

The Concordia Chimes

May 2016

New Easter Vestments and Altar Paraments

You may have noticed the beautiful new vestments and altar paraments for the Easter Season. The purchase and crafting of the new Easter cloths was made possible by generous gifts to Pr. Barclay's Installation Fund as well as memorials made to the Jim Casserly Memorial Fund. You may choose to make an additional contribution to these new items by designating a financial gift for this purpose. These new items bring a renewal to our worship space and will serve Concordia for many years to come. Thanks again to Susan Bourret for crafting and sewing the paraments.

If you are curious about what these new items mean and what place they have in our worship, here's a quick guide:

Cope: (from Latin cappa, or cape; also called a pluviale, or rain coat) a liturgical cloak or cape with a hood or vestigial hood, worn for processions and festival services other than the Eucharist.

Chausable: (from Latin casula, or little house) the principal vestment worn by the presiding minister at the celebration of Holy Communion. It is oval shaped with a hole in the center for the head. Its origins are in the clothing of ancient Rome.

Dalmatic: (Latin Dalmaticus, or robe made from Dalmatian wool) a vestment worn by a deacon or assisting minister at the celebration of Holy Communion. It is an ancient vestment.

Paraments: (from Latin parentum, or adornment) a general name for the cloths in the liturgical colors used on the altar and pulpit.

Fair Linen: (meaning Linen of highest quality, clean, spotless): a cloth which covers the top of the altar and hangs to the floor on either end. It is embroidered with five crosses to represent the 5 wounds of Christ. The cloth represents the winding sheet in which the body of Jesus was wrapped.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Concordians,

What an incredibly rich few weeks it has been since we last talked here in the Chimes!

It was about a year ago this week that I had a Skype interview with Concordia's call committee. Karin Perkins, Irma Vincens, Steve Graefe, Al Williams, Julie Chiffer, and Sandy

Baranowski were all sitting together in the conference room at Concordia and I was in my dining room at my seminary apartment.

It was a strange feeling. These people were talking about a congregation that I only knew about on paper. With all that has happened in a year, Concordia has gone from an abstract place to a very concrete place! At the time, I could only think about what I had already experienced and congregations that I already knew. It was a guessing game as to what the real Concordia would be like. I had many fears and much excitement.

I'm sure that you felt the same way about me. It was undoubtedly quite scary to think about someone whom you only heard about on paper becoming your pastor. It was hard to imagine what our life together would be like. Would I be like Pr. Strand? Maybe kinda like Pr. Post? Maybe like Pr. Bourret? Or would the new pastor be like Pr. Kaiser? You, like me, only had the past to guide your imagination. You too, I know, had many fears and much excitement.

And so it is!

As the Easter Season unfolds, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, we have gradually and reluctantly left the upper room where we have been locked for fear and have ventured out to see this new thing that has taken place. It would take years and months and decades and millennia to unpack the significance of the empty tomb and the promise of water, bread and wine being presence, life, and light. We continue to wonder and dream.

The year ahead will bring much more clarity about who Concordia is and who I am as your pastor. We will continue to get to know one another in worship, study, service and mutual pastoral care. We will venture, eventually, beyond our comfort zones to explore our hopes and dreams for Concordia and for the larger church. We will dream together not only about new boilers and kitchen hoods and signs and renovated Narthexes, but also about building new relationships with our neighborhood, finding partners in mission, exploring new possibilities and trying some things that may have not worked out in the past.

This type of growth and relationship building is so much like the life of faith. We grow slowly and hesitantly into the life of Christ. We are both guarded and hopeful. We are constantly seduced by a God who is richly in love with us. We take false steps, we make mistakes, but we walk together on this Emmaus road and meet our destiny, finally and fully in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen...

Pr. Douglas Barclay



From the Minister of Music

Thank you so very much for the warm welcome you have given me. I've only been here a few weeks but I feel like I've been adopted into Concordia's family.

As I write this I have a hymn from Sunday playing in my head -an "earworm" if you will- "Now the Green Blade Rises". It tells of new beginnings, Resurrection, and love springing anew in our hearts. I know that God will renew all our hearts as we grow together in love.

