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

From the Pastor:

“When Can We Reopen?”

As I write this June article, the CDC has just released a low-key guide to reopening. The earlier draft has been altered so that the guidelines for houses of worship have been eliminated. This may be partly because in this country, the freedom of religion and how we worship is a founding element of our society. It is a prime reason some people braved the crossing of an ocean with no guarantee of landing safely on the other side. Because of our emphasis on freedom of religion, there seems to be no end of controversy when someone attempts to tell the church what we can and cannot do!

Earlier this month, I posted an article on our congregational Facebook page that shares the story of a church in Calgary, Alberta, longing for a do-over, as they live with deaths that occurred among members of their congregation after having celebrated the birthday of a member before quarantine guidelines were issued. They used sanitizer. They maintained distance between celebrators. Several still became infected. Some died.

Just today (May 20), I read how Catoosa Baptist in Ringgold, Georgia and Holy Ghost Catholic in Houston, Texas (both of which

had reopened) quickly suspended in-person services again after members and leaders tested positive for the coronavirus shortly after reopening. The people were careful to stay six feet apart and walked in and out without having to touch the doors. The Catholic church mentioned has seating for 900, but downsized to 179 upon reopening. They closed again after one of its priests died of complications from the virus on May 13.

When we are able again to gather, we will need to do things very differently, at least for a while. We will likely be cautioned against singing, because singing produces aerosols that can carry the virus through most masks a distance of (possibly) 30 feet which can apparently hang in the air for hours. Speaking in unison (as we do with the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed) may have a similar effect.

Holy Communion, which we've been practicing the first and second Sundays of the month may not be able to happen within our public gatherings for even longer, because we cannot eat or drink without removing the masks which can help to protect others from what we exhale when breathing. (Because of this, we are including again in this newsletter the liturgical order for practicing the sacrament at home, with bread and wine (or juice or water).



We are not resisting gathering out of fear of this virus, because we know that “whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's” (Romans 14:8). We know that there have been few cases in the immediate area. We do not, however, wish to be the source of further suffering for people in our community.

Please continue to share God's love with your neighbors (near and far) by speaking with them on the phone or by other means available in today's world. Please remember that God does not leave us orphaned in a wild world. Please know that you are loved, that God walks with us through all adversity, even through a world-wide pandemic.

**God is with you always, as
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Pastor Michelle



Parish Nursing Notes.....

While we are still trying to protect ourselves from the Covid-19 Virus, and being conscious of its symptoms, we also have to be aware of a usual annual problem in our area. I'm talking about the wood ticks that are now making their presence known. While they are not as wide spread as the corona virus, and not as fatal, they do still cause some illnesses that can be problematic.

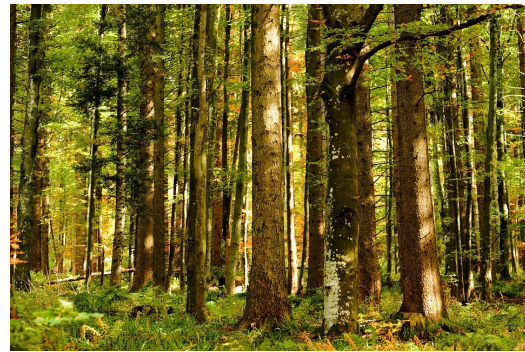
There are three main species of ticks that cause problems in our area. The blacklegged tick (formerly known as the deer tick) is the one most likely to cause problems around here. But the American dog tick (also known as the wood tick) and the lone star tick are also found. They emerge at different times of the year, but to be safe, we can plan on it being "tick season" from the time the snow melts through the end of summer.

There are several illnesses that can be passed along to humans through a tick bite. We are probably most aware of Lyme Disease, which is the most prevalent one in our area. But you have likely heard of other illnesses that have occurred here as well, including Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, and Powassan illness. Some ticks may be infected with three, or even four of the diseases listed. Some symptoms that may occur if you have been bitten and infected with one of these include a red rash around the bite, fever, chills, or muscle and joint aches. If you know you have been bitten

by a tick, and experience any of these symptoms it is a good idea to consult a doctor. You should also see a doctor if you find a blacklegged tick attached to your body that is engorged with blood. This would indicate it has been attached to the site for more than the one-to-two day period, and a short course of antibiotics may be recommended.

As we are now into our spring season, it is a good idea to keep ticks at the forefront of your mind whenever you spend time outdoors. Ticks like wooded, grassy, and brushy areas, and are most likely found on the forest floor, or near the ground. They can't fly and land on you, you have to come into contact with them.

Experts recommend using a good tick repellent containing DEET. Or, even better, a repellent containing permethrin, which can be sprayed on clothing.



