



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 Spirit of the Corn

An Iroquois Legend

by Harriet Maxwell Converse (Adapted)

There was a time, says the Iroquois grandmother, when it was not needful to plant the corn- seed nor to hoe the fields, for the corn sprang up of itself, and filled the broad meadows. Its stalks grew strong and tall, and were covered with leaves like waving banners, and filled with ears of pearly grain wrapped in silken green husks.

In those days Onatah, the Spirit of the Corn, walked upon the earth. The sun lovingly touched her dusky face with the blush of the morning, and her eyes grew soft as the gleam of the stars on dark streams. Her night-black hair was spread before the breeze like a wind-driven cloud.

As she walked through the fields, the corn, the Indian maize, sprang up of itself from the earth and filled the air with its fringed tassels and whispering leaves. With Onatah walked her two sisters, the Spirits of the Squash and the Bean. As they passed by, squash-vines and bean-plants grew from the corn-hills.

One day Onatah wandered away alone in search of early dew. Then the Evil One of the earth, Hahgwehdaetgah, followed swiftly after. He grasped her by the hair and dragged her beneath the ground down to his gloomy cave. Then, sending out his fire-breathing monsters, he blighted Onatah's grain. And when her sisters, the Spirits of the Squash and the Bean, saw the flame-monsters raging through the fields, they flew far away in terror.

As for poor Onatah, she lay a trembling captive in the dark prison-cave of the Evil One. She mourned the blight of her cornfields, and sorrowed over her runaway sisters.

"O warm, bright sun!" she cried, "if I may walk once more upon the earth, never again will I leave my corn!"

And the little birds of the air heard her cry, and winging their way upward they carried her vow and gave it to the sun as he wandered through the blue heavens.

The sun, who loved Onatah, sent out many searching beams of light. They pierced through the damp earth, and entering the prison-cave, guided her back again to her fields.

And ever after that she watched her fields alone, for no more did her sisters, the Spirits of the Squash and Bean, watch with her. If her fields thirsted, no longer could she seek the early dew. If the flame-monsters burned her corn, she could not search the skies for cooling winds. And when the great rains fell and injured her harvest, her voice grew so faint that the friendly sun could not hear it.

But ever Onatah tenderly watched her fields and the little birds of the air flocked to her service. They followed her through the rows of corn, and made war on the tiny enemies that gnawed at the roots of the grain.

And at harvest-time the grateful Onatah scattered the first gathered corn over her broad lands, and the little birds, fluttering and singing, joyfully partook of the feast spread for them on the meadow-ground.

A Letter From The Pastor

Grace and Peace to You,

Last week I wrote to you about the highs and lows of the past few months. Injury and healing, warm temperatures and the hint of a first frost, life and death. This has remained true in October, and to be honest, will remain true for the rest of our earthly lives. It is our human condition that there is joy and sadness; that our great God gives us life, blessings, and forgiveness and our sinfulness creates suffering and death.

By God's grace and God's grace alone we are ultimately freed from this dichotomy and given the gift of eternal life. We give thanks to God that we are given this gift, entirely free, because God loves us.

And this is the heart of Lutheranism – that God loves you and gives you eternal life. Nothing we have done has earned this. Nothing we do can take us away from it. God loves you. God's grace has saved you.

And we need this grace, because we see the effects of God's blessings and our sinfulness all the time. We experience the highs and the lows, we know that evil is in the world, we know that God blesses us with love and joy, we see how the mistakes we make hurt other people and draw us further from God, and we know that Jesus came to redeem us and to show us a better way.

This year, during the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded that the heart of Lutheranism is true today, the message has not faded, it is not dated and only pertinent to the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance. God's love and grace do not fade and neither do the messages delivered by Martin Luther and other prophets, preachers, and teachers.

God loves you and by God's free gift of grace you are saved from sin and death. Eternal life is yours. May this gospel message carry you through your highs and lows. May God give you serenity and confidence in life, through death, and into eternal life. And may the Peace of God, which passes all human understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Steve

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. 5
Nov. 12 Jennifer Banker
Nov. 19
Nov. 26

USHERS

Nov. 5 & 12 Tomasino family
Nov. 19 & 26 Hardenbrook Family

ALTAR CARE

Pat Dusett

November Anniversaries

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

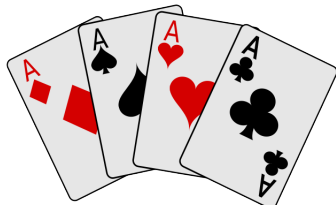
Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

or by appointment.

Euchre Tournament proceeds to benefit the Kendall Community Food Cupboard November 4th at 2 p.m.

