



The Concordian

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

From the Pastor:

Last month, I wrote of the difficulties that we have in our attempts to love other people. Much of our difficulty is based on differences we see between others and ourselves, and the fear that others will take advantage of us if and when we reach out to them. I noted how silly some of the distinctions I made may sound. Who would complain about the color or the coarseness of a person’s hair (or lack thereof)?!

How do we learn to love other people, when other people find themselves strangers within our doors? How do we become welcoming?

They say that imitation is the best form of flattery, but sometimes people become offended because a person presents an art form that others see as not fitting the heritage of the presenter. I’d be chastised for singing in Black Gospel form... unless I was singing along with a Black Gospel singer... It was okay for the nuns characters in “Sister Act” to engage in such a way because Oprah’s character was leading them...

When our council met in retreat last year to explore ways to connect with people in our

community, one of our members suggested we invite people to do things with us, to minister with us, to join in the ways we try to reach out. Almost immediately others responded positively. We realized we don’t want to be purposefully detached, limiting our contributions only to anonymous gifts toward faceless individuals. We’d rather have the opportunity to get to know one another, to connect in ways that allow for interaction.

The challenge lies in how we accomplish this.

One way is to participate enthusiastically in what we do here. When we have an activity, come. The more people see us happily engaging, the more they’ll want to see why, and might step inside and see. If you pass a neighbor when you walk from your car to the building, feel free to say, “You’re welcome to come along inside and worship with us!” If you’re on your way back to the car you could say, “I hope you can join us for worship next week. It’s 10:00 on Sundays!”

If you have an idea for an activity that would be community friendly, and are willing to participate in the implementation of said event,



bring it to the appropriate committee or the council and let’s explore it together.

Talk to one another, and encourage one another. Participate in the upcoming rummage sale, even if it’s just to help people carry their purchases to their cars (or homes). Be friendly, because God loves our neighbors fully as much as God loves us, and we’d like to share that!

When you get the chance, read the 5th chapter of the 1st Letter to the Thessalonians. There, we are advised to encourage one another, and to work for the coming of God’s kingdom in this world. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Amen.



PARISH NURSING NOTES...

What if a sudden illness or injury left you unable to speak for yourself? Who would you want to speak for you? And what would you want them to say for you? What would you want them to know about your values and wishes? Maybe you have already been in the position of having to speak for your parents or another family member. Did you know what they wanted you to say? Wouldn't it have been easier if you knew exactly what their wishes were?

In life, we prepare for the major decisions we have to make....college, a career, marriage, a baby, buying a house, retirement. But we rarely begin the conversation about the end of life. Admittedly, we don't have the option of choosing when

we will die, or what the cause will be. But we can learn about what choices we DO have. We can talk about those choices with our families, and let them know what our choices would be. What a gift it is for family members to know, and have in writing, what kind of care you would like at the end of your life.

April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day. It emphasizes the importance of considering the health care decisions you may have to make in the future. And since none of us know when that will be necessary, NOW is the best time to start planning! Advance care planning is a process that helps you:

- Think about your health care values and goals;
- Consider health care choices you may have to make in the future;
- Talk about your choices with your doctor and your loved ones; and
- Make a written plan for the future (advance directive).

Did you know that in Wisconsin, if for some reason you cannot make your own health care decisions, and you don't have an advance care directive giving a health care agent authority to admit you to a nursing home for a long-term stay, the court must appoint a guardian to act in your behalf. This can be a lengthy and expensive process for your family. Making decisions NOW is a gift to your family.

There are 2 free programs scheduled in our area at Peace Lutheran Church in Poplar. They will be held on Monday, April 16th, at either 3 PM or 7 PM. There is optional viewing of the award-winning film, "Consider the Conversation" one hour prior to the program, at 2 PM and 6 PM. You need not register ahead of time.

You can also see me at any time. I have several informational booklets to help you get started in this process.

So stay happy, healthy, and prepared.....
.....
.....Jean



ALTAR GUILD

On July 15, 1954, the wives of the deacons were called together for a meeting with Reverend Andrew J. Boe. He was interested in forming an Altar Guild. The wives agreed and Mrs. Christ Haugland was the first elected president. It is my understanding that women who were asked to be members of the guild had to have husbands who were deacons or husbands who were active in the church. This method of enrolling members did not last. Now, if you are a member of the church, you are welcomed to join the guild.

