
The Concordian

NOVEMBER 2015



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.

Come celebrate the Confirmation of Rebecca Banker and Adam Comstock Sunday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Adam Comstock is the son of proud parents, Bob and Nancy Comstock of Hamlin. Adam is a very bright and talented freshman at Brockport High School where he plays saxophone in the concert and jazz band. Last year he participated in Monroe County's All County Band, where only the most outstanding and committed student musicians are asked to perform. Also, he is a member of the school track team and ski club. Outside of school Adam enjoys camping, reading, drawing, his computer and teaching himself guitar and keyboard.

Rebecca Banker is the daughter of proud parents, Kevin and Jennifer Banker, both residing in Kendall. Becca is an intelligent and hard working 8th grader at Kendall Jr/Sr High School where she has proven herself both in the classroom and on the sports field. While consistently maintaining high honor roll status Becca has excelled in both modified soccer and softball. When not in school Becca spends most of her free time with her horse, Spartan, or working at a horse stable in Albion. Her passion for horses and her drive to succeed have earned her numerous ribbons in her first year of competition. Becca won Reserve Champion at the Orleans County 4-H Fair, earning her a spot at the NYS Fair this past summer. The Rite of Confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Baptism, to make a personal public profession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of faithfulness to Christ. Confirmation classes teach those who wish to affirm their faith: Martin Luther's theology on the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Eucharist.

Similar to the Roman Catholic tradition, some Lutheran congregations instruct children (recently at Concordia around age 7) in understanding the Eucharist and then receive First Communion before beginning the Confirmation process several years later. (Other Lutheran congregations confirm children at about the 5th grade, at which time they make their first Holy Communion.) At the conclusion of this catechetical instruction, young persons traditionally make a public profession of their faith in a public ceremony. Students often begin taking catechism classes at about age twelve and are usually confirmed at age fourteen. Confirmation and First Communion practices within the Lutheran Church in America have had some changes in the past few years and ELCA pastors and leaders are discussing how to give a Christian welcome by our actions, keep integrity to historical theology about the Eucharist, and serve God by serving the needs of the people.

A Letter From The Pastor

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

Next Sunday is Confirmation Sunday and I wanted to tell you just a bit about our Confirmands and the Confirmation Program.

You can read a bit more about them elsewhere in the newsletter but I also wanted to say that working and learning with Becca and Adam has given me great hope for the future and moments of deep joy in the here-and-now. Our Confirmation program was not overly intense, requiring too many hours or any hardship of requirements or tedium. What the program did was ask the kids for an intellectual, emotional, and theological depth that I am delighted that they met. We asked hard, uncomfortable questions, made room for everyone to answer honestly, and insisted that they meet high standards of engagement.

The Confirmation Program consisted of 3 major parts.

Once a month the kids were to go to a worship elsewhere. Sometimes I gave them the name/location of a church to go to. Sometimes they were told to find any church of a particular denomination. A few times they were just told “Anywhere but Concordia.” We would gather back together afterward and I would ask them to compare/contrast what they encountered to Concordia. Sometimes it was difficult to get past the initial impressions into the deeper meanings of why different churches do different things, but it was encouraging to hear what Adam and Becca like about Concordia after seeing how other churches behave. Also, ask them about the time that a pastor put water on an oil fire and made 15ft flames shoot to the ceiling.

The kids also met with me for more formal theological instruction. We tried to keep this from being too boring but we did not just keep it light. We used a comical catechetical resource called “The Lutheran Handbook” designed for Confirmation and for new member classes. This is where Adam and Becca were exposed to the bald Lutheran view on certain topics and were invited to talk about the parts they understood and agreed with and the parts that they said, in healthy and helpful ways, they didn’t understand or hadn’t formed opinions about. They, like us all, are still learning and growing in their faith. See if they remember Pr Steve’s opinion on what “Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy” means.

Possibly the most meaningful part of the program was when someone would bring a favorite or meaningful song to share with the group. I asked the kids and parents to think of songs that are particularly meaningful to them and we would dissect, re-listen, and add our own layers of understanding to these songs. It was really invigorating to see the theological and socially engaged music that is currently getting air-time on the radio. Also, the older generation got to share some “golden oldies” and hear a fresh perspective on old words and tunes that have carried so much meaning for us for so many years.

The final task for the Confirmation program is for the Confirmands to have the courage to speak their own faith before the congregation. They have agreed to write their own creeds of faith and to share those with the congregation on Confirmation Sunday. So, understand two things as you hear them:

- 1 – They take a risk to speak their faith. Handle them with gentle love and encouragement.
- 2 – As Lutherans we believe in Justification by Grace, not by Right Answer. It is only God’s love that has the power to save, not by believing enough or answering correctly. So let us honor and support the faith of our Confirmands as they learn and grow with us.

