



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.

## AN INCREDIBLE WAY TO LOOK AT GOD!!!

When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities. When GOD doesn't solve our problems He has faith in our abilities.

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs ...

- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
- eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days;
- The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. . . .

- The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction.
- No other quadruped is so made.
- God planned that this animal would have a huge body too large to live on two legs.
- For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.
- The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.
- A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

- Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.
- Each orange has an even number of segments.
- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.
- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.
- The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.
- All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life. If we try to regulate our own life, it will only be a mess and a failure.

Only God, who made our brain and heart, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

# *A Letter From The Pastor*

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

January 21st marked the 5th anniversary of my ordination; all 5 years of my ordained ministry have been blessed to be at Concordia Lutheran church. I cannot express enough gratitude to the congregation, the church council and other leaders, my colleagues in ministry in Kendall and the Genesee Fingerlakes Conference of the Upstate NY Synod, Bishops Marie Jerge and John Macholz, my wife and family, and so many others. May God receive all the glory and thanks for these children of God who have journeyed with me! There are bits of that day that are a blur, overwhelmed with welcome and love. There are other moments indelibly etched in my memory. The same is true of the whole breadth of our time together at Concordia.

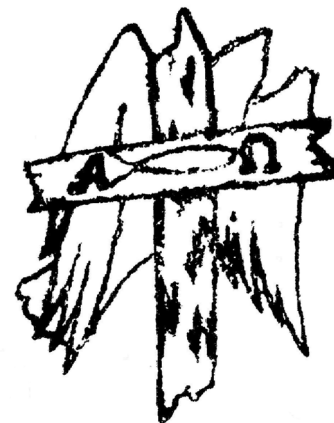
Some of the moments and ministries that remind me of God's love are:

- Long-time friend and Jewish Cantor, Leah Wolf-Pellingra singing, in Hebrew, the priestly blessing that Jews and Christian have been using for millennia, the same benediction we use each Sunday.
- Nervously fumbling the Words of Institution the first time as an ordained pastor and having to start over.
- So many Baptisms. I've had the joy of baptizing many children. I've baptized twins twice and a family of 3 children, from ages 3 months to 9 years (no adults, yet!).
- Singing "Hallelujah" for a Maundy Thursday service once to see it grow into a vital part of the way we worship and re-tell the story of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.
- Working with 4 very different, very talented musicians. Jeremy Rath is beloved at Concordia and it's easy to see why. Beth Stella came and played at Concordia right when we needed her and worked diligently and patiently with us all through Lent and Holy Week. Being back in Western NY has brought working and worshipping with my mother, Lillian, back into my life in a way I never expected. God works in mysterious ways! And Jimmy Hartmann brings an energy and joy to my work and our worship that is uniquely touched by his God-given talents.
- Seeing children create Biblical stories out of Legos, remembering key details of the story, and retelling the story months later with clarity and joy.
- Seeing our building buzzing with people working hard, bursting at the seams with God's children at events like: The Corned-Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Vacation Bible School, funerals, and the 125th anniversary celebration.
- The challenge and privilege of presiding at the funerals of people that I never met from families in need, of people that you have held dear for so many years, of people that showed me God's love the minute that I walked in the doors to Concordia, that same love that I tried to reflect to them in their dying hours and had the honor of proclaiming to their friends and family gathered to mourn and celebrate their earthly lives.



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- The Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Every year those kids astonish me and bring such joy to the congregation as they make the story of E'mmanuel, God with us, their own.
- Singing Silent Night by candlelight. The sight of all your faces, lit from below, as your voices carry the music of Christmas up to the ceiling. And the sight from the choir loft, the church dim and yet bright with the soft glow of so many points of light, the tree in the corner and the altar adorned with flowers. What a pretty country church we have!
- A solitary rose on the altar on Good Friday, all else stripped away in mourning and yet in hope.
- The outdoor ecumenical service each summer. Fr Mark's ability to enthrall the children, Pastor Sara's rousing, powerful voice, Pastor Jim's steady, grounded delivery of the Word, and Deacon Jonah's insistence that we are a community brought together by God's love, not divided by differences, ensuring that we shout Allelujah, Amen!! at what God has blessed us with.
- And so many more that I am remiss to omit. I might be out of room on the page but I would love to sit and recount many more with you!



