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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!

We are well into the new year now. Thank you to all who attended and participated with us in our Annual Meeting. We are thankful for all that God did in and with and through us during this last year and we are looking forward to learning, growing, and serving together in this new year.

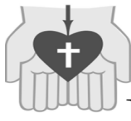
On Sunday mornings for the next several weeks we will be continuing our series on Worship – considering different aspects of this central part of our life together. In worship we respond to the life that God has given us – hope in our connection with God and with one another through Jesus. Looking at these ‘basics’ can help us see or remember more clearly ways in which God connects with us and opens us in the Spirit to being the people that God has made us to be – full of hope and joy – and sharing that love and life with one another and the people around us.

For me this series is helping to remind me of the importance of keeping centered on God and God’s work in and with and through us. This love is deeper and more powerful than the forces that want us to be divided and afraid. We do not need to lose hope, even if things look difficult. We can share God’s love for all of us, even when we do not see eye to eye. We need each other, we need time together- and particularly time together focused on God and God’s life among us. Thank you all for being willing to share this life together.

Looking ahead - Lent begins the first week in March and it appears we will be having special mid-week services – trying a new time – 11:30 am – and also having some soup/bread fellowship lunches afterward. For Sunday morning I am planning a series on the Lord’s Prayer. Perhaps some of you would like to plan some special personal devotions for yourselves for the season also.

As always- if you have any questions, comments, concerns – please let me know. [revspanogle@gmail.com]

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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:

Dorothy Buchmann, Erik Buck, Molly Kirby, Ruth McPheters, Bob Ross, Jane Steinsiek, the family of Frank Stephens, Evan Williams and Anita Wojcik's sister and family
Judy Andress, Jimmy Driskell, Paul Semendinger, Gordon Stanley, Sandra Stawinski, Alexis Wilson, and All Service Men & Women



February Birthdays

2/2 Helen Stephenson
2/7 Debbie O'Hara
2/8 Donna Flynn
2/11 Montel Twist
2/18 Dawn Hogenson
2/19 Sylvia Baker

February Anniversary

2/25 Wayne & Gloria Gates

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

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

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 February: *Worship Words*
February 3 – “Song” – Psalm 67, 100; Ephesians 5:15-20

Feb. 10 – “Word” – Psalm 119 (selected); Deuteronomy 6:4-6;
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Feb. 17 – “Sacraments” – Romans 6:3-11;
1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:23-26

Feb. 24 – “Confession” – 1 John 1:5-10, 4:7-15

March 2 – “Sending” – Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 28:18-20

The Church Membership met on January 19th for the Annual Meeting. Debbie O'Hara and Pat Wilson were elected to a second term as members. Members serve for a two year term. The reports of the various ministries were accepted. The budget was approved for 2025 as presented. The budget represents a shortfall of \$10,000. The budget shows anticipated expenses for professional staff, insurance, maintenance and repairs, supplies, operations and utilities costs. The costs for insurance, supplies and utilities have increased in excess of 10%, and may increase even more as the year progresses. The budget does not have any contingency funds for major repairs, mission opportunities or wage increases. The church only operates through contributions, your gifts. We do not have another source of income to offset expenses. In most businesses, there is a sales or marketing plan to make up the difference in expenses and receipts. At Concordia, we need a sales and marketing plan as well as a diligent effort on the part of our church family to meet these needs. Are you committed to sharing the story of Jesus in your life– to ‘market’ your beliefs to others– to ‘sell’ worship because of what it has meant to you? Are you able to increase your giving? Please consider your church and the value you place on our worship space.

Church Council News

- † A Church Family Photo Directory was approved by Council. Photos will be taken following worship each Sunday in February. A sign-up sheet is available to reserve your time slot. The directory will be produced “in-house” It is hoped that all people in the church family will participate.
- † New officers for 2025 are– President– Terry Wiley; Vice-President– Bruce Deigl; Secretary– Debbie O'Hara and Treasurer– Louise Crouse (non-voting).
- † Set January 26th as the Blessing of the Quilts
- † Set February 2nd as a New Member Reception
- † Set the Ash Wednesday Service for 11:30 am on March 5th. The service will include the imposition of Ashes with a Soup and Bread lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. The services with lunch will continue throughout Lent
- † Church Council meeting dates will change to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm.
- † The next Open Prayer time will be on the February agenda for discussion.



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

Ministry Support Group

Concordia Members and Friends

Office Administrator, Concordian Editor

Louise Crouse

Quilting

Dorothy Buchmann– Leader
Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

WELCA

(Women of the ELCA)

Louise Crouse– President
Debbie O’Hara– Vice Pres.
Montel Twist– Secretary
Dorothy Buchmann– Treasurer

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

Ecumenical Food Pantry items for February

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.

Feb 2	Canned Pasta and Pet Foods
Feb 9	Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit
Feb 16	Canned or Packaged Soups
Feb 23	Macaroni and Cheese

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



- Only 3 people attended the January meeting. The February 12th meeting will include the election of officers and distribution of gifts for local charities.
- The Next Flea Market will be on March 8th from 8:00 am to noon. There has been some discussion about the MSG group having tables on the patio for small items and bake sale. Louise will be sending out reminders to previous vendors and advertising the event with posters and news articles.
- The Quilters have finished 50 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts are taken to a central distribution point and from there, to those in need. This could be a natural disaster like the North Carolina flooding, California fires or overseas for victims of war, famine and disasters. The quilts are lovingly pieced by Barbara Quesinberry and her sister, Judy Glover. They work over the summer to prepare enough quilt fronts and backs to bring to Florida for Concordia Quilters to finish. Batting is added, edges finished and the quilt is tied to provide longer wear. Several veteran workers spend each Monday morning preparing and finishing these quilts. It is always fun to have new people join in, for just one time or return to help finish more quilts. Thank you to everyone who helps our church provide these quilts to Lutheran World Relief to give to those in need. Just as these quilts from 2024 leave our church for the distribution center, the quilters are already working on the 2025 supply. Won't you help?

Welcome New Members



Diana Smith
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MSG (Ministry Support Group)

MSG held a "Gospel on the Grounds" Barbeque and Pot Luck dinner on Wednesday, January 22nd. The event started with Jimmy Driskell— our church Music Leader— getting us moving with some great Gospel Music. We played "Name that Tune" and were surprised that some people could name the tune in only 4 or 5 notes. A fun sing-along followed the guessing game. We had fond memories of these old Gospel tunes. A delicious meal of pulled pork, sloppy joes, baked beans and cole slaw was enjoyed along with the many additional dishes that were shared. The next church fellowship event will be on April 23rd with Debbie O'Hara, Roberta Mitchals and Anita Wojcik planning the event. Mark your calendars now for a fun way to spend time with your church family and friends in a casual time at the church.

The regular MSG meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th at 3:30 pm. Each meeting is designed to appeal to those who want to have more fellowship with the church family. This fellowship can come from discussion, challenges and fun. At each meeting, the hosts can plan the course of the evening as well as the light lunch. Do you have ideas for topics to discuss or fun activities you would like to share? Please call the office and share your ideas or wishes for topics or activities.

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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	3 Quilting 9:30 am	4	5	6 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	7 Office Closed	8
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A QR code (at the right side of this page) has been added as an additional way for people to contribute to Concordia. We also have an online Contribution Tab on the Web Page. Please feel free to use the QR code, On Line giving or Envelope contributions to support the work of the church.
www.BarefootLutheran.com will open a colorful world of worship, fellowship, daily thoughts and prayers and important messages.

Concordia Lutheran Church.
 Please help support
 our Church's ministry .
 Thank you!

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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