



THE CONCORDIA TRUMPET

October/November 2017

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watertown, NY

From Your Pastor



**“We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it,
the process is not yet finished.”- Martin Luther**

Of the hundreds of quotes attributed to Luther this particular one resonates with me at this time in my life. For not only are we globally celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 29, the following week we are acknowledging the 25th anniversary of my ordination and installation as Concordia’s 6th pastor in its 111 year ministry to Northern New York.

As Luther also said, the Reformation will always be in need of reforming. The same can be said for each one of us, personally and as a nation. While some people fear and rebel against change, others embrace and welcome the fact that change is a catalyst for growth and hopefully greater love and unity with all God’s children everywhere.

As a pastor, some of the most welcoming words to my ears are when a parishioner has a “light bulb” or “epiphany” moment and says, *“I never looked at it that way before!”*

I fervently hope and pray that you will mark your calendar and amend your schedule if necessary to join with your fellow Concordians at church October 29 and November 5. Who knows – perhaps you will learn something that will inspire you to say, *“I never looked at it that way before!”* Thank you for 25 years of mutual ministry!

Pastor Luisi

October/November Schedule for Concordia

- ~ Saturday Worship Service at 4:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Sunday School & Youth Group at 11:00 a.m.

October

- 8** Church Council meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- 29 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**
German Dinner/ Potluck of Desserts
- 31** Reformation Day

November

- 5 25th Anniversary of Pastor Luisi's Ordination**
Daylight Saving time ends
- 11** Veterans Day
- 12** Veterans Day Observance at Concordia
Church Council meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- 19** Annual Budget Meeting following worship
- 23** Happy Thanksgiving Day
- 26** Christ the King Sunday



A Change in our Worship Services on October 7 and 8

Instead of seeing and hearing Pastor Luisi preside at these services you will be seeing **Phil Lueders** and **Anthony Summerlin** as the worship leaders. The message will be delivered by our guest speaker, **Joanna Loomis**, executive director of the Watertown Urban Mission. She will speak on "Your Work in the Community at the Watertown Urban Mission." Thank you to Joanna, Phil and Tony.



The wedding of **Bradley Stephen Ellis** and **Anna Maria Luisi** will be October 7 near Ithaca, New York. Pastor Luisi will officiate. Some of Concordia's family of faith have inquired about sending cards and good wishes to Brad and Anna. Greetings may be sent to their home at 16 Porter Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148. *May God bless their love and marriage.*



2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg in Germany. During the past year events have been taking place all over the globe to mark this momentous act of reformation and its impact on life in Luther's time, our time and the future.

ON OUR LOCAL LEVEL

Here at Concordia we have been watching portions of the Rick Steves' DVD *Luther and the Reformation* during the last several weeks following the Sunday worship service. In the coming weeks the movie will be shown in stages following the Saturday worship service. In the video Rick Steves travels in the footsteps of Martin Luther, explaining the historic, economic, and social context of the Reformation. The original art, artifacts, gorgeous German townscapes and fascinating story all combine to make it both entertaining and interesting.

You may also notice that pictures of artwork associated with the Reformation are posted in the fellowship hall and elsewhere in the church. Thank you to **Phil Lueders** for his research, enthusiasm and work at bringing this historic occasion to Concordia.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29 we will be celebrating with a German Dinner prepared under the leadership and in large part by **Brigitte Gruber**. (Thank you, Brigitte!) The menu will be:



*Jagerschnitzel with Sauce
Noodles
Green Vegetables
and
a Potluck of Desserts*

The main course will be provided for everyone but we are asking those attending to bring a dessert to share. If you are able to bring a German dessert, please do so; if you can't bring German, bring whatever you are able to bring. A sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall near the kitchen door. The tables that day will be decorated in the colors of the German flag: black, red and gold. You are also encouraged to wear red that day if possible.

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

You are invited to join **ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** on Tuesday, October 31 (Reformation Day), as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The event, *Looking Back and Called Forward: ELCA 500*, which will include speakers and a service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The event begins at 10 a.m., is open to the public and will be available online via livestream at ELCA.org/livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary, bearing public witness to Christ who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and looking to the future to which God is calling us.





William David Fleischmann
received the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
on October 1, 2017.
He is the son of Casey and Ian Fleischmann and
a sibling of Joseph and Henry.
William's godparents are
Denise and Trent Miller.

**ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY**



Pastor Luisi
will celebrate the
25th Anniversary of his Ordination
on November 8.

Our fellowship after worship on November 5
will be a reception in honor of Pastor Luisi and
this special occasion.

**Chaplain Steven & Sharon
Nagler**

celebrated their
45th Wedding Anniversary
on
September 30.

Congratulations and
God's blessings to you!



Congratulations to
Richard & Charlotte Foster

as they celebrate their
60th Wedding Anniversary
on October 12.

May you continue to cherish
each other and share many
more years together.

**Happy Birthday to
Theresa Banks**

as she celebrates her
100th birthday
on November 15!
May God bless you with his
boundless love & peace.

Theresa is the mother of
Concordia member
Ed Fritz.





Volunteers for October and November



Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for these opportunities to serve.

FELLOWSHIP

Oct. 1 Fleischmanns
15 Joshua Dietterich
29 Reformation Dinner
& Dessert Potluck
Nov. 5 Reception for Pastor L.
19 Josh Scheppard &
Samantha Westberg

COUNTERS

Oct. 1 Gerlacks
8 Stacys
15 Ed & Judy Fritz
29 Steve & Brigitte Gruber
Nov. 5 Gerlacks
12 Stacys
26 Steve & Brigitte Gruber

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 1 Fleischmann
8 Christine Shipley
15 Carl Zimmer
22 Carl Zimmer
29 Holloways
Nov. 5 Luisi
12 Fultons
19 Delosh
26 B. Thiebeau

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Oct. 1 Mary Jane Fulton
8 Phil Lueders
15 Eric Holloway
22 Phil Lueders
29 Eric Holloway
Nov. 5 Luisi
12 Eric Holloway
19 Mary Jane Fulton
26 Eric Holloway



Youth in grade 7 and higher are invited to join us on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Youth Group. For more information see Jonathan Summerlin or advisor Pat Ryan.

**For Sale Now: 2018 \$aveAround Coupon Books
Cost: \$25**

Save on restaurants, entertainment, stores and more! There is an app for phones so you don't have to carry the book with you. Books can be ordered for other "out of town" locations so they would make great Christmas gifts for friends or relatives! See Pat Ryan for more info or to purchase.

Coming Up: Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Watch Sunday bulletin for date & time- probably Nov. 11 or 18 about 11:30 a.m.

The Congregation is invited to come and help also!

Announcements

** The **First Frost Aids Walk** takes place October 15 at Thompson Park. Your support of **Pat Ryan** will be much appreciated.

** The **2017 Watertown Area CROP Walk**, Ending Hunger One Step at a Time, will be October 15 in rain or shine, starting and ending at Stone Presbyterian Church, 140 Chestnut St., Watertown. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 p.m. If you have any questions you can contact Rev. Sally Buyea at sbuyea@live.com, or by phone at (315)639-6749 office, or (315)525-9510 cell. Rev. Jane Eastham can be contacted at urbanmissionjane@yahoo.com, or by phone at (315)804-1350.



** **Newsletter:** Information for the **December/January** newsletter should be put in the drop-off box on the church office door or sent to Ginny at vhasseler@gmail.com by **November 26**.



Veterans Day is November 11.

All present and past military are asked to wear their uniform or any part of it to worship services that weekend (Nov. 11 & 12).

In addition, everyone is invited to bring in photos of their relatives who are veterans.

Thank you to all who served and to those who currently serve.

Hurricane Disaster Relief

If you would like to donate to hurricane disaster relief, the ELCA provides a quick and easy way to contribute online to Lutheran Disaster Response. Go to www.elca.org and follow the prompts for hurricane relief.

If you are not online, you can write a check to "Lutheran Disaster Response" and write Hurricane Relief on the memo line. Mail it to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-8009.

The website states that your gift will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response.



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Budget Meeting

The **Annual Budget Meeting** will be **November 19** after worship service as we review our financial plan for 2018.

A Friendly Reminder

The carpeting in the sanctuary and hallway was recently shampooed. Please do not take food or drink out of the fellowship hall.