It has been a blessed, surprising, challenging, energizing time to be your pastor these past 5 years. I give all thanks and praise to God for bringing us together.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you Peace.

*Pastor Steve*

## USHER LIST 2017

January 8 & 15	Craig Herman	July 2 & 9	Cliff Provost
22 & 29	Lockhart & Morey Family	16, 23, 30	Charley Duschen
February 5 & 12	Steve Seaman & Russ Levett	Aug. 6 & 13	Rudy Kludt & Cliff Provost
19 & 26	Gary Kludt & Jeff Charland	20 & 27	Alan Lambert
March 5 & 12	Cliff Provost & Ralph Pugh	Sept. 3 & 10	Comstock Family
19 & 26	Comstock Family	17 & 24	Levett Family
April 2 & 9	Gary Kludt & Norm St. John	Oct. 1 & 8	Craig Herman & Steve Seaman
16, 23, 30	Bill Behnke & Reed Heidemann	15, 22, 29	Louie, Jonny & Sammy Conte & Evan Levett
May 7 & 14	Levett Family	Nov. 5 & 12	Tomasino Family
21 & 28	Jeff Conte & Craig Herman	19 & 26	Hardenbrook Family
June 4 & 11	Bill Behnke	Dec. 3 & 10	Phil D'Agostino
18 & 25	Tony Cammarata & Jerry Bropst	17	Childrens Program
		24 & 31	Herman & D'Agostino Families

## February Birthdays

2-5 Carina Meyer  
 2-9 Diane Hennekey  
 2-10 Bryan Hardenbrook  
 2-11 Bev Kludt  
 2-14 Rebecca Banker  
 Christine Behnke  
 2-17 Jeanette Couchman  
 2-19 Deborah Pugh  
 Duane Schepler  
 2-22 Brenda Canaway  
 2-25 Rudy Kludt  
 2-28 Melinda Stenshorn



### 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.

Then, again, perhaps honesty is the  
 best policy because it has so little  
 competition.

### Kendall Community

### Food Cupboard

### Easter Boxes

Concordia has been asked to donate the  
 following items.

We would like to get all of the  
 items in by March 26th.

Please consider any of these items:

**HAMS - 15**

**(SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD)**

**PANCAKE MIX (32oz) - 50**

**TUNA FISH - 100 cans**

We will plug in the other fridge,  
 so we have room for the hams.

Any questions,  
 please contact Linda Kludt 659-8484  
 or lkludt@rochester.rr.com

Thank You

## Those Serving In February

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

Feb. 5	Cub Scouts
Feb. 12	Karen St. John
Feb. 19	Sybil Reisch
Feb. 26	

### USHERS

Feb. 5 & 12	Steve Seaman & Russ Levett
Feb. 19 & 26	Gary Kludt & Jeff Charland

### ALTAR CARE

Cindy Wolck

*It takes an honest man to tell  
 whether he's tired or just lazy.*

## CALENDAR

Wed., Feb. 1	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 3	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 4	Lions Club chicken bbq	12-2 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 2	Clothes Closet	9 - noon
Sun., Feb. 5	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	during church
Tues., Feb. 7	Clothes Closet	6:30 - 8 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 10	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 12	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 12	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 14	Happy Valentine's Day	
Fri., Feb. 17	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 18	Clothes Closet	9 - noon
Sun., Feb. 19	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	during church
Tues., Feb. 21	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 24	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 26	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 26	Worship	10:00 a.m.

*Honesty is the thing that keeps you from turning to the  
 end of the book to see how the story ends.*



Psalm 23:4 is often misquoted by mentioning "A dark valley." But the word "dark" is not there. It says, "the valley of the SHADOW of death." There can be no shadow in a dark place. The fact that there is shadow shows that there is a light in the valley. All death can do is to throw a shadow over the place. Shadows never hurt anyone. We have nothing to fear.

### Monthly Offerings to Date:

<u>Week Of:</u>	<u>Plate Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
January 1	\$2,730.00	19
Donation for Roof	\$500.00	
January 8	\$680.00	31
Donation for Roof	\$2,000.00	
January 15	\$1,239.00	52
Donation for Roof	\$675.00	
January 22	\$580.00	50
January 29	\$729.00	49
Building donation	\$100.00	
FROM BUILDING FUND for bills	\$4,800.00	

**The church is in need of  
for First Aid Kit:  
Travel pack size 30 mg. of  
Aspirin  
Tylenol  
Antiseptic (Neosporen)**

### CLOTHES CLOSET AT THE CHURCH

Free Children's clothing ages infant to 18 years old.

