



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.

“Sixteen Tons.” It’s the name of an old song by Merle Travis made famous by Tennessee Ernie Ford. It raises the issue of miners who were subject to the company store. A recurring refrain throughout the piece is, “St. Peter, don’t you call me, ’cause I can’t go, I owe my soul to the company store.”

On October 17 the local paper had a story on the implementation of student loan rules that were enacted because of fraudulent practices by some schools. Some who obtained loans for excessive costs may receive some relief from repayment.

The other day I read a meme that declared each (separated or divorced) parent should contribute equally toward child support regardless of how much each one earns. (Imagine one parent earns \$80,000 per year, and the other \$20,000 per year...)

Just before writing this article, I saw a headline that read, “I’m a teacher, and I qualify for reduced lunch...” Searching for that meme led me to a title from *Time Magazine* just last month. It reads, “‘I work 3 jobs and donate blood plasma to pay the bills.’ This Is What It’s Like to Be a Teacher in America.”

One week in October, the students in our confirmation classes played a made-up game called “Advantage.” Each student received a list of rules, stating how that student would move for a correct answer, for an incorrect answer, or if someone else answered. The lists were all different, and some were able to move forward when others could not. It

did not take long for the students to realize the game was not fair, that it rewarded some students and penalized others for no other reason than the list each one happened to grab. The student who happened to grab the most advantageous sheet was not at fault for gaining more advantage than the one who grabbed the least advantageous sheet, but hopefully it can help us to have a perspective on the world that we might otherwise miss. It’s fun to have an advantage for a change. It’s not so fun to be arbitrarily placed at a disadvantage. It’s even less fun to be at a disadvantage for reasons one is unable to change.

I tell a story now and then of a young man attending an electrician’s school in Chicago shortly before this nation’s involvement in the Korean war. He decided to get some exercise one day by taking the bus to the other end of Chicago and walking back. He was white, about 5’10”, and blonde. He found himself walking from familiar and comfortable surroundings into and through a part of the city that was filled with people who were larger than he was, with black skin, and with what seemed like suspicious gazes trained on him the entire way. He was able to relax a bit when his surroundings became a bit more comfortable and familiar. He never repeated that activity!

The point is that he *could* choose never to do that again. He had the advantage of being able to avoid that neighborhood. He never had to live in a company town working the mines. He had advantages, though he never became particularly rich (with his eventual career in rural education administration). That



young man was my dad... or I might never have heard the story!

We tend to seek whatever advantage we can obtain, and often do not notice when others cannot obtain the same advantage... and then we blame them for being lazy, or making poor choices, or having less intelligence.

It’s not that easy. Sometimes advantages are neither earned nor discarded, they merely are, and our responsibility is merely to love our neighbors in whatever way we can, as Jesus calls us to do.

It’s difficult to see past the advantages under which we live, and to see the good in those who differ from us. I pray that God will enlighten our eyes to see, will bolster our ears to hear, and will encourage our hearts to love people whose advantages differ from our own, or who seem to have no advantages that we can recognize.

May we love God completely, and love our neighbors wholly, in Jesus’ name. Amen



Parish Nursing Notes.....

With the recent cold temperatures and occasional snow flurries, we are reminded of the approaching holiday season – and also of the more rapidly approaching flu season! So as we start thinking about possible gifts for others, we can do something about giving others a gift for good health – flu prevention.



How do we do that? We start by getting a flu shot. The flu vaccine is safe, does not cause the flu, and can protect the ones you love. An annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Pregnant women, young children, older

people, and people with certain chronic conditions like asthma, diabetes, and heart disease are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications. So getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them. And if YOU get a flu shot, you can't pass YOUR flu on to others! And if you DO get the flu, call your doctor. There are anti-viral prescription drugs that can treat your illness and help prevent complications.

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze, or talk. But flu viruses may also spread when people touch something with flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. We think of public restrooms as a place where germs and viruses are spread. But railings, telephone, computer keys, light switches, and many more objects are touched daily by multiple individuals. And as we do not wash our hands before and after using them. The flu virus can be passed on to others beginning the day before symptoms are present and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick.