Ultimately I must say this: Concordia ought to be proud of the Confirmands. They are insightful, thoughtful, and kind children of God that understand that there is more to do and learn in their lives. Praise God!!

November Birthdays

11/2	Roger Herman Gary Kludt Katie Cole
11/3	Brett Ernenwein Neil Ernenwein
11/4	David Waterstreet
11/7	Alan Lambert
11/10	Matt Kludt Jason Hardenbrook
11/12	Judy Ernenwein
11/13	Barb Kludt
11/17	Robert Lockhart
11/18	Susan Pritchard



Those Serving In November

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Nov. 1	Amy Conte & Carol D'Agostino
Nov. 8	Karen St. John & Grace Levett
Nov. 15	Caroll D'Agostino & Louie Conte
Nov. 22	
Nov. 29	

USHERS

Nov. 1 & 18	Jeff Conte & Matt Kludt
Nov. 15, 22, 29	Comstock Family

ALTAR CARE

Pat Dusett

November Anniversaries

11/07	Harold & Bev Kludt
11/08	Bill & Dorrie Hardenbrook
11/15	Mike & Julie Kludt
11/20	Roger & Joanne Herman
11/25	Charles & Deanna D'Agostino
11/27	Phil & Julie D'Agostino
11/29	Jeff & Amy Conte

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.

CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 1	Worship All Saints Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 1	Breakfast	11:15 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 3	ELECTION DAY	
Tues., Nov. 3	Cub Scout Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 3	Finance Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 5	Community Harvest Gathering at Kendall Methodist Church	
Fri., Nov. 6	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 8	Worship Confirmation	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 10	Cub Scout Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 13	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 15	Worship Bring a Friend to Church Day	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 17	Cub Scout Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 17	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 20	Community Chorus Concert	
Sun., Nov. 22	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 26	THANKSGIVING	
Sun., Nov. 29	Worship	10:00 a.m.

Fall Dates To Mark Your Calendar

from Worship & Music Committee

Oct. 31st

Trunk or Treat

Nov 1st

All Saints Sunday

Nov. 5th

Community Harvest Gathering
at Kendall United Methodist Church

Nov. 8th

Confirmation

Nov. 15th

"Bring a Friend to Church Day"

Fri., Nov. 20th

Community Chorus Concert

Confirmation Sunday

November 8th is Confirmation Sunday. Adam Comstock and Becca Banker have completed 2 years of Confirmation study with Pr Steve and are prepared to make public declaration of their faith. We will have a light reception following the service. Please stay to congratulate and celebrate with them!!

Concordia hosts Synodical Representatives

Next month Concordia's church council will host Rev Norma Malfati, the Synod's Director for Evangelical Mission. On Nov 17th at 6:30 we will gather for a meal and then meet with her to talk about Stewardship, beginning a push to raise awareness and funds for our congregation, and potentially taking the Congregational Vitality Assessment (a tool for measuring different strengths and the health of our congregation).

Any one who is interested is invited to come for a fellowship meal and then meet with Pastor Norma. Next Spring (or by WNY standards, deep winter cold) the Bishop will come and worship with us! Sunday, February 28th, Bishop John Macholz will preach and lead worship with us, we will show him a bit of what makes Concordia special by singing Hallelujah with him, and he will join us for a coffee hour after the service.



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.

Join us to taste a tradition of Concordia!!

Date: Sunday, November 15th

Time: 10am

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church
Kendall Road

Love, _____

*A Friend
LOVES
at All Times
Proverbs 17:17*



Sunday School class will take place during the Worship Service.



Blessing of the Pets



A free will offering was received and we donated paper towels to 2 local Animal Shelters



Marcus & Jenna at Orleans County Animal Shelter



Morgan at PAWS Animal Shelter

Monthly Offerings to Date:

<u>Week Of:</u>	<u>Plate Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Simply Giving	\$650.00	
Oct. 4	\$2,865.00	60
Blessing of Pets	\$53.00	16 people
	donated to shelters	9 pets
Rummage Sale	\$40.00	
Oct. 11	\$1,575.00	55
Special Fund	\$217.25	
Oct. 18	\$515.00	55
Building Fund	\$50.00	
Oct. 25	\$833.25	47
Budgeted Monthly Expenses	\$9,698.01	

KENDALL FOOD CUPBOARD

NOVEMBER

HARVEST CHALLENGE

1st	Cake Mix
8th	TURKEYS (food boxes go out Sat. 11/14 at 9 a.m.)
15th	Cereal
22nd	Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
29th	Peanut Butter



Basket Auction Items Needed for the Community Choir Christmas Concert

Benefiting the Kendall Food Cupboard

Basket 1 - Christmas

Basket 2 - Date Night

Please bring an item or 2 to put in Concordia's baskets that we are donating. The baskets will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Items needed by Nov. 15th.

