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

From the Pastor:

By the time you read this, I'll have returned from vacation. Due date for articles is while I'm gone, so I suppose I should be letting this go as a task from which I'm taking vacation! (See how well that went... ☐)

How do we rest? People today seem to have an ever more difficult time resting.

Some cannot rest well because they work several jobs to keep up with obligations.

Some cannot rest well because one's particular job is overly demanding.

Some cannot rest well because even down time is filled with worries about what might be happening when one is not there.

Some cannot rest well because we've habitualized the chemical assistance of alcohol or other aids to try to relax.

Some cannot rest well because others nag at them to help with this, that, or the other thing!

Some cannot rest well because everything hurts...

Some cannot rest well because they've learned from society that resting is considered to be laziness, or lack of motivation, or some other undesirable trait.

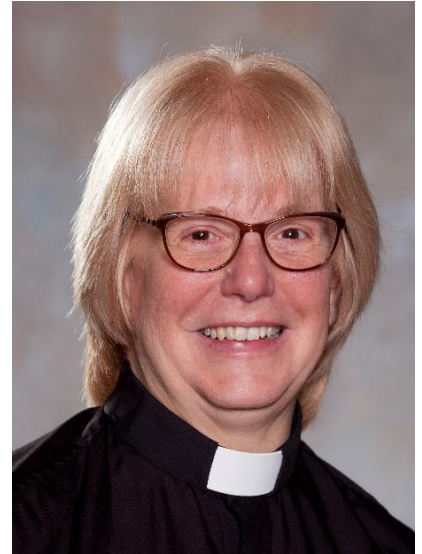
God knew this to be a tendency of humanity. God provided specifically for rest, not particularly in terms of long

vacations, but as a regular thing that happens in life. God commanded that every seventh day is to be a day of rest, not only for the rich, not only for the righteous, not only for the religious, but even for the slaves, the foreigners, and the poor.

I mourn the loss of the summer break we enjoyed between school terms as children. I mourn that today we seem to schedule ourselves and our children so tightly that there seems to be no time to fit one more thing into the schedule. I mourn the loss of Sundays being reserved for church and church activities.

Yet, I also celebrate. I celebrate the truth that God does not forget us as we over-regiment our time. I celebrate that we are still encouraged to step back from our busy-ness and rest. I celebrate that Sabbath itself does not require us to deny good things that ought to happen no matter what day it happens to be.

I've been to the emergency room for myself four different times, and each of them included procedure or surgery on a Sunday. I am eternally thankful that the doctors, nurses, and other technicians did not refuse to work that day because it was a Sunday!



I further celebrate the fact that people who do gather for worship, whether it be Sunday morning or any other day or time, are there for some other reason than that there is nothing else to do!

Remember, when we are resting, God is there. When we are so busy we can hardly think straight, God is there. Rejoice in the beauty that surrounds you, whether it be nature or artistic décor, whether it be vast or cozy. Allow yourself to take time to remember that God walks with you through life, that God loves you—giving life to you, and giving up life for you. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)

Pastor Michelle



Parish Nursing
Notes.....

I was going to write about preventing all the problems that wood ticks can bring us in the summer time. But then I started looking through some of my old saved resources, and found this prayer written by Rev. Deborah Patterson. And that got me thinking about a different kind of plan for maintaining our health and wellness this summer—a first aid kit for our mental, social, and spiritual health and well-being. These are areas that sometimes get neglected in our busy everyday lives.

“Thank you, Lord, for the summer days of a slower pace and new growth into which You call us in the coming weeks. Lead us to the shores of cooling waters on the sweltering days. Help us to find green pastures in which to stroll and relax. Walk with us through the valleys we encounter and stand with us on the mountain peaks.

You call us to ministries of healing and hope, and you call us to rest and renewal. Help us to leave our paperwork behind—for a time—and turn to a book yet unread. Help us to reconnect with families, friends, and neighbors.

