



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.

## Make A Difference

By Joseph J. Mazzella

I love the story of the starfish on the beach. I have read it many times in several different forms over the years but I am always struck by its simple truth. One form of it goes like this: A man was walking down the beach one day when he saw a young boy coming towards him. Every few feet or so the boy would stop, bend down, and pick up a starfish. Then with a huge effort he would toss it back into the ocean. The man asked the boy why he was doing this. The boy said, "These starfish will die soon out in the heat of the sun. I am tossing them back into the water so they can survive." The man laughed and explained to the boy that there were millions of starfish stranded on beaches like this all over the world. How could he possibly hope to make any difference with his efforts? The boy just bent down, picked up another starfish, and tossed it into the sea. "It makes a difference to this one", he said.

The simple truth is that every single thing we do in this life makes a difference either for good or for ill. The choice is ours which one. Our actions are far more powerful than we think. Each thing we do is like a pebble tossed in a pond. Only God knows how far the ripples will travel or who they will touch.

Make a difference for good in this life then. Share your smile with a stranger. Give another a lift with your car and your kindness. Pick up a piece of trash on the side of the road. Pet a dog. Donate to a charity. Stop and have a long talk with your neighbor. Share a good laugh with a friend. Write a note of encouragement to someone who needs it. Give your children and grandchildren a big hug. Toss a starfish back into the sea. Share your love with everyone you meet. Pray and let God guide all of your days here. You will be amazed at how much good you will do. You will be amazed at the difference you will make.



# *A Letter From The Pastor*

Grace and Peace to you at the end of this summer!

We've had a varied summer this year with some weeks nice and quiet and others jam packed with fun! Vacation Bible School fell hot on the heels of the Kendall Carnival. The Rummage Sale was the same weekend as the Team Thomasino Euchre Tournament. Exciting times! Also, while June and July are usually considered "Wedding Season" apparently for 2017 it's September and October. In the middle of August I met with 4 couples in 8 days to plan upcoming weddings.

The Sunday School schedule is all set for the fall as well. We are looking forward to revisiting the themes from Vacation Bible School's "Hero Central". We'll hear stories about how God's Heroes have:

Heart  
    Courage  
        Wisdom  
            Hope  
                Power

We also look forward to Bring a Friend to Church Sunday right before the Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin.

It's been a fairly busy summer at Concordia with the completion of a few building projects and social ministry events as well. We can't wait to start the fall up with you all! Keep your ear to the ground for an upcoming First Communion instruction, Trunk-or-Treat, and all sorts of other fun events happening at Concordia!

God Bless!

Pr Steve



## September Birthdays

9/3 John Cole  
Julie St. John  
9/6 Edward Moore  
9/9 William Behnke  
Jill Kludt  
9/11 Glenn Quetschenbach  
9/14 Dorrie Hardenbrook  
9/15 Kristin Pugh  
9/19 Yorke B. Knapp  
9/20 Craig Herman  
9/23 Lisa Stenshorn  
Michael Morey  
9/24 Lori Moore  
9/26 William Betz  
Adeline Klafehn  
Guyla Lockhart-Morey  
9/29 Mary Herring  
9/30 David Warren



## Those Serving In September

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Sept. 3 Beth Provost & Charley Duschen  
Sept. 10 Charley Duschen & Beth Provost  
Sept. 17  
Sept. 24

### USHERS

Sept. 3 & 10 Comstock Family  
Sept. 17 & 24 Levett Family

### ALTAR CARE

No one has signed up

### 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.

## September Anniversaries

9/6 John & Karen Cole

### A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

If you leave notes for either the church secretary or treasurer, please sign your name, so that we may contact you for further questions or clarifications of said notes.

THANK YOU  
RUDY KLUDT  
&  
MARK WOLCK

Rudy fixed (straightened) the iron Concordia sign that is now located in the cross island in front of the driveway. Mark painted the sign. The sign was hit while the roof was being installed. It used to be located to the south of the front walkway. Mark also recently painted the ceilings in the building.

THANK YOU  
ALAN LAMBERT

Alan has been our sexton the last few years. He has generously done so for no salary.

Alan has decided to step down from the cleaning duties of Concordia.

## CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 3	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 6	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 10	Worship RALLY DAY Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 17	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 19	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 21	Alzheimer's Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 24	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 29	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

# **SYNOD TIDBITS**

## **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering**

Calling all Key Leaders for the next National Youth Gathering! Please join the “Upstate New York: 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering” Facebook group for information, discussion, resources and support. Also, please note that registration opens on September 15th. Registration worksheets are available on the gathering’s website. At the time of registration you will need your congregation’s ID number and a \$150 deposit per registrant. Questions??? Contact Scott Hannon at 716-532-6557.

## **The growing congregations in Zambia need new buildings**

Due to rapid growth of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia, congregations find themselves in need of sturdy, weatherproof buildings to house their worship. Learn about the initiative to fund 15 church buildings, starting with a leadership training center. Read more about this, the summer missionary conference and more at ELCA Global Links .

## **ELCA Advocacy-Healthcare**

On Friday, July 28, in the early morning hours, the Senate defeated legislation that would have ended health care coverage for millions of seniors, veterans, children and low-income working families. Lutherans sent more than 3,000 emails and calls to their senators, and the impact is now clear. Read more.

## **About United Lutheran Seminary**

United Lutheran Seminary is the newest graduate and professional school in theological education with the deepest roots.

A seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), United Lutheran Seminary is a single school with two campuses, consolidating two historic, Pennsylvania seminaries from Gettysburg and Philadelphia. Read the August 2017 Farewell Edition of PS Portions and visit the new ULS website.

## **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month - NAMI**

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. We use this month to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services. Promote National Suicide Prevention Month.

## **WELCA’s Tenth Triennial Gathering (2017)**

was held July 13-16 in Minneapolis.

Nearly 3,400 participants attended the gathering, and more than 1,300 were first-timers.

\$49,094.60 was given in Thursday evening’s Thankoffering service. Read more.

# THANK YOU

Wow....another rummage sale completed. I've always said it's not about the money we make but the new and old friendships that are made.

A huge thank you to all who set-up, sorted, priced, bought and donated. There were many and I'm going to name names!!

Dorrie, Brynne, Beth S., Eileen B., Eileen H, Mary H, Carina, Sarah, Pastor Steve, Kathy A., Tibbs, Jill, Joette, Pat D, Alan, Charley, Cathy H, Lannie, Leanne, Hunter, Jen, Nancy and Rob Lockhart. I'm sure I've forgotten someone but please know how much your donations of items and your time means to everyone in our church.

Don't be too surprised if you see some new faces in the coming year, we had an awesome time chatting with our neighbors.

We took in \$1097.11. Had expenses of \$126.00 for a net of \$971.11 with really no big items for sale. Clean up is on going with the Salvation Army coming to pick up everything that's left on 9/21/17. Unfortunately we can't schedule a pick up until we know what we have leftover.

We sent some men's suits and coats to the Career Services Professional Closet at SUNY Brockport. A professor in the social work department was collecting coats for a project and I will be taking the electronics to Sunnking Recycling sometime soon.

Thank you again for a successful sale.

Best regards,  
Robin Schepler

- 9/10 **Sunday School Kickoff!**  
Help with service and have breakfast
- 9/17 During Church  
Begin building our Scarecrow
- 9/24 9:15- Finish building our Scarecrow
- 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!!!**



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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Nancy Comstock	
Dorrie Hardenbrook	Vice President
Cathy Herman	
Russ Levett	President
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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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th**  
**Be safe and enjoy your holiday!**