



# 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 start the month of November with a celebration of the resurrection. We call it “All Saints Day.” We generally observe this holiday on the first Sunday in November, because it is often difficult for people to gather for worship on days other than Sunday, so this year, we’ll celebrate on November 6.

It can be difficult, sometimes, to celebrate this day, because our hearts may be heavy with loss, even as we are pointed toward the resurrection, and the celebration of the new life awaiting us. As we celebrate, we read the names of those in the congregation who died since the previous reading the year before. Our reading is not perfect, as mistakes may be made, so we also include a prayer referencing “all our departed friends and relatives,” giving thanks for the ways they have helped us to experience God’s grace and mercy in this life.

We focus on their sainthood, as we believe there is no more sin in the resurrection. Those of us who live yet on this side of the resurrection remain yet subject to temptation and vulnerable to behaving in ways that cause suffering either in our own lives or the lives of others.

However, if this day is truly one on which *all* saints are recognized, then we ought also to

realize that we, too, as forgiven children of God, are granted that title. It’s not that we are immune from sinning, or from the consequent suffering from our sins in this life. It’s more that we are given a way to follow, a way that turns from practices that harm and toward expressions of God’s love in community.

Advertisements are currently being broadcast for those who spent significant time at a specific military camp, because it has been discovered that the water people used at that camp was apparently contaminated, and may have led to many maladies. Contaminants are often not obvious, and slowly build within a person’s system, causing problems much later that can be difficult to trace.

The world in which we live also has a kind of contamination, even though this world was declared “very good” at the time of its creation. As we live, we are in some ways encouraged to strive to put ourselves above those around us, and to view others as competition. This can be helpful as it encourages each of us to improve ourselves, but it can also be detrimental if we look down upon those we see as different. When we do that, when we view others with disdain, we are deviating from the life to which we are called as



followers of Jesus Christ. We are guilty of sin in the same way as the elders in the story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). In that story, Jesus takes some time to respond, as they test whether he will uphold the law that prescribed her death by stoning. Finally, he declares that the one without sin should be the first to cast a stone. Not one of them could do it. Instead, every single one of them went away; not one is left to condemn her. Jesus does not condemn her, either, but advises that she not sin again—as if we could actually live without sin this side of the grave!

We are called to love as God loves, to love without judgment. We will fail, often, but Jesus will not condemn us. Instead, we are forgiven, made saints, and instructed to go out and love.

In Jesus’ name.

Pastor Michelle



## PARISH NURSING NOTES

As our families get older, and we along with them, most of us will become acquainted with dementia of some form or another. The one we think of most often is probably Alzheimer's Disease, but there are many other forms as well. The primary symptom is loss of cognitive function, and while memory loss is common, it is not the only criteria for diagnosis. Certain criteria must be met. Two of mental functions must be impaired, including memory, language skills, visual perception, or ability to focus and pay attention. The loss of function must be severe enough that the individual cannot do normal everyday tasks. Some cannot control emotions, may have personality changes, hallucinations, or delusions (a strong belief without any proof, such as someone stealing from them), and the symptoms develop slowly over time.

Usually this means that a caregiver becomes a necessity, whether this is a spouse, another family member, or one hired from outside the family. It may eventually require moving out of the family home to senior housing, assisted living, or a nursing home. But it also requires understanding and assistance on the part of the community, especially during the time the individual is living at home, senior housing, or assisted living. The individual will certainly be out in the community, deserving of respect and understanding in all interactions. I remember when my dad (who had Alzheimer's) got out of the house without my mother's knowledge one day. It was a nice fall day, and he wanted to go for a walk, but he got

lost and didn't know where he was. It was only 2 blocks from their apartment, but it didn't look familiar to him. Luckily, a woman thought he looked lost and confused, so asked him if he needed help. When he couldn't clearly explain what the problem was, she invited him to sit on the front steps with her, and have a cup of coffee, thinking someone would come looking for him – and that's where he was when I found him. By that time he had calmed down enough to tell her his name, and was visiting with his "friend."

In another instance, a female resident of an assisted living facility liked to go to a nearby café for coffee, and often was there with her daughter, but sometimes she went there on her own. On a few of these occasions, she forgot what her favorite order was, and to bring her purse along. The waitress recognized her, brought her favorite coffee, and kept a note of the tab. She also made sure she went in the right direction to get home, and she let the daughter know about it. So they set up an account for her, and the daughter would pay it monthly. We all have heard the saying, "It takes a community to raise a child." It also takes a community to support its elders or those with physical or mental disabilities.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). Help us all to remember that we are a part of those "all things" that can work together for the good of all, and that we can ALL work together for the good of ALL in our community.

