



# The Concordian

A Newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church – ELCA  
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*“Called to Nurture and Live our Faith, Encourage our Service, and Actively Share the Gospel”*

## *From the Pastor:*

It’s summer, and when this article arrives in your mailbox (or on your computer screen) I’ll be on vacation. I don’t know for sure where I’ll be, except that the vacation begins with a family wedding in Iowa.

While I’m gone, I’m quite certain Concordia Lutheran Church will do well. Council members and secretaries will have the emergency contact information, supply for Sundays has been arranged, and I know that God is here.

With this newsletter covering both July and August, I thought I’d use this article to address something big, really big: WHO WE ARE.

Who are we, members (and friends) of Concordia? Of course, we’ve got a membership list, and like many church membership lists it’s probably not as accurate as it could be. Churches are notorious for keeping people on the roles when they’ve long since stopped participating in the regular activities of the congregation. Maybe it’s because we try to be nice, and not hurt their feelings by removing their names from the roles. Our constitution has rules about membership, but we are able to practice some leniency other than for voting purposes.

Regardless, the names on our membership lists don’t really reveal much about who we are. We cannot find there whose eyes tear up with the singing of a favorite hymn. We can’t see there the special care given to a member with some kind of special need. The sparkle that lights up the eyes of the children can’t be revealed in a list of names.

Who are we? When I first visited with people considering the possibility of coming to this area and serving as the pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, I learned of recent stresses affecting the congregation. Over the years (and something that I’ve seen evidenced here as well) I’ve learned that the recent things that people highlight as concerns are rarely the whole story. Often parts of the story stay hidden until someone slips and says something, and then the tale is shared. It had been buried, but not forgotten: hidden history.

Who are we? Yes, the events of our past become building blocks that color our future, even things we’d rather consider over and done with. Even if the event is recent, as it was more than twenty years ago when a member intimately effected by the event said, “I just want to forget it happened, and bringing it up all the time doesn’t help.”



It was **George Santayana** (1863-1952), who, in his *Reason in Common Sense*, *The Life of Reason*, Vol.1, wrote “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

Who are we, this congregation of many people who vary in all kinds of ways, in what we remember and what we want to forget?

Let’s start with our name (and that’s as far as we’ll get in this article). We are Concordia. It is a word that means harmony, literally with one heart.

Some will be quick to say, “Well, that doesn’t describe us!” I believe that’s backwards, though. I don’t believe the name, “Concordia,” is meant as a description as much as it is meant to be a prescription. It is the way we ought to be, or at

least the way someone might have hoped we would be.

What I believe people often forget is that being of one heart, being in harmony with one another, does not mean that we must all be the same. We will not always agree on the best way to do things, even when we have the same goal in mind. What we need now, I believe, is harmony, to live up to our name. We need our variety to work in many and various ways in order to proclaim God's word in this world and in this community. While we remember our past, we should use it wisely. We cannot allow it to dictate doom and gloom, but instead must learn from it, and move forward.

Just as the disciples went forward in faith after Jesus ascended from them into the heavens, so we move forward now, trusting in our Lord's inspiration and guidance.

Who are we? We are people of one heart, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ Jesus, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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#### **PARISH NURSING NOTES...**

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

And the summer season is a time for many things—some good, and some not so good. It's a time to get together with family and friends, and enjoy the great outdoors, and the many outdoor activities that are not possible the rest of the year. But summer also presents many hazards that are not problematic the rest of the year.

Like sunburn! We all know it can lead to skin cancer later in life. Did you know that sun damage is cumulative? Children can gather 50% to 80% of their lifetime exposure by the time they turn 18. So protect yourself, and especially your children, when working or playing in the sun. Wear a hat, cover exposed skin when possible, use sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher, and apply generous amounts every 2 hours for best protection.

Woodticks are another hazard! Using an insect repellent containing DEET helps. And so does wearing long sleeves, long pants, and pulling socks up over the bottom of the pants. Always do a careful check of all skin surfaces every evening when you have been out in the grass, fields, roadsides, or wooded areas. The "bull's-eye" rash you may have heard about being associated with Lyme Disease does not always occur.

