



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parish News & Notes *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *September 8, 2019*

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday Schedule 9:30am Worship 9:40-10:15am Sunday School 10:45am Adult Bible Study

Saturday, September 21st - Church Council Meeting - 9:30am

Sunday, September 22nd: - Sunday School and Adult Bible Study begins
Church picnic following Church service

Saturday, October 26th: - Yard Sale - 7:00am - 1:00pm

Growing in Christ

Our fall Christian education opportunities will begin on Sunday, September 22nd. Sunday school for our children will follow last year's pattern. Adult Bible Class will begin at 10:45am.

Church Picnic

All are invited on September 22!

Games and snacks beginning at 11:45am

Meal time at 12:45pm

Sign-up sheet in the narthex

Yard Sale

Our Yard Sale will be on October 26th. Please start gathering items for this sale, and bring them to the church over the next couple of weeks. Volunteers are needed throughout the coming weeks. Please speak with Liz Lorenz about how you can help.

Altar Flowers

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Thanks For Your Kindness

My dear family in Christ,

Since the beginning of the year the arthritis in my spine has been limiting my mobility. I have so missed being in worship with all of you. I'm hoping with therapy that I will be able to join you again. During my absence your many cards, notes and calls have been a great encouragement and blessing. Thank you so much for your prayers and thoughts.

Your sister in Christ,
Phyllis Inman

Scripture Readers

Today's reader is Curt Crawford

Next week's reader will be John Lorenz

Reader for September 22nd will be Liz Lorenz

**BECAUSE OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH
GOD'S LOVE, WE ARE MOTIVATED TO BE
GIVERS RATHER THAN TAKERS.**



"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

We Celebrate The Lord's Supper This Day

In today's service we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here Jesus offers His gifts of forgiveness and strengthening for our faith. He said, "Take, eat; this is my body. . . . Take, drink; this is my blood. . . . which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." The Bible also teaches that those who partake of the Sacrament not believing these words of Christ do so to their spiritual judgement and do not receive its intended blessing. That you may receive the blessing Christ offers, we urge you to prepare your heart by meditating on these questions.

- + Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and that He is your Savior from sin?
- + Are you truly sorry for your sins and do you desire, by God's power, to turn away from those sins?
- + Do you believe Jesus' promise that in His Supper He gives His true body and blood together with the bread & wine for the forgiveness of your sins?
- + Do you receive this gift of Christ to be strengthened for a God-pleasing life of worship, witness and service?

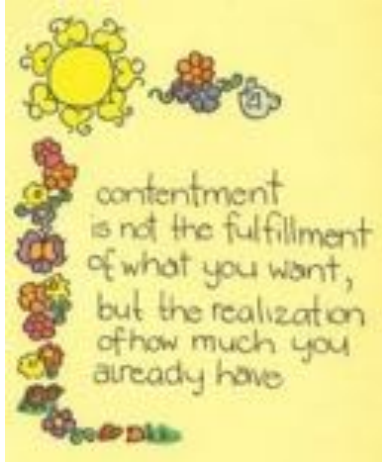
All who share this biblical faith and are communing members of a Lutheran congregation are invited to commune with us. If you are not a member, please speak with the pastor prior to communing. Children who have not yet received their first communion and those not communing may come to the altar for a blessing.

The ushers will direct you to the altar at the appropriate time. Communicants may receive the blood of our Lord either from the common cup, (as instituted by Christ), or by intinction, (an early practice in the church of dipping the wafer of bread in the wine). If you wish to partake by intinction, please hold out your hands to receive the wafer of bread. You may dip the wafer into the chalice of wine.

Stewardship Corner

Being Content

True contentment will never be found in the things of the world. God has given us that which alone can provide for us true peace of heart, true contentment. He has given us His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Through what Jesus has done for us on the cross and by the open tomb, we have the forgiveness of sins as well as life with Christ, here on earth and forever in heaven.



When we give more emphasis to our blessings of body and soul, we will give less emphasis to the things of the world. Count your blessings from God. You'll find they are countless! None of us deserves any of His blessings, especially the gift of His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior!

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Vision Path

Our Lord has called each of us to be a part of the work of His Church here at Concordia. Together we seek to discern the Lord's will for the direction and shape of Concordia's ministry now and into the future. To help us discern the Lord's will we have embarked on this process called "***Vision Path***." Our goal is to take tangible steps to make Christ's vision a reality in Concordia's ministry. One goal that is clear is that we all need to be growing in our knowledge of God's will for our lives by studying His Word. Besides our usual Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies we are looking for additional Bible Study times and locations that meet our member (and your friends) availability. Please share any ideas you have (or offer to host a study) with Pastor Malec. We ask you to keep Concordia in your daily prayers as we seek to carry out Christ's vision for His work at Concordia! Please pray for our congregation, our pastors, our leaders, and all our members!

Favorite Hymns

Over the next months we will again ask you to help us select hymns from our hymnal that are particularly meaningful and helpful to you. Please list a few of your favorites on the form found in the Narthex. We will try to use as many of these hymns, recommended by our members, as are appropriate to the worship themes of each Sunday

Portals of Prayer

The new *Portals of Prayer* is available in the Narthex. The devotions start, tomorrow, July 1st. Please take a copy for your daily home devotions. Also take a copy to share with someone who may use these daily devotions and prayers.

Mission Offering

In today's bulletin you will find a special Mission Offering Envelope. The special Mission offerings are split between three of our Missionaries, Pastor Gaugert's work in Togo and Pastor St Onge's work in the Caribbean and Pastor Schuschke's new assignment to Frankfurt, Germany. Also available in the Narthex is the latest publication from Pastor Gaugert and Pastor St Onge. Please take a copy and regularly pray for them and all the missionaries of our church! There are links on the Synod website (lcms.org) to the mission work we carry out together throughout the world. May the Lord of the Harvest bless these laborers in His vineyard! And may the Lord bless our participation in these missions through our prayers and monetary support!

Yard Sale

We are having our Annual Yard Sale on June 24th. at the North Campus. Please start accumulating items for this sale. You may start bringing your items to Fellowship Hall in the North Campus or to the Bethlehem Fellowship Hall. Let's make this our best Yard Sale yet!!!

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