



Greetings Church! We are approaching July 4 and the 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of our Declaration of Independence – the founding of our nation. While this is not a specifically Christian event, faith has been a part of our nation’s life together since the beginning. There are many ways that this has been expressed – and some variety of viewpoints on how best to celebrate it. I remember the Bicentennial celebration and how it seemed bigger and more unified than anything going on today.

I want us to be able to celebrate together – all the people of the ‘We the People’, but we are facing a lot of divisions. This is not unique in our country’s history – as even a passing history lesson would tell you. This is not a reason to despair, but rather to find ways to come together. A part of that can be celebrating our unity and diversity – *e pluribus unum* – ‘out of many, one’. We can appreciate that as Christians as God has brought so many diverse people together – all of the world – in Christ.

As I mentioned last month – along with some other local faith leaders I have been working through some documents related to our nation and our faith heritage. A group which has been promoting dialog among people of faith created a website - faith250.org – and chose 4 documents which give a broad view of who we are as people of the United States. They are – The New Colossus (Emma Lazarus- the poem on the Statue of Liberty), The Declaration of Independence (Thomas Jefferson), What to the Slave is the Fourth of July (Frederick Douglass), and America the Beautiful (Katherine Lee Bates). They provide a variety of ways of thinking about our past and looking into the future. I had said I would send them out over a few weeks in June but decided to spread it out more – one each over the next four months. I will send the text with some background and questions for thought/discussion. I hope this will be helpful. Our interfaith Thanksgiving service this year will celebrate this also. (Some members of the organizing group are the ones meeting locally.)

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:

7/5 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost/US Semiquincentennial Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a

7/12 – Pentecost 7 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:1-13 Romans 8:1-11

7/19 – Pentecost 8 Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25

7/26 – Pentecost 9 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39

8/2 – Pentecost 10 Matthew 14:13-21

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

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

Quilting- Barbara Quesinberry

WELCA -Advisory Team

Church Council Reports:

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

- Landscaping- Work continues on a planting plan for replacing dead shrubs and flowers that were killed during the freeze. The old bushes have been removed and new selections are being made. Low maintenance, drought tolerance, full sun, need for watering and appearance are the highest considerations.
- Facilities- Liz Embree, Bruce Deigl, John Hogenson and Terry Wiley have been hard at work doing some repairs around the church and grounds. Thanks to Paul Ross and Diane Barefield and family for their work as well.
- Money Counters welcomed Mary McGrath to the team.
- Worship Music Team- Jimmy Driskell is working with individuals to provide Special Music or Selected Readings during the summer months while the music Team is on summer vacation. Thanks to Liz Embree, Pastor Jim, Barbara Banfield, and Louise Crouse for volunteering for June.
- Behind the scenes, Pastor Jim, Terry Wiley and Jimmy Driskell are working on the issues with the sound system. When working with internet and electricity- there seems to be no one single answer- not yet anyway!
- Supplies are being gathered for any 'hurricane' preparations that may be needed to protect the church and grounds.

What Is Happening at Concordia?



The office was notified that around June 18th, our Sister in Christ, Ilse Mergel passed away at the home of her daughter Julie in Hudson, Florida. Ilse had recently moved there to be closer to family. Our Church Family express our sadness to the family in their loss. Ilse will always be remembered at Concordia for her gifts of laughter and of love for her church family. The family is planning a Memorial Service in September.



From Florence Doyle,

A big THANK YOU to all who helped me through this “mishap”. Your thoughts and prayers are an inspiration to me. The times when I was down, you lifted me up! Extra special thanks to Liz and Louise, our Stephen Ministers who brought me the Holy Sacrament of Communion to my home. I am still unable to get out for a little while, but what a Blessing it is to be a part of this loving Concordia Family.

A graphic with the text "Thank You Volunteers" in a large, bold, blue font. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of brushstrokes in shades of orange, yellow, red, and purple.