Any questions see Linda Kludt or Lisa Levett

Thank You!!

ROCHESTER & SYRACUSE WOMEN MEET TO DISCUSS WOMEN'S JUSTICE

The Rev. Dr. Paula J. Gravelle, CEO of the NYS Council of Churches spoke on Women's Justice at the W/ELCA Fall Assembly on Saturday, Oct. 17th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pittsford.

Women's justice is often in the news these days: a woman earns $\frac{3}{4}$ of what a man earns, even if she is better qualified; Media newsrooms harass women about their weight, and raise the news desk to hide their baby bump when they are pregnant; Boys have learned that girls are objects they are entitled to; Drugs are usually tested for a #170 man; and human trafficking continues.

What can the Church do about Women and Justice? Our ELCA began working on an ecumenical Social Statement in 2009 which would equip and nurture members, including ways to use the statement. This has been an exhaustive study by many people, including the NYS Council of Churches in the Albany Capitol where Pastor Gravelle works. People are elated at the progress made, she says, yet sad that there are so many miles to go.

We women must ask the men to HELP us walk in justice, to SPEAK UP for us. (For instance, when a leader calls a mixed group our Brotherhood, and excludes half the audience, or when a woman offers a suggestion and is ignored, but when the same suggestion is made by a man it is applauded.) When the men do speak up for us we need to thank them!

The draft of this Social Statement will be sent to congregations in October 2016. There will be an entire year for people to discuss this draft, with good study questions to help. When all this Process building is complete, the Women and Justice statement will be published in November 2019.

Meanwhile, let us think about how words hurt or help justice. We need to teach our boys to respect women and girls, as well as to know what to do with their anger. If one of us suffers injustice, then all suffer injustice because we are made in the image of God.

Community Harvest Gathering

Thursday, November 5th

at Kendall United Methodist Church

Free Thanksgiving dinner

(with all the trimmings)

Served from 5:30 to 6:30

Worship Service at 7:00

The 5 area Churches are all involved.

Everyone is welcome!!

Food donations are gratefully accepted.

Jeremy Rath returns to Concordia!!

Jeremy has graciously agreed to play with Concordia through Easter of 2016. We are certainly blessed to have him back worshipping with us. This also means that the choir will resume this fall. Choir Practices will begin on Thursday, November 5th at 7pm. Rehearsals will last about an hour. We will meet in the choir loft.

All are welcome to join!

MEMORIALS

Gifts in memory of Norman Waterstreet

Sharon Kaminski
Yorke and Joette Knapp
Harold and Bev Kludt
Rudy and Barb Kludt
Gary and Linda Kludt
Richard Nowak

Dennis and Beryl DeMeyer
Lisa Heidemann
Kludt Brothers, Inc.
Carol and Ron Lofthouse
Bill and Jeannette Behnke

Gifts in memory of Pamela Rowles

Harold and Bev Kludt
Rudy and Barb Kludt
Linda and Gary Kludt
Duane and Robin Schepler
Bob and Marylou Lockhart
Sandra and Mark Rowland
Lorraine Cannan
Deborah and James Rowles
Bradley Schreiber
Wayne and Jeanne Johnston
Stephen and Mary Ellen Seaman
Glenn and Elaine Quetschenbach
Diane Dietz
Yorke and Joette Knapp
Cliff Provost
Beth Provost
Jill Groves
Cole and Pat Hardenbrook
Mary Herring
Charley and Brigitte Duschen
Phil and Carol D'Agostino
Annette Cannioto
Mr. and Mrs. David Rose
Mr. and Mrs. James Rohland
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Herman
Susan and Jeffery Miller
Elizabeth Contezz

William and Shirley Rowles
Kludt Brothers, Inc.
Jan Peckham
Mr. and Mrs. James Dusett
Tracy Keenan
Douglas Miller
Frank and Tracy Panczyszyn
Terry and Denise Bliss
Shirley Smith
Bob and Jane Hart
Betty Wilson
Connie Driesel and family
Scott and June Schepler
Betty and Martha Hart
Carol and Ron Lofthouse
Kendall Community Chorus
Judy Ernenwein
Bob and Diane Furness
Barb and Dale Provost
Todd and Eileen Young
Warner and Marie Scheik
Russ and Lisa Levett
Bill and Jeanette Behnke
Wendy and Blaine Young
Gerald and Sally Bropst
Susan and Donald Pritchard

PRAYER VENTURES

November 2015



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

1 All Saints Day Today we remember and honor saints, martyrs and loved ones who have gone before us. We pray for people who are in mourning and despair, and we give thanks for Jesus' victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

2 We remember in our prayers the gifts and witness of nearly 5,000 American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA, 30 native congregations, new ministries and the work of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association.

