

After nearly 6 years of prayerful work, we welcomed our inagural class through the doors Monday, August 22. It was truly a joy to see the blessings that God bestowed on us that first day. Worship, prayer, new friendships, and knowledge filled the day.

"Oh Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise."



Board Member Everett Snyder has been working with the South Central Wichita Neighborhood Association on behalf of CAW. CAW is committed to being a good steward to the community, and our first neighborhood event will be on Saturday, October 15 as we assist with the Neighborhood Cleanup.

CAW is excited to announce we are beginning to form a competitive shooting team through the Midway USA Foundation. Look for more information in the future!

Mark your calendars for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Evening of Music." Join us on November 4 at 7:00 p.m. as members of our Board, Faculty, and Student Body share their musical talents. A free will donation will be taken at the door and funds raised will go towards the purchase of lockers for our students.

## **Upcoming Events**

Oct 2 – Board Meeting
Oct 9 – KS Lutheran Educators
Conference, Manhattan KS
Oct 13 &14 – Fall Break
Oct 15 – Neighborhood Cleanup
Nov 4 – Evening of Music

### Join Us Daily for:

8am Matins

3:15pm Vespers

11am Wednesday Divine Service

> 909 S. Market St Wichita, KS 67211



#### Our mission statement:

Concordia Academy seeks to form students in faith, hope, and love, by heeding wisdom and practicing virtue, restoring souls in the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty, according to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE HEADMASTER

## Concordia means 'HARMONY'



Location, location, location. The best place to be was once Babylon, later Athens, Rome, Venice, London, lately New York. Our favorite places move, as if the eyes of the world were drawn to a particular spot at any one time, not because of any one event, but because of the accumulation of economic history and dynamic exertion, the scoreboard of history. Winners and losers, we may

think, but in reality, we are watching successive epochs raising their next tower among the stumps of older fallen towers. These too will regress, fall, wither, and leave their glamour to the story books of history. In the shadow of these towers, people in places less glittering grow with their eye fixed on the distant tops, neglecting to understand the drama of their own place. Surely we aren't like this, dazzled by some far off place and unwitting of our own.

Wichita can be a place like this, and typical of cities of this size in the middle of the continent, there is a constant movement to the suburbs as people pursue the ideal of what lies beyond. Wichita, however, unlike other cities, has never hollowed out its center. Many people still live the midwestern life in the center of the city, keeping the city's personality alive, largely through street layouts, neighborhoods, architecture, and parks that maintain a certain homeliness, comfortable and contemplative. Concordia Academy is contemplating its neighborhood, South Central, in the heart of Wichita. By working and studying here, learning about the neighbors and possibilities of life together, we practice the neighborliness that the world needs more of. It is good, and a classical virtue, to keep the old when it works well, and to pursue the cultivation of what is fruitful where we can. We seek to uphold *Concordia cordis urbis*, the Harmony of the Heart of the City. Among these old houses and old trees, blocks from Old Town, we have the opportunity to beautify and cultivate what has always been good about this place. Remember to pray for your neighbors and pray for Concordia as we seek to edify our families and those around us.

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