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

The Architecture of Concordia Lutheran Church



‘Christ’s Church on earth is never finished. Always it’s life is in process of renewal and transformation. From modest beginnings, it has grown and developed through many cycles; extension, construction, reformation and revival as in the past the Church is for us and for generations to come, the Body of Christ, vigorous in outreach: inviting and redeeming all men.

We now have an opportunity to make Concordia an expression of desire to have the Gospel proclaimed, and the giving of ourselves into focus with our blessings. There is an urgent need for each of us to commit ourselves; to make a decision on how important we consider spiritual values. We can react with selfishness or generosity---with indifference or concern.

Taken from the Concordia Lutheran Diamond Jubilee 1962



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



Hat & Mitten Tree

The Hat & Mitten Tree is now up. You still have time to get out those knitting needles, crochet hooks or sewing machines and start making hats and mittens. Concordia Care Committee is

hoping to donate 100 hats and 100 pairs of mittens to Head Start.

Yarn is available in the Church Office for anyone needing yarn to knit or crochet hats and mittens for the tree.

Memorials



In Memory of Jean Van Buren:

Vicki & Spencer Jensen

Debra & Michael McGahey

Gary Battuello

Nancy Flynn

Dennis & Carol Sears

Darlene Legore

Nancy Dean

Beth Arnson

Michael Detlefsen

In Memory of Jim Larson, Dave Larson,
Klara Larson & Oscar Larson:

Luisse Drolson



**Remember to change your clocks back
on November 5, 2023**



From the Council:

It was the direction to the council that we should find a pastor to serve us that is less than full time. With that as its direction, the council gave the Synod instructions to find us a part time pastor and they are not difficult to find. The Synod is recommending that we share the Pastor from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Billings Park, Pastor Sean Koos and he is very willing to help us. We are in the process of defining how we will use his time. We intend for him to begin preaching at Concordia starting on Sunday, November 5th. However, because of the conflict with service times – **WE WILL BE CHANGING OUR TIME OF SERVICE BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH TO BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M.** (For both in-person and online) If you have any questions please contact your Church Council members.

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Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

Sunday, November 5, Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

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

Micah 3:5-12 *Judgement upon corrupt rulers*

Psalm 43 *Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me.*

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 *The Apostle's teaching accepted as God word*

Matthew 23:1-12 *All who humble themselves will be exalted*

Sunday November 12, Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb

Prayer of the Day; O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

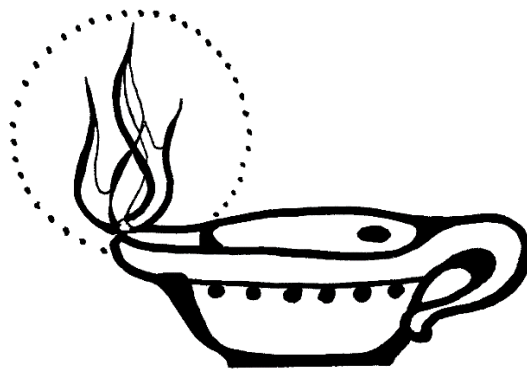
Readings

Amos 5:18-24 *Let justice roll down like waters.*

Psalm 70 *You are my helper and my deliverer, O Lord, do not tarry.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *The promise of the resurrection.*

Matthew 25:1-13 *The Story of the wise and foolish bride.*



Sunday, November 19 Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Prayer of the Day: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen

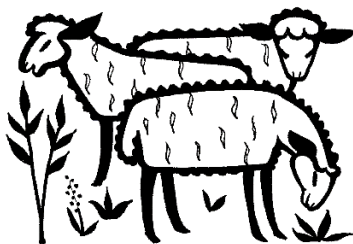
Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 *The day of the lord..*

Psalm 90 1-8(9-11)12 *So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps90:12)*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Be alert for the day of the Lord*

Matthew 25:14-30 *The story of the slave.*



Sunday, November 26, Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Prayer of the Day: .O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 *God will shepherd Israel.*

Psalm 95 :1-7a *We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.*

Ephesians 1:15-23 *The reign of Christ.*

Matthew 25:31-46 *The coming the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats.*

~ November 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hat & Mitten Tree going up in the Sanctuary 10a-11a Altar Guild Meeting	2	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8-9a Worship	6	7 Election Day 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day
12 8a-9a Worship	13 6p-7p Property Management Committee	14 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	15	16 Great American Smokeout	17	18
19 8a-9a Worship	20 6p-7p Worship and Music Committee	21 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting 10a-11a Altar Guild Meeting	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 8a-9a Worship	27	28 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	29	30	Notes:	



Altar Flowers for November

November 5
Altar Guild

November 12
Altar Guild

November 19 In Memory of Albert C & Margaret
Banker, given by Gary & Carol Banker

November 26
Altar Guild

Serving in November

Ushers

November 5	Team I Ken Harmer
November 12	Team II Eric Sewell
November 19	Team III Joyce Olson
November 16	Team I Ken Harmer

Bus Driver

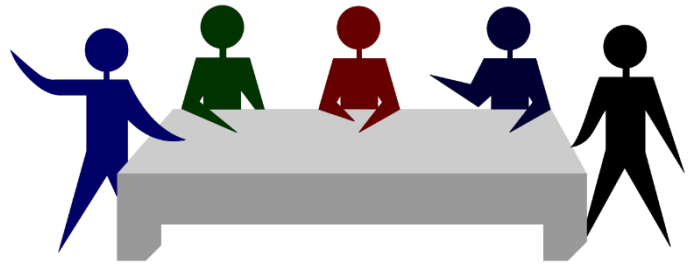
November 5	Pete Quist
November 12	Brett Quist
November 19	Kris Hanson
November 26	Ken Harmer

Communion Helper

November 5	Deb Harmer
November 19	Mike Olson

Financial Assistants

Kris Hanson



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together with you in ministry:**

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Bus Available

Please remember that the Church Bus is available for Sunday Services. Please call the office if you want to be added to the list.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am Worship

Online at: facebook.com/ConcordiaSuperior

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.