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Fellowship and



Worship Opportunities

Every Sunday-

Bible Study 9:15 am
Worship with communion
at 10:30 am

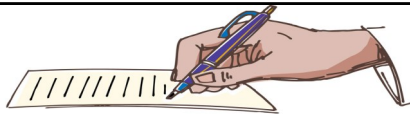
Please look at our webpage at
Barefootlutheran.com
Worship videos, messages,
calendar and events are included
and updated as needed.

Ushers will again be greeting
worshippers in the Narthex and
offer bulletins at that time.

The offering is collected at the
Baptismal Font as you enter the
worship center.

Communion will be served every
week at the Altar.

Concordia Lutheran celebrates
our belief in God.
Our responsibility as believers is
to share our faith with those
around us. We can do this by
what we say, what we do and how
we live. Please encourage your
friends and family to join us in
Christian Praise, Prayer and
Worship.



From
Pastor Spanogle

Greetings Church! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

As we come into the Easter season we get to celebrate the triumph of life over death – hope over despair – and true connection with God over disconnection and division. This is the celebration of life that is not just ‘business as usual’ but opens us to new possibilities – new opportunities to experience and share the extravagant love of God. In a world all too quick to look for what is wrong and for ‘who is to blame’, we have the chance to look for signs of life and hope and to literally seek to bring a new Spirit into our lives and the lives of those around us. If Jesus’ resurrection does not excite us and fill us with joy what will?

This joy and excitement is one of the things I wanted to share during Lent with the different music that I posted. It also included music which explored other emotions, including difficult ones that we all face. I enjoyed sharing during this time and will continue to post some from time to time moving forward. Let me know if you have some favorites that you’d like to share.

As we continue to move forward in this journey of life – journeying together – please continue to pray for our church, for me and other leaders – and for yourselves – that we can be open and receptive to God’s leadership and guidance moving forward.

As always- if you have any questions, comments, concerns – please let me know. [revspanogle@gmail.com] I am (We are) always looking for ways to enhance our sense of community together. Do you have any suggestions?

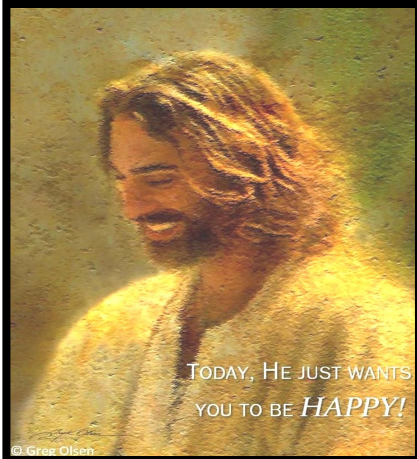
I am thankful to be able to continue to serve among/with you. The Peace of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Jim

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Stephen Ministers' Report



The Stephen Ministers are available to pray, help, love and care for those who are experiencing difficult times. If you feel the need for spiritual guidance and care, or know someone who would benefit by these visits, please contact the Pastor for more information.

All of us are called to love one another. Each of us has unique gifts from God to unite with others in love and concern. Share your gifts with others as you are able. Please reach out to those who need God's Love.



April Birthdays

4/1 Veronica Kegriss
4/1 Molly Kirby
4/4 Lillian Weschler
4/8 Kathleen Sibley
4/16 Kelly Herkalo
4/23 Bill Shearer
4/26 Dorothy Buchmann

April Anniversary

4/21 Bruce and Janice Deigl

*We love to celebrate you!
Congratulations on your special day. May God bless you.*

Worship Scripture Texts for April:

4/7	Easter 2	John 20:19-31 Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1 – 2:2
4/14	Easter 3	Luke 24:36b-48 Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7
4/21	Easter 4	John 10:11-18 Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24
4/28	Easter 5	John 15:1-8 Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21
5/5	Easter 6	John 15:9-17 Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6

It is tax season and time for all those tax tips

Your contributions to Concordia Lutheran, whether it is for flowers, general fund, memorial gifts or other donations are tax deductible either as itemized deductions or as the “allowed” amount for deductions if you do not itemize. If you use envelopes to donate, you receive a Contributions Statement to support your tax deductions. Did you know that a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is available for you if a portion of your income is from a retirement account? This money must go directly to your charity (hopefully that would be Concordia) and the check is received directly to the church to be deposited to your account. The total amount from your QCD is deducted from your income line before the rest of the items are entered. You still get your standard deduction plus the advantage of reducing your taxable income. Call your investment company.

