. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

A “Teen Cuisine” Cooking Class at the CCRC this summer! Youth age 10-14 are invited to participate in this fun opportunity presented by K-State Research and Extension. Space is limited – all participants must pre-register by June 12th. Classes start on June 13th and will run from 3:45 – 5:15 pm every other week through the summer.

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.

Change the World Sunday

We had a great group of 57 participants on Change the World Sunday! Thanks for the contributions of \$383.82 to help support the project.

The following projects were completed:

- Prepared and Delivered May Baskets to 200+ People, including: Care Facilities, Hospital, Police Department, Friends and Neighbors
- Volunteered at CCRC Stocking Homeless Pantry and Food Bank
- Filled Downtown Planters with Soil and Planted Flowers
- Painted Shelter Houses at City Park
- Planted flowers in Butterfly Garden at City Park
- Prepared and Delivered Treats for the Troops (National Guard)
- Helped Pay for Laundry at Laundromat
- Picked up Trash
- Mailed Cards to Out of Town Members





Commodities

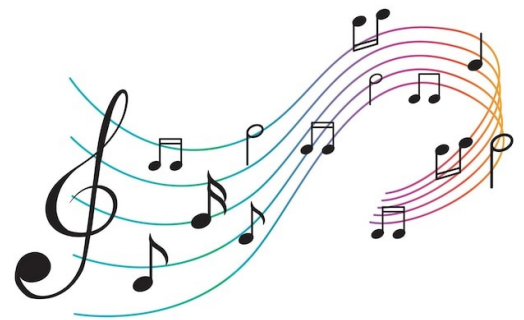
May 22, 2024 was Commodities Distribution. We had 31 Volunteers help us out this month. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate! We served 114 boxes! 28 families, 24 couples, and 62 singles for a total of 220 people served.



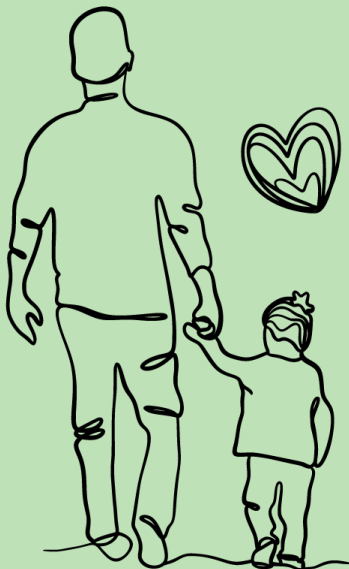
Thank You!

Thank you to Renata Knox and the Choir for the inspiring music this past winter and fall. You are awesome! Can't wait to hear you again in the Fall!

If you and/or anyone you know is willing to provide a music special (vocal or instrumental for worship this summer, please contact Pam Campbell at 785-275-2157.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



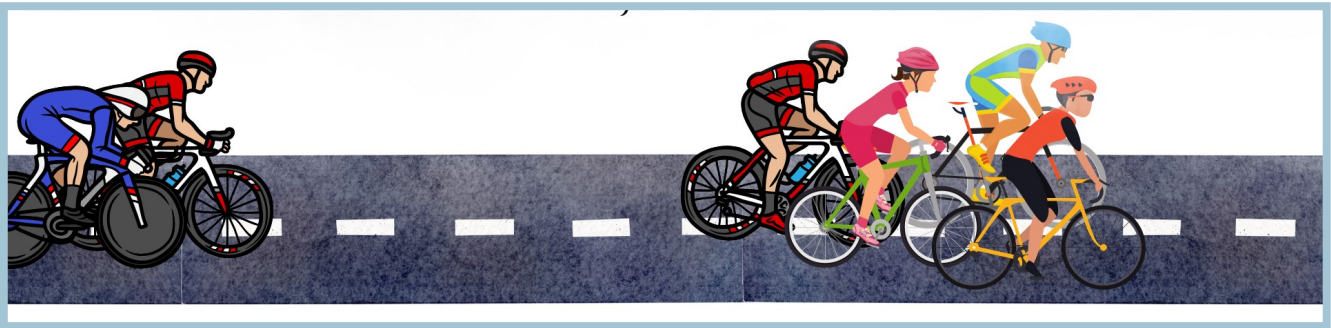
Join us on
June 16, 2024

♥ @10:30am during Worship!

As we Celebrate all Dad's,
Grandfather's,
and Father figures!

BIKE ACROSS KANSAS!

The participants of Bikers Across Kansas will be staying in Concordia on Wednesday, June 12. Concordia First United Methodist Church has offered to provide ice cream to them at the Broadway Plaza that evening at 5:00. We are needing people to provide ½ gallon vanilla ice cream boxes for the event for that evening. Half gallon boxes will be easier to store in the freezer at the plaza, so please do not bring gallon containers. We will need your ½ gallon of vanilla ice cream at the plaza between 4:30 and 5:00 pm that day. We would also need a couple of volunteers to man the booth serving ice cream to the bikers.



