

Newsletter
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*... sharing the love of
Christ in serving,
learning, and telling!*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 -CCA Clean Up Day
5	6 -CCA Parent Orientation Night	7	8 -CCA First Day of School	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 -Family Fam. Day	27	28	29	30	31	

Birthdays

Leslie Chrestman 8/6
Karen Adams 8/8
Charlotte Gerdes 8/9
Pam Mattes 8/9
Adam Mattes 8/11
Julianna Cottrell 8/14
Sybil Massey 8/23

Anniversaries

Bryan & Pam Mattes
Jeff & Lesia Pittman
Michael & Tiffany Sterling

Baptismal Birthdays

8/1 Ronnie Adams 8/14
8/3 James Cooper 8/19
8/8 SunnyeJo Boyster 8/19
Pam Mattes 8/20
Karen Adams 8/22
Adam Mattes 8/29



Pastor's Note

Generation to Generation (August 19)

How is that you are a believer in Christ? Well, it's always the work of the Holy Spirit, no work of the Spirit then no faith. The Spirit is at work through God's Word and the holy acts of baptism, the Lord's Supper and absolution. Now how is it that you came to be in a position to benefit from these God-given means? Someone had to bring them to us or us to them. For many, I venture to say, most, it was the generation before us. Faith is found generation to generation as parents bring their children to be baptized and to be taught God's Word.

The current generation, as a whole, has not been as active in doing this. *Generation to Generation* is a tool to help us equip families to nurture the faith and to live out that faith. As we move through *Generation to Generation* our goal is to provide biblical strategies to build families, strengthen marriages, train parents, and connect generations. An important initial step is the assessment of perceptions and needs. The *Faith and Life Survey* will be the major tool in this assessment. We surely hope you can be part of this by completing this online survey.

Our big day for starting this will be August 19. You will be emailed the link for the survey at that time. If we do not have your email, or you are not sure, send it to me (pastor@pilgrimlutheran.us). If you do not have an email, or access to a way to complete the survey, we will have computers available at Pilgrim on the 19th. We are looking forward to seeing the results.

What a blessing to be a very part of God's household built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. In Him there is life to the full now, and glorious life forever.

In Christ,
Pastor

RUTH GUILD

Ruth Guild is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief this month. The Ruth Guild is asking everyone to help fill LWR school kits. A list of items needed is on the board in the narthex. Please take a note, purchase items listed on the note, and return those items to the LWR school kit box. Thank you for helping serve children around the world.



We cannot thank you all enough for the gracious donations raised at Amelia's fundraiser. Nancy had to repeat the amount when she told us because it was absolutely unbelievable! It will be a tremendous help to us now and for her future care and surgery. We have been so humbled by the ways God has provided for us through so many servant hearts like yours. God is truly faithful, and your love and prayers have strengthened us through our journey. Amelia is doing well and is getting closer to coming home. We look forward to bringing her to visit Pilgrim someday soon and worshipping with you all again! God's blessings!

Philip, Sally, Emma, and Amelia

Family Famtabulous Day!



Please join us on Sunday, August 26th from 4:00-6:00 PM for games, crafts and food for all ages! It will be a great time for all families. We hope to see you there!

Food will be served between 4:00-5:30 PM



Dear Pilgrim Lutheran Family,

*August 8 is the first day of school, just a few days away. It will be the start of another school year at Concordia Christian Academy. There is one other significant August date before that. **Saturday, August 4, beginning at 8 am**, will be our property and facility clean up and touch up day. **This would be a great opportunity for the members of the congregation to come help and support our school, teachers, and students.** We are looking forward to this first day of school. It will be our 19th first day of school for CCA.*

A lot has happened since last school year. The departure of four of our teaching staff does bring change. It has resulted in decreased enrollment and decreased enrollment means decreased revenue for carrying out our mission. This being the reality, Mr. O'Brien has graciously chosen not to return as administrator. He is now a school psychology specialist with the Marion School District. The school board has approved Mrs. Nancy Shewmaker to assume the role of part time interim principal. Our full time teaching staff will be small, Mrs. Yearta, Mrs. Tacker, and Ms Walker. As you know they are all experienced, capable, talented, and dedicated. Reyne Clark will also be back capably and cheerfully serving wherever needed.

Concordia Christian Academy depends on the support of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. We welcome and encourage our congregation members to help and support the school in any way possible. This could be through giving your time by volunteering or giving monetarily. If you have any questions on how to help, please see Mrs. Nancy Shewmaker or Mrs. Megan Moll.

On August 8, the 2018/2019 school year begins at Concordia Christian Academy. Our mission remains the same, providing academic excellence in a school transformed by the love of Christ. Partnering together CCA will continue to be a faith place, a safe place, and a place of learning.

In the service of our Lord,

CCA School Board

Pastor Russell Shewmaker, Megan Moll, Joy Stewart, Michael Sterling, and Lesia Pittman