



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET

June/July 2026



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June/July 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.

June 7 Church Council meeting at 9 am
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

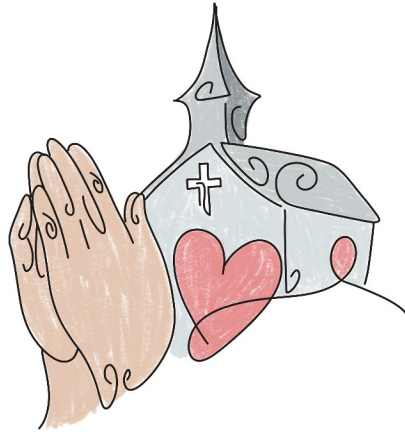
13 Sat., Rummage & Bake Sale- 9 to 1

14 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton

21 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

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July 5 Church Council meeting at 9 am
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
11 Sat., Tentative German Lunch & Bake Sale
12 Worship with Eric Holloway & Ginny H.
19 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
26 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite



Rummage & Bake Sale

Saturday, June 13

9 am to 1 pm

at Concordia

Bring your gently-used sale items in advance.
Bring your wrapped baked goods the day before or day of.
Bring yourself the day of to purchase items!!



Church Council Meeting

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

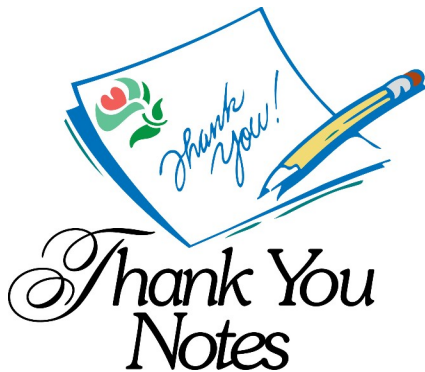
We will meet at 9:00 am
in the church library on

Sunday, **June 7**

and Sunday, **July 5**



Happy 250th Birthday, America!
Independence Day
July 4, 2026



Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to those who donated to our April collection for **Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)** to aid those in need in the Middle East. We were blessed to be able to send them a check for \$660.00. In the thank you letter we received from LDR, it stated, "Your gifts... help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. ... Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real."

We also donated money and items to the **Urban Mission** which were generously given in March and April. Items are delivered to the Mission every week or so by Kathy Robertson. A check for \$945.00 was sent in April. In their thank you letter, the director Cherelyn VanBrocklin wrote, "Your generosity has enabled us to make a remarkable impact. ... Our pantry team has packaged food for thousands of families, while our dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers have delivered meals to homebound seniors. ... It is indeed an honor to partner with you on this wonderful endeavor known as the Urban Mission."

Remember, giving even only one item each week of non-perishable food or for personal care makes a difference to those who need it!



Farewell & Happy Retirement

On Easter Sunday we celebrated with the **Rev. Jennifer Kenna** as she retired from doing pulpit supply. In the almost 3 years she did supply at Concordia, she filled the pulpit 48 times and officiated at one baptism. In appreciation of her ministry, she was gifted a

plaque stating “We Are Grateful For Your Ministry 2023-2026” and an inscribed wooden plaque “The God Project” created by Angie McCabe and referring to a message in one of Jennifer’s sermons. We thank God for Jennifer and ask for His blessings on her as He guides her along a new path in her life.

News and Notes

** At a special Congregational Meeting on April 19, the congregation unanimously approved maintenance repairs on the church building (replacement of a gutter damaged by ice; replacement of the leaking rear entryway roof; & replacement of the carpeting which is coming unglued on the raised altar) and approved the remodeling of the bathrooms to make them handicapped accessible.

** The Church Council approved a motion to send \$104.00 to United Lutheran Seminary, the seminary of the ELCA, in honor of their 200th year. The goal was to have each church in region 7 (includes NYS) and 8 of the ELCA give a nominal amount to show their support. The suggested amounts were either \$52.00 or \$104.00- equal to either \$1 or \$2/each graduating student. The seminary has campuses in Gettysburg and Philadelphia, PA.

** Thank you to the Thrivent clients who designated their Choice Dollars to Concordia -\$718.00.

** Congratulations to Sonya & Eric Holloway on the graduation with distinction of their daughter Sarah McCormick who earned a Master’s degree in Biology Secondary Education from SUNY Potsdam. Thank you also to Sonya for sewing a new white covering for the table part of our church’s large wooden Easter floral cross.

** Thank you to all who helped with the installation of carpet tile squares in the church nursery and the pastor’s office: the McCabe family- Angie, Art, Nick, Emma, Ava; Kathy Robertson, & Ginny Hasseler.





