



We at Concordia are called to be a family of forgiven and forgiving people, instruments of God's love.

Our purpose is to proclaim the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, and to reach and teach those without and within the congregation, challenging each other to have Christ in our DAILY lives, to give more freely in response to His incredible love.

We will do all in the Lord's name, with prayer, praise and thanksgiving, involving as many people as possible - taking care to motivate and to try new ideas.

Our mission is to love as Christ loves.

## *The Parable of the Butterfly*

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

As a butterfly soared overhead, one caterpillar said to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those things." Yet for every caterpillar the time comes when the urge to eat and grow subsides and he instinctively begins to form a chrysalis around himself. The chrysalis hardens and you'd think for all the world that the caterpillar is dead.

But one spring morning the life inside the chrysalis begins to writhe, the top cracks open, and a beautifully-formed butterfly emerges. For hours it will stand stretching and drying its wings, moving them slowly up and down, up and down. And then, before you know it, the butterfly glides aloft, effortlessly riding the currents of the air, alighting on flower after gorgeous flower, as if to show off its vivid colors to the bright blossoms. .

Somehow, the miracle of the butterfly never loses its fascination for us. Perhaps because the butterfly is a living parable of the promise of resurrection.

On Easter morning the disciples saw Jesus' graveclothes lying on the cold slab still wrapped round and round the corpse. Only the corpse was gone, much like an empty chrysalis deserted by a butterfly who has left to soar free. "He is risen as He said," an angel told the incredulous disciples. Later that day he appeared to the disciples, and then, over the course of the next few weeks, to as many as five hundred people at one time. Even "Doubting Thomas" didn't doubt for long that Jesus was really risen from the dead.

A few weeks ago I lost a friend who had become dear to me. Where she had been so full of life, now her body lay still, composed ever-so-carefully by the morticians. I looked at her and thought about my own mortality. One day I too, like her, may fight a losing battle with pain, and die.

What do we Christians say in the face of death? There are many mysteries. But two things we know for sure. First, death is an enemy. Away with the sentimentality that vainly seeks to disguise death's insult! But second, and more important, Jesus' resurrection from the grave is God's proof to us that death is not the end. The empty tomb and Jesus' Spirit within us testify that Easter morning is God's triumph over death. And ultimately, Jesus promised, God will raise from the dead us who believe in His Son.

Why do Christians gather on Easter morning? To show off their fine clothes or give a ritual tip of the hat to religion? God forbid! Rather we gather to celebrate Jesus' victory over death itself. For since He is our Lord and our Savior, His victory is our victory. In celebrating His resurrection we celebrate our own assurance of ultimate triumph over death.

*Join us this Easter as we celebrate Life! And if you look closely  
Easter morning, you might even see a butterfly alight on the lilies.*

# *A Letter From The Pastor*

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ!

The past month held quite a few surprises, most notably the wind storm 2 weeks ago. I was relieved to hear of very little property damage from members and no injuries or fatalities. What a blessing to have been spared when the winds speeds were so high and there were so many fallen trees and powerlines. As far as I have heard the most significant damages were to the power grid. Thank God for the diligent and perseverant work of the repair crews and the Kendall highway department.

It was a pleasure to see the community band together to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone. Thank God for a community that cares for one another! I took time on Thursday and Friday after the storm, while the power was still out in most places, to travel through Kendall to see the damages and to stop at some of the houses of people I couldn't get a hold of by phone. I was encouraged when I mostly got one of two responses: 1) people had the resources and warmth and know-how that they needed or 2) people had wonderful neighbors that were helping and sharing. I went from one house where the people told me something akin to "Oh it'll take more than some wind and the power out! We've got the wood stove going, a freezer outside that'll keep, and there's a generator out in the barn but I don't think we'll even bother with it!" and at the next home I heard all about the neighbors who were checking up. One neighbor brought a cellphone over to use for the weekend and another brought over a hot turkey dinner with all the fixings! A gas kitchen and a generator will get you far, apparently.