This year a new virus carried by ticks has been found. It is called the Powassan virus. And being a virus, it is not affected by antibiotics, so there are less options for treatment. It can also be transferred from ticks to humans in minutes rather than hours or days, and can kill very rapidly. At various stages, ticks can be as small as the tip of a sharp pencil, or up to 3/8 of an inch. They seem to like the area along the hairline, behind the ears, and the back of the neck. Also the groin, and behind the knees. Be aware of symptoms that resemble the flu (fever, chills, fatigue, muscle aches and pain, stiff neck, and sore throat). The symptoms



may not develop for up to 30 days after the tick bite.

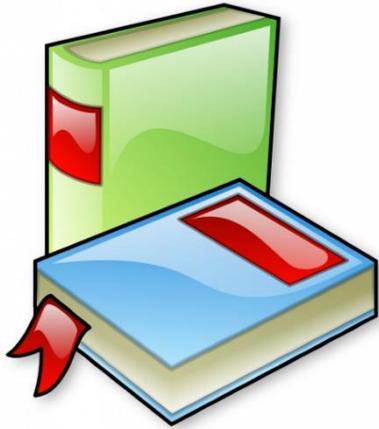
Injuries are also a frequent summertime occurrence. Head injuries are common with bicycling and skate-boarding. Make sure children (and adults!) have a properly fitting helmet, wear bright clothing for visibility, and follow the rules of the road.

Be aware of the surroundings and any hazards inherent in the activity you're involved in. And it doesn't hurt to have a first aid kit handy, and know how to use it!

Summer is also a time to relax and restore ourselves—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Choose to engage in activities and behaviors that will lead to life and an appreciation for God's rich blessings.

Pay attention to Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." Take time to appreciate all that God has given us in this beautiful world. Then, fully restored, you can come back in the fall, full of energy and ready to participate in one of the ministries available at Concordia. Stay safe, relax, and renew your body, mind, and spirit so that you may love and serve God all your days.....Jean

## Library Board Greetings from the Library Team!



Summer is here! As this article is being written, the sun is shining, the birds singing, flowers are blooming and all is a beautiful testimony to God's creation and love for us! Thank-you, Lord, for your wondrous gifts!

The library team continues to work on its various projects. Because of the "summer schedules", the Library Team will be holding the workdays every other week, starting with July 12<sup>th</sup>. The library will remain open during office hours. So, stop in and look around the shelves—you just might find a book that will interest you!

The Spring meeting of the Lake Superior Church Library Association (LSCLA) was held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at Grace Lutheran in Hermantown, MN. The meeting was very informative and all enjoyed guest speaker, Margo Hansen, a local author from northern Minnesota. Margo, wrote "The Newly Weds" series, and has a new series "Tall Timber Trilogy". The library has purchased the series and plan on having them available for our readers come Fall.

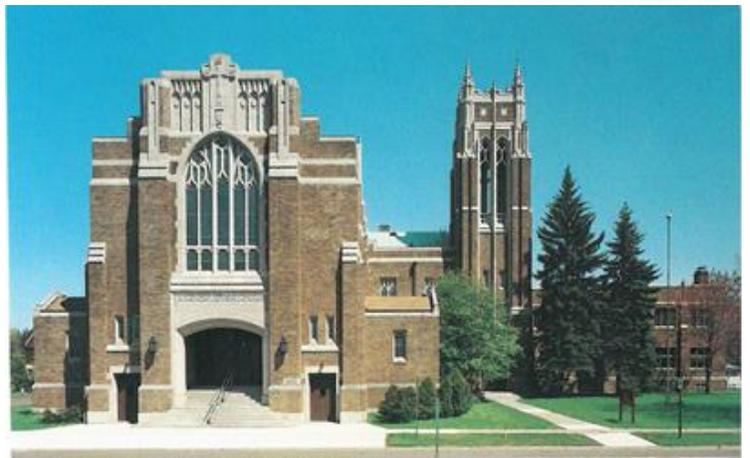
Have a Safe & Fun summer & take time to enjoy God's creation!!