Do your part to keep our carpet clean!
Consume food and drink only in the fellowship hall.
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Memorials

Memorials have been given in memory of **John Toper** by:

- ~ Martin & Sharon Del Signore
- ~ Tom & Mary Jane Fulton
- ~ Martha & Glen Grant (Rochester)
- ~ Diana & Darrell Harris
- ~ Tedd & Karen Jamieson
- ~ Bob & Nancy Lopuch
- ~ New York Air Brake Corporation
- ~ New York Air Brake Finance Department (co-workers of daughter Beth)
- ~ Dr. Frank Schepis
- ~ Shannon Trey
- ~ George & Shirley Weber

A Memorial was given by Martin Toper for the Building Fund in memory of his brother **John Toper** who passed away July 29.

A Memorial was given in memory of **Ellie & John Toper, Marlene Toper, and All Loved Ones** by Ida Rose Evereth (Bend, Oregon).

A Memorial was given by Tom & Mary Jane Fulton for the double ovens in memory of **Loved Ones**.

500 Years Later: A Growing Global Communion

~ a portion of the article in the ELCA's *Stories of Faith in Action*

“As the ELCA commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we join with Lutherans from across the globe sharing what Martin Luther describes as a “living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

The ELCA’s connection to the global Lutheran church is realized through The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), a communion of 145 churches in the Lutheran tradition representing over 74 million Christians in 98 countries. The ELCA is the communion’s only member from the United States.



A delegation from the ELCA joined more than 800 Lutherans in May in Windhoek, Namibia, for the LWF’s 12th Assembly, which observed the historic Reformation anniversary and elected new leadership, including **ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** as vice president of the LWF’s North America region.

In his welcome address to the assembly, LWF General Secretary Martin Junge said, “Gathered from all over the world, we embody in tangible ways a global communion of churches, rooted in worship, grounded in our theological tradition and actively witnessing to the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

But what does this global connection mean for the ELCA in our local context? Building on relationships established in the LWF, our church is connected to 85 companion churches in other countries through the ELCA churchwide organization. Each of the ELCA’s 65 synods have at least one international church companion....”

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Additional information from www.upstatenysynod.org.

Our synod, the Upstate NY Synod, has two companion synods: ELC-Zambia and ELC-Zimbabwe, each located in southern Africa. Companion Synod relationships embody the concept of accompaniment: walking together in service and celebration.

Our partnership with ELC-Zimbabwe matches congregations to parishes and the synod office to the national church. This relationship grows through mutual visits by lay and ordained leaders to and from Zimbabwe. Our congregations that are partnered with Zimbabwe parishes are encouraged to pray for one another and to share the gifts each has to offer. Sharing material gifts means a Zimbabwe parish can purchase altar cloths, communion supplies, choral music, or digital access to facilitate communication.

The relationship with the ELC-Zambia is newer, and is between the national church and Upstate New York congregations. In addition to prayers and communication, our congregations have collaborated to provide Kindles for pastors (pre-loaded with books for pastoral education, Martin Luther’s works, etc.) Congregations contributed to the purchase land and seed for sustainable rice farming and the building of a nursery school.



Forgive and Let Go

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was said to never hold grudges. One day someone reminded her of an offense that another person had committed against her. “Don’t you remember?” the friend pressed. “No,” Barton replied. “I distinctly remember forgetting that.”

Forgiving and forgetting are not precisely the same. While God declares that he’ll “remember [our] sin no more” (Jeremiah 31:34), it’s tough for humans to completely forget harm done to us, even when we want to forgive.

On the other hand, like Barton, we can consciously choose not to ruminate on an offense, as a cow does its cud. We can opt not to bring up past hurts during present disagreements, and we can intentionally not recount someone’s sin to a third party, hoping they’ll take our side. In the process of “choosing to forget” the wrong done to us, surely we’ll also find it easier to forgive

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Council Members and Other Leaders

Rev. Paul D. Luisi, Pastor
 Ginny Hasseler, President, Christian Education Chair
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4 Owen Lewis
 4 Shirley Weber
 8 Stephanie Stanbro
 17 Kelly Melton
 21 David Wallace, Jr.
 23 Harley Wheeler
 27 Joseph Fleischmann
 28 Kate Lamica
 31 Mary Jane Fulton

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1 Laura Wallace
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 8 Sid Wheeler
 10 Martin Toper
 11 Quinn Wallace
 21 Marcus Lindquist
 21 Lillian Melton
 27 Henry Fleischmann
 28 Christine Shipley

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. (Sept. to June)

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The Mission Statement for

*Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church:
See, Grow, and Serve
in the Ways of the Christian Faith.*