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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!

Our next exploration of scripture in worship will be a series on Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. We got a glimpse of this church-the start of the church – in our exploration of Acts chapter 16 over 2 weeks last month – where we were introduced to Lydia and the Philippian Jailer – both of whom Paul introduced to Jesus and shared hospitality with them.

As we look at Philippians I was helpfully reminded (by Fred Craddock in his commentary on Philippians) that it is good to pay attention to the kind of literature we are reading when we approach scripture. The Bible is not just a book – and it is not just a library – a collection of books (though in one sense it is that). Those 'books' are made up of different kinds of literature – to name a few -history, poetry, prophesy, biography/gospel – and also letters – 'epistles'.

Epistles/letters were written from church leaders to particular congregations – to particular groups of people in particular places at particular times. Since Philippians is a letter, it could be helpful preparation for (and a part of) our exploration of this letter – that we read the letter AS a letter. Think of it as 'looking over the shoulder' of another congregation as they receive mail from an Apostle to help them along their way. Perhaps read it in a couple (a few?) different translations to perhaps 'hear' it in other ways. Also read it as a whole to start with and we will explore different parts each week.

Paul is writing this letter from prison in Rome – and almost certainly remembering his imprisonment in Philippi. Paul is in prison for preaching the gospel – but he does not let that stop him from continuing his ministry. He continues to work not only in Rome but also with letters and sending friends and colleagues to work with churches and provide support and encouragement. He also acknowledges the support and encouragement of this church in his ongoing ministry.

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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, Louise Crouse, Molly Kirby, Ruth McPheters, Patricia Schneider, Bob Ross, Jane Steinsiek, Evan Williams

Jimmy Driskell, Leah Gillman, John & Gail Morrison, All Service Men & Women



July Birthdays

7/18 Ilse Mergel
7/19 Diane Barefield

July Anniversary

7/1 Roger & Dawn Heiple

If you would like to share your birthday or anniversary with us, please call the office.

We love to celebrate you!
May God bless you.

You are always welcome at our Bible study/discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The more questions, the better – as we learn and grow together and care for one another in Christ. I am also glad to have discussions in person and by email.

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 July: Philippians (subject to possible modification as the series develops)

July 6 - Pentecost 4 - Psalm 66:1-9; Philippians 1:12-26

July 13 – Pentecost 5 – Psalm 25:1-10; Philippians 1:27 – 2:11

July 20 – Pentecost 6 – Psalm 15; Philippians 2:12-30

July 27 – Pentecost 7 – Psalm 138; Philippians 3:1-11

August 3 – Pentecost 8 – Psalm 49:1-12; Philippians 3:12-21

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says **'I'm possible.'**”

Church Council News

- † A bid for trimming 5 trees and removal of 2 dead trees was approved by Church Council email vote. The trees are the large oak overhanging the NW corner of the church, two oaks at the East patio and two oaks at the Memorial Garden. In addition, two diseased holly trees were removed at the Memorial Garden. This not only keeps the trees healthier, but also protects against wind damage to the buildings and grounds.
- † A settlement from the Rail Road Insurance company for damages caused when the second Rail Road track was installed has been received. Again, because the Church Council is not scheduled to meet until September, an email vote for acceptance was requested. The offer will help to resurface the parking lot, restore electrical service to the well pump area and replace the broken PVC irrigation lines.
- † Pastor's vacation for the week of June 16th including the Sunday service on June 22nd was approved. Pastor Jim is taking some well deserved time to enjoy a retreat and some family time. The service will be planned and conducted by Liz Embree and Louise Crouse as well as the other volunteers each Sunday.
- † Linda Carol Poppe is providing worship music during June while Jimmy Driskell recuperates from a fall. He expects to return in July. Thank You, Linda Carol for providing worship music and encouragement and music for the soloists during the month of June.
- † Several larger repair and maintenance projects that require professionals or extra equipment are in the planning stages. If you would like to help with some of the smaller projects, please check the white board in the Fellowship Hall.



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
Contact the Church Office

Office Administrator, Concordian Editor

Louise Crouse

Quilting

Barbara Quesinberry– Leader
Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

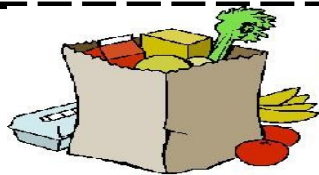
WELCA

(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
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FOOD PANTRY

Ecumenical Food Pantry items for July

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.