**KEEP ON READING!**

## Heritage Two More Pastors

Following the death of Reverend Lockrem, Rev. J. J. Rendahl was asked to temporarily serve our congregation until a pastor could be found to replace Lockrem. A call went out to Andrew Boe from Blair, WI. Rev. Boe did accept his call to Superior.

Under Boe's leadership, the congregation grew to 1,900 members. The Sunday School had 500 children enrolled. The budget at this time asked for each person over the age of 18 to give 30¢ every Sunday which would put the church in good financial condition. The old church was overcrowded and in 1926 the decision was made to build a larger church.



Concordia before the installation of the elevator.

A building fund was launched in September 1926 after Martin Moones, a single gentleman who had been sick for a considerable time, gave the first gift of \$100 as a nucleus for the fund. The congregation met in the YMCA on 14<sup>th</sup> and John during the construction of the new building.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, the cornerstone of the new church was laid. Dr. Lars W. Boe, president of St. Olaf College and older brother to Pastor Andrew Boe, wielded the trowel and was principal speaker of the day.

When World War II started, Rev. Andrew Boe was one of the first to be called up by the U.S. Army and his son Paul was called to serve until his father returned in 1948. By the end of World War II, 350 men and women from Concordia had served in the war. Twelve men from Concordia lost their lives. Those who served are pictured on the south wall in the Fellowship Hall.

## Happenings and Announcements

***The following memorials are acknowledged by the church office:***

**In Memory of:**

Roger Scheldroup

**Given by:**

Richard Erickson

Robert & Sandy Hanson

Patricia Higgins

William & Carol Idziorek

Diane Kruger

Richard & Karen Scheldroup

**In Memory of:**

Clarisse Anderson

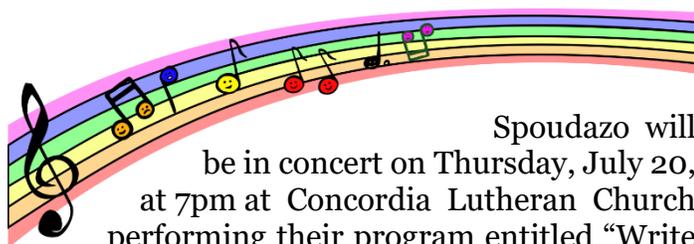
**Given by:**

Shirleyann Brandser

**To Honor and Recognize Church Bus**

**Drivers:**

Larry & Yvonne Quam



Spoudazo will be in concert on Thursday, July 20, at 7pm at Concordia Lutheran Church performing their program entitled "Write Your Story". This high school music and drama group performs contemporary Christian music made popular by Christian artists such as Francesca Battistelli, Matthew West, For King & Country, Building 429, and Mercy Me. Music is interspersed with skits and narration to tell how we can write our story as Christians living in the present world. A free will offering will be taken, with part of the proceeds being used for the ministry of Kids Against Hunger.

Spoudazo is a Christian high school music and drama ministry based out of First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska, but draws students from the whole community and the surrounding area. This touring ministry has been in existence for 25 years.

### **Summer Picnic!**

Please join us for outdoor worship on Sunday, July 16! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the potluck to follow.



Wildfire! Youth Mission and Ministry will be hosted by Faith United Methodist Church July 9-14. As in the past, Concordia will be housing some members of the group. Please expect extra activity at the church around this time.

Wildfire! provides what all churches wish to offer their youth – a hands-on mission experience that makes a real difference in the lives of real people. Each day the group begins with worship then will break into small groups to do mission work throughout the Superior area. Each evening the groups will go out to have a fun outing. Wildfire! is open to youth in Middle and High school.

