



The Concordian

A Newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church – ELCA
Superior, WI September 2017

“Called to Nurture and Live our Faith, Encourage our Service, and Actively Share the Gospel”

From the Pastor:

Earlier this spring, as we were exploring the process of training for the maintenance of our new boiler, we discovered a fresh pool of what appeared to be used oil on the floor of the furnace room. Of course our imaginations worked overtime trying to guess how such a thing could have happened, but we knew we didn't want a flammable liquid on the floor of the furnace room with the boiler running, so we shut the system down for the summer just a little bit earlier than we had planned to do so.

We finally determined the oil was leaking into the building from behind a blocked off doorway. No one we consulted could remember ever having an oil furnace. They remembered coal, and now it's natural gas—but it sure seemed to be oil coming into the room. So we tried using a camera through the wall to see what was there, but couldn't get it focused well. We thought we saw two round cans, one of them appeared to have a spout, so we thought we'd cut a hole in that wall and remove those cans. It was a relief... until we got the hole cut and realized there were no small cans, but a large tank of indeterminable size.

So the whole blocked-in doorway was opened up, and

the tank was discovered to be quite large, maybe three or four thousand gallons. When the first consultants came in, they were afraid we could have a catastrophic event. We had to seal the floor drain just in case, so no fuel would enter the sanitary sewer, and then figure out what to do next.

The tank was not completely full of oil. My guess is that it had been abandoned correctly, and filled with sand. However, through the years with the vibrations caused by vehicles driven through the alley, including heavy garbage trucks every week, sediment sifted through. Water eked its way inside the tank, dissolving any residual oil from its surface and floating it to the top, where eventually the product began to leak out of the tank and into our boiler room.

I admit that I was afraid. I wasn't afraid of the oil. I knew that the boiler was shut down and nothing would explode. So why was I afraid? I was afraid of the cost of the clean-up.

Since I arrived here in Superior, to be the pastor with you here at Concordia, things keep happening that cost money. A bunch of steam traps failed in the heating system after the new boiler was up and running. The scrubber batteries were dead and needed to be replaced. *Imagine buying*



four batteries for your car (or golf cart) at once... Somebody lost control of a car and hit the garage, which seemed to catapult a whole bunch of electrical issues in addition to the structural damage. They put new windows in over at the house, and then the dishwasher broke. Keys have been getting stuck in the lock the last couple of weeks. Sometimes it feels as if we all ought to run away screaming!

Then I looked up and the cover of a book on the shelf caught my eye. It says, "PEACE Be To Your HOUSE." (Don't critique the capitalization, I copied what's on the cover of the book!) It's just a little booklet to be used for a house blessing, but today it's become much more than that.

Peace be to your house. Concordia is a house. Sometimes, people even live here for a week while doing mission projects in the area.

We've had overnight guests on two other occasions just this summer. Yet that isn't why Concordia is a house. It's a house because of what God does here, and what we do here all the time. It's a house because we gather (in God's presence) not only to eat and to study, but to worship. Here we train ourselves to recognize God's presence, here and in all creation. Here we open our mouths wide and sing praises. Here we might shout, "Hallelujah!" with nobody suspecting us to be a little crazy.

This is a house of God, and the endowment we've been given has allowed us some flexibility, though we don't want to use it recklessly. We have enthusiastic workers in the congregation and on staff. We have children learning to trust in God, learning to know God's love. We have beautiful music and beautiful surroundings. We have faithful disciples with decades of Christian experience.

Let us not fear. Let us move forward with one heart, trusting in God, and working to share God's love with everyone we encounter. We are Concordia, people of one heart. We work together in Jesus' name, to serve God here in Superior. Amen



PARISH NURSING NOTES...

Did you know that more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease? Every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops the disease. And one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. And since the year 2000, while the number of deaths from heart disease have decreased by 14%, deaths from Alzheimer's have increased by 89%. Not only that, more than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care for family members with Alzheimer's or another dementia. And the numbers are going up every year. So the odds are that you will, one day, develop this life changing condition, or be caring for a family member who has developed it.