The power did come back on in time enough for Concordia to host their famous Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. There were some concerns that people wouldn't be able to bring deserts and that attendance would be down with people being uncertain as to whether we would be serving. But serve dinner we did! The food and fellowship was as good as always and we sold just about as many plates as any other year. A special thanks to Russ and Lisa Levett for organizing such a splendid meal, such vital fellowship time, and a generous fund-raiser for the church. This year we got to work in the newly renovated kitchen, a &^%\$# of years of hard-work and time spent. God Bless them, and us through them.

The power came back on with just enough time for people to brace for snow! I left that following Monday for a 3 day conference in Philadelphia, little did I know I was driving right into the worst of the storm. I got there just in time for the snow to hit and 1 half of a day of the conference was canceled due to the weather, and then driving back took just under 12 hours, instead of 6! The conference was still worth it; the seminary's Preaching With Power program is exceptional.

Here's to hoping that the winter is truly behind us.

God Bless you, whatever the weather.

Hope to see you soon. Holy Week and Easter are around the bend, Praise Jesus!

## April Birthdays

4/6 Robin Schepler  
4/7 Amy Conte  
4/8 Shirley Ecker  
4/19 Mary Lou Lockhart  
4/21 Jennifer Stenshorn  
Megan Hennekey  
4/23 Robert Lockhart  
Nicholas Lockhart  
4/29 Jenna Morey



## April Anniversaries

4/2 Rudy & Barb Kludt  
4/4 Bob & Mary Lou Lockhart  
4/7 Chuck & Sharon Patt  
4/12 Ralph & Debbie Pugh  
4/17 Phil & Carol D'Agostino  
4/25 Bob & Nancy Comstock  
Ronald & Carol Lofthouse

### THANK YOU

Thank you very much for everyone's help, donations and fellowship to make the Corn Beef Dinner a success. We raised \$1500 from the dinner. We are going to put boxes together with the Sunday School kid's help and creativity to send to our Military. \$315 was made from the Basket Auction which will help VBS and mugs that were made by Beth. Thank you Jill and Pat!! We appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication!!  
Russ & Lisa



## New A/V project at Concordia

Church council has been exploring options to add a closed-circuit video feed from our sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. We've been working with Duane Schepler about options and affordability. Duane is the "Broadcast AV Manager" at Fingerlakes Gaming and has a substantial knowledge and experience.

The goal is to be able to have a live video feed of the sanctuary available in the Fellowship Hall on a television mounted on the wall. In the past two years we have had funerals and other events where we feel we ought to have been able broadcast the worship service to the other room and council roundly agrees that the project is overdue. A camera in the sanctuary and a new TV in the Fellowship Hall would have multiple functions:

Live video and audio feed of services to the Fellowship Hall

Digital recording of the sanctuary

We could offer for weddings, baptisms, and funerals

Recording of sermons and children's programs

Posting video to social media

Smart TV in the Fellowship Hall

Movies and videos for fellowship events

DVD/Bluray player and HDMI inputs

Smart TV capability

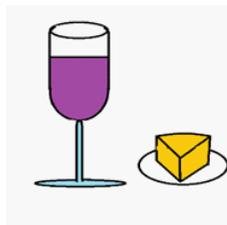
We look forward to having and sharing more details with you about this. We are hoping for an April install date.



## Do you need that little extra support exercising?

Join us on Monday and Thursday nights 7-8 PM right here at Church. Bring a friend, mat, weights and don't forget that water.

For more information contact Dorrie 281-8750.



## WINE and CHEESE

## MEET



Friday, May 5, 7 p.m. at  
Concordia

Bring a beverage of your choice and a snack to share. Friends are welcome. Following the theme would be fun but not required. This is an adults only event.

