
† The Concordian †

MARCH 2017



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 Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

When: Saturday, March 11th

Where: Kendall Concordia Lutheran
Church

Time: 4-7pm

Adults \$12

12 and Under \$6

Basket Auction

Sign Up Sheets are on the bulletin board.

Any questions, see Lisa Levett.

A Letter From The Pastor

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

It has been a busy month of meetings and plans. Here's some things we've been working on that are coming to fruition:

Visitation Ministry – Concordia will be having Ann Elfick come and do two training sessions with our members about how to do home visits. Ann is a trained "Stephen's Minister", a program that specializes in Lay Ministers doing visitation. We're mobilizing and equipping our members to reconnect and reach out to old friends and members who recently experience changes in their mobility and life-style. With a focus on relationships and spending time together we hope this can be a vital part of Concordia's ministry to its members! Letters inviting members to the training go out today.

Euchre Tournament and Fund-Raiser – Friday, March 31st is the deadline that we've set for trying to raise \$10,000 for the deposit on the roof repairs. We're hoping to make one last push to raise money that night at a Euchre tournament. We'll have a 50-50 raffle and free-will offering for food. \$20 entry fee for the tournament. The winner will receive more than \$100 in prizes and the loser gets their money back! We're looking for players as well as people to sponsor players to try and raise the remaining money for the roof.

If you are a player then we are asking you to go out and get sponsors to support the roof fund and cheer you on. If you're not a player, please consider sponsoring a player. Maybe you can pledge the \$20 for their entry fee, or you can pledge to donate \$1 for every point your favorite player scores. Let's try and meet our goal and have some fun doing it!

Lenten Discipline – I invite you to two different Lenten Disciplines this year.

Each Sunday in Lent I will get some coffee and sit at a round table in the Fellowship Hall and I welcome your conversation about the week's scripture and sermon. I'll bring copies of my sermon and I have sermon response forms for those interested. This Lent I am going to be intentional about working on my preaching (There is a conference, "Preaching with Power" that I'll be going to this month) and I also invite you to the practice of listening and then reflecting on the sermon and the scripture each week. I'll be in the corner with my coffee waiting for you!

Mid-Week Lenten services at St John, Hamlin. Soup-supper meal at 6, service at 7. We will have our own services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. We invite you to worship with our Lutheran neighbors at St John the other Wednesdays in Lent.

The Mutual Ministry, Worship and Music, and Fellowship and Hospitality committees have been working diligently thusfar in 2017. We look forward to sharing our plans with you and working with the congregation to further God's Kingdom. Thanks to them for their leadership and thank you in advance for your energy and efforts!

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Christine Snow
 3/2 Philip Kludt
 3/5 Carrie Hennekey
 Bradley Cole
 Tom Cole
 David Koza
 Michael Moore
 3/6 Peggy Warren
 3/8 Kristina Johnston
 Clifford Provost
 3/9 Tyler Banker
 3/11 Jeanette Behnke
 Felice D'Agostino
 3/18 Jason Pugh
 Lisa Levett
 3/20 Angelina Lockhart
 3/22 Jennifer Cole
 3/28 Michael Schuth
 3/29 Pat Hardenbrook



Those Serving In March

ASSISTING MINISTERS

- Mar. 5 Karen St. John
 Mar. 12 Beth Provost & Charley Duschen
 Mar. 19 Sybil Reisch
 Mar. 26

USHERS

- Mar. 5 & 12 Cliff Provost & Ralph Pugh
 Mar. 19 & 26 Comstock Family

ALTAR CARE

Sarah & Carina Meyer

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.

March Anniversaries

- 3/18 Gary & Linda Kludt
 3/22 Craig & Janet Herman

**ASH WEDNESDAY
 SERVICE**
 This Wednesday
 March 1st
 at 7:00 p.m.

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 March 14 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday March 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Thursday March 30 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 If these dates aren't good for you please call Jill
 at 734-3239
 to make other arrangements.

CALENDAR

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Wed., Mar. 1 | Finance Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wed., Mar. 1 | Ash Wednesday Service | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 3 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 5 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | during church |
| Fri., Mar. 10 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sat., Mar. 11 | Corn Beef Dinner | 4-7 p.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 12 | Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 12 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Tues., Mar. 14 | Clothes Closet | 6:30 - 8 p.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 17 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 19 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | during church |
| Tues., Mar. 21 | Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 24 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sat., Mar. 25 | Clothes Closet | 9:00 - Noon |
| Sun., Mar. 26 | Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. |
| Sun., Mar. 26 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Thurs., Mar. 30 | Clothes Closet | 9 - 11 a.m. |
| Fri., Mar. 31 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017

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

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

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

Cathy Herman motioned to accept the January minutes, Nancy Comstock seconded, carried.

