



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.

Planting Your Spring Garden For The Garden of Your Daily Life

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Services
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

*Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden because you
reap what you sow.*

A Letter From The Pastor

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

Since the new year there have been a few themes that have emerged on Sunday mornings. There have been seasonal themes like Lent and Easter. Musical themes like when the musician weaves melodies from a hymn into the prelude. Reoccurring themes from week to week like the Legos that the Sunday School kids have been using.

There is another theme emerging this spring. Each Sunday for a couple of weeks in a row the Gospel readings will revolve around the issue. Music and preaching will explore the expressions and complications about it. And we have already begun to find ways to explicitly express this theme to one another on Sunday mornings. And hopefully it is obvious. And helpful. And uplifting. And uncomfortable. And life-giving. And exhausting. And pleasing to our God.

Our theme is simple and profound: Love.

This past Sunday the Sunday School kids were practicing singing with Jimmy Hartmann. They were singing "Jesus Love Me". So we sang it together during communion. During the Sharing of the Peace I heard people greeting one another with words of love. As people left church I greeted them each: "God loves you. I love you." And it was great! Cliff Provost, as only he can, gave a matter-of-fact, gentlemanly "And I love you in return." Mary Ellen Seaman said "So where's my hug?" And we shared an embrace. Right behind her came Steve who insisted he got one too. It was a wonderful love-fest. All around the room there were people laughing and hugging, some tenderly holding one another, some firmly squeezing one another, others more awkwardly encountering one another.

And we're gonna keep exploring this theme. We're gonna sing loves songs. We're gonna hear God's Word about love each week. The kids are gonna tell us about it. We're gonna tell each other: "God loves you. I love you." We're gonna hear about God's love for us. His command for us to love others. God's love for others as a model for us to follow. God's command for us to love and pray for our enemies. Love, love, love.

God command for us to love is simple. And it is profound and terribly difficult to go and live out. The easy part is to hear about it. The hard part is to try and give love the way God commands. Unconditionally. Even our enemies. Loving others as we love ourselves. Loving others as God loves us. It's no easy thing.

That's why we're gonna talk about it. Sing about it. Do our best to express it when we are together, surrounded and reminded by God's love on a Sunday morning, so that when we go out into the world maybe we'll be better at it. We'll have practiced. We'll have the reminders fresh in our mind, tunes stuck in our heads, visions from Sunday replaying through our subconscious.

Gracious God of love – remind us of your love that we might embody your love in the world. Give us the strong reminders that you love us. Give us the strength to love one another, our enemies, and ourselves. We thank you for the infinite love and forgiveness of Christ that gives us the opportunity to give that divine love to the world. Amen.

Below is a link to a love song, God's abiding love for us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l121hbfEN88>

Jimmy and I are working on singing this some Sunday soon.

May Birthdays

5-3 Kevin Banker
 5-4 Nicholas Schuth
 Matthew Schuth
 David Stenshorn
 Evan Levett
 5-10 Caitlin Collins
 5-21 Cheryl Cole
 5-22 Jonathon Conte
 5-25 Cora Meyer
 5-27 Adam Schepler
 5-28 Tibbs Ahlberg
 5-30 Joanne Herman
 5-31 Candi Mael



Those Serving In May

ASSISTING MINISTERS

May 1 Jennifer Banker
 May 8 Karen St. John
 May 15 Beth Provost, Adam Comstock,
 Charley Duschen
 May 22
 May 29 Sybil Reisch

USHERS

May 1 & 8 Levett Family
 May 15-22-29 Jeff Conte & Craig Herman

ALTAR CARE

Mary Herring & Judy Ernenwein

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.

Starting next month, Concordia is increasing our subscription to **Christ In Our Home**. This is daily devotional resource that you may take home. They are located in the hallway under the telephone.

May Anniversaries

5-06 Tom & Cheryl Cole
 5-10 Norm & Karen St. John
 5-13 Blaine & Wendy Young
 5-25 Dan & Marietta Schuth
 5-25 Don & Brenda Canaway
 5-26 David & Cathy Schuth
 5-28 Tibbs & Kathy Ahlberg

Happy Mother's Day

A Message From Finance

Please be aware that for the last three months, I have had to take money from the building fund to pay the bills!

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| February | \$2,200.00 |
| March | \$650.00 |
| April | \$423.00 |

| Monthly Offerings to Date: | | attendance |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Simply Giving April | \$650.00 | |
| April 3 | \$1,355.00 | 36 |
| April 10 | \$2,693.00 | 53 |
| April 17 | \$1,358.25 | 57 |
| April 24 | \$1,371.00 | 50 |
| Building Fund | \$50.00 | |
| borrowed from building fund | \$423.00 | |
| refund from insurance | \$123.00 | |

CALENDAR

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| Sun., May 1 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| | BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH | |
| | Breakfast | 11:15 a.m. |
| Tues., May 3 | Worship & Music Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed., May 4 | Finance Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Fri., May 6 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sun., May 8 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY | |
| Fri., May 13 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sun., May 15 | Sunday School | 9:15 a.m. |
| | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Tues., May 17 | Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri., May 20 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sun., May 22 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Fri., May 27 | Seriously Funny Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sun., May 29 | Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Mon., May 30 | Memorial Day | |

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2016

Members Present: Russ Levett, Pastor Steven Meyer, Dorrie Hardenbrook, Michael Morey, Robin Schepler, Nancy Comstock

Absent: Beth Schmidt, Tibbs Ahlberg

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

Robin Schepler made a motion to accept the agenda, Michael Morey seconded, carried.

