

The Cub Chronicle

CONCORDIA

August 27, 2025

Cub Commentary

"Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable both of inflicting injury, and remedying it."

Albus Dumbledore – Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (J.K. Rowling)

Concordia Families,

As someone who has spent their entire life in and around school I know how very true these words are. I have watched as students get in arguments and use words strung together to tear down the other student. I have watched as parents, upset at something their child has done take it out on the teacher by verbally attacking that teacher out of anger. I have watched teachers, upset by a feeling of not connecting with their class, tear themselves apart with words that lack self-worth as they describe themselves, their calling, and their efforts to another teacher.

I have also watched as one student sees another student struggling and brightens this or her world with a smile and word of encouragement. I have watched as a struggling parent is reassured by a teacher that their child is great and they are doing an excellent job raising their child. I have watched as a former student comes back and lets a teacher know the impact they had and how that teacher, even without knowing it, changed their life.

Words have great weight and meaning. Unfortunately, we are losing our true understanding of the power of words as we hie behind our screen and feel as if we can say whatever crosses our minds without consequence. We have stopped connecting with each other and instead have decided to live "our own truth," as if there were any Truth outside of Christ Jesus. Words matter.

So today, after two weeks of school, I wanted to find the words to describe the teachers and staff of Concordia Lutheran School. I have spent a headache-filled few hours trying over and over again to start, each time failing to find the words that properly describe or thank our teachers and staff for the self-sacrificing servants of Christ that they are. While being new, I know the heart of these teachers already, and I am so impressed with all of them. So, while I could not find the words, like so often, they are provided by our Lord.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live. Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.

Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea: We but stewards of Your bounty, Held in solemn trust will be.

Son of God, Eternal Savior - LSB 842

These words inspired by 1 Corinthians describe our Christian teachers and staff perfectly. They are reflections of their Lord and stewards of the greatest bounty God has given us, the children that come to us as students. So, join me in giving thanks for our teachers and staff, for they daily share the greatest "magic" in this world and beyond, God's Eternal Word.

Excellence Today, Faith for Eternity!

Timothy Leech

Cub Coverage

Growing Green

Thursday, September 4, Concordia students can bring in the plants that were provided by the Fort Wayne Parks and Rec last spring (or even years past) to be judged on Friday, September 5 in our school's plant show. Plants can be dropped off in the morning in the Wolf Arena Hallway (use bigger student carline) and after they are judged on Friday morning plants can go home with students. Students who receive a blue ribbon at our school plant show will have the opportunity to move on to the city-wide plant show in mid-September.

Wondering about Concordia Lutheran Church?

Are you curious about what the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod believes, teacher, and confesses? Are you currently looking for a church home and wonder what Concordia Lutheran Church has to offer for worship, Bible Class, and Christian fellowship opportunities? Great news, new member classes are starting Sunday, September 7 and are open to all of our Concordia Lutheran School families. There isn't a cost. There is no obligation to join. It is just an excellent opportunity to learn what the Bible teaches and what Concordia Lutheran offers. For more information call the church office at 260-422-2429.

Tuition and Choice Scholarships

Many of you are getting emails about Choice Scholarship deadlines and some may be seeing a \$70 charge to your account for tuition, and some may have questions. The Choice Scholarship provides an amount of scholarship that is based upon your zip code and the local public school district. This will cause variance in the amount families receive for the Choice Scholarship and therefore variance in what families may owe Concordia Lutheran in tuition. While there is no guarantee of the excellent education provided by the amazing Christian teachers here at Concordia, we do try our absolute best to help families find a way to make our tuition accessible to all. The Choice Scholarship and SGO monies help most families. If you have a tuition balance after the Choice Scholarship, are not eligible for the Choice Scholarship, or are a Concordia Preschool family in need of extra assistance, you can contact the school office to see if SGO monies are available for your family.

Need to Talk?

With social media pressures and the craziness of the world around us mental health needs are growing. We want to assist our students who may struggle with depression, anxiety, or just need a trusted Christian outlet for the pressures they may be feeling. We know that struggles do not always present themselves in the same way and sometimes go unnoticed even by those who are closest to a child., If you feel your student may benefit from having someone to talk to, please consider Christian counseling through Crosswinds offered by Concordia Lutheran School. Please see the forms attached along with the Cub Chronicle and if you have any questions, please contact the school office at 260-426-9922.

Picture Retake Day

Did your student spill something on their shirt? Were they sick on Monday? If so, we want you to know that picture retake day has been scheduled for October 14. More information will come as we move closer to the date, but know retakes will be available on October 14.

Website Calendars

Concordia Lutheran School is working to provide you all of the information and dates for the all the exciting programs, games, and opportunities we provide our church and school families. Therefore, we wanted to share that we are updating our calendars on the school website (www.clscubs.org) to best serve you. There you will find the master calendars for the school year, a calendar for school events, and the athletic calendar. As always keep up with checking Fast Direct, Friday Folders, and read the Cub Chronicle for your up-to-date information on events and any changes.

The Cub Crawl

Thursday, August 29

5:45 pm – JV Soccer @ Ascension 9:00 pm – University of Nebraska Football Opener

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm - Concordia Lutheran Church, Blended Worship

Sunday, August 31

8:30 am — Concordia Lutheran Church, Traditional Worship 9:45 am — Concordia Lutheran Church, Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 am — Concordia Lutheran Church, Contemporary Worship

Monday, September 1

No School – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

3:30 pm – Cross Country Pictures @ Seminary

 $5{:}00~pm$ - 5^{th} Grade Volleyball vs. St. Charles $5{:}00~pm$ — Varsity Volleyball B @ St. Joe Decatur $6{:}00~pm$ — 6^{th} Grade Volleyball vs. St. Charles $6{:}00~pm$ — Varsity Volleyball B @ St. Joe Decatur $7{:}00~pm$ — Varsity Volleyball A @ St. Joe Decatur

Wednesday, September 3

10:00 am OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints – 50+) Bible Study
4:30 pm – 6th Grade Volleyball @ Woodburn
4:30 pm – JV Soccer @ St. Peter
5:30 pm – JV Football vs. Heritage Jr. High @ Seminary
5:45 pm – Varsity Soccer @ St. Peter
6:30 pm – Varsity Volleyball A @Woodburn
7:00 pm – Varsity Football vs. Heritage Jr. High @ Seminary

Friday, September 5

 $5:00 \text{ pm} - 5^{\text{th}}$ Grade Volleyball vs. Canterbury 5:45 pm - JV Soccer vs. Woodburn $6:00 \text{ pm} - 6^{\text{th}}$ Grade Volleyball vs. Canterbury

Saturday, September 6

5:00 pm – Concordia Lutheran Church, Blended Worship

Sunday, September 7

(Bible Class, New Member Class, & Sunday School Kickoff Sunday)

8:30 am – Concordia Lutheran Church, Traditional Worship 9:45 am – Concordia Lutheran Church, Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 am – Concordia Lutheran Church, Contemporary Worship

> Tuesday, September 9 (Preschool Picture Day) 5:00 pm – Cross Country Meet @ Woodlan Jr. High

> > Friday, September 12 (1st Quarter – Mid Quarter)

Thursday – Friday, September 18 – 19 No School – Teacher Conferences

 $\begin{aligned} Wednesday - Thursday, October \ 15-16 \\ Parent \ Teacher \ Conferences \end{aligned}$

Thursday – Friday, October 16 – 17 No School



