



The Concordian

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

From the Pastor:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I suppose this year I ought to recognize in this article that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Many of you know that I did have a positive biopsy this past spring, which was followed by a lumpectomy. That was followed by a positive margin that led to further surgery. However, the lump was tiny (only about six millimeters in diameter). The oncologist went over all the benefits of treatment with chemo or radiation, and also the risks of chemo and radiation, and I realized that the benefits would not outweigh the risk *in my situation*.

I admit, it makes me feel rather guilty, not suffering through those treatments the way that other people with breast cancer often suffer. However, I believe that the most important reason for this is that it was discovered so early. Likely, it was discovered early because my mother died so young due to this very illness so I and my sisters are diligent about following the schedule for screenings. It is also possibly more likely that my cancer will recur, because of not undergoing further treatments. So, we'll keep checking...

How, though, does all this relate to the rest of life? What does it have to do with our faith life?

When I was still quite young, I horrified my Sunday School teacher by suggesting Jesus might have to come to save the world again

because of how bad things were going in this world. She assured me that Jesus coming once took care of all the evils in the world then and yet to come!

Considering the world today, though, we see good and evil still present side by side. We wonder why people perpetrate evil deeds. We don't understand what could inspire people to behave in the ways they do.

Or do we maybe understand, at least in some form? Do we recognize ways in which our own actions are less than exemplary, and do we know why? If we merely say, “Life is hard,” then we must recognize that life is just as hard for others as it is for us!

I believe that most of it comes down to the two commandments (according to our catechism's numbering) that we often neglect—partly because we're not quite sure about what it means to “covet,” and partly because we realize we actually do covet, and we do so unashamedly!

In an old catechism from the American Lutheran Church copyright 1939, the notes on the 9th Commandment say: “Covet” once meant simply “desire.” ... Now it is used almost always in a bad sense, to desire wrongfully. It may be a sinful desire either because we desire something we ought not to have at all, or because our desire is so strong that we would be willing to do wrong to get what we want.

People suffering from addiction might feel compelled toward crime: theft or murder in order to obtain



what the addiction tells them they need. Coveting is much more widespread than that, though!

Pick up any magazine, or listen to the radio or television and what do you notice? Advertisements, telling you how other people enjoy something you don't yet have, and how much happier you would be if you had it too. We are being enticed to covet!

Covetousness has become society's cancer. It invades homes from the dearest to the richest, and of every race and ethnicity.

Maybe we should call it greed... The more we have, the more we want. The more other people have, the more we want it for ourselves. Is there a way to eradicate this cancer from our lives? Can we cut it out and throw it away?

I hope so! Come, let us explore together ways to shine God's light here in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen



Parish Nursing
Notes.....

The month of October is a month of beauty---bright yellow, orange, and red leaves overhead and on the ground, with dark green pines for contrast, bright blue skies overhead, crisp, cool air, and smell of drying leaves and wood smoke. October is also recognized as National Mental Health Awareness Month. And most people do not see mental illness as a thing of beauty. It can be devastating to those experiencing it and to their families. If individuals are diagnosed with cancer, they are treated with compassion. Friends gather around to offer support and assistance. That is not always the case with mental illness. People still often equate mental illness with being "crazy" or weak or lacking in self-control. And those afflicted are often reluctant to talk about their feelings, symptoms, and diagnosis. In reality, mental illness is 6 times as prevalent as diabetes, and 5 times as prevalent as multiple sclerosis. More hospital beds in the United States are occupied by people who have a mental illness than

those who have cancer, heart, and lung disease combined. It is the country's leading cause of health-related disability. It is not caused by "poor parenting," or weakness of character—and it has many different forms. Mental illness is also treatable. However, only about 50% of those with mental illnesses seek out medical treatment, and only 50% of those get adequate treatment. Some barriers to effective treatment are ignorance, lack of insurance and lack of financial resources, and lack of access to care. But the greatest barrier of all is stigma. Stigma is a mark of shame or discredit. Research shows that 47% of all people with symptoms of mental illness seek help first from family and friends. If these individuals see mental illness as something shameful or disgusting, they convey the message that the individual is unworthy. That can lead to discrimination, which can prevent people with mental illness from seeking treatment, getting a job, finding housing, or taking advantage of other opportunities. What can we do? We can treat people with mental health problems as we would treat anyone with physical problems—with respect and dignity. And we can talk about their problems with compassion, and teach our children to do the same. You can learn more about depression and screening by going to a National Depression web site, <http://helpyourselfhelpothers.org>. They suggest ways to help stop a suicide, and separate fact from fiction in some of the