May our music always bring us closer to God and each other.

Mary Douglas, Minister of Music



A celebration honoring John Anderson, organist with Pr. Barclay and new Minister of Music, Mary Douglas.

**Welcome to the Concordia
Choir Mary Douglas!**



Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

Unapproved minutes of the April 14th meeting

- Accepted the reports of the secretary, treasurer, president and pastor.
- The Worship and Memorial Garden Board has contracted for the installation of lighting in the garden and along the walks to the Garden Room entrance.
- Approved entering into an agreement with Charities of Hope to place a clothing recycle bin in the parking lot rendering a payment of \$125 per month to Concordia.
- Approved establishing an exploratory group to look into forming a community garden on the church property.
- The Congregation Council voted unanimously to elect Susan Bourret as Assistant Treasurer.
- Motion passed to add Susan Bourret and Carol Stoneman as authorized signatories to the operating checking account and Susan Bourret to the Memorial & Tributes Savings account.
- Approved the following Event/Ministry Proposals:
 - Annual Concordia Craft Fair
 - Beech Tree Pens Fundraiser
 - ELCA World Hunger Appeal
 - Intergenerational Event
- Approved an amount not to exceed \$2500 for the purchase of light filtering shades for the Garden Room to be funded from the Foundations Fund.
- The Fund Raising Task Force is reviewing the ELCA Guidelines for Congregational Fundraising. First meeting is April 19th.
- Approved request to have wine available at the reception following Pr. David Stacy's Memorial service on June 18th.



Information

*The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be **Sunday, May 8th, 11:45 a.m.***

*The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be **Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.***

Treasurer Comments on the March Financial Report

The good news continues as the Envelope offering continues to exceed the budget, and when you see the April reports, you will see that the trend continues through April. The other thing you will notice is that in March the total income was 110% of budget and total expenses were 99% of budget. In April, the total income was 93% of budget and total expenses were 107% of budget. This reverses the order that we have been used to seeing this year. This turn-about is due to Concordia actually becoming fully staffed with normal operating costs.

To follow up on last month and the dissipation of El Nino. With El Nino in the past tense, we returned to a more normal weather pattern. This resulted in some late season snow for us, and a late season expense as we almost had more snow in April than we did during the rest of the winter. So, we have a little less budget for the end of the year, but it is likely we won't have any more snow until November or December.

Envelope offering for March was 131% (YTD 131%) of budget and the Stretch is 3% (110.00) (YTD 11%) for a combined YTD of 107%. Thank you to everyone who contributed. You also contributed \$170.00 to World Hunger.

If you have questions about the March statement, please ask or email at treasurer@concordiamanchester.org.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Perkins, Treasurer

March 2016 Headings and Account	MTD			YTD		
	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	Percent	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Percent
Revenues						
Envelope Offering	\$20,049	\$18,877	106%	\$60,842	\$56,630	107%
Other Offering	\$1,619	\$479	338%	\$2,589	\$791	327%
Public Use of Building	\$675	\$831	81%	\$1,325	\$1,670	79%
Fuel Assistance for Concordia	\$0	\$190	0%	\$301	\$379	79%
Total Other Budget Income	\$2,294	\$1,499	153%	\$4,215	\$2,840	148%
Total Revenues	\$22,343	\$20,376	110%	\$65,057	\$59,471	109%
Expenses						
Benevolence	\$2,384	\$2,384	100%	\$7,252	\$7,252	100%
Staff Salaries	\$8,546	\$8,988	95%	\$23,863	\$26,439	90%
Fringe Benefits	\$1,827	\$2,001	91%	\$5,979	\$6,004	100%
Program Expenses	\$2,085	\$208	1001%	\$2,671	\$625	427%
Program Support Expenses	\$1,265	\$804	157%	\$3,423	\$2,728	125%
Facility Maintenance	\$2,402	\$3,804	63%	\$8,142	\$9,571	85%
Utilities	\$2,333	\$2,837	82%	\$6,716	\$8,627	78%
Insurance	\$0	\$0		\$1,913	\$2,624	73%
Total Expenses	\$20,842	\$21,027	99%	\$59,960	\$63,870	94%



