

In our readings today, Jesus and Jeremiah faced the same threat: death at the hands of the king. For Jeremiah, it was the king of Judah in his day, Jehoiakim. For Jesus, it was the king of Israel, Herod Antipas. It was Herod Antipas' father, Herod the Great, who slaughtered the young boys of Bethlehem following Jesus' birth.

In the face of death, Jeremiah stood firm in the word that God has delivered to him: he continued to prophecy against the king and the kingdom of Judah because of their faithlessness to God. Jeremiah continued to prophecy because he trusted in God more than he feared the human rulers standing before him. Jeremiah knows that God will fulfill what he has promised: the Babylonians will come to Judah and destroy the city and temple and take the people into exile in a foreign land.

Jesus also trusted in the word he had been given, though he himself is the word made flesh. Jesus knew that his time had not yet come, that he would finish his course and make it to Jerusalem before he died. There, he would suffer and die, but he would do so willingly to take the curse of sin upon himself on our behalf. Knowing that he goes to Jerusalem for this purpose, he laments for the city and its inhabitants. He laments because he desires to save and protect it, like a mother hen with her chicks, but the people have resisted the word and promise of God delivered by the prophets and now Jesus himself.

For both Jesus and Jeremiah, the Word of God stood above all the threats and words of mere human rulers. So also in our day, we hold the Word as a higher authority than anything written by men. Like Jesus, we lament over those who have rejected that Word. Yet, we continue to boldly carry forward that very same Word to a world and people that desperately need to hear of the salvation of God that comes through Jesus Christ, the only true Savior.

~Pastor Kevin Mann

IN OUR CONGREGATION...

Join us for this year's Lenten Suppers!
Dinners begin at 5:15pm in Fellowship Hall; Church service at 6:30pm.

3/19/2025

Chicken Spaghetti (by Pam Lehman)
Sides, Dessert, Beverages
(PB&J sandwiches available)

3/26/2025

Chicken & Noodle soup (by Elaine King)
Hot Dogs
Sides & Beverages
Carrot Cake (by Elaine King)
(PB&J sandwiches available)

4/2/2025

Baked Potato Bar (by Cheryl & Mart Erickson) with all the fixings!
Sides, Dessert, Beverages
(PB&J sandwiches available)

4/9/2025 Youth Group Fundraiser

Hosted by Youth Group
Homemade Beef Stew (by Mike Murphy)
Homemade bread
Sides, Dessert, Beverages
(PB&J sandwiches available)

Partners in Prayer Prayer changes us and shapes us toward the purposes our Father has for us. Peace Partners in Prayer is an informal group providing the opportunity to gather and share praises and petitions in a confidential and supportive space. Participants can choose to pray out loud or just bring the gift of their presence and have others pray on their behalf. **Partners in Prayer meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm monthly.**



FAMILY MINISTRY

Wednesday Playdates

Wednesday morning Playdates are between **9-11am** at the Sharing Peace Cafe. This is a group of moms (and sometimes dads), often with their littles in tow, to find fellowship and maybe a caffeine fix. Come when you can, leave when you must - we love to make new friends!

Camp Lutherhaven

What are you doing this Summer? Spend time at Camp Lutherhaven! With so many awesome activities from Archery to Boppity, Bop, Bop, Bop (a fun game played at camp) to jumping in the lake, there is so much to experience! Most importantly, spend time in God's Word and grow in your relationship with Christ. Summer 2025's theme is "Cuz Why?", centering around John 3:17, where you'll ask questions and dig into the questions God asked throughout the Bible. Register before April 1st and receive the early bird discount! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information (260) 636-7101.

IN OUR CAFÉ...

Exercise Classes

Classes are held in the Wellness Room below the stairs. Enter via door #3 from the parking lot. No previous experience necessary. Everyone is welcome for fun, fitness, and fellowship. \$5 per class session, except yoga with Tara is \$10.

Celtic Music: Enjoy the sounds of Celtic Music in the Cafe on **Monday, March 17** from **noon-1pm**. Kasey Hapner will play the harp while Valerie Nowling will play the flute.

Art Gallery: The Cafe local artist for March and April is Crimson Rose. Come enjoy her lovely paintings. All art is available for purchase. Cash or check only (payable to artist).

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Lutheran South Unity School

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a full-time resource room teacher position at Lutheran South Unity School in Fort Wayne, IN. Applicants must hold a current Indiana Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit resumes are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.



Concordia Lutheran High School

Our premiere concert choir, the 42-voice, A Cappella Choir will be on their annual tour from March 11th to March 17th. Their theme, Breath of Life, focuses on the Creation account from Genesis 1 and 2 and work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. They will be going as far west as Norfolk, Nebraska with stops in La Porte, Indiana, Urbandale, Iowa, Omaha, Nebraska, and Lincoln, Nebraska. They plan on spending a day at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha which was ranked #1 in the nation by USA Today 2 years in a row.

The Choir will also spend a morning participating in escape rooms as a group. The A Cappella Choir exists to honor God and proclaim the love of Christ in song. By striving to perform choral music at the highest artistic level, the singers desire to give back to God a small portion of the gifts He gives, the most important of which being the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Tour is their opportunity to take this message on the road! **Their return home performance will be at the Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne on Monday March 17th at 7:00 pm.**

Registration Now Open for CLHS Summer Camps and Classes [QR Code attached]

Concordia is offering more than 20 different summer camps as well as multiple summer school classes that are open to all students in the Fort Wayne region! With everything from sports and video games to music and drama, you'll find something for every student in your household! Scan the QR code for more information or to register now!



IN OUR DISTRICT

THE CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY KANTOREI will lead a special Lenten Evening Prayer service **Sunday, March 23, at 4 p.m.** Eastern in Kramer Chapel. The Kantorei is a men's choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. For more details about the service, including livestream information, visit

The Indiana District LCMS has a full-time opening for the position of Education Administrative Assistant. We are searching for a friendly, organized, and versatile individual who can work on a variety of tasks involving the Lutheran schools and educators of Indiana and Northern Kentucky.

Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-motivation, a willingness to learn, and an eye for details. The position supports and facilitates the work of the District President and the District Education Executive in caring for the teachers, school administrators, and commissioned workers of the District, especially by managing the day-to-day office routines and coordinating communication between the Synod and workers, the schools and the state.

All resumes should be submitted as soon as possible, as interviews will begin as these resumes are received. Interested individuals should submit their information either by email at lisa.slack@in.lcms.org or by USPS mail to: Indiana District - LCMS

Attn: Lisa Slack
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Fort Wayne, IN 46802

This Week at Peace March 16– March 23, 2025

Sun Mar 16	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour	Return Baby Bottles for A Hope Center
Mon Mar 17	11:00am Noon	NO CHAIR YOGA <i>Celtic Sounds of Harp and Flute in the Café</i>	
Tues Mar 18	9:00am 6:30pm	Cardio Tone Board of Directors	Bulletin Items Due
Wed Mar 19	5:15pm 6:30pm	Lenten Supper Worship Service with Communion	
Thurs Mar 20	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Latin Fitness Dance Cardio Tone Choir Practice	
Fri Mar 21	10-11:30am 11:00am	Parish Nurse is in NO CHAIR YOGA	
Sat Mar 22	11:00am	Yoga with Tara	
Sun Mar 23	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour	

Next Sunday Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent:

Ezekial 33:7-20
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9