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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!
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Thank you to all who participated in our Easter celebrations – and particular thanks to so many who stepped up to help with the many tasks that are needed in our life together.

In this Easter season I will be preaching from the Acts of the Apostles – the story of the early days of the church – as the Apostles and the church learned and grew in their faith. We have the benefit of many years of Christian experience. The Apostles were doing ‘church’ for the first time. They had to discover how to be Christ-followers in the world – exploring what this new life looks like, how the church might be organized, what did it all mean – how to try and explain what was happening. Actually the book would better be titled “The Acts of the Holy Spirit” as it was God’s Spirit which energized and motivated and guided them. This same Spirit is available for us – and is continuing to guide us – though we have to pay attention and continue to learn how to follow. We will close the Easter season with the celebration of Pentecost on June 8 – remembering the powerful demonstration of the Spirit’s presence in the followers of Christ.

A reminder that at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall we gather for Bible discussion/study. We talk about the text for the day – or other questions or topics which may be of interest to the group. No experience required. There are no ‘dumb questions’ – we’re all learning here.

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:

Judy Andress, Erik Buck,
Molly Kirby,
Ruth McPheters, Bob Ross,
Jane Steinsiek, Evan Williams

Jimmy Driskell, Leah Gillman,
Paul Semendinger,
All Service Men & Women

Worship Scripture Texts for May/June: Series on Acts

May 4 – 3rd Sunday of Easter – Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20 Paul's conversion

May 11 – 4th Sunday of Easter – Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43 Peter raised Tabitha

May 18 – 5th Sunday of Easter – Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18 Peter's vision –
Life for the Gentiles

May 25 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15
Lydia and her household are baptized

June 1 – 7th Sunday of Easter – Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34 Paul and Silas in prison

June 8 – The Day of Pentecost – Psalm 104; Acts 2:1-21

During the summer months we would like to encourage interested persons to volunteer for several openings and to receive the training in a more relaxed time. These positions are open for Men and Women and require no specialized or additional technical skills– just a willingness to volunteer for a rotating period of time

***Altar Guild**– for each Sunday- usually a monthly rotation– prepare communion, set up the Altar and change the banners for the Church Seasons.

***Assisting Minister/Communion Assistant**– Light the Altar Candles, lead the Psalm reading during the service and provide for the distribution of the wine/juice with the Pastor for communion.

***Financial Secretary**– enter data provided by the Money Counters into the computer program. Verify the entered data with the Money Counters report.

***Greeters**– welcome everyone as they come into church. Introduce yourself to visitors and make them feel welcome. Hand out the bulletins. Indicate attendance on the Membership list and write down visitor information.

***Membership**– enter attendance data into the computer program. Send welcome cards to visitors who register with the Greeters.

***Money Counters**– prepare the contribution envelopes, count money and prepare the deposit following worship.



May Birthdays

5/4 Edna Hutt
5/5 Jimmy Driskell
5/7 Bob Ross
5/10 Gordon Stanley
5/14 Jean Archibald

No May Anniversaries

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.

Church Council News

- † Lent and Easter Sunday provided many opportunities for worship. The Sunrise Service and Traditional Worship service on Easter Sunday were well attended. Donuts, juice and coffee were prepared by the ladies of WELCA following each service.
- † A dead palm tree at the North East corner of the parking lot was removed by Country Green Lawn– our regular lawn service.
- † The water leaks have been repaired and the billing is more consistent with previous usage.
- † Security cameras were repositioned and new batteries installed as needed.
- † The irrigation system does not have electrical power to the pumps and the replacement of electrical service is not in the budget at this time. The insurance claim to the Rail Road for damages will include that parking area, parking bumpers, replacement of the PVC pipe from the well to the pump house and restoration of the landscaped area.
- † No further work has been scheduled on the Audio/Video and Lighting project from the \$4000 Grant for those improvements.
- † The Memorial for Dorothy Buchmann was scheduled for April 26th at 11:00 am with a lunch to follow, served by the ladies of WELCA.



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

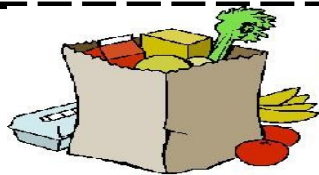
WELCA

(Women of the ELCA)

Louise Crouse– President
Debbie O'Hara– Vice Pres.
Montel Twist– Secretary
Roberta Mitchals– Treasurer

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 May

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.