Stay happy, healthy and helpful!.....Jean





**Remember to change your clocks  
back on November 6, 2022.**



### **Hat & Mitten Tree**

The hat and mitten tree is going up in the back of the Sanctuary on November 1, 2022. We still have a time to get out the knitting needles & crochet hooks to make hats and mittens for the hat and mitten tree. Yarn is available in the Church Office if anyone needs some yarn. The goal of the Concordia Cares Committee is to donate 100 hats and mittens to Family Forum Headstart.

## **Memorials**

In Memory of Leona Lindegren:

*Beth & Brian Wiirre*

*Rhoda Pearthree*

*Ada & Steve Ledin*

*Patsy Luder (Bus Fund)*

*Shirley Brandser (Bus Fund)*

*Gary & Carol Banker (Bus Fund)*

*Mike & Joyce Olson (Riverside Cemetery)*



## **All Saints Sunday November 6, 2022**

The following names will be read on All Saints Sunday: Helen Hankey, Susan Plunkett, Leroy Eliason, Debra Johnson, Ruby Lien, Edith Warner, Jean Weber, Samantha Roske, Roberta Dumonsau, Bev Oveson, Leona Lindegren.

If you have a name that you would like us to add to the list please let us know as soon as possible.

## **Lefse Making Event**



On November 30, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. we will be peeling and boiling potatoes. December 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. we will be making lefse. Anyone who wants can come and help with this event. The Lefse will then be put out to eat at the Advent Tea which is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2022 right after the Worship Service.

# Water Heater Celebration and Fundraiser

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



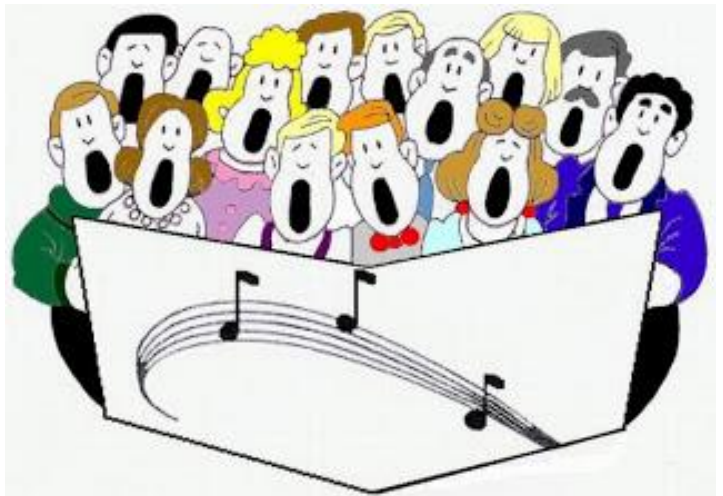
## **Sunday, November 6, from 12-3.**

We plan for the meal to be on Sunday, November 6, serving from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. (while supplies last) 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 200 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. Vocal rehearsals vary somewhat according to other events, but are usually after worship.



## Personal Information for Concordia Lutheran's 2022 Church Directory

Below is a list of names that we have received to be put in our 2022 Church Directory.

|                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dennis & Linda Aho               | Gary & Carol Banker                   |
| Susan Benson                     | Casey Braasch                         |
| Shirleyann Brandser              | Laurie Bridell Boe Dee                |
| Matthew Eastman                  | Debra Grimsrud                        |
| Rolf & Eunice Grimsrud           | Ronald Hagen                          |
| Ken & Debi Harmer                | Arlene Jacobson                       |
| Gary & Rebecca Jokela            | Matthew, Jennifer, Lauren & AJ Ketola |
| Jeffrey, Jennifer & Siarra Kloss | Clara Komatz                          |
| Hector Landa                     | Roger, Suzanne & Audra LePage         |
| Carol Lindegren                  | Ed & Leona Lindegren                  |
| Carol Lindstrom                  | Bill & Jan Lippitt                    |
| Patricia Luder                   | Susan Martin                          |
| Laurel & Ed Marvin               | Ann Novack                            |
| Mark & Kim Nygaard               | William & Lois O'Neill                |
| Michael & Joyce Olson            | Kent & Christine Peterson             |
| Jane Pietrowski                  | Yvonne Quam                           |
| Brett & Shawn Quist              | Pete & Donna Quist                    |
| Lois Renoos                      | Richard & Jean Riedasch               |
| Bear & Michelle Rowell           | Eric & Lori Sewall                    |
| Jordan, Beth & Oribelle Sobczak  | Nancy Spiering                        |
| Marie Strom                      | Mark K. Thompson                      |
| Richard Wnek                     |                                       |

If your name is not on the list and you want to be included in the back of the Church Directory please fill out the attached form and get it to us by November 15, 2022.

