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Fellowship and

Worship Opportunities

Every Sunday-
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.
See You Sunday!



From
Pastor Spanogle

Greetings Church!

Welcome Spring! (not that we can tell that much difference...though soon we will need a/c)

Our Lent series on the Lord's Prayer continues. I hope that this is helping all of us to grow in our connection and ongoing relationship with God and as a fellowship of God's people. Sometimes we get so used to something that we may miss important details. With that in mind I want to share a different translation of the Lord's Prayer. This is from The Bible Project team [<https://bibleproject.com/>] – a group which makes a variety of resources for people to learn about the scriptures and share God's life together.

Our Father who is in the skies, May your name be recognized as holy. May your kingdom come and may your will be done, as it is in the skies, so also on the land. Our daily provision of bread give to us today, and forgive us our debts just as we have also forgiven those indebted to us. And don't lead us to be tested but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

You may have noticed that this one – and the one we read in our Matthew 6 scripture reading, does not end with "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." This is not an oversight. Most modern translation do not include it because it appears to be a later addition to the text – likely due to use by the community of believers in worship. It makes sense as a concluding doxology to the prayer when used in worship but is not included in the earliest and best of the ancient manuscripts that we have of Matthew's gospel. I will talk more about this as part of the Easter sermon concluding the series. Please join us for our special worship services for Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, (both at 4:30) and our Easter Sunrise service (at 7 am on the east patio/lawn). 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



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.

Continued prayers for:

The family of Dorothy Buchmann, Erik Buck, Molly Kirby, Ruth McPheters, Bob Ross, Jane Steinsiek, Evan Williams and Anita Wojcik's family
Judy Andress,
Jimmy Driskell, Leah Gillman, Paul Semendinger,
All Service Men & Women



April Birthdays

4/1 Veronica Kegriss
4/1 Molly Kirby
4/5 Mike Polton
4/8 Kathy Sibley
4/16 Kelly Herkalo
4/23 Bill Shearer
4.26 Duane Jurgens

April Anniversaries

4/19 Jimmy & Debra Driskell
4/20 Jean & Douglas Archibald
4/21 Bruce & Jan Deigl

If you would like to share your special day with us, please call the office. We love to celebrate you!

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

Worship Scripture Texts for April: Lent Series: The Lord's Prayer and Holy Week

April 6 – 5th Sunday in Lent – “Lead us not into temptation...” Matthew 6:5-15; Matthew 4:1-11; Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-6

April 13 – Palm and Passion Sunday – Telling the Story – Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 22:14 – 23:56.

April 17 – Maundy Thursday – Last Supper – John 13:1-17, 31b-35; Psalm 22

April 18 – Good Friday – Tenebrae – Psalm 22, Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12; John 18 and 19

April 20 – Easter Day – He is Risen! – Lord's Prayer – “Kingdom, Power, Glory forever” – Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 24:1-12

April 27– Easter 1- Psalm 150– Acts 5:27-32

May 4– Ester 2– Psalm 30– Acts 9: 1-20

It seems that every charity is looking for your dollars to help support their mission. Do you really know what their mission is, how your donations are used and who is on the payroll to assist them in their mission? Often we give because a family member had heart disease, breathing issue or cancer and we want to end the disease that caused this pain and suffering. Today, our church is also looking for assistance to do our work. We have a building – not a high rise corporate headquarters- but an aging building that requires repairs and upkeep, utility services, outside and inside maintenance and a staff to bring God's message to you, the supporters of this mission. A look at the financial story on page 5 will show the income and expenses for this operation. What you see is that expenses are higher than the income. What you may not see is that maintenance repairs are taking larger portions of the budgeted money. Last month it was \$600 for door closer repairs, this month the repairs to find and fix a water leak will take more than \$500 and the small leak continues. Have you also noticed that the church interior needs to be painted and the irrigation system is not working, partially due to Railroad damages and also because of an electrical issue to the pump– estimates are coming in for those repairs. Remember that part of our ministry is to reach out to others, show the love of God and demonstrate our care and thanksgiving for the things we have been given. We need to maintain the building and the grounds so that we can continue to offer a special place to worship. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support.

