



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.

## *Paul's Thanksgiving for His Friends*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.

Ephesians 1:15-19

It is good to express our thankfulness to others. The Bible instructs us to encourage one another often. Paul, in his multiple letters to the churches he was leading, always reminds his friends how thankful he is for them. Usually, following his words of thanks are words of encouragement to help build them up. Thanks and giving go hand in hand. Use this passage to encourage your child to use words of thanksgiving and encouragement with their friends and loved ones. God can use us to share his love with others by simply sharing words of gratitude and support.

Related verse: Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11



# *A Letter From The Pastor*

Grace and Peace to you this wintry October morning!  
So much has happened in the past two months - it's been hard to keep track.

September and October saw too many funerals. We touched on this in the last newsletter and then I went to three more the following week. It's not easy but I give great thanks to God that each of the deaths I attended to were gentle and swift. Also, it seems that the families and friends that came together to mourn loved ones were well served by the funeral and memorial services. There were services with some of our loved ones' favorite things: produce and tractors, quality chocolate, Krony's pizza, Paul Harvey, some favorite old hymns and new favorites as well. God is good! But I think we've had enough of that for now.

Kim Post, a friend of the Sandy Dyer and Heather Tomasino, came and hosted a Purses for a Purpose Party. Kim makes high-quality custom purses, made to order, and all of her proceeds go to Compassion International to support girls across the globe. More than a dozen shoppers came and I think almost everyone purchased something from her. Thank you Sandy and Heather for organizing, Kim for her ongoing charitable work, and for the women that came to shop and support this ministry!

The Alzheimers' Association Support Group did start meeting in our building in October. They are still brain-storming on how to best serve care-takers in our area. If you know someone who is in a family that is coping with Alheimers, please tell them about the support group for care-takers here at Concordia, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 1pm. We have fliers and brochures and you can contact Dorrie Hardenbrook for more info.

There has certainly been more, but I'm running out of space on the page and mental energy to remember it all. We look forward to a restful fall before the Christmas season and the snow falls (joke's on me, it's snowing right now!)

God Bless!

*Pastor Steve*



## KENDALL FOOD CUPBOARD Fall Harvest Bounty Challenge

### OCTOBER

- 23rd: Boxed Stuffing & Cake Mix (any)
- 30th: Macaroni & Spaghetti Sauce

### NOVEMBER

- 6th: Tuna fish & Mac 'n Cheese
- 13th: Turkeys (any size) & Soup (any)
- 20th: Peanut Butter & Jelly/ Jam (any)
- 27th: Ravioli & Brownie Mix

### DECEMBER

- 4th: Cereal & Mayonnaise

FYI: Thank you for your support of the food cupboard. Just so you know we cannot get a multiple amount of turkeys at the Low Price that the stores offer per pound with a \$25 purchase. That is why we ask for help with turkeys. If I need to have 50 turkeys then we have to pay full price per pound for turkeys and that is very expensive. Thanks so much for helping our neighbors in need. We truly appreciate all this community does to support the Kendall Community Food Cupboard.

Marty & Zina Goodenbery

## Pastor Steve's Office Hours

Pastor Steve will be in his office

Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

or by appointment.



## Kendall Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Please join us at

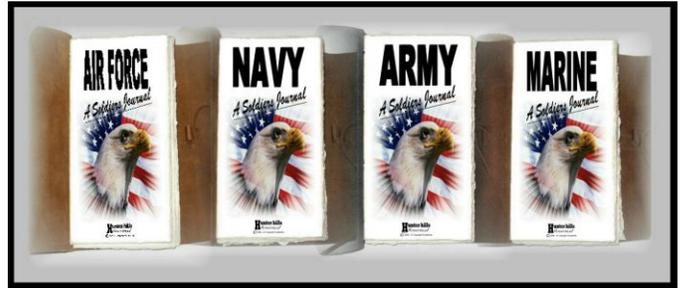
**St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church**

16789 Kenmore Road

**Thursday, November 17th**

**6:30 p.m.**

as we gather together for an  
Ecumenical Community Service and  
Dessert Buffet



Chance Ahlberg, grandson of Kathy and Tibbs Ahlberg, has completed his basic training for the army national guard at Fort Sill Oklahoma. Chance is now at Fort Sam Houston where he is studying radiology for his AIT.

