



From the Pastor's Desk...

Greetings Church!

We continue in this year celebrating the 250th anniversary (Semi quincentennial) of our Declaration of Independence – the founding of our nation. As I mentioned previously, I wanted to help us think some about our heritage – both as Americans and as Christians during this time. Last month I sent out information about *America the Beautiful*, and we had the chance to sing it during our July 5 worship service. (If any did not receive that material – I will be posting it on our website.)

This month we will look at *The New Colossus* – which may not be a familiar term to you, but you likely know the poem – it is the one inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty. Here is the text:

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

Many of us (maybe most) have seen or been to the Statue of Liberty. It has special significance to many families, particularly people who have immigrated to this country and made it their own. It has been a symbol of freedom and welcome and hope for a long time. It speaks to a significant part of our heritage. Like most things, the history of immigration in this country is mixed. Our current struggle with it reflects some of the back-and-forth attitudes and actions about exiles and refugees and ‘foreigners’ that has been in our history. It raises questions for us about how we might think about it – both in light of this poem and what it represents as well as our Christian value of loving others. It is not an easy or simple topic, but one which needs our consideration. If you would like to have discussion on this, please let me know – also Sunday morning at 9:15 is always available. I will also be sending a copy of the poem and more background information via email – and will post it on the website also.

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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

Worship Scripture Texts for August:

8/2 – Pentecost 10 Matthew 14:13-21

Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5

8/9 – Pentecost 11 Matthew 14:22-33

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15

8/16 – Pentecost 12 Matthew 15:10-28

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

8/23 – Pentecost 13 Matthew 16:13-20

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8

8/30 – Pentecost 14 Matthew 16:21-28

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21

Meet our Church

Leaders

Pastor Jim Spanogle

Worship Music Leader-

Jimmy Driskell

Church Council Members-

Liz Embree- President

John Hogenson- Vice President

Debbie O'Hara- Secretary

Diane Barefield, Roberta Mitchals,

Pastor Jim Spanogle, Pat Wilson

Altar Guild- Diane Barefield,

Dawn Hogenson,

Debbie O'Hara, Anita Wojcik

Communion Assistants-

Diane Barefield, Liz Embree

Greeter Teams-

Wayne and Gloria Gates,

Louise Crouse, Roberta Mitchals

Counters- Jan Deigl, Liz Embree,

Roberta Mitchals, Mary McGrath,

Nancy VonSee, Diane Polton

Treasurer, Office Administrator,

Newsletter Editor- Louise Crouse

Family & Friends- Debbie O'Hara,

Roberta Mitchals, Anita Wojcik

Church Council Reports:

The Church Council members are taking a little vacation, but the committees are hard at work.

Facilities- Still looking at ways to repair the irrigation system- electrical lines were taken, estimates for re-wiring are at \$8,000. Then the wells have to be checked and irrigation lines run. Then the irrigation pumps and equipment for timing have to be checked and repairs are likely on all of those systems. It does not have a high priority at this time. The business office was repainted, the copy room repainted and the doors in the restrooms were repainted.

Landscaping- waiting for cooler weather. Selections are being rated by drought tolerance, low maintenance, cold hardy and salt tolerant and appropriate to the area. An infestation of Florida Lubbers (giant grasshoppers) consumed much of the lilies around the church and the Memorial Garden, but they are coming back well. There is still clearing work to be done at the Memorial Garden to remove some dead material.

Food Pantry- Barbara Banfield has volunteered to attend the planning meetings of the Executive Board for the Food Pantry. Dawn Hogenson continues to volunteer at the pantry. Florence Doyle and her daughter Sharon take the donations from Concordia to the pantry on Mondays. John Hogenson also helps with food transport and reporting.

praying
FOR
you

and all of our Church Family.

Continue prayers for:

Erik Buck, Florence Doyle, Molly Kirby,
The Bob Ross Family, Jane Steinsiek,
Evan Williams

Jimmy Driskell, Richard Edwards, Diane
Polton, Nancy, Patti, All Service Men &
Women



This suggestion list is part of the total grocery items that are placed in each donation bag for families in our area through the Roseland Food Pantry. All non-perishable food items, paper products and monetary donations help those in need.

August 2	Powdered Drink Mixes
August 9	Cereal
August 16	Canned Meats (Spam, Tuna, Salmon)
August 23	Rice or Dry Beans #1 packages
August 30	Paper Products, Personal Care Products

Individual containers of fruit, snack crackers, tuna packets, small containers of shampoo, soap, deodorant and other personal care items are always needed for those individuals who are without homes at this time.

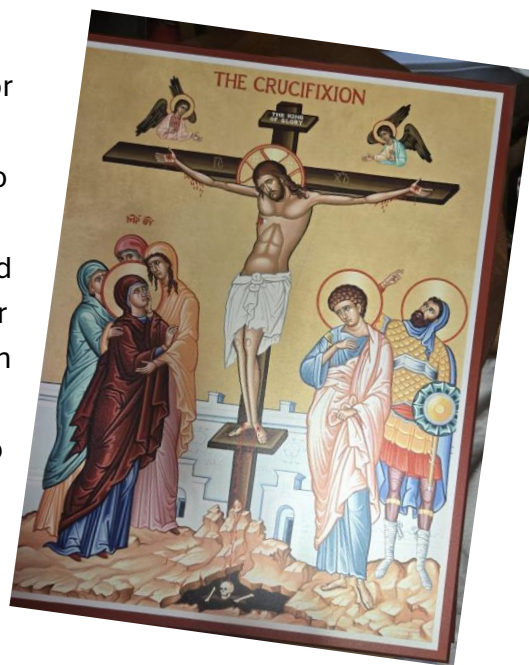


Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays-	August 11	Sue Schueler
	August 13	Pastor Jim Spanogle
	August 14	Peyton Hevener
	August 15	Kaye Andrews
	August 21	Jane Steinsiek
	August 22	Deena Macdonald
	August 27	Karen Davis
	August 28	Doris Stanley



Thank you to Nancy Von See for donating these beautiful icons to our Church. Nancy purchased these plaques for her former church and they offered to return them to her when the church closed. We will enjoy their seasonal beauty,



Rehearsals for the Music Team begin on Thursday, August 27th at 3:00 pm. This is a small group of dedicated singers who prepare weekly for the Special Music during the Sunday service. Rehearsals are about one hour and music for the coming weeks is introduced and practiced as well as the music for the next Sunday service. Concordia is so grateful for Jimmy Driskell and his musical talents and especially for his willingness to work with the singers to enhance the service. There is always room for one more voice- or several more! If you have other musical talents you would like to share please speak to Jimmy.

Planning will soon begin for another active season of Friends and Family Gatherings at Concordia. Look for fun and festive themed dinners, games, movies or other activities. The dates, time and features are being planned now. Do you have an idea to share for a program or entertainment? Please call the church office or talk to Debbie O'Hara, Roberta Mitchals or Anita Wojcik. Last year we enjoyed karaoke and games along with some great meals. If you would like to plan an event, please contact the church office to learn more.



July 2026

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September 2026

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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	3	4	5	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	10	11	12	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	17	18	19	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	24	25	26	27 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	28 Office Closed	29
30 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	31	Please go to www.barefootlutheran.com to access the Web Page, find additional resources for devotions, prayer and events. A brief Sunday video message is also available through the web site or sent to your email. Please register your email at the office to receive the newsletter and other communications. Thank you.				

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.