



Pastor Chris' Weekly Ministry Update

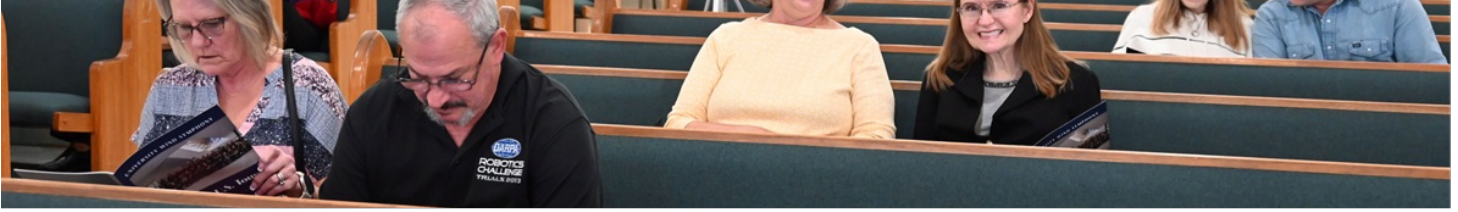
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A blessed Thursday to you! "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)

1. **Spring break** – For all who have been on spring break, I pray that the week has been rejuvenating! To all teachers and school staff: Your work is appreciated; the break is well earned!
2. **Concerts** – On Tuesday, we had another wonderful concert, this time the wind symphony from Concordia University Nebraska. It's great to be able to support out Concordia Universities by providing a venue for their concerts. Thank you to Roger Howard for organizing the concerts! As a bonus, on Wednesday morning the symphony was kind enough to do a second concert for our child care students!









3. **Midweek services** – Beginning next Wednesday, we will have the special treat of midweek sermons from retired pastors of our congregation! I look forward to hearing the spiritual wisdom they'll impart through God's Word. As a reminder, midweek offerings are going to New Hope Connection, our partner in refugee ministry, as they address a critical funding need for Afghan immigrants in our community.

4. **SHLS Gala** – This year marks the return of our school's spring gala and auction. Please join us for a special night! RSVP [here](#) for the Sapphire Auction for Education Gala.

5. **Director of Youth Ministry** – At the end of last week, the LCMS Texas District office provided me with 12 candidate packets for our new Director of Youth Ministry position. I've forwarded the packets to the call committee, along with one packet from a Concordia University spring graduate. The committee will be reviewing the packets prior to our meeting in two weeks. At that meeting, we'll plan to narrow the field and begin setting up Zoom interviews of candidates.

6. **This weekend** – "You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone." (James 2:24) What?? Just as sound bites can be misunderstood out of context, so can Bible verses. We'll seek to understand how James' difficult words mesh with the Bible's clear teaching of salvation by grace through faith alone. Weekend text: **James 2:14-26**.

See you at church!

God's blessings,
Pastor Chris











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