



# The Concordian

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

## *From the Pastor:*

January already? What happened to Christmas?!?!?

Of course, you may know that articles for our newsletter need to be written ahead of time, so I was in the midst of Advent while writing... but my head and my heart were preparing for Christmas! The Sunday School Christmas program was about to take place, I was working to finish a gift I'd been constructing for my sister, and I was working on a special worship experience for the Sunday after I return from vacation.

January 6 is the day of Epiphany, and we (in the western church) observe the coming of the magi to the house where Jesus lived with his family. A significant portion of the church (Eastern and Russian Orthodox) observes January 6 as their Christmas, however.

So, we have something special planned!

We will be having a service of **Lessons and Carols**. This means that we will be reading Bible passages from creation (with the promise) all the way through the coming of the magi to see the one in whom that promise is fulfilled. **We can use up to nine different readers!**

In addition, the service will be filled with music, including

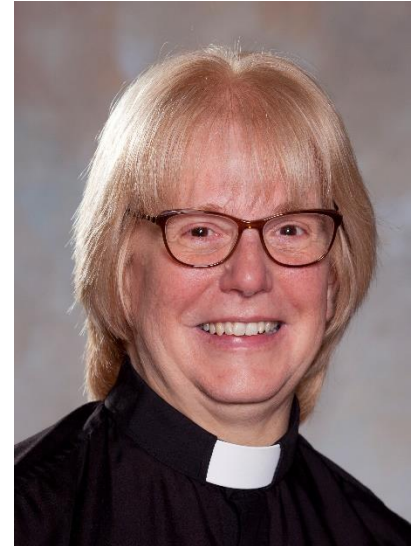
many songs and carols that help to portray the message of God's promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The whole story will be told in **Scripture** (including the Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper) and **Song**, and we hope that everyone will be filled with the joy of the season, and experience at least a bit of God's promised peace and good will.

There are several **opportunities for individuals or groups to sing solo** (or as a group) **songs or verses**. Male or female participants can sing the parts of the magi, the friendly beasts, or a more familiar (or more difficult) carol. If someone is found (or volunteers) to sing “Noel Nouvelet” in French, we'll be sure to have the English version on the screen so the rest of us have an idea what is being sung.

If you are willing to share your voice by reading or singing one of the provided parts for this event, please contact the office or Beth Sobczak.

We also have a need for as many people **participating in the congregation** as possible. Some people feel very alone when everyone else seems to be enjoying the holidays, and we are expecting this will be an event in which people find hope.



So, invite your friends. Come, worship with lessons and carols that glorify God and God's love expressed.

This season, we are reminded that the Word of God becomes flesh to participate with creation most intimately.

Finally, let us all contemplate the many ways **we** participate in God's creation, especially the ways that matter most. How do we best embody God's love for others? How do we care for the most needy? How do we inspire those who focus on greed to shift from taking toward giving?

How do we receive the gift of God's presence when all the world seems to focus on presents instead? Of course, the answer is: Most Graciously!

In Jesus' name. Amen



## PARISH NURSING NOTES.....

As we begin a New Year, and following up on last month's newsletter article, I decided to focus on the importance of "spirituality" as an important part of our health status.

As the end of life approaches, people often start focusing on their spiritual life and their relationship with God and their loved ones. Very often they know that nothing more can be done to cure their physical problems, and they then turn to the spiritual ones. But very often, it is the spiritual and relationship problems that cause the most suffering – and not just at the end of life, but throughout life. And those problems cannot be made to go away by taking a pill, or prevented by a vaccine. And they tend to build up and lead to stress

in your daily life. And the presence of stress can lead to physical symptoms and illness. So why not pay more attention to your spiritual life on a daily basis and prevent some of those problems from ever becoming a major problem!

A recent study at Duke University in North Carolina revealed that 42 percent of all participants reported "faith" as the enabling them to cope with their illness, and 40 percent of them ranked it as the most important factor. Those same patients also had the lowest rates of depression. Greater faith also correlated to stronger immune system functioning and fewer days of hospitalization.

In the early days of our civilization, 2000 to 3000 BC, there were no doctors. And it fell to the priests to examine and look after those who were ill. As Hippocrates and others moved to describe the physical causes of disease, that became the main focus. Until Jesus came along! Early hospitals were the main sponsors of hospitals. But as hospitals became more commercialized, the spiritual aspect of care

lessened, and finally was discouraged, so as not to "force beliefs" on anyone. But then Albert Einstein said that 65% of the human body is made up of the space and energy between all the physical particles. Yet mankind focused all of its attention and research on the 35% that can be measured and quantified. And things started slowly changing.

The Journal of Pain reported that researchers found participants who had daily spiritual experiences had higher levels of a daily positive mood, and lower levels of negative moods. They also had a higher ability to control and decrease pain. They also found that one minute of anger weakened the immune system for 4-5 hours, and one minute of laughter boosted the immune system for 24 hours!

