

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed!

The Concordian

A Newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church - ELCA
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"Called to Nurture and Live our Faith, Encourage our Service, and Actively Share the Gospel"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

In April 2002, the well-respected Oxford University philosophy professor Richard Swineburne defended the truth of the Resurrection at a high-profile gathering of philosophy professors at Yale University. Swineburne used Bayes Theorem, a broadly accepted mathematical probability theory and tool to defend the truth of Christ's resurrection.

In a New York Times interview, Swineburne said, "For someone dead for 36 hours to come to life again is, according to the laws of nature, extremely improbable. But if there is a God of the traditional kind, natural laws only operate because he makes them operate." Swineburne used the Bayes Theorem to assign values to things like the probability that God is real, Jesus' behavior during his lifetime, and the quality of witness testimony after his death. Then he plugged the numbers into a probability formula and added everything up.

The results? There's a 97% probability that the resurrection really happened. That's nice to know. But the truth is that you and I don't really need that. The church doesn't really need that information, because we have our own formula.

It's the Easter formula: R + ET + F = LE.

The Resurrection plus the Empty Tomb plus Faith equals Life Eternal. That's the Easter Formula.

Matthew wrote about the angel of the Lord who rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel said to the women, "Fear not....He is risen...Come and see where he laid...now quickly go and tell the disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead.'" this has been repeated from generation to generation down through the ages. He is risen. He is risen indeed!

Yours in the risen Christ,
Pastor Alice

"How we laughed, how we sang for joy!
The Lord did great things for us." Psalm 126:2

Parish Nursing Notes...

Have you had any experiences with family or friends who became seriously ill or injured, and could not speak for themselves? What was it like? Did you think about what it would be like if you were in that situation? How would you want to be treated?



April 15 is well known as the day our taxes are due, but it is also **Health Care Decisions Day**. That is something we all should pay as much attention to as filing our taxes. I recently attended a workshop to become an Advance Care Planning Facilitator, and I thought about it a lot! I'm not in any hurry to die, but I'm not afraid to die. I know we all will die some day, and I would like to be supported throughout the process.

The ELCA adopted some guidelines which can help in developing a plan for the kind of care you would like to receive. First of all, we believe that life is a gift from God, to be received with thanksgiving. Also, the integrity of the life processes which God created (and death is one of these) should be respected. Both living and dying should occur within a caring community. Our Christian perspective mandates respect for each person, and for their carefully considered preferences for treatment decisions. These do not give clear-cut answers to all end-of-life decisions, but they do offer a basic approach to them.

An **Advance Directive** is a document stating your goals and decisions about treatment you do or do not want at the end of your life, and naming a person who you want to speak for you if you can no longer do so yourself. **Advance Care Planning** is a process over time of understanding, reflecting on, and discussing future medical decisions, including end-of-life preferences. It includes learning about and understanding your health care treatment options, and clarifying your health care goals. It involves weighing your options about what kind of care and treatment you would want or not want. It includes making a decision about whether

you want to appoint a health care agent, and who that should be. And finally, it involves communicating your wishes and any documents with your family, friends, clergy, physician, and any other advisors as needed. Really sit down with family members, and your health care agent, and discuss and explain all your preferences. Talk, and listen to their questions until you know they truly understand your wishes. Medicare now covers a visit with your doctor for the express purpose of discussing your health situation and advance care planning. He/she can explain any treatment options that might arise for you so you can make an informed decision about whether or not they would be acceptable to you when that time comes.

An Advance Directive for Health is available from the State of Wisconsin, or any attorney. Some that include a little more in the areas of comfort care and end-of-life planning are **Five Wishes** and **Honoring Choices**. I hope to schedule a session to explore and explain advance care planning, but feel free to talk to me about it any time.

Meanwhile, stay healthy, happy, thankful — and plan for the future!.....Jean

Northern Waters Parish Nurse Ministry Bake Sale

This year the Douglas County Fish & Game League is having their annual sport show at Wessman Arena the weekend of April 8-10, and that means our **Parish Nurse Bake Sale** will be Friday, April 8 from 3-9 P.M., and Saturday, April 9 from 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. We aren't there on Sunday. This is one of our major fund-raisers for the year, so we are looking for any and all donations of baked goods! You may bring them to the church by 3 P.M. on Friday (and I will take them to Wessman), or bring them to Wessman Arena on Saturday. We are located right inside the main entrance. You are more than welcome to buy some baked goods as well!

