



The Concordian

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

From the Pastor:

I recently read an article (online) that was titled, “10 Things that Ain’t Church.” It was written by Carey Nieuwhof; about whom I know nothing else.

The article addressed many things, good things in which Christian people participate, like Bible study, individual or family devotions, social gatherings of church people, podcasts or online worship. The writer recognized good in these practices, but noted how much of what we slide towards (usually because it’s easier) falls short of actually being church, partly because reality is messy.

Granted, I’m paraphrasing freely, and leaving out much of the offered support for the views published, but that’s probably because what this author wrote resonates with me.

Historically, many have critiqued the church because they expected that church people ought to be more righteous than they actually were. They accused us of being hypocritical, because sinners sat in the pews alongside everyone else. Apparently they were only counting certain sins, because I guarantee “everyone else” had their own share of sins that may merely have been less visible (or more accepted in society).

It was good when churches began responding with claims of being a place for forgiveness of sin, rather than as a gathering of the righteous, but it isn’t only one or the other. Church is a gathering of human people striving to experience God’s love for everyone, AND striving to share that love with everyone...

So...

We are here for God’s forgiveness and to live in God’s righteousness.

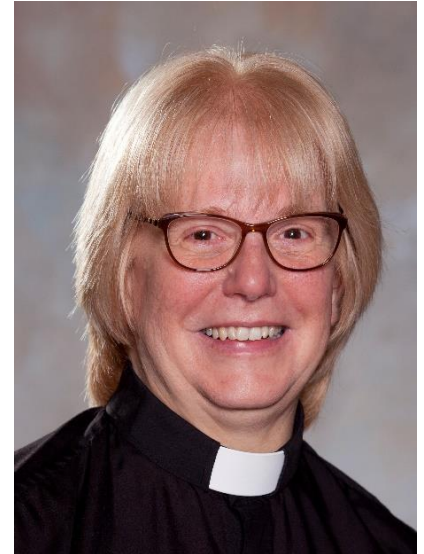
This does NOT mean that we have found one way to be righteous, with specific rules that everyone must follow in exactly the same way. What it means is that as we are confronted in life, we are free to respond without fearing God’s condemnation.

Why, then, do we continue to condemn one another? (I’m not talking about the criminal justice system, there is a place for that, I’m talking about church.)

Why do we snub and shun others who venture into our worship spaces?

Why do we allow those who snub or shun us to keep us away from these worship spaces dedicated to God?

Church is a messy place, full of people whose sins may be different than our own. Yet God still loves all of us with our



different sins. God forgives these different sins. God encourages us to let go of the sins of others, so that we can share God’s love with one another.

There are many things that support our church life, like Bible study, social gatherings and devotions, along with online resources from podcasts to sermons and even some memes. They cannot however replace this messy gathering of forgiven sinners coming together to proclaim a love that supersedes all that. They cannot quite comprise the church, because they excise much of the mess, and therefore, are not fully real.

Church brings forgiveness, and gives us an avenue to reach out with God’s love for everyone. In Jesus’ name.



Parish Nursing
Notes.....

I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you. (3 John 1:2)

June is not only known for graduations and Father's Day, but also for National Men's Health Month. And that's a good time to focus on some important facts. According to the Men's Health Network, "American men live sicker and die younger than American women." Did you know that 115 males are conceived for every 100 females? On the other hand, 3/5 of all Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) victims are boys. Men suffer hearing loss at 2x the rate of women. Testosterone is linked to elevations of LDL (the bad cholesterol), and declines in HDL (the good cholesterol). As a result, 211 men out of

every 1000 died of heart disease in 2014 compared to 132 women. Men also have fewer infection-fighting T-cells and are thought to have weaker immune systems than women. And women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men. So by the age of 100, women outnumber men eight to one!

But men **CAN** live healthier and longer just by knowing their health threats and how to break through those risks. A healthy, balanced diet will greatly reduce the risk for 5 of the top 10 threats: heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease. Take a look at your health habits, think about the recommendations for healthy living, and find areas that you can change for the better. Don't smoke, be physically active eat a balanced diet, maintain a healthy weight, manage your stress, take safety precautions, take medications as needed, and participate in health screenings. That may sound like a long list but it's not complicated.

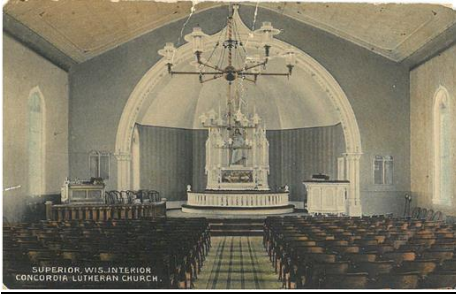
Now for you women, you are often more likely to notice changes in your family

members' health status than they are. In Genesis 2:18, God says, "*It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helper as his partner.*" Looking out for the health of the men in our lives is part of our role as women. And doing this is for our own good as well as theirs! Women outlive men by more than 5 years on average. Women are more likely to be the care-takers of their husbands rather than the reverse. And more than half the elderly widows now living in poverty were not poor before the death of their husbands.