The church will be open for drop offs on the following dates:

Thursday February 2 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Tuesday February 7 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday February 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If these dates aren't good for you please call Jill at 585-734-3239 to make other arrangements.

### Memorial Gifts December 2016

Joe Klafehn  
from Lynn and Candi Mael

Harold Kludt  
from Dewey Produce Inc.

Bea Provost  
from Dale and Barbara Provost

Charity Mastin  
from Lynn and Candi Mael

### Sunday School Schedule

February 5	during church
February 12	9:15 a.m. Legos with Pastor Steve
February 19	during church
February 26	9:15 a.m. Legos with Pastor Steve
March 5	during church
March 12	9:15 a.m. Legos with Pastor Steve
March 19	during church
March 26	9:15 a.m. Legos with Pastor Steve
April 2	during church

### Organ Concert

*Jeremy Rath, Organ*

Classical organ works and hymns selections.

Free-will offering to be used towards the purchase of a grand piano for the sanctuary.

Coffee and cookie reception to follow.

**Sunday, February 12, 2017**

**3:00 p.m.**

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**Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2017**

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

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

Dorrie Hardenbrook made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Cathy Herman carried.

Nancy Comstock motioned to accept the December minutes, Russ Levett seconded, carried.

Election of Council Members: Beth Schmidt made a motion that Russ Levett for council president, Dorrie Hardenbrook for Vice President, Beth Schmidt for Secretary and Mary Lou Lockhart for Treasurer. Cathy Herman seconded the motion. All in favor, carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be on vacation the week of January 14-21. Pastor Frank Hanrahan will supply. Mutual Ministry has been in contact with Ann Elphick from St. John's Hamlin to talk about training session or two with our members and mobilizing them to do home visits to our shut-ins. Tentative plans are to do training and sign-ups with our members in late January. Pastor will discuss this at the annual meeting. There will be a pulpit swap February 25th. Pastor is going to Concord in Greece and Aileen Robbins from Messiah will be at Concordia.

There was some displeasure with the Christmas Eve Service. Pastor Steve does not think this is because of music selection. Many first time visitors on Christmas Eve and some people that occasionally come to Concordia were pleased with the service. Sunday service - 3, Special Events - Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day services. Visitations - home-3, sick/hospital-1, shut-in-3, holiday-9, total 16 (0 inactive, 3 non-member), Meetings-4, Counselings-2, Weddings-0, Funeral-0

Finance Committee: Linda Kludt has stepped down from the finance committee.

Christian Education: They met earlier tonight and have planned the curriculum through Easter.

Mutual Ministry: Jimmy Hartmann signed the 2017 contract.

Property Committee: The kitchen renovation has been started. Alan Lambert is generating a list of things that need attention in and around the church. Alan will post them on the bulletin board for people to do the tasks.

Fellowship & Hospitality: Stone soup lunch at the annual meeting, January 22.

Worship and Music: The piano in the council room has been tuned.

Klafehn Estate Fund: There will need to be a vote at the congregational meeting for 2 members.

Cub Scouts: They are a disorganized group. The boys were invited to be honor guard at the Amerks game and they did a great job.

Old Business: Jimmy Hartmann needs to be paid \$7800 for 2017. This is not how it is in the budget, so we need to let the congregation know at the annual meeting. Also the supply preacher pay needs to raise to \$125.00 plus mileage. So the new budgeted number is \$600.00

New Business: There is \$17,000 in the kitchen fund. This includes the money Russ and Lisa have saved from their years of chairing the Corn Beef Dinner and a \$10,000 donation. There seems to be a couple of disgruntled people not happy about renovations. The total cost of the renovation will be under \$5000.00

Beth Schmidt made a motion to spend not more than \$2500 for the flooring in the kitchen. Cathy Herman seconded the motion, all in favor, carried. Beth Schmidt made a motion to spend not more than \$2500 for the counter tops, sinks and painting. Cathy Herman seconded the motion, carried.