Thank you from all of us!

The Lutefisk Dinner

Lutefisk actually became popular with residents of the Scandinavian countries. This included Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and also Minnesota, according to one article I read. I recall the church receiving nasty calls if the Lutefisk Dinner was not held. An old clipping from our church also explained how the women of the church had to come back to the church the day after the supper. Why? In the early days, they did not have stainless steel flatware: the flatware became black at the dinner and had to be individually cleaned.

The Lutefisk Dinner on November 4, 1987, was given to celebrate the congregation's one hundredth birthday. People were thrilled and used many words to exclaim their joy. "Skol" was one of those words. Many people were dressed in Norwegian outfits during the meal. Larry Sorenson, a member of Concordia and owner of Upper Lakes Foods at that time, donated all the food and skills of his crew of chefs. One of them was Lee Norton. What a gift to Concordia! Ken Johnson recalled serving four helpings of lutefisk to one man; however, there were some people who did not like lutefisk and they enjoyed the meatballs served in addition to the lutefisk.

Another important part of the Lutefisk Dinner was the making of lefse. In later years, Marie Peterson took charge of that. On Sunday after church, she and her husband, Roy, would get the potatoes ready for the "Lefse League" on Monday. The gals would roll out the dough, and the guys would see that each piece of lefse was cooked to perfection.

At a meeting of the Superior & Duluth Sons of Norway about ten years ago in our fellowship hall, a representative of the Norwegian government in Minneapolis was invited to speak. He informed us that lutefisk was not that popular in Norway anymore. Nevertheless, if we had that dinner again, it would be well-attended. This kind gentleman also helped the Heritage Committee. We had a difficult time locating a picture of our second called pastor, H.O. Helmers. We understood he returned to live in Norway. The representative told us "Helmers" was not a common name, and in a short time we received a picture of Pastor Helmers. Thanks to that wonderful Norwegian representative who helped us complete the pictures of pastors who have served our church.

Thursday — November 7, 2002

The Daily Telegram —



Submitted Photo

CONCORDIA DINNER — "Lefse League" members of Concordia Lutheran Church have prepared 1,000 lefse rounds for their annual lutefisk-meatball dinner. The dinner will be held on Friday, with serving from 4-7 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$9 and takeouts are available. Merrill Hoven is chairman of this all-congregational event. Concordia Church is located at 1708 John Ave. in Superior. "Lefse League" members include, from left, back row, Al Amson, Lois O'Neill, Linda Ness, Waunita Averill, Richard Jacobson, William L'Neill, and front row, Muriel Viggiano, Roy Peterson and Marie Peterson. Other members not pictured are Jane Meehan, Louise Hoven, Merrill Hoven, Florence Palm and Hazel Lee.



CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

Lent has come and gone, concluding with the death & resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We on the Library Board trust that your Lenten journey was a spiritual and meaningful one! The Grace that God has showered upon us through Jesus's death on the cross is often difficult to accept, but remember that GRACE is – **God's Riches At Christ's Expense!** This was done because of God's love for us (John 3:16-17). The season of Easter is upon us and there's no time like the present to spread this message of salvation. The library board has some books pertaining to Easter on display on the tables in the library. You're invited and encouraged to look them over and check some out if you're interested.

A project with which the board has been busy is going through the young children's books (located in book racks & bins) and weeding out the ones that have seen better days and have not been circulated for awhile, This is a hard project to do, but must be done occasionally to keep the collection of books relatively current and interesting. These books have been withdrawn and are now available for children, young and old, to take. The books are located in the "Little Blue Bookcase" that sits in the hallway just outside the main office. Please help yourself and share with your friends and neighbors. Thank you.

On April 23, a Saturday, the Library Board will be hosting the spring meeting of the Library Association for the Lake Superior Area. The meeting begins at 1:30 with registration and coffee/goodies; program begins at 2 pm. The guest speaker for this meeting is Mr. Gary Banker. Gary's talk will include his poetry book, From a Yellowed Photo. The meeting is open to the public, so you're welcome to come and hear Gary speak.

May your Easter Season continue to be a meaningful one!
THINK SPRING!



Rev. Rick Hoyme, Bishop of the Northwest Synod of WI-ELCA, will be at Concordia to preach on Sunday, April 17, 10 am (there will be

only one worship service that day). Potluck will follow the service. Please join us - and bring a dish to share!