“KNOW YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS”

Over the next couple of months, we will profile members of the Concordia Congregation Council. Current Council members include: Susan Bourret, Dan Burnett, Kay Corl, Petey Goodrich, Steve Graefe, Linda Lange, Stephen Perkins, Jan Salvatore, Ron Schack, David Smith, Carol

Stoneman and Al Williams. This month we are featuring:

Susan Bourret

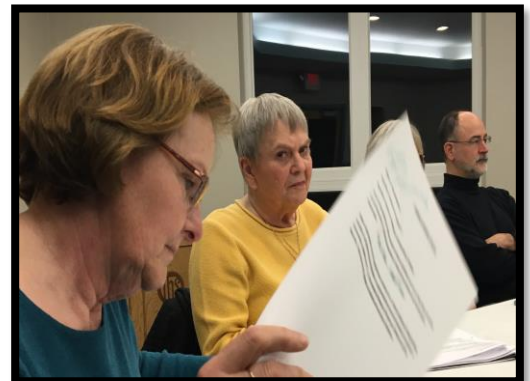
Susan has been on Council for 3 years and is a life-long member of Concordia. She currently serves on Mutual Ministry, the Christian Education/Youth Committee, and Altar Guild and was recently voted as Assistant Treasurer. Susan is also involved in confirmation instruction. She and husband Steven have an adult daughter who lives in Boston.

Cynthia “Petey” Goodrich

Petey has been a member of Concordia for 41 years and is currently in the first year of a second 3-year term. She also served on Council two consecutive terms from June 2005 through May 2011. Petey also serves as chairperson of the Fellowship Committee and organizes the weekly coffee hour. Petey has served on the Constitution & Bylaws Revision and Mission Profile Committees and Audit Team. Petey is currently involved in the Fund Raising Task Force and Kitchen Renovation Committee.

Linda Lange

Linda is a graduate of the ELCA School of Lay Ministry. She has served Concordia in many ways during her 50 years as a member. She is currently serving her last year of her first 3-year term. Linda also served 9 years on council in previous years and during that time served as secretary. She also serves as a deacon, prayer writer, is on the Worship & Music Committee and on Altar Guild. Linda has 2 children, Kristin and Jonathan and is the proud grandmother of 5 grandsons. In her spare time, she loves to knit, read, cook and bake.



Ron Schack

Ron, a 50+ year member of Concordia, is currently in his last year of a second 3-year term on Council. Ron is also a member of the Legacy for Ministry board and the Outreach Committee. He is a fan of the Boston Red Sox and UCONN Basketball and enjoys listening to classic country

Confirmation Camp at Calumet



On Friday afternoon, April 1st our two confirmation students E.J. Chiffer and Zach Baranowski along with their chaperones Sara Eichler and Nancy Lynn Knauff headed up to Camp Calumet Lutheran for a weekend of fun and faith. Also attending with the group was two students and chaperones from Emanuel Lutheran in Manchester. Over a dozen churches sent groups from throughout New England, making it a great event!

Arriving Friday night, we were greeted warmly by staff in the Conference Center and headed off to design a banner and meet the other church groups. After a lot of fun with a few games, some necessary snackage and devotions, everyone headed to bed. The

accommodations were excellent- one chaperone remarked how many things had changed and yet stayed the same.

Saturday morning arrived with a blur of activities. Some outdoor group games helped everyone warm up against the cool temperatures and the previous night's rain. There were several faith discussion sessions with each church's Confirmation groups. Concordia and Emanuel held theirs together- many thanks to Pr. Scott Cady for taking the reins there. Several questions were raised and talked about with the students and adults. Afterwards there was time for many activities Calumet is famous for- a hike on Jackman's Ridge, arts and crafts, even a softball game- although a few chaperones took the opportunity to take a much needed nap.



