



The Cub Chronicle

November 13, 2025



Cub Commentary

Concordia Families,

What is new in your life this week? While I do not know all the answers to that question, I do know that Concordia Lutheran Church & School saw change with Mr. Rauch following God's calling to go home to be with and support his family while they in turn could be with him and support him. I am also willing to bet that for many of you there are other instances of change all around you. The weather changed from fall to snow and now back to fall... and I bet it will change again soon. Over the course of the last month the government has been open, then closed, and now back open. It may be minor, or it may be major, but I am willing to bet that every one of the families that make up our Concordia Family is facing change.

It has been said the only thing that stays the same is that everything changes. While I understand the sentiment and the point trying to be made, I also know this isn't true. We have a God that doesn't change. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." As Jesus Christ is our True God, he does not change. He is Love and He is the Word, which means His gifts of Love and the Word are unchanging as well.

While we may not be able to fathom an eternity of unchanging love, wisdom, and caring for one person, let alone all of humanity, we can know we are blessed by a Lord who is the unwavering rock in the storm this life presents to us. No matter what we face today or tomorrow we know we have a Lord and Savior that cares and is actively fighting for us. "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies" Psalm 18:2-3.

So as we go through changes, remember, that is life in this world. This world is designed for change, but we were not created for it and this world is not our home. Our home is in heaven with our unchangeable Lord Jesus, and we look forward to His return to bring all believers out of this changing world to our heavenly home that is unchanging in perfections and worship of Him.

Lastly, I ask for your prayers for a few of our team members here at Concordia Lutheran Church & School:

Amy & Eric Kaschinske (Concordia Lutheran High School Math Teacher) - Mr. Kaschinske's father has passed from this world to his heavenly home.

Mr. & Mrs. Shroeder and Family – Mrs. Schroeder's father passed away Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Stratton – Mrs. Stratton underwent surgery on her foot today and will miss school time recovering.

Mrs. Grim – Mrs. Grim will be undergoing shoulder surgery in a couple of weeks.

Excellence Today, Faith for Eternity!

Timothy Leech

Cub Coverage

Earn a Half Day Off

As principal I have a super short challenge for our students and families, but one with a big reward. Students have an opportunity to earn a half day off of school on Friday, December 19 and create a 11:30 am dismissal instead of having to go to the end of the day. How do they do that? By bringing in food items or money for food items assigned by class to assist those in need of assistance in order to have a family Thanksgiving meal. If we can meet the goal, or have money donated that allows us to meet the goal, we will earn the half day off. The trick, it has to be turned in to your classroom teacher by Tuesday, November 18 at 12:00 pm to count toward the challenge. Here is the assigned list of what to bring in.

- PK3: 25 Cans or Jars of Gravy
- PK4: 25 Tubs of Butter
- PK5: \$25 Total Toward Turkeys or other Groceries
- Kindergarten: \$100 total toward Turkeys or other Groceries
- 1st Grade: 50 Cans of Green Beans
- 2nd Grade: 50 Cans of Corn
- 3rd Grade: 50 Boxes or Bags of Instant Potatoes
- 4th Grade: 50 Boxes of Stuffing/Dressing
- 5th Grade A: 25 Tubs of Butter
- 5th Grade B: 25 Cans or Jars of Gravy
- 6th Grade: 50 Cans of Apple, Cherry, or Pumpkin Pie Filling
- 7th Grade: 50 Boxes of Cornbread Mix
- 8th Grade: \$100 total toward Pie Crusts

Attendance Policy Update

At the October Board of Education meeting the board passed an update to the attendance policy. This policy states that students with more than 20 absences in a school year will not be granted credit for their grade but be retained in their current grade or released from their enrollment by the administration. Those students who surpass 20 absences in the school year will be allowed to send a written appeal for credit to the administrator to be presented at the next Board of Education meeting if they believe there were extenuating circumstances that led to the absences but that their student was able to overcome them. The Concordia Lutheran School Board of Education will be the deciding body on this appeal.