Join the Flock!
Sunday School

9:00 am Sunday mornings -
Lower Level Classrooms

Confirmation for 6th, 7th & 8th
grade students is on

Wednesdays, 4:00 - church library

Kids' Club for 3 year olds through 5th grade
- 4 pm on Wednesdays.

Meet you in the library, then we'll move
downstairs!



Our PASTOR Search

Dear Members of Concordia Lutheran Church,

Pastor Alice has often reminded us from the pulpit that our council and our committees need to communicate to you the congregation often. I would like to give you an update on what your call committee has been doing since we were organized. We have met often and we have accomplished quite a bit, but we are not finished.

The call committee had our first organizational meeting on October 4, 2015. Since then we have met many times - call committee members alone and also with an assistant to the bishop from the synod office. We have created the ministry site profile for Concordia and had it reviewed by the church council. It was submitted to the ELCA website for potential pastoral candidates to view. We created our interview questions and had a practice interview with Pastor Sara Kerkes from Our Saviors Lutheran Church to help polish our interview process.

We did receive interest from one potential pastoral candidate in January. We had an online interview with that pastor in February, and the four members of the call committee who attended the interview unanimously agreed that we wanted to keep looking for other interested candidates. We notified that candidate we were continuing our search and we notified the synod of our decline of that candidate. In the beginning of March, we received another inquiry from an interested candidate and we will proceed with an online interview of that candidate after the Easter services.

As you can see from my summary, your call committee has been busy as we endeavor to find a new pastoral candidate whom we can present to the congregation. Please keep your call committee in your prayers to give us guidance and direction during this search process.

*Sincerely, Ken Harmer
Chairman Call Committee*

Call Committee members: Marie Peterson, Holly Peterson, Mike Olson, Scott Sorenson, Alexandra Ledin

Is it almost time for your Spring cleaning?

The CLCW is sponsoring a rummage sale on Saturday, May 14.

Suggested donations:

- Books, CDs, DVDs and VHS movies
- Children's, teen's & babies' clean, gently used clothing, shoes and outerwear
- Toys, games and puzzles
- Household items
- Ladies purses, scarves, jewelry
- Unused perfume, makeup and nail polish.
- Tools
- Antiques

We are not accepting adult clothing or electronics (TVs, computers, stereos, etc).

Please bring the items to fellowship hall between May 1-12.

Any questions, please contact Carol in the church office.

From the CLCW:

The **Spring General Membership meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 3, immediately following the 2nd service. Please make plans to attend and share your ideas for the mission of the women's group.

Calling all ladies...your help is needed.

(Guys too, if you're willing!)

The CLCW is sponsoring a rummage and bake sale on Saturday, May 14, 8am to 2pm. All proceeds will be split between the Boe-Engbretson scholarship fund and the fund-raising to donate a well in Malawi, Africa.

In addition to your donations for the rummage and bake sale, are you able to help out with any of the following:

- advertising
- pricing the donations
- working the day of the rummage sale to help with checkout
- straighten tables during the day
- work the bake sale and clean up after the sale

If you can help with the sale, please contact Carol Gucinski at the church, Debi Harmer at 715-392-6479 or Sue Martin at 218-269-0371. Thank you!

Men's and Ladies' "Night Out"

EVERYONE is welcome! Join fellow members of the congregation once a month for dinner and conversation at a local venue.

Watch the bulletins and our weekly email for dates and place. Not getting our weekly email? Call the church office with your email address!



The following memorials are acknowledged by the church office:

Florence Palm

Prayer Shawl, by Ed & Leona Lindegren, Jean Stensland

Jean McPherson

Roof, by Patricia Luder, Shirley Brandser, Donna Hansen

Linda Ness

Roof, by Charles & Connie Plaster

Janice E. Johnson

Riverside Cemetery, by Gerald Johnson

Richard L. Jacobson

Riverside Cemetery, by Arlene Jacobson



Youth & Family Ministry: A Rising Joy

Wahoo! Things are hopping for the Youth and Family Committee. Your YFM committee has grown in size to nine members now including; Sue LePage, Becky Jokela, Nick Pristash, Jan Ursin, Debra Grimsrud, Kristie Johnson (new Chairperson), and new members, Traci Strauch, Mark Thompson, and Carol Lindegren. There are lots of plans in the making with many and varied opportunities for the church family to do things together and also in and for the communities of Superior/Duluth.

