



The Concordian

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

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We finished off last month with the glorious Easter celebration and have headed into the 50-day season of Easter. We're celebrating not only Jesus conquering death but also Jesus taking on a new life and a new identity. Jesus of today is not the same Jesus from 2,000 years ago. Jesus of today is much bigger than one man in one place. Jesus of today consists of millions of faithful followers all over the world. We are the body of Christ now, sharing his love with the whole world. The resurrected Jesus has a new life, a life without temptation and death. The resurrected Jesus can no longer be tempted nor die. Does this mean he's no longer human? Not necessarily. He's within us all now, the best part of us. There is life after death and it's good life. We shouldn't be afraid of death. It's simply a transition into the truly good life. These last 6 months have been unusual as I've shared my leadership with two congregations. Both congregations have amazing gifts to offer the larger community of Superior. Both

congregations also have amazing growth areas in their unique ministries. I think both congregations have grown stronger in the sharing of resources and will continue to grow stronger together. Certain aspects of each congregation had to die to take on this new, stronger life and I've been privileged to witness death and rebirth. I'm excited for the future of both congregations and am grateful for the patience everyone has had in the partnership. Thank you! There is plenty of work to do in the months ahead as both congregations grow together. I pray for your continued support and encouragement. God is most pleased in our labors! I hope to see you around at EITHER congregation!

Blessings,

Pastor Sean Koos

Concert

The high school students from Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo, Minnesota will be holding a Concert Choir Performance on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. right here at Concordia Lutheran Church. This will be a great concert so we hope to see everyone in attendance.

Memorials

In Memory of Arlene Jacobson:

Pete and Donna Quist
Gary & Carol Banker
Mike & Joyce Olson
Deb Grimsrud
Bill & Lois O'Neill
Lois Renoos
Rhoda Pearthree

In Memory of Rolf Grimsrud:

Gary & Carol Banker
Mike & Joyce Olson
Altar Guild

In Memory of David Larson:

Luise Drolson

If you have given a Memorial and do not see your name listed please let us know and we will put it in the next Concordian.



Bible Study

Pastor Sean will be leading a Bible Study the second Thursday of the month, April 11, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in our Church Library with our friends from Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Anyone interested in attending please show up.

From the Council:

This first vision/planning meeting that was held on March 14, 2024 was very good. Several good ideas were thrown out. It is the first of many meetings of this type.

Watch for the date of the next vision/planning meeting in the Bulletin, Weekly Devotional and Announcement loop. So bring your ideas forward to help improve attendance and plan events. This is an important meeting and we encourage everyone to attend. If you have any questions, please contact your Church Council members.

Worship Aids for the Coming Weeks

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. Amen

Readings

Acts 1:1-14

Mark 6:7-13

Sunday April 14, 2024

Prayer of the Day; Holy Lord, your followers gave to your children something more powerful and more valuable than riches. They gave healing and hope. Bring healing and hope into our world and show us evidence of your presence in our lives. Amen

Readings

Acts 3:1-10

Mark 6:53-56

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Prayer of the Day: Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. Amen

Readings

Acts 17:1-9

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Prayer of the Day: Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church. Amen.

Readings

Acts 18:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Bible Studies April 2024, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30

(Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6627675381> or call 1-312-626-6799, passcode: 046800)

04-03-24 Acts 1:1-14

1. What does Jesus do for the 40 days he is with his followers after his resurrection? Why do you think he chose this topic to teach?
2. Luke tells us in v. 3 that Jesus gave "many convincing proofs" that he was alive. Why is it essential that verse 3 establishes Jesus' resurrection as a proven historical fact?
3. What does this passage tell us about Jesus' identity and mission? What does it tell us about the Holy Spirit's identity and mission?
4. Jesus never meant for us to live for Him in our own power. But often, we try to live this life under our power or control. Why do we often try to live life on our own?
5. What does it mean to be a witness? What is expected from them?
6. What is the difference between bearing witness and being a witness?
7. Does knowing it is not your job to persuade or defend the gospel, but to simply report what you have experienced and know to be true make it easier to be a witness or harder? Why ?
8. Where and when are we to be witnesses?
9. Have you ever thought that maybe some of the difficulties you go through are providing a way for you to witness? How can our difficulties help us to witness?
10. Does the idea of failing or messing up in witnessing keep you from witnessing? Did you know that you don't need to fear this? Why don't we need to fear failing in witnessing?

