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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.

Greeters will be welcoming
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!

As we enter the Easter Season we celebrate God's life in us – a gift paid for by Jesus on the cross, delivered in the resurrection, and sustained in us through God's Spirit each and every day.

I pray that you have had a good experience in your Lenten journey this year. On Palm Sunday we concluded our *Wisdom in the Desert* series from Lectio 365, but I hope we will hold on to what we have learned and that all of us will consider continuing a habit of daily prayer and scripture reading. For those who used the app and found it useful I hope you will continue to use this tool if it is helpful for you. There were weekly videos about different Desert Mothers and Fathers, and I will leave the links for those on our website for a while if you would like to go back and see them again.

This season I have appreciated the chance to take a little more time each day to stop and listen to God – and to rest from being busy and distracted – and in that to sense God's love for me. I hope that all of us can remember to take time away from the many distractions of life and in that quiet to hear God's message of love to us – love that calls us to love one another and to live God's way. There is so much anger and division in the world – God calls us to the way of peace – sharing love and life with one another. We are to resist evil and to build up what is good – speaking the truth in love and praying for all.

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.

Continued prayers for:

Erik Buck, Molly Kirby,
Bob Ross,
Jane Steinsiek, Evan Williams
Jimmy Driskell,
Richard Edwards,
Mary McGrath,
Sandra Stawinski,
All Service Men & Women



April Birthdays

4/1 Molly Kirby
4/5 Mike Polton
4/8 Kathy Sibley
4/23 Duane Jurgens

Anniversaries

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

May God bless you as you celebrate your life with God and with your church family.

Worship Scripture Texts for April:

4/2 – **Maundy Thursday** John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Psalm 116:1-2,12-19
Psalm 22

4/3 – **Good Friday** – Tenebrae Service
Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 John 18:1 – 19:42

4/5 – **Easter** Matthew 28:1-10
Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Acts 10:34-43

4/12 – **2nd Sunday of Easter** John 20:19-31
Acts 2:14a, 22-3 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9

4/19 – **3rd Sunday of Easter** Luke 24:13-35
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23

4/26 – **4th Sunday of Easter** John 10:1-10
Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25

5/3 – **5th Sunday of Easter** John 14:1-14
Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10

Church Council News

- † The Parking lot resurfacing is complete and the next phase of the project is the electrical work to get the irrigation system working again. Bids will be solicited for the retention pond area lighting and for the irrigation pump areas. Funding is through an insurance settlement.
- † The Vision 2 Action (V2A) Grant project is moving forward. The next step will be new speakers to replace the units that have deteriorated. Speakers have been ordered and will be installed soon. Funding is through a grant from the Florida Bahamas Synod.
- † Florida Bahamas Synod meeting is May 4th-6th. Pastor Jim is planning vacation time this spring.
- † Reception of New Members is planned for April 12th during worship.
- † A Landscaping Committee is being formed to work with Diane Barefield on the planting beds around the church. Some plants have not yet 'greened up' and plans are underway to clean up the beds, mulch and get new plants if needed. A donation was made to help fund this project. If you are interested in planning or working on the landscaping, please contact the office or Diane. Thank you to those who have worked, donated funds and materials and provided ideas for renewing these areas.
- † Individuals are needed to provide weekly watering for the existing plants to bring them back or keep them alive and for any new plantings. About an hour of time once each week would be needed. The lawn mowing and trimming crew do not do this watering under their contract for service. Contact the office for more information or to volunteer.
- † The Treasurer's report shows a continued increase in giving with expenses being consistent from month to month. Thank you to all who increased their giving. Our church is blessed in so many ways.
- † WELCA will be providing coffee, juice and donuts following the Sunrise service and following the Traditional service on Easter Sunday.
- † The March 14th Flea Market and Bakes Sale brought in \$900+ dollars. These funds are part of the mission outreach of the church and will be given to local charities who serve those in need in Brevard County.



Meet our Church Leaders

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jim Spanogle

Worship Music Leader

Jimmy Driskell

Church Council

Liz Embree– President
John Hogenson– Vice President

Debbie O’Hara– Secretary

Louise Crouse– Treasurer

Pastor Jim Spanogle

Diane Barefield

Roberta Mitchals

Pat Wilson

Friends & Family

Members and Friends

Debbie O’Hara & Anita Wojcik

Office Administrator, Concordian Editor

Louise Crouse

Quilting

Barbara Quesinberry– Leader
Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

WELCA

(Women of the ELCA)

Advisory Committee

Louise Crouse, Debbie O’Hara

Roberta Mitchals

To reach a Church Council
member or anyone on these
teams, please call the church
office at

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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 5	Peanut Butter and Jelly
April 12	Canned Tuna, Salmon, Spam
April 19	Pasta
April 26	Powdered drink mix (milk, juices)

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 for the Food Pantry.

