
† The Concordian †

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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.

A Very Special Bank Account

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.



A Letter From The Pastor

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

Highs and Lows! And not just the temperatures. The weather was mostly drab and then ended with some beautiful summer days. So it has been in the news. Mostly drab with rays of sunshine here and there (and if I'm wrong about that, please correct me. I'd love to hear some good news!)

This past month saw more than its fair share of funerals and news of terminal illnesses from doctors, punctuated by weddings and birth announcements. The highs and lows, the joys and sorrows of life are at play in our community and I pray that the Holy Spirit would instill a grateful and worshipping heart as well as peace and comfort when we need.

But it turns out that on some level I am wrong about that. In the face of death and mourning we have the brightest Sonlight that could possibly shine. The Good News of Jesus Christ is that death is but the gateway to eternal life.

In almost 6 years of Ordained ministry I have not seen such confidence and hope in those who are mourning and those who are preparing to die.

Two weeks ago, the Harrier family suffered the unexpected death of a husband and wife. Sitting with the family we talked about grief and shock, but they also spoke about hope and love. Of course there was deep sadness and I'm not trying to make light of that – but to hear the family even deign to mention Joy and Fond Remembrances shined light into a dreary world. This gave me an opportunity to speak a word of God's love for their deceased loved ones and for them. I pray the Spirit guided our mouths and ears in that moment.

I have also had the opportunity to sit with people who have been diagnosed with terminal illnesses and a woman at the hospital who understood that her spouse would not recover and come home with her again. The courage and hope those people have shown in the face of death this September has been remarkable. One person is just so **grateful** for a blessed life well-lived. Another espouses how it is the promises of Christ that enable them to accept and move forward with the rest of their life free from fear and worry.

When people greet each other and ask how life is you have heard (maybe even said) "It beats the alternative". I leave you with an anecdote I heard this past month that flips that upside down.

A man came to the funeral for an old friend that he hadn't seen in years. There was Martha, Barb's long-time compatriot, the joker of the crew. The man said "Martha! It's been so long!" And chancing a joke with her he said, "How's life been? I can't believe you're still alive!"

With a wry smile and a tear in the corner of her eye she said, "My life? Nothing compared to dear Barbara's. She's only just begun to live."

May the God who has defeated death through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ bless you with every confidence and comfort in the cold and the warmth of this life.

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. 1 Beth Provost & Charley Duschen
- Oct. 8 Jennifer Banker
- Oct. 15
- Oct. 22
- Oct. 29

USHERS

- Oct. 1 & 8 Craig Herman & Steve Seaman
- Oct. 15, 22, 29 Louie, Jonny & Sammy Conte & Evan Levett

ALTAR CARE

Cindy Wolck

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.

October Anniversaries

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



Congratulations and Good News

This September Carina Meyer started a tenure track position as a high school counselor at Hilton High School. Congratulations to Carina on returning to that part of her vocation!

The Meyer family has switched to Carina's health insurance which means a significant savings for Concordia. We will be saving about \$10,000 per year which is great news!

CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 1	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School during church	
Wed., Oct. 4	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 8	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 13	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 15	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School during church	
Tues., Oct. 17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 19	Alzheimer's Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 20	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 22	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 29	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 31	Trunk or Treat	

Eagle Scout Project - Bottle Drive

Boy Scout Keith "Little" Szczepanski is preparing for his Eagle Scout projects at Concordia. He will be painting the north foyer to our building and replacing some of the trim to make a prettier and brighter entrance for us, as well as purchasing new tables for the Fellowship Hall and basement! Such generosity!

As part of his project Little started a bottle drive this summer. He has partnered with a local business that will give him 6 cents per can/bottle and his goal is to raise \$1000. This money will help him buy supplies for the foyer and tables, and left over funds will become a donation directly to the church!

Please help this young man achieve his Eagle Scout Badge and support your church by bringing your recyclables to Concordia in the coming weeks. Bottles and cans need to be brought to Little or to Concordia and not the Boy Scout collection locations around Kendall.

Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts and your congregation.

The church is in need of the following items:

Stamps for the newsletter
Clorox toilet bowl cleaner
Renuzit Air Freshner

HAM DINNER

and

Baked Food Sale

Morton Baptist Church
1152 Countyline Road, Morton
Saturday, October 28
serving 4:00 - 7:00
take outs available
for tickets call: 659-8089
Adults \$9.00 Seniors \$8.00
Children 6-12 \$8.00 5 & under free

Trunk-or-Treat!!

This Halloween Concordia is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event for all ages!

Tuesday, Oct 31st starting at sundown Concordia invites you to bring your cars and your kids to the church lot where we expect plenty of Trick-or-Treaters to stop. Located right in town Concordia get a lot of foot traffic on Halloween night. Decorate your trunk so kids can come and gather candy, just like they do at the other houses.