Movie night in March was, once again, a big hit – even though the weather was terrible! We had a wonderful blend of ages from toddlers to grandparents. To mix things up a bit, we will not have a movie night in April, but will have a family night activity– to be announced.

March's mid-month Open House event was a huge success. You were probably there and know that it was very well attended - sixty people in all. It was a wonderful time to celebrate the completion of the Sunday-school wing and to thank the volunteers who made that possible. With Thrivent Financial's donations for the event, Youth and Family was able to throw a terrific party. **Thank you** again to all of you volunteers who renovated, sorted and cleaned in the Sunday-school wing. **A big thank you also** to the volunteers who simply showed up to help set up, serve and clean up for the Open House event. What a blessing! What a joyful time. For, "The joy of the Lord is [our] strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)

Spring and summer are coming...honest. (It snows while I write this). I've heard that activities at church wane during summer months, but Youth and Family Committee has surprises up their sleeves that may entice you to stay involved – beyond Vacation Bible School. Speaking of that, Summer Camp is looking like the place to be this year. Check out the information on the bulletin-board outside Pastor's office.

I discern that a long awaited health is returning to Concordia and together, in Christ Jesus, let us all continue "to be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Eph 4:12b).

Blessings,

Chris McCarty
YFM Coordinator (and sister in the Lord)



Altar Flowers for April

- April 3 Given in memory of Edward & Dorothy Hoffman, by Jan & Bill Lippitt.
- April 10 Given in memory of Erika Margaret Banker and Margaret & Roger Erickson, by Gary, Carol & Craig Banker.
- April 17 Given in honor of Loved Ones, by Roy & Marie Peterson.
- April 24 Given in memory of Robert & Martha Jean Hansen, by Nancy Burley.

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

Gary Banker	715.392.2149
Nancy Burley	218.464.7086
Matthew Eastman	218.409.9174
Diane Kruger	218.341.2704
Carol Lindegren, Sec.	218.590.8238
Jan Lippitt, Vice Pres.	715.394.9158
Tom O'Neill, Pres.	218.391.6139
Nick Pristash	715.398.0488
Eric Sewall	715.392.1559

Contact your elected church council member for information and concerns. Minutes from the church council meetings are available in the church library.

The DEADLINE for articles and information for "The Concordian" is the 15th of the month. Thanks for marking this on your calendar!

THANK YOU for your contributions to the Malawi Famine Relief fund! Your donations brought in \$880.56!

Serving in April

Ushers

- April 3 Team I, Doug Score, Capt.
April 10 Team II, Eric Sewall, Capt.
April 17 Team III
April 24 Team IV

Bus Drivers

- April 3 Ken Harmer
April 10 Brett Quist
April 17 Pete Quist
April 24 John Gronski

Scripture Readers

- April 3 Ed Lindegren
April 10 Nancy O'Neill
April 17 Denise Latscher
April 24 Patsy Luder

Greeters

- April 3 Barbara Mattson; Greg Mattson
April 10 Mark Thompson
April 17 Nancy Burley
April 24 Brett Quist

Altar Servers

- Carol Banker; Ann Novack

Financial Assistants

- Shirley Brandser; Sandy Novak

Communion Assistants

- April 3 Mike Olson; Nancy Burley
April 10 Mike & Joyce Olson
April 17 Rich Wnek; Patsy Luder
April 24 Audra LePage; Shaye Toya

Sunday Morning Council Representative

- April 3 Nick Pristash
April 10 Eric Sewall
April 17 Carol Lindegren
April 24 Matthew Eastman

Coffee Hour Hosts

- April 3 CLCW Meeting
April 10 Bankers
April 17 OPEN
April 24 OPEN



Help Us Grow

Electronic giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. You won't need to write checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when you can't attend services, your electronic contributions will arrive without delay.

Ask for an authorization form in the church office or visit our website at concordiasuperior.org to easily set this up.

Concordia has been a participant in Thrivent's automated offering solutions since 2003! The program is called "**Simply Giving**," and is easily accessed on Concordia's homepage. Do it today!

Employment Opportunities at Concordia!