Mickey Smith, grand nephew of Brigitte and Charley Duschen. He is in the Army stationed at Fort Drum. He has received orders for deployment to Korea. He has served in Afghanistan, and Korea. He intends to stay in the army until forced to retire.

Allen Baker has been in just over 15 years, but originally joined in 1998. He is a 13Fox or Fire Support NCO, Sergeant First Class, and has been in combat in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan as well as stationed in North Carolina, Italy, Korea, Kentucky, Louisiana and Colorado.

Robert Lockhart joined the United States Marine Corp in July 2013. After completing boot camp he graduated from Parris Island in October of that year. Currently Lance Corporal Lockhart is stationed at the Marine Base in Beaufort South Carolina. Rob is a member of squadron 312. Rob's parents are Guyla Lockhart and Mike Morey. Rob is the grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Lockhart.

Nicholas Lockhart joined the United States Airforce in April of 2015. Nick completed boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base. He is an airman first class and a member of the 92nd civil engineer squadron at Fairchild air force base in Spokane, Washington. Nick is due to deploy to Afghanistan in January 2017. Nick's parents are Guyla Lockhart and Mike Morey. Nick is the grandson of Bob and Mary Lou Lockhart.

## November Birthdays

11/2 Roger Herman  
Gary Kludt  
Katie Cole  
11/3 Brett Ernenwein  
Neil Ernenwein  
11/4 David Waterstreet  
11/7 Alan Lambert  
11/10 Matt Kludt  
Jason Hardenbrook  
11/12 Judy Ernenwein  
11/13 Barb Kludt  
11/17 Robert Lockhart  
11/18 Susan Pritchard



## Those Serving In November

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Nov. 6 Jennifer Banker  
Nov. 13 Sybil Reisch  
Nov. 20 Cathy Herman  
Nov. 27

### USHERS

Nov. 6 & 13 Tomasino Family  
Nov. 20 & 27 Hardenbrook Family

### ALTAR CARE

Lisa Levett & Linda Kludt

## November Anniversaries

11/08 Bill & Dorrie Hardenbrook  
11/15 Mike & Julie Kludt  
11/20 Roger & Joanne Herman  
11/25 Charles & DeAnna D'Agostino  
11/27 Phil & Julie D'Agostino  
11/29 Jeff & Amy Conte

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th

Please give the names of those who have died since last All Saints Sunday, to either Pastor or Beth Schmidt. These names will be printed in the bulletin.

### HARVEST SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th

Please bring non perishable food items for the food cupboard.

### CONCORIDA LUTHERAN CHURCH CLOTHES CLOSET AT THE CHURCH

Free Children's clothing ages infant to 18 years old.  
The church will be open for drop offs on the following dates:  
Saturday October 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday November 8 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday November 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday December 6 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday December 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
If these dates aren't good for you please call Jill at 585-734-3239 to make other arrangements.

### Monthly Offerings to Date:

Week Of:	Plate Offerings:	Attendance:
September Expenses	\$7,878.75	
Simply Giving	\$650.00	
October 2	\$2,720.00	65
Memorials to Building Fund	\$4,170.00	
October 9	\$1,170.00	43
Memorials to Building Fund	\$1,245.00	
October 16	\$2,607.00	48
Building Fund Memorials	\$1,330.00	
Building Fund	\$50.00	
October 23	\$912.00	43
Building Fund Memorials	\$190.00	

## CALENDAR

Tues., Nov. 1	Worship & Music	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 2	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 4	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 6	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School During Church	
	Breakfast	11:15 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 8	Clothes Closet	6:30 - 8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 11	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 13	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School During church	
Tues., Nov. 15	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 17	Thanksgiving Service at St. Mark	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 18	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat., Nov. 19	Clothes Closet	9 am - noon
Sun., Nov. 20	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School After Church	
Fri., Nov. 25	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 27	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School After Church	
	Play Practice	

**Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2016**

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

Absent: Beth Schmidt, Michael Morey

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with special needs and concerns shared.

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

Nancy Comstock motioned to accept the August minutes, Robin Schepler seconded, carried.

