



The Concordian

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

From the Pastor:

A few days before this newsletter was to be assembled, I was at the Fall theological Conference for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. One of the workshops I attended was on a new Bible Study made available to us by the synod. In that introduction, Pastor Greg Kaufmann displayed a slide containing three prophetic tasks of the church from a writing by Walter Brueggemann.

The first is **to tell the truth in a society that lives in illusion**. The second is **to grieve in a society that practices denial**. The third is **to express hope in a society that lives in despair**.

There are a couple of ways that society can **live in illusion**. One is a kind of illusion that does not even pretend to be real. We have games that people can play against computers or among teams of other players, but they are set in what's called “virtual reality,” and in the “killing” the players don't actually die.

The other kind of illusion is more like the proverbial “rose-tinted glasses.” However, that phrase is only one direction, and the opposite also exists. This kind of illusion is when people can't see certain aspect of various events because they are blinded by their expectations. For example, “Coal Miners

Lung” was generally ignored by the owners of the mines, because for them, labor was expendable and easily replaceable. Conversely, one can be so blinded by the negatives that they cannot see the blessings. An example of this also comes from a coal mine, with the iconic story of “Big, Bad John.” In the story, a large man appears from no one knows where to join the workers of the mine, and rumors abound. Everyone fears him. When a timber cracks, he saves them all, but dies when there is more of a collapse with the additional rupture of a gas pocket. Prejudice and fear kept the locals from welcoming the one who would eventually save them all. (But... the story is fiction...)

What illusion in today's world is most dangerous to continue unchecked? How is the best way to speak the truth to that illusion? (Answer will vary!)

Where, do you suppose, are we most vulnerable to **denial**? For Christians, I believe one of the most grievous is the idea that how we treat other people here in this life doesn't matter, because all will be well when we meet in the resurrection. It is appropriate for us to grieve the uncaring actions of others (and ourselves), to mourn the divisive hatred that separates, and to strive to overcome what we so easily



deny.

Finally, **hope amid despair**. We hope, because we know that God loves us and gives us inspiration toward improvement. We can love God and neighbor, even though we often choose the opposite. That means there's always room for improvement! We will not be perfect this side of the resurrection, but we are called and led by one who is, and who also teaches us how to love.

Despair has no easy fix, but we maintain hope because of God's love made manifest most abundantly in Jesus Christ. We proclaim, we grieve, and we hope, for we are the people of Jesus Christ.

May God lead us to tell the truth confidently, to grieve appropriately, and to hope faithfully, so that the world may move beyond illusion, denial, and despair. In Jesus' name.

Pastor Michelle



PARISH NURSING NOTES

Two of the health promotions for October are Healthy Aging and Fall Prevention. And we seem to always associate those issues with the “after-retirement” group. But when you stop to think about it, we are always “aging”—from the day we are born until the day we die. And we’re helping our children as they learn to walk and ride a bike to help “prevent falls.” And today, we’re trying to teach safe smart phone use to avoid falls and other accidents. Both of those topics are life-long concerns. And the approaches are appropriate for any age group.

A healthy diet is at the top of the list. That’s a little easier at this time of year with all the fresh and tasty garden produce available. We know about limiting saturated and trans fats, cutting back on sodium and added sugars, and getting more fiber and complex carbs. And that applies throughout life. If we get the healthy eating habits started early in life in our children, they are likely to be continued into old age.

Get active. Young tykes start out that way, exploring the world we live in. But then the interests seem to turn to smart phones and video games. Encourage outdoor, active pastimes. Social involvement is crucial as well. Kids often get that at school, at church,

and in their neighborhood. But they may need encouragement at home to participate.

A safe environment is conducive to both healthy aging and fall prevention as well. Eliminate small throw rugs and long extension cords. Have adequate lighting and night lights. Use handrails and have grab rails available in the bathroom. Be aware of slippery surfaces, cracks, and other obstacles. Teach your children to be aware of their surroundings.

I’m sure most of you know one of my most quoted Bible verses, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” While care of our bodies is important and should be done out of thankfulness to God, a lean and toned body is never our ultimate goal—but rather to “glorify God in your body.”

Enjoy living an active, healthy, and happy life, so that you may share God’s many blessings.....Jean



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“God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday

On September 11, 2022 we were able to put together 30 Hygiene kits for CASDA. Thanks to everyone who donated items and also monetary donations. The bags were blessed at the Worship Service on Sunday, September 18, 2022 and then brought to CASDA. They were very happy to get them.