Evaluating all these areas, and putting as much focus on our spiritual health as we do on physical health will give us a road map to follow in our daily lives. I hope in the New Year that you may all "...be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.".....  
....Jean



### Library Happenings

#### Library Happenings!

Well, ready or not, the New Year is upon us! Happy 2019!

We, on the library Team, pray that your Christmas was a joyful & Blessed one. A time to celebrate, with family & friends, the true meaning of Christmas. A time to create

new memories and a time to cherish the ones from past Christmas's. Now, a New Year has begun, full of fresh hopes and dreams. May you remain centered in Christ and be assured that He is always with you! He is there loving, forgiving, guiding and supporting you at ALL times.

In 2019 the Library Team plans to continue working on the weeding/inventory process, on-going dusting & cleaning, preparing new & donated books for circulation, and decorating/bulletin board/posters according to the church year/seasons. The

library may be a small group, but we are dedicated to this part of the Church's ministry to you. We look forward to working with you, the readers of Concordia, in choosing books for your needs/interests. We appreciate your comments/suggestions for additions or updates to the library's current collection.

Like a snail, we are slowly, but surely, making progress.

Keep On Reading!

See YOU in the library!



**CONCORDIA'S ORGAN FUNDRAISER**

Organ Fund: \$14,589 of \$36,000 raised so far

Your donations are greatly appreciated

### Altar Flowers for January

January 6

In Memory of John & Ann Leland and Bob Leland by Ken Leland

January 13

Altar Guild

January 20

Altar Guild

January 27

In Memory of Loved Ones  
by Richard Wnek

### **Benevolence Committee Meeting**

Next meeting will be  
January 6 at 11:00 a.m.

**Happy  
New Year**

### **Announcement and Article for**

**THE Concordian"**

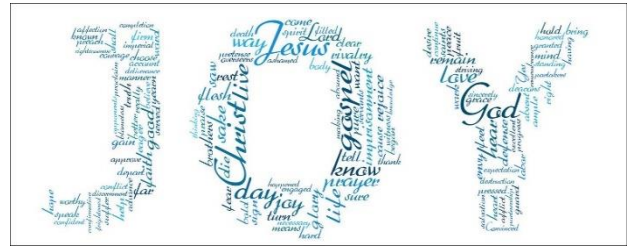
**Are Due January 21.**

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





Bentley Bachinski  
 Heather Christianson  
 Lacey Christianson  
 Audrey Dontje Lindell  
 Timothy Erickson  
 Haley Glendenning  
 David Gramstrup  
 Ellie Gucinski  
 Daniel Gucinski  
 Helen Hankey  
 Conlan Hanson  
 Kenneth Harmer  
 Joanne Johnson  
 Rebecca Jokela  
 Jason Kerska  
 Gladys Krob  
 Chase Lambert  
 Peter Latscher  
 Tracie Latscher  
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 Paul Letsos  
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 Richard Riedasch  
 Samantha Roske  
 Patricia Sloan  
 Pamela Tollas  
 Sara Ursin  
 Alyssa VanVynckt  
 Arlo Viggiano  
 Edith Warner  
 Sue Weber  
 Tara Willis  
 Wendy Wojtoff  
 Jennifer Zehm



## Share the Joy

As we begin a new church year this January, we would like to encourage everyone who lives within a reasonable driving distance to make a new commitment to worship regularly with the congregation. Doing so will give encouragement to everyone who is here, possibly help us grow in our ministry, and help us at Concordia have the resources to reach out in helpful ways for our congregation and the community. Let us share in the joy gifted to this world in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!**



Brett & Shawn Quist  
 David & Gloria Sloan

January 6, 2019  
 Lesson and Carols  
 During Sunday Morning  
 Worship at 10:00 a.m.



## Serving in January

### Ushers

January 6	Team I
January 13	Team II
January 20	Team III
January 27	Team I

### Bus Driver

January 6	New List Not Available Yet
January 13	New List Not Available Yet
January 20	New List Not Available Yet
January 27	New List Not Available Yet

### Scripture Readers

January 6	Diane Kruger
January 13	Ann Novack
January 20	Richard Wnek
January 27	Doug Score

### Altar Servers

January 6	Joyce Olson
January 13	Joyce Olson
January 20	Joyce Olson
January 27	Joyce Olson

### Coffee Kiosk Servers

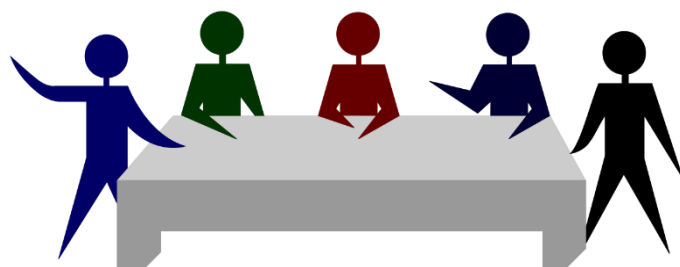
January 6	Matt Eastman
January 13	Nick Pristash
January 20	John Gronski
January 27	Carol Lindegren