Some of the things members did in the earlier years was visit other churches to see if the members had to add more projects to their duties. Some of the churches they visited were in Hibbing, MN, Silver Bay, MN, St.

Johnson's Lutheran in Eau Claire, and St. John's Abbey and University Church in Collegeville, MN.

Fostering a better understanding of the liturgical heritage of the Lutheran Church was another function of the guild.

The Altar Guild aids the pastor in caring for the church chancel and chapel and prepares them for each service. They take care of the altar linens and all furnishings of the chancel. They care for the placement and distribution of all altar flowers.

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the Baptismal Font for Baptism. They provide a small Baptismal Cloth which is presented to the parents during their child's baptism.

The Guild is also responsible for preparing the wine and cups for communion.

Also remember the special holidays of the church. The guild is responsible for

ordering and arranging all those lovely lilies and poinsettias.

Someone who just retired from the guild has to be mentioned. That person is Eunice Grimsrud. She took care of ordering supplies for the altar for many years. We also need to thank Arlene Jacobson who was president for many years.

Present members are Co-Presidents: Ann Marie Novack and Carol Banker; Secretary Carol Lindstrom; and Treasurer Nancy O'Neill. Other members are Arlene Jacobson, Joyce Olson, Lois and Bill O'Neill, Linda Aho, and Joy Moncel. Bear Rowell helps out at times as well.

We want to thank the members for their diligence and loving care of the chancel and chapel. Also, here is a thank you for the lovely lunch you serve on Maundy Thursday

Altar Flowers for April

April 1

In Memory of Edward and Dorothy Hoffman
by The Lippitt Family

April 8

In memory of Erika Margaret Banker and
Roger and Margaret Erickson by Gary,
Carol, Craig, and Amy Banker

April 15

In memory of Loved Ones by Roy & Marie
Peterson

April 22

In memory Robert & Martha Jean Hansen
by Nancy Burley

April 29

In memory of Esther J. Nelson given by
Patsy Luder and Shirley Brandser

Upcoming open dates are:

September 2

November 18

Please contact the office if you would like one of
these dates.

Please note: Individuals applying for the Boe
Engebretson Student Award this 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!

Deadline for Application is May 1, 2018

**The DEADLINE for articles in the next issue
of "The Concordian" is April 12.**

Announcements are due by 9:00 am
April.23

Thanks for marking this on your calendar!

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

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Nancy Burley
Matthew Eastman
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Gary Banker

Property Management

Matthew Eastman
Shawn Quist

Stewardship

(inactive, full council)



We love to add voices to the choir! Practice is at 9:00 am Sunday mornings next to the piano in the Sanctuary. Please come join us when you can!

Organ Fund

Donations toward needed repairs for our organ are now being accepted.

Locks and Keys



After many years of use, our locks and keys have become worn. We have been refurbishing the locks in the building as needed, so if you have a key for interior doors and you find it no longer works well, you may wish to have it replaced with a newly-cut key. Please contact the office if this applies to you.



Lake Superior Ragtime Society

Sunday, April 8
1:30pm to 4:00 pm
In The Fellowship Hall

Serving in April

Ushers

April 1 7am	Team III
April 1 10 am	Team II
April 8	Team IV
April 15	Team I
April 22	Team II
April 29	Team III

Bus Driver

April 1	Ken Harmer
April 8	Pete Quist
April 15	Kris Hanson
April 22	Brett Quist
April 29 th	Pete Quist

Scripture Readers

April 1 7am	Bear Rowell
April 1 10 am	Audrey Dontje Lindell
April 8	Audrey Dontje Lindell
April 15	Anne Gronskie
April 22	Kris Hanson
April 29	Ken Harmer

(Readings may be picked up in the office the prior week. If they are not picked up, we will mail them to the reader.)

