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Welcome to Concordia

A Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Congregation

If you are our guest, please include your name, address, and contact information in the Fellowship Register as it comes to you in the pew. If you worship regularly with us, and have a new address, or contact information, please include it when you sign the Fellowship Register. Thank you!

The back pews are reserved for families with small children.

A nursery is available in our multipurpose room on the side of the narthex.

Large-print bulletins are available from the usher.

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday & Sunday, January 18 & 19, 2020

Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

LSB 394

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Pastor: The beauty of God is that in Jesus He became one of us to redeem us from our sins.

Forgiveness is available for all who call to Him in faith. We now confess our sins to Almighty God.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: In His great mercy, God chose Israel as His servant nation, from whom the Messiah would be born. And before we were born, He chose each of us to be in His kingdom and to carry the light of the Gospel to the whole world.

People: Lord God, we confess that we have failed to appreciate all that You have done for us. We have been content to know that heaven is open to us, often ignoring the thousands who have not heard about our Savior. Forgive us.

Pastor: In His great mercy, God revealed His will for all people, calling them to love and good works in response to His steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Lord God, we confess that in our pride we have followed our own desires and plans, forgetting Your sacrificial love for us and Your will for how we live our lives. Forgive us.

Pastor: In His great mercy, the Holy Spirit ensures that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we await our Lord's return.

People: Lord God, we confess that we have not used Your gifts to build up the Church and to strengthen one another in the faith, but have often watched a few do the work for the rest of us. Forgive us.

Pastor: In His great mercy our Lord invites us to follow Him. The first thing Andrew did when called by the Lord was to bring His brother Simon to Jesus.

People: Lord God, we confess that we have neglected to speak openly about our faith with the people near and dear to us and those with whom we work and study each day. Forgive us.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. The Holy Spirit worked faith in our hearts so that we may trust Him in all things. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 24

Pastor: ¹The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People: ²**for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Pastor: ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: ⁴**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Pastor: ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People: ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Pastor: ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

People: ⁸**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Pastor: ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

People: ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for the salvation won by the Lamb of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all who have had the light of the Gospel shine on them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who respond to the call of God, offering here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Response of Praise: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789

Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You have created heaven and earth and everything in them, and You call us sinners to work and keep Your creation. Help us to receive all created things as gifts from Your fatherly hand. Aid us in using them to Your glory. We pray this through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Old Testament

Genesis 2:4-17

(The account of the heavens and the earth.)

Pastor: ⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 4:1-4

(Everything God created is good.)

Pastor: ¹The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.³ They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:1-9

(Jesus feeds the four thousand.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 8th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹ During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ²“I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. ³If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.” ⁴His disciples answered, “But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?” ⁵“How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied. ⁶He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so. ⁷They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. ⁸The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ⁹About four thousand were present. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Creed

Children’s Message

Hymn: *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

LSB 781

Sermon: *“Managing God’s Gift of the World”*

Offering: *“Brave” (Children’s Choir-Sunday)*

Installation of New Church Officers *(Sunday)*

Prayers of the Church

******(Order for Communion for Saturday Night Only)******

(congregation parts sung from p. 160 in LSB)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom You give us Your gifts of the world, other people, time and work, and wealth. By His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, He makes us new creations to thank and praise, serve and obey You, and manage all things to Your glory and for the benefit of our neighbor. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us. In grace You have called us to life and to eternal life through the sacrifice of Christ,

Your own Lamb. We give thanks that You have prepared this sacrament for us. Strengthen our faith thereby so that we may enjoy the blessings of life and salvation You so abundantly pour out on us. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Words of our Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution/Hymns

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"

LSB 404

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor: Good and gracious heavenly Father, You have made heaven and earth, and all things belong to You, and through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You restore us and all things to Yourself. Strengthen us in faith toward You as we receive the blessings of Your created order, and lead us, living as Your new creations, to use them in loving service toward our neighbor; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The blessing of God almighty, the Father, who called us to life; the + Son, who has opened to us eternal life; and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us in our walk through life, bless you and keep you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783

Announcements

Postlude

STATEMENT ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our worship today includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This holy meal is received in glad confidence, because our Lord tells us that He gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; those who trust His words regarding the Lord's Supper; repent of all sins; and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who do so receive the benefits of this holy supper and proclaim His death and resurrection until He comes again.

