



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET

June/July 2025



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BE joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12, NIV



June/July 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.

June 1 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am
Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

8 Pentecost

Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

15 Father's Day

Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

22 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

27 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

July 6 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am
Worship with the Rev. Barb Schmitz

13 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

20 Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

27 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

August 3 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am



Have you seen the **new signage** on our exterior doors? It is informative and ends the uncertainty of those who wish to enter the building as to which door they should use.

Thank you to Carol Stacey
for suggesting and completing the project.
You can learn about the meaning of the Luther's Rose
symbol on page 4 of this newsletter.



Church Council Meeting

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

We will meet at 9:00 am on

Sunday, **June 1**
and
Sunday, **July 6**
and
Sunday, **August 3.**

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Father John Crosswaite on his 50 Years in the ministry!

Join us for worship on June 8
as we honor Father John at our
fellowship after the worship service.



Church Flowers

You are invited to bring flowers, either cut from your garden or purchased, at any time to enhance the sanctuary. If given in memory or honor of a loved one, and you would like it announced, please give the information to Ginny prior to the worship service.



Worship with us June 8 as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.
May we all be open to the Holy Spirit's dynamic leading.



Did You Know?

The ‘**Luther Seal**’ or ‘**Luther Rose**’ has become a symbol of the Lutheran Church, familiar to Lutherans throughout the world. It was designed in 1516 by Martin Luther, who said that it set forth the basic elements of Christian theology.

Here is Luther’s explanation as found at lutheranreformation.org.

“First, there is a **black cross in a heart** that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn’t destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17).

The **heart should stand in the middle of a white rose**. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace---it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

This **rose should stand in a sky-blue field**, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. **Around the field of blue is a golden ring** to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.”

(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)



thank you

Thank you to those who gave funds and items for the Urban Mission Food Pantry from March through early May and made it possible for Concordia to send a check to the Mission for \$1120.00. The letter of thanks from executive director Cherelyn VanBrocklin reads in part,

“Thank you for your continued support of Urban Mission. We wouldn’t be where we are today without you. Thanks to your help we continue to strengthen the community in so many ways, starting with the dignity and respect shown to everyone who turns to the Mission during times of need.”

As the ELCA slogan says, **God’s Work. Our hands.** Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Memorials and Plants 2025



An Easter Memorial was given by brothers Franklin and Richard Fuhrman in memory of their parents, **Karl & Margaret Fuhrman**, their brother, **Joseph Fuhrman**, and Franklin's wife, **Grace Fuhrman**.

The Chrysanthemum plants which decorated our large Easter Cross were given by:

- Rosina Allen (1) in memory of her parents, **Maria & Johann Thot and All Other Family Members**.
- Barbara & Mark Delosh (2) in memory of **Charles Coleman**, father, and **Darlene Bryant**, half sister.
- Donna & Mark Dutton (1) in memory of their parents, **Robert & Doris Jackson** and **Harold & Ethel Dutton**.
- Sonya and Eric Holloway (1) in memory of Eric's mother, **Dorothy Holloway**.
- Leslie Klaproth (2) in memory of **Richard & June Klaproth**, parents, and **Robert Gayfer**, fiancé
- Irene Lunderman (2) in memory of her husband, **Burton Lunderman** and her son, **Michael Lunderman**
- Wanda Minkler (1) in honor of her son, **Bryan Minkler**.
- The Schneider Families – Marie Franklin & siblings John, Ro, and Mike: (3) in memory of **John & Rosina Schneider**, parents; **Alexander Armstrong**, their great-grandson; **Martin Schneider**, brother; and **All Loved Ones**.
- Helga Toper (1) in memory of her parents, **John & Margarete Wolf**.
- Joan Varsics (1) in memory of her husband, **Jerry Bowers**.
- Marty and Sid Wheeler (1) **to the Glory of God**.
- Debby Whelpley (1) in memory of **Dennis Whelpley**, her husband.

News and Notes

** On Palm Sunday the palm spray which was in front of the altar was given to the Glory of God by Wanda Minkler in loving memory of her parents, **Martin & Patricia Thot**, and her husband, **Steven Minkler**.

** Have you been in our church library recently? It is located at the end of the hallway near the pastor's and church offices. New books have been added for adults and children. Checking out books is self-serve with a basket on the table for the placement of the cards with the borrower's name written on them.

** Speaking of books, we are forming a Concordia Book Club. Meeting times will be decided by those in the group. The first book is Katie Luther: First Lady of the Reformation. Have you heard the saying, "Behind every great man is a great woman"? Come and learn more about the great woman behind Martin Luther! See Kathy or Ginny if you want to join.

** Theresa Presbyterian Church, the church we are working with to create a full-time pastoral position for our pastor search, celebrated their 200th anniversary with special music and a worship service on Saturday May 24. Attending from Concordia were Donna D., Kathy R., and Ginny H.



** Thank you to all who supported our Plant and Bake Sale in May which raised about \$400.00.

** Thank you to Sid Wheeler and Sid Wheeler, Jr. for faithfully mowing the lawn at Concordia.

** During the months of February, March and April, Thrivent Financial clients directed a total of \$614.00 to Concordia through the Choice Dollars® program. The locations of the clients ranged from our local area to Jamesville, NY to Austin, TX. Thank you to the clients for remembering Concordia!



Our church could not function without our volunteers. THANK YOU to all who share their time and abilities with Concordia.

Volunteers are always welcomed!
 You could... water the indoor plants ...
 dust the furniture and baseboards... wash a few
 windows... sweep the fellowship floor...clean a
 bathroom... vacuum the rug ... pull some weeds
 from a flower bed... bring food for fellowship.....
 There are endless possibilities! See Kathy.

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

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Birthdays



1 Donna Brown
 12 Nicole Scheppard
 19 Marie Franklin
 22 Ginny Hasseler

June 2025

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16 Signe Nelson
 19 Maria Horeth
 20 Leslie Klaproth
 25 Janet Young
 28 Margarete Hall

July 2025

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SHARE GOD'S
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See, Grow, and Serve
in the Ways of the Christian Faith.