04-10-24 Acts 3:1-10

1. Put yourself in the place of the beggar. What do you imagine that life would have looked like for you?
2. Look at how Peter and John responded to the man. Think about all that Peter and John had experienced over the past 60 days or so. What do you notice about Peter and John? What has changed in them?
3. What do you notice about the response of the people to the miracle?
4. Peter and John must have passed by this beggar many times. Why was this day different?
5. What's the first thing Peter said to the man? Why?
6. Describe Peter's demeanor in vv. 7-8. Does this remind you of anyone?
7. Why did the people recognize the beggar? Why were they surprised to see him walking and jumping and praising God in the temple courtyard?
8. What do you think was the beggar's most pressing physical need and most pressing spiritual need? How does Peter address both?
9. Do you think miracles like that can happen today? What do you think it takes for something like that to happen?
10. What did the man do when he realized he was healed? What do you think you would have done?

04-17-24 Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thess. 1:1-10

1. What was Paul's main preoccupation in the synagogue? How serious should we take the teaching of God's word?
2. What reactions were aroused from Paul's preaching of the gospel?
3. Is it normal for some people to get upset by the preaching of God's word? (John 6: 60-66, Mark 6:1-6)
4. What did the people mean when they said, "These who have turned the world upside down?"
5. How can we turn our world "upside down?"
6. Courage for Paul meant walking into situations where he knew it was just a matter of time before he experienced some kind of physical pain. While that may not be our experience in our country, what does it look like to be a courageous Christian in America in 2024?
7. (thess.) What evidence did Paul find that the Thessalonians had responded to the gospel?
8. What do you think it means that the gospel came in power?
9. What do you think it means that the gospel came in the Holy Spirit?
10. What do you think it means that the gospel came with full conviction?

04-24-24 Acts 18:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-18

1. What were the things that God provided for Paul?
2. Why is it so crucial to have friends when going through a hard situation in life?
3. What is the first problem identified in the Corinthian church? What was causing the divisions?
4. Why were people divided by these kinds of things? What was God's will for them?
5. Why are there so many divisions in the church these days?
6. What should we do to limit divisions and reach for unity?
7. What do you notice about Paul's attitude in it as one of their leaders?
8. Why is Paul glad he didn't baptize many of the people?
9. From vs 17, what was the one thing that Paul was supposed to have done there and what were the two things he was not supposed to have done?
10. Do think there was a conflict or contradiction between what Paul understood his mission to be and what Jesus told the disciples in Matt 28:19-20? Why or why not?

~ April 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 8a-9a Worship 7 p Concert	8 6p-7p Property Management Committee	9 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	10	11 10:30a-11:30a Bible Study with Our Saviors	12	13
14 8a-9a Worship	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	17	18 6p-7p Worship and Music	19	20
21 World Immunization Week 8a-9a Worship	22 Earth Day	23 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	24 Administrative Professionals	25 World Malaria Day	26 Arbor Day	27
28 8a-9a Worship	29	30 9a-9:30a Staff Meeting	Notes:			

Serving in April

Ushers

April 7	Team III Joyce Olson
April 14	Team I Ken Harmer
April 21	Team II Eric Sewall
April 28	Team III Joyce Olson

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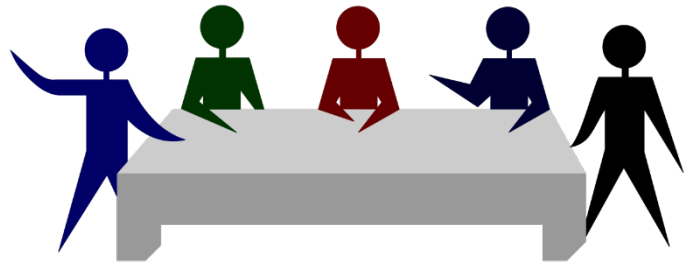
April 7	Pete Quist
April 14	Ken Harmer
April 21	Brett Quist
April 28	Kris Hanson

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April 7	Mike Olson
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Bus Available

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

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 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.