

October 2026

Mark your calendars. October 18th is CLS Sunday!

It's that one Sunday each year where all of the called schoolteachers at Central come to Martini and join us as we hear God's Word and receive His gifts of Life and Salvation together. This year we have two new called teachers who have been specifically assigned to Martini: Jesse Muehler and Eli Frank, in addition to our other called teachers: Danielle White, Janet Hayward, and Tricia Day.

But what exactly does it mean that we have *called* teachers?

When a trained LCMS teacher finishes his or her schooling or the colloquy process they receive a call, just like a pastor, to serve at an LCMS school. That means this position is very different from a regular contract to teach at any other school. It's a recognition that God has placed this man or woman in this position to teach these children.

Why do we have the doctrine of the call for school teachers? Because LCMS schools have always understood that our teachers teach more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic. They teach the Word of God! And in fact, everything they teach is grounded in the Scriptures! When they educate students they are doing far more than just sharing facts with them, they are helping to shape their worldview and train them in virtue *as a Christian!* The worldview they are passing down to the next generation is a *biblical* worldview that shows how God is active in the world around them. Our schoolteachers are passing down the faith that has been passed down for generations! Because they teach the Word of God, it has long been understood that they serve in an office that is related to and flows out from the pastoral office. It's a subsidiary under office of the ministry.

Let's give thanks to God for the important work of our called teachers, as we celebrate them and all they do for us this CLS Sunday. Plus, there'll be brunch afterward!

In Christ,

Pastor Brown

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CLS Walk-A-Thon 2026

Friday, October 2 | During the School Day | CLS

The 8th Annual CLS Walk-A-Thon is next week! Our theme this year is Homegrown: Rooted, United, and Free. We are excited to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the USA, reflect on our nation's Christian heritage, and celebrate our Charger spirit. This event is the primary student-led source of fundraising for the 2026-2027 school year. All proceeds will go directly to Central Lutheran School.

Theme: Homegrown: Rooted, United, and Free

School Goal: \$30,000

Student Goal: \$70

Fundraising Deadline: October 16

Attire: CLS or USA spirit wear appropriate for walking/running - tennis shoes

October	2	Walk-A-Thon	
October	8	Pastor-Principal Meeting	8:45 AM
October	9	End of 1st Quarter	
October	10	Golf Outing	
October	9 & 12	No EACS Bus	
October	14-16	6th Grade to Camp Lutherhaven	
October	15	7th-8th Grade to Ark Encounter	
October	15	School Board Meeting	7:00 PM
October	16	Charger Spirit Day	
October	18	CLS Sunday @ Martini	9:00 AM

Kids Club News:

If you would like to volunteer a day or two to come and read to a classroom, share a devotion, or help with school age activities, please email Sara at Martinkidsclubministry@gmail.com.

EXCITING NEWS!

Martini Kids Club Ministry is proud to announce that we will be contributing \$8,000 toward the purchase of our new digital sign! ❤️

What a blessing it is to be able to work together toward something that Martini Lutheran Church and Martini Kids Club Ministry have been discussing and hoping for for years.

We are incredibly thankful for our Kids Club families, church members, staff, volunteers, and community who have supported our fundraisers and helped make this possible. Every contribution, donation, and helping hand has brought us one step closer!

We are so excited to see this long-awaited project become a reality and to continue growing together as one ministry, one church, and one community. 🙏❤️

\$8,000 closer to making our new digital sign a reality! 

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Concordia Lutheran High School

Concordia Lutheran High School – News for October 2026

Priority Application Period – October 14th to December 18th

The CLHS Priority Application Period for Fall 2027 opens on October 14th for current 8th graders and closes on December 18th. Submitting your application during this period ensures that your student will receive their financial aid package by mid-February. Please go to clhscadets.com to apply!

Concordia Day – November 6th

On November 6th, we're excited to host Concordia Day, a special event where over 350 area 8th graders will visit CLHS from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Students will explore our campus with their CLHS passports, collecting stamps at each tour stop while learning about our classes and opportunities. The day also includes an action-packed opening program, a CLHS Activities Fair, and a free pizza lunch with our coaches. If your student **doesn't attend an area Lutheran grade school** but would like to participate, please register at explore.clhscadets.com/concordia-day-2026

Discover Concordia Night – November 11th

Join us on November 11th at 6:30 PM for Discover Concordia Night. This event is designed for parents and students who want a closer look at our school. You'll visit some of our favorite tour stops and finish the evening with a session where we'll explain the application process, scholarships, and financial aid.

It's a great way to get answers to any questions you might have. Please register at explore.clhscadets.com/discover-concordia-night-2026

Bridge 20/30 October Events



The Bridge 20/30 is a Christian young adult group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion nights, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area.

Bridge 20/30 October Events

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join **Bridge 20/30** for faith, friendship, and fun this October!

Oct. 6 – Porch Night: *1 Peter Series* | 7 PM | Holy Cross Youth Center

Oct. 13 – Heidi Goehmann: *“Emotions & The Gospel”* | 7 PM | The Garden

Oct. 20 – Sand Volleyball Night | 7–9 PM | Empowered Sports Club | FREE play

Oct. 27 – Fall Costume Party & Pumpkin Carving | 7 PM | The Garden

New faces are always welcome, so come on your own or bring a friend! Follow **Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne** on Facebook or **@thebridge2030** on Instagram for details and updates.

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Live Stream Volunteers: Would you like to check out and learn how to stream the church services?? We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help live stream church services. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stauffer

Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole.



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