May 4	Paper Products/ Bar Soap/ Personal Care Products
May 11	Canned Pasta and Pet Foods
May 18	Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit
May 25	Canned or Packaged Soups

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



- ◆ WELCA provided the Easter Continental Breakfast following the Sunrise and the Traditional Easter Worship Services.
- ◆ WELCA served the lunch following the Memorial Service for Dorothy Buchmann on April 26th.
- ◆ The Quilting ladies are taking a break over the summer months with special events scheduled to keep the quilting project going. There are quilts ready to be tied, some ready to sew the backing on and some to put the backing, batting and quilt fronts together. The first quilting event will be on May 12th with a Quilting Bee planned. All women who wish to be a part of the fun should bring their lunch and arrive at 10:00 am. We will do some quilting, a lot of 'getting to know' each other and have lunch together. No special skills or equipment are necessary.
- ◆ The monthly WELCA meetings are suspended for the summer months. We will regroup in September to determine the future of meetings of the women of our church. Some ideas include continuing with monthly meetings if the numbers of participants increase, meeting quarterly to plan special WELCA events or disbanding the group. Your input is valuable in these discussions. Currently WELCA holds 2 Flea Markets, Easter Brunch, decorating the church for Advent and serving luncheons and special events for the church family. Funds collected by WELCA events are used to support various local charities with focus on women and children which increase Concordia's local mission.

Your Help Is Needed!

Many of our seasonal family members have returned to their northern homes for a few months and we miss them already. We hope that the summer with family and friends brings them joy and that they return in a few months to join us again as we celebrate “God with us” through our worship and service. While they are working in their home churches, we have work to do here. Here is a list of projects that need people to plan, prepare and complete over the summer months.

Landscaping-

Memorial Garden upgrades to plantings. Are there planners who could design and develop the area utilizing current plantings or securing other plantings?

Maintaining the plantings and keeping the weeds under control around the church property.

Church Interior

Windows need to be washed– inside and outside.

Interior painting– Business office, Fellowship Hall, Office doors and kitchen.

Organize the “Quilters Closet” better use for Quilters, WELCA, storage and supplies.

Church Exterior

Trim plantings and trees.

Paint handrails to the east and south entry doors.

Clean south (covered drive) patio chairs and table. (Does anyone have a chair to match the 3 that are there or replace the 3 with 4 matching chairs?)

Power wash sidewalks and patio

I am sure there are more projects that you see that may not be listed. It is important that individuals contact the office to make sure that we aren’t duplicating efforts or that we miss an opportunity to have more hands to work on the same projects and more ideas that need to be shared on specific projects. There is minimal funding required for many of these projects, please check with the office before proceeding. Some projects may require a written plan and Council approval. Thank you for your willingness to lend a hand.

MSG (Ministry Support Group)

Plan to join the group on Wednesday, May 21st at 3:30 pm.

Full details are not available at this printing, but there is always an ample amount of fun, conversation and good food. The previously supported Open Prayer Time has been suspended at this time. Further discussion is needed to determine if the time or date was a concern or the community did not see the need for prayer. It is doubtful that there is not a need for prayer, but we were not reaching those who were looking for the calm and peace that is offered at Concordia. We are hoping there are other ideas to provide some outreach to our church family and the community. Suggestions include community gatherings using the patio as the meeting place, outdoor family movies, Christian entertainment, Sing-a-Longs, trips to concerts or plays and more. It has also been suggested that we have an occasional work party to take care of some of the larger projects not currently covered by lawn maintenance and janitorial service. There is also a need for fellowship with no special interest or program.

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.

April 2025

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June 2025

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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	2 Office Closed	3
4 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	5	6	7	8 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	9 Office Closed	10
11 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	12 Quilting Bee 10:00 am-noon Ladies— join in the fun, bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship too!	13 Church Council 1:30 pm	14	15 Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	16 Office Closed	17
18 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	19	20	21 MSG Ministry Support Group 3:30-5:30 pm	22 Music Team Rehearsal 3:00pm	23 Office Closed	24
25 Discussion 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am	26	27	28	29	30 Office Closed	31

The United States celebrates motherhood on the second Sunday of May as a day to honor mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, and all motherly figures. While many of us may not have a mother to physically celebrate with, it does not keep us from saying thank you to those who have made a lasting impression on our lives. Take time to say a prayer of thanks for all those who have guided us along the path of life and who have shown us the love of God to help us continue on that path.

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 other information

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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.