- 4/2 During Church- Review lesson and craft
- 4/9 9:15- Legos with Pastor  
Palm Sunday
- 4/16 During Church Sermon- Easter Sunday  
Roll the Stone Away!
- 4/23 None



## Sunday School

**Concordia Lutheran Church**  
**1769 Kendall Rd Kendall NY**  
**Service at 10am**

## EASTER PLANTS

There is a sign up chart on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a plant at a special rate to help beautify the altar area on Easter Sunday. Please sign up if you wish to purchase your own plant so it may be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Any questions see Elaine Quetschenbach or call her at 964-2844.

Lily - \$7.50

Tulip - \$6.50

4" Mini Daffodils - \$2.50



## PALM SUNDAY

April 9th - 10:00 a.m.

*Celebrate as Christ makes his entrance!  
Yet there is a reminder of the path of Holy Week.*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13th - 7:00 p.m.

*Christ institutes Holy Communion*

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 14th - 7:00 p.m.

*The deed is done. God's desire to save takes motion.*

## EASTER WORSHIP

April 16th - 10:00 a.m.

*Life and Love get the final word. God's power to save is victorious. Let us celebrate as loud and joyous as we can!*

## KENDALL LIONS CLUB is proud to sponsor KENDALL COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 29th

9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Town of Kendall Highway Dept.

Building

on Crandall Avenue

In conjunction with the Town of Kendall Highway Dept. and with the participation of members of the KCS Leos, Scouts, Church and Community Organizations, we will be picking up the road ways in the Kendall Community. All community members are invited to

come out and support your community.

It is a great family event and a way to give back to your community that benefits all.



### Monthly Offerings to Date:

<u>Week Of:</u>	<u>Plate Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Weekly income needed	\$2,289.16	
Expenses to Date	\$8606.17	
Lent Offering	\$175.00	
March 5	\$3,075.00	52
Roof Donations	\$1,200.00	
March 12	\$1,605.00	41
Roof Donations	\$682.00	
March 20	\$1,240.00	54
Building Fund	\$50.00	
March 27	\$1,216.00	63

# SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 8-10

## QUESTIONS ABOUT ASSEMBLY

Who attends Synod Assembly? +S7.21. of the synod constitution states that “The membership of the Synod Assembly, of which at least 60% of the voting membership shall be composed of laypersons, shall be constituted as follows: All ministers of Word and Sacrament under call on the roster of this synod in attendance at the Synod Assembly shall be voting members.

All ministers of Word and Service under call, on the roster of this synod shall be voting members in the Synod Assembly, in addition to the voting membership of lay members of congregations provided in item +S7.21.c.

“Pastors from a church body with which a relationship of full communion has been declared and established by the ELCA may gain voice and vote privileges in the Synod Assembly by sending a letter to the Bishop requesting such privileges.” SC/R7.27.

Additionally, our synod constitution in continuing resolution SC/R7.21.c. states that “each congregation will be allowed at least two voting members to the Synod Assembly.”

Visitors and Guests are also invited and strongly encouraged to attend the Assembly especially this year with our Glocal Event that will offer more opportunities for visitors to be engaged in learning and wonderful international music. Congregations - please encourage folks from your church to join in the fun!

What happens at Synod Assembly?

Plenary sessions where voting members attend to the business of the synod which will include Keynote Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, the Report from the ELCA, adopting changes to the synod constitution, Global Mission information, Elections, special recognitions, Glocal Musician Educators, voting on the 2018 Synod Mission Plan, hearing from our partners in ministry and much more.

Mission Expo - explore the many vendor displays showcasing ministries and missions from around the synod and beyond; listen and experience international musicians entertaining during the Friday afternoon Expo

Workshops - Visitors and Guests can attend workshops during the plenary sessions on Friday morning and EVERYONE has time on Friday afternoon to attend two (2) workshops. There are three workshop tracks [Global, Local and Social Justice] and topics include: Short-term Mission, Challenging Your Assumptions, Twinning, Campus Ministry, Cross-Generational Engagement, Immigration, Disaster Preparedness, Creative Accompaniment, All Things Legal for Congregations, and much more.