Sexton Visit: Alan Lambert made a list of things that need to be done/improvements around the church. Some will require funds. There are big ticket items such as carpet cleaning. Brigitte Duschen checked into having the stained glass windows looked at, some have cracks. There is a place in Rochester that does this type of work. There is a tree near the parsonage that needs to be cut as it is a potential problem if it falls. We do not know if it is on church property or the neighbors. Alan had a list of who has a key. He feels there are a couple of individuals that no longer needs a key.

Pastor's Report: There will be a pulpit swap February 25th. Pastor is going to Concord in Greece and Aileen Robbins from Messiah will be at Concordia. She will teach Sunday school before church. Lillian Meyer will be organist that day as Jimmy Hartmann is on vacation. Pastor has met with mutual ministry, Pastor Frank Hanrahan and Russ Levett. Pastor Steve would like to go to Lutheran Seminary in PA. for a free program called "Preaching with Power." There is money in the budget for this type of thing. March 13-15. Concordia would pay for travel and meals. Robin Schepler made a motion to authorize Pastor Steve to go and be paid .55 per mile and meals. Nancy Comstock seconded the motion, carried.

Sunday service - 3, Special Events - Vacation, annual meeting, Scout Sunday. Visitations - home-13, sick/hospital-4, shut-in-4, total 21 (1 inactive, 2 non-member), Meetings-12, 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: A new report form generated by quickbooks was given. Council would still like to see a few tweaks in that report form.

Mutual Ministry: Have met with Pastor and Frank Hanrahan.

Property Committee: The kitchen renovation has been started. Alan Lambert is generating a list of things that need attention in and around the church. Alan will post them on the bulletin board for people to do the tasks.

Fellowship & Hospitality: Planning a Euchre Tournament fund-raiser for roof.

Worship and Music: We are not supposed to use the word "hallelujah" during Lent. So when we sing Hallelujah we will just hum the refrain.

Cub Scouts: They area disorganized group. The boys are leaving a mess at the church. Dorrie Hardenbrook said she will stop by their meeting and see what is going on.

Clothes Closet: more people are shopping.

Old Business: Siding on the parsonage where neighbors trampoline hit it. Charley Duschen talked to the insurance company and they said our deductible is \$1000.00 and not worth making a claim. Council would like the property committee to look further into it and maybe someone could find some siding that matches the damaged spot. The Alzheimer's Association care giver support group meets here the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1 - 2 p.m.

New Business: The audit needs to be done ASAP. Council suggests that the finance committee do the audit. Television system for fellowship hall for funerals and such overflow services. We received a quote from TSC Computers and Electronics, however there was not a breakdown of how much each thing cost and labor charges. Robin Schepler is going to ask Duane Schepler to check the cost. Fellowship and Hospitality are planning a roof fund-raiser Euchre Tournament on March 31. They will sell chili and have 50/50 raffle.

Building use for the lawn chair ladies to practice on Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. and Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Nancy Comstock made the motion to let the ladies use the building, Cathy Herman seconded, all in favor. Cathy Herman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tibbs Ahlberg seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Beth Schmidt

**Kendall Community
Food Cupboard
Easter Boxes**

Concordia has been asked to donate the following items.

We would like to get all of the items in by March 26th.

Please consider any of these items:

HAMS - 15

(SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD)

PANCAKE MIX (32oz) – 50

TUNA FISH – 100 cans

We will plug in the other fridge, so we have room for the hams.

Any questions,

please contact Linda Kludt 659-8484 or lkludt@rochester.rr.com

Thank You



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.

Monthly Offerings to Date:

| <u>Week Of:</u> | <u>Plate Offerings:</u> | <u>Attendance:</u> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| February 5 | \$3,816.00 | 93 |
| Simply Giving | \$700.00 | |
| February 13 | \$541.00 | 34 |
| from Cub Scout breakfast donation for using church | \$141.00 | |
| | \$40.00 | |



Nick Lockhart's Address
Nicholas Lockhart
386 ECES-CEOHE
Unit 61402
APO AEO 9855

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

hosting a CAREGIVERS support group EVERY 3rd Thursday of the month right here at church from 1-2 pm.

Any questions contact Dorrie 281-8750 Please join us at the next meeting that will be on

March 16th, 2017 at 1pm

- 2/26 9:15- Legos with Pastor
Parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin with Pastor Aileen
- 3/5 During Church- Review lesson and craft
- 3/12 9:15- Legos with Pastor
Crossing the Red Sea
- 3/19 During Church- Review lesson and craft
- 3/26 9:15- Legos with Pastor
Women at the Well
- 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**

WINTER SURPRISE

As I settle back in
my favorite chair by the window,
I'm surprised by
the light in my eyes!
The Sun!
The Sun!

