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

From the Pastor

I saw a picture of her sitting on a park bench. She was by herself, and as I read the article, I learned why. The vaccine, of which she had received both doses, was failing to produce antibodies in her system. It may be because of the medications she needs for an organ transplant she'd received in the past. Her doctor advises her to act as if she has not been vaccinated.

On June 6, we will again be opening our doors for people to gather for worship without prior reservations. We will be spacing by temporarily removing several of the pew cushions, and instructing worshipers to sit only where there are cushions, and not to share a cushion with someone they don't already interact with regularly outside our worship space. We are still working out the logistics for distribution of communion elements, but will hopefully find something that works well for everyone that comes through our doors!

We are still requiring worshipers to wear masks during worship except while consuming the communion elements. We act out of care for people like the woman whose story I shared above,

and with recognition that our ninety-some-year-old space does not have sufficient air circulation to be safely unmasked when gatherings last more than five minutes.

Details for how we will gather are included on the last two pages inside the back cover of this newsletter.

There are thirty-plus spaces for various-sized households, though some of them are in spaces of reduced visibility. We have an expanded bulletin that includes the confession and the readings so that all can participate even if they cannot see the projection.

As we regather, we are hoping to open ourselves to additional people from the neighborhood and community. We will share God's love with our neighbors, and we believe God will love us through those neighbors as well. Jesus tells us that when we love one another our joy will be full.

We are open to hearing your ideas of ways that we can safely and joyously gather. We'd like to hear your hopes for the future, both within the congregation and personally. How has this time of pandemic restrictions changed how you see the world, changed your priorities for interaction with others, changed what you see as vital and good?



What is vital and good is not always viewed in the same way by different people. This time of pandemic has also been marked with political upheaval, and arguments between parties that we could barely imagine happening when things were more “normal.”

Yet we can wonder about “normal” the same way Pilate wondered about “truth.” Normal today is different than it was one year ago, so let us consider instead how best to love one another as Jesus loves us today. What will that kind of love look like for those neighbors who now call this community home? What does it look like for us? Let's find out together, as we move forward as Concordia Lutheran in Superior!

In Jesus' name.

Pastor Michelle R. Rowell



PARISH NURSING NOTES...

June is National Men's Health Month. Living in New Perspectives, and especially now that the cafeteria is open, I have noticed that there are many more female than male residents. And most of the females are widows! And I have noticed in our church that there are many more widows than widowers.

Statistics show that men live sicker, and die younger than women. According to the Mayo Clinic site, the greatest threats to men's health are heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke. But a few lifestyle changes can significantly lower the risk of these common killers. And while men tend to pay great attention to the "health" of their car, they don't pay the same amount of attention to the health of their body. Women are much more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men.

Taking care of your health is not selfish or weak. Give your family the gift of your health and a longer life! Start by looking at your lifestyle and health habits, and make better choices:

- Don't smoke
- Eat a healthy diet, choosing fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean sources of protein
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Get moving
- Limit alcohol
- Manage stress
- Take safety precautions
- Take medications as needed
- Avoid risky situations

Stop avoiding the doctor. Don't wait until something is seriously wrong. The doctor can help you prevent serious problems, and keep you up to date on cancer screenings, immunizations, and other health evaluations. These steps can reduce the risk for the top 10 health threats for men!

Know your body, listen to its needs, LISTEN TO YOUR SPOUSE (and others who love you), and see your physician when things do not seem right. Your family wants a future with you, so look at your life and see what can be improved. Your family will thank you!



As it says in 3 John 1:2, *"I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you."*

.....Jean

Vaccination Opportunities



The Wessman Arena (2701 Catlin Avenue in Superior)
is now open Tuesdays through Saturdays for
Covid-19 vaccinations
for everyone aged 12 and older
from 11 a.m. through 7 p.m.

Call 1-844-684-1064
if you have not yet been able to receive your vaccination.

Walk-ins welcome!

If you need our church bus to take you to the arena for your
vaccination, please call the church and we will arrange for a driver to
pick you up and wait for you. 715-394-3762. (Local only!)