Have you ever forgotten where you put your keys? Or maybe someone's name? Does this mean you are developing Alzheimer's or another dementia? Probably not! My mother-in-law used to say, "If you lose your keys, that's part of getting older. If you find your

keys and don't know what to use them for, that's a problem." Some early signs of Alzheimer's might include: trouble remembering names, especially names of family members or close friends; trouble remembering recent events; or trouble solving simple math problems or balancing a checkbook. Later signs might include: asking the same questions over and over again; becoming lost in places you know well; not being able to follow directions; getting very confused about time, people, and places; not taking care of yourself—eating poorly, not bathing, or being unsafe. Medical conditions can cause memory problems as well. So if you are concerned about yourself or a family member, see a doctor first to check for conditions such as dehydration, thyroid problems, a minor head injury, or a reaction to medications you are taking.

There is no cure for Alzheimer's at this point. There are, however, medications that can treat the symptoms, and prevent them from getting worse for a time. Some families take other measures to help with the memory loss: a big calendar with activities written in, and crossing off each passing day; notes about safety in the house; written directions for using common household items.

But there are many things you can do to help maintain your brain health.

1. Stay mentally active. Take a class, read a book, do a puzzle, take a different route when driving.

2. Eat a healthy diet. A heart healthy diet is as good for

your brain as it is for your heart. So focus on fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and low fat protein sources.

3. Exercise at least 30 minutes, 5 days a week.

4. Stay socially active. Get together with friends and family, or volunteer in your community.

5. Protect your brain. Wear seat belts, wear a helmet when cycling, and fall-proof your home.

6. Manage chronic conditions. The better you take

care of yourself, the better your memory is likely to be.

7. Get organized. Jot down tasks, appointments, and other events. Set aside a certain place for your wallet, keys, and other essentials.

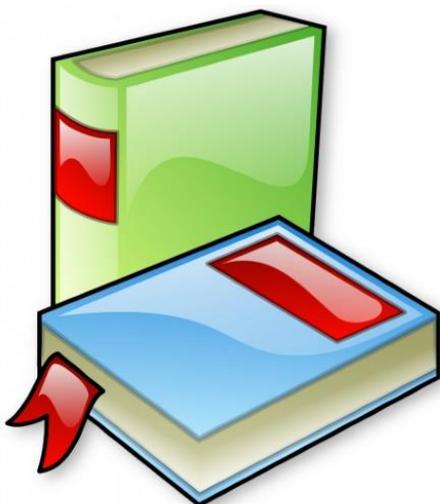
8. Keep active in your church community. Not only does it help your spiritual health, it adds to your social connections, and opportunity to serve others. And take time every day to pray. Being appreciative for all we have been given, and knowing we are

never alone can help immensely!

You can also donate funds to the Alzheimer's Association. They are working hard to find new treatments and, hopefully, preventive measures. They also provide support and assistance to thousands of families dealing with the disease.

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Gal. 6:10). Stay healthy, happy, and helpful.....Jean

Library Board Greetings from the Library Team!



Where did it go? Summer, that is.

Didn't we just celebrate Memorial Day and here it's Labor Day! Fall is just around the corner! We hope you were blessed with a safe & enjoyable summer. The children will soon be returning to school, football games will be enjoyed by

many and the activities/schedules at church will resume its busy Fall-time pace. The Library Team will be returning to its weekly work/coffee schedule after Labor Day. The day of the week hasn't been decided yet, but will be shortly.

During the summer months the library team worked on various projects—cleaning, withdrawing books, organizing shelves and the list goes on. Several newly processed books have been added to the library's collection. Check out the displays on top of the file cabinet, on the counter by the desk and on top of the children's book racks. Two of the "Tall Timber Trilogy" books are available for your reading enjoyment. The third one is not published yet, but will be soon. The author, Margo Hansen, resides in the north woods of Minnesota

and also wrote "The Newly Weds" series. The library does have that complete series. Stop by and check them out!

The Fall meeting of the Lake Superior Church Library Association will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the Spirit of God Lutheran Church (formerly Zion Lutheran Church) located at 2431 W 3rd St., Duluth, MN. The meeting will focus on "A Fall Harvest of Ideas!" Many topics relating to the functions and plans of the Church Library will be discussed. The meeting is open to the public, so if interested, please join us.