Loving God, we may have planted, but You give the growth. You bring the long days of summer sun, the rain, and the fruit in season. Help us to trust You, and to see your purposes for the world. Strengthening God, whose mercies are new each day, You are rest and restoration. You renew our weary spirits, and give us direction and purpose. Help us to slow down: to see the blossoms on the vine, to listen for the insects flying between the bushes, and to finally taste the sweet berries that You have given to nourish our bodies.

Let us be still, and know that you are God. Bless these summer days and renew our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may love You and serve You all our days. Amen”

Our minds need first aid for all the planning, activity, facts, and figures that tend to fill our every waking moment. We need renewal of all the wonder and happiness that filled our summer days as young children. We need to sit back, look around, laugh, and appreciate

all that we have been given. Sitting on the deck with a cup of coffee in the morning quiet is wonderful!

Social first aid includes sharing time, thoughts, and feelings with our family and friends. Let them know how much they are appreciated. We need to share our many blessings with others—with friends and those who are not yet friends. Grilling on the deck or in the backyard is more fun when shared with others. And somehow, even our small garden produces more than we can use at certain times. It’s fun to share some of that with others who do not have access to a garden of their own.

Our spiritual needs require attention in summer also. We may travel far from our own church, but we can always worship in a different church, in a campground, or even on a boat. Take time to “Be still and know that I am God,” as Psalm 46:10 instructs. Take time to appreciate, and give thanks for all that God has given us. And remember that our church still needs our support all summer long!

This summer stay safe, and renew your heart mind, and spirit so that you may return refreshed to serve and love God all
your
days.....
.....Jean



Library Happenings!

Greetings from the Library Team!

Summer is now upon us, made evident by the “longer days”, warmer weather, blooming flowers, outdoor activities and the list goes on. The American author Henry James sums it up quite

nicely....” Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.” We hope that you can take some time out to enjoy your “summer afternoon” and give thanks to God for His unconditional love and wondrous gifts!

The Library Team has a few projects they will be working on during the summer, so, please stop by and have a cup of coffee with us. Who knows, you just might find yourself getting involved in this

ministry of the Church! Library days are planned for Wednesdays, schedules & weather permitting!


Just A Reminder! The Library has a number of books that have been checked out, but haven't been returned. Please look around your home for any “forgotten” books and please return it(them). If you aren't sure of any books you may have out, stop by the library on Sunday or Wednesday morning to ask or leave a note on the library desk. Thank-you for your cooperation in this matter.

CONCORDIA'S ORGAN FUNDRAISER

VIEW FOR THE VOLUME
\$1000

BUILD THE BASS
\$500

ADOPT A STOP
\$200



MIND THE MISCELLANEOUS
\$100

PLAY WITH PRESETS
\$50

KEEP A KEY
\$25

Organ Fund: \$19,280 of \$36,000 raised so far.

Your donations are greatly appreciated

Organ Fund Donations:
In memory of Randy Jokela
by Bill & Jan Lippitt

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

Altar Flowers for July & August

- July 7
In Memory of Duane “Andy” Anderson
Given by Dottie Anderson
- July 14
In Memory of Nancy, Heather, and Kaiden
Given by Carl and Lois Renoos
- July 21
In Memory of Linda Ness
Given by Daughters Nancy Tester and Sue Rink
- July 28
In Memory of Clifford Pearthree and Loved Ones
Given by Rhoda Pearthree
- August 4
In Memory of Kurt & Elaine Pietrowski's 70th Anniversary Given by Jane Pietrowski and Amy Reardon
- August 11
In Memory of Loved Ones
Given by Diane Kruger
- August 18
In Memory of William Deeds
Given by Virginia Deeds
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Luedtke
Given by Frances Anunti and Virginia Deeds
- August 25
In Memory of Loved Ones
Given by Bill and Lois O'Neill