If you are interested in a class on the AED, CPR and Stop the Bleed please Contact Lisa at the Church office by June 15th.



Missions and Outreach

Thanks for returning your Lenten Boxes. We collected \$380.61. All money collected will go to Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, visit www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport.



We collected \$260.00 in Missions Buckets in May to help youth attend camp this summer!

Missions Buckets will be passed on June 16th for the Native American Ministries Special Offering. For more information on this offering, visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article>.

Trustees “Power Work Hour”



The Trustees will hold a “**Power Work Hour**” immediately following the Worship Service on **June 2nd**! Wear your Red FUMC shirt and bring your work gloves and yard tools! Tasks to complete include trimming bushes and completing general yard clean-up. Many hands make light work!



Summer Book and Bible Study Sign up sheet.



Pastor Mark will be leading a summer book and Bible study on How to Read the Bible. This will be a 6-week class beginning Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at First UMC. The deadline to sign up for the class is Sunday, June 16, so we can ensure we have the study books available in time. Participants will be asked to pay \$25 for the books.

Those who sign up and take the class will need to bring their Bibles, a notebook, and the text for the class (which will be ordered).

Topics covered are:

1. Interpretation and good translation
2. The Epistles: Context Matters
3. Hebrew Bible narratives, Acts and "history"
4. The Gospels
5. The Parables, the Law and Revelation
6. The Prophets, the Psalms and Wisdom readings

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Mark with your questions and he will be happy to answer them.

****Christian Education News****

Church the Plaza

Our annual Church on the Plaza service has been scheduled for September 8, 2024 at the Broadway Plaza downtown.

BROADWAY PLAZA

Table Talk



FUMC's Wednesday evening Children and Youth Christian Education programs will resume on September 11, 2024. If you are interested in helping with this important church mission, please let Angie know through email or text.

Adult Camp Horizon Retreat

If you are up to an adventure, mark your calendar for Thursday, October 3 to Saturday, 5, 2024. The adult men and women of our church will have the opportunity to get away for a short retreat to CAMP Horizon in their Renewal Lodge. This lodge has air conditioning and heating. There are several hiking trails, campfire pits, a pickleball court, 18 hole frisbee golf course, a hammock village, challenge rope courses and rock climbing walls as well as a prayer labyrinth and garden. We have the option to rent a rack of canoes to canoe down the Arkansas River if our group chooses.



The Renewal Lodge has a choice of two room layouts. One with one queen, loveseat and desk, two rooms with a queen and a bunk bed with a full with a twin on top or a room with five rooms with bunk beds with a full and twin on top and a trundle bed. Couples will be assured of one of the three queen rooms options.

We will have full access to Agape, the multi purpose room, which has a full kitchen and meeting space. Each evening we will cook our own meal for our group in the Agape kitchen, followed by a reflection time and prayer by Pastor Mark. If you think you would like to participate in this retreat, please let me know and secure your spot with a \$25 deposit towards your stay. I have recalculated the amount needed per person with 2 people sharing a room at \$140 for your accommodations, meals and activities. If you would like a room to yourself, your cost would be \$205.

I would appreciate all those planning to attend to confirm by August 20th, so I can let the lodge know how many rooms and lunches we will need. We can have as many as 20 if some of you would like to share a room with 2 other people or as few as 8 attending if some of you wish a private room.

Please email or text Angie if you wish to attend this retreat.

Angie Gabel-McConkey, Christian Education Director, Concordia FUMC

con1umchristianed@gmail.com

785-275-1232



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

6:30PM

④ BETH WHISLER

529 W. 5TH CONCORDIA

RSVP BY JUNE 1

785-243-2841

DINNER IS PROVIDED




LADIES *Coffee*
JUNE 15, 2024
9:00AM
④ JITTERS




DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT...

CONSIDER THE
TIME AND TALENT AUCTION

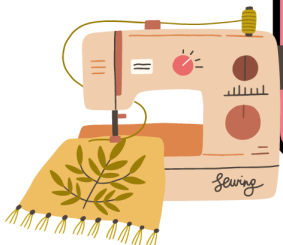


GARDENING	SEWING
COOKING	CRAFTS
BAKING	FLOWERS



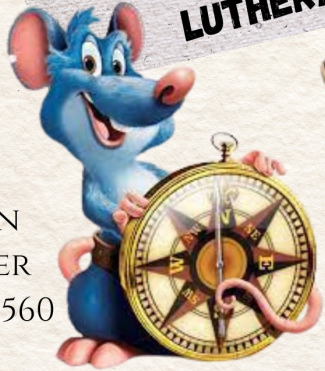
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MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



