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# ✝ The Concordian ✝

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OCTOBER 2016

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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.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



**Monday, October 31st**  
**at**  
**Concordia's**  
**Newly Paved Parking Lot**  
**come join the fun**

# *A Letter From The Pastor*

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

While this summer seemed long and one-dimensional (it turns out that sunny and warm Every. Day. isn't all it's cracked up to be, just ask the corn stalks) now it looks like fall is swiftly moving through its varied paces. Rain comes and goes; wind rustles the leaves and sometimes the sun makes for a warm afternoon. As the fall marches on more and more activities are planned for indoors I wanted to highlight some of the outside groups that come and share our building.

**Kendall Lawn Chair Ladies** - a unique dance troupe originating in Kendall the LCLs have surprised and entertained many crowds at carnivals and festivals. They usually hope to rehearse in our parking lot but sometimes the weather brings them indoors to practice their bright and fun routines.

**Cub Scouts of America pack #3094** - The Cub Scouts have started another season with us at Concordia. There's a reasonable crossover of Concordia members in the Pack and some new members that have come to Concordia since the Scouts started. They hope to have more outdoor activities this year and still use our building for meetings and their annual "Blue and Gold" ceremony.

**Alzheimer's Association** - This group will be newly starting at Concordia soon. They will have monthly social events for people with dementia and workshops for care-givers. Alzheimer's and other dementias are a growing health problem in our area and congregation and we hope that a partnership with the Alzheimer's Association and Concordia can help the community and our congregation.

**Clothes Closet** - Jill Groves (and others) have been working diligently to organize and host a clothes closet, primarily for school aged children, in the basement. Different people at schools and in the community have noticed an increasing need for this important ministry.

Maybe some upcoming activities? - Nothing promised but we've also been in contact with a few other groups. Lifetime Assistance came and explained what their clients do when they visit places. Church council was pleasantly interested in being able to partner with them. Time will tell! Also, we've had a Boy Scout poking around the building wondering what an Eagle Scout project would look like. What a wonderful service to the community the Scouts are!

Over the past few weeks we have also had a few special, one-time events at Concordia as well. During a wedding two weeks ago I heard three times what a pretty building we have (one was a conversation I over-heard so it's not that they were just being polite). Last week our building was put to the test at Harold Kludt's Memorial Service. Ushers estimate more than 450 people (400 at minimum I would guess) here that day. The new parking lot was put to good use, the new garden out front well-appreciated, and we were bursting at the seams! More than a few people took a moment of pause to marvel and appreciate the building we have and the important ministry we can do with it. Praise God!

## CONCORIDA LUTHERAN CHURCH IS GOING TO OPEN A 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:

Tuesday October 11 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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.

## *Military Page*

We want to have a military page in each issue of the Concordian.

To do this we need YOU to tell us about the fine service men and women that we pray for every Sunday. Each page (front and back) could hold the bios of two to four service people depending on the size of the bio.

How often do you look at the list we have in the bulletin each week and wonder: who these people are, what branch are they in, what is their job, and where are they serving.

The Ahlberg's have given us a nice write-up on Chance. We need three more for the next issue.

## Join the Concordia Choir!

If you have interest in joining the Concordia Choir, please come join us! Our first rehearsal this fall will be, September 8th from 7-9pm. No previous choir or musical experience is necessary. If you'd like to sing and enjoy music, we would love to have you! We plan to have 1 or 2 nightly rehearsals per month, and always plan to meet at 9am before every Sunday worship.

Hope to see you there, Thanks!



## Mutual Ministry is looking for your input!

The Mutual Ministry Committee is still offering to meet with members to talk about concerns, our communal life, and strengths of the community.

They are especially asking: What parts of our worship service are meaningful to you?

What are your favorite parts?

What recommendations do you have for worshipping together?

Committee members are Carol D'Agostino, Jill Groves, and Charlie Duschen (chair). Each of them are all ears. Charlie can be reached at 637-9412 and [bduschen@aol.com](mailto:b duschen@aol.com)

**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



## October Birthdays

10/1 Sally Brobst  
 10/03 Carol Miller  
 10/05 Sandra Jurhs  
 10/08 Lynn Mael  
 10/10 Hali Snow  
 10/11 Sharon Kaminski  
 10/14 Alana Collins  
 10/16 Janet Herman  
 10/18 Gerald Brobst  
 10/29 Sharon Bennett



