



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET

April/May 2025



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Joy Comes in the Morning:
Easter Sunday

April / May Schedule for Concordia

~ Sunday Worship Service at 10 am

A Nursery room with speakers to hear the service is available for young children, if needed.

April 6 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am
Worship with Father John Crosswaite

13 Palm Sunday
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

18 Good Friday
Worship at 6 pm with Deacon Dutton

20 Easter Sunday
Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna
Potluck Brunch after worship.

27 Worship with Father John Crosswaite

May 4 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

11 Mother's Day
Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

18 Worship with Father John Crosswaite

25 Worship with the Rev. Barb Schmitz

26 Memorial Day

June 1 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am



Join us to celebrate the
**Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ
on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10 am.**

The Rev. Jennifer Kenna will be presiding at
this joyful Holy Communion service.

Following the Easter worship service you are invited
to gather in the fellowship hall for an
Easter Potluck Brunch.

A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall
to list what dish you plan to share.

We hope you will be able to partake in this time of
joy with our Concordia Family of Faith!



Church Council Meeting

Church Council Members
meet on the first Sunday of the month.

We will meet at 9:00 am on

Sunday, **April 6**
and
Sunday, **May 4**
and
Sunday, **June 1.**

Join us
for
Good
Friday
Worship
on
April 18
at
6 pm.



In Case You Missed Our Annual Meeting in February.....



Thank you to all who attended Concordia's Annual Meeting in February. Congratulations and thank you to Debby Whelpley and Eric Holloway who were re-elected to serve on the Church Council.

An update was given on our search for a pastor. In early February, congregation president Ginny Hassseler spoke with Rachel Sosbee, the ELCA Upstate NYSynod representative, who stated that no prospective pastoral candidates have inquired about our listing for a pastor. She said that nationally there are 541 sites looking to call a pastor, but there are only 389 profiles in the system.

Our search committee- Kathy Robertson, Donna Dutton, Ginny Hasseler, and Jason Comet (in an advisory capacity since he is not an official member of Concordia)- would love to have 2 or 3 more voting members of the church join the Search Committee. No experience is required, only a desire to find someone who seems like a good fit for Concordia. If you are interested, see Ginny. We are still working with the Theresa Presbyterian Church to share a pastor since neither of us can afford to call a full-time person, and we think there is a better chance of getting someone if together, we can offer a full-time position.

In March 2024 the congregation gave approval for the Council to rent the parsonage to cover taxes since we lost our property tax exemption when there was not a pastor living in the parsonage. North Star Property Management Co. was hired to manage the renting, and although it took longer than anyone anticipated, the parsonage was finally rented in December 2024. This has eased the burden on our property chairperson, Sid Wheeler, and also brings in some income for the church.

Easter Flowers

Since we began our tradition of having the flower-adorned large cross in our sanctuary for Easter, the flowers have been provided as memorials by the children of John and Rosina Schneider who were long-time members of Concordia.

We are very grateful for the generosity of the Schneider family over the years, but due to some personal health matters in the family, our church council has decided to invite Concordia's congregation to purchase the plants this year in honor of or in memory of those they wish to honor or remember. **Plants are \$20.00 each.** Two plants will be allocated in honor of and also in memory of the Schneiders. The **sign up sheet for Easter Cross Flowers** is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you want to purchase any. You may take your plant home when the cross is taken down. Place payment (labeled with your name & Easter Flowers) in the offering plate.

If you prefer to provide other flowers for Easter, you are welcome to purchase a plant of your choosing at a store, bring it to beautify our church, and then take it home again after the worship service.



Chili & Soup Cook-off Results

The proceeds from our Chili & Soup Cook-Off in February plus a monetary donation totaled \$318.00 for the Urban Mission Food Pantry. Thanks to all who participated in any way, especially the cooks: - our top vote-getter- Eric, Carol, Donna, Helga, Kathy, Mark, Marty, Sid, and Ginny.



There were a variety of soups and chili to sample. The soups were Split Pea, Tortellini, and Beef Stew. The chili choices were 3-Bean, Chicken (2), Beef & Pork, Pepperoni Pizza, and Venison. The number of "votes" for each creation ranged from \$17.00 to \$48.00. Thanks for your support!



In Sympathy and Prayer

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Karen Jamison**, 65, of Three Mile Bay who passed away peacefully on February 18 at their winter home in North Fort Myers, FL surrounded by her family. Karen and her husband, Tedd were married at Concordia in 1983. Karen was the daughter of Concordia member **Martin Toper** who winters in FL and resides in Adams Center in summer. A memorial service will be held June 14 at Asbury Methodist Church. May God give comfort and peace to Martin and other family and friends of Karen in their time of grief and sadness.

Memorials

Memorials were given in memory of :

~ **Grace Fuhrman** who passed away on February 6, 2022 by her husband, Franklin Fuhrman

~ **Dorothy Holloway**, Eric's mother, who passed away on January 14, by Eric & Sonya Holloway.