However, because the Bible (I Corinthians 11:23-29) also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an incorrect manner do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is professed at this altar (I Corinthians 10:17), we practice "close communion" at ULC. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief concerning the Lord's Supper that is different from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are respectfully requested not to receive the Sacrament in the service today. You may come forward for a blessing and are requested to cross your arms across your chest, as an indication to the pastor. If you have any questions regarding your participation, or would like to learn more, please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you!

In preparing to receive Holy Communion, ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I sincerely sorry for my sins, and do I repent of them?
2. Do I confidently trust in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, who died for me, paying for my sins, and rose again from the dead, to give me eternal life?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith?
4. Do I promise, with the Holy Spirit's help, to amend my sinful life, and to declare this resolve through Christian living, faithful worship, and careful stewardship of time, talent and treasures?
5. Do I understand that by receiving the Lord's Supper in this church, I am declaring that the teaching of this congregation, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is also my own?

Participants in Saturday Evening's Service

Pianist:	Debbie Lichtenegger
Elder:	Alan Grebing
Ushers:	Devin Ponder, Brandon Thurm, Garrett Hemman, Eric Barich
Audio/Visual Team:	Tony Vogel, Jenny France

Participants in Sunday Morning's Service

Greeters:	Clifford and Kathy Stueve
Organist:	Dawn (Mueller) Tayon
Acolyte:	Payton Meier
Elder:	Bob Birk
Ushers:	Jason Klaus, Jerry Schroeter, Tyler Schmidt, Carson Birk
Audio/Visual Team:	Darryl Peetz, Donna Hecht

This Week's Schedule

Today, Jan. 19	1-3 p.m.	Concordia LYF Bowling (Meet at Concordia at 12:15 p.m.) <i>No School</i>
Mon., Jan. 20 <small>(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)</small>		
Mon.-Fri., Jan. 20-24	<i>TBA</i>	<i>EPC Wildcats Boys Basketball B-Team Tournament at Immanuel, Perryville</i>
Tues., Jan. 21	5:45 p.m.	<i>EPC Lady Wildcats Basketball vs. IC, Jackson (C, A Teams) (Home at APS)</i>
	7 p.m.	LWML Prayer Service and Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Dartball—Frohna at Friedheim
Wed., Jan. 22	9 a.m.	Bible Study February Calendar Items Due
	7 p.m.	Bible Study
Thurs., Jan. 23	6 p.m.	<i>UCLS PTL</i>
	7 p.m.	<i>UCLS Board of Education</i>
Sat., Jan. 25	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lutheran Hour Ministries Spiritual Conversations Workshop at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Des Peres
	5:30 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion at Immanuel, Altenburg
Sun., Jan. 26	8 a.m.	Bible Class
	9 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	2 p.m.	Pastor Hoemann leading Worship at Independence Care Center

Weekly Devotions (Epiphany 3)

Hymn of the Week

LSB 395

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!

Bible Stories

01/20 -- M: No School
01/21 -- Tu: Luke 4:16-30
01/22 -- W: Luke 4:31-44
01/23 -- Th: Luke 5:1-11
01/24 -- F: Luke 5:12-16

Bible Verse

⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
John 6:40 (ESV)

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer – The Third Petition and Meaning – “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. *How is God’s will done?* God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.”

Announcements

Church Attendance: Worship – 156, one year ago – 145; Adult Bible Class – 22, one year ago – 14

Today, on this Second Sunday after the Epiphany, we begin a new sermon series called **“Managing God’s Gifts”**. The biblical teaching of “stewardship” is often misunderstood in the life of the Christian and misapplied in the life of the Church. In “Managing God’s Gifts”, we will explore how stewardship embraces all of life. Today, we will ponder the good management of God’s created order, because “the earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof”. (Psalm 24:1) Next weekend, we will explore how we can be good stewards (managers) in our relationships with other people, serving them in our vocations and bearing their burdens. (Galatians 6:2) On the third Sunday (February 2), we will consider time as God’s gift to be faithfully managed so that we may “be joyful and . . . do good as long as we live”. (Ecclesiastes 3:12). And finally, on February 9, we will explore how God calls us to manage His good gift of money—which belongs to Him, not to us—in order that we may be cheerful givers. (II Corinthians 9:7)

Order in the Order: Featured today is the **OFFERING**. In response to the Good News that we just heard in the sermon, we joyfully offer our entire lives in thanksgiving for all God has done for us. We symbolize this giving of our whole self to God through our offering.