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

Nancy Burley, Theresa Clemmer,
Chelsea DeMoure, Kamen DeVeau,
Claire Duffey, John Erickson,
Laurence Erickson, Renee Erickson,
Richard Erickson, Kendra Fraley,
Andrew Freiberg, Ashlee Gramstrup,
Nicole Gramstrup, Destiny Hering,
Maija Hooper, Gary Jokela,
Elise Johnson, Christa Kalin, Curtis Kelleher,
Jennifer Kloss, Casey Lambert, Ada Ledin,
Kristopher Leopold, Janice Letsos,
Sharon Lidberg, Bill Lippitt,
Elizabeth MacDonald,
Rhianna McDonald, Kimberly Mead,
Ruby Moore, Curtis Nelson, Eric Nelson,
Sandy Novak, Jonathan Olson, Bill O'Neill,
Irene Parenteau, Audrey Pederson,
Kathleen Peterson, Kyle Peterson,
Wendy Peterson, Sophie Phillips, Kell Piggott,
Anna Richards, Emily Richards,
Doug Score, David Sloan, Jordan Sobczak,
Lindsey Sorenson, Aaron Staupe,
Mark Thompson, Carol Tucotte,
Daniel Turcotte, Benjamin Tully,
Rachel Ursin-Schiff

August

Christina Barnaby, Michael Barnaby,
Robert Benson, Donovan Bode, Nancy Bode,
Shirley Brandser, Claire Casey,
Madeline Casey, Dylan Evavold,
Aimee Gramstrup, Addison Griffin,
Adrien Griffin, Karla Hanson, Ronald Hoff,
Violet Johnson, Daryl Kadrmas, Presley Kalin,
Hunter Kerska, Lauren Ketola, Matt Ketola,
Asa Kine-Macomber, Oliver Ledin,
Graydon Lesneski, Nicole Mattson,
Alex Meehan, Scott Nelson, Elin Neugebauer,
Mike Olson, Amy Pacholsky, Trace Paquette,
Olivia Pendergast, Wyatt Phillips, Wanda
Pristash, Tracy Roske, Taylor Setterstrom,
Gabriel Sorenson, Joshua Stahl, Taryn
Thompson, James Turcotte

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY

Kenneth & Debra Harmer
Gary & Rebecca Jokela
Daryl & Heide Kadrmas
Richard & Joy Moncel
Joseph & Rachel Schiff
Jordan & Beth Sobczak
Daniel & Carol Turcotte
Arthur & Gwen Zehm

AUGUST

Gary & Carol Banker
LeRoy & Linda Eliason
Steven & Dawn Lambert
Kristopher & Amanda Leopold
Roger & Suzanne LePage
Steven & Ada Ledin
John & Janice Letsos
Michael & Jane Meehan
Thomas & Nancy O'Neill
Scott & Kathleen Peterson
Nicholas & Wanda Pristash
Michael & Emily Richards
Andrew & Bethany Serre
Eric & Lori Sewall
Miles & Sara Ursin



Serving in July & August

Ushers

July 7	Team I
July 14	Team II
July 21	Team III
July 28	Team I
August 4	Team II
August 11	Team III
August 18	Team I
August 28	Team II(Service at Billings Park)

Bus Driver

July 7	Pete Quist
July 14	Ken Harmer
July 21	Kris Hanson
July 28	John Gronski
August 4	Brett Quist
August 11	Kris Hanson
August 18	Pete Quist
August 25	Ken Harmer

(Service at Billings Park)

Scripture Readers

July 7	Doug Score
July 14	Steve Ledin
July 16	Bear Rowell
July 21	Chayce Strauch
August 4	Diane Kruger
August 11	Ed Lindegren
August 18	John Gronski
August 25	Nancy O'Neill

(Service at Billings Park)

Altar Servers

July 7	Altar Guild
July 14	Altar Guild
July 21	Altar Guild
July 28	Altar Guild
August 4	O'Neill
August 11	O'Neill
August 18	O'Neill
August 25	O'Neill

(Service at Billings Park)

Coffee Kiosk Servers

July 7	Lori Sewall
July 14	Outdoor Service
July 21	Carol Lindegren
July 28	Library Board
August 4	Shawn Quist
August 11	Eric Sewall
August 18	Matt Eastman
August 25	Service at Billings Park
(No Kiosk)	

Financial Assistants

July 1	Deb Harmer & Sue Martin
July 8	Bill O'Neill & LeRoy Eliason
July 15	Sue Martin & Eric Sewall
July 22	Jean Stensland & Marie Strom
July 29	Debi Harmer & Eric Sewall
Month of August	Jean Stensland & Marie Strom

Communion Assistants

July 7	Jane Pietrowski
July 14	Mike & Joyce Olson

Helen Hankey Concert Series

September 15, 2019

4:00 pm

Dr. Hector Landa

**DEADLINE for articles and announcements
in the September issue of**

"The Concordian" is August 20.