Altar Servers

April 1	Ann Novack & Carol Banker
April 8	Ann Novack & Carol Banker

Coffee Kiosk Servers

April 1 7 am	Nancy Burley
April 1 10 am	Nick Pristash
April 8	Eric Sewall
April 15	Jan Lippitt
April 22	Shawn Quist
April 29	Matt Eastman

Financial Assistants

Shirley Brandser; Sandy Novak

Communion Assistants

April 1 7am	David Sloan and Mike Hill
April 1 10 am	Shawn Quist and Lori Sewall
April 8	Dick Wnek and Linda Aho

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 Worship w/Communion 8:00-9:30 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Worship w/Communion	2 (Office Open 8-Noon)	3 9:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 Lydia Circle 4:00 Just for Kix	4 10:00 Altar Guild 3:45 Conf. Class 6:30 Girl Scouts	5 2:00 Worship at Superior Rehab	6	7 8-12 Community Employment Seminar at WITC – Brandon & Casey
8 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir 9:30 Benevolence Cmt. 10:00 Worship w/ Communion 11:00 Youth & Family Meeting 1:30 Ragtime Society Concert	9 9:00 CLCW Work Day 6:00 BS Troop Committee 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 Staff Mtg. 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Prayer Shawl	11 3:45 Conf. Class 6:30 Girl Scouts	12 2:00 Worship at Superior Rehab 4:00 Just for Kix	13	14 Richard Riedasch 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Funera Luncheon to Follow in Fellowship Hall Jay Vigiano 2:00 p.m. Funeral Down's Funeral Home
15 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship	16 4:00 CLCW at 105 6:00 Property Management 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 Senior Scouts	17 4:00 Just for Kix	18 9:00 Staff Mtg. 3:45 Conf. Class 6:30 Girl Scouts	19 April Newsletter Articles Due	20	21
22 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 2:30 UWS Choir/Orchestra Concert w/Mesabi Symphony Orchestra Thorpe Langley	23 9:00 April Newsletter Announcements due 6:00 Worship and Music 7:00 Senior Scouts	24 9:00 Staff Mtg. 4:00 Just for Kix 4:00 – 7:00 pm BBQ Rib Dinner United Presbyterian Church	25 3:45 Conf. Class 6:30 Girl Scouts	26 Concordian Helpers 6:00 Council	27 5:00 Boy Scout Gourmet Cookout 6:00 Movie night with Pizza and Popcorn	28 10:00 Prayer Shawl
29 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Boy Scouts Return from Gourmet Cookout	30 7:00 Boy Scouts					



LIBRARY

Greetings from the Library Team! As we celebrate Easter, stop and take some time during all the “busyness” of life to reflect on what God has given us through His son, Jesus Christ! The season of Easter lasts 50 days and concludes on Pentecost. May we all have a meaningful and Blessed “Easter Season”!

During Lent, the Library Team has been taking a break from its weekly work sessions. Life, busy schedules and health issues have prevented us from working on our “projects”. What with the arrival of spring, longer days and warmer weather, we’ll be back to our regular schedule.

The date for the spring meeting of the Lake Superior Church Library Association has not been finalized yet. The Library Team will have this information posted once we receive it.

Something to consider –

When giving a donation in memory of, honor of or in appreciation of someone special, please consider the Concordia Library. Our budget is limited, but with these donations the Library Team will be able to purchase new books, DVDs and other materials needed to keep the library current. Thank-you for your support.

May your Easter Season continue to be a MEANINGFUL one!

See YOU in the library!
KEEP ON READING!

Happenings and Announcements

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DONATE

**CASDA
SPRING DONATION DRIVE
SUPERIOR WALMART
APRIL 5-7
12-6 PM**

Rummage Sale! The rummage sale will be May 12. We have a work day on April 9, so please bring donations that can be sorted and priced. If you can help that day – please come. Help us to raise participation in the events of the congregation by contributing your items and yourself in preparation and on the day of the event. (Yes, we are also having a bake sale that day. This gives you another opportunity to contribute!)

Movie Night!

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

April 27. Watch the bulletins and the Connections email for Movie(s) and date.



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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 Sundays.
Fellowship (coffee & goodies) in the church library
after the worship service (when scheduled).

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.