



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET October/November 2025



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A Season of Thanksgiving & Praise

Sing out your thanks to the Lord;
Sing praises to our God with a harp.
Psalm 147: 7 NLT



October/November 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.

Oct. 5 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am

Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

12 Worship with Eric and Ginny

18 Dedication of the Organ, Sat, 1 p.m.

19 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

26 Reformation Sunday

Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

Nov. 1 Holiday Bazaar & German Lunch, Sat. 9 to 3

2 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am

Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

9 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

16 Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna
Annual Budget Meeting after worship.

23 Christ the King Sunday

Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

27 Happy Thanksgiving

30 Advent Begins

Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite



Dec. 6 Cookie & Candy Sale, Sat. (time to be determined)

7 Church Council meeting at 9:00 am



A New Presiding Bishop for the ELCA

On October 4 **Yehiel Curry** will be installed as the new presiding bishop of the ELCA at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He will replace Bishop Elizabeth Eaton who has served for the last six years. In the past, bishop-elect Curry has been a social worker, teacher, and in sales before he became a pastor and then bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. He received his ordination certification in 2009 from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. One of the top priorities he sees for the ELCA is the opportunity and need to educate and equip lay leaders who, as a result of the shortage of pastors, are being asked to do more and be better leaders in their churches and communities.



Church Council Meeting

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

We will meet at 9:00 am
in the church library on

Sunday, **October 5**
and
Sunday, **November 2**
and
Sunday, **December 7.**



After the worship service on
Sunday, November 16
there will be a short congregational
Budget Meeting
to discuss and approve the
proposed budget for 2026.

Organ Dedication

A Celebration of Sacred Music & Scripture



You are invited to attend the Organ Dedication Service on **Saturday, October 18 at 1 pm at Concordia.** Prepare to enjoy a special service of music and scripture, featuring the organ along with choirs, trumpet, handbells and other sounds. From classical masterpieces to contemporary favorites, the music will include Scripture readings, beloved hymns, stirring anthems, and inspiring solos. Many thanks to the family of James Scott for this amazing and much appreciated memorial gift to Concordia. Thank you also to our talented Jason Comet who puts his hands, feet, heart, and soul into his playing to make the organ come alive and for planning this special service. We also thank those who are providing the refreshments.

News and Notes

** The North Country Library System is having a Book Sale & Book Recycling at their building on 22072 County Rt. 190, Watertown on Oct. 18 from 9 to 3. Books will be \$5.00/bag. They are also collecting personal hygiene products for care kits to be donated to those in need. Questions? Ask for Kath at 315-782-5540 ex. 235.

** Daylight saving time ends November 2. Turn your clocks back one hour as we “fall back.”

** Thank you to the various Thrivent clients who have directed their Choice Dollars® to Concordia. Since June, \$314.00 has been donated. Some clients are local and others are in various U.S. states. Thanks to all!



Ceiling Fans

In August there was concern that the boards along the center of the ceiling in the sanctuary to which the ceiling fans were attached were becoming loose. Due to safety concerns that a worst case scenario could be one or more of the fans falling and doing injury or worse to a worshiper, we decided to temporarily hold worship services in the fellowship hall until the fan situation was corrected. The fellowship hall was reorganized and set-up for worship for two weeks until the boards were stabilized and new larger commercial fans were installed- to the rafters this time – by Fletcher’s Contracting.





Our sympathy and prayers are with Mary Jane and other family and friends of **Tom Fulton** who went to his eternal rest on August 24. His funeral at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home was officiated by Father John Crosswaite and interment was in North Watertown Cemetery.

Condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Marie Schneider Franklin** who passed in Wisconsin on August 8 after a year-long battle with illness.

Marie's parents and relatives were long-time parishioners at Concordia, and Marie attended as a child and adult until she married and moved to Wisconsin where her husband Jim was from. She was buried next to Jim in the Saratoga National Cemetery, Saratoga, NY. For many years Marie and her siblings generously provided the mum plants for our large Easter cross.

Sympathy and prayers are given for the family of **Chaplain Stephen Nagler** who entered eternal life on September 16. His memorial service was held at the Cleveland Funeral Home with the Rev. Leon VanWie, retired pastor from Asbury United Methodist Church, officiating. Steve worshiped regularly at Concordia for years and attended the Saturday late afternoon worship service which was offered then. On Sundays, he conducted worship at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility.

Our prayers and condolences are with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna, one of Concordia's supply clergy, and her family as they mourn the death of her ex-husband, **John Kenna** on September 10.

A Memorial was given in loving memory of **Tom Fulton and his beloved dog, Isabella**, by his wife Mary Jane and family.

Memorials were given in memory of **Tom Fulton** by:

- ~ The cousins: Jill & Tim Cook, Cathy & Jon Toper, and Beth & William Maguire
- ~ Sonya & Eric Holloway
- ~ Debby Whelpley
- ~ Rosina Allen & Bill Kinne (for ceiling fans)
- ~ John Campbell
- ~ Ginny & Larry Hasseler
- ~ Donna & Mark Dutton
- ~ Bruce & Marilyn Chapman
- ~ The Brownville-Glen Park Busy B.G.S. Senior Citizens.



A Memorial was given in memory of **Marie Franklin** by Ginny & Larry Hasseler.



Concordia's
Holiday Bazaar
9 am to 3 pm
&
German Hot Dog Lunch
served 11 am to 1 pm
Saturday, November 1, 2025



Christmas Corner
Bake Sale

Crafts

White Elephant



Volunteers are needed in advance of the bazaar to assist with set-up and pricing; to bake at one's own home for the bake sale; and to donate Christmas items, craft items, and items which are "higher end" for the white elephant sale. On the day of the bazaar, volunteers are needed to help with sales, baked goods, and to serve the lunch customers. To make a sale successful, there must also be customers, so we invite you to come to Concordia on November 1 and do some holiday shopping- and eating too!