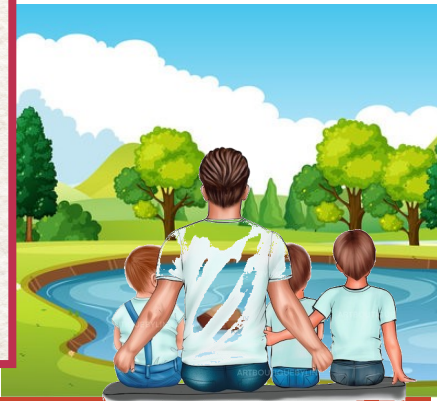
SAVE THE DATE:

**JULY 31ST & AUGUST 1ST & 2ND
AT THE CONCORDIA
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Groups
High Seas
EXPEDITION
**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
OR TO REGISTER
CALL 785-243-4560



Coffee OFFICE

JITTERS

THURSDAY MORNINGS

10:00AM

WITH PASTOR MARK



Sunday, June 23rd

Right after Church

Carpool to Belleville's Rocky Pond

for
Fun in the Sun

with your church friends.

Bring your Favorite Side Dish or Dessert

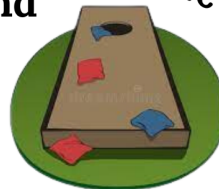
Wear comfy clothes to church that day.

Bring your favorite outside games:
(Corn Hole, Lawn Darts, Fishing Poles, etc.)

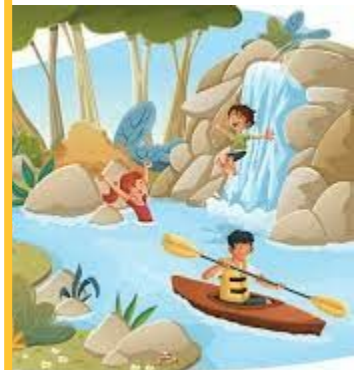
We do have the shelter house in case of inclement weather.

All Help is Appreciated!

*Fellowship
Food
Chill time*



Don't forget your
Lawn Chair



**Mark your
Calendars**



TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

For those dealing with emotional
and intimate partner trauma.

*Join us for a confidential and
anonymous discussion group.*

Weekly Every Tuesday

5:30 - 6:30pm

Snacks & Drinks provided.

In the lower level of

First United Methodist Church

For questions call Angie Gabel-McConkey

785-243-4560

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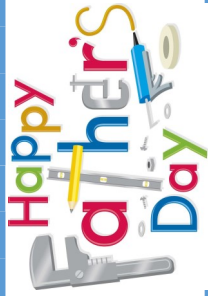
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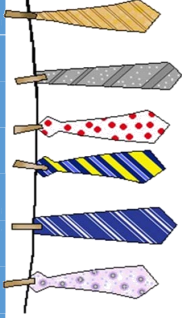
BIRTHDAY!

- 1~BLAKE ERKENBRACK
- 2~JESSICA DETHLOFF
- 3~JESSE POUNDS
- 4~NATHAN LAWRENCE
- 4~STANLEY MCMILIAN
- 6~JUDY KIRCHER
- 6~ERYNN BERGSTROM
- 10~JOAN KROHN
- 11~ELSIE BUHL
- 12~KAREN EBY
- 17~IAN CURRIER
- 20~KEVIN UKENS
- 21~LINDA HAMMON
- 23~ANGELA DANNER
- 23~DIRK LOWELL
- 23~DUSTIN BENDER
- 24~JUSTIN KLINE
- 26~KURT KOCHER
- 26~HENRY HUCHINSON
- 28~ALYSON JOHANNSEN
- 30~JIM CONN





JUNE 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship Power Hour right after worship	3	4	5 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 6:30pm Women in Faith	6	7	8
9 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	10 5:30pm FUMC Council	11	12 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:00pm Bike Across Kansas	13	14	15 9:00 Ladies Coffee @ Jitters
16 Father's Day 9:00 Choir Practice 9:30 Crusaders Searchers	17 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	18	19 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	20	21	22
23 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship Rocky Pond	24	25	26 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	27	28	29
30 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship						

Sunday Morning Volunteers

June	2	9	16	23	30
Worship Leader	Loren				
Sound					
Media	Janice	Janice			
Greeters					
Nursery Helpers	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher
Children's Moment	Angie Gabe-McConkey				
Scripture Reader					
Ushers	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds
Acolytes					
Coffee Bar	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz
Alter Flowers					

Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with

Pastor Mark in the Chapel at 10:20am.

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



Concordia First United Methodist Church

Belong | Believe | Become

Pastor: Rev. Mark Crist

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Valcoure

Christian Ed. Director Angie Gabel-McConkey

Choir Director: Renata Knox

Organist: Pam Campbell

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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