If you are not able to leave your home,
Call 715-395-7336

Leave your name, phone number, address, and date of birth,
and tell them you are homebound.

Arrangements will be made for a health care professional
to bring a vaccination to your home.

(Call for eligibility.)

We ♥ Volunteers

If you're interested in helping with worship by reading, being a communion assistant, ushering, or providing special music, please call the office and let us know. We will do our best to connect you in ways that will support the faith of the people.

Some of our volunteer coordinators are having difficulty scheduling helpers, due in part to people finally feeling free to travel (and therefore not available on weekends), and in part to an unwillingness to comply with our decision to continue to require masks in our worship space. (These are the reasons we've heard.)

Please be assured that we will act in ways that are as safe as possible as we gather in this space that has little air circulation.

Bear with us as you may see some of the same people assisting more often to accommodate the unavailability of others. **Thank you**

Memorials

No memorials to publish this month.

Flowers

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 memoriam.


Given by:

June 6	Altar Guild
June 13	Deb Grimsrud
June 20	Betty J Ursin
June 27	Altar Guild

In Memory Of:

Loved Ones
Elmer, Mary, Loa & Lois Nelson
and Victor L. Ursin



~ June 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study (2 10:00a Altar Guild (tentative)	3	4	5
6 10a-11a Worship	7 9a-10a 9:00 Rummage Sale Markers	8 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study (9	10	11	12
13 10a-11a Worship	14 Flag Day 6p-7p Property Management Committee	15 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study	16	17	18	19 11a-11:30a Committal for Roy Peterson (Riverside Cemetery)
20 Father's Day 10a-11a Worship 	21 Summer Solstice 6p-7p Worship and Music Committee	22 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study	23	24	25	26
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Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

Sunday, June 6, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Prayer of the Day: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Readings

Genesis 3:8-15, *God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

Psalm 130, Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.
(Ps. 130:7)

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, *Renewed in the inner nature*

Mark 3:20-35, *Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

Sunday, June 13, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Prayer of the Day: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24, *The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel*

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, *The righteous shall spread abroad
like a cedar of Lebanon.* (Ps. 92:12)

2 Corinthians 5:6-17, *In Christ, a new creation*

Mark 4:26-34, *The parable of the mustard seed*

Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks Continued

Sunday, June 20, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Prayer of the Day O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

Job 38:1-11, *The creator of earth and sea*

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32, *You stilled the storm*

and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13, *Paul's defense of his ministry*

Mark 4:35-41, *Christ calming the sea*

Sunday, June 27th, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Prayer of the Day Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

Lamentations 3:22-33 *Great is the LORD's faithfulness*

Psalms 30 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up.
(Ps. 30:1)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 *Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus*

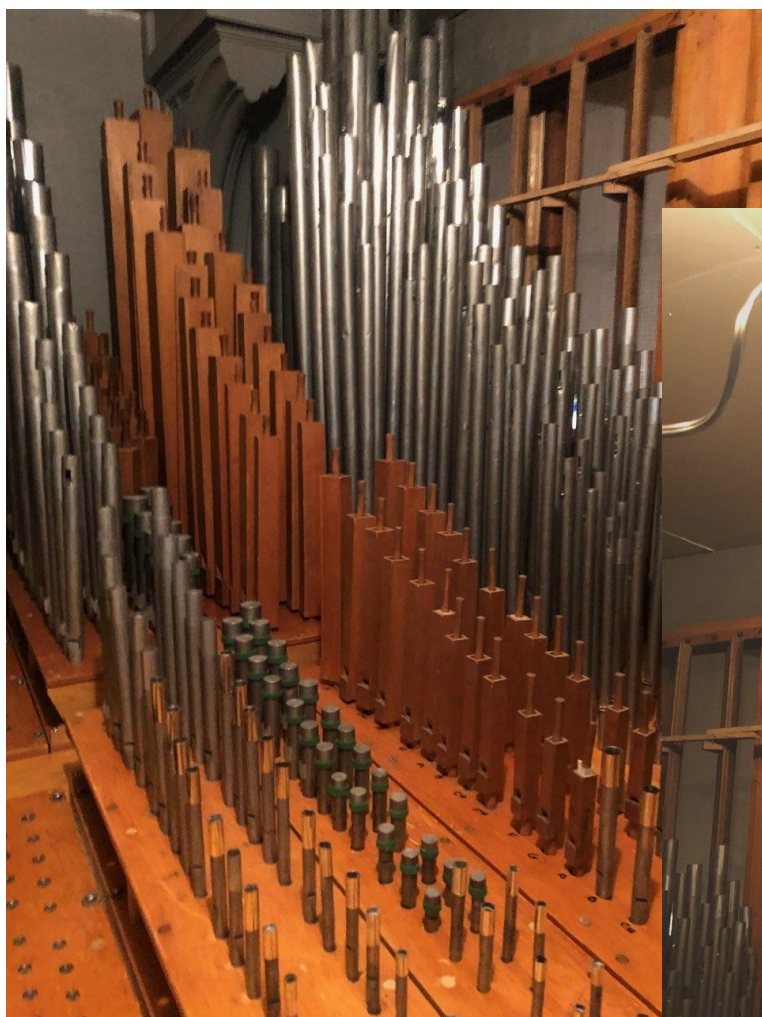
Mark 5:21-43 *Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter*

