

The Cub Chronicle



December 11, 2025

Cub Commentary

"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph., of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!' But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus'." (Luke 1:26-31)

Concordia Families,

The popular Christmas movie Elf has the main character Buddy get excited about Santa coming with him saying, "Santa, I know him!" This time of year, the world is gearing up for Christmas and the food, presents, families, and all that means. At Concordia Lutheran Church & School we to are caught up in the season, though if you ask our wonderful teachers at the end of the school day, they may say they are exhausted in the season. This week and next we will spend our time immersed in the season of Advent and awaiting our Lord's arrival on Christmas morning as we add to the day all practices, activities, and lessons of the coming baby that is our Savior.

As we anticipate the joys of Christmas and our Lord Jesus's second coming, we will incorporate these joys. We will celebrate in our class lessons, our Christmas programs, our Christmas parties, and our closing chapel. All of this will peak at Christmas with our Lessons and Carols service on Saturday, December 20, Christmas Eve services at 4:00 pm (children's service), 7:00 pm, & 10:00 pm, and our Christmas Day service at 10:00 am. Please remember all our Concordia Lutheran School families are welcome at Concordia Lutheran Church and we would love to have you join us for a Christmas service.

Our vision at Concordia Lutheran School is to know Christ and make Him known It is our hope and prayer that by teaching all about Christmas, both the secular Christmas celebrations and the Truth that Jesus is the reason we celebrate and do all the things we do, that our students will hear the name Jesus, know He is coming back to take them to heaven, and say, "Jesus, I know You!"

Excellence Today, Faith for Eternity!

Timothy Leech

Cub Coverage

Earned a Half Day Off

The students of Concordia Lutheran School came together to bring in food and monetary donations to support families in need of assistance to put a Thanksgiving meal on the table for their families. The support of the school families alongside the congregation of Concordia Lutheran Church allowed more than 22 families to be blessed with all of the supplies for the Thanksgiving meal. This great blessing for families also means the students earned their reward, a half day off on December 19. Concordia Lutheran School will have a 11:45 release for kindergarten – eight grade and our preschool will dismiss starting at 11:15 am with no enrichment in the afternoon.

Re-Enrollment for 2026-2027

Be on the lookout as re-enrollment for current Concordia Lutheran School families will open in January 2026. Current families will receive priority enrollment for a designated amount of time before we open enrollment to the community. This will be important as some classes had waiting lists this year and we will be capping our classes at a lower number for next year.

Concordia families will notice a change this year as when enrollment opens, we are working to ensure it opens in the FACTS Management System which will be replacing Fast Direct at Concordia Lutheran School starting in the 2026-2027 school year. Concordia families will see the same enrollment fee of \$175 per student which will need to be paid at the time of enrollment and every family will need to sign up for a payment plan in the FACTS system for the school year.

Next year's tuition has been set at \$7,495 and we expect the Choice Scholarship to be around \$7,200. This will mean a left-over tuition to be paid of \$295 for the 2026-2027 school year which can be broken into 10 monthly payments if needed. SGO and other tuition support will be available for families in need, but there will be tuition that will need to be paid out of pocket for all students next year.

One last reminder for re-enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is that, in order to reenroll, students must be in good standing and have their financial accounts paid in full or be up-to-date on their agreed upon payment plans with the school office.

<u>Almost Christmas</u>

It is almost Christmas and here at Concordia Lutheran Church & School we are celebrating a new church year with the Advent season. Advent is about looking forward in anticipation for our Lord Jesus' coming. We look forward to the celebration of His birth in Bethlehem and even more so, we look forward to His second coming to take us to our eternal home in heaven with Him. At Concordia we celebrate with Advent services on Wednesdays, Sunday's PK – 1st Grade Christmas program at 2:00 pm, and our 2nd grade – 7th grade student Christmas program next Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. We also invite the Concordia family to Christmas at the Embassy put on by our own Concordia Lutheran High School at 4:00 pm this Sunday, which is the only event that is not free or on our campus. Tickets for Christmas at the Embassy can be purchased at the Embassy box office or at www.ticketmaster.com.

\$1 Christmas Dress Day

Student Government is hosting a \$1 dress down day on Thursday, December 18 with the theme of "All Out Christmas". All students who bring in \$1 will be allowed to wear Christmas-themed attire to school. Christmas pajamas, Ugly Christmas Sweaters, reindeer costumes, red and green, your own homemade tinsel covered suit; as long as it is Christmas themed and follows the school guidelines of coverage and fit, and is school appropriate, it is welcome. Every dollar raised will go to support local families struggling to provide their families with Christmas food and gifts this year as we support Concordia Lutheran Church's Christmas Family Adoption program.

Remember all outfits must be appropriate for school and modestly cover the student with the same coverage that a school uniform would cover. Any student found to be in inappropriate or non-themed clothing, or a school uniform if not participating in the dress-down day, will need to call home for a change of clothes, will not be able to participate in the next dress down day, and may face other consequences. Please remember not to bring blankets or stuffed animals and tennis shoes must be worn in school.

Winter Recess

Concordia Lutheran School's policy is that students will go outside for recess as long as the "feels like" temperature is at or above 10 degrees at the time of recess. Due to this policy we want to remind parents to send their children with appropriate clothing for cold temperatures and snow if there is snow on the ground. Snow boots are not allowed in the classroom, so a change of shoes is recommended at this time of year.

The Cub Crawl

Thursday December 11, 2025 (White Out Games – Mascot Reveal)

4:30 pm – Varsity Girls BBall vs. Holy Cross
5:45 pm – JV Boys BBall vs. Holy Cross
7:00 pm – Varsity Boys BBall vs. Holy Cross (Cheerleading Performing)

Friday, December 12 - Sunday, December 14

5th Grade Boys BBall @ ESM Tournament 6th Grade Boys BBall @ ESM Tournament

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm - Concordia Lutheran Church, Blended Worship

Sunday, December 14

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 2:00 pm – PK – 1st Grade Christmas Musical (Church Sanctuary) 4:00 pm – Christmas at the Embassy (Concordia Lutheran High School) @ The Embassy Downtown

Monday, December 15

5:30 pm – JV Boys BBBall@ St. Louis Academy 6:45 pm – Varsity Girls BBall @ St. Louis Academy

Tuesday, December 16

5:00 pm – JV Boys BBall @ Timothy L. Johnson

Wednesday, December 17

 $1:00 \text{ pm} - 2^{\text{nd}} - 7^{\text{th}}$ Grade Christmas Musical (Wolf Arena) $7:00 \text{ pm} - 2^{\text{nd}} - 7^{\text{th}}$ Grade Christmas Musical (Wolf Arena)

Thursday, December 18

4:30 pm – Varsity Girls BBall @ ESM

Friday, December 19

 $11:45 \text{ am} - K - 8^{th} \text{ Grade Dismissal}$

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm - Concordia Lutheran Church, Lessons and Carols Christmas Service

Sunday, December 21

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

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm – Concordia Lutheran Church, Children's Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm – Concordia Lutheran Church, Christmas Eve Service 10:00 pm – Concordia Lutheran Church, Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

> Thursday, December 25 10:00 am – Concordia Lutheran Church, Christmas Service