
✚ The Concordian ✚

AUGUST 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 rummage sale will be
August 10 - 11 - 12

If you have any questions, see Robin Schepler.
You may start bringing your items to the basement.

SALE HOURS

Thursday, August 10
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 11
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 12
BAG SALE
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A Letter From The Pastor

Grace and Peace!

I hope the mild summer finds you well! Between drought, wind storms, blizzards, and the flooding lake, nature has been quite a bit to contend with for the past 15 or so months. The more dependable weather of the past few weeks has been a welcome change and I hope the same for you.

The past two months in the newsletter I have written about the different building and service projects taking place at Concordia and that our church has been a part of in the community. There is still more to report!

With his associate, Don Kober, Duane Schepler installed a closed circuit camera/TV setup in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. The camera can be remotely controlled and has presets for different positions around the room as well. We got a VERY good install for our cost, that's for sure!

You will also notice that the fellowship hall, offices, kitchen, and hallway are much brighter. New LED light fixtures were installed in most of the upstairs and Mark Wolk brought in a crew and painted the ceilings. It's SO much brighter!

Thanks to everyone who helped organize, install, and paint! Our church is more functional and hospitable for your efforts.

I also want to draw your attention to the Kendall Community Homegrown Days. On August 19th and 20th at the Firehall and gazebo there will be wholesome family fun for all ages. Concordia will be selling ice cream on Saturday afternoon and evening. There will be a family kickball game after dinner - I LOVE kickball, it's been years! Plus a movie in the evening - SING! is one of my favorite new movies. The big number at the climax is a cover of a Stevie Wonder song that I have actually stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Stevie and sung to my wife with him. So I like that song a bit.

Sunday morning of the Homegrown Days features an ecumenical worship service at the gazebo at 10. Some seating will be provided and the Lions Club will have a tent set up, but consider bringing your own chairs and maybe some shade - this bald pastor will be wearing sunscreen and finding shade! We will gather to worship with all of the Kendall area churches to worship as one community at the end of the Homegrown Days, a fitting way to round out the festivities. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

God Bless the rest of your summer!

Pr Steve

August Birthdays

8/2 Andrew Betz
 8/4 Pastor Steven Meyer
 8/5 Charley Duschen
 Marietta Schuth
 8/7 Sharon Patt
 8/10 Alissa Starkweather
 8/11 David Warren
 8/14 Bob Comstock
 8/16 Kathy Ahlberg
 8/31 Jeff Conte



August Anniversaries

8/3 Robert & Sybil Reisch
 8/4 Mike & Janet Behnke
 8/15 William & Jeanette Behnke
 8/17 Walter & Dolly Steffen
 8/21 Donald & Susan Pritchard
 8/21 Reed & Kristina Heidemann

New Pastor in Town...

A delightful angelic little boy was waiting for his mother outside the ladies room of the gas station.

As he stood there, he was approached by a man who asked, "Sonny, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right. It's on the left."

The man thanked the boy kindly, complimented him on how bright he was and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. If you and your mommy come to church on Sunday, I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle; "You're kidding me, right?
 You can't even find the Post Office."

Those Serving In August

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Aug. 6
 Aug. 13 Jen Banker
 Aug. 20 *No one has signed up.*
 Aug. 27 *Please consider being an assisting minister. Talk to Pastor if you are interested.*

USHERS

Aug. 6 & 13 Rudy Kludt & Cliff Provost
 Aug. 20 & 27 Alan Lambert

ALTAR CARE

Beth Provost

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.

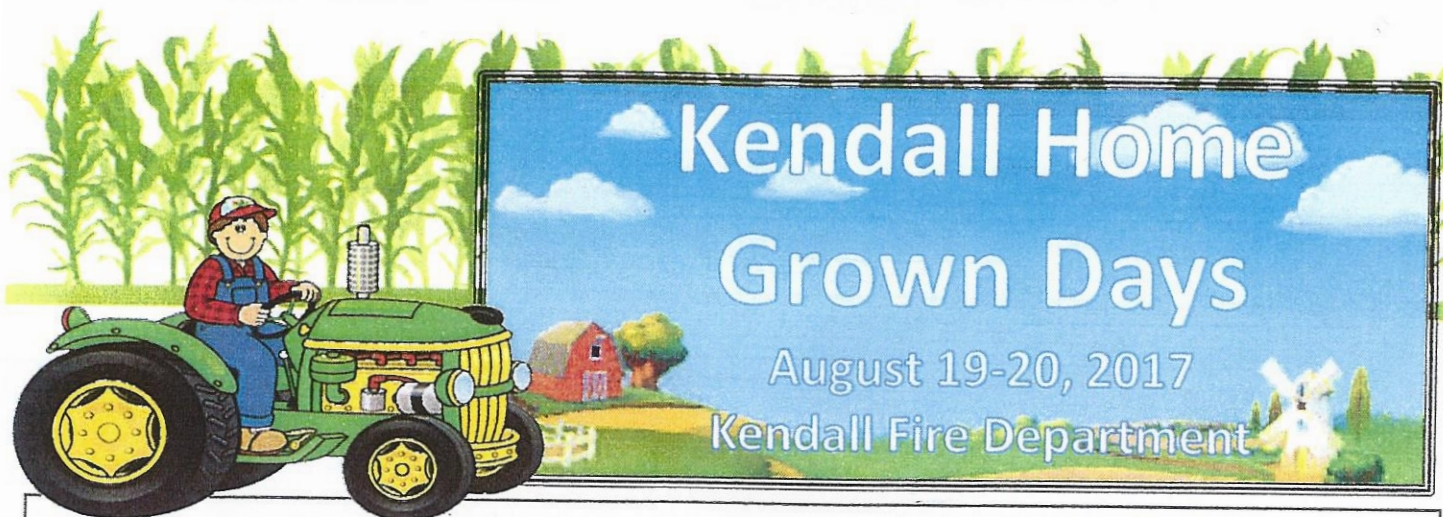
or by appointment.

