



The CONCORDIA TRUMPET August/September 2026



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The strongest life is built on Christ.

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of
my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26**

August/September 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.

August 2 Church Council meeting at 9 am
Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
9 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
16 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
23 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
30 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite

September 6 Church Council meeting at 9 am
Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
7 Labor Day
11 Patriot Day
13 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton
20 Worship with Fr. John Crosswaite
27 Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton



A Father's Day Blessing

The fathers who were attending the worship service on June 21 received a special blessing given by Father John Crosswaite on Father's Day.





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, **August 2**,
Sunday, **September 6**
and Sunday, **October 4**.



The names drawn at our June Rummage Sale for the various items were:

- Set of Black & White Bags: K. Robertson
- Loaded Purse: J. Termin
- NY Sports Cutting Boards: W. Minkler
- Lottery Tree: R. Allen
- Patriotic Dining Items: K. Derouin

Congratulations!
We Thank Everyone for Their Support.



In Our Prayers

With Our Sympathy

OUR SYMPATHY and condolences are given to the family and friends of **Irene Lunderman**, 92, long-time member of Concordia, who passed into eternal life on June 30. Her funeral was July 11 at the Bruce Funeral Home in Black River with interment in the Felts Mills Cemetery. Father John Crosswaite was the officiant. Irene was a faithful member of Concordia for many years and a blessing to Concordia, serving as a Sunday School teacher, an officer and active member of the Lutheran Church Women and later, the Women of the ELCA, a Church Council member; a cake baker and decorator for church functions; and a volunteer at the German Suppers- making baked beans and cutting cakes- and a volunteer at other events. In her later years as her hearing and eyesight decreased, it was difficult for Irene to attend church, but her heart and thoughts remained with Concordia just the same, and she enjoyed staying up-to-date on church news and events.

MEMORIALS have been given in loving memory of Irene by:

~ John Campbell of Round Rock, TX
~ Ginny & Larry Hasseler



We Will Miss You, Martin!

On Sunday, July 12, the people of Concordia bid a loving farewell to our oldest member, **Martin Toper**, who has now left his summer home in the North Country to live year-round in his winter home in Florida. Martin received a special Farewell and Godspeed blessing in our worship service that day and the fellowship time was held in his honor and included a special cake. Martin has a long history with Concordia, being baptized and confirmed there and being an active member ever since. He has served on the church council and was a member of it when the current church was built on Arsenal Street. He has also been a Sunday School teacher, member of the choir, and has volunteered wherever and whenever help was needed. We will miss his cheerfulness and friendship. May God bless and keep you, Marty, as you adjust to full-time living in the south.



Martin receives a Farewell Blessing



Saying Good-bye to Rosina



Library News

~ by Kathy Robertson

A new book in the library that I just finished reading is **The Divine Proverb of Streusel** by Sara Brunsvold. Brunsvold is a Lutheran writer who lives in the Kansas City area. By the title you might suspect that the book would be about the book of Proverbs and has recipes in it. You would be correct on both counts. I'm not going to tell you much about it because I don't want to spoil it for you, but it is about family relationships, both past and present. When I finished the book, the thought that came to me was that if you are going to break a Commandment, do give a thought to the effect it will have on your family, and perhaps think about other options, if it is not too much trouble... I thought the book was well written and if someone else reads it and likes it and tells me, I will find the other book written by this author.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nick McCabe** on advancing to the semi-finals in the Watertown City Golf Tournament and ending up as one of the top four players!



A Request from the Jefferson County Dog Shelter

The Jefferson County Dog Shelter thanks us for our doggie donations and has requested Kong brand dog toys which are safer and less apt to be choking hazards than some of the other long-lasting chew toys. Kongs can be rather expensive, and if you prefer, you may give money towards the purchase of one, combining your funds with those of others. If you like this option, you may give your money to either Kathy or Ginny and they will do the purchasing of a Kong toy with the combined funds. Thanks in advance for your gifts to our furry friends.



We Support the Urban Mission

Thank you to all who have donated food, personal care items or funds to the Food Pantry of Urban Mission. Checks for May's donations of \$380.00 and June's donations of \$735.00 were sent to the Food Pantry. Thank you also to Kathy Robertson for faithfully taking the donated items to the Pantry. A thank you letter which we received from the Mission states, "Thank you for your continued support of Urban Mission. Your generosity has enabled us to make a remarkable impact. The Mission has been able to assist hundreds of households. 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 truly a fulfilling job to be able to assist so many in need."

Concordia thanks you for your support of this worthy cause.

Dance! Dance! Dance!

As many of you may already know, Ava McCabe loves Dance! She attends dance classes in Watertown and also assists other dancers who may need some extra help. In July she and others from the dance studio participated in a week-long dance competition in Connecticut with other participants coming from states up and down the coast of the United States. There were 1,092 performances given by dancers during the week. Ava was in three performances. All three she was in were chosen to receive National Grand Championship Awards!

Congratulations, Ava!!

The photo below is from one of Ava's performances. Ava and her family thank the people of Concordia for supporting Ava's fundraising events which help her cover some of the costs of dancing.





A Letter of Appreciation

In the previous issue of *The Concordia Trumpet* you read that our church council approved a motion to donate \$104.00 to United Lutheran Seminary

as a show of support in honor of their 200th year, and that the suggested amount was symbolic of \$2.00 per each graduating student. We received a letter of thanks from the Seminary stating:

"We write with heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership We celebrated 52 graduates...who as emerging leaders have been equipped and inspired to serve faithfully in the diverse communities and ministries to which they are called... Thank you again for your generosity and for your belief in the transformative power of theological education."



When we're faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God? Why me?"

Yet when a blessing comes our way, we receive it with gratitude and rarely ask the same question: "Why me, O God? Why me?"

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

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Birthdays



3 Debby Whelpley

6 Angie McCabe

6 Steven Wheeler

14 Nick McCabe

23 Richard Young



2 Ava McCabe

2 Emma McCabe

6 Concordia- 120th

27 Donna Dutton

27 Sonya Holloway

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*“By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another.”*

JOHN 13:35, ESV



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