



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET December 2025/January 2026



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ADVENT

A Season of Preparation & Anticipation of the Coming of Our Savior

The Advent wreath symbolizes eternity and continuous life. The four candles represent the light of Christ and the Christian concepts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. A candle is lit each week marking the progression of the four weeks of Advent. Traditionally, the candles are three purple and one pink. Many ELCA churches use blue candles to emphasize hope and anticipation as we await our royal savior. Blue symbolizes the hope of Christ's coming, like the anticipation of dawn breaking over a dark night sky. The white Christ Candle in the center of the Advent



wreath is lit on Christmas to remind us of Christ's abiding presence and his light within us. Just as a candle can give us light, Jesus lights our hearts and lives, even in the darkest night and even when we don't feel loving or happy. Advent in 2025 is November 30 to December 24.

December/January 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.

Dec. 6 Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale, Sat. from 9 am until sold out

7 Church Council meeting at 9 am

Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

14 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

21 Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

24 Christmas Eve Worship at 6 pm
with Fr. John Crosswaite

25 Jesus Christ, our Savior, is Born!

28 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!

4 Church Council meeting at 9 am

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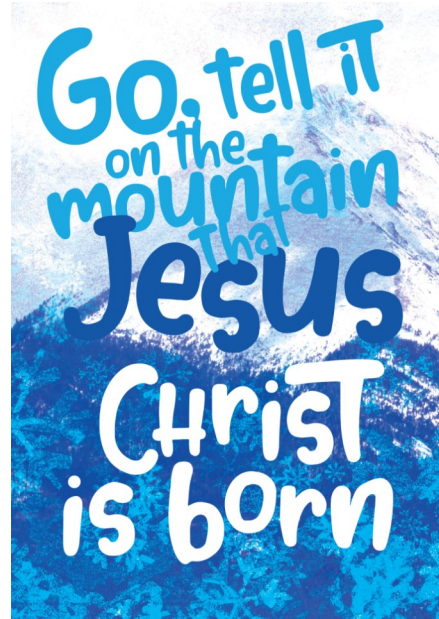
6 Epiphany

11 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

18 Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna

25 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

Feb. 1 Church Council meeting at 9 am



You are invited to join us as we gather at
Concordia Lutheran Church on

December 24, Christmas Eve, at 6 pm

to celebrate the birth of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

Father John Crosswaite will be the
officiant at this special service.

Come, Let Us Adore Him!



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

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

Sunday, **December 7**
and

Sunday, **January 4**
and

Sunday, **February 1.**



When bad weather conditions deem it wise to cancel our worship service, the announcement will be aired on the WWNY television channel and webpage. Ginny will also text those who have given her their cell phone numbers because it sometimes takes a while before the message is shown on the TV on a Sunday morning.

Concordia Church
is hosting a

Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale

Saturday, December 6
9 am until sold out



Come for a sweet event! Stroll through tables filled with delicious homemade cookies and candies. Pick your favorites to purchase. Get them weighed, pay by either cash or check, and take them home to enjoy.

We need people to bake and donate cookies and/or homemade candies. We also need volunteers to work the day of the sale. If you can volunteer for either or both needs, see or call Kathy at 315-212-0757.



News and Notes

** Thank you to all who attended Concordia's annual budget meeting on November 16. the proposed budget for 2026 was unanimously approved. It includes funds for having internet at the church and for upgrading the computer system.

** Thanks to the generosity of some of Concordia's worshipers, two checks for a combined total of \$1466.00 have been sent to the Urban Mission Food Pantry this fall.

** At a special congregational meeting in October, approval was given to purchase carpet tiles to replace the carpeting in the church nursery. The project should be completed in the coming weeks.

** Thank you to the Thrivent clients who donated their Choice Dollars® totaling \$164.00 to Concordia.



Memorials have been given in loving memory **Tom Fulton and his beloved dachshund Isabella** by:

- ~ Elsa Foster
- ~ Gary Mack
- ~ Tom's cousins- Michelle & Tom Reff

A Memorial was given in memory of **Marie Schneider Franklin** by Mary Jane Fulton & Families.



Concordia's Holiday Bazaar

A Thank You!

Our thanks to all who helped in making our Holiday Bazaar so very successful. A main purpose of holding the bazaar is to make the community aware that Concordia Lutheran Church exists and is alive and active -- a great place to be! Additional benefits of the bazaar are that we raise funds to further the goals and mission of Concordia, and it provides an opportunity for volunteers to feel part of a united team and to have fun doing it.

For those who noticed: The word Rummage is not misspelled on purpose. We ran out of the letter "A".

The Organ Dedication Service – October 18, 2025

Thank you to the family of James O. Scott, Jr. for the memorial gift of the organ; Father John Crosswaite for officiating at the service; Jason Comet for planning and directing the service and for sharing his wonderful musical talents; the Theresa Presbyterian choir, Concordia choirs, and guest musicians – Dan Osborne and Steve & Jacinta Hirst for making this a memorable musical event.



The cover of the program booklet

Jason Comet on the organ and Dan Osborne, music director of Theresa Presbyterian Church, on the piano performing a duet of "Finlandia."



The choirs of Concordia and Theresa Presbyterian churches and trumpeter Steve Hirst perform a musical selection accompanied by Jason Comet on the organ.



Concordia Supports....

A Giving Tree

To support and help those in our community who are in need, Concordia is collecting warm winter items such as gloves, mittens, hats, socks and scarves. Waterproof mittens are welcome items for children who play in the snow. Items may be for any age group- from young children to adults. A Giving Tree is set up in the church narthex (by the front doors) and is ready to receive your contributions.

As of this printing, no decision has been made as to where the items will be given. Last year they were happily received by the North Country Family Health Center.

Thank you for sharing your warmth, love and caring with those in need of warmth, love and caring.



ELCA Good Gifts

During the month of November, those at Concordia have had the opportunity to purchase items to support the ELCA Good Gifts program. This program is a churchwide ministry that supports projects worldwide in 86 countries. The various projects are overseen by ELCA ministries such as Lutheran Disaster Response; ELCA World Hunger, ELCA New Congregations, and ELCA Vision for Mission. Each project focuses on local congregations and the needs of their local communities. Thank you to all who have donated to this outreach program at Concordia by purchasing ornaments for various items such as bees, vaccinations and school supplies.

O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.

Birthdays

DECEMBER



24 Joan Varsics



6 Irene Lunderman
15 Judy Fritz

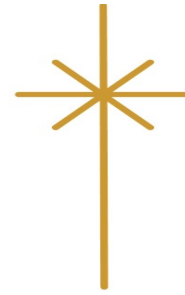
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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, Finance
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

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



**For
to us
a child
is born,
to us
a son
is given.**



Isaiah 9:6

*Christmas Blessings
to All
from
Concordia Lutheran
Church*

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