So for all you men, know your body, listen to its' needs, **listen to your wife**, and see your physician when things do not seem right. Your families want a future with you! Look at your life and see what can be changed. A few simple adjustments can give you better health and longer life.....
.....Jean

"Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!" (1 Samuel 25:6)

Old Concordia
(razed to build current building)



Heritage Committee

Recently, I heard that Pastor Randy Olson had been to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Billings Park. It was then that I heard he had become involved as assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin in 2018. He concentrates on leadership, call process, candidacy, and Bridge Builders.

Why am I writing about him? He grew up as a member of Concordia. He is the son of Bud and Aloise Olson. I remember him as a Sunday School Teacher. As in charge of the Sunday School at the time, we all considered him to be an excellent teacher. Gary Banker remembers Randy as the little brother of Chris and Carol. He remembers him specifically when Carol, Julie Polglase, and he did a Christmas Pageant for Concordia. They blended Sunday School Children and adults in the performance. Each adult had a significant speech to memorize and as one of the characters involved in the story of Jesus' birth. Randy was their Roman Centurion. Probably

in high school at the time, he took his role seriously and wore an appropriate outfit. To do that took guts and commitment. As he did everything he was asked to do, it was always with a smile on his face. That is how Gary remembers Randy.

Our pastors at the time were Lindley Jacobson and Roger O. Livdahl. They both thought Randy would be a dedicated pastor because of his sincere faith and Christian attitude. They were correct.

Randy graduated from Senior High in 1976. He went to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. He graduated in 1980. He then attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated in 1986. He did receive the Boe-Engbretson Scholarship from church.

Pastor Olson's internship took place at Peace Lutheran Church in Puyallup, Washington in 1984-1985. Other churches he ministered in are the following:

Associate Pastor in Parma Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio during 1986-1990.

Mission Developer at Celebration Lutheran Church in Chardon, Ohio in 1990-2000.

Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Cumberland, Wisconsin in 2000-2004.

Senior Pastor in Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin in 2004-2012.

Senior Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Clive, Iowa in 2012-2018.

He became assistant to the Bishop, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin in 2018.

Pastor and his wife, Mary, have been married for 39 years and have two grown sons and three grandchildren and presently live on Island Lake in Solon Springs.

I believe as members of Concordia who knew Pastor Olson, we are very proud of him and what he has accomplished and that he continues to work for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Patricia Luder



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who helped by donating your time, talents, items, and/or baked goods.

Once again, you have made our annual rummage and bake sale a success!

\$507.82 was raised from the bake sales and will go toward the organ fund.

\$2,000 was raised from the rummage sale and will support the BOE Engbretson Scholarship Fund.



Library Happenings!

Greetings from the Library Team. We hope your spring has been an enjoyable & productive one. The weather has definitely put a “damper” on most outdoor activities, but we know that this, too, will pass and soon we can finish our yard/garden work, enjoy some fishing or simply enjoy God’s creation outdoors! After a long cold winter, warmer sunnier days are just around the corner. Thank-you, Merciful Father, for ALL the GIFTS you give us!

The Library Team has a few projects they’ll be working on during the summer months. If you’re in the “neighborhood”, please stop by for a cup of coffee, some goodies and visit with us. Watch the weekly Concordia Connections and the monthly Concordia for scheduled workdays.

Just a reminder: the Library has a number of books that are overdo. Please look around your home for any “forgotten” books and please return it (them). If you aren’t sure of any overdo books you may have out, please leave a note on the desk in the library. We will notify you of any overdue books you may have. Thank-you for your help in this matter.

Have a Safe & Blessed Summer!

Keep On Reading!



THANK YOU!

Concordia Lutheran Church Women and volunteers for all your hard work raising \$507.82 for the Organ Fund through your wonderful bake sale.



Work on the Organ has Begun

Mike Christian provided an update on his progress. Currently he is working on drilling holes into plexiglass boards which will become diode matrix boards. A total of 4,278 holes will be drilled into 28 boards for mounting the diodes. Mike and his son like to relax and “unwind” by spending a few hours drilling holes in the evenings. Once the drilling is complete, assembly will begin, which includes mounting and soldering segments.