What else can we do to avoid getting the flu or passing it on? Follow Isaiah 1:16, "**So wash your hands. Make yourselves**

clean. Get your evil actions out of my sight. Stop doing what is wrong! Learn to do what is right." Wash your hands with soap and water frequently. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw it in the trash after you use it. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated and touched by many people. Avoid close contact with sick people, and while sick, limit your contact with others to keep from infecting them. avoid shaking hands when "sharing the peace" in church, or wiping your hands with a disinfectant before and after. So, if you are sick, stay home, drink plenty of liquids, and get plenty of rest. And if you are healthy, share Jesus' love by taking the sick the standard chicken soup or other fluids, and caring for their children.



This season, share gifts, blessings, love, laughter and health! Stay healthy and happy, and help others stay healthy.....Jean

We filled the bus with winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens for delivery to the Family Forum Head Start center in October.

Larger sized items went to Northern Light Elementary.

Sue Martin collected 76 jackets, 44 snow pants, 36 pair of boots and many hats, mittens and scarves with money from the Benevolence Fund.

Thanks to Sue Martin, Bear Rowell, Ken and Debi Harmer for delivering the winter gear. It will keep these little ones warm this winter.





Library Happenings!

Greetings from the Library Team!
We hope you've had an opportunity to get out and

enjoy God's beautiful creation(s) during this Fall season. A perfect time to stop and reflect

on what God has done and has given us through His Son and continues to love, care and

provide for us. A time to give Him Thanks and Praise! God is Good!

The Library Team continues to meet on Thursday mornings, weather and 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!

FYI: Thanksgiving is November 22nd and Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday of the liturgical year.) is observed on November 25th.

May your Thanksgiving be a Blessed one!

See YOU in the library!

KEEP ON READING!



I am thankful for:

The partner who hogs the covers every night, because it means that I have someone who loves me.

The teenager who is not doing the dishes but is watching TV, because it means he/she is at home and not on the streets.

For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snub, because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs moving, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, because it means that I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.

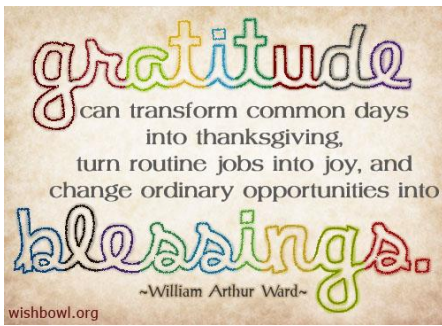


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Karen Severson,
Brooks Viggiano,
Jared Wojtoff,
Mason Zimmer



This year's Advent Tea is on December 2.

Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share at the Advent Tea Luncheon. Cookies should be delivered to the Church on Thursday, November 29th or by 9 am Sunday, December 2nd.



EXPLAIN GOD

**Written by Danny Dutton of
Chula Vista, CA – at age 8**

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty much busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

"His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in Heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it all worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.