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

Pastor's Report: Services - 5, Special Events/Services - Blue & Gold Banquet, Holy Week/Easter, Wine and Cheese Party. Visits - home-16, sick/hospital-2, shut-in-6, 0 inactive, 3 non-member, Meetings - 8, Counselings - 4, Miles - 291.8 Bring a friend to church is May 1. Mutual ministry had made themselves available for concerned member that want to speak with them. Sharon Kaminski is no longer on the committee. It is Charley Duschen, Carol D'Agostino and Jill Groves. These people are appointed by the Pastor and Council President. Fellowship and Hospitality has scheduled a few events recently with another coming up late summer/early fall. Pastor would like to see Council member at these events.

Parish Administrator: No report

Finance Committee: Looking into changing banks due to customer service. Robin Schepler made a motioned to change to ESL, Michael Morey seconded, carried.

Christian Education: Everything is planned till end of Sunday School year.

Property Committee: The faucets in the Ladies room have been fixed by Gary Kludt. Bill Hardenbrook is still working on the wall in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship & Hospitality: Look for upcoming date for Euchre Tournament. Hosted by Tomasino family.

Worship & Music Committee: Discussing of the young people serving communion. They want to make serving communion a part of the Confirmation Class. They want the council minutes in the newsletter.

Cub Scouts: They will be raking the church grounds.

New Business: Finance asked if they could get a computer in the office just for the use of finance. Robin Schepler motioned to let them purchase a computer for finance, recommended funds come from Klafehn fund. Seconded by Russ Levett. Carried.

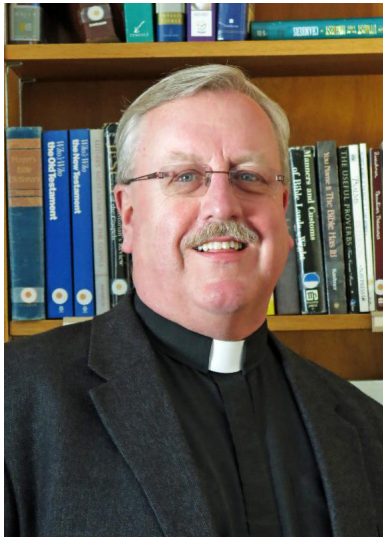
A motion was made by Pastor Meyer to offer the musician position to Jimmy Hartmann, contract effective Sunday April 24 - December 31, 2016. Renewal to be determined in January of 2017. Pay rate is \$125.00 per week. Russ Levett seconded the motion, carried.

A representative from Lifetime Assistance (Sheri Ainsworth, associate director of day services) came to the meeting with Sandy Dyer to discuss their Adult Day Care Program. They gave an overview of services provided for outreach. Pastor made a motion to partner with Lifetime Assistance Day Service Outreach Program, Michael Morey seconded the motion, carried.

Robin Schepler made a motion for Concordia to serve ice cream at the Homegrown Days in August (13-14). (more details to follow), Dorrie Hardenbrook seconded, all in favor carried.

Russ Levett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robin Schepler seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 8:43 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Dorrie Hardenbrook



Bishop John Macholz

Bishop's Appeal for 2016

As you may know, at the moment seminarians are graduating with excessive debt loads these days. In a conversation with one such person recently I was told that even though they will be paying off their debt for the long term future, they will never be able to pay it off entirely before they die! This is a person who is responsible and well-grounded in an understanding of stewardship.

In order to assist folks like this, the Bishop's Appeal for 2016 will help to create a fund to offer assistance to those in need who become rostered in our synod. We will set apart the year of 2016 to create the account, put in place requirements for receiving disbursements and solidifying a base. The fund will then continue to exist in the coming years until it is no longer necessary; it will be an ongoing giving opportunity so that we can help new pastors in need and show our support for the larger church in the process.

You may make checks payable to the Upstate New York Synod and write "Pay Down" in the memo. We will keep you informed as to process as we move forward. In advance, thanks for your generosity and willingness to participate.

To my Friend, _____

I am inviting you and your family to join me and my family to
"Bring a Friend to Church Day".
There will be great music and a good Word to hear.

Date: Sunday, May 1st

Time: 10am

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church
Kendall Road

Love, _____



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THERE'S A REASON SOME PEOPLE
THINK THEY CAN DO ANYTHING...

They listened to their mothers.