After over 20 years of service, Carol will be resigning her position in the church office at the end of June; she and her husband, Dan, will be relocating to Hayward. That leaves us with 2 positions to be filled:

Part-time Financial Secretary

Qualifications:

- minimum 2-year degree in accounting or equivalent work experience
- proficiency in QuickBooks software, Corel QuatroPro and/or Microsoft Excel
- proficiency in data entry
- ability to work in a collegial style with other members of the office staff
- ability to complete work assigned in a professional and timely manner
- commitment to observing the principles of **confidentiality, courtesy and cooperation**

Hours: 15-20 hours per week

Remuneration: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Part-time secretary

Qualifications:

- high school diploma
- 2 years business school training preferred
- knowledge of general office practices and procedures
- proficiency with a computer; typing at least 50 wpm
- proficiency in word processing programs (Corel WordPerfect and/or Microsoft Excel)
- proficiency in data entry
- ability to work in a collegial style with other members of the office staff
- ability to complete work assigned in a professional and timely manner
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Applicant must complete a job application and submit it with a resume to the main office of Concordia Lutheran Church, 1708 John Avenue, Superior, WI 54880, no later than **4:00 pm on Friday, April 15, 2016**. Applications and resumes may be submitted electronically to concordiasuperior@gmail.com. More information about the positions is available on our website; employment applications may be picked up in the main office or accessed on Concordia's website at www.concordiasuperior.org.



"Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ"

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Greetings from Luther Point!

Arbor Day Work Weekend

On April 30, Luther Point invites you to participate in an Arbor Day-themed work weekend! We are looking for volunteers to join in a variety of work projects. We are also seeking donations of young native hardwoods to plant along the shore, and gravel/limestone to refurbish the degraded trails along the boys' cabins. For more information about volunteering or donations, please call 715.689.2347, or email Program@LutherPoint.org

Walk-in Refrigerator & Freezer

After more than 30 years of reliable service our walk-in refrigerator and freezer finally bit the dust! Reliable, energy efficient refrigeration will need to be in place for upcoming retreaters and campers in search of meals. Given the age of the fridge/freezer, it was obvious a failure was come, and we have raised \$11,000 toward its replacement. The total estimated cost of the new fridge/freezer is \$30,000, which doesn't include the cost of an insulated concrete slab, outdoor electrical work and fencing. We invite you to prayerfully consider a donation of time, talent, or funds to this important undertaking. For more information, call Luther Point, or email Executive Director, Rev. Mark Peters at Mark@LutherPoint.org.

Friends Banquet

This June, Luther Point is hosting a Friends Banquet honoring the work of our donors and volunteers in conjunction with our Summer Staff Commissioning Service. Keep an eye out for more details on this exciting event!

Annual Break in the Lake & Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars, Saturday, May 14, for our Annual Break in the Lake & Pancake Breakfast! Come for a swim, stay to join in sprucing up the camp for summer!

Summer Camp Registration

Registration is still open for summer. We have offerings for any age, 1st grade to grandparents. Visit www.LutherPoint.org to register.

Grace and peace, Rev. Mark T. Peters, Executive Director



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2016</h1>						
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3 8:30 - Worship 9 am - Sun. Sch.; BP Checks 9:30 - Benevolence Bd. Mtg. 10 am - Worship 11 am - CLCW Gen. Mbrshp. Mtg; coffee hour	4 7 pm - Boy Scouts	5 9 am - Staff meeting 2 pm - Lydia Circle 4 pm - Just for Kix 6 pm - Spanish	6 4 pm - Confirmation; Kids' Club	7 2 pm - Service at St. Francis	8 9:30 - Library Board meeting	9
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17 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11 am -Pot luck Visit from Bishop Hoyme	18 6 pm - Worship & Music 7 pm - Boy Scouts	19 9 am - Staff meeting 4 pm - Just for Kix 6 pm - Spanish class	20 9:30 - Mary Circle 11 am - Investment Committee 4 pm - Confirmation; Kids' Club	21 <i>(Conference pastors meeting - Our Savior's, Solon Springs)</i>	22 9:30 - Library work group	23 10 am - Prayer Shawl ministry Lake Superior Library Association meeting
24 8:30 - Worship 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11 am - Coffee Hour	25 7 pm - Boy Scouts	26 9 am - Staff meeting 4 pm - Just for Kix 6 pm - Spanish class	27 4 pm - Confirmation; Kids' Club	28 9:30 - Quilting 6 pm - Church Council	29 9:30 - Library work group	30

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Worship Services

8:30 worship in the chapel

10:00 worship in the sanctuary

Communion served every Sunday.

Fellowship (coffee & goodies) in the church library after
the late worship service.

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.