May your Fall be a Blessed and productive one!

See YOU in the library!

KEEP ON READING!

HERITAGE

Reverend Clifford Pederson

Rev. Pederson was born in Dazey, ND on February 26, 1927. After graduating from Dazey High School in 1945, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in Hawaii for two years. He graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1952 and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN in 1956. He was then called to serve our Congregation as associate pastor to Rev. Andrew Boe.

Pastor Pederson gave excellent sermons and was highly thought of by members of the church. He was Really caring to the elders and the young people enjoyed programs he organized for them.

Something which caught city-wide attention and

especially members is that he decided to take up painting. His first Subject was to pain the late Rev. Andrew Boe. He contended that the painting was no masterpiece but he felt he at least caught some of the character of Boe. We all admired his work. This painting can be viewed in the Fellowship Hall.



Rev. Clifford Pederson with his portrait of Rev. Andrew Boe

On August 2, 1958, Rev. Pederson was united in marriage to Constance Chellman and Concordia. She was the daughter of Ellis and Gladys Chellman, longtime members of Concordia.

Pastor Pederson served in several churches, the last being Eleva Lutheran Church in Eleva which he served for eleven years. Sadly, Pastor Pederson died at the age of 50. He was survived by his wife, Constance, and four sons: James, Jeffrey, David, and Andrew.

In an article containing annual reports, I found this sentence about him. I quote, "We are proud of Rev. Pederson and thankful to God we were able to secure a man of great fait who fits into the pattern of our congregation.

Happenings and Announcements

The following memorials are acknowledged by the church office:

In Memory of:	Given by:
Clarise Anderson	Rhoda Pearthree (Bus Fund)
Carol Giacomini	Rhoda Pearthree (Bus Fund)
Audrey Hagen	Audrey Pederson (S. School)
Steve Johnson	Rhoda Pearthree (S. School)
	Patricia Luder (S. School)
Eileen Ketola	Patricia Luder
Roger Scheldroup	Robert & Suzanne Lervick
Bob Warner	Edith Warner (Bus Fund)

Thank you to Bill & Jan Lippitt for donating our new American flag!

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

Thank you to Pastor Michelle for donating the money for our new bike rack!

We are looking to replace our old rugs in the entrance of the church and in the hallway outside the offices. You can donate towards this project or ask in the office for a price list.

We will now be accepting donations for the CLCW Annual Rummage Sale year round! Please limit to items that fit on a shelf or countertop.

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



CLCW FALL MEETING

The Fall Meeting for the CLCW will be on September 17th after Worship. Lunch will be provided. Please make plans to attend.

Pet Blessing

On Saturday, September 23rd, we will have a blessing service for pets at 5:00 in the evening. We will set up outside under the tent in the front yard, and have a short service of blessing with a couple of songs and some Scripture readings.

All kinds of pets are welcome, and must be either leashed (and under control) or in a container from which they are not to be released.

Know your pet! If your pet does not like other animals to be in the vicinity, or if it is difficult to bring your pet to Concordia, you may bring a photo of the pet, so the blessing may be done remotely.

Walk-ins will be accepted, though you may want to pre-register for the day to help us in preparation. Those requesting blessings for their pets need not be members of Concordia Lutheran. (Registration forms are available at the kiosk in the rear of our worship space.)

Night Out!

September 20th

Ladies: 5:00 at Bucktales
6098 WI-35

Men: 5:30 at Eddies
5221 E 4th St



Mn Adult & Teen Challenge

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will be singing and sharing testimonies at our upcoming service on:

**September 10th
10:00 am**

Parents of young children, please be aware that while those giving testimonials are counseled not to share anything inappropriate or graphic, the subject matter may be heavy at times.

Promotional Video: <https://vimeo.com/140359526>



Sunday School Teachers are needed! No experience is needed and all supplies are provided. This one hour per week commitment is a blessing to our church. If you would like to help out with Sunday School, please notify Kristie Johnson or the office.