CONCORDIA'S ORGAN FUNDRAISER



Organ Fund: \$19,155 of \$36,000 raised so far.
Your donations are greatly appreciated

**The following donations are
In Memory of Eugene Oveson:**
Dr. Ronald K. & Beverly Underdale - Organ Fund
Gloria Neuman – Organ Fund
Thomas & Pamela Locken – Organ Fund
Raymond & Nancy Somerville – Organ Fund
John & Charlene Milroy – Organ Fund
Diane Kruger – Organ Fund
Dale & Carol Johnson – Organ Fund
Michael Flynn – Organ Fund
Wayne & Toni Kari - Organ Fund
Timothy & Nannette Sauter - Organ Fund
James & Janet Johnson - Organ Fund
Richard Wnek - Organ Fund
William & Susan Shepard - Organ Fund
Larry Sprague - Organ Fund
Rhoda Pearthree – Bus Fund



*Prayer
Corner*

People fleeing violence.

† Holly Peterson, Karla Hanson, Irene Parenteau, Gloria Sloan, Thomas Piiranen, Doris Kelleher, Joanne Johnson, Jennifer Kloss, Betty Ursin, Karin Hanson, Janice Allan, Carl Renoos

† Our missionary in Africa Alex LaChapelle

Families separated by circumstance or abuse.

- Altar Flowers for June**
- June 2
In Memory of George and Doris Moncel
Given by Dick and Joy Moncel
- June 9
In Memory of Loved Ones
Given by Deb Grimsrud
- June 16
In Memory of Elmer, Mary, Loa, and Lois Nelson
Given by Betty J. Ursin
- June 23
In Memory of
Clifford and Lillian Erickson
Given by Dick and Joy Moncel
- June 30 In Honor of our
35th Wedding Anniversary
Given by Bear and Michelle Rowell

**Remember or Honor a Loved One by
sponsoring Sunday Altar Flowers**
The following dates are still available:
September 1, December 29
**The cost is \$40.00. Please mail a check to
Ann Novack at 602 E 7th Street, Superior.**
Thank you
The Concordia Altar Guild

**Concordia Cares Committee Meeting
June 2 at 11:00 p.m.**

**DEADLINE for articles and announcements
in the next issue of**
"The Concordian" is June 18.
Thanks for marking this on your calendar!

**Special Congregational Meeting
June 2, 2019 at 9:45**
Right before Worship Service
**The elevator is in need of repairs
to the door closing unit.**



Craig Banker, Gary Banker,
Nancy Breitzmann, Karianna Duffey,
Andrew Erickson, Ethan Evavold,
Kristin Glendenning, Jamie Grills,
Rolf Grimsrud, Carol Gucinski,
Henry Gucinski, Debra, Harmer,
Savanna Hering, Joshua Hicks,
Arlene Jacobson, Anna James,
Norah Johnson, Patricia Johnson,
Carter Kalin, Jason Kalin, Siarra Kloss,
Steven Lambert, Thomas Latscher,
Jette Leopold, Kristin Lippitt,
Sandy Mattson, Amanda Olson,
Danielle Olson, Kari Olson,
Nancy O'Neill, Thomas O'Neill,
Bryan Pallas, Amy Peterson, Holly Peterson,
Anne Porter, David Runquist,
John Sanderson, Lydia Schiff,
Bethany Serre, Scott Sorenson,
Crockett Turcotte, Victor Ursin,
Brianna Verdoljak, Hunter Verdoljak

**Joint Worship
Service
Superior ELCA
churches
Billings park
August 25, 2019
Stay tuned for details**



Jeremy & Rhonda Bentley
Jarrad & Heather Christianson
Daniel & Carol Gucinski
Edward & Leona Lindegren
Jeremy & Kari Olson
David & Susan Quam
Richard & Jean Riedasch
Bear & Michelle Rowell
Jerry & Carrie Thompson

**Helen Hankey
Concert Series
September 15,
2019
4:00 pm
Dr. Hector
Landa**

Summer,

a time for relaxing, taking vacations, visiting family,
and enjoying the outdoors!

Taking advantage of the milder weather during summertime does make it difficult to catch up on our giving after being away from our church home for several Sundays in a row. And it can be annoying to get that envelope ready to put in the mail while packing for a trip.

Do you wish it was easier?

It is!

Simply Giving is a way to simplify your regular offering so that it arrives safely at Concordia even when you're unable to come. It can be used for one-time offerings or for regular weekly or monthly giving.

You don't even need to have email! I know. I just finished scheduling an offering for a Sunday that I will be gone on vacation, and deliberately left the email box blank, and it worked.

You can have the offering deducted directly from your checking or savings account, or routed through a credit or debit card. You can even designate how you want the offering applied, whether to general fund,

memorials, missionary sponsorship, etc.