Winter Recess

Concordia Lutheran School goes outside for recess if the temperature is above 10 degrees throughout the year. Therefore, we want to remind all of our families to make sure their children have appropriate clothing (coats, hats, gloves) for recess in the cold. If there is snow, we also ask that you send their snow boots with them while they wear dress code appropriate shoes to school. These measures are in place to ensure students and staff remain healthy and safe indoors and outdoors while at Concordia Lutheran School.

New 5th Grade Teachers

As Mr. Rauch has moved on from Concordia Lutheran School in order to spend more time with his family, Concordia Lutheran School has moved to cover his classes in a way that ensures the quality education the community has come to expect from Concordia Lutheran School. We are happy to announce that Mrs. Owen will be taking over the fifth and sixth grade social studies classes and Mr. Schroeder will be taking the PE classes that were taught by Mr. Rauch. Mrs. Wray will also be picking up an additional class to complete the coverage. It is such a blessing to have such amazing and experienced teachers on staff who are willing and able to take over.

Be on Time or Pay the Fine

We know from research how important it is to be in school when it comes to positive learning outcomes for students. Part of this is also being on time in order to make sure as a student that you receive all of the needed information and that you don't cause a disruption to the other students' learning by arriving late. In order to encourage the positive behavior of being punctual and to limit classroom distractions, the Board of Christian Education updated the Student Tardy Policy. Starting in January 2026 every Concordia student will be given three tardies as a grace period, after their third tardy of the semester each subsequent tardy will earn that student a \$2 fine billed on Fast Direct. The administration does have the ability to excuse a tardy for extenuating circumstances with a note from the student's parent. As a reminder, in order to be on time the student must be in the classroom by 8:15 am when the tardy bell rings.

\$1 PJ Dress Down Day

The Student Government, now under the direction of Mrs. Leech and Mrs. Petersen, is hosting a \$1 dress down day on Tuesday, November 18th. All students who bring in \$1 will be allowed to wear their pajamas to school. All pajamas 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 pajamas, or in clothing not pajamas or school uniform, 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 to school.

The Cub Crawl

Friday, November 14

(2nd Quarter – Mid Quarter)

5:00 pm – 5th Grade Girls BBall vs. Canterbury

6:15 pm – 5th Grade Boys BBall vs. Canterbury

Saturday, November 15

Varsity Girls BBall @ Suburban Bethlehem Tournament

5:00 pm – Concordia Lutheran Church, Blended Worship

(2nd Grade Choir Sings)

6:15 pm – Cubs Night of Giving – Trivia Night

Sunday, November 16

Varsity Girls BBall @ Suburban Bethlehem Tournament

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

(Kindergarten Choir Sings)

Monday, November 17

12:00 pm – 3A Field Trip to Survive Alive

4:30 pm – 5th Grade Girls BBall vs. Emmaus

5:45 pm – 5th Grade Boys BBall vs. Emmaus

7:00 pm – Varsity Boys BBall vs. Emmaus (Cheerleading Performing)

Tuesday, November 18

(\$1 Dress Down Day – Pajama Day)

12:00 pm Food Drive Challenge Ends

12:00 pm – 3B Field Trip to Survive Alive

5:00 pm – Varsity Girls BBall @ Canterbury

6:15 pm – JV Boys BBall @ Canterbury

7:30 pm – Varsity Boys BBall @ Canterbury (Cheerleading Performing)

Wednesday, November 19

4:30 pm – 6th Grade Girls BBall vs. St. John Emmanuel

5:30 pm – 5th Grade Boys BBall vs. St. John Emmanuel

Thursday, November 20

4:30 pm – 6th Grade Girls BBall vs. St. Paul

5:45 pm – 6th Grade Boys BBall vs. St. Paul

6:00 pm – CPP Training in Library (Required for All Volunteers)

7:00 pm – Varsity Boys BBall vs. St. Paul (Cheerleading Performing)

Friday, November 21

Varsity Girls BBall @ Central Lutheran Tournament

Saturday, November 22

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5:00 pm – Concordia Lutheran Church, Blended Worship

(2nd Grade Choir Sings)

6:15 pm – Cubs Night of Giving – Trivia Night

Sunday, November 23

Varsity Boys BBall @ Central Lutheran Tournament

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