Community Benevolence Stuff the Bus Shopping List:

- *Socks
- *Underwear
- *Waterproof Gloves/Mittens
- **All items are needed in all sizes (Details are available in the church office and in the weekly bulletin)**



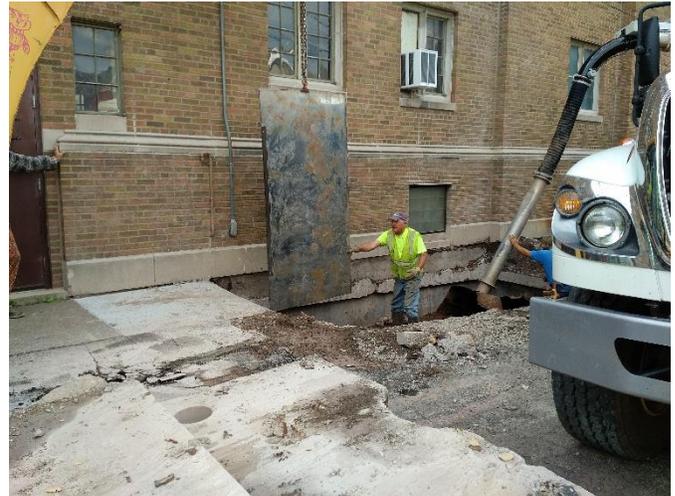
Items should be returned by **September 10**.

Please note: Individuals applying for the Boe Engebretson Student Award next spring, 2018, will be required to show at least 5 hours of service to Concordia, or a church near them if they are away at school. More details are available in the office.

P.S. Teaching Sunday School would be a great way to do this!

Oil Tank Removal

Earlier this year a small puddle of oil was discovered in our boiler room. Unfortunately, after the spill was cleaned, more oil appeared on the floor. It appeared to be seeping into the building through an old walled off doorway. A few blocks from the doorway were removed in order to remove what we believed to be a couple of five-gallon oil cans. What was discovered behind the wall however was a tank estimated at 3,000 gallons! The tank has now been removed and the blacktop in the alley above will be replaced soon. Here are a few pictures of the process:



In the Area

Alzheimer's Walk

The **Walk to end Alzheimer's** fund-raiser will be held Saturday, Sept. 9th, on the Lakewalk in Duluth, beginning at the DECC. You do NOT have to walk in it to participate. All you have to do is donate funds to help support their work. Concordia has been a sponsor for several years. You can donate in the box in the office, through Jean, or on the web site. Go to www.alz.org/walk. At the bottom of the page, click on "Find a Team", enter "Concordia Lutheran Church Coffee", then "search." Click on the high-lighted, "Concordia Lutheran Church Coffee", scroll down to click on "Donate to the Team." It's easy to find and easy to do. Thank you for your support!.....Jean

Theme: "Daughter of the King - In Spite of it All"

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

Main Speaker: Judy Moore Vader, Escanaba, MI

Judy's life was "charmed" and went according to plan until "real life" happened. She will share how God brought her through many difficult situations and gave her victory over them all.

Special Feature: Rhoda Sagerstrom, Superior, WI

We look forward to seeing Rhoda's paintings, hearing how she became an artist, and what inspires her.

Tuesday, September 19, 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, September 15, 2017

Superior: Lois 715-398-3175 Duluth: Minnie 218-626-2361

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

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR WIC?

You may qualify if you are pregnant, breastfeeding or have had a baby in the past 6 months; you have an infant, or child(ren) up to age 5. Many working families qualify for WIC. The program uses the same income criteria as free and reduced-price school lunches. You are income eligible if you receive Kinship Care, W-2 or FoodShare. You may be income eligible if you currently receive Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus. Fathers, guardians or foster parents may apply for WIC for their children.

Please call or email for further information – 715-394-2750 or wic@northwest-csa.org.

Habitat for Humanity Picnic

We're holding our Harvest Home Gathering picnic on Saturday, September 16. This is a free picnic for past, present and future partners of Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity. We encourage you to share this information with your congregation.

Harvest Home Gathering

Saturday, September 16, 2017

3:30 - 5:30pm

Main Pavilion, Billings Park

Superior, WI

The picnic will include a greeting from Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan Reckford.

