



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET

April/May 2026



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Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!



Happy Easter - April 5 - 10 am worship

April/May 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.

April 3 Good Friday Worship at 6 pm

with Eric Holloway

5 Easter Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna & Potluck Meal following the service as we celebrate Rev. Kenna's retirement from her supply clergy ministry.

12 Church Council meeting at 9 am
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

19 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

26 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

May 3 Church Council meeting at 9 am
Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

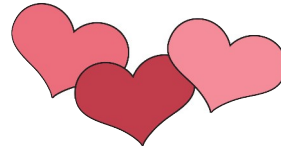
10 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

17 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

24 Day of Pentecost Worship with TBD

31 Trinity Sunday Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

Thank you to Jennifer, John, and Donna for their faithfulness in filling our pulpit. Thank you also to Eric for his faithfulness and stepping up when needed. You are each a blessing to Concordia!



Christ the Lord
is **Risen** Today

Join us to celebrate the
**Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ
on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10 am.**

The Rev. Jennifer Kenna will be officiating at
this joyful Holy Communion service.

Following the Easter worship service you are invited
to gather in the fellowship hall for an

Easter Potluck Meal

as we congratulate and thank Jennifer
on her retirement from her pulpit supply ministry.

We will miss her at Concordia and
wish her well as she plans to move to Syracuse.

We hope you will be able to gather with us as we share
this time of Easter joy, blessings and farewell.



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, **April 12**
(Postponed a week due to Easter)

and Sunday, **May 3**



With joy, we welcomed
Helga Toper
as an official member of Concordia
on March 8, 2026
as she transferred
her membership from
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lafargeville
to
Concordia. Evangelical Lutheran,
Watertown.

Welcome, Helga!



. EASTER FLOWERS For The ALTAR

If you would like to provide flowers/plants for Easter to enhance our sanctuary, you are welcome to do so. These would be plants which would be in addition to the ones in our large Easter cross.

You may purchase a plant from a location of your choice, bring it to church and place it by the altar on Easter morning. After the worship service you may take it with you so you can continue to enjoy its beauty in your home.



GOOD FRIDAY

We invite you to attend
Concordia's worship service
on
Good Friday, April 3 at 6 pm.

It will be a Tenebrae service
which means it is a service with
Scripture interspersed with music
and allows us to reflect on Christ and
what he has done for us.

We Support the Urban Mission Food Pantry

~submitted by Kathy Robertson

In his sermon on March 1, Father John Crosswaite spoke about a friend of his who works in a Food Bank who has recently seen a significant upsurge in the number of people coming in for food. I drop off the donations from our Church at the Urban Mission once a week, and I can tell you that it appears to me that the lines of people are longer, and when I drop off the bags, I always look into the cupboard and it seems, compared to just a few months ago, that the shelves are much emptier than they used to be.

If you are able, please just pick up one thing the next time you go grocery shopping to put into the basket at church for the Urban Mission. If everyone brings in one thing every week, or every other week, we will have a good amount to donate.

Editor's Note: Thank you to those who donated financially to enable Concordia to send a check for \$752.00 (includes Cook-Off proceeds) to the Food Pantry earlier this year.

News and Notes

** On February 22 we were happy to welcome back our music director, Jason Comet, who had been at home recovering from hip surgery following a fall on ice in December. It is a pleasure to listen to the inspirational music he provides for our worship services.

** Concordia's Annual Soup/Chili Cook-Off was held in February. One soup and seven chili's were entered. Votes were cast by placing money in the baskets by each entry. Congratulations to Mark DeLosh who won bragging rights and a certificate by receiving the most 'votes' for his Beef Chili! A total of \$252.00 was raised from the event and given to the Urban Mission Food Pantry. Thank you to the chefs: Angie, Debby W., Eric, Ginny, Helga, Kathy, Mark and Sid. Thank you also to all who voted. We were blessed to be able to make difference in the lives of the food-challenged!

** Thank you to the five Thrivent policy holders who donated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Concordia resulting in \$386.00 being added to our bank account so far in 2026. In 2025 a total of \$1117.00 was added through the generous donations of those in the Choice Dollar program.

** Our thanks to Barbara and Mark DeLosh for working with Spectrum to get Concordia connected to the internet. Our next step is to purchase a new updated computer for the church office.



** We are currently collecting financial contributions to send to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid those who are affected by the conflict in the Middle East. LDR works with their companions on the ground throughout the Middle East to provide critical assistance such as emergency food and water; shelter and essential supplies; trauma-informed care; and long-term recovery efforts. You may place your donations in the basket in the rear of the sanctuary labeled Lutheran Disaster Response. Please make checks payable to "Concordia Lutheran Church."