Food Pantry

For the month of October we will be collecting for the Food Pantry at Faith United Methodist Church. Please bring Non-perishable food items (canned foods, cereals, pastas, etc.) and paper necessities (toilet paper, facial tissue, diapers, etc.) Donations should all be unopened (except in the case of items that are multi-packs).



Generally proteins are most difficult to obtain, so canned meats, vegetables, and peanut butter are good choices, as are full meals in a box or can. If you donate juice drinks, those that are 100% juice are preferred over those with added sugar or corn syrup.

You may also consider cooking essentials such as healthy cooking oil, garlic-or-onion powder, salt and pepper



Coffee Hour

If you would like to host coffee hour after worship, please sign up for a Sunday on the sheet in the hallway by the small kitchen.

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



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*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Online Scheduling Available! Photo Dates October 5 & 6

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **wi226** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. Note: The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option is not available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

New Church Directory

It has been 10 years since our last Church Directory. So we thought it would be a good time to do another one. **Our church directory will not be complete without you.** Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. The Photography will be taken on October 5 and 6, 2022 at Concordia Lutheran Church. The photography times will be from 2:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each day. Everyone who is photographed will receive an 8x10 portrait and a directory. Appointments can be made online at www.ucdir.com the Church Code is: wi226 and the member password is: photos. You can also call the church Office and we can schedule a time that works for you on either of those days. Members and friends are welcome to have pictures taken.

If those dates don't work for you, you can submit a vertical photo of yourself (or your family) at a cost of \$15. You would still receive a free Church Directory.

If you don't want your picture taken you can still be included in the back of the book in our membership roster. Please fill out the form below if you wish to be included in the membership roster and if you want your address, email address and/or phone number in the directory. Mail the form to Concordia Lutheran Church, 1708 John Ave, Superior, WI 54880. If we do not acknowledge receipt of it please call the church office to confirm. You may also email the information to us at ConcordiaSuperior@gmail.com. You can leave blank the information you don't want in the directory.

If you don't take (or submit) a picture or fill out the form below your name will not be included in the directory.

Personal Information for Concordia Lutheran's 2022 Church Directory

Name(s) _____

Phone number _____

cell phone _____

2nd persons cell phone _____

additional cell phones _____

Mailing address _____

Street address _____

City/State, zip _____

Email _____

2nd person's email _____

additional emails _____

How you wish us to acknowledge our receipt of your information

☐ email ☐ postal mail ☐ text message _____

Water Heater Celebration and Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone who showed up at the Special Congregational meeting on September 18, 2022 in regards to the Hot Water heater. The water heater was ordered and has been installed. A big thank you to the anonymous family who has given \$1,000 towards the purchase of the water heater.

We will be having a fundraiser meal to celebrate the installation, and to help to pay for the new Hot Water Heater.

Sunday, November 6, from 12-3.

We plan for the meal to be on Sunday, November 6, serving from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The meal will be roast pork, Mash potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, buns, dessert and beverage. The cost will be \$10, and tickets will be available to be purchased in advance. (Advanced tickets will be numbered and registered to the purchaser.) We will plan for 300 people.



Please call or email us to let us know how you'd like to assist. Mike Olson, Kris Hanson, and Ken Harmer are dealing with the arrangements.



Vocal Group

If you like to sing, come join our Vocal Group that will provide special musical numbers occasionally during the Worship Service. We will be having vocal rehearsals on Sundays in October at 11:15 a.m. starting on October 9.

Come Join Us for Trunk-N-Treat



Bring a vehicle to park in the north lot of the church, wear a costume (optional), and be ready to greet the people and hand out treats.

Monday, October 31

Set-up at 4:30.

We advertise from 5-7.

Candy will be provided, so show up and have fun with us!



Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

Sunday, October 2, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Prayer of the Day: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *Wicked surround the righteous, wait for the Lord*

Psalm 37:1-9 *Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord*

2 Timothy 1:1-14, *Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ*

Luke 17:5-10 *Faith the size of a mustard seed*

Sunday, October 9, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news."

