



## The CONCORDIA TRUMPET February/March 2026



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Although we are sinful human beings, we hope and trust in God's abundant love and mercy, his suffering and death on the cross, and his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in his kingdom.

I WAIT FOR THE  
LORD,  
MY  
SOUL WAITS,  
AND IN  
HIS WORD  
I HOPE.  
PSALM 130:5



## February/March/April 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.

- Feb. 1** Church Council meeting at 9 am  
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton  
**8** Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna  
**15** Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton  
Annual Meeting & Soup/Chili Cookoff  
**18 Lent Begins. Ash Wednesday** Worship  
at 6 pm with Deacon Donna Dutton  
**22** Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

- March 1** Church Council meeting at 9 am  
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**22** Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton  
**29 Palm Sunday** Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

- April 3 Good Friday** Worship at 6 pm  
with Deacon Donna Dutton  
**5 Easter** Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna  
**12** Church Council meeting at 9 am



It's time once again for Concordia's  
**Chili & Soup Cook-Off**  
**February 15** after worship  
*A fun and tasty fundraiser for the  
Urban Mission Food Pantry*

Anyone may bring a pot of chili or soup for people to sample and then vote for their favorite(s) by placing their money in the appropriate baskets. If you don't want to bring soup or chili, foods that are accompaniments to

them are also welcomed- such as cornbread, rolls/bread, butter, chips, sour cream, grated cheese, a dessert. February 22 is back-up date in case of bad weather.



## Church Council Meeting

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

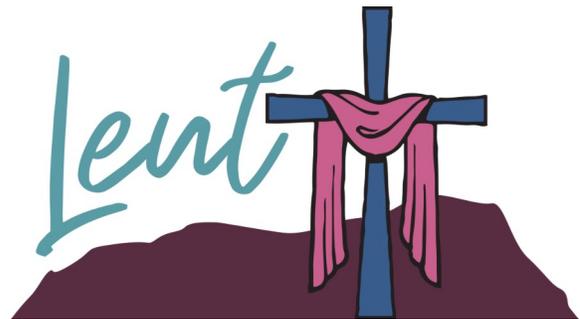
We will meet at 9:00 am  
in the church library on  
Sunday, **February 1**  
and  
Sunday, **March 1**  
and  
Sunday, **April 12**  
(Postponed a week due to Easter)



When bad weather conditions deem it wise to cancel our worship service, the announcement will be aired on the WWNY television channel and wwnytv.com cancellation webpage. If you are ever in doubt about whether or not church is being held, feel free to call Ginny to check.



Concordia's **Annual Meeting** will be **Sunday, February 15** following the 10 am worship service. We will be electing three people to serve on the church council and giving a general update on Concordia. Following the meeting you will be able to enjoy the chili & soup cook-off fundraiser, voting with your dollars to help the Food Pantry. You might consider it a happy blessing of attending the meeting! In case of church cancellation on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the meeting and cook-off will be held the next Sunday, Feb. 22.



Lent, a season of preparation, reflection, and prayer, begins on **February 18**.

Join us that day for a **6pm Ash Wednesday worship service** led by Deacon Donna Dutton.

There's no better way to begin our Lenten journey to the cross and to the promise of the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday than attending Good Friday worship!

## Adopt A Platoon



In March there will be deployments of some 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain soldiers at Fort Drum. After having sponsored some soldiers in 2025 who had been deployed to Syria, Concordia has again signed up to be a sponsor and to give our support to another group of soldiers. So far we know that we are adopting a platoon from the 2nd and 87th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) Infantry. More information will follow.

## Flowers for Our Easter Cross

Easter is April 5 and we will be displaying our large floral Easter cross on Easter Sunday.



The 17 chrysanthemum plants used in the cross will be available for purchase as memorials or in honor of someone.

The cost of each plant is still unknown, but will be announced at worship and printed in the Sunday bulletin. Soon a sign-up sheet will be posted in the fellowship hall for those who are interested in purchasing a plant.

## News and Notes

\*\* Daylight saving time begins March 8 as we set our clocks ahead one hour as we spring forward.

