

# The Concordian

MAY 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.

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away.

As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother.

But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose."

He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers.

As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home.

She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother."

She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.



# *A Letter From The Pastor*

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Our Easter Sunday service was a magnificent celebration, as it should be. Is there anything more worthy of our worship and joy than God's power to defeat death!??! Nothing on heaven or earth is stronger than God's love, not even death! Alleluia!

The days leading up to Easter were certainly busy, planning for Holy Week worship services, writing sermons, delivering Easter Baskets, and trying to keep up with administrative duties. But the days after Easter have been surprisingly almost as busy. I have been coordinating with 4 couples for their weddings, 1 family for a baptism, and 2 funerals just since Easter Sunday. The way of Christ – gathering people for a celebration around a meal, welcoming people into God's family, and the reminder that death is not the end but the beginning of salvation and eternal life – is alive and well at Concordia.

On a different note – This spring has also been busy with committee meetings and plans for future projects and events at Concordia. We have had improvement projects around the building coming to fruition and others still in the works, Christian Ed has diligently planned the Sunday School Schedule until our summer schedule, and other special events like the Rummage Sale are being planned. I am really looking forward to Mother's Day at Concordia when the Sunday School kids will sing and we will celebrate the baptism of Presley Cole (daughter of Mike and Jaime Cole)! Look for an informational meeting for Council to share news about improvement projects around the building and some very good news about how those projects can be paid for.

Hoping this spring provides the growth and energy that you need in your life, that the earth needs for our sustenance, and that our community needs as we love and serve God and our neighbors.

Happy Easter!

*Pr Steve*





Yorke Knapp peacefully entered eternal rest on Wednesday evening April 26th with his beloved wife Joette by his side.

On June 21, Yorke would have been 95 years young. At age 92 he became the oldest man born in Kendall.

Yorke was the oldest male member of Concordia. He was baptized, confirmed and married at Concordia. On June 21st on his 30th birthday he married Joette, making this year their 65th anniversary. He was born, lived and died in his home at 1510 Kendall Road.

Yorke and Joette's marriage was blessed with one boy, Yorke, one girl, Nyan and three granddaughters and four great grandsons.

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.



— PROUD HOST OF THE —

500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

# Hymn Festival

**Holy Ghost Lutheran Church**  
**6630 Luther Street**  
**Niagara Falls, NY 14304**  
**(716) 731-3030**

**Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 pm**

**presented by**  
**The Concordia Tour**  
**and Chamber Choirs**

**Directed by**  
**Dr. Jason Thoms,**  
**Director of Choral Activities**

## **A Bit o' Bragging from Joette Knapp**

Yorke and I have a son, Yorke, who lives in Denver. He has a 20 year-old daughter, Anna. Anna is extremely musically talented. Perfect Vocal Pitch, plays the piano, harp, many reed instruments, french horn, melophone, and others. She is working towards a PhD in music.

She had the lead in a production at Carnegie Hall where she received two standing ovations! She will finish at the University at Colorado on April 26th and in June will move to St Petersburg, Russia to study the great classical masters on a full scholarship. We are proud to brag about her accomplishments and future endeavors.

## **KENDALL LIONS CLUB is proud to sponsor KENDALL COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

Saturday, April 29th  
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.  
Town of Kendall Highway Dept.  
Building on Crandall Avenue

In conjunction with the Town of Kendall Highway Dept. and with the participation of members of the KCS Leos, Scouts, Church and Community Organizations, we will be picking up the road ways in the Kendall Community. All community members are invited to

come out and support your community. It is a great family event and a way to give back to your community that benefits all.



## **Informational Congregational Meeting on June 4th**

Church Council will host an informational congregational meeting after service to discuss various projects around the building and good news about the fund-raising and insurance moneys. We are looking forward to sharing the information with you and on completing more improvements here at Concordia!

### **Mother's Day Music**

Sunday School children are invited to sing a special song on Mother's Day  
Rehearsals on May 7th and 14th at 9:40 with  
Jimmy Hartmann

*Bad habits are like a  
comfortable bed...  
easy to get into,  
but hard to get out of.*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 14** - Mother's Day  
Sunday School kids sing

**June 4** - Talent Show at 9:00

**June 11** - Outdoor Service with Potluck

### **Monthly Offerings to Date:**

<u>Week Of:</u>	<u>Plate Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Weekly income needed	\$2,289.16	
Simply Giving	\$700.00	
Expenses to Date	\$14,467.42	
Roof Donations	\$1,615.00	
April 2	\$2,275.00	56
April 10	\$2,120.00	
Maundy Thursday	\$110.00	
April 16	\$4,144.00	81
Building Fund	\$100.00	
Driveway Striping	\$400.00	
April 23	\$595.00	
Roof Donation	\$2,500.00	49

## New A/V project at Concordia

Church council has been exploring options to add a closed-circuit video feed from our sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. We've been working with Duane Schepler about options and affordability. Duane is the "Broadcast AV Manager" at Fingerlakes Gaming and has a substantial knowledge and experience.

The goal is to be able to have a live video feed of the sanctuary available in the Fellowship Hall on a television mounted on the wall. In the past two years we have had funerals and other events where we feel we ought to have been able broadcast the worship service to the other room and council roundly agrees that the project is overdue. A camera in the sanctuary and a new TV in the Fellowship Hall would have multiple functions:

Live video and audio feed of services to the Fellowship Hall

Digital recording of the sanctuary

We could offer for weddings, baptisms, and funerals

Recording of sermons and children's programs

Posting video to social media

Smart TV in the Fellowship Hall

Movies and videos for fellowship events

DVD/Bluray player and HDMI inputs

Smart TV capability

We look forward to having and sharing more details with you about this. We are hoping for an April install date and will need to have a congregational meeting approve the expense from the Memorial Fund so we will keep you posted!