It waxes and wanes on
this cold, brisk winter day.
O Lord, I love Your light!
YOU are Light. I love You, Lord!
Brighter...brighter it shines
from between the clouds.

It reminds me how
very much God love me!
Fill ME with Your Light, O Lord,
'til it shines thru me
everywhere I go!
Let me be your surprise
Sybill Reisch



Euchre Tournament Fund Raiser
March 31st at 6pm
50/50 Raffle
\$20 entry per player.
First prize - more than \$100 value!



Players, go out and get sponsors to cheer you on
and help raise money
for Concordia's roof fund.
The more players the better!
If you're not playing you can sponsor a player and
still be involved!
Let's make a final push to raise \$\$\$ for the roof!

THE SUN NEVER SETS

by Marcia Brown

What does that mean? Are we above the Arctic Circle in July? No, we are recognizing Lutherans all over the world, and somewhere the sun is always shining on a Lutheran church. The ELCA is in the fourth of five years of emphasizing the global nature of the Lutheran Church. As a member of the Lutheran World Federation, we are one of 145 member churches in 98 countries all over the world—a global community. And as part of this community, we are called to walk alongside our Lutheran brothers and sisters to do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities everywhere.

Like where? Senegal, Cambodia, Rwanda, South Sudan, Suriname, places you may have to Google to look up, they are so unfamiliar. For instance, most of us have probably not given much thought to Cambodia since the Vietnam War. Did you know the Lutheran Church of Cambodia was established there in 2011? Out of a population of 15 million people, the Lutherans boast a membership of 253. They rely on funding from the ELCA, but hope to be self-sufficient by 2035. We would think of sending missionaries there, but their goal is to send Cambodian missionaries to help restore the European church! They also hope to get Christians elected to government positions to improve the country's situation. Celebrate the faith of Lutherans in Cambodia! Your mission support goes to Southeast Asia, and all over the world! Thank you!

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's work. Our hands.

*When we depend on man, we get what man can do;
when we depend on prayer, we get what God can do.*

Advocacy Involves You



Rev. Norma Malfatti

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning." John 15:26-27

As I write this article it is just days after our nation has welcomed a new Administration and new Congress. It's easy to think that our work as people of faith and citizens is over; that we have cast our ballots and the work is now in the hands of those who were elected. However tempting those thoughts are, there is still work to be done as people of faith who are called out of buildings and into our communities to love and serve our neighbors, including using our hands, feet and voices for civic engagement.

In his Large Catechism, Martin Luther describes 'government' as a means through which God works to preserve creation and to help maintain a peaceful and just social order in a sinful world. Just as Luther used his faith to guide his prolific writings, our faith can also guide how we look at public issues and interpret what is happening in political life. In our founding as the ELCA we boldly proclaimed that we are called to be a public church drawing on the gift of a heritage that sees government structures in their instrumental role. Thus, we have a call and responsibility to engage political leaders on the values and ethics affirmed by our faith. This is what the ELCA calls the ministry of advocacy.

The ELCA's efforts are not about partisan politics, nor am I suggesting you engage in them. In fact, in order to protect religious liberty and our nation's democratic system, we must remember that it is not the church's role to promote or belittle any single official or endorse any activity that will provide any form of partisan gain. Our ELCA advocacy offices hope to encourage Lutheran Christians to get involved, vote and be advocates as they become more aware of issues of importance to our communities, country and the world. It is part of our call as Christians to think critically about our civic responsibility and prayerfully and thoughtfully evaluate political issues as we seek to live out our faith in Jesus who is the One who teaches and challenges us, the One who loves and welcomes all people, the One who died and rose again so that all may experience new and flourishing life.

You can learn more about the ELCA's advocacy efforts by visiting
<http://elca.org/advocacy>

You can find out who your elected leaders are and how to contact them by visiting
<http://www.house.gov/representatives>

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
1769 Kendall Road - Kendall, New York 14476

Office Phone: 585-659-2778

Email: concordia_kendall@hotmail.com

Pastor Rev. Steve Meyer
Music Director Jimmy Hartmann
Parish Administrator Beth Schmidt
Church Treasurer Mary Lou Lockhart
Sexton Alan Lambert

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tibbs Ahlberg
Nancy Comstock
Dorrie Hardenbrook Vice President
Cathy Herman
Russ Levett President
Robin Schepler
Beth Schmidt Secretary

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.

www.concordialutherankendallny.org

This Newsletter was printed on paper generously given by Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home.

Daylight Savings Time



don't forget to spring forward
March 12th