Organ Repairs and Upgrades Complete!

As many already know, we reached our fundraising goal for the organ repairs and upgrades last year. Work continued throughout the winter as originally planned, and we submitted our final payment to the M.P. Christian Organ Company on March 11, 2021. The contract that was signed in February 2019 following the annual meeting has been fulfilled! This is quite an achievement, especially considering the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic with which we have dealt for over a year now. Resounding thanks to all who contributed to the Organ Fund! Your support was essential in seeing this project to completion.

One of the most exciting (to an organist) and noticeable (to a listener) repairs was the restoration of all pipes in the Swell division (the secondary keyboard), including the upper octave! It has been a significant number of years since this portion of the organ was usable. In addition, the entire organ was upgraded to direct electric action. In short, this means there is less distance for the air to travel through the pipe chests and a lower probability of leaky pipes. Shortly after the project was completed, we experienced a few ciphers (leaky pipes) due to the settling in of the new direct electric components. However, this was anticipated and is not concerning; once everything settles in, we expect to have a much more stable organ for years to come. Our regular spring tuning of the organ will occur as soon as the weather is more consistent, since changes in temperature and humidity also affect the performance of the organ, and any final touch-ups will be completed at that time.

The pictures below show the interior of the Swell division following the completion of the repairs. The first image shows the pipes which are once again fully-functioning. The second image shows the size of the diode matrix boards, behind the white dust cover panel, which were installed as part of the upgrade to direct electric action.



If you haven't already, be sure to tune in to worship either online or in-person and listen for the organ! Our organists are re-familiarizing themselves with the instrument and trying new things every week.

Coming Back to the Building!

With the availability of vaccines for most of the people of our community, we will (as of June 6) now be inviting people into the building for worship *without reservations!* Seating will be limited to the areas marked on the map. (facing page)

Masks are still required!

We want all our members and our neighbors to be able to be here as safely as possible.

Some are not yet eligible for vaccinations.

Some are immunocompromised.

Sanctuary air circulation is minimal.

We wish to express unity with (and care for) those who cannot be vaccinated.

Long pew cushions are 9 feet, room for 5-7 people.

Cushions in the extensions under the side balconies are 6.5 feet, room for 4-5 people.

Cushions in the side aisles are six feet, room for 3-4 people.

One household per cushion.

Household may include those with whom you spend extended periods of time unmasked outside this worship space even if they don't live with you.

Concordia Lutheran Council and Membership

Council met long enough after the Annual meeting to determine current officers, but has not yet determined committee relationships. Kaleb Ullan is the only new member elected, according to an understanding from last year. No other new members were elected for 2021.