### Financial Assistants

Bill O'Neill and LeRoy Eliason

### Communion Assistants

January 6	New List Not Available Yet
January 13	New List Not Available Yet
January 20	New List Not Available Yet
January 27	New List Not Available Yet



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

President, John Gronski	218.340.1813
Vice President, Gary Banker	715.392.2149
Secretary, Carol Lindegren	218.590.8238
Nancy Burley	218.464.7086
Matthew Eastman	218.409.9174
Jan Lippitt	715.394.9158
Nick Pristash	715.398.0488
Shawn Quist	218.343.6795
Eric Sewall	715.392.1559

#### Community Benevolence

John Gronski  
Gary Banker  
Jan Lippitt

#### Investment Committee

Gary Banker

#### Finance

Carol Lindegren

#### Personnel

Shawn Quist  
Nancy Burley  
John Gronski

#### Evangelism

Gary Banker

#### Youth and Family

Nick Pristash  
Carol Lindegren

#### Worship and Music

Nancy Burley  
Matthew Eastman  
Eric Sewall  
Gary Banker

#### Property Management

Matthew Eastman  
Shawn Quist

#### Stewardship



(inactive, full council)

## Poinsettia Memorials

Doner	In Memory of:
Dottie Anderson	Duane Anderson
Frances Anunti & Family	John Anunti
Gary & Carol Banker	Erika Margaret Banker & Roger and Margaret Erickson & Albert C and Margaret Banker
Robert Bentley	Jane Bentley
Shirley Brandser and Family	John S. Brandser, Sr.
Virginia Deeds & Family	William Deeds
Virginia Deeds & Frances Anunti	Mr. & Mrs. Herman Leudtke
Debra Grimsrud	Loved Ones
Ken & Debra Harmer & Karin Harmer Hanson	James & Margaret Harmer
Arlene Jacobson	Loved Ones
Ketola Family	Ted & Eileen Ketola Robert & Jean Allen
Amy King, Asa, & Victory	Jeffrey Petite
Lloyd Krob	The Krob Family
Tom & Gibbie Krob	Tom Krob Sr
Bob & Jena Ann Lee	Bob & Hazel Lee
Audra Beatrice Hagen LePage – Granddaughter	Gerard & Beatrice LePage
Granddaughters Sophia Hagen & Audra LePage	Arnold & Audrey Hagen – Grand Parents
Bill & Jan Lippitt	Dorothy & Edward Hoffman Doc & Helen Lippitt
Harmer's & Martin's	Roy & Jeanne Grimstad/Russell & Laurel Martin
Ann Novack	Loved Ones
Michael & Joyce Olson	Kenneth & Mildred Olson & Raymond Nurmi
Bill & Lois O'Neill	Loved Ones
Rhoda Pearthree	Loved Ones
Michael & Holly Peterson	Serina & August Vian ,Robert & Betty Peterson
Lawrence & Yvonne Quam	Loved Ones
Richard & Jean Riedasch	Richard H & Mae Riedasch and Joe & Marsha Dahl
Eric & Lori Sewall	Loved Ones
Sue Viggiano & Family	Jay Viggiano & Muriel Viggiano
Edith Warner	Robert Warner
Jean, Judy, & Susan Weber	Ronald A. Weber (Father & Husband) & Ronald E. Weber (Son & Brother)



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 Library Workers 1:00 Cremation Burial at Riverside	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 10:00 Confirmation Class
<b>6</b> 9:00 Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship w/Communion 11:00 Benevolence Committee	<b>7</b> <b>*Annual Report Items Due</b> 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Troop Committee Mtg 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	<b>9</b> 11:00 Text Study  3:45 Confirmation Class	<b>10</b> 10:00 Library Workers 2:00 Superior Rehab	<b>11</b> (Office closed)	<b>12</b> 10:00 Confirmation Class 12:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony
<b>13</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service w/Communion	<b>14</b> 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Property Management Committee 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg 11:30 Ministerium 2:00 Harmony House Communion 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	<b>16</b> 11:00 Text Study  3:45 Confirmation Class)	<b>17</b> 10:00 Library Workers  6:00 Council Meeting	<b>18</b> (Office closed)	<b>19</b> 10:00 Confirmation Class
<b>20</b> Pastor Michelle Theological Retreat 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	<b>21</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Pastor Michelle Theological Retreat <b>January Newsletter Articles &amp; Announcements Due</b> 6:00 Worship & Music 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	<b>23</b> 11:00 Text Study  3:45 Confirmation Class	<b>24</b> 10:00 Library Workers 2:00 Superior Rehab	<b>25</b> (Office closed)	<b>26</b> 10:00 Confirmation Class
<b>27</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service  	<b>28</b> 9:00 Concordian Helpers 2:00 Violin Teaching Studio 7:00 Boy Scouts  1	<b>29</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg 4:00 Just for Kix 6:00 Violin Teaching Studio	<b>30</b> 11:00 Text Study  3:45 Confirmation Class	<b>31</b>		<b>*Committees unable to have all items in the office by the 7<sup>th</sup> please make sure to send any remaining items as soon as possible.</b>

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## NOTICE

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.