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c *Naaman washed in the Jordan and is cleansed*

Psalm 111 *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart*

2 Timothy 2:8-15 *If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ*

Luke 17:11-19 *One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God*

Sunday, October 16, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

Genesis 32:22-31, *Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me*

Psalm 21 *My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth*

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 *In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*

Luke 18:1-8 *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

Sunday, October 23, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Prayer of the Day. Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Readings

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 *Jerusalem will be defeated*

Psalm 84:1-7 *Happy are the people whose strength is in you*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 *The good fight of faith*

Luke 18:9-14 *A Pharisee and tax collector pray together*

Sunday, October 30, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house"—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Prayer of the Day. Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

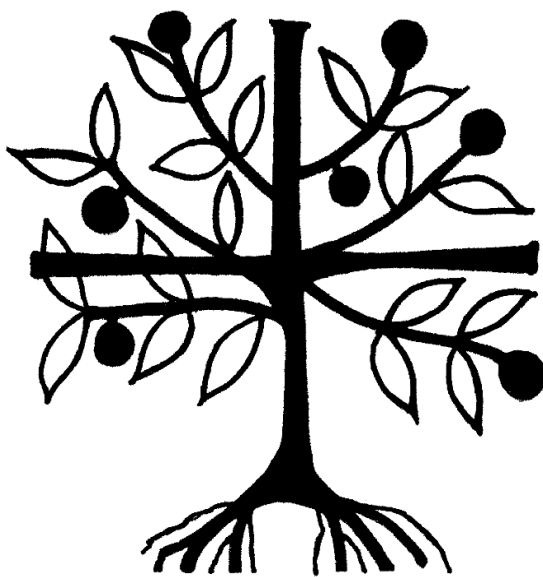
Readings

Isaiah 1:10-18 *Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed*

Psalm 32:1-7 *All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble*

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 *Faith and love amid persecution and adversity*

Luke 19:1-10 *Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus*



~ October 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10a-11a Worship 11:15a-12:15p Church Council Meeting	3	4 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study	5 10a-11a Altar Guild 2:00p-8:30p Church directory Pictures taken	6 2:00p-8:30p Church directory pictures taken	7	8
9 10a-11a Worship 11:15a-12:15p Vocal Group Rehearsal	10 Columbus Day 6p-7p Property Management Committee	11 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study	12 1:30p-2:30p Harmony House Worship	13	14	15
16 10a-11a Worship 11:15a-12:15p Vocal Group Rehearsal	17 6p-7p Worship and Music Committee	18 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study	19 10a-11a Church Directory Work in Progress meeting	20 9:30a-1p Pastor's Conference Meeting (Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1924 Wyoming Ave, Superior, WI 54880)	21	22
23 10a-11a Worship 11:15a-12:15p Vocal Group Rehearsal	24	25 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 11a-12p Pastor's Text Study	26	27	28	29
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Confirmation Day
for Evan Strauch
October 30



Altar Flowers for October

- October 2
In Memory of Robert & Prudy Hanson by
Dan & Carol Gucinski & Family
- October 9
In Memory of William Luder by Patricia,
Ada, Les & Billy
- October 16
In Memory of Robert Warner by Edith
Warner
- October 23
Altar Guild
- October 30
Altar Guild

Serving in October

Ushers

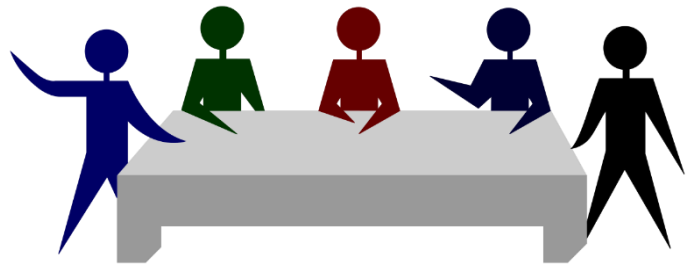
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| October 2 | Team I Ken Harmer |
| October 9 | Team II Eric Sewall |
| October 16 | Team III Joyce Olson |
| October 23 | Team I Ken Harmer |
| October 30 | Team II Eric Sewall |

Bus Driver

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| October 2 | Ken Harmer |
| October 9 | Brett Quist |
| October 16 | Pete Quist |
| October 23 | Ken Harmer |
| October 30 | Kris Hanson |

Financial Assistants

Deb Harmer & Sue Martin



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. No other new members were elected for 2022.

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

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



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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
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.