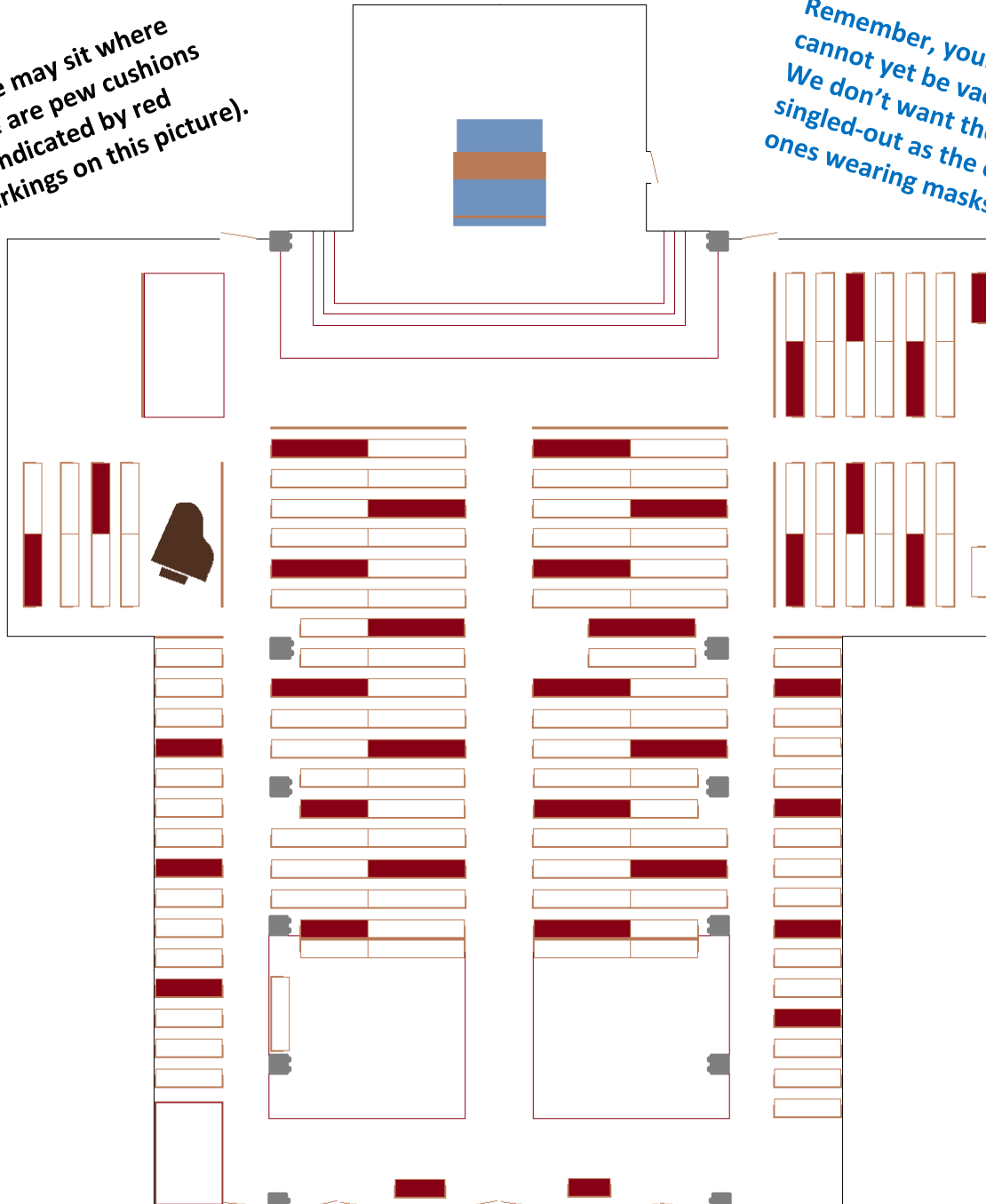
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Beginning June 6,
reservations are no longer required.
(Masks continue to be required.)

People may sit where
there are pew cushions
(as indicated by red
markings on this picture).

Remember, young children
cannot yet be vaccinated.
We don't want them to feel
singled-out as the only
ones wearing masks!



Bus will be running (riders must be masked).
Please call if you want the bus to pick you up.
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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am Worship

Online at: facebook.com/ConcordiaSuperior

Distanced in-person worship now available!

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.

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.