Church Council News

- † The patio for the V2A Grant project is complete and quotes are being gathered for railings and landscaping options. The Easter Sunrise Service will be the first use for the new worship space. A thank you will be sent to Maurice at A-1 Rated Concrete for his generous reduction of the cost for the patio pad.
- † Synod Assembly is May 31st through June 2nd in Orlando. Pastor will be back to lead worship on June 2nd.
- † No further action is planned for the repairs caused by the railroad construction— letters have been sent requesting the repair to the irrigation system and parking lot.
- † Portable signs will be ordered to address the entrance drives, especially in the night time events. Solar spotlights will help illuminate the signs.
- † Pastor asked about the possibility of the Sale Type flags for special services. More discussion is planned for a later meeting.
- † Pastor will be away for the April 7th Sunday Service with the Stephen Ministers leading the service.



Feeding the Community

During each month, the Ecumenical Food Pantry serves the food needs of our community. In addition to the food delivered by the Treasure Coast Food Bank, thousands of dollars worth of food items are purchased and donated locally to support the needs of the Food Pantry. Distributions are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 -noon. Approximately 517 hours were donated by the 28 volunteers. The financial support given by individuals, organizations and churches fills this need. There is still a tremendous need for food by people in our community.

In the month of February, 552 families were served which represents about 1500 people. There were 17 new registrations taken. 825 adults, 558 seniors, and 116 Veterans were served. Thank you for your generous support for those who are hungry in our community with your financial gifts and food donations.

The Executive Board of the Ecumenical Council of Churches will support the Ecumenical Food Pantry and the programs to provide food for those in need. You are invited to attend the meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:00 pm in the conference room at the Roseland Global Methodist Church on Roseland Road.



FOOD PANTRY

Ecumenical Food Pantry items for April

Our thanks to everyone who contributes to the Food Pantry with food and/or with cash donations. Baby food and household paper products are always in need. Pet foods and supplies are also a great donation to consider. The Food Pantry appreciates your generosity.

April 7	Rice or Dry Beans (1# packages)
April 14	Paper Products, Personal Care Items
April 21	Canned Pasta, Pet Food
April 28	Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit

This guideline provides all of the items requested for the food boxes and is repeated several times throughout the year. Any non-perishable food items are a welcome addition to this weekly listing. Please avoid glass bottles whenever possible. Monetary gifts are welcomed— envelopes are in the Narthex or cash in the Pantry Basket.

Women of the ELCA



- ◆ The Women of our church family met on Wednesday, March 13th at 11:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Montel Twist was recognized for her acceptance of the Secretary's position
- ◆ Thank you notes were read from NANA's House, The Barefoot Bay Community Fund, Joes Club- Alzheimer's Day Care Center, St Stephens Way and Vitas.
- ◆ Lori Cook from the Barefoot Angels spoke about the new non-profit organization for Barefoot Bay residents. The primary mission is to help local residents to remain in their homes in safety and comfort. This is a volunteer organization functioning on donations only. Those who are requesting assistance will be interviewed to determine what needs can be provided and matched with a Care Manager. The Care Manager then works with volunteers to find the best solutions. There are currently about 70 volunteers who can assist with light housekeeping, transportation, meal prep, light repairs and social times. Donations can be sent to Barefoot Angels %Lori Cook at 551 Dolphin Circle, Barefoot Bay Fl. There is a website and Facebook page to learn more about the organization.
- ◆ WELCA will be providing the donuts, juice and coffee for the time following the Sunrise and the Traditional Worship services on Easter Sunday. Dorothy Buchmann will be organizing that event.
- ◆ The March 9th Flea Market was a success with \$300 in space donations and \$38 in donations for free water and coffee. The Next Flea Market is scheduled for November 9th from 8:00 am to noon.