Personal Information for  
Concordia Lutheran's 2022 Church Directory

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> persons cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
additional cell phones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State, zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> person's email \_\_\_\_\_  
additional emails \_\_\_\_\_

(Whatever you don't want in the directory, leave blank.)

# Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

## Sunday, November 6, All Saints Sunday

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### Readings

Job 19:23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God*

Psalm 17:1-9 *Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 *The coming of the Lord Jesus*

Luke 20:27-38 *Jesus speaks of the resurrection; the God of the living*



## Sunday, November 13, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

### Readings

Malachi 4:1-2a *A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous*

Psalm 98 *In righteousness will the Lord judge the world*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ*

Luke 21:5-19 *Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake*

## Sunday, November 20, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6, *Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice*

Psalms 46 *I will be exalted among the nations*

Colossians 1:11-20 *Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood*

Luke 23:33-43 *Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in paradise*

## Sunday, November 27, 1st Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**Prayer of the Day.** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 *Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace*

Psalms 122 *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"*

Romans 13:11-14 *Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep*

Matthew 24:36-44 *The sudden coming of the Son of Man*



~ November 2022 ~

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                     | Sat       |
|---|--|--|--|--|-------------------------|-----------|
|   |  | <b>1</b><br>9a-9:30a Staff Meeting<br>11a-12p Pastor's Text Study              | <b>2</b><br>10a-11a Altar Guild                                    | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends<br>10a-11a Worship (All Saints Sunday)<br>12p-3p Roast Pork Dinner | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b> Election Day<br>9a-9:30a Staff Meeting<br>11a-12p Pastor's Text Study | <b>9</b><br>1:30p-2:30p Harmony House Worship                      | <b>10</b><br>Pastor Synod Meeting (Luther Park)  | <b>11</b> Veterans' Day | <b>12</b> |
| <b>13</b><br>10a-11a Worship<br>11a-12p Youth & Family Committee Meeting                              | <b>14</b><br>6p-7p Property Management Committee | <b>15</b><br>9a-9:30a Staff Meeting<br>11a-12p Pastor's Text Study             | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b> Great American Smoke out<br>9:30a-1p Pastor's Conference Meeting (Messiah, Washburn, WI) | <b>18</b>               | <b>19</b> |
| <b>20</b><br>10a-11a Worship  | <b>21</b><br>6p-7p Worship and Music Committee   | <b>22</b><br>9a-9:30a Staff Meeting<br>11a-12p Pastor's Text Study             | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day   | <b>25</b>               | <b>26</b> |
| <b>27</b><br>10a-11a Worship  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>9a-9:30a Staff Meeting<br>11a-12p Pastor's Text Study             | <b>30</b><br>4p-5p Lefse Making Event (Peeling & Boiling Potatoes) | <b>Notes:</b>  |                         |           |
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## Altar Flowers for November

November 6

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

November 13

In Memory of Mom (Elaine Pietrowski) on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday given by Jane Pietrowski

November 20

In Memory of Albert C & Margaret Banker, Roger & Margaret Erickson given by Gary & Carol Banker

November 27

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

## Serving in November

### **Ushers**

November 6

Team III Joyce Olson

November 13

Team I Ken Harmer

November 20

Team II Eric Sewall

November 27

Team III Joyce Olson

### **Bus Driver**

November 6

Pete Quist

November 13

Ken Harmer

November 20

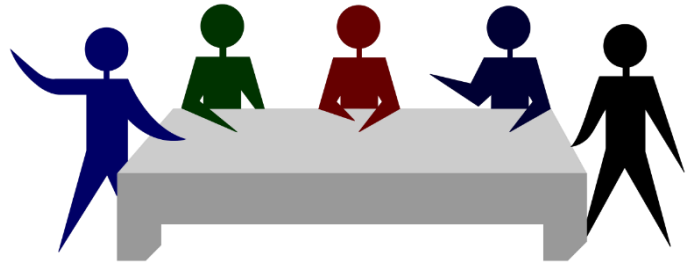
Brett Quist

November 27

Kris Hanson

### **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. No other new members were elected for 2022.

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
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| 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

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## 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.