The Library



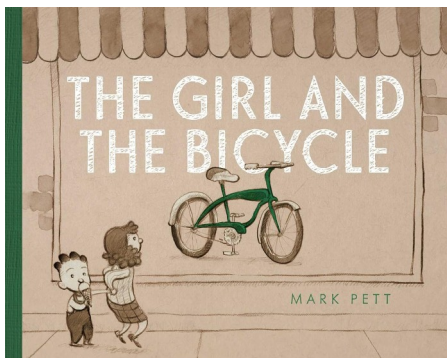
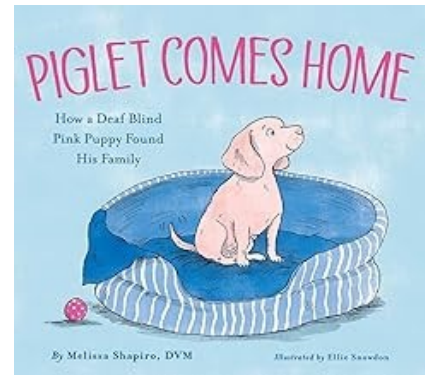
Have you stopped in to check out our library yet?
It is at the end of the hallway past the church office
and the pastor's office.

BOOKS YOU CAN BORROW

~ by Kathy Robertson

Piglet Comes Home by Melissa Shapiro DVM

We have two books about Piglet by his owner, veterinarian Melissa Shapiro. One is a picture book for children and one is for adults. Piglet is a tiny little dog who was rescued from a hoarding situation and brought to a rescue group in Connecticut. What made Piglet unique was that he is blind, deaf, and because of the extremely sparse coat he had as a puppy (and still has today) he was quite pink. What I think is important about the book for children is that it shows how this little dog with significant disabilities is just as valuable as every other dog and how he, with the help of the other dogs, finds his place in the pack.



The Girl and the Bicycle by Mark Pett

This is a book without words so a child can "read it" without being able to read. It is a lovely book and I am not going to spoil it by telling you the plot except to say that it concerns a girl, her little brother, and a bicycle. The lessons in the book are about love, generosity, and hard work!

READING--- It is Good for You!!

Cat Shelters

The people of Concordia love their animals, especially dogs, but also cats. With stray cats being a problem in much of the north country, and very cold weather in the winter, Kathy Robertson and Angie McCabe wanted to do something to help the homeless cats. They decided to make Cat Shelters. After doing some research online, they built the shelters, pictured below, using plastic totes, insulation, and straw. The shelters were made available to the community free-of-charge, and information about picking them up at Concordia was posted on Concordia's facebook page.

Chris Brock, a features writer for the *Watertown Daily Times*, wrote an article about the shelters which was printed in the February 4 issue of the newspaper. Because of the article, two people sent in monetary donations to help with the cost of making the shelters which have been well-received by the community. The photo shows only some of the total number of shelters which have been made. Small unopened cans of cat food have also been included to use as lures to help get the cats to enter the shelters. Some of the shelters have a Bible verse inside: "In his hand is the life of every living thing.... Job 12:10.

Thank you to Kathy and the McCabe family for this Cat Ministry.

Not forgetting dogs, we continue to collect cans of dog food, dog treats, and dog toys for the Jefferson County Animal Shelter (they only accept dogs, no cats) which budgets for only dry dog food.





Happy Mother's Day

May 10, 2026

When mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in life, mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Birthdays



- 3 Franklin Fuhrman
- 5 Mark DeLosh
- 14 Barbara Thiebeau
- 28 Rosina Allen
- 29 Ruth Scheppard



- 2 Jayda Wheeler
- 7 Barbara DeLosh
- 11 Cindy Robertson
- 16 Eric Holloway
- 23 Ed Fritz

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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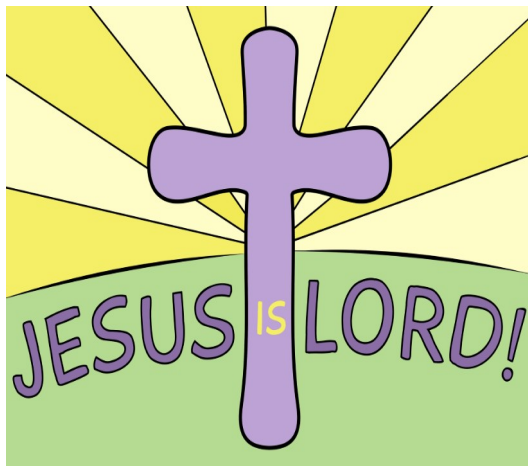
MEMORIAL DAY

May 25, 2026

Thank you to those who
gave their all for us.

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
Palm Sunday Worship, March 29: 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.**