**PAYING TRIBUTE TO
OUR VETERANS**

Veterans Day

November 11, 2025

We thank you for your service.

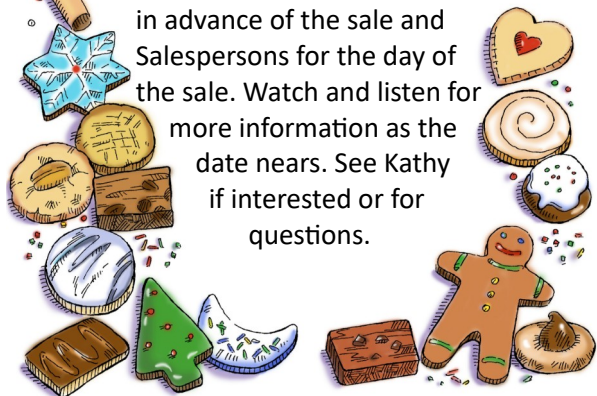


Coming December 6...

**Christmas Cookie
And Candy Sale**

At Concordia

Bakers will be needed in advance of the sale and Salespersons for the day of the sale. Watch and listen for more information as the date nears. See Kathy if interested or for questions.





Thank You,
Jesus!



**Happy
Thanksgiving
November 27.**
Let us treat every
day as though it
were Thanksgiving-
always giving
thanks.

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Members and Other Personnel

Ginny Hasseler, President (315-493-0948)
Katherine Robertson, Council Secretary, Treasurer,
Worship & Music
Donna Dutton, Vice-President
Barbara Delosh
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

OCTOBER

4 Cora McCabe
23 Harley Wheeler
31 Mary Jane Fulton

October 2025

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NOVEMBER

8 Sid Wheeler
10 Martin Toper
17 Jason Comet
28 Larry Hasseler

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Concordia Supports.....

The Jefferson County Dog Shelter

Pastor Stephen Nagler, a faithful member of our former Saturday afternoon service, died suddenly on September 16th. His family asked that donations in his memory be made to the Jefferson County Dog Shelter and Lutheran World Relief. In view of that, there is a bin set up in the back of the Fellowship Hall to receive donations for the County Dog Shelter. The County Dog Shelter is

budgeted for dry dog food only and there is a need for canned dog food, toys, and treats! For our congregation who likes dogs, this new-to-us benevolence seems like it might be a perfect fit!



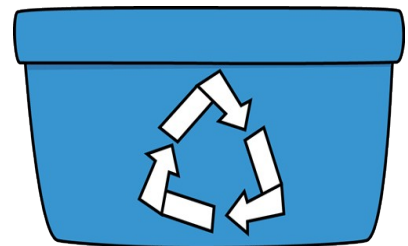
Recycling Reminders

Concordia Lutheran Church Recycles!

You are all aware of the blue bin located near the coffee pot, with the sign above it that says "Recycling Only". A couple of requests from those of us who do the recycling:

- ~ No food in the recycling please!
- ~ No used kleenex please!
- ~ If you do not finish the can or bottle out of which you are drinking please empty it before putting it in the recycling bin!
- ~ No food contaminated paper or cardboard, that includes sugar and sweetener packets!

Thanks for doing your part to save the planet!



*Are you looking for a
Thanksgiving worship service to attend?*

You can mark this one on your calendar!



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 24 6pm

First Presbyterian Church on Washington Street in Watertown will be the venue .

Readers from various area churches will participate in the service.

Eric Holloway from Concordia will be one of the readers.

Check local media sources for more information.

November 30 is the
First Sunday of Advent.

Prepare for Jesus!



Visit Our Library

The Concordia Lutheran Church Library is Open!

~Kathy Robertson

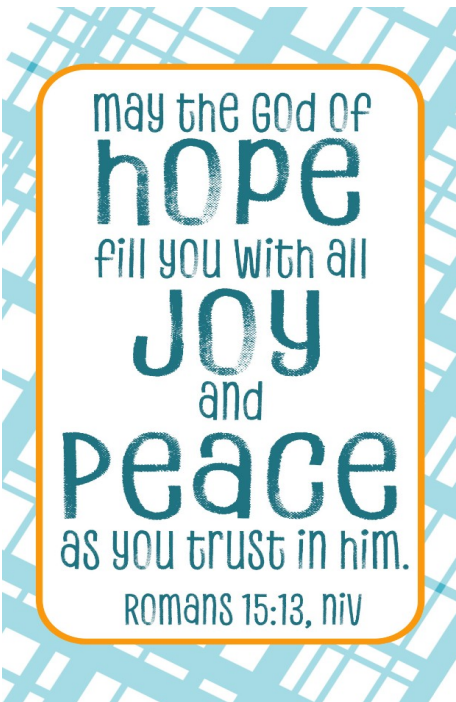
Some of you may not be aware that our church even has a library but it has had one for a long time. Ginny has found documentation dating back to 1963 that Marie Southard was involved with the library, and I have found information that it was she who set up the organizational system using the Dewey Decimal System and cards, both of which are still being used.

There are a variety of books in the Library including board books for the very young, an entire shelf dedicated to Martin Luther (and two books on his wife), books on theology, bereavement, nonfiction, fiction, animals, poetry, picture books for the young reader, and a variety of other subjects.

The library is open before church (except for the first Sunday of the month when the church council meets there), after church, and every Tuesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm when I am at church doing what needs doing. Borrowing a book is easy. Just sign your name on the card in the book and place the card in the basket!

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