News and Notes

- ** Concordia received a check for \$133.05 from Pampered Chef thanks to Joan Varsics, sales person.
- ** A check for \$533.00 was sent to the Urban Mission Food Pantry. This included the proceeds from our Chili & Soup Cook-off and other contributions. Thank you to all who made this possible.
- ** The *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for April, May & June are available by the guest register in the rear of the sanctuary.
- ** A check for \$5,475.00 was sent to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid the victims of the California wildfires. Thank you to all who contributed. A thank-you letter from them is posted on the bulletin board by the front door.
- ** A new aluminum 8-foot stepladder has been purchased to replace our older, unsteady wooden ladder. Among other things, it will be used to water and spray the plants in the large Easter cross.
- ** Thank you to all who helped with & provided food for the Ash Wed. Soup & Bread supper.

A Thank You E-Mail sent by Staff Sergeant Tolbert for our "Adopt-a-Company" in Syria

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Greetings Everyone,

I'm Staff Sergeant Tolbert, the NOCIC of the TF Wolverine S3. My role here is multifaceted – I act as an advisor to my officers and prioritize the well-being of our team. This is my sixth combat deployment, marking nearly 13 years of service. Back home I cherish my role as a husband to my wonderful wife of almost 15 years and a father to our four children.

We are currently stationed at an outpost with limited access to hot meals. While we do have a kitchen tent serving meals twice a day, our team's shift schedule often prevents us from taking advantage of it. Despite this challenge, we persevere with the unwavering support of our families and incredible organizations like yours.

Your generosity means the world to us. Every package we receive brings smiles to our faces and reminds us that we are not forgotten. Your continued support is a lifeline for our team, and we are eternally grateful for your kindness. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Nathan P. Tolbert
SSG, USA
TF Wolverine Operations, NOCIC
TF Wolverine Force Protection, NOCIC

Current location: Syria

Thank you to all who have donated items! The list of suggested items that the team wanted is posted on the "We Support" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. At the time of this printing, 13 boxes have been sent to SSG Tolbert for his team.

Our collection of items is on-going.

One of the slogans of the ELCA is "God's Work. Our Hands."

Concordia is living proof of that. We are doing God's work with our hands. Thank You!



Have you heard of Respite Haven?

Are you a caregiver who needs a break? Or a volunteer who wants to work with seniors?

Respite Haven is a respite volunteer day program for seniors that is held 10-2, Thursdays and Fridays at River Community Church in Clayton and 10-2 Monday and Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Watertown. This program provides structured person-centered activities that include Tai Chi for beginners, memory improvement games and craft activities to name a few. A lunch will be provided for participants while socializing with other seniors. Respite provides an opportunity for caregivers to drop off their family member in a safe supervised setting so they can take a break and attend to their own personal appointments or needs.

Anyone (seniors 60 or older) interested in attending Respite Haven as a participant or in training to be a volunteer, should call the Jefferson County Office for the Aging at 315-785-3191.

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Members and Other Personnel

Ginny Hasseler, President (315-493-0948)
Carol Stacey, Vice -President
Katherine Robertson, Council Secretary, Treasurer,
Worship & Music

Barbara Delosh
Eric Holloway, Property Co-Chair
Sid Wheeler, Property Co-Chair
Debby Whelpley, Fellowship

Eric Holloway, Facebook
Carol Stacey, Financial Secretary
Ginny Hasseler, Newsletter & Bulletin
Jason Comet, Music Director, Organist & Bulletin

If you are on Facebook, check out and "Like" our page.

Birthdays



- 3 Franklin Fuhrman
- 5 Mark Delosh
- 14 Barbara Thiebeau
- 28 Rosina Allen
- 29 Ruth Scheppard

April 2025

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- 11 Cindy Robertson
- 16 Eric Holloway
- 23 Ed Fritz

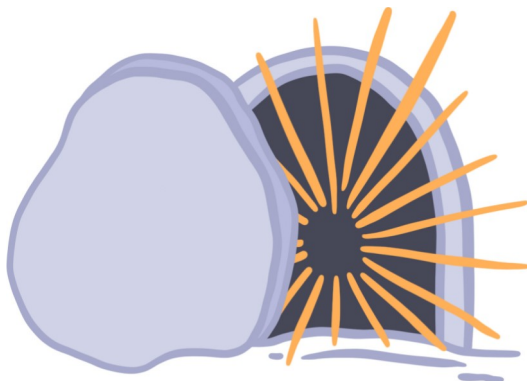
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Happy Easter!
He is Risen! Hallelujah!



Hope is Alive

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~ Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
~ Good Friday Service, April 18: 6:00 pm
~ Easter Communion Service, April 20: 10 am

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Our Mission Statement: **See, Grow, and Serve in
the Ways of the Christian Faith.**