CONCORDIA'S ORGAN FUNDRAISER

VIE FOR THE VOLUME
\$1000

BUILD THE BASS
\$500

ADOPT A STOP
\$200

MIND THE MISCELLANEOUS
\$100

PLAN WITH PRESETS
\$50

KEEP A KEY
\$25

**Organ Fund: \$7,037 of \$36,000 raised
as of October 23, 2018**

Your donations are greatly appreciated

MEN'S & LADIES' NIGHTS OUT

November 14

**Ladies will meet at 5:00 p.m.
at the Golden Inn**

**Men will meet at 5:30
Barker's Island Inn**

December 12

**Ladies and Men will meet at Dreamland
Supper Club. Please contact the church
office to make reservations**

If there are enough – we could take the bus!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 Library Workers 2:00 Superior Rehab Worship	2 (Office Closed)	3 10:00 Confirmation Class
4 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship w/Communion 11:00 Benevolence Committee	5 Columbus Day 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Troop Committee Mtg 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 Senior Scouts	6 9:00 Staff Mtg 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	7 10:00 Altar Guild 11:00 Text Study 3:45 Confirmation Class	8 10:00 Library Workers	9 (Office closed)	10 10:00 Confirmation Class
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Communion and Baptisms	12 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Property Management Committee 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 9:00 Staff Mtg 11:30 Ministerium 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Prayer Shawl	14 11:00 Text Study 3:45 Confirmation Class	15 9:30 Lake Superior Conference Pastors 10:00 Library Workers 2:00 Superior Rehab Worship	16 (Office closed)	17 10:00 Confirmation Class
18 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship (Pastor Michelle will be on vacation November 19-25)	19 Newsletter Announcements & Articles Due 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Worship & Music 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 9:00 Staff Mtg 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	21 No Confirmation Class	22 Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed) 	23 (Office closed)	24 No Confirmation Class
25 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	26 2:00 Violin Studio 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:00 Concordian Helpers 9:00 Staff Mtg 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Studio	28 11:00 Text Study 3:45 Confirmation Class	29 10:00 Library Workers 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Council Meeting	30 (Office Closed)	

Altar Flowers for November

November 4

In Memory of Merrill & Louise Hoven by
Jane Meehan Hoven & Family

November 11

In Honor of niece Amy & her husband Jack
serving in the military by Jane Pietrowski

November 18

In memory of Jim Hanson by Karla Hanson,
Kris, Marcie & Boys

November 25

In memory of Roger & Margaret Erickson
by Gary & Carol Banker



Poinsettias will be purchased by the Altar Guild to decorate the chancel for Christmas. If you wish to memorialize or honor a loved one, you may make a donation in any amount to the Altar Guild Poinsettia Fund. A list of those memorialized or honored will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Donor: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

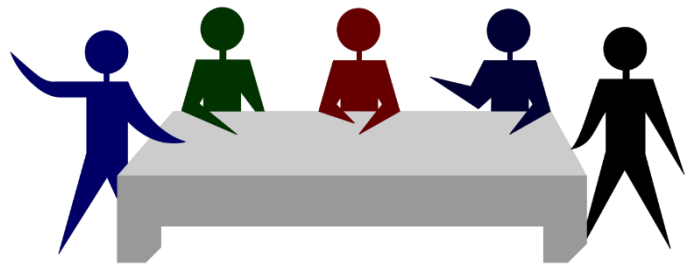
*(Checks payable to Altar Guild Flower Fund and
are due by December 16)*

ALTAR FLOWERS

UPDATED INFORMATION WILL BE SENT BY
MID-NOVEMBER REGARDING CHANGES FOR 2019
TO THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED FLOWERS.

PLEASE WATCH FOR THIS LETTER.

THANK YOU – THE ALTAR GUILD OF CONCORDIA



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together with you in ministry:**

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Stewardship

(inactive, full council)



**Richard & Nancy Erickson
Jeffrey & Jennifer Kloss
Douglas & Mary Score**

**The DEADLINE for articles and announcement
in the next issue of "The Concordian" is
November 19
Concordian Helpers November 27 at 9:00 am.
Thanks for marking this on your calendar!**

**Benevolence Committee Meeting
Next meeting will be
November 4 at 11:00 a.m.**

Faith Affirmed Sunday, October 28

Destiny Hering

1 John 2:15-17 (MSG)

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

Ruby Moore

Proverbs 31:25 (NLT)

She is clothed in strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.

Robert Olson

Matthew 21:25 (RSV)

And whatever you ask in prayer,
you will receive, if you have faith.

Serving in November

Ushers

November 4	Team II
November 11	Team III
November 18	Team I
November 25	Team III

Bus Driver

November 4	Pete Quist
November 11	Ken Harmer
November 18	Kris Hanson
November 25	Brett Quist

Scripture Readers

November 4	Diane Kruger
November 11	Theresa Clemmer
November 18	John Gronski
November 25	Ann Novack

(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

November 4	Joyce Olson & Carol Lindstrom
November 11	Joyce Olson & Carol Lindstrom
November 18	Joy Moncel & Carol Lindstrom
November 25	Joy Moncel & Carol Lindstrom

Coffee Kiosk Servers

November 4	Carol Lindegren
November 11	Nancy Burley
November 18	Eric Sewall
November 25	Shawn Quist

Financial Assistants

Bill O'Neill & LeRoy Eliason

Communion Assistants

November 4	Mike & Joyce Olson
November 11	Dennis & Linda Aho

**Planning an evening community
Advent Service in December,
hosted at Concordia.**

**Please watch the bulletins
and next month's newsletter
for details!**

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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.

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

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.