



# The Concordian

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

## *From the Pastor:*

We are entering into what many call the holiday season. Not many of us might include All Saint’s Day (or Halloween, as its Eve) in that season, but Thanksgiving, along with its preceding weeks and those following leading up to the Christmas and New Year holiday celebrations are often all cobbled together into one Holiday Season.

Many families will choose some date within these two months (or maybe even in January) to have their family Christmas celebration, so as not to conflict with other celebratory events or group activities that cannot be altered. Plans are made and hopes are fostered for everything to be perfect for the gathering that promises to right all family wrongs and demonstrate the promised peace on earth. At least that’s the way the holiday specials that start playing mid-October on various television stations seem to base their feel-good plots.

They all seem rather the same, don’t they? There might be three or four different basic plots they all seem to follow, whether comedy, drama, intrigue, or action, but somehow one can come to guess exactly how it will all

turn out—and everything always seems to come out as expected...

But real life generally doesn’t follow a script carefully plotted by teams of writers (or individuals) aiming for high entertainment value.

It is said that proper dinner conversation should not include anything dealing with religion or politics. Being members of the same family is no protection against the conflict that can arise in discussion of these topics. Many have become adept at avoiding such subjects... it seems we have lost the ability to honor others whose opinions differ...

In the last year or two, things seem to have grown steadily worse, especially as pertains to politics. The divide seems to grow ever greater, with people on opposite sides entrenching themselves rather than finding ways to work together for the greater good... and it’s not limited to those elected. Regular people are spewing vitriol on those of the opposite party. Our social media platforms seem to amplify this vitriol, even (and maybe especially) if it’s false.

The Holiday Season cannot guarantee that your love interest will reciprocate (or be



revealed). It cannot foil the antics of nefarious criminals. It cannot fix political divisions or family feuds. What it can do is remind us of something deeper.

Jesus came to this world to show us what it means to love one another, and to encourage us to do so. I’m hoping we can apply that love to every aspect of our lives, not only religiously, but politically. How do we love those of the other party? How do we love those who use politics badly?

How do we love our family members who disagree with our politics or other practices in our lives?

Simple, we love them as we desire to be loved, not with condemnation, but with grace, not with total agreement, but with integrity and respect. In Jesus’ name.

***Pastor Michelle R. Rowell***



Parish Nursing Notes.....

## PARISH NURSING NOTES

As parents, one of the things we teach our children is the importance of sharing what we have with others. But one of the things we **don't** want them to share is the flu! And that season is upon us once again—in addition to the Covid sharing season! The influenza viruses are always changing, and are very easy to share. So it's important to get an annual vaccination. Each year, scientists try to match the viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu that year. It takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop after having the shot, and the protection lasts about one year. Influenza can occur at any time, but most cases occur from October through May. And in recent seasons, most infections have occurred in

January and February. So getting the vaccine any time from late September to early December will be beneficial.

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze, or talk, but flu viruses may also spread when people touch something with the flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. We think of public restrooms as a place where viruses are spread. But railings, telephones, computer keys, light switches, and many more objects are touched daily by multiple individuals, and we do not usually wash our hands before and after using them.

God Himself gave us directions that help control the spread of flu. Isaiah 1:16 tells us, **“So wash your hands. Make yourselves clean.** Get your evil actions out of my sight. Stop doing what is wrong! Learn to do what is right!” Wash your hands with soap and water frequently. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough, and throw it in the trash after you use it. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated and touched by many people. Avoid close contact with sick people, and while sick, limit your contact with others to keep from infecting them. Do not be offended if people do not want to shake hands.

If you are sick, stay home, drink plenty of liquids, and get plenty of rest. And if you are healthy, share Jesus' love by taking the sick the standard chicken soup or other fluids, doing errands for them, and caring for their children.

This season, share gifts, blessings, love, laughter, and health! Stay healthy and happy, and help others stay healthy and happy too!.....Jean



Volunteers needed! Join us with your car to hand out Halloween treats to neighborhood kids and enjoy a night out. Concordia Cares Committee will provide treats, or you can bring your own pre-packaged candy. Come in costume and decorate your car! Contact Concordia Lutheran Church Office at **(715-394-3762) to let us know if you will be able to help with this fun event.**



Time to get out those knitting needles and crochet hooks! Concordia Cares Committee will be collecting hats and waterproof mittens for the hat& mitten tree in December. Our goal is to donate 100 hats to the local Head Start.



After expenses, the revenue towards the Boe-Engebretson scholarship is \$1,162.00. The bake sale earnings of \$587 were sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist the victims of Hurricane Ida in Louisiana.

Sue Martin & Debi Harmer

# Moving Forward

Seating for worship is distanced, and we are continuing to require masks in the worship space until further notice

**UWS Winter Concert**  
**“Season of Song”**  
**at Concordia,**  
**December 7,**  
**7:30 pm.**

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Friday, December 24,**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**We will follow our regular practice of masking and seating where there are cushions on the pews.**

**At our annual meeting in January, we will open discussion for ideas on moving forward as Lutherans in Superior, and how and whether we might be willing to work with other area congregations.**

# Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

## Sunday, November 7, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16, *God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath*

Psalm 146, *The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down*

Hebrews 9:24-28, *The once for all sacrifice of Christ*

Mark 12:38-44, *A widows generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

## Sunday, November 14, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### Readings

Daniel 12:1-3, *The deliverance of God's people at the end*

Psalm 16 *My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope*

Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18]19-25 *The way to God opened through Christ's death*

