



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET August/September 2025



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BLESSED
are those...
whose hope
is in the **LORD** their God.
Psalm 146:5, NIV

August/September 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.

- August 3** Church Council meeting at 9:00 am
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
10 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
17 Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna
24 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
31 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

- Sept. 7** Church Council meeting at 9:00 am
Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna
14 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
Special Congregational Meeting
about carpeting after worship
21 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
28 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

- October 5** Church Council meeting at 9:00 am



*Thank you to our
supply clergy!
You are a blessing to us!*

Farewell and Godspeed



On Sunday, June 22, our Concordia family of faith bid farewell and Godspeed to **Carol and Brian Stacey**, Concordia members since 1997, who have recently moved to Maine to be closer to their daughter Kelly, son-in-law Matt, and baby grandson Lane. A presentation during fellowship time reviewed the ways the Staceys have been blessings at Concordia, especially Carol in her roles as a church council member, financial secretary, Sunday

school teacher and superintendent, and we thanked them for their volunteerism. They received parting gifts of books for reading to Lane, German food products (to help them remember their Lutheran heritage), and a “Grandmother” mug and book. They and their friendship will be greatly missed at Concordia and we ask for God’s blessings on them in this new chapter of their lives.



Church Council Meeting

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

We will meet at 9:00 am on

Sunday, **August 3**
and
Sunday, **September 7**
and
Sunday, **October 5.**



After the worship service on
Sunday, September 14
there will be a short congregational meeting
to discuss the possibility of replacing the
carpeting in the “new wing” – pastor’s office,
church office, library/youth room.

Concordia’s Church Picnic

Our church picnic was held on Sunday, July 13 at the large pavilion in Thompson Park with about 25 people attending the event. Although the weather forecast was for rain in the later afternoon, short but heavy rain came off and on earlier than expected. We were thankful for having a good roof overhead to shelter us! Unfortunately, those who were doing the meat grilling were not under shelter. A special thank you to **Angie** and **Nick McCabe** for doing the grilling and for being good sports despite the wet circumstances! The food was delicious and the company was good. Thanks to all who attended.





Thank You to... Our Fellowship Volunteers!

Sunday Fellowship

In my opinion, the best part of Sunday mornings is attending our worship service at Concordia. The second best part is greeting and conversing with new and long-time friends at Concordia. Short “visits” are possible before the worship begins, but longer conversations are possible during the fellowship time following worship. The availability of good food and beverage makes people more apt to stay and enjoy the company of each other. To some, church is a social outing in addition to a time of worship. The feeling of Concordia’s being a Family of Faith is created by our caring about, helping and loving each other. With no “goodies” to munch on, people are more apt to head out the door without stopping to chat with each other. So, from those who are able to stay and enjoy fellowship, I and others say,

“Thank you to all who lovingly provide the foods and drinks for our Sunday gatherings”
If you would like to host a fellowship, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you prefer to just bring a dish to share, see Ginny or Kathy (to help them with their planning) or just bring it on a Sunday morning.

~ Ginny

Willkommen (Welcome) to Concordia!

Thank you to **Angie McCabe** for building and donating the planter and to **Kathy Robertson** for providing and planting the flowers.



Concordia's Benevolence Giving

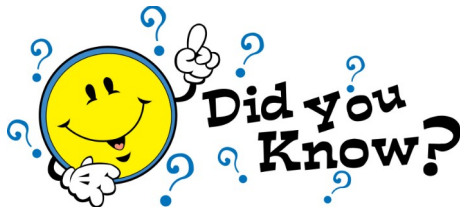


Urban Mission

Serving Jefferson County

A check for \$569.00 was sent to the Urban Mission for the Food Pantry in early June. Thank you to those who contributed to this worthy cause. Director Cherelyn VanBrocklin writes, "Thank you for your continued support of Urban Mission...Your generosity has enabled us to make a remarkable impact."

Lutheran Disaster Response Thank you to all who donated funds which totaled \$550.00 which was sent at the end of July to Lutheran Disaster Response to help those affected by the flooding in Texas.



Lutherans in Congress

The following information is quoted from the Spring 2025 issue of **Living Lutheran** magazine, pages 8 and 9.

"The 119th U.S. Congress began a two-year term following swearing in on Jan. 3. Several of the legislators in this new session have Lutheran affiliation.