3 For everything God has entrusted to our care – our time, talents and resources – we give thanks and ask the Holy Spirit's guidance in using all we have to God's glory in service to our neighbor and the sharing of the gospel.

4 We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner, and for the continuing growth of our relationship as together we share the gospel and do God's work in the world.

5 Nearly 10,000 ELCA congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region reach out to all people and serve all people in Jesus Christ's name. We pray God will bless the work of our church, strengthen our faith and guide us through the Holy Spirit.

6 We remember in our prayers the people and communities suffering loss of life, home and livelihood as a result of the fires in the Western states, especially California. We pray for their safety and recovery and give thanks for the self-sacrifice of firefighters and disaster response volunteers.

7 We give thanks for and ask God's blessings on the ministry of Karen Anderson, an ELCA missionary working with health care and human rights efforts in Chile.

8 Jesus' humble sacrifice was for the sake of our broken world. We give thanks for the new life and freedom we have in Jesus and pray that we will live and serve freely for the sake of others in his name.

9 We pray for God's blessings on the long-term response work being done in earthquake-affected areas of Nepal through Lutheran Disaster Response with The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and United Mission to Nepal.

10 We remember in our prayers ELCA military chaplains in ministry with men and women who are serving in the U.S. military here and overseas, in areas of conflict and peace.

11 Veterans Day On this day, especially, we remember in our prayers and give thanks for the sacrifice and service of men, women and young adults who have served in the military.

12 We ask God to watch over the children, spouses and families of all those who are serving in the military and that they may find the comfort and care of a congregation, a community of faith.

13 Through baptism we are bound to Christ and the community of all believers. We give thanks for the forgiveness of sins, new life in Christ and the encouragement we receive from our brothers and sisters in Christ for our lifelong baptismal journey.

14 We pray for boldness to go into our communities and invite our neighbors to worship with us. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer, may we together be nurtured in faith and sent out restored into the world.

15 Unsettled by turmoil, danger and suffering in our world, we pray to be reminded of God's presence and goodness that ultimately brings healing and deliverance. We pray that we will not cower in fear but will instead urge one another to acts of goodness and hope in the world.

16 We remember in our prayers the lives and stories of people, communities and nations whose tragedies we have forgotten or have let slip from our attention. We ask God's forgiveness and pray that we will re-enter their stories and re-engage ourselves as caring brothers and sisters in Christ.

17 We ask God to bless the lives and physical labor of those who grow, harvest, build and create for our wellbeing, enjoyment and development.

18 ELCA missionary Jeffrey Truscott teaches at the seminary in Singapore preparing church leaders for surrounding nations. We give thanks for his ministry and the far-reaching witness of the Lutheran Church in Singapore.

19 We believe all are invited to open Scripture and join in conversations of faith and God's work in the world. We ask the Holy Spirit to make us eager witnesses to our faith and to the stories of God's love that have changed our lives.

20 As we further explore the universe and planets, we pray that we are mindful of God, the creator of all that exists, and that humility, respect for creation and appreciation of God's handiwork will guide our scientific endeavors.

21 We continue to pray for the welcoming and settling of refugees in Europe and elsewhere. We ask God for the strength and wisdom to meet this human crisis with compassion and respectful solutions.

22 Christ the King Sunday We give thanks and praise to God today for Christ the King, our lord, ruler not of territories, force or political dominance, but of truth, mercy and all creation.

23 We pray that the leaders and governments of our world will set aside self-interests and the pursuit of power and influence in order to practice justice, mercy, mutual concern and care for all people.

24 Many people travel great distances to be with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving together. We pray their journeys will be safe and their holiday joyful.

25 As we feast and celebrate, we remember in our prayers those who are not at our tables and who suffer from hunger, poverty and loneliness. We pray that we will be generous and welcoming and reach out in love to our neighbors in need in the manner and spirit of Jesus.

26 Day of Thanksgiving On this day of thanksgiving, we are glad and rejoice in the great things God has done for us and all people throughout history.

27 We remember in our prayers this week the people who work and serve us, day and night. We give thanks for their service and pray they will also have time for renewal and celebration with family and friends.

28 In our prayers we ask to know God's ways, know God's truth, trust God's mercy and be faithful in following God's path.

29 First Sunday of Advent We remember in our prayers this Advent season the prophecies and promises God has fulfilled in the gift of Jesus Christ, son of God, son of man – our salvation.

30 St. Andrew's Day Just as Andrew risked everything and left everything familiar to follow Jesus, we too pray for the faith and trust to follow Jesus and live our baptismal calling every day..

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OCTOBER 31
IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT!
SET UP 5:00 P.M. TRICK OR TREATING 6-8 P.M.