Stewardship thought for the week: John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The ancient Israelites offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those many centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? Did they understand that God would

be the true giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never outgive God, for all that we have is His.

Installed today as newly-elected officers at Concordia are: Hank Voelker, vice president; Bob Birk, elder; Andrew Head, UCLS Board of Education; and Jeremiah Kohlfeld, trustee. We lift these men up in prayer, and ask God to bless them as they serve in these capacities.

“The Voice of Missouri” (December issue) is available on-line at <http://mo.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/The-Voice-December-2019.pdf>. You may also subscribe to “The Voice of Missouri” at <https://mo.lcms.org/resources/>. (A printed copy of the most recent issue is available on the south buffet in Concordia’s narthex for those who do not have internet access.)

A newsletter from Erin Mackenzie, serving in the Dominican Republic, is posted on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) will head to Cape Girardeau this afternoon for some bowling fun. Meet at Concordia at 12:15 p.m. We will bowl (and eat) from 1-3 p.m. at West Park Lanes, 354 S. Silver Springs Rd, Cape Girardeau.

After today, we have one Sunday left (January 26) to make an offering for our Lutheran Heritage Foundation project. In January 2020, our congregation, Salem-Farrar, Trinity-Altenburg, and Zion-Crosstown each will be gathering funds to support the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) publication of *The Small Catechism* into the Ewe (pronounced U-E) language. Ewe is a Niger-Congo language spoken in Togo and southeastern Ghana by approximately 4.5 million people as a first language, and by a million or so more as a second language. The printing cost for this project is \$2,500, which will pay for 5,000 copies. **The goal is this:** In January 2020, each worshipper at Concordia is challenged to make a \$5 offering toward this project. If each worshipper from each of these four congregations makes just one \$5 gift, literally thousands of Africans will be able to have *Luther’s Small Catechism* in their heart language. By working together, our congregations in East Perry County can make a huge, eternal impact for God’s Kingdom. Won’t you prayerfully join this important effort?

LWML Prayer Service: Anyone is invited to the LWML Prayer Service provided by the National LWML to be held, in conjunction with the meeting, this Tuesday, January 21, beginning at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The title of the Prayer Service is “Living in Love, Bearing Fruit”. Pastor Hoemann will be leading the service. The Prayer Service will be followed by a business meeting, collection of mites, and sharing of fellowship. Bring your cancelled stamps along to the meeting.

Immediately after worship next Sunday, January 26, there will be a short meeting of the elders and their usher teams, to review the procedures and expectations for ushers at Concordia. If you are an usher, please plan to be here for the meeting.

Concordia’s Church Council (with new officers) will meet on Tuesday, January 28.

Concordia Voters Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 2, after worship.

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses Biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Join our Concordia, Frohna, FPU group today! Contact Shannon Martin at 573-887-1854 or Heather Kassel at 573-225-5100 for more info. Classes start Sunday, February 9, at 4 p.m.

Food Pantry Donations: The LWML continues to provide food for the Immanuel, Perryville, Food Pantry. We invite all members of the congregation to contribute toward this project. Place your non-perishable food products in a bag or box, and place them on the floor in the LWML closet in the multipurpose room. Thank you.

Online Giving – Concordia offers online giving through our website (click on the “Give” tab) or there is a mobile app to download (“GivePlus Church”). You can choose to donate as a guest, or set up an account which can be used for recurring donations. Contact the church treasurer or financial secretary for more information.

“Thank You!” – We would like to express our sincere “thanks” for your support of Kenny and us over the past 11 months. Your contacts, and especially prayers, carried us in God’s loving arms through this difficult time. And now, as Kenny has gone to his heavenly home, we again “thank you” for the overwhelming support and comfort we have received from you in so many ways. Sincere thanks, love, and gratitude for all you’ve done! The Family of Kenny Burroughs

United in Christ Lutheran School (UCLS) Notes

Minutes from the UCLS Board of Education Meeting on December 19 are still available today on the south buffet.