Library News

~ by Kathy Robertson

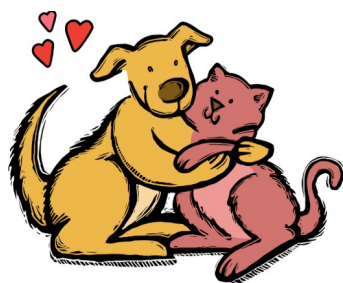
We have some new books in the Library!
Thank you, Joan, for your donations!

1. **Listen! God is Calling!** - by D. Bennethum
2. **The Small Catechism 1529** - by Timothy J. Wenger, Mary Jane Haemig, Editor
3. **Sleeping With Bread: Holding What Gives You Life** - by Dennis Linn, Shelia Linn, Matthew Linn
4. **Walking With Purpose** - by Lisa Brenninkmeyer
5. **Luther's Prayers** - by Herbert F. Brokering
6. **Reading the Bible with Martin Luther** - by Timothy J. Wengart
7. **The Cost of Discipleship** - by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Our condolences are given to the family and friends of **Patrick Gleason** who passed on April 4 after battling pancreatic cancer. Pat resided in Harrisville and was faithful in coming to Watertown for church. His life partner, Linda Burns, is planning a Celebration of Pat's Life on Saturday, August 22, at 10:30 am at Concordia followed by a buffet meal at the Hilton Garden Inn. Any of the Concordia "Family" who would like to attend are invited. For planning purposes, the number of those from Concordia who will be attending the meal will be ascertained in July.



Our sympathy and prayers are with Sid Wheeler and his family on the death of Sid's mother, **Phyllis Wheeler**, 100, on May 15 at Hospice of Jefferson County. Her funeral was May 20 at Reed & Benoit Funeral Home and burial was in North Watertown Cemetery.



Cats and Dogs ~by Kathy Robertson

I deliver our donations to the Jefferson County Dog Shelter every few weeks and the response of the staff is always the same. They are delighted! The young man I spoke with last week said that the dogs really like the kind of treats that require a lot of chewing and last a long time. The dogs are walked, but they do spend a lot of time in their kennels, and the long-lasting chew passes the time.

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The shelter does not rescue cats, so any cat food and treats we collect goes to the Urban Mission. The Mission does not need dry dog food as they get all the dry food they need, but they can always use cat food. If a bag of dry food is donated, the Mission divides it so that several cats get a weeks worth of food.

Times are hard right now and the lines at the Urban Mission appear much longer to me now. For some people a dog or cat is their best friend and family. Our donations may make the difference between someone having to choose between feeding their best friend or feeding themselves. One of the staff is concerned that more animals will be “dumped” as people become more desperate. Thanks to everyone for their donations!

Easter Plants 2026

The Mum Plants decorating the Easter Cross and Altar were given by:



- Rosina Allen (1) in memory of **her Family**
- Barbara & Mark Delosh (2) in memory of **Charles Coleman** and in memory of **Anthony Williams**
- Ginny & Larry Hasseler (1) in memory of their Parents, **Evelyn & Edward Peller** and **Ruth & Donald Hasseler**
- Sonya & Eric Holloway (2) in memory of **Dorothy & Merrill Holloway** and in memory of **James Lapp**
- Bill Kinne (1) in memory of his son, **Ward Kinne**
- Leslie Klaproth (2) in memory of **Richard & June Klaproth**, parents, and in memory of **Robert Gayfer**, fiancé
- Irene Lunderman (1) in memory of her husband, **Burton Lunderman** and her son, **Michael Lunderman**
- The McCabe Family (1) in memory of **Benita & Richard Brown; Daisy & Bennie Wildebour; and Luverne & Shirley Brown**
- Wanda Minkler (1) in memory of **Martin & Patricia Thot** and **Steve Minkler**
- The Schneider Families- John, Ro, and Mike (6) in memory of **John & Rosina Schneider**, parents; **Alexander Armstrong**, their great-grandson; **Martin Schneider**, their son; **Marie & Jim Franklin**, their daughter and son-in-law; and **All Loved Ones**.
- Judy Termin (1) in memory of **Jimmy Termin**
- Helga Toper (1) in memory of **John & Margarete Wolf**, parents
- Sid & Marty Wheeler (1) to the **Glory of God**
- Debby Whelpley (1) in memory of her husband, **Dennis Whelpley**, **her Parents**, and **her Siblings**



Happy Father's Day

June 21, 2026

Thank You for all the fathers and father figures in this world. Thank You for the many ways You use them to lovingly guide others to Your heart. We ask that You would bless every father and father figure. Give them great joy and peace. May they see You and know You in new ways. Show them how much You love them and care about them. Guide their steps, use their hands and make them a blessing to others. Continue to fulfill Your special purpose for their lives. Amen.



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

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.

Birthdays



12 Nicole Scheppard

22 Ginny Hasseler



16 Signe Nelson

19 Maria Horeth

20 Leslie Klaproth

25 Janet Young

28 Margarete Hall

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See, Grow, and Serve
in the Ways of the Christian Faith.