Mark 13:1-8, *The end and the coming of the Son*



# Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

## Sunday, November 21, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

**Prayer of the Day** .Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, *The one coming with the clouds rules over all*

Psalms 93 *Ever since the world began, your throne has been established*

Revelation 1:4b-8, *Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

John 18:33-37, *The kingdom of Christ.*

## Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

**Prayer of the Day** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16, *A righteous branch springing up from David*

Psalms 25:1-10 *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13-, *Strengthen hearts of holiness for the coming of the Lord*

Luke 21:25-36, *Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man*

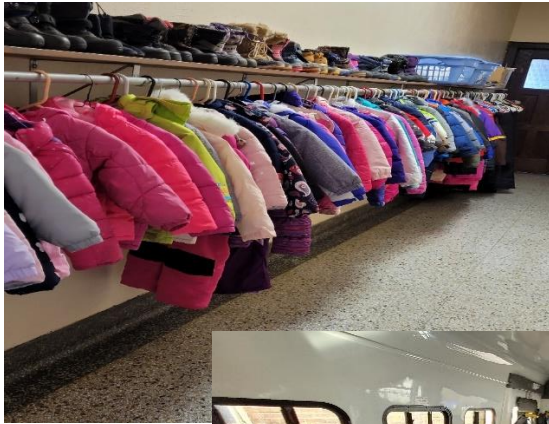
~ November 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 4:15p-6p Piano Lessons 6p-8p Boy Scouts	<b>2 Election Day</b> 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study ((varies))	<b>3</b> 10a-11a Altar Guild 4p-5p Confirmation Class	<b>4</b> 2:15p-3p Piano Lessons	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 10a-11a Worship 11a-12p Youth & Family Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> 4:15p-6p Piano Lessons 6p-7p Property Management Committee 7p-8p Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study ((varies))	<b>10</b> 4p-5p Confirmation Class	<b>11 Veterans' Day</b> 9:30a-12:30p Lake Superior Conference Pastors (By ZOOM from Northwest Synod of Wisconsin)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10a-11a Worship	<b>15</b> 4:15p-6p Piano Lessons 6p-7p Worship and Music Committee 7p-8p Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study ((varies))	<b>17</b> 4p-5p Confirmation Class	<b>18 Great American Smokeout</b> 2:15p-3p Piano Lessons	<b>19</b> Concordian Articles Due	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10a-11a Worship 11:15 Council Meeting 11a-12p Assembling and Lighting Christmas Trees	<b>22</b> 4:15p-6p Piano Lessons 8p-8:30p Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 10a-12p Altar Guild Decorating for Christmas 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study ((varies))	<b>24</b> No Confirmation Class	<b>25 Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10a-11a Worship	<b>29</b> 4:15p-6p Piano Lessons 6p-7p Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study ((varies))	<b>Notes:</b>			

# Look at This!

We filled the bus with winter coats, snow pants, boots, and hats for delivery to Family Forum Headstart.

Sue Martin collected 67 jackets, 48 snow pants, 25 pair of boots and 6 hats with money from the Benevolence Fund.

Thanks to Sue Martin, Ken and Debi Harmer for delivering the winter gear. It will keep these little ones warm this winter.



## PARISH NURSING ANNOUNCEMENT

The first Sunday of the Month the Parish Nursing Staff will be checking blood pressures in the Parish Nurse's Office before morning worship from 9-10:00 a.m.



**Remember to change your clocks back on November 7, 2021.**





## Memorials

In Memory of Karla Hanson Given By Laurel Marvin



## Altar Flowers for November

November 7

In Honor of niece Amy & her husband Jack  
serving in the military by Jane Pietrowski

November 14

Altar Guild

November 21

In memory of Albert C & Margaret Banker  
by Gary & Carol Banker

November 28

In memory of Larry Quam & Loved Ones by  
Yvonne, Larry Jr, Ronald, David, Dennis  
Quam & Teresa Heisick

## Serving in November

### **Ushers**

November 7

Team II Eric Sewall

November 14

Team III Joyce Olson

November 21

Team I Ken Harmer

November 28

Team III Joyce Olson

### **Bus Driver**

November 7

Brett Quist

November 14

Kris Hanson

November 21

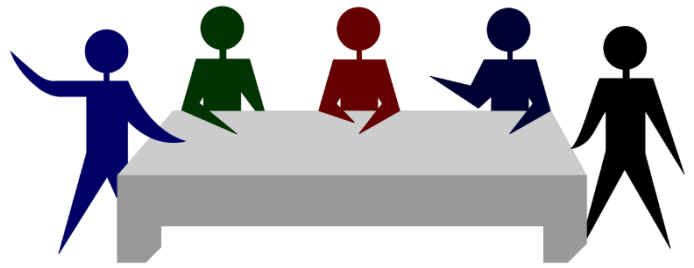
Ken Harmer

November 28

Pete Quist

### **Financial Assistants**

Kris Hanson &



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

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.

President, Kris Hanson	715-977-1260
Vice President, Michael Olson	715-398-0343
Secretary, Ken Harmer	218-390-8218
Treasurer, Doug Score	218-260-0657
Matt Ketola	715-363-2567
Mark Thompson	715-392-3166
Kaleb Ullan	

**We have distanced seating in Church.  
Please sit where pew cushions are.**



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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

**10:00 am Worship**

Online at: [facebook.com/ConcordiaSuperior](https://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.