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.

CALENDAR

Wed., Aug. 2	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 6	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Thurs., Aug. 10	Rummage Sale	9 - 6
Fri., Aug. 11	Rummage Sale	9 - 6
Sat., Aug. 12	Rummage Sale BAG SALE	9 - 3
Sun., Aug. 13	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Aug. 15	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 17	Alzheimer's Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 19	Home Grown Days	5:00 p.m.
	Concordia is serving ice cream	
Sun., Aug. 20	Worship (at Gazebo)	10:00 a.m.
Sun., Aug. 27	Worship	10:00 a.m.



Saturday, August 19th

5:00 PM	<p>Beef on Weck Dinner \$10 includes beef on weck sandwich along with 2 delicious side dishes <i>Sponsored by Partyka Farms</i></p> <p>Drinks <i>Sponsored by Kendall United Methodist Church</i></p> <p>Ice Cream <i>Sponsored by Concordia Lutheran Church</i></p>	<p>Games for Kids <i>Sponsored by Garden Club, Kludt Farms, Partyka Farms, St. Mark's Church, Morton Baptist Church</i></p> <p>Hay Maze <i>Sponsored by Patt Brother's Farm</i></p> <p>Support Your Local Businesses <i>Booths located inside the fire hall</i></p>
6:00 PM	<p>Family Kickball Game <i>Come One, Come All</i></p>	
7:00 PM	<p>Magic Show- Amazing Magic Joe</p>	
At Dusk 8:30 PM		<p>Free Outdoor Movie SING Behind Town Hall Popcorn and Lemonade <i>Provided by the Lions Club</i></p>

Sunday, August 20th

10:00 AM	<p>Community Worship At the Gazebo (Bring Your Own Chair) Refreshments to follow <i>Led by Pastor Richardson from the Morton Baptist Church</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RAIN OR SHINE</p> <p><i>Any Questions feel free to contact: bflow@townofkendall.com</i></p>
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Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

by Susan Fox , President

Upstate New York Synod Women of the ELCA

Eighteen women from Upstate NY Synod Women of the ELCA attended the Tenth Triennial Gathering of Women of the ELCA held July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During the Convention portion of the week (July 10-13) a new set of officers and Board members was elected. Upstate was represented by four voting members who helped to elect our new President of the Churchwide Organization, Lisa Plorin, who is on the far left of the picture. These new officers and Board will lead our organization for the next three years.

During the Gathering portion of the week, which had a theme of “All Anew”, the women attending heard from wonderful guest speakers such as Kelly Fryer, who is the author of upcoming Bible Studies in Gather magazine, Leymah Gbowee, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and our Bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton. There were opportunities for servant events, film screenings, workshops and opportunities to see many beautiful places in the Minneapolis area.

The women of Upstate NY Synod contributed to the success of this event by making labyrinths for distribution, sending in-kind gifts and quilt kits and generously giving Thankofferings that help to support the programs of the Churchwide Women of the ELCA. We are looking forward to our 11th Triennial which will be held in Phoenix, Arizona in 2020.

Hymn Festival 500

by Ron Diefendorf

Vice President, Palatine Society

Lutherans from many walks of life gathered at the Shrine of Lutheranism in the Mohawk Valley on Sunday, July 16, to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in a hymn festival featuring several of Martin Luther's hymns as well as those written by hymn writers from the early Reformation Church such as Paul Gerhardt and Joachim Neander.

The Old Palatine Church, located between St. Johnsville and Nelliston, NY, was built in 1770 by early settlers from Germany's Palatine region, seeking political and religious freedom in the new world. They brought with them their own tradition of German hymns. The church was erected by local German Lutheran settlers and their names can still be found among residents of the Mohawk Valley. The building was built of native limestone and its beautiful windows overlook the valley, which made it a valuable place for treating the wounded during the Revolutionary War. Most of the homes and barns in the area were destroyed in the 1780 Burning of the Valleys under Tory Sir John Johnson and Chiefs Joseph Brandt and Cornplanter, but the Palatine Church was spared.