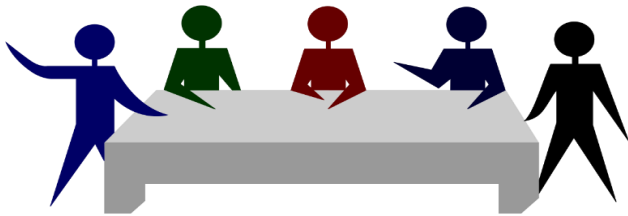
Thanks for marking this on your calendar!

Summer Giving

**If you need assistance, please contact one
of our Council members or the church office
at 715-394-3762**

www.concordiasuperior.org





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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



WHO IS
my neighbor?

July 29-August 1
Our Savior's Lutheran
Church

Bethel Lutheran. Concordia Lutheran. and Our Savior's Lutheran have teamed up to offer an amazing week of Vacation Bible School July 29-August 1 from 9 to noon at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We'll play games, make crafts, and learn about how God calls us to love our neighbors. It is open to kids in preschool up to 5th grade. Come join us for a fun time learning more about God's love! Kids are welcome to be dropped off at 8:30 a.m.

VBS Helpers Wanted

Next Meeting

July 9 at 5:30 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Joint Worship Service

Superior ELCA churches

Billings park

August 25, 2019

Stay tuned for details

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 14 AT 10:00 A.M.

LOOKING FORWARD



September 8, 2019

Sunday School Kick Off

Congratulations to Our BOE Engebretson
Financial Award Recipients

Emily Casey
Gunnar Gronski
Blake Hanson
Audra LePage

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 Staff Mtg 10:30 Text Study 3:00-5:00 Violin Teaching Studio 5:30-6:30 Fiddle Heads	3 Duane Anderson Committal Riverside Cemetery	4 Office Closed  Happy 4th of July!	5 Office Closed	6 11:00 Boys Scout Reception in Front Yard
7 9:00 Blood Pressure Checks 10:00 Worship with Communion	8 1:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Property Management Committee	9 9:00 Staff Mtg 10:30 Text Study 3:00-5:00 Violin Teaching Studio 5:30-6:30 Fiddle Heads 5:30 VBS Planning Meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church	10	11 10:00 Library Workers	12 Office closed	13 8:00 – 1:00 Work Day at Concordia
14 10:00 OUTDOOR SERVICE Worship with Communion 11:15 Council Mtg	15 1:00 Violin Teaching Studio 6:00 Worship & Music Committee	16 9:00 Staff Mtg 10:30 Text Study 1:30 Harmony House 3:00-5:00 Violin Teaching Studio 5:30-6:30 Fiddle Heads	17	18 10:00 Library Workers 2:00 Superior Rehab	19 Office closed 6:00 Blake- Kelleher Rehearsal	20 3:00 Rebecca Blake and Jeffrey Kelleher Wedding 
21 10:00 Worship Service Wild Fire	22 1:00 Violin Teaching Studio Wild Fire	23 9:00 Staff Mtg 10:30 Text Study 3:00-5:00 Violin Teaching Studio 5:30-6:30 Fiddle Heads Wild Fire	24 Wild Fire	25 10:00 Library Workers Wild Fire	26 Office closed Wild Fire	27
28 10:00 Worship Service	29 9:00-12:00 VBS at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1:00 Violin Teaching Studio	30 9:00-12:00 VBS at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 9:00 Staff Mtg 10:30 Text Study 3:00-5:00 Violin Teaching Studio	31 9:00-12:00 VBS at Our Savior's Lutheran Church			

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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.