Building use for Dorrie Hardenbrook for an exercise group was approved. She would like to have exercise be a fund raiser. Pastor made the motion, Cathy Herman seconded, all in favor. Dorrie Hardenbrook made a motion for Jill Groves to use the building on February 18 for a shower, Cathy Herman seconded the motion, carried

Russ Levett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pastor Steve seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 8:36 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Beth Schmidt

**Concordia Lutheran Church**  
**1769 Kendall Road Kendall, New York 14476**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes      January 22, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. with prayer. There were 32 people present. Verification of Quorum. Alan Lambert made a motion to accept agenda, Jill Groves seconded the motion, carried.

Linda Kludt made a motion to accept the January 24, 2016 meeting minutes, Robin Schepler seconded the motion, carried. Linda Kludt made a motion to accept the August 21, 2016 meeting minutes, Jill Groves seconded the motion, carried. Steve Seaman made a motion to accept the December 11, 2016 Congregational Meeting Minutes, Linda Kludt seconded the motion, carried.

**Finance Report:** Beth Schmidt made a motion to accept the finance report, Pat Dusetz seconded, carried. Linda Kludt has resigned from the finance committee. Thank you Linda for all the years you served Concordia in this capacity and helping Mary Lou. Quick books is the new program the treasurer is using. Please be patient.

**Pastor's Report:** It is an honor and privilege to serve Concordia. Sunday School using Lego's will be the spring curriculum. September and October were long and difficult months and heartbreaking. On the bottom of his written report please note the paragraph about attendance. Pastor Steve loves working with musician Jimmy Hartmann and thanks us for hiring him. Jimmy is gifted and skilled.

**Council President Report:** Thank you Russ Levett for all that you do for Concordia. Russ was re-elected 2017 Council President.

**Fellowship & Hospitality:** They meet monthly and discuss what we can do at church to keep people connected. The wine and cheese event is being planned. Also plan on another Euchre Tournament. The committee is looking for ideas.

**Bible Study:** All are invited to attend Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

**Assisting Ministers:** More people are welcome to assist during worship. You do not have to do anything but be a reader and come up to the altar just to read. Please see Charley Duschen.

**Mutual Ministry:** This is an active group that meets regularly with Pastor. If you have any questions, please see Charley Duschen, Jill Groves or Carol D'Agostino.

**Memorial Fund:** Reviewed

**Worship & Music Report:** Reviewed. They also have room for more members. They meet the first Tuesday of the month.

**Klafehn Fund:** Reviewed. Norm St. John made a motion for Brigitte Duschen and Bob Lockhart to serve a second 3 year term each. Beth Provost seconded. All in favor, carried.

**Property:** Reviewed. Alan Lambert made a list of things that need to be done around the church. These things will be posted on the bulletin board so people can just do them. Russ Levett takes it upon himself to get things done around the church and find people to fix things if he can not do it himself. During a recent wind storm, the neighbor north of the parsonage had their trampoline fly into the parsonage. There is some damage to siding. A closet door was fixed in Pastor's office.

**Christian Education/Youth Group:** Going well. We need more teachers. Nancy Comstock did it twice in 2016 and says it is a great experience.

**Nominating Committee:** They could not find anyone interested in serving on Council. Cathy Herman volunteered at the December meeting.

**Altar Care:** Thank you everyone that serves, more people are needed and welcome, it takes about 2 hours total and can be done before church. See Jill Groves.

**New Business:**

Synod representatives: it is too early for anyone to know if they are available to go to the assembly. Craig Herman made a motion that Council choose who goes to the assembly. Gary Kludt seconded, carried.

Updates to the budget are needed. We need to raise our supply preacher pay to \$125.00 each Sunday plus mileage. So the new budget is \$600 for the year. Also the musician pay was not reported correctly and that raises just a couple hundred dollars to \$7800.00 for the year.

Visiting Ministry: Pastor Steve spoke about starting a visiting ministry at Concordia. Anne Elphick a former member of Concordia is now a Stevens Minister at St. John's in Hamlin. She has been educated/trained through the Stevens Ministry and is willing to come to Concordia to train those interested in visiting people how to do it properly. It would take 2 sessions.

Gary Kludt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Norm St. John seconded, carried. Meeting closed at 12:15 a.m. with prayer.

Respectively Submitted by  
Beth Schmidt, Parish Administrator

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tibbs Ahlberg	
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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