A Pancake Breakfast will be Friday, February 7, from 6-7:45 a.m. at United in Christ Lutheran School. The cost of the breakfast will be \$2 (ages 3 to 5th grade) and \$4 (5th grade and above). Proceeds will go to the Washington, D.C., Trip. The public is invited to attend.

Saxony Lutheran High School Notes

An Open House will be next Sunday, January 26, from 1–3 p.m. at Saxony Lutheran High School. Come experience what Saxony Lutheran High School can offer your family! Take a tour, meet teachers and staff, talk with current students, and see how the Lord has blessed Saxony, and how Saxony wants to share those blessings with you. Call 204-7555 for more information.

The Saxony Lutheran FFA Annual Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, February 1, from 7-11:30 a.m. at Saxony. Pancakes and smoked, whole-hog sausage will be served. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal in support of the Saxony FFA Chapter.

Mark Your Calendars – New Student Enrollment at Saxony Lutheran High School – Calling all 8th graders who are looking for a great Christian education for the high school years – Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, March 2, 3, and 5, at 7 p.m. at Saxony. If you have questions, or want to schedule an appointment, please contact Saxony at 204-7555.

Scholarship Available

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to at least one applicant from each district in the LCEF Central Region. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or current full-time post-secondary student at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod located in one of the following LCMS districts: Iowa East, Iowa West, Minnesota North, Minnesota South, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, North Wisconsin, South Dakota, or South Wisconsin. The application deadline is January 31, 2020. Applications will not be considered valid unless all material requested is submitted in the online application. Visit lcefcentral.org/scholarships for more information or to apply.

Neighboring Church & Community Notes

A Messiah Choir performance of choruses and solos from all three parts of "Messiah" will be today, January 19, at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau. The concert will begin with pre-concert music, accompanied by brass, at 2:45 p.m. Special music performances will be featured. Messiah soloists will be Trudy Lee, Don Presson, and Eric Scott. Megan Benkendorf will share briefly about her experience at Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival, and perform a musical selection. The director of The Messiah Choir is Eric Scott. A free-will offering will be collected for a scholarship fund to promote musicianship among youth. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, January 27, from 2-7 p.m. in the Immanuel Hall, Altenburg.

The Annual Big Breakfast will be Sunday, February 2, from 7-11:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Crosstown. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, fried potatoes, juice, milk, and coffee. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal.

"Night to Shine", a prom night experience for individuals with special needs age 14+, will be held on Friday, February 7, from 6-9 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson. Guests will get the royal treatment, walk the red carpet, dance the night away, and each be crowned a King or Queen! If you're age 14 or older with special needs, visit www.stpauljackson.com/night-to-shine to learn more and to register as a guest! "Night to Shine" will not be possible without lots of hard-working volunteers! We are in need of a "Buddy" for each guest. "Buddies" accompany and assist their assigned guest throughout the evening. We also need volunteers for MANY other areas including set-up/decorating, check-in, transportation/parking lot, paparazzi team, hair/makeup/shoe-shine, karaoke, and more! Visit www.stpauljackson.com/night-to-shine for more information and to register as a "Buddy" or a "Volunteer". The "Night to Shine" event is 100% free for guests, and, in addition to volunteers, donations and sponsorships will help make the event happen! You or your business can donate to help bless the guests. If you would like to write a check, make it payable to "St. Paul" and write "Night to Shine" in the memo line. For more information, visit www.stpauljackson.com/night-to-shine. (E-mail Jenni Wachter (jwachter@stpauljackson.com) if you'd like to submit a business logo along with a donation.)

A Music at St. Paul Concert, featuring St. Paul's Brass Quintet, with Organist, Matt Palisch, will be Sunday, February 9, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson. The concert is being presented in memory of Tom Kiehne. Admission will be free.

KFUO Notes

This week on KFUE.org, dig into curious theological topics on *Cross Defense* with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller tomorrow, January 20, at 2 p.m. Study in-depth questions about our Lutheran faith on *Concord Matters* this Tuesday, January 21, at 2 p.m., and worship with us in daily chapel services from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10 a.m.).

"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life

"As the Church, we are created to stand against evil. We are created to speak truth ... and forgiveness. The truth is that abortion ends the life of a human being, and we should be unwavering in our opposition to it. But that is not the end of the story. We have been given the gift of Christ, and the power of Christ can wash our sins away." *Rev. Troy Tysdal, Church of the Lutheran Brethren – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*