Please RSVP by emailing office@wlshabitat.org



Sign a stud...Support a Family

Thursday, September 14 congregational and community members can support the VanHolbeck Family build at 710 Weeks Avenue in Superior. Sharpies will be available to write your messages of encouragement and support to the family, volunteers, and other supporters to complete the project on time (late November/early December).

Make your own ice cream sundae between 4 and 7 p.m. Suggested freewill offering of \$20 for each stud signed, although contribute as you are able. Every hand and contribution helps! Thanks to Thrivent financial groups for co-hosting the event as part of the Thrivent Builds effort!

U.S. and Worldwide

Hurricane Harvey Relief

The situation:

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, threatening millions of people with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.



Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for the people who have been affected and are in the path of Hurricane Harvey. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give

Gifts to ["US Hurricane Relief"](#) will be used to assist those affected by the hurricane until the response is complete.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow @ELCALDR on [Twitter](#).

Celebrate ELCA Missionaries and young Adults in Global Mission

Each year, more than 225 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Missions, serve in more than 40 countries around the world. They are sent by the ELCA in response to invitations from our companion churches and serve in a variety of roles, working alongside our companions to proclaim the gospel, raise up leaders, care for those in need and learn new ways of being church together.

This Global Church Sunday (October 1), join us in celebrating and supporting our church's missionaries! No matter who they are or where they serve, every missionary needs your prayer, support, and gifts to live out their ministry.

Together, we are building up Christ's global church.

Give now:

community.elca.org/globalchurch

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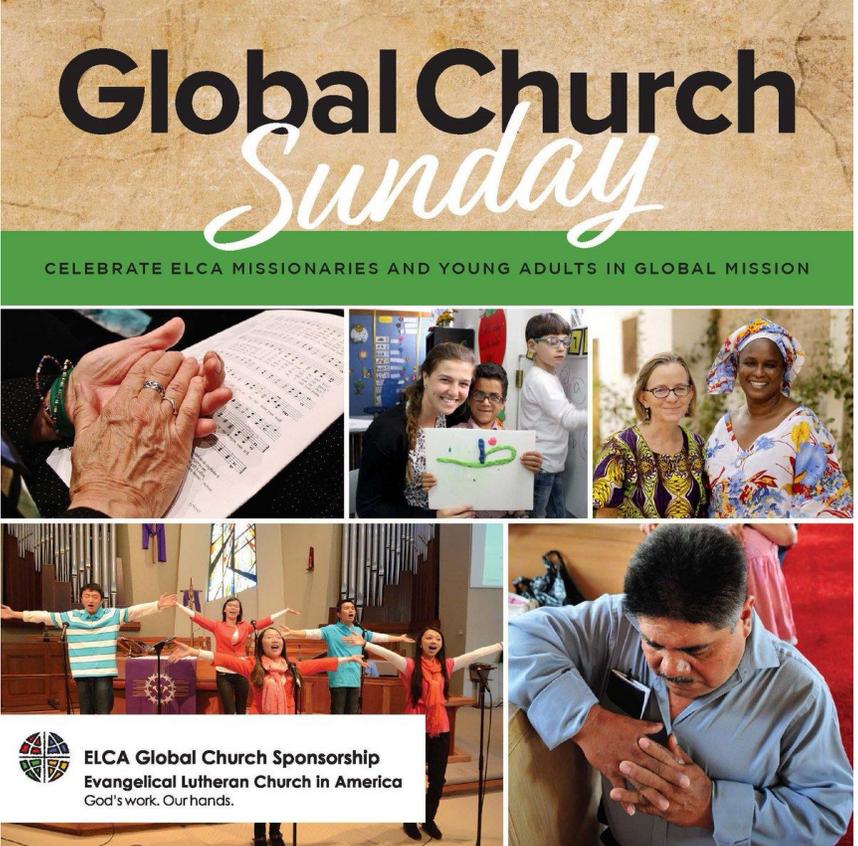
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Make checks payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" and note Young Adults in Global Mission and/or Missionaries on the memo line.