Thank You Volunteers

The month of June was a great opportunity for volunteers to step forward- offering their knowledge, skills, muscles and more!!! John Hogenson stopped by to put new batteries in the security cameras and reposition them. John also replaced light bulbs in the sanctuary where needed. That requires skill and ability- that pole to change bulbs extends clear up to the highest lights, but that only adds to the difficulty - getting the old bulb out and the new one in!!! John and Dawn have also been taking the donated food to the Food Pantry while Florence is out. Diane Barefield, husband Gary and daughter Candace came to dig out the old shrubs and carry off the debris. We had an estimate of \$600 to do that job. What a blessing and savings it is to have them able to take care of it! Pat Wilson and Roberta Mitchals took a field trip to A Tree 4 Me in Sebastian to look at plantings to replace the “freeze dried” shrubs at the entrances. It is much easier to see the plant in person than read about it on the internet. Thanks to Bruce Deigl and Paul Ross who put the downspout and eaves back up on the garage. Thank you also to our whole church family for their worship, prayers, service, caring and gifts throughout the church year.

praying
FOR
you

Continue prayers for:

Florence Doyle, Molly Kirby, the family of Ilse Mergel, Bob Ross, Jane Steinsiek and Evan Williams

Steve Daykin, Jimmy Driskell, Richard Edwards, Diana Hill, Leslie Prieto, Sandra Stawinski, Helen Zlotek, Nancy, Patti and All Service Men and 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.

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| July 5 | Pancake Mix & Syrup |
| July 12 | Peanut Butter & Jelly |
| July 19 | Canned Meats (Tuna, Salmon, Stew) |
| July 26 | Pasta |

Or anything on Sale and don't forget about the Buy One Get One Free offers.

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.

Happy ★
★ *Birthday*
to you! ★

Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays-

7/19 Diane Barefield

We would love to celebrate your birthday or anniversary with you. Please provide that information at the church office so that we can celebrate you- God's special gift!

DONATIONS

needed 

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Your donations help feed individuals and families in our community.



ITEMS WE NEED:



PEANUT BUTTER



CANNED TUNA



CHICKEN OR SALMON



PASTA



RICE



CANNED VEGETABLES



CANNED FRUITS



HEALTHY CEREALS



CANNED SPAM OR HAM



DRIED MILK



CRACKERS



CANNED BEANS



DRIED BEANS



SOUP



PASTA SAUCE



OUR HOURS ARE:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
from 9 a.m. to noon.



MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

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Sebastian, Florida, 32958



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July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	6	7	8	9	10 Office Closed	11
12 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	13	14	15	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	27	28	29	30	31 Office Closed	

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. If you would like to receive this newsletter or other communications from the church, please register your email at the office. Thank you.



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that God calls us to:

- Remember our connection to each other through baptism, as Scripture teaches us: “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5).
- Name sin for what it really is and to repent of it, as the Augsburg Confession and the catechisms remind us.
- Serve the common good in society as “earthly measures toward God’s intention” (*Faith and Civic Life*, p. 11).

As we celebrate 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, we can hold gratitude and humility, possibilities and shortcomings. We continue to live in the already and the not-yet. And we hold fast to the most important promise of all: the presence of God with us, the power of the resurrection of Christ, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit and the ever-unfolding grace of God.

We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church but as a people held in God’s grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves.

In Christ,

The Rev. Yehiel Curry

Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Local Celebrations

Barefoot Bay Community will be celebrating the Holiday Weekend with many special events. Fireworks are scheduled for July 3rd at the lakeside behind the lounge. People wishing to watch the fireworks can see them from any area around the lakeside.

Sebastian is having their 4th of July Parade at 8:30 am and the celebration continues at Riverview Park. Fireworks display on July 4th around 9:00pm

MelBOOM 4th of July Fireworks (Melbourne): Front Street Park (2210 Front Street) for one of the Space Coast's largest fireworks displays. The event runs from 3:00 PM to 9:30 PM, with the fireworks over the Indian River kicking off at dark

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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.