For more information, please visit [www.superiorfaithumc.org/wildfire/](http://www.superiorfaithumc.org/wildfire/)

Vacation Bible School, partnered with Faith United Methodist Church, will be hosted at Concordia this year. Dates for VBS are August 7-11 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

### HOLIDAY CRAFT AND VENDOR SALE

October 28, 2017

CLCW will be holding a craft and vendor sale for the 2017 Holiday season. Tables will be rented out at \$25 per table. Registration is now open to all. Signup and payments will be taken in the church office. CLCW will be holding a bake sale during this event so no tables will be rented to vendors selling food.

## **In the Area**

### **Theme: “Seasons of My Life”**

Sponsored by Superior/Twin Ports Christian Women of Superior, Wisconsin  
(Affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries)

### **Main Speaker:** Wendy Larson, Oconto, WI

“The Seasons of My Life” - Join Wendy as she flips the calendar pages of her life featuring a rebellious son, a daughter with leukemia, and her own breast cancer.

**Special Feature:** Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner, Executive Director, Harbor House Crisis Shelters. The title of her talk is "Jumping into the Water."

### **Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Barker's Island Inn, Michigan/Ontario Room, 300 Marina Drive, Superior, WI

### **Advance Reservations and Cancellations by Friday, July 14, 2017**

**Superior:** Lois [715-398-3175](tel:715-398-3175)

**Duluth:** Minnie [218-626-2361](tel:218-626-2361)

**\$14.00** (includes program, meal, tip and tax)

**Future Date:** August 22, 2017 – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

## **Alzheimer's Walk**

This year's Walk to end Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. And instead of having separate walks in Superior and Duluth, it will be a Twin Ports walk, and held on the Lake Walk in Duluth. Registration will start at the DECC at 8:30 AM, and the walk itself will start at 10 AM. The walk is 3 miles long, but people may turn around at any point along the way that suits them. If you sign up as a team member, and raise \$100 in donations, you will receive a free T-shirt. There are also other, bigger rewards for raising larger amounts.

Raising money for the Alzheimer's Association and calling attention to Alzheimer's Disease, is the main focus for the walk. Most of us have been affected by this disease in our own family, or have a friend whose family has been affected. My father died with Alzheimer's, as did my aunt on my mother's side of the family. It is devastating to watch the person you have known for so long turn into someone who doesn't even know you anymore, and need constant care.

Alzheimer's kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. One in every three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. At this point, there is no prevention, and no cure. Medications have been developed that may ease some symptoms, but not slow the progression. And since the year 2000, deaths from Alzheimer's have increased by 89%, while deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14%.

If you can be a part of our walking team, or donate to our team goal, please get in touch with me—either at church, or at my home. Thank you so much!.....Jean



### **New Coffee Kiosk!**

Concordia is proud to have a new Coffee Kiosk in the rear of the Sanctuary. A member of the Church Council will be available every Sunday before the service to serve coffee and to answer questions about what is going on in the church. Scrip Cards (and order forms for many more cards we don't keep in stock) will also be available at the kiosk.

The kiosk will not take the place of Coffee Hour after the service. We will continue to hold Coffee Hour as often as we have volunteers to serve.

A special Thank You to John Gronski for doing a beautiful job designing and building the kiosk.

**If you have a prayer chain request, please contact Linda Aho at 715-394-4506 or call the church office.**

**Please notify the church office before making charges on the Super One account. Thank You.**

## Altar Flowers for July & August

- July 2** William Hansen and Peter & Mette Marie Hansen by Donna Hansen
- July 9** Open
- July 16** Daughter Nancy by Lois & Carl Renoos
- July 23** Open
- July 30** Cliff Pearthree & Loved Ones by Rhoda Pearthree
- Aug 6** Maxine Florey by Frances Florey
- Aug 13** Victor L. Ursin by Victor A. & Jan Ursin
- Aug 20** Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Erickson and Mr. & Mrs. Hans Morkemo by Dick & Joy Moncel
- Aug 27** Loved Ones by Mr. & Mrs. William O'Neill & Family

### **Your Church Council members, working together with you in ministry:**

Gary Banker	715.392.2149
Nancy Burley	218.464.7086
Matthew Eastman	218.409.9174
John Gronski (Vice President)	218.340.1813
Carol Lindegren (Secretary)	218.590.8238
Jan Lippitt	715.394.9158
Tom O'Neill (President)	218.391.6139
Nick Pristash	715.398.0488
Eric Sewall	715.392.1559

### **The DEADLINE for articles in "The Concordian" is August 15.**

Announcements are due by 9:00 am August 28.