At Concordia we are dedicated to providing a safe, fun environment for kids and families to play and grow. Our location provides a significant chance to give families a place to have fun on Halloween with a convenient location right in the middle of all the trick-or-treating in town.

The event is open to any and everyone! Tell your friends. Bring a whole crowd. We look forward to a safe, fun evening for everyone.





BEEF ON WECK DINNER

Saturday, October 14th 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Take Out Only - \$8.00

Sign up sheet on bulletin board so they can have an idea of how many dinners they will serve.

put on by the worship and music committee

THANK YOU

The Kendall Lawn Chair Ladies are very appreciative of you allowing us to use your building for practices.

Your generosity allows us to continue to practice all year round.

Sincerely,
The Kendall LCL's

Memorial Fund June to September

Yorke Knapp

Scott, Aleka, Hayley and Danielle Schmidt

D. F. Goodwin

Wanda Bonke**

Gayla Bonke**

Larry Rowles**

Jeamette Couchman and Dave Reis

John and Wendy Becker

Roger and JoAnn Herman**

Connie Driesel and family

Pat Suhr**

Larry and Sue Klafehn**

Cynthia and Alison Kraemer

Sharon Sedore

Cynthia and Alison Kraemer

Mildred Wilson Baker

Judy Ernenwein

**indicates gift went to building fund

- 10/1 During Church
Sunday School lesson and craft
- 10/8 9:15- Sunday School with Pastor:
Learn how to be a hero: Heart
- 10/15 During Church
Learn how to be a Hero: Courage
- 10/22 9:15- Sunday School
Learn how to be a Hero: Wisdom
- 10/29 9:15- Sunday School
Learn how to be a Hero: Hope
- 11/5 During Church
Learn how to be a Hero: Power
- 11/12 During Church-

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday,
Snacks and a craft

- 11/19 After Church- Choose parts for Christmas play, begin play practice
- 11/26 After Church- Play practice
- 12/3 9:00- **Deck the Halls** (with treats!)
After Church- Play practice
- 12/10 After Church- Play practice
- 12/17 During Church- **Christmas Play!!!**



Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

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

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with special needs and concerns shared.

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

Dorrie Hardenbrook motioned to accept the August minutes, Russ Levett seconded, carried.

Special Guest Alan Lambert thanked Council for the reception and gift on his retirement as church sexton. Everyone thanked him for his years of service. Alan would like to see the electric job to the island completed. We have trunk or treat coming up and tree of lights and it would be nice of parking area was lit up for these event.

Pastor's Report: Pastor was absent from meeting but sent a written report. Sunday service - 5, Movie night, homegrown days ice cream sale, ecumenical outdoor service, rally day, reception for Alan, KCS open house, clothes closet table. Visitations - home-10, sick/hospital-8, shut-in-5 total 23 (0 inactive, 3 non-member), Meetings-14, Counselings-12, - in office and phone calls with family of hospitalized embers. Weddings-Banker,, Carlton/Reis Funeral- Behnke Burial, Stubblebine funeral. Burial, Baptism - 0, vacation used 1 week in January (5 days including 1 Sunday) Sick Time Feb. 13 1/2 day. Vacation May 19 and 21, 2017, July 26 & 27, August 21 - 23. (12 days including 2 Sundays to date).

Finance Committee: The report was given. Memorial Fund has \$18,817.36. \$145 spent on candle oil & cups. What exactly is the special fund? Council thinks it's the kitchen, driveway monies.

Christian Education: The meet again in October. They set up the curriculum for the rest of the year and are doing similar theme as VBS.

Mutual Ministry: They have been meeting monthly with Pastor Steve and are currently conducting staff reviews.

Property Report: The driveway is sealed and striped. The septic have been pumped. A dehumidifier was purchased by Bill and Dorrie Hardenbrook for the basement. Beth Schmidt made a motion to have the electric job to the island finished and not to exceed \$500.00 and for the money to come from the memorial fund. We would also like it done by Halloween. Cathy Herman seconded, all in favor, carried.

Russ Levett made a motion to fix the front steps at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 and for the money to come from the building fund. Beth Schmidt seconded, all in favor, carried.

A member of the congregation has made a donation of cushions for all of the church pews. Joette Knapp has offered to have the fellowship hall rug cleaned.

Worship and Music: They are having a beef on weck Dinner on October 14th, take-outs only with a basket raffle.

Cub Scouts: They left the kitchen lights on and the hot water running in the men's room. Dorrie will tell Jason Hardenbrook about this as he is affiliated with this group.

Clothes Closet: Is open monthly and some clothes were taken to the school for open house.

Old Business: The broken post at the driveway. Pastor said he will talk to Tom Drennan about it, we don't know if that has happened yet.

New Business: The front concrete steps are cracked and was voted on earlier in the meeting under property.

Cathy Herman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robin Schepler seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Beth Schmidt
Parish Administrator

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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.

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**CONCORDIA PARKING LOT
HALLOWEEN NIGHT**