A Lutheran congregation worshipped in this church until 1947, when the Upper New York Synod gave the church to the Palatine Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Society's mission is to preserve this structure and program educational, cultural and church services throughout the year.

The historic building is open during the summer for visitors, weddings, funerals, special church services and concert programs. 'Hymn Festival 500' was coordinated by Roberta Rowland-Raybold, Director of Music from First Lutheran Church, Albany, NY. A volunteer choir was made up of people from many area churches. Pastors and church leaders shared the history of the hymns. The Rev. William Hodgetts, President of the Palatine Society, opened the service with a welcome and prayer. Readers included Joanne Reynolds, Rev. John Medwid, Leland Roseboom, Catherine Ritchey, Mark Reilly, Rev. Judith Thistle and Rev. William Hodgetts. Vocal soloist was Yolanda Sharpe of Christ Church, Cooperstown and Glimmerglass Opera. Roberta Rowland-Raybold presided at the church's historic pipe organ built by the late Robert S. Rowland, a native of the Mohawk Valley. The organ's current caretaker is Sidney Chase of Chase Organ Company, Worcester, NY.

Over one hundred people joined in song. The theology of the Reformation hymns and the beauty of the hymn tunes lost their individual identity and became one great sound of praise, highlighting the spirit of the Reformation.

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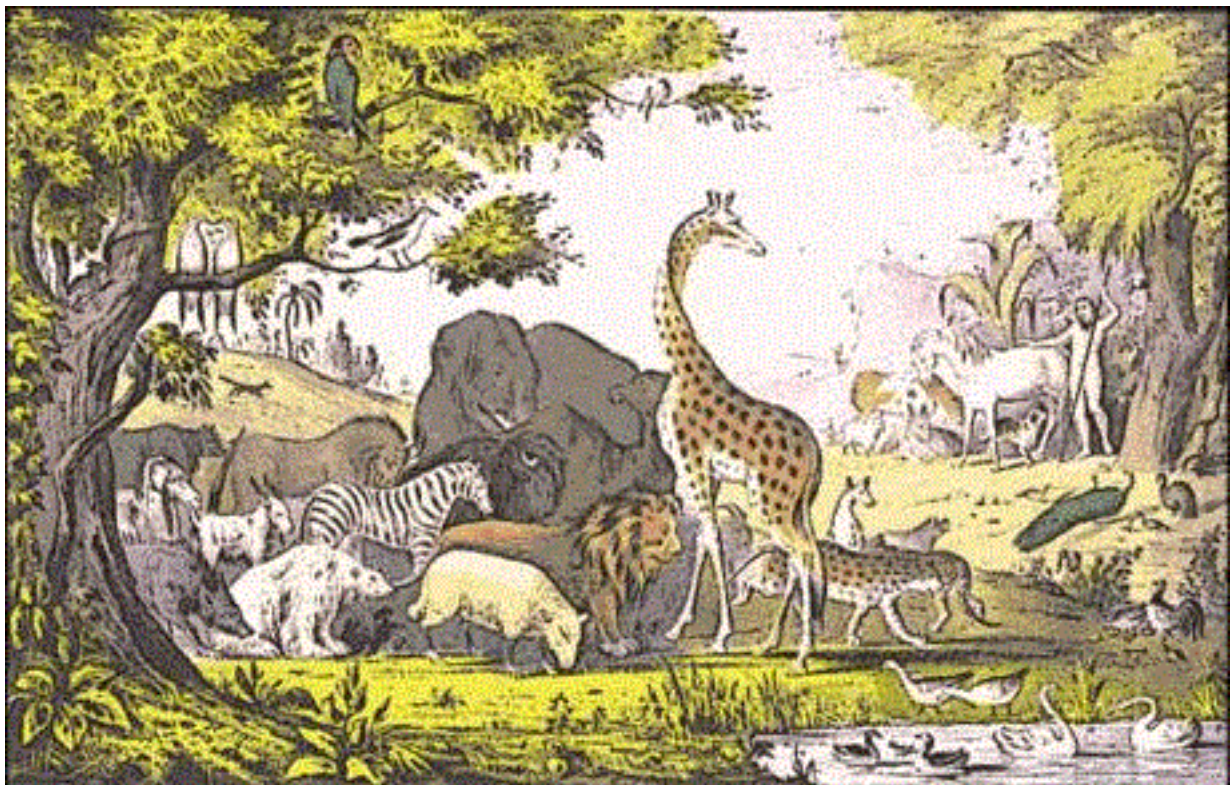
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The CONCORDIAN is published monthly. We encourage all members to contribute articles which may be submitted to the Church office by the 3rd Sunday of the month. The pastor is available for visitation whenever requested, as well as hospital visits when 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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Did you know?... August is one of 7 months with 31 days. August started out as the sixth month on the Roman calendar, but in 753 BC August became the 8th month when January and February were added to the calendar.



Did you know?... The story of the Garden of Eden is related in the Old Testament. When Adam and Eve were first put on the earth, they were placed in the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was a peaceful place, where crops grew freely and animals were tame.