common beliefs. You can even take a screening test to see if you have signs of depression. It isn't periods of good times that foster spiritual growth, but the bad times. We can learn this from the stories of Job, David, and others in the Bible. There are many medical treatments for mental illness. But it also takes the physical, emotional, and spiritual support of friends, family, the community, and the church. Psalm 40:1-3 says, "*I waited for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.*" How wonderful to be part of an instrument of God, to be able to help "put a new song...of praise to our God" on the lips and in the hearts of those with mental health problems. So stay happy and healthy...and help others stay happy and healthy.....Jean

"Chilly?"

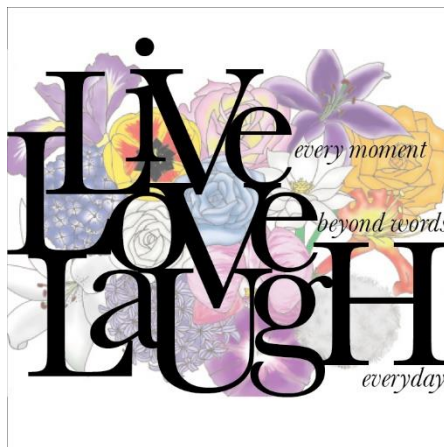
Our fall inspection of the boiler system is scheduled for October 16. We will not be turning the heat on before that time, so if the temperatures are a bit chilly, you may want to be prepared to wear your jacket during worship until after that date.



Greetings from the Library Team!

Fall has arrived As the days get shorter, the air cooler, the leaves transform into a myriad of colors, let us stop and think about the many blessings that God has given us. Family, friends, a summer filled with memories, football and the freedom to share ALL that HE has given us. list goes on. The author Lauren Destefand portrays a lovely image in the following quote: "Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

The Library Team will be meeting on Thursday mornings, schedules permitting. So, please stop by, see what projects we're working on and have a cup of coffee with us. Who knows, you just might find yourself getting involved in this ministry of the Church! Also, stop by the library and check out the fall decorations/displays. In recognition of Reformation Sunday on October 28th, the library team will have a table set up displaying the library's collection of works by and about Martin Luther.



ACTUAL BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycles. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the fellowship hall after the B.S. is done.

Evening Massage – 6 p.m.

The pastor would appreciate if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

The songfest was hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.

Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing service will be discontinued until further notice.

Remember in Prayer the many who are sick of our church and our community.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

Thursday night potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Thursday at 5 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

CONCORDIA'S ORGAN FUNDRAISER



Organ Fund: \$5671 of \$36,000 raised
as of September 25, 2018

Your donations are greatly
appreciated!!!

Worship & Music Committee would like
to lock in the lower bid for organ repairs.
As soon as we can raise \$12,000, we
expect to begin some repairs.
People are encouraged to give as soon
as possible to reach the \$12,000 mini
goal (of the \$36,000 total).



Pat & Lynette Erickson
Matthew & Jennifer Ketola
Lewis & Jamie Lawler
Jason & Beth Lundgren
Timothy & Kerri Nelson
Kevin & Julianne Norbie
Michael & Holly Peterson
Aaron & Holly Staupe

Benevolence Committee Meeting

Next meeting will be
October 7 at 11:00 a.m.



CLCW Fall Craft and Vendor Sale
October 27, 2018
Tables are \$25

Please Contact Nancy O'Neill at 218-
391-6141

Altar Flowers for October

October 7

In Memory of Robert & Prudy Hanson by
Daniel & Carol Gucinski & Family

October 14


In Memory of Albert C. & Margaret Banker
by Gary & Carol Banker & Family

October 21

In memory of Margaret Schnieder by Millie
Score & Family

October 28

In memory of Robert Warner by Edith
Warner



ALTAR GUILD

If you have not paid for the 2018 Altar Flower Memorials, please do so by October 31. If you are not sure if you have paid, please call the church office.