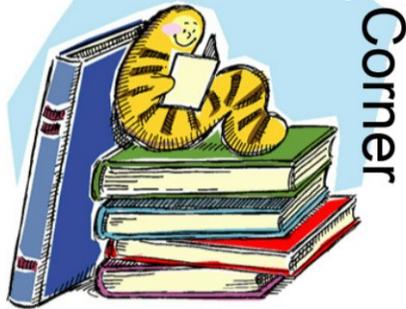
\*\* A check for \$371.00 was sent to the Urban Mission Food Pantry on December 28. Thank you to all who contributed to make this possible.

\*\* Our prayers for healing, strength, patience and comfort are given for our organist, Jason Comet who fell on ice at a church in Adams in December and broke his hip. He has had surgery and is at home recuperating. He is greatly missed at Concordia, and we pray for his successful and speedy recovery and his eventual return to the piano and organ benches.

\*\* Thank you to the bakers, buyers and other volunteers who participated in our successful initial Christmas Cookie and Candy sale in early December. (see photo) The event raised \$729.70 which went into Concordia's general fund.



# The Library



## Part 1

Some of you may not realize that our Church has a library! It is located at the end of the hall on the left at the opposite side of the building from the sanctuary. We don't know when it was started, but we do know that the woman who set up the Dewey Decimal System and donated many books was Marie Southard who was working with the library starting in the 1960's.

~By Kathy Robertson

Unfortunately, you can't just *have* a library; you also have to take care of it! Three years ago my late husband and I took 22 boxes of books to the Jefferson County Transfer Station for destruction because of mildew. Books are not alive, but they do have to breathe, so we now have new shelving, single rows of books, and a dehumidifier to reduce the humidity for the summer.

We have books on religions, the Holy Land, Martin Luther, Katie Luther, Jesus, devotionals, hymns, fiction, non-fiction, and a children's section. Most of our books have something to do with religion, but not all. We have fiction and non-fiction that are positive and just plain fun to read. We also have a few DVD's.

The library is always open when anyone is in the building. If you want to take out a book, just sign the card and leave it in the basket on the shelf. If you absolutely love the book and want to keep it, just let me know so I don't spend hours looking for it!

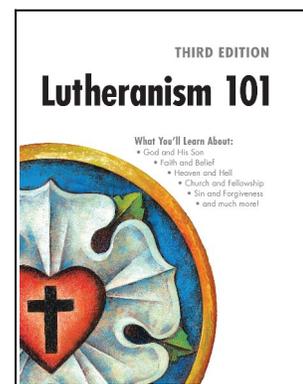
We will be starting a book club in the future. Right now as I write this, we are expecting a major dump of snow, so it is difficult to think about driving anywhere to discuss books, but the weather will change and we may even consider doing a combined in-person and Zoom book club!

## Part 2

A big Thank You to **Joan Varsics** for her recent donation to the Library of four books:

**Lutheranism 101** –General Editor: Scot A. Kinnaman  
**Embracing Your Lutheran Identity** by Gene Edward Veith  
**Lutheran Spirituality**- General Editor: Robert C. Baker  
**I Wasn't Ready To Say Goodbye** by Brook Noel and Pamela Blair, PhD.

All four books can be found in the section marked "New Books."



Two new books for children are **Piglet Comes Home** by Melissa Shapiro, DVM, and **Last Stop On Market Street** by Matt De La Pena. Both books can be found in the children's section.

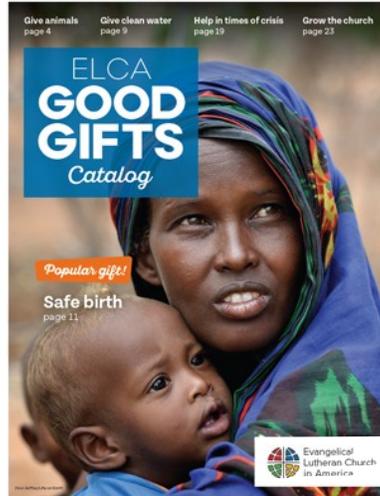


### Concordia's "Mittens and More" Tree

Earlier this winter Concordia collected mittens, gloves and other warm winter items to be donated to those in need. Thank you to all who donated the 127 purchased and hand-made items which were donated to the Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County. We gave them:

- 67 Hats
- 7 Scarves
- 24 pairs of Mittens/Gloves
- 24 pairs of Socks
- 1 Head Band
- 4 sets of Hat & mittens/gloves

Thank you, Everyone, for your generosity!