**Thanks for marking this on your calendar!**

### **Coffee Kiosk Servers**

July 2	Carol Lindegren
July 9	Nancy Burley
July 16	Eric Sewall
July 23	Nick Pristash
July 30	<b>TBD</b>
August 6	Jan Lippitt
August 13	John Gronski
August 20	Tom O'Neill
August 27	Carol Lindegren

## Serving in July & August

### **Ushers**

July 2	Team II
July 9	Team III
July 16	Team I
July 23	Team IV
July 30	Team III
Aug 6	Team I
Aug 13	Team II
Aug 20	Team III
Aug 27	Team IV

### **Bus Driver**

July 2	Pete Quist
July 9	Ken Harmer
July 16	Kris Hanson
July 23	John Gronski
July 30	John Gronski
Aug 6	Pete Quist
Aug 13	Brett Quist
Aug 20	Ken Harmer
Aug 27	Kris Hanson

### **Scripture Readers**

July 2	Denise Latscher
July 9	Bear Rowell
July 16	Chayce Strauch
July 23	Gunner Gronski
July 30	Gloria Sloan
Aug 6	Doug Score
Aug 13	Emily Casey
Aug 20	Diane Kruger
Aug 27	Pat Luder

### **Altar Servers**

July 2	Linda Aho & Joyce Olson
July 9	Arlene Jacobson & Marie Peterson
July 16-23	Lois & Bill O'Neill
July 30	Marie Peterson
August 1-31	Lois & Bill O'Neill

### **Financial Assistants**

July	Shirley Brandser & Ann Novak
August	Marie Strom & Jean Stensland

### **Communion Assistants**

July 2	Mike Hill & LeRoy Eliason
July 9	Mike & Joyce Olson
Aug 6	Rich Wnek & Linda Aho
Aug 13	Audra & Sue LePage

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9am BP Checks 10 am Worship w/ Communion Pastor Ron Beckland  Pastor Michelle on vacation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>American            Independence            Day</b>  Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10 am Worship w/ Communion          Wildfire!	<b>10</b> 6 pm Property & Management	<b>11</b> 9 am Staff Meeting  6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Library Work Day	<b>13</b> 2pm Service at Superior Rehab	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10 am Summer Picnic Worship 11 am Potluck      Pastor gone PM	<b>17</b> 6 pm Worship & Music    Pastor at Continuing Ed.	<b>18</b> 9 am Staff Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Spoudazo Musical	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10 am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9 am Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Library Work Day 4:30 CLCW Exec Meeting	<b>27</b> 6 pm Council	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10 am Worship	<b>31</b>				Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30 Friday Closed	<b>1</b>       Pastor Michelle on Vacation

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Library Work Day	<b>3</b> 2pm Service at Superior Rehab	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9am BP Checks 10 am Worship w/ Communion	<b>7</b>   Vacation Bible School 9 am-12 pm	<b>8</b> 9 am Staff Meeting  6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2pm Service at Superior Rehab	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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## NOTICE

**We are updating our mailing system. If you are receiving this newsletter and do not wish to, please contact the church office. If you know someone who should receive it or wishes to be added, please have them contact our office.**

## Worship Schedule

**10:00 am on Sundays**

Communion served on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.  
Fellowship (coffee & goodies) in the church library after the worship service.

## Mission Statement

As members of the body of Christ at Concordia, **we are called** to be God's forgiven, gifted, diversified and unified people. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we **nurture and live our faith** in Jesus Christ, **encourage our service** in His church, and **actively share the Gospel** in our community and the world.