Pastor's Report: Jimmy Hartmann has begun working with the choir every Sunday morning and 3 evening rehearsals. He is energetic about making music with them. He is getting better at the organ. Pastor is still visiting with a spiritual director. Grace Levett is taking Confirmation class with Pastor in the home. The program will center on Luther's Small Catechism and also include exploring theology in contemporary music, visiting other churches, some family homework projects and two service projects. Pulpit Swap: The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference of the synod is organizing a pulpit swap where a bunch of us would just go and preach and preside at a different church. No cost, no fuss, just to switch it up for ourselves and our congregations. Projected date is Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

Sunday service - 5, Special Events - Congregational meeting, Rally Day. Visitations - home-15, sick/hospital-0, shut-in-4, total 19 (0 inactive, 1 non-member), Meetings-14, Counselings-4, Weddings-1 (Steadman/Gamble) - Funeral 1 (Niedermeyer)

Finance Committee: Question about a lost check. Robin Schepler made a motion to accept the finance report, Tibbs Ahlberg seconded the motion, carried.

Christian Education: The children will build a scarecrow for the festival with a Christmas theme.

Mutual Ministry: They meet with Pastor monthly.

Nominating Committee: Three people will be up for council. Mike Morey, Robin Schepler and Dorrie Hardenbrook.

Property Committee: The driveway has been completed. The striping of parking lot will be done this week.

Fellowship & Hospitality: There were about 50 people at the outdoor movie. It was well received.

Worship and Music: They would like council to think about Sunday Christmas service. No decision tonight.

Old Business: Lifetime Assistance is still in limbo about when they will use the building. Clothes Closet by Jill Groves is in need of boy clothes. Alzheimer's Association: Robin Schepler made a motion for the Alzheimer's Association to use our building one day (Thursday) per month, seconded by Dorrie Hardenbrook, carried. Alan Lambert and Dorrie will be assisting the association with building use.

New Business: Eagle Scout project: There is a boy (Keith) looking to do his Eagle project at our church. A few ideas about what he could be doing were discussed. Pastor Steve would like to send thank you notes for people that do a little extra for our church. Pastor would like names given to him. Discussion on how to notify people of our church about deaths in the congregation. The Cub Scouts will continue to meet at Concordia on Wednesday nights. Russ Levett questioned if people pay for the use of the church if they are not members. Tibbs Ahlberg will draft a contract for church use of non members for wedding and funerals.

Robin Schepler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy Comstock seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Dorrie Hardenbrook

# PRAYER VENTURES

## November 2016



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

1 All Saints Day Today we remember God's faithful people, saints who have gone before us—recently and throughout history—sharing the gospel, furthering the mission of the church, demonstrating love and justice in the world, and serving as bold witnesses to Jesus Christ.

2 Our words, actions and attitudes influence people more than we realize. We ask God's forgiveness when we fail to give witness to our new life in Christ and pray the Spirit will rekindle our faith and witness each day that all may experience the good news of Jesus Christ in us and through us.

3 During National Adoption Awareness Month, we remember in our prayers infants, children and youth in need of safe and loving homes, and we give thanks for parents who open their hearts, lives and homes to them through adoption and foster care.

4 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Brian Palmer and the Rev. Linda Johns Seyenkulo, ELCA missionaries serving in Liberia in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Liberia and working with theological education, curriculum development and leadership training.

5 We ask God to lead us out of the darkness of mistrust, blame, hatred, racism, violence, misunderstanding and division and into the light of God's Word and along God's paths of peace, goodness, justice, healing and humility.

6 All Saints Sunday We lift up in prayer and celebrate the lives of people who have influenced and encouraged—intentionally or indirectly—our lives, faith, maturing and discernment of how to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.

7 Being sinners and saints, we pray God knows our desire and efforts to follow God's ways and Word, be faithful, do good in the world and serve our neighbor, and we pray for God's forgiveness, steadfast love and help in our moments of weakness and failure.

8 Election Day We pray today that our nation will exercise civility, wisdom and mindfulness of the diverse needs of our communities and neighbors as we choose a new president and leaders. We pray that we will move forward—together—in constructive ways, with our visions, plans and actions guided by God's Spirit.

9 Youth and family ministers attend to the spiritual, social and emotional needs of youth. We give thanks to God for their ministry and special skills and pray the Spirit will guide their work and that we will support and nurture their leadership in our congregations.

10 We remember in our prayers the gathering of the ELCA Church Council in Chicago and ask God to bless and inspire its work and decisions for the sake of God's work in the world through our church and each of us.