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

friends & family

March 18th was the quarterly gathering for Friends and Family. The ham beverages and table service were provided with all of the delicious side dishes provided by the attendees. Every table enjoyed a time of getting to know each other from the gathering time before the meal, during the meal and after the meal. The opportunity to learn more about our Church Family is through this type of gathering and also joining others following worship for coffee, tea and goodies. The next scheduled event will be on June 17th. Thanks to Debbie O’Hara and her crew for organizing this event. If you would like to work on the next party, please contact Debbie. The Fellowship Fund will provide the start up funding for the meal. Suggestions include a hot dog and burger picnic, a barbeque or even a Box Lunch. (Ai says this: A box lunch is an individually portioned, portable meal packed in a small box or container, commonly containing a sandwich or wrap, sides (like fruit, chips, or salad), and a dessert.)

While the church does not have a “transportation” committee, there are several individuals who would like to assist with rides when needed. If you would like to attend any church services or special events, please call the office to be matched to a driver. 772-664-1104



"Maundy" Thursday is named after the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment" or "mandate". It refers to the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper—to love one another as he loved them—after washing their feet. This event, occurring during Holy Week, emphasizes humility, service, and love. At Concordia, this solemn service is held at 4:30 pm and includes communion, just as in the first Maundy Thursday meal with Jesus. After the service, the ceremony of removing all signs of celebration from the Altar area in preparation of the day of trial and crucifixion. The symbolism of removing the festival garments of the Altar is to prepare our hearts and minds for the following day. While it is a moving and solemn time, Christians know that this was God's plan being fulfilled through Jesus.

Good Friday is a solemn Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ at Calvary, observed on the Friday before Easter. It is celebrated to honor Jesus' sacrifice for humanity's sins, marking the central belief that his death brought forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and ultimate victory over evil. Concordia holds this service at 4:30 pm. The darkness of this service is seen in the church building as well as throughout the service with the messages and the music. We prepare ourselves, knowing that the death of Jesus on the cross was the fulfillment of God's promise—Jesus death and resurrection. The grief and weight of Jesus' suffering is also on us at this time.



We celebrate the Risen Christ. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

An Easter sunrise service is a Christian tradition held outdoors at dawn to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It symbolizes the biblical account of women finding the empty tomb early in the morning, focusing on themes of hope, rebirth, and victory over death. The sunrise represents the light of Christ rising, offering hope and renewal to believers. Worshippers will be gathering for an outdoor sunrise service (weather permitting) at 7:00 am on the east parking lot. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair and sit on the patio, come by gold cart or by car. The service will be broadcast to those in their cars through a radio transmitter. The rising sun will bring a joy, a

warmth and a bright reminder that Jesus did not just suffer for us, but He also rose to save us from our sins. Following the service, in the Fellowship Hall there will be coffee, juice and donuts to share the joy of Easter with our fellow Christians. (The service will be held inside if the weather prevents outdoor worship)



Easter Sunday, or Resurrection Sunday, is the most significant Christian holiday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead three days after his crucifixion, as documented in the New Testament. It represents the fulfillment of prophecies, victory over sin and death, and the promise of eternal life for believers. A Traditional Worship Service with Communion will be held at 10:30am inside the church sanctuary. The entire service is devoted to joyful worship of the Risen Christ. Please join us for this service and for a time coffee, juice and donuts, following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

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April 2026

May 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm Maundy Thursday 4:30	3 Office Closed Good Friday 4:30	4
5 Sunrise 7:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	6 Quilting 9:30 am	7	8	9 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	10 Office Closed	11
12 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	13 Quilting 9:30 am	14 Church Council 2:30 pm	15	16 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	17 Office Closed	18
19 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	20 Quilting 9:30 am	21	22	23 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	24 Office Closed	25
26 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	27 Quilting 9:30 am	28	29	30 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Web page www.barefootlutheran.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You will be able to access the U-tube videos, the Facebook page as well as the calendar, newsletter and other information.</p>	

Dates to Remember

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion 4:30 pm

April 3rd– Good Friday Service 4:30 pm

April 5th– Easter Services- 7:00 am and 10:30 am

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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