## Those Serving In October

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Oct. 2 Sybil Reisch  
 Oct. 9 Karen St. John  
 Oct. 16 Beth Provost & Charley Duschen  
 Oct. 23 Cathy Herman  
 Oct. 30

### USHERS

Oct. 2 & 9 Craig Herman & Steve Seaman  
 Oct. 16, 23, 30 Ralph Pugh & Jerry Brobst

### ALTAR CARE

Pat Dusett

## October Anniversaries

10/14 David & Peggy Warren  
 Guyla & Michael Lockhart-Morey  
 10/19 Russ & Lisa Levett  
 10/21 Lynn & Candi Mael  
 10/26 David & Lori Moore

### 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.

### Monthly Offerings to Date:

<u>Week Of:</u>	<u>Plate Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
August Expenses	\$8,938.76	
Simply Giving	\$650.00	
September 4	\$2,391.00	42
Ice Cream Sales	\$30.50	
September 11	\$1,960.00	71
Breakfast	\$217.00	
September 18	\$2,021.00	56
Building Fund	\$95.00	
Rummage Sale	\$35.00	
September 25	\$336.00	62
Building Fund	\$2,100.00	

## CALENDAR

Sat., Oct. 1	Scarecrow Festival	
Sun., Oct. 2	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School during church	
	Breakfast	11:15 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 4	Worship & Music	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 5	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 9	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 9	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 16	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School During church	
Tues., Oct. 18	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 23	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 23	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 30	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School During Church	
Mon., Oct. 31	Trunk Or Treat	

### Donations to Memorial Fund July 2016

David Koza  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Kludt

Diane Brehse Dietz  
 Joyce Lasch  
 Judy Ernenwein  
 Duane and Cheri Rockow  
 Stephen and Mary Ellen Seaman  
 Terri Reynolds  
 Lynn and Candi Mael  
 Samuel and Caren Paventi  
 Chris Sidari  
 David and Cheryl Stone  
 Craig and Sharon Wolf

# PRAYER VENTURES

## October 2016



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

1 On this International Day of Older Persons we remember in prayers our elders and how they have cared for us, shared their faith, and continue to bring special wisdom and experience to our lives and faith communities.

2 Just as we pray for God to refresh our own faith, we ask God to deepen the faith and strengthen the witness of our family, friends, congregation members and all our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world.

3 We pray that God will guide and equip our leaders, congregations, synods, members and affiliated organizations to implement and bring to life the actions of the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, actions that support ministries, build relationships, pursue justice and peace, advocate compassion and affirm leaders throughout the church.

4 Francis of Assisi We give thanks and praise to God for the wonders and diversity of creation and nature and for all the ways in which it sustains and inspires us. We pray for wisdom and diligence in caring for all that God has entrusted to us.

5 We remember in our prayers families, individuals and communities healing and recovering from the trauma and destruction of recent flooding, wildfires and severe weather, especially in Louisiana, the western states, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and West Virginia.

6 We ask God to grant us boldness and compassion in denouncing and preventing violence that threatens the lives and safety of women, children and families. We pray our congregations are always safe places of healing and hope, especially for those experiencing, fleeing or recovering from domestic violence.

7 We give thanks in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We pray that all people experience full participation in the church and the world and that we all know the blessings of living and worshiping in faith communities of diverse abilities and mutual care.

8 We remember in our prayers the faithful leaders, bishops, pastors, synod staff and volunteers who have been called to serve God's people and the mission of the church in the 65 synods of the ELCA.

9 We pray that we never take for granted or forget to express our thanks and praise to God for the healing and wholeness we experience in Jesus Christ.

10 More than 250,000 people died and more than 11 million people have been displaced from their homes during the five-year civil war in Syria. We fervently pray for a peaceful, lasting end to the war, and for the healing and rebuilding of the lives of Syrians and their communities.

11 We remember in our prayers the ELCA missionaries serving in Tanzania as teachers, physicians, counselors, program coordinators and theology instructors supporting the ministry and outreach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and its 21 hospitals.

12 In our daily prayers we praise God for God's good works, mercy, grace and trustworthiness for the world's sake.

13 We remember in our prayers the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA, and pray that our relationship will grow and our work together will thrive as we share the gospel and do God's work in the world.

14 God's word is our source of wisdom, direction and assurance. We pray that we are open and attentive to God's word in the course of our daily routines and relationships and throughout life.

15 We pray for those who are in treatment, live in fear of, or are in remission from breast cancer. We ask God to place people of hope, faith and medical skill in their lives and to further the work of people dedicated to prevention, effective treatment and cures.