11 Veterans Day On this day, especially, we remember in our prayers and give thanks for the sacrifice and service of men, women and young adults who have served in the U.S. military in the interest of freedom, peace and justice here and throughout the world.

12 We ask God to watch over the children, spouses and families of all those who serve in the military and that they find comfort and care in congregations, supportive communities and chaplains serving the U.S. military and Veterans Affairs hospitals.

13 In these difficult, frightening and seemingly chaotic times, we pray that we not lose our focus on God's promises, love and forgiveness.

14 We give thanks to God for second-career pastors who, in the course of their lives and work, have sensed and responded to God's calling to serve as ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament in the church.

15 We trust that God's love is steadfast and faithful, and we pray that God will look upon us and judge us with forgiveness and mercy, though we are undeserving.

- 16 We remember in our prayers regions of the world where there is conflict and war, and we continue to pray for peace, reconciliation, healing and the emergence of leaders who are guided by wisdom, compassion and commitment to the well-being of those they are called to serve.
- 17 Our church partners with ministries and organizations that care for people who live in poverty and hunger, who suffer injustice, who are imprisoned, who suffer illness and who are recovering from tragedy and disasters. We ask God to broaden our awareness of these needs and efforts and move us to greater involvement.
- 18 We pray the Spirit will deepen our relationships with other Lutheran churches and open doors where division and conflict prevent conversation, cooperation and unity. We pray that one day we will embrace each other and work together as brothers and sisters in Christ, united in the body of Christ for the sake of the world.
- 19 We ask God's help and wisdom in pursuing our goal of full partnership and participation of African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino people in the life of the ELCA.
- 20 We offer praise and acknowledgment in our prayers for Jesus Christ—the true Messiah, our savior, the son of God—our real hope and salvation.
- 21 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson, the Rev. Tessa Moon and Jon Leiseth, and Allison Westerhoff, ELCA missionaries serving in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. We ask God to bless their work and grow the ministries of the partner churches and organizations they serve alongside.
- 22 As humans, we find ourselves still asking questions about the nature of Jesus. In our curiosity, doubts and searching we ask God to continue to reveal and reassure us with the truth of God's Word and to strengthen our faith as we encounter God's divine mystery.
- 23 For people traveling to be with friends and family on the holidays, we pray for safe travel and joyful gatherings; for those who are alone, we pray they are welcomed in and know the joy of hospitality and community; for the many who work through the holidays, we pray our expressions of appreciation and blessing will lift their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten nor taken for granted.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day We give thanks and praise to God in our prayers for all that we have received that sustains us, contributes to our joy and fullness of life, equips us to serve our neighbor and enables us to respond generously to people in need in our communities and globally.
- 25 Worship leaders, assistants and musicians help us celebrate, pray, grow in faith, center ourselves in God's Word and presence, and connect our faith with everyday life. For their leadership and guidance, we give thanks.
- 26 We remember in our prayers people who have few resources and not enough to sustain their lives and families and pray that we freely share our bounty with others while also working creatively with them to foster self-sufficient, thriving communities.
- 27 First day of Advent Entering the season of Advent, we offer prayers in anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth and, at the same time, prayers of thanksgiving for the fulfillment of God's promises and the love and new life we experience daily through Jesus Christ.
- 28 As God's children, we pray that our understanding and practice of stewardship reflect God's intent for humanity and all creation and that we value, respect, share and use wisely all that God has entrusted to our care.
- 29 We remember in our prayers places in the world recovering from earthquakes, draught, severe weather and other disasters, and we offer our thanksgiving and encouragement for the emergency relief work and presence of Lutheran Disaster Response and The Lutheran World Federation.
- 30 Just as the disciples who were fishermen dropped their nets and followed Jesus at his invitation, we pray that we too are willing and quick to follow Jesus and learn to share boldly the good news—the gospel message—with the world.

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The CONCORDIAN is published monthly. We encourage all members to contribute articles which may be submitted to the Church office by the 3rd Sunday of the month. The pastor is available for visitation whenever requested, as well as hospital visits when informed. The Parish Administrator is at the office every Thursday from 9 a.m. - noon. If you have any questions, concerns or news for the bulletins or newsletters, Beth can be reached at 589-9488 any time.

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016**