To set this up, you can click on this box on our web page
www.concordiasuperior.org:

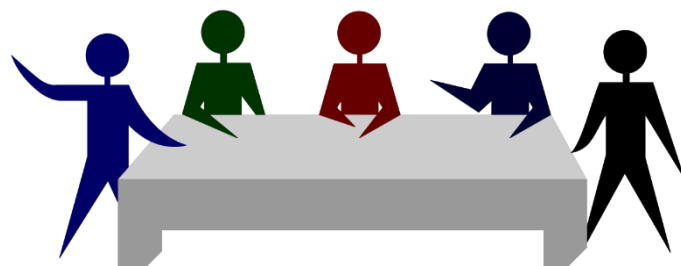


We can help you to do this in the office as well (and some Sundays we may have a station set up in the worship space for those who wish to sign up and who are uncomfortable using computers). You'll need routing and account numbers or a credit card. You will be able to print out a receipt.

If you wish to set this up for your regular giving, you can still put your (empty) envelope into the offering plate if you wish. Just write on the envelope that you've given electronically. Or include an additional offering if you'd like.

Enjoy the summer. Enjoy life always—in Jesus' name.

Serving in June



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

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| President, John Gronski | 218.340.1813 |
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| Secretary, Carol Lindegren | 218.590.8238 |
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Concordia Cares Committee

Jan Lippitt

Investment Committee

Nancy O'Neill

Finance

Carol Lindegren

Personnel

Shawn Quist

John Gronski

Eric Sewall

Evangelism

John Gronski

Kris Hanson

Youth and Family

Carol Lindegren

Worship and Music

Matthew Eastman

Eric Sewall

Lori Sewall

Property Management

Matthew Eastman

Shawn Quist

Stewardship

John Gronski

Kris Hanson

Ushers

June 2

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30

Team II

Team III

Team I

Team II

Team III

Bus Driver

June 2

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30

Ken Harmer

Pete Quist

Kris Hanson

Brett Quist

John Gronski

Scripture Readers

June 2

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30

Ken Harmer

Nancy O'Neill

John Gronski

Theresa Clemmer

Mark Thompson

Altar Servers

June 2

June 9

Linda Aho & Joy Moncel

Linda Aho & Joy Moncel

Coffee Kiosk Servers

June 2

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30

Kris Hanson

Jan Lippitt

Nancy O'Neill

John Gronski

Finance & Investment Committees

Financial Assistants

Deb Harmer & Sue Martin

Communion Assistants

June 2

June 9

Shawn Quist & Lori Sewall

Ken & Deb Harmer

Coffee Kiosk Committee Rotation (Tentative)

July 28

August 25

September 29

October 27

November 24

December 29

January 26, 2020

February 23, 2020

March 29, 2020

April 26, 2020

May 31, 2020

Library Board

No Kiosk – Billings Park Joint Service

Youth & Family

Riverside Cemetery Board

CLCW

Parish Nurse Board

Property & Management

Concordia Cares

Worship & Music

Stewardship & Evangelism

Finance & Investment

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
~ June 2019 ~

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9:00 a Blood Pressure Checks | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | Pastor on Vacation | Office Closed | Pastor on Vacation |
| 9:45a Special Congregational Mtg | 1p-7p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting | | 8a-12p Office is open | Pastor on Vacation | |
| 10a-11a Worship with Communion | | 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Pilgrim) | | 10a-11a Library Workers | | |
| 11a Concordia Cares | | 3p-5p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | | | | |
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| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day | 15 |
| Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Office Closed | Pastor on Vacation |
| 10a-11a Worship with Communion | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | Pastor on Vacation | |
| | 1p-7p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting | | 10a-11a Library Workers | | |
| | 6p-7p Property Management Committee | 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Pilgrim) | | | | |
| | | 3p-5p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | | | | |
| 16 Father's Day | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Summer Solstice |
| Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Newsletter Articles Due | Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Office Closed | Pastor on Vacation |
| 10a-11a Worship | 8a-12p Office is open | Pastor on Vacation | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | Pastor on Vacation | |
| | 1p-7p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | 8a-12p Office is open | | 10a-11a Library Workers | | |
| | 6p-7p Worship and Music Committee | 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting | | | | |
| | | 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Pilgrim) | | | | |
| | | | | 3p-5p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | | |
| | | 5:30p-6:30p "Fiddle Heads" (3rd Floor South End) | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | Pastor on Vacation | 8a-12p Office is open | Office Closed | |
| 10a-11a Worship | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | 8a-12p Office is open | 9a Concordian Helpers | | |
| | 1p-7p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting | | 10a-11a Library Workers | | |
| | | 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Pilgrim) | | 2p-2:30p Superior Rehab Worship (Superior Rehab) | | |
| | | 3p-5p Violin Lessons (LOON Office) | | | | |
| | | | | 5:30p-6:30p "Fiddle Heads" (3rd Floor South End) | | |
| 30 | Notes: | | | | | |
| 10a-11a Worship | | | | | | |
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am 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.