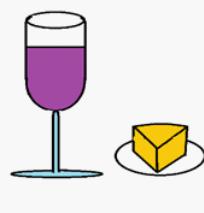


## Do you need that little extra support exercising?

Join us on Monday and Thursday nights 7-8 PM right here at Church.

Bring a friend, mat, weights and don't forget that water.

For more information contact Dorrie 281-8750.



## WINE and CHEESE

### MEET



Friday, May 5, 7 p.m. at Concordia

Bring a beverage of your choice and a snack to share. Friends are welcome.

Following the theme would be fun but not required. This is an adults only event.

- 4/2 During Church- Review lesson and craft
- 4/9 9:15- Legos with Pastor  
Palm Sunday
- 4/16 During Church Sermon- Easter Sunday  
Roll the Stone Away!
- 4/23 None



**Concordia Lutheran Church  
1769 Kendall Rd Kendall NY  
Service at 10am**

## May Birthdays

- 5-3 Kevin Banker  
5-4 Nicholas Schuth  
Matthew Schuth  
David Stenshorn  
Evan Levett  
5-10 Caitlin Collins  
5-21 Cheryl Cole  
5-22 Jonathon Conte  
5-23 Lynda Krens  
5-25 Cora Meyer  
5-27 Adam Schepler  
5-28 Tibbs Ahlberg  
5-30 Joanne Herman  
5-31 Candi Mael



## Those Serving In May

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

- Jennifer Banker  
Karen St. John  
Sybil Reisch

### USHERS

- May 7 & 14      The Levett Family  
May 21 & 28      Jeff Conte & Craig Herman

### ALTAR CARE

- Mary Herring & Judy Ernenwein

## 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

Mon., May 1	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Wed., May 3	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 4	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Fri., May 5	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri., May 5	Wine and Cheese Party	7:00 p.m.
Sun., May 7	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sun., May 7	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Mon., May 8	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., May 11	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Fri., May 12	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., May 14	Worship Mother's Day	10:00 a.m.
Mon., May 15	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Tues., May 16	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., May 18	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Fri., May 19	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., May 21	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Mon., May 22	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., May 23	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.
Fri., May 26	Seriously Funny Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., May 28	Worship	10:00 a.m.
Mon., May 29	Exercise Group	7:00 p.m.

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**  
hosting a CAREGIVERS support  
group EVERY 3rd Thursday of the  
month right here at church  
from 1-2 pm.

Any questions contact  
Dorrie 281-8750

Please join us at the next meeting  
that will be on  
May 18th, 2017 at 1pm

A new commandment I give to  
you, that you love one another;  
just as I have loved you.  
John 13:34

**Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2017**

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

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

Nancy Comstock made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Dorrie Hardenbrook carried.

Cathy Herman motioned to accept the March minutes, Robin Schepler seconded, carried.

Pastor's Report: Sunday service - 3, Special Events - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Euchre Tournament. Visitations - home-7, sick/hospital-3, shut-in-20 total 30 (1 inactive, 3 non-member), Meetings-9, Councilings-8, Weddings-0, Funeral-0, vacation used 1 week in January (5 days including 1 Sunday) Sick Time Feb. 13 1/2 day. Pastor is pleased with the visitation ministry meeting. The A/V equipment for the sanctuary is being taken care of by Duane Schepler and should be installed soon. There has been some issues with our sound system, Duane thinks it could be cell phone interference. Also there is a frayed wire in Pastor's head set and Duane is fixing it. Jimmy Hartmann played the guitar on Palm Sunday and sang with the children. There are two new potential families to join the church. Cub Scout Charter Organization representative will be Heather Tomasino. Joette Knapp gave back her key and it was given to the lawn chair ladies. Euchre Tournament fund raiser was a success. There were 28 players and brought in \$1,505.00.

Finance Committee: There was \$4,098.70 in non budgeted expenses. Perhaps that is the kitchen fund money. The memorial fund has \$19,218.75 in it.

Christian Education: The talent show is June 4th before church. The children's sermon was a little lengthy on Easter but the kids like the Lego thing. Pastor told the Holy Week story with lego scenes.

Mutual Ministry: Have met with Pastor and are meeting with Pastor Frank Hanrahan next week and council members are invited to attend.

Property Committee: National Grid will come to the church and give an estimate on how much it will cost to replace all the light fixtures. The divider in the kitchen will be put back up.

Fellowship & Hospitality: Wine and Cheese is May 5th.

Worship and Music: \$400 from a bake sale will be used to buy a cabinet to display old communion ware and other historical things.

Cub Scouts: Heather Tomasino will be the church representative.

Clothes Closet: Jill is consolidating into one room for the summer.

Old Business: The insurance adjustor came and looked at the south side of the church roof. Wind damage from the storm caused approximately \$14,000 in damages. We will get a check for that minus 10% and our deductible. The Euchre tournament raised \$1,505.00

New Business: Cub Scouts: The lawn chair ladies have a key to the church. Joette Knapp gave her key back. The Rummage sale in the first weekend in August.

Russ Levett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robin Schepler seconded the motion, carried. Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Beth Schmidt  
Parish Administrator

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Music Director	Jimmy Hartmann
Parish Administrator	Beth Schmidt
Church Treasurer	Mary Lou Lockhart
Sexton	Alan Lambert

**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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