Church Council News

- † Lenten Wednesday services are going well. Soup and Bread lunch began on March 12th following the service. The Soup and Bread lunch will continue following the service through Wednesday, April 9th. Palm/ Passion Sunday is April 13th at 10:30 am. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are at 4:30 pm. Easter Sunrise Service will be on the patio at 7:00 am with the Traditional Service/Communion at 10:30 am.
- † The water leak issue is ongoing and steps are being taken to isolate the leak. Toilets and urinals have been repaired and the search is ongoing for a potential underground leak.
- † A Memorial Service for Dorothy Buchmann is in the planning stages. No date has been set at this time.
- † The Grant Proposal for Audio and Video upgrades is on hold.
- † Insurance claim for irrigation and parking lot repairs is ongoing



Meet our Church Leaders

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jim Spanogle

Worship Music Leader

Jimmy Driskell

Church Council

Terry Wiley– President
Bruce Deigl– Vice President
Debbie O'Hara– Secretary
Louise Crouse– Treasurer
John Hogenson
Pastor Jim Spanogle
Pat Wilson
Anita Wojcik

MSG

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Concordia Members and Friends
Contact the Church Office

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Louise Crouse

Quilting

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Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

WELCA

(Women of the ELCA)

Louise Crouse– President
Debbie O'Hara– Vice Pres.
Montel Twist– Secretary
Roberta Mitchals– Treasurer

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member or anyone on these
teams, please call the church
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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 6	Powdered Drink Mix (Milk, Juice)
April 13	Cereal
April 20	Canned Meats (Spam, Beef Stew, Corned Beef)
April 27	Rice or Dry Beans (1# Packages)

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. The Roseland Ecumenical Food Pantry–Hours M,W, F 9am to noon

Women of the ELCA



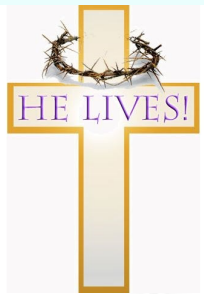
- ◆ Due to ongoing concerns with the position of Treasurer being vacant and a low meeting turnout, President Louise Crouse called a Special Meeting following worship on March 23rd. Eleven women of Concordia Lutheran Church Family attended. Louise took minutes for Montel Twist, Secretary. The one item of business was to elect a Treasurer. Roberta Mitchals volunteered to take the position. The nomination of Roberta Mitchals was made, seconded and approved. Louise and Roberta will meet at Valley Bank as soon as possible to transfer the signatory information to add Roberta and Louise as signers on this account. A full print out of the January 1, 2024 to the present time banking transactions will be requested. A Treasurer's report will be built from this information.
- ◆ The Quilters are continuing weekly with an active and fun group of sewing, tying and binding ladies. Barbara Quesinberry is continuing to keep the ladies in projects. Several of the active quilters will be leaving soon for their northern homes. 53 Quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief from Concordia. Volunteers are needed to continue this work. Do you have an hour or two to share?
- ◆ Monthly meetings are on hold until after Easter due to the Wednesday Lenten Services being held at the same time. The next meeting will be May 14th at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ WELCA will provide the Continental Breakfast following the Sunrise and Traditional Easter Services.

Our Journey to the Cross

Palm Sunday
April 13 10:30 am
Jesus begins
His final week
With His Disciples
continuing His
Teaching.

Maundy Thursday
April 17th 4:30 pm
The Last Supper

Good Friday
April 18th 4:30 pm
Remembering the last words



Join us on Easter Sunday at 7:00 am for an outdoor Sunrise Service. (weather permitting) Bring a chair and sit on the Patio, come by golf cart or worship from your car in the parking lot. Hear the Easter Story, feel the warmth of the sun, hear the sounds of the earth and raise your voices in celebration.

The Traditional Easter Service will be held at 10:30 am and includes communion. The Easter message is a celebration of the promise of eternal life for believers. Songs of joy and praise ring out as we celebrate this special day in the life of our church and believers everywhere. All are welcome to join Concordia Lutheran Church in celebration!!

MSG (Ministry Support Group)

The Twist is not required– but possible?



DO THE TWIST!

MSG supporters will meet on Wednesday, April 23rd at 4:30 pm for a “Remember the 50’s and 60’s” celebration. The menu will be Fried Chicken, Potatoes and Green Beans. Side dishes are welcomed from those who join in the fun. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex to help plan for the number of people attending and the types of side dishes being added to the meal. This event is often referred to as the Family and Friends night– a time to enjoy getting to know others and to enjoy a meal together. There is not going to be a planned program, but I am sure there will be entertainment included! Just remembering the 50’s and 60’s is entertaining all by itself. Did life seem simpler then!!

March 2025

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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lent Service Soup & Bread 11:30 am	3 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	4 Office Closed	5
6 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	7 Quilting 9:30 am	8 Church Council 1:30 pm	9 WELCA 11:00 am Lent Service Soup & Bread 11:30 am	10 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	11 Office Closed	12
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Financial Report for March 2025

Beginning Balance	\$65.12
Receipts for Operations	\$8206.00
Expenses for Operations	\$8651.04
Deficit	- \$379.92

It was necessary to take \$1500.00 from an investment account to pay expenses for this month. "Borrowing" is not sustainable and this fund could be depleted by next year. Your help is needed to continue our ministry.

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Our Mission Statement

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

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.