July 6th	Pasta
July 13th	Powdered drink mixes (milk, juice)
July 20th	Cereal
July 27th	Canned meats (beef stew, spam, corned beef) or prepackaged lunch meals

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



Ladies– please note the requests for help in the Clean-up, Spruce-up article in this newsletter. For years, we have been accumulating 'things' but not organizing them very well. Examples are– Trunk or Treat materials, Quilting Materials and assorted donated items, historical documents, photos, seasonal decorating items and so much more. If you would like to focus on getting things put into a safe and cared for location, please let the office know. There are places to things to go, but not everyone knows what we have, what we are responsible for and where things go. Our Sister in Christ– Dorothy Buchmann did a wonderful job of getting things ready for display, and putting them away again– we do miss her dedication and devotion. We also miss the stories of how these items came to be– such as the beautiful Chrismon's at Christmas time– did you know that previous WELCA ladies made these? Did you know that there are boxes of Chrismons that need repair? We also have many ceramic pumpkins that were donated by Doris Holterman (Diane Barefield's mother) that have been stored until the Fall season– they are wonderful reminders of our need to be Thankful. There are supplies to create holiday centerpieces, as well as table cloths and centerpieces for other parties and events. If there is interest in organizing these things, please let the office know. This would be a fun summer time project if there is enough interest. The September 10th program will be on Safety and Security from the Brevard County Sheriff. Mark your calendar now.

The Work Has Been Identified– Now We Need Volunteers.

The June 18th MSG meeting was a work night with great participation. Many volunteers spent time looking around our church building and grounds to determine what needs to be done and if the projects are suitable for volunteers and what might take a professional approach. Making our church look cared for is not as important as making people feel welcomed and cared for, but it might affect how someone might view our church as they consider attending. Think about your own home and how it looks from the street or the driveway. Sometimes we forget that the church needs the same care. We have a custodian who cleans our building weekly, but he does not do windows! We have a landscaping company who mows and trims, but they do not pull weeds! In June, Timber Creek trimmed the large oak tree that was touching the church roof, trimmed the two oaks to the east of the church and also the two oaks at the Memorial Garden that were brushing against the cross. They also removed two dying holly trees at the Memorial Garden. The good news is that the stucco on the outside of the church is in good shape and the roof is good at last review.

Scope of Work cards for each room provided a start point and individuals added requests that they observed. Everything from dirty windows to removing weeds from the cracks in the sidewalks was noted. The cards with the identified projects are in the Fellowship Hall on the white board. Please take a few minutes to look the projects over to see if there is something you might like to take care of. Several people “adopted” projects to work on, but there are several left. Some interior painting has been reviewed and assigned. The project are varied and there is something for everyone. Examples– some of the chairs in the Sanctuary have spots that need to be cleaned, fan blades need to be dusted, patio plantings need to be watered on a regular basis and more! The sidewalks also need to be cleaned around the church and the Memorial Garden.

Do you have some time to donate? Please contact the church office to make sure that the time and date are open and if you need additional materials for the work to be completed. When the weeds are gone, we will be looking for mulch for the planting beds and trees. Perhaps you don’t feel comfortable with the more laborious jobs, but could help in another way. We have been using the red wood mulch from Home Depot (the kind that goes on sale for around \$3.00) to keep everything uniform in appearance. Do you have an eye for plants that could survive under the covered patio? There is a need for some planning and planting there as well. If you see something you think needs attention, please let the office know and it will be added to the list of projects.

Thank you to all who have offered their ideas and their time and talents to this spruce up campaign.

MSG (Ministry Support Group)

The regular quarterly Family and Friends night is set for July 23rd from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hosts will determine the details. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex or you can call the church office to make a reservation. The time is devoted to getting to know each other better and have some fun. If you would like to organize the dinner (pot lucks work great!) and plan some fun things to do, please call the office. Suggestions include a cook out– did you know that we have a large grill?- movie night in the Fellowship Hall or in the Sanctuary– maybe a drive in movie? (times for the event are flexible) Gospel Sing Along, Talent Show, Hobby Night and more!! There are some great ideas out there!

Still in planning stages!

Our Synod will celebrate “God’s Work-Our Hands on September 7th. We have an opportunity to do something great in our community. Is there an area that needs some clean-up to help beautify our community? Would a road way clean up or some beautification at our property be possible? Perhaps there are also some less labor intensive tasks for us as well? It could be a financial collections for kids who need school lunches, weekend food supplies, help with school work, or maybe some quality time with an “adopted grandchild” throughout the year. There is no limit to what we can do– just a limit to how much we are willing to do to support God’s Work with Our Hands. Join the discussion and be a part of the solutions. All are welcome.


June 2025

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July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	7	8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	14	15	16	17	18 Office Closed	19
20 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	21	22	23 MSG Family & Friends Night 4:30-6:30 pm	24	25 Office Closed	26
27 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	28	29	30	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		

Prayer for July 4th and at all times.

Dear God, for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

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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.