- \$10 entry (Otherwise known as the cost of 1 turkey!)
- 50/50 raffle
- Chili, snacks and drinks provided (BYO beer or wine)
- Volunteer babysitters to play with the kids!
- Pastor and Carina will match every entry fee and donate to the Harrier Family!



CALENDAR

Wed., Nov. 1	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat., Nov. 4	Euchre Tournament	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 5	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School during church	
Fri., Nov. 10	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 12	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship Bring A Friend	10:00 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 16	Alzheimer's Meeting	1:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 19	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School during church	
Tues., Nov. 21	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day	
Fri., Nov. 24	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 26	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.

Eagle Scout Project - Bottle Drive

Boy Scout Keith "Little" Szczepanski is preparing for his Eagle Scout projects at Concordia. He will be painting the north foyer to our building and replacing some of the trim to make a prettier and brighter entrance for us, as well as purchasing new tables for the Fellowship Hall and basement! Such generosity! As part of his project Little started a bottle drive this summer. He has partnered with a local business that will give him 6 cents per can/bottle and his goal is to raise \$1000. This money will help him buy supplies for the foyer and tables, and left over funds will become a donation directly to the church!

Please help this young man achieve his Eagle Scout Badge and support your church by bringing your recyclables to Concordia in the coming weeks. Bottles and cans need to be brought to Little or to Concordia and not the Boy Scout collection locations around Kendall.

Thank you for your support of the Boy Scouts and your congregation.

The church is in need of the following items:

Stamps for the newsletter
Clorox toilet bowl cleaner
Renuzit Air Freshner

HAM DINNER

and

Baked Food Sale

Morton Baptist Church
1152 Countyline Road, Morton

Saturday, October 28

serving 4:00 - 7:00

take outs available

for tickets call: 659-8089

Adults \$9.00 Seniors \$8.00

Children 6-12 \$8.00 5 & under free

The PESSIMIST says, "It can't be done."

The OPTIMIST says, "It can be done."

The PEPTIMIST says, "I just did it."

Trunk-or-Treat!!

This Halloween Concordia is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event for all ages!

Tuesday, Oct 31st starting at sundown Concordia invites you to bring your cars and your kids to the church lot where we expect plenty of Trick-or-Treaters to stop. Located right in town Concordia get a lot of foot traffic on Halloween night. Decorate your trunk so kids can come and gather candy, just like they do at the other houses.

At Concordia we are dedicated to providing a safe, fun environment for kids and families to play and grow. Our location provides a significant chance to give families a place to have fun on Halloween with a convenient location right in the middle of all the trick-or-treating in town.

The event is open to any and everyone! Tell your friends. Bring a whole crowd. We look forward to a safe, fun evening for everyone.



Holiday Registration Deadline is Nov. 5th
 Do you, or someone you know, need help with food for Thanksgiving? Would you like to be able to do more for your family with gifts and food for Christmas? Contact the Kendall Community Food Cupboard for help at 281-4295 or kendallcommunityfoodcupboard@gmail.com or private message on Facebook.

*Congratulations to
 Tyler Banker & Deborah Ronholm
 On Your Marriage
 August 25th, 2017*



*"Bring a Friend to Church Day".
 There will be great music, a fun activity to do for Sunday school during worship while your family hears the good Word.*

Date: November 12, 2017

Time: 10am

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people; those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition there.



- 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!!!**

PRAYER VENTURES

NOVEMBER 2017



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 and made an impact on our lives, the church and history. Pray for people who mourn the loss of someone they love or value that they find healing through the support given by friends, family and faith communities, and comfort from faith in Jesus' victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

2 National American Indian Heritage Month We give thanks for the gifts and witness of 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, all grounded in reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints – people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and unique needs.

3 Pray for relief and recovery from the widespread destruction caused by recent hurricanes and storms across the Gulf Coast and Southeastern states, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean. Pray our concern translates into actions, gifts, support and empathy for people and communities engaged in the long, hard and sometimes discouraging work of rebuilding and recovery.

4 Remember in prayer the young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Australia and their coordinators, the Rev. Kim Crawford and the Rev. Henry Martinez, that God will bless and further their witness and service alongside leaders of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

5 Ask God for clarity in discerning which leaders, teachers and prophets to trust and listen to, for the wisdom to know whom to follow and emulate as humble, disciples of Christ and to know that we have one teacher who is unfailing and trustworthy in leading us in God's ways and truth – the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

6 Give thanks that our church believes that cultural, ethnic and racial differences should be seen and celebrated as what God intends them to be – blessings rather than means of oppression and discrimination – and pray for courage and self-reflection to face and change the uncomfortable things within ourselves, culture and society that selectively cause suffering and harm of others.