Thank you,
Concordia Altar Guild

**The DEADLINE for articles in the next issue of
"The Concordian" is October 18
Announcements are due
by 9:00 am October 22
Concordian Helpers October 25 at 9:00 am.
Thanks for marking this on your calendar!**

Happy

Halloween

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

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Matthew Eastman
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Stewardship

(inactive, full council)



Dennis Aho, Jordan Butera, Emily Casey, Cindy Denny, Brianna Erickson, Nancy Erickson, Gunnar Gronski, Leslie Hanson, Hunter Hering, Samuel Hogg, Eda Kangas, Jeffrey Kloss, Valerie Larson, Suzanne LePage, Carol Lindegren, Carol Lindstrom, William Lindstrom, Laurel Marvin, Edward Marvin, Barbara Mattson, Susan Mayers, Jane Meehan, Edward Nelson, Kerri Nelson, Maggie Nelson, Karla Peterson, Shawn Quist, Lester Rosenbaum, Michelle Rowell, Robin Russom, Jenna Setterstrom, Douglas Setterstrom, Debra Setterstrom, Katherine Sorenson, Shawn Staupé, Chad Susens, Susan Viggiano, Vince Viggiano

Concordia Lutheran Church's annual Trunk-or-Treat: A fun and safe way for families to enjoy a night out and collect Halloween treats. Tuesday, Oct. 31 in the Concordia parking lot from 5-7 p.m.

Volunteers needed! Join us with your car to hand out Halloween treats to neighborhood kids and enjoy a night out. Benevolence Committee will provide treats, or you can bring your own pre-packaged candy. Come in costume and decorate your car! Contact John Gronski ([218-340-1813](tel:218-340-1813)).



Serving in October

Ushers

October 7	Team I
October 14	Team II
October 21	Team III
October 28	Team I

Bus Driver

October 7	Pete Quist
October 14	Brett Quist
October 21	Ken Harmer
October 28	Kris Hanson

Scripture Readers

October 7	Doug Score
October 14	Nancy O'Neill
October 21	Gloria Sloan
October 28	Chayce Strauch

(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

October 7	Linda Aho
October 14	Lois O'Neill
October 21	Altar Guild
October 28	Carol Lindstrom

Coffee Kiosk Servers

October 7	Nick Pritash
October 14	John Gronski
October 21	Jan Lippitt
October 28	Matt Eastman

Financial Assistants


Eric Sewall & Jennifer Kloss

Communion Assistants

October 7	Jane Pietrowski & Ann Novack
October 14	Shawn Quist & Lori Sewall



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:30 LOON – Sanctuary Sing Through 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 9:00 Staff Meeting 10-1 Loon 2-5 Loon 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	3 10:00 Altar Guild 10-1 LOON 11:00 Text Study 2-5 LOON 3:45 Confirmation	4 10:00 Library Workers 10-1 LOON 2:00 Superior Rehab 2-5 LOON	5 (Office Closed) 10-1 LOON 2-5 LOON	6 10:00 Confirmation 11-2 LOON Final Dress Rehearsal 6:00 pm LOON Dress Rehearsal
7 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship w/Communion 11:00 Benevolence Cmt	8 Columbus Day 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Property Management Committee 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 9:00 Staff Mtg 4:00 Just For Kix 6:00 Prayer Shawl 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	10 11:00 Text Study	11 10:00 Library Workers 2:00 Superior Rehab worship 4:00 Just for Kix	12 (Office closed)	13 10:00 Confirmation LOON – All Day
14 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship w/Communion 11:00 Coffee Hour – Organ Fund 12:00 LOON	15 10-1 LOON 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 2-5 LOON 6:00 Property Management Committee 6:00 pm LOON Dress Rehearsal – All Welcome 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 9:00 Staff Mtg 10-1 LOON 11:30 Ministerium 2-5 LOON 4:00 JFK 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	17 10:00-1:00 LOON 11:00 Text Study 2:00-5:00 LOON	18 Newsletter Articles Due 10:00 Library Workers 10:00-1:00 LOON 2:00 Superior Rehab 2:00 – 5:00 LOON	19 (Office closed) 10:00-1:00 LOON 2:00 5:00 LOON	20 10:00 Confirmation LOON All Day
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28 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00Worship-Confirmation Sunday	29 2:00 Violin Studio 7:00 Boy Scouts	30 9:00 9:00 Staff Mtg 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Studio	31 11:00 Text Study 5-7 Trunk or Treat 			

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 Sunday School/10:00 am Worship

Communion served on the 1st and 2nd Sundays.
Fellowship (coffee & goodies) in the church library
after the worship service (when scheduled).

Mission Statement

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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.