

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel reading, Jesus proclaims, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27 ESV). We also read in Revelation: “For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water” (Revelation 7:17 ESV).

So also, Paul speaks to the elders of the church in shepherding terms: “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock” (Acts 20:28-29 ESV).

These readings seek to remind us that we are indeed sheep in the flock of Jesus, our shepherd. Within this flock, he has given us overseers (pastors) who serve as undershepherds. They themselves are not *the* shepherd, but they serve in Jesus’ stead to deliver to us all the good things that come from the shepherd’s hand.

Having received the great gifts that Jesus freely gives to us, we join the chorus that proclaims before the throne: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb! ... Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 20:10, 12 ESV).

~Pastor Kevin Mann

IN OUR CONGREGATION...

Faith and Life Survey: Working alongside the Concordia Center for the Family (concordiacenterforthefamily.org), Peace is offering the Faith and Life Survey for all congregation members over 17 years old. The survey will be open for four weeks from our launch date of **May 4**. We will have computers available in the Café during fellowship time with helpers if needed. You may also take it on your own device at your own time. The link will be emailed out weekly, and we will keep track of how many respondents have taken it in the narthex. Contact Pastor Mann with any questions!

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.**

WinGS Meeting

Women in God's Service met on Saturday, April 12 in the conference room for a brief devotion, fellowship, and business discussion. Printouts of minutes can be found on the bulletin board outside the nursery! **Next WinGS Meeting - Saturday, June 7 at 10AM** in the conference room in the Sharing Peace Cafe. Lizzy Hoham and Caryl Spira will be on hand to share what they learned at the Family Discipleship training at the seminary in May. Join for fellowship, treats, prayer, and news! **ALL WOMEN OF PEACE ARE WELCOME!!** <3

June 1: Coffee Hour and Baby Shower

Celebrate Adam and Danielle Ramsey's coming baby girl! Men AND women can enjoy!

Danielle is one of our teachers at LSUS and is due with their first child in August.

LINK for Registry: <https://my.babylist.com/danielleadamramsey>

QR code to scan for baby registry:



FAMILY MINISTRY

SAVE IT or SHAVE IT Youth FUNdraiser! You will soon notice that Pastor Mann will begin looking a little more woodsman-like in the upcoming weeks. We are ex-

cited to announce that Pastor has bravely agreed to sacrifice shaving his beard for our Save It or Shave It Fundraiser to help the youth get to New Orleans this summer! Here's the scoop! **Two containers were placed in the Narthex.** One labeled SAVE IT and the other SHAVE IT! You can place your monetary vote in the container that you want to support. On **May 18, the votes will be counted.** If there are more SHAVE IT votes, we will follow Pastor down to the Fellowship Hall to witness the big SHAVE! If SAVE IT wins, well, it will be just another Sunday. So, what will it be? SAVE IT? or SHAVE IT? You, the people, will decide!

The time to sign up for the puzzle tournament is now! Get some friends together for a good time and a good cause! Our jigsaw puzzle tournament will be held **Sunday May 18th from 2-4pm** (doors open at 1:30pm - Must arrive by 1:45pm). Register teams of 2-4 people age 12 or older. Cost is \$10 per person. Prizes will be awarded to top finisher of 750 piece puzzle in each category (2 person / 3 person / 4 person teams).

Camp Lutherhaven

Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and many more activities are all a part of the summer experience at Camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or send your little explorer for half a week! For over 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and—more importantly— in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! **Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information (260) 636-7101.**

IN OUR CAFÉ...

We have stickers! Show your SPC spirit on your vehicle, your water bottle, etc. The possibilities are endless! \$1 just ask a Sharista!!

Art Gallery: The Cafe local artist for May and June is the photography of Laura Burger. All art is available for purchase. Cash or check only (payable to artist).

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Peace Preschool is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. If you or someone you know is looking for a Christ-centered, developmentally appropriate preschool for a 3-5 year old child, have them contact Barb Bradtmueller at 260-456-6605 or pick up a registration form located in the church office, the preschool hallway, or the Sharing Peace Café.

IN OUR DISTRICT

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

Emmaus (<https://www.emmauslutheranfw.org/>) is looking for a 5th grade teacher and a middle school teacher. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call the school office at 260-459-7722 and ask for Esther Spanos or email principal@emmauslutheranfw.org for more information.

LCMS Gift Planning... We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes it is difficult to plan future gifts to family or ministry through your estate because you have many pressing current priorities. An estate plan however is put in place asking, "If the Lord were to call you home today, how would you direct your gifts?" Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin thinking about the future. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

Lutheran Night at the TinCaps will be held on **Tuesday, June 24!** \$1.00 from each ticket will be donated to Camp Lutherhaven, specifically to their Campership Fund which assists campers who wish to attend a camp program when finances are tight. The game will feature postgame fireworks and our family feast night with discounts on select concessions.

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 resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

Concordia Lutheran High School: 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!



The CLHS Choral Department will have their "Spring Sing" concert at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana on **Friday, May 16th**. The **7:00 p.m.** concert is free, open to the public and features all three choral ensembles of the school. Join 60+ choral members as we use our God given gifts to praise Him and have fun celebrating the end of another great academic year!



This Week at Peace May 11, 2025– May 18, 2025

Sun May 11	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education hour	
Mon May 12	11:00am 1-3:00pm	Chair Yoga Cards in the Café	
Tues May 13	9:00am	Cardio Tone	Bulletin Items Due
Wed May 14	6:30pm	Worship with Communion	
Thurs May 15	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Latin Fitness Dance Cardio Tone Choir practice	
Fri May 16	11:00am	Chair Yoga	
Sat May 17	11:00am	Yoga with Tara	
Sun May 18	9:00am 10:30am 2-4pm	Worship with Communion Education Hour Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament!!!	SAVE IT OR SHAVE IT!

Next Sunday Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-7
John 16:12-22