It's always a good idea to wear long pants, and tuck your pants into your

socks, too. And it is imperative to always do a good "tick check" after being outdoors. Ticks are very tiny and can be very difficult to see. In the nymph stage they may be only the size of a poppy seed. They must be attached to your body for one to two days to transmit disease, so early detection is the key. If you find a tick, remove it promptly. Grab it as close to your skin as possible, using either a tweezer or your fingers.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." (James 3:13) God has granted us wisdom. Let us use it in caring for ourselves and in caring for others.

Stay happy, healthy, and loving.....

Jean



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Dear partner in ministry,

Weeks may have passed since you last walked in the doors of your congregation and worshiped, face-to-face, with your community of faith. To be sure, being the body of Christ looks and feels differently than it ever has before.

Despite all of this, we are called to be church — together. The ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) looks different now, but it has not stopped. Nor have the needs of our communities and the world. Our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need.

The congregations and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. Without in-person worship services for many weeks or even months, the financial impact could be devastating.

Please continue to give to your congregation and give regularly. Your congregation and its leaders continue to minister to your community of faith. This ministry relies on your weekly offerings. Find out how you can continue your pledge or regular offering through online giving, automatic monthly giving or mail.

I know that, for many of us, this is a time of uncertainty and financial hardship. However, for those of you who are in a position to do more, the needs are great.

In the United States, unemployment has soared. We are already seeing rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care.

With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. Your gifts to the ELCA's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and church-wide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. **If you are able, please help with a gift today.**

Elizabeth A. Eaton

I have been reflecting on the words of Peter: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10). Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.

Be of good courage, dear church, and remember that Christ is with us now and always.
In Christ,

The Altar guild appreciates everyone's donations to the flower fund throughout the year whether you contribute to lilies, poinsettias or the weekly Altar flowers in honor or memorium.

The following dates are open flower dates: August 9th and 16th, October 25th and November 1st

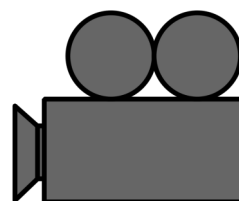
If you would like to donate flowers,
please Contact Carol Banker

	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In memory of:</u>
5/3	LeRoy & Linda Eliason	Loved Ones
5/10	Brett & Shawn Quist	Loved Ones
5/17	The Theien Family	Dr. Clarence & Doris Torvick
5/24	Greg, Sandy, Shawn & Nicole Mattson	Parents & Grandparents
5/31	Virginia Deeds & Family Frances Anunti & Virginia Deeds	William Deeds Mr. & Mrs. Herman Luedtke
6/7	Dick & Joy Moncel	George & Doris Moncel
6/14	Deb Grimsrud	Loved Ones
6/21	Betty J. Ursin	Elmer, Mary, Loa & Lois Nelson and Victor L. Ursin
6/28	Dick & Joy Moncel	Clifford & Lillian Erickson



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Facebook Live at:

www.facebook.com/ConcordiaSuperior/



Directions to access the Online Service

1. Using your tablet, ipad, phone, computer or any source for the internet you have, open your internet browser and search for www.concordiasuperior.org/home
2. On the home page for Concordia Lutheran Church, scroll down until you see "Access our page using the following link"
 - 2a. You will also see the previous week videos are also posted below. Just click the week you are looking for and it will bring you to the video.
3. Click the link
4. You will be redirected to Facebook where you are now able to find the current and previous services to watch and enjoy from the comfort of your home.



Library volunteers love books,

and we'd like to remind you to return any books you have checked out once we return to the building. No need to try to bring them back before we regather!

No Internet? No problem!

Contact the office if you would like to access a DVD Copy of the Worship Service. We expect to be able to deliver one to you (if you live locally) on Monday afternoons depending on how many requests we receive.



Looking to Volunteer?

If you are interested in helping to create the DVDs, please contact the office.

Office: 715 394 3762



Plans are under way to hold our annual spring Rummage Sale. The ladies of the church have already had two workdays to start the "organizing" process for the sale.

Date for the sale is now TBD and will be announced once gathering restrictions allow for it. Please watch for a new date.

What do you have in your basement, garage or spare room that is just taking up space and collecting dust? You are welcome to drop off items for the rummage sale by appointment only, please call the church to schedule a time for drop off at 715-394-3762

ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to everyone who has sent in offerings, whether electronically or through the mail. The response to our letter campaign has shown initial promise, and we are encouraged. We had one disappointing event, in that a small amount of mail seems to have been pilfered (stolen) very early on a Sunday morning after the door was opened and before the mail was gathered from the slot. If you sent a check on or around May 15 that does not clear, or comes through without the Concordia deposit stamp on the back, please contact your bank and let us know. Good things are happening here, so let's keep our focus forward, figure out how to minister ever better while maintaining our honor and the well-being of our people.

Fellowship Opportunity

Council is working on the best way to come back together in person for worship, but we are aware that spending extended periods of time together in fellowship and conversation is not best done in person while the current virus threatens so many whom we love.

We've scheduled some recurring ZOOM events for Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. This is a time for conversation and support for one another. If the group gets too large (up to 100 can join), we can split into breakout rooms, just like we sit at smaller tables in the library.