In the House of Representatives, members with Lutheran affiliation who were re-elected are Jack Bergman, R-Mich.; John Carter, R-Texas; Angie Craig, D-Minn.; Ron Estes, R-Kan.; Glenn Grothman, R-Wis.; Sydney Kamlager-Dove, D-Calif.; Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.; Tracey Mann, R-Kan.; Donald Norcross, D-N.J.; Scott Peters, D-Calif.; Chellie Pingree, D-Maine; Stacey Plaskett, D-U.S. Virgin Islands; Lloyd Smucker, R-Pa.; and Ryan Zinke, R-Mont. Additionally, newly elected Derek Schmidt, R-Kan., joins the House.

In the Senate, member Martin Heinrich, D-NM., won re-election. Members Joni Ernst, R-Iowa; Ron Johnson, R-Wis.; Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo.; and Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., are continuing in their positions. Newly elected Tim Sheehy, R-Mont., joins the Senate.

Finally, some Lutheran-affiliated members will not be returning to Congress. This includes Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, in the Senate, and Larry Bucshon, R-Ind., and David Trone, D-Md., in the House. Another member of the 118th Congress, Kelly Armstrong, R-N.D., will not be returning to Congress but took office as the 34th governor of North Dakota on Dec. 15, 2024."

2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

As this newsletter is being created, the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly is convening from July 28 to August 2 at the Phoenix Convention Center in Arizona. The assembly is the highest legislative body of the ELCA, gathers every three years and the theme for the 2025 gathering is “For the Life of the World.” The gathering is composed of an allocated 845 voting members, serving on behalf of the 2.7 million members of the ELCA, and elected by the 65 synods of the ELCA to serve at churchwide assemblies.



Two key action items at the assembly are election of the ELCA’s presiding bishop and secretary. The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, the first female presiding bishop of the ELCA, was elected in 2013, reelected to a second term in 2019, and will retire at the end of her current term. Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, elected secretary in 2019, will retire at the end of her current term.

Some of the other items voting members will consider are:

- The proposed social statement *Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All* and its proposed implementing resolutions. The statement addresses critical questions about life in society including the purpose of civic life, God’s call to be active in civic life, the appropriate use of power in government, the harms of Christian nationalism and the public role of rostered ministers in speaking about political issues.
- Proposed editorial changes to the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* in response to the memorial “Reconsideration of Social Statement on *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*,” which was approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. The proposed changes are language updates to bring the social statement up to date and in line with current law and the church’s emerging understanding of the diversity of what makes a family.
- Proposals (known as memorials) from the ELCA’s 65 synods that address social justice issues and matters relating to the structure of the ELCA. Topics include: missing and murdered Indigenous women; Indian boarding school remembrance; discourse on Israel-Palestine and an end to the occupation of Palestine; recommendation No. 1 from the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC), addressing immediate action on dismantling racism; restoration of USAID funding; and reconsideration of the ELCA social message on end-of-life decisions.

There will be opportunities to worship together.

An exhibition powwow will feature dancers, drummers and singers from the tribal and urban Indian communities in the Phoenix area. This exhibition will be an opportunity for assembly participants to learn from their Indigenous siblings about the dances, songs, regalia and other elements of powwow tradition and culture.

Have A Little Laugh



The Bible says: A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.
Proverbs 17:22

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Members and Other Personnel

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

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

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

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Birthdays

AUGUST

3 Debby Whelpley
6 Angie McCabe
6 Steven Wheeler
9 Matt Young
10 Adelaide Hildebrand-Davis
14 Nick McCabe
20 Joanna Bitter
23 Richard Young

August 2025

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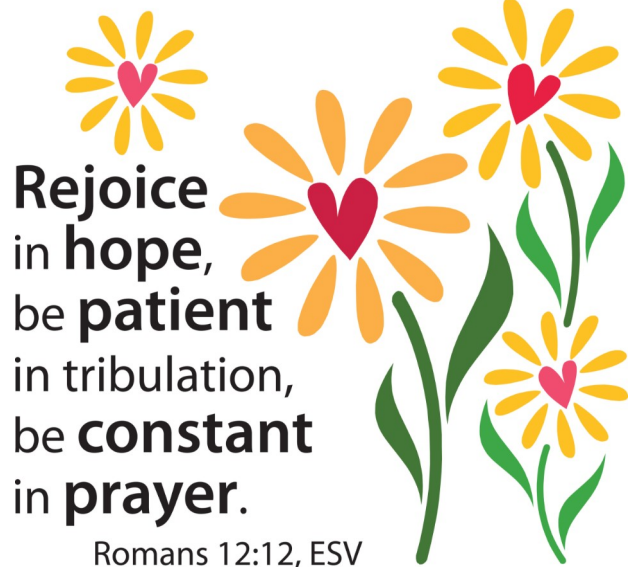
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8 Wanda Minkler
17 Pat Gleason
27 Donna Dutton
27 Sonya Holloway

September 2025

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in the Ways of the Christian Faith.