V2A Grant

There was a flurry of activity on the North East side of the church this past month. Terry Wiley and Bruce Deigl took the responsibility of guiding this project and worked quickly to get an estimate for the concrete patio, What is often a long time from estimate to completion– this project happened in one week! While the Council was prepared for the Grant Request to be denied– it wasn't. (It was reduced from \$25,000 to \$12,500). The Check was received in November for the work to begin. While we wondered if we could get the project scaled down to fit the new amount, we didn't have to. A bid came in for \$9,500 and was accepted. Within the week, the ground preparation was started and the next Monday the pour began. The ADA ramp to the patio was completed that same week! What is left to do? We are proceeding with a railing around the North and East sides that will allow visibility from the lawn as well as the golf cart parking area for those services that are currently part of our outdoor worship. This will also allow more use of the space by those using the outdoor space for meetings or gatherings. We will also be looking at some portable bench/tables to enhance the usage. Landscaping is also being considered to "settle" the new patio into the outdoor landscape. The challenge for us is to offer expanded worship/celebration experiences for the community. Concordia Lutheran is continuing to offer these opportunities and more– improving our life in the community where we serve and offer residents the opportunity to meet and worship with us.



Ground prepping during the Flea Market in the East Parking lot on March 9th
Monday, March 11, 2024-
the concrete slab was poured



Work has begun to add sod in some areas and estimates for railings and landscaping are coming. If you have ideas to share about the project, or you are interested in what is planned or how you can help, please contact Terry Wylie, Bruce Deigl or Liz Embree or call the church office. The project purpose is to provide additional worship space and also additional space for projects, programs and community use.

The possibilities are endless! The church family at Concordia is looking to be a center of worship for everyone who comes to our facility, a center of activity for the church family and the community and an asset in spreading the word of God whenever and wherever we can

February Beginning Balance	\$4,920.68
Receipts for Operations	\$7,178.00
Interest	.48
Expenses	<u>-\$ 8,493.25</u>
Balance for March	\$3,605.91

February Special Account Balance	\$41,516.33
Receipts	170.00
Interest	3.21
Expenses	<u>\$ -10,501.85</u>
Balance for March	\$31,232.69

Operations includes insurance, payroll, utilities flowers, maintenance ,repairs and office costs.

\$10,417.98 was put on a CD, \$83.87 was spent for Fellowship

March 2024							May 2024						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quilting 9:30 am	2	3	4 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:30pm	5 Office Closed	6
7 Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	8 Quilting 9:30 am	9 Bible Study 3:00 pm	10 WELCA 11:00 am	11 Music Team Rehearsal 3:30pm	12 Office Closed	13
14 Bible Study 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	15 Quilting 9:30 am	16 Church Council 1:30 pm Bible Study 3:00 pm	17	18 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:30pm	19 Office Closed	20
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28 Bible Study 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	29 Quilting 9:30 am	30 Bible Study 3:00 pm		Web page – www.barefootlutheran.com You will be able to access the U-tube videos, the Facebook page as well as the calendar, newsletter and any information regarding worship.		

Are Your Ducks In A Row?

WELCA is planning a community program to help you get organized. Watch for more information coming soon.



All too often we are faced with an illness, accident, or family emergency that requires being away from your home for a longer period of time. Are you prepared—financially, legally, medical directives and other information along with who to call?

Equipped through his love and grace, we strive to grow closer to Christ through the Word, worship, fellowship, and service, witnessing by reflecting the love of God through our words and deeds.

Our Mission

We, the family of Concordia Lutheran Church, believe that we are loved, forgiven, and redeemed by the grace of God. As the blessed children of God, the Lord continues to call and guide us through the Holy Spirit, offering to each the power of prayer:

Our Mission Statement

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