You can join by phone, and do not need a computer to speak with the group (or just listen in). Find instructions on the page titled, "ZOOM Fellowship."

To Donate, please use the following:

On our website www.concordiasuperior.org

or

Through the Give+ app

or

Mailed to Concordia Lutheran Church, 1708 John Ave,
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~ June 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	5 Office Closed	2 Office Closed 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Online) 6:30 p Fellowship by Zoom	3 Office Closed	4 1:00 p Fellowship by Zoom	5 Office Closed	6
7 10a-11a Worship	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Online) 6:30 p Fellowship by Zoom	10 Office Closed	11 Office Closed 1:00 p Fellowship by Zoom	12 Office Closed	13
14 Flag Day 10a-11a Worship	15 Office Closed	16 Office Closed 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Online) 6:30 p Fellowship by Zoom	17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed 1:00 p Fellowship by Zoom	19 Newsletter Articles Due Office Closed	20
21 Summer Solstice/ Father's Day 10a-11a Worship	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed 10:30a-11:30a Pastor's Text Study (Online) 6:30 p Fellowship by Zoom	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed 1:00 p Fellowship by Zoom	26 Office Closed	27
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Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

Sunday, June 7, 2020

The Holy Trinity

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Prayer of the Day: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings

Genesis 1:1--2:4a, The creation of the heavens and the earth
Psalm 8, How majestic is your name in all the earth!
2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth
Matthew 28:16-20, Living in the community of the Trinity

Sunday, June 14, 2020

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Prayer of the Day: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Exodus 19:2-8a, The covenant with Israel at Sinai
Psalm 100, We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Romans 5:1-8, While we were sinners, Christ died for us
Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23], The sending of the Twelve

Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks Continued

Sunday, June 21, 2020

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Prayer of the Day: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-13, The prophet must speak despite opposition
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18, Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.
Romans 6:1b-11, Buried and raised with Christ by baptism
Matthew 10:24-39, The cost of discipleship

Sunday, June 28, 2020

4th Sunday after Pentecost

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Prayer of the Day: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 28:5-9, The test of a true prophet
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.
Romans 6:12-23, No longer under law but under grace
Matthew 10:40-42, Welcome Christ in those he sends.

Fellowship by zoom

If you are familiar with ZOOM,
you can find the meeting IDs and Passwords at the bottom of the page.

If you have no computer or no Internet access,
you may call in by telephone
(it's a Chicago number, so your plan may include long distance charges).

Dial 1-312-626-6799

You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID (below) followed by the # sign.

(The instructions did not say you would need the password,
but have it ready just in case!)

You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID. We have not assigned
unique ID numbers, so press # to skip this step.

Wait for others to join!

On a Smart Phone or online computer,

Install the ZOOM App.

Open ZOOM.

Click on Join Meeting

(You might have to click on a Home button to find this).

Enter the meeting ID.

Enter the Password.

Choose to use Computer audio. If you have no microphone,
you may be prompted also to call in with a phone.

Tuesday Evenings, 6:30

Thursday afternoons, 1:00

Meeting IDs and Passwords blocked for online publication,
phone the office for permission to join.

HEARTS @ HOME



An option for Communion in your household

A NOTE ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The church is anywhere people gather in Jesus' name. When we cannot meet in a church building, God continues to be present in the creative and intentional ways we gather for worship, even when we are limited to gathering in spirit because we live alone.

Holy Communion is a special meal we celebrate when we worship. The bread and wine are mysteriously the real presence of Jesus Christ, and we trust that Jesus is really with us in this meal. When we cannot gather for this meal in a church building together, it is acceptable either to:

- + 1.) **Fast from Holy Communion** until you can worship with others in your church building, OR
 - + 2.) **Celebrate Holy Communion in your home.**
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CREATING AN ALTAR TABLE AT HOME

- + **Prepare your table for the meal** – Gather some kind of bread and wine, grape juice, or water (knowing that Jesus can turn water into wine).

WORSHIP

- + **If possible, participate in a worship service provided on television, the radio, or the Internet +**
- + If the service includes communion, participate with the leadership.
- + If the service does not include communion, use this order to have communion after it is completed.
- + If you have no access to a worship service, read scripture from your Bible or read through a devotional for the day (like "Christ in Our Home").

Include Confession (likely was part of the service, and is part of the Lord's Prayer). You may have a prayer of confession of your own, and remember God's promise of forgiveness.

- + **Speak the WORDS OF INSTITUTION +**

(Holding the bread) In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you Do this for the remembrance of me."

(Holding the cup) Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Pray the Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Eat the bread and drink the wine, juice, or water as works best for everyone who is present, declaring that the bread is the body of Christ, given for each one, and that the cup is the blood of Christ, shed for each one.

Speak the blessing: The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen us and give us peace. Amen.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am Worship (currently online only)

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**

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.