### ELCA Good Gifts

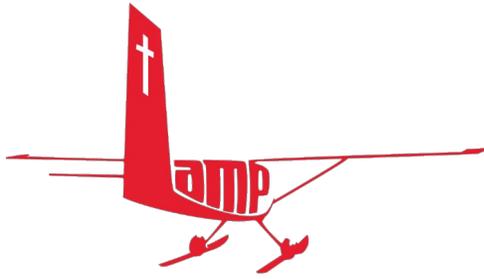
During the month of November, those at Concordia had the opportunity to purchase items to support the ELCA Good Gifts program which benefits people worldwide. Together, we purchased:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Chicks (\$10) x 2 =                   | \$20.00         |
| Honeybees (\$20) x 3 =                | \$60.00         |
| Goat (\$50) x 2 =                     | \$100.00        |
| Pair of Goats(\$100)x 1=              | \$100.00        |
| Stock a Backpack with Food            |                 |
| (\$10) x 3 =                          | \$30.00         |
| Serve 10 People at a Feeding Ministry |                 |
| (\$20) x 1 =                          | \$20.00         |
| Vaccinations for a Child              |                 |
| (\$30)x 3 =                           | \$90.00         |
| Water Filter (\$30) x 1 =             | \$30.00         |
| Environmentally Friendly Cookstove    |                 |
| (\$105) x 1 =                         | <u>\$105.00</u> |
| Total                                 | \$555.00        |

Thank you to all who participated in this program. We have been able to share God's love and make a positive difference in the lives of others!

*thank you*

## Have you heard of LAMP?



LAMP is an acronym for Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots.

LAMP's volunteers and staff from Canada and the United States share the love of Jesus Christ with Indigenous people in communities in remote northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia through Christ-centered Bible studies and other outreach projects such as vacation Bible school and Christ-centered sports camps in the summer months. For more information or to donate, [www.lampministry.org](http://www.lampministry.org).

## Birthdays



27 Kathy Robertson



5 Marty Wheeler  
6 Kristina Wheeler  
18 Art McCabe

## Concordia Lutheran Church Council Members and Other Personnel

Ginny Hasseler, President (315-493-0948)  
Donna Dutton, Vice-President  
Katherine Robertson, Council Secretary,  
Worship & Music  
Barbara Delosh, Finance  
Eric Holloway, Property Co-Chair  
Sid Wheeler, Property Co-Chair  
Debby Whelpley, Fellowship

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

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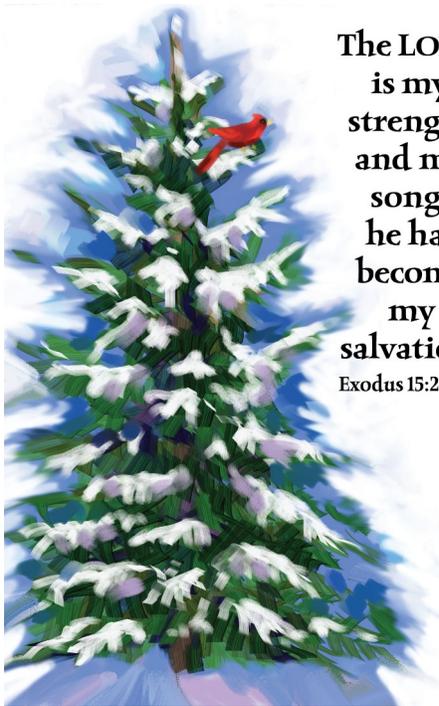
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**March 29**  
**Worship at 10 am**

**Good Friday**  
**April 3**  
**Worship at 6 pm**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5**  
**Worship at 10 am**

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**The LORD  
is my  
strength  
and my  
song;  
he has  
become  
my  
salvation.**

Exodus 15:2, NIV

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**Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 18: 6:00 pm**  
**Palm Sunday Service, March 19: 10:00 am**  
**Good Friday Service, April 3: 6:00 pm**  
**Easter Sunday Worship, April 5: 10:00 am**  
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Our Mission Statement:  
**See, Grow, and Serve in the  
Ways of the Christian Faith.**