- 16 Our human needs are many and sometimes urgent. We ask God to be patient with us and to teach us persistence in our personal prayers and our prayers on behalf of our neighbor.
- 17 As the ELCA continues to discern how we will faithfully serve God's mission in the years to come, we pray that God will shape and clarify our vision through prayerful conversations, Scripture, reflection and further revealing the needs of the world to us.
- 18 Luke, Evangelist We pray that we give witness to and speak daily of God's love and presence through Jesus Christ, just as the disciple Luke did so freely and widely.
- 19 We praise and recognize God for the boundless ways in which God cares for, sustains and helps us day and night throughout life in the face of every uncertainty and threat.
- 20 Young adults serve in educational ministries in Jerusalem/West Bank through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. We pray for the ministries and people they work alongside and that their witness reflects hope for reconciliation and peace – in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 21 In the course of conflicts, conversations and debate in our society, we pray the Spirit will instill in us the will and ability to listen to each other, be thoughtful, not lose sight of justice and compassion, and be guided by our faith.
- 22 We remember in our prayers people serving in Christian education and youth and family ministry in congregations that they may serve as faithful leaders, mentors, teachers and nurturers of lifelong faith formation.
- 23 We ask God to surround us with people who encourage our faith, accompany us through life's twists and turns, and care about us and that we in turn are mindful of the ways we can care for others in our midst.
- 24 We give thanks for the progress made toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans and pray that we continue, with the help of the Spirit, to work through our differences and discover our shared identity as the body of Christ and brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 25 Living in the human reality of our capacity to do good and be just and to also turn our backs to each other and inflict pain and injury, we pray for God's forgiveness and mercy and cling to the newness we have in Jesus Christ and experience in our baptism as children of God.
- 26 We remember in our prayers musicians, composers and hymn writers who are blessed with creative gifts and abilities that help us express our praise, faith, needs and emotions to God.
- 27 We pray for first responders – firefighters, paramedics, police and others – who respond to emergencies in spite of the personal risks. We pray for their physical, spiritual and emotional well-being and that they receive the care, comfort and affirmation they need.
- 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles Being a student and follower of Jesus is always lively and dynamic. We pray that we remain curious, faithful and active as disciples and that we enjoy the diverse gifts and company of disciples who serve together with us.
- 29 We remember in our prayers ELCA missionaries serving in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Papua New Guinea and Thailand, and we ask God to bless their work in theological education, health programs and teaching English with our partner churches and institutions.
- 30 Jesus Christ has set us free from sin and the despair of a life without hope. We pray that we use our gift of freedom to do God's work in the world and to share the hope and good news of Jesus Christ with all people.
- 31 Reformation Day We give thanks for how God has shaped and guided the church throughout history, especially as a result of the Reformation movement and Martin Luther's faith and teachings. We pray that we continue to reflect, learn and change with the guidance of the Spirit and God's word, for the sake of our neighbor, to be faithful to God's mission in the world.

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 Russ Levett President  
 Michael Morey  
 Robin Schepler  
 Beth Schmidt Secretary

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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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# *October Holidays*

October 1	National Day	China	October 14	Be Bald and Be Free Day	Weird
October 1	New Moon	Lunar	October 15	Teacher's Day	Brazil
October 1	World Vegetarian Day	Weird	October 15	White Cane Safety Day	Weird
October 3	German Unity Day	Germany	October 16	Full Moon	Lunar
October 3	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	October 16	Dictionary Day	Weird
October 4	Feast of St. Petronio (Bologna)	Italy	October 17	Sukkot	Jewish
October 5	Tzom Gedaliah	Jewish	October 22	Last Quarter	Lunar
October 6	Mad Hatter Day	Weird	October 22	Make a Difference Day	Weird
October 7	World Smile Day	Weird	October 23	Hoshanah Rabba	Jewish
October 9	Double Nines Festival	China	October 23	National Mole Day	Weird
October 9	First Quarter	Lunar	October 24	Shemini Atzeret	Jewish
October 10	Canadian Thanksgiving Day	Canada	October 25	Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 10	Columbus Day	Federal	October 28	Ochi Day	Greece
October 10	Health and Sports Day	Japan	October 30	National Candy Corn Day	Weird
October 12	Our Lady of Aparecida	Brazil	October 31	Halloween	General
October 12	Yom Kippur	Jewish	October 31	Reformation Day	Germany
October 12	International Moment of Frustration Day	Weird	October 31	Last Monday in October	Ireland