Eucharist Worship, Friday evening at 7:30pm with Bishop John Macholz presiding and music by our Glocal Musician Educators. Other worship opportunities include early morning prayer and prayer and anointing in the Prayer Room with our assembly chaplains.

Fellowship - Thursday evening at the Radisson and Friday evening the Women of the ELCA will host us in the Galleria at the Convention Center.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

There are three service project opportunities at Synod Assembly and all include things to do now, ahead of the assembly.

Can tabs - bring can tabs you have collected to the assembly.

Hats for Seafarers - knit or crochet hats for Seafarers International. Hats will be collected at assembly and donated to Seafarers for distribution to those working on ships stopping at our ports. Instructions are available on the synod website.

Bridge Over Troubled Water - help us bridge the troubled waters of hunger by raising funds for Hunger. Our Hunger Action Team has put together a great campaign with all the resources you need for bulletin inserts and fundraising ideas. Each congregation is asked to raise a minimum of \$400. The instructions are simple, collect donations from members of your congregation and bring one check [made out to the Upstate NY Synod, earmarked “Hunger”] to the hunger table at Synod Assembly. World Hunger Fundraising Ideas

World Hunger Letter to Congregations

**Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2017**

Members Present: Pastor Steven Meyer, Dorrie Hardenbrook, Nancy Comstock, Beth Schmidt, Robin Schepler, Tibbs Ahlberg, Russ Levett

Meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with special needs and concerns shared.

Nancy Comstock made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Robin Schepler carried.

Tibbs Ahlberg motioned to accept the February minutes, Beth Schmidt seconded, carried.

Pastor's Report: The pulpit swap February 25th was a success and people seemed to like it. Pastor has met with mutual ministry. Pastor Steve went to Lutheran Seminary in PA. for a free program called "Preaching with Power." March 13-15. Unfortunately weather was bad and things got cancelled. When we had the wind storm, Pastor visited people to make sure they were okay. There seems to be a good response to the upcoming Euchre Tournament.

Sunday service - 5, Special Events - Corn Beef Dinner, Pulpit Swap, Ash Wednesday service, Bring a Friend Sunday. Visitations - home-15, sick/hospital-3, shut-in-10 total 28 (2 inactive, 2 non-member), Meetings-10, Counselings-8, Weddings-0, Funeral-0, vacation used 1 week in January (5 days including 1 Sunday) Sick Time Feb. 13 1/2 day

Finance Committee: No report given. Council would still like to see a few tweaks in the report form that was given last month.

Mutual Ministry: Have met with Pastor.

Property Committee: Russ Levett would like to see some one take charge of some of the big ticket items that need to be done around the church. For instance the steps to both doors of the front of the church need repair.

Fellowship & Hospitality: Euchre Tournament fund-raiser for roof is Friday. Wine and Cheese is May 5th.

Worship and Music: The outdoor service will be June 11. They meet next week Thursday so they can meet with Jimmy.

Cub Scouts: Alan Lambert has stepped down from being the church representative.

Clothes Closet: The Cub Scouts need a little more room downstairs.

Old Business: Siding on the parsonage where neighbors trampoline hit it. Charley Duschen will be asked to take care of this and the new sport where the wind storm tore off a piece of siding.

Quote for audio visual system. Duane Schepler has measured and checked out the building. He says it will be less than \$2500.00 Pastor has spoke with Duane and has told him what we are expecting of the system. Recording and taping and being able to put videos on facebook and so on.

New Business: Cub Scouts: Alan Lambert has stepped down as the church representative. We need a new person to keep an eye on the goings on of the Scouts. Council suggested Heather Tomasino as she has two sons that will be ready for Scouts in the fall.

Robin Schepler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dorrie Hardenbrook seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Beth Schmidt

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Cathy Herman  
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Robin Schepler  
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