7 On this day when elections are taking place across our country, we pray the Spirit of God will guide our church and members in defending human dignity, standing with poor and powerless people, advocating justice, working for peace and caring for the earth in the processes and structures of society.

8 When we experience criticism or oppression for our faith and living from the gospel, pray for renewed faith and trust in God's light and truth that lifts our spirit and encourages us forward as bold disciples serving our neighbor and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

9 We remember in our prayers leaders gathered for the ELCA Church Council, that they are inspired and led by the Spirit in all they do and in helping our church pursue and keep before us God's work in the world.

10 Though our celebration of the Reformation may seem marked in time and history, we ask God to help our church to be always open to change, growth and reform centered in Scripture and the gospel for the sake of doing God's work in the world.

11 Veterans Day While war and conflict between nations and people are unfortunate aspects of our human nature and weakness, we pray God will continue to reveal and shine a light on God's paths and ways of peace, justice, reconciliation and mutual concern. Give thanks and recognition for the sacrifice of men, women and young adults who choose to serve – and have served in the past – our country in pursuit of global peace, justice and the well-being of all God's people.

12 Pray that every aspect of our life in the present is influenced and guided by our faith and God's word, making us determined and equipped to serve our neighbor and share the gospel now.

13 Pray for the people and communities recovering from the strong earthquakes in Mexico, and ask God to guide the work and partnerships of Lutheran Disaster Response and our ecumenical partners accompanying people during this time of loss and rebuilding.

14 Remember and give thanks for the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997, and ask God to deepen our partnership and bless our work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

- 15 In our striving for wisdom, we ask God to instill in us a lifelong desire and openness to studying God's word and learning and to help us become wise yet humble teachers, leaders and examples in our congregation and community.
- 16 Pray for the members, congregations and leaders of the Caribbean and Florida-Bahamas synods facing the long-term process of rebuilding and caring for storm-ravaged communities and people who have experienced great loss and ongoing challenges. Ask God to strengthen and sustain them for supporting one another, reaching out to and caring for neighbors, sharing hope and witnessing to God's enduring love and presence.
- 17 Pray the Spirit will stir in us a love of telling our children, grandchildren, family, friends, coworkers, strangers and the world stories of the wondrous things God has done.
- 18 We remember in our prayers people who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless, praying they find safe shelter and that our congregations are caring communities assisting people with housing, food, employment and services necessary for daily life while respecting their dignity and desire to be self-sufficient.
- 19 Pray we are not consumed with maintaining the status quo, defending institutions to preserve comfort or familiarity, or hiding the resources God has entrusted to us but that we freely use our blessings and assets and take risks for the sake of mission, service, witness and purposeful change.
- 20 Give thanks for the faithful work and witness of ELCA missionaries Lucas Peters (Thailand), the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo (Malaysia), the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott (Singapore) and the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (South Korea).
- 21 The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.
- 22 Ask God to deepen our understandings of abundance, generosity, stewardship, compassion and neighbor.
- 23 Thanksgiving Day God is good, loving and generous, providing abundantly for humankind and all living things. Give thanks for the blessings that sustain us, and pray we are generous in sharing our resources, shelter, food, care and hospitality with our neighbor.
- 24 Lift up in prayer people who serve a role in planting, tending, growing, harvesting, transporting and preparing the food that sustains us and gives us joy, and pray for renewed commitment to doing everything possible to eliminate hunger in the world.
- 25 Our lives are fleeting and fragile. Give thanks to God for the life we have and the days we are blessed with, and pray we live each day mindful of and driven by our baptismal journey of faith, service, witness and compassion for our neighbor.
- 26 We pray we treat one another, especially people living in the margins of society or in contexts removed from our daily experience of life, with the same love, concern and mercy God has shown us.
- 27 Give thanks and praise to God for always being our strength and refuge, our hope and joy.
- 28 Pray for God to deepen our faith and reveal to us daily the power, glory and love we have come to know in the risen Christ, Lord of the church, creation and universe.
- 29 We remember in our prayers the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities, a collaboration of the ELCA churchwide organization and our 26 colleges and universities dedicated to the freedom of inquiry and the development of the whole person in body, mind and spirit.
- 30 Andrew, Apostle Andrew dropped his fishing net and familiar livelihood to follow Jesus. Ask God to help us discern what we can drop or reprioritize for the sake of following Jesus as a disciple, servant and witness to the gospel that others may believe and follow too.

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Tuesday, November 7th
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