Learn more at ELCA.org/missionaries



Global Church Sunday
CELEBRATE ELCA MISSIONARIES AND YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

The collage includes: hands clasped in prayer over a hymn sheet; a woman and child holding a drawing; two women in traditional African attire; a group of people in a church sanctuary with arms raised; and a man in a blue shirt looking at a smartphone.

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Living Faithfully

In observance of the 500th anniversary of what is recognized by Lutherans as the beginning of the Reformation, we will be studying the book of Romans (actually the Letter to the Romans). We'll begin on September 5, and conclude this study just before Thanksgiving. Participants may choose to come at 2:00 in the afternoon or at 6:30 in the evening. (The same session will be held at both times each Tuesday.)

At the very center of the Lutheran Reformation is the letter of the apostle Paul to early Christians in Rome. Martin Luther wrote in his introduction to Romans that "this epistle is in truth the most important document in the New Testament, the gospel in its purest expression. It is a brilliant light, almost enough to illumine the whole Bible."

The 12 session course includes 30-minute DVD presentations by Dr. Walter F Taylor, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus Ohio, and explores the great themes from Romans through study of specific passages.

Through this study, we may gain a more solid overall understanding of the flow of this important letter, and insight into what Paul meant by the bad news of human sin and the good news of justification--how God makes humanity right with God, others, and ourselves. The focus on faith, baptism, transformed lives, and Christian Community promises to help us discover what it means to live faithfully as followers of Jesus.

Altar Flowers for September

- Sep 3** Bob Warner by Ann Novack
Sep 10 Loved Ones by Millie Score & Family
Sep 17 Ken & Mildred Olson and Ray Nurmi by Michael & Joyce Olson
Sep 24 Jay A. Jonson by Joanne Johnson & Children Julie, Jim, & Jeff

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The DEADLINE for articles in "The Concordian" is September 15.

Announcements are due by 9:00 am
September 25.

Thanks for marking this on your calendar!

Serving in September

Ushers

September 3	Team II
September 10	Team III
September 17	Team I
September 24	Team II

Bus Driver

September 3	Brett Quist
September 10	Pete Quist
September 17	Ken Harmer
September 24	John Gronski

Scripture Readers

September 3	Richard Wnek
September 10	Mark Thompson
September 17	Ken Harmer
September 24	Nancy O'Neill

Altar Servers

September 3	Linda Aho
September 10	Linda Aho & Carol Lindstrom
September 17	Carol Lindstrom
September 24	Marie Peterson

Coffee Kiosk Servers

September 3	Eric Sewall
September 10	Nancy Burley
September 17	Nick Pristash
September 24	Tom O'Neill

Financial Assistants

Deb Harmer & Sue Martin

Communion Assistants

September 3	Jane Pietrowski & Nancy Burley
September 10	David Sloan & Gary Banker

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30					1	2
3 9:00 am BP Check 10 am Worship w/ Communion	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 9 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Just for Kix 6:30 Bible Study	6 10 am Altar Guild 2 pm Lydia Circle	7 2pm Service at Superior Rehab	8	9 Wedding of Katie McCleod & Travis Hammerbeck
10 Grandparent's Day 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship w/ Communion & Teen & Adult Challenge 11 am Lunch	11 Patriot Day 6 pm Property & Management 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 9 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Just for Kix 6 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 Bible Study	13 6 pm Council Visioning Meeting	14 2pm Service at Superior Rehab	15 October Concordian Articles Due	16
17 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am CLCW Fall Meeting	18 6 pm Worship & Music 7 pm Boy Scouts	19 9 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Just for Kix 6:30 Bible Study	20 9:30 am Mary Circle 5 pm Ladies' Night @ Bucktales 5:30 Men's Night @ Eddies	21 International Day of Peace	22 First Day of Autumn	23 9:30 am tent set up 5 pm Pet Blessing Service
24 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Picnic with Community	25 9:00 pm October Concordian Announcements Due 7 pm Boy Scouts	26 9 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Bible Study 4 pm Just for Kix 6:30 Bible Study	27 Concordian Helpers	28 6 pm Council	29	30 8:30 am Boy Scouts Training

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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 1st and 2nd 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.