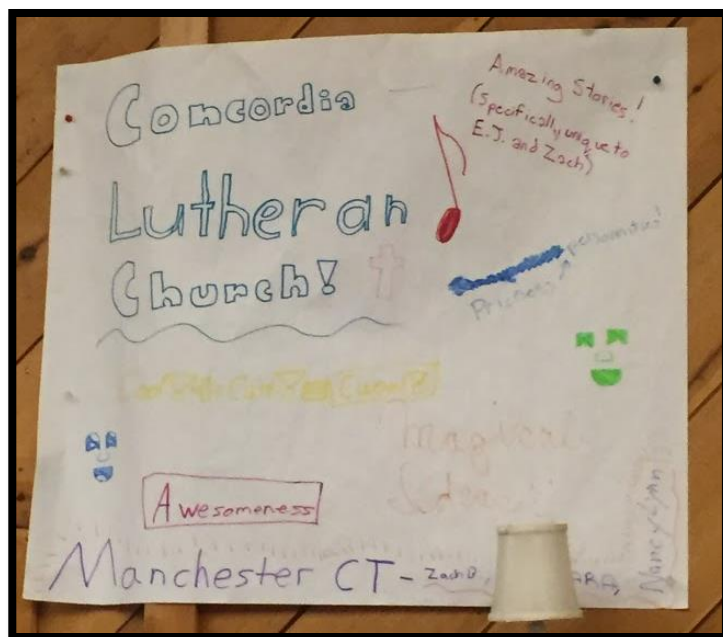
The evening was spent at an indoor campfire in the Lakeside Dining Hall. Each church group had an opportunity to perform a song or skit. The Concordia/Emanuel group entertained everyone with their skit titled "The Ugliest Lutheran". (There may or not be a video of the skit available...) Then it was back to the Conference Center for a yummy ice cream social and trivia contest. The group did well until the final round, but as Zach pointed out, "We made the Top 10". Good observation!

Sunday morning before a last learning session with each group, the community came together for a moving Holy Communion in the Conference Center with several groups helping throughout the service. Then it was lunch and time for some final pictures and to say goodbye to new friends. Many people were sad to leave the beautiful camp after a wonderful weekend but vowed to return to Calumet in the near future.

Our thanks to the entire staff of Camp Calumet, Susan Bourret for her coordination skills with putting this together and to the families of our confirmands for a wonderful weekend spent together in faith on the shores of Lake Ossipee. Many heartfelt thanks to the Emanuel Lutheran contingent for their cooperation throughout the weekend- especially for their gallant assistance in the eventful ride home. (AAA is a good thing!)

Some possible future events with Emanuel were discussed during the weekend. Keep your eyes open for details as they develop!

~Nancy Lynn Knauff





Concordia Nursery School News

Did you know that Concordia Nursery School has only a handful of openings remaining for the 2016-2017 school year? We are excited about the interest we have had so far, but still have a few spaces remaining in our four-year-old class. If you know of someone looking for a loving, nurturing, and child-centered preschool experience please tell them about our accredited and state-licensed program. We would love the chance to share what makes us special with a family in your life.

There are lots of ways to get in touch and learn more. Director Laura Hart can be reached at (860) 649-9349 or on the web at www.concordianurseryschool.org or follow us on Facebook. We'd love to hear from you!



Aprils 'Photo Wrap Up!



Pr. Marrero and
Pr. Barclay.

Pr. Marrero greets Petey
Goodrich.



Linda
Lange, Jan
Salvatore,
and Ron Schack at a council birthday celebration
for Susan Bourret and Steve Graefe.



Jane Casserly helps a young cub scout to some goodies on Scout Sunday.

Cub Scouts and their parents help to clean up the South Lawn of Concordia on Scout Sunday.



More Cleanup from Scout Sunday.



Helen W. and Robin Jackson enjoy lunch out at the Manchester Grille.



Gail and Lois Feder and Alice Smith having a blast at the Lunch Out.



Carol and Dan Burnett enjoying coffee at the Lunch Out.



Elaine Briggmann and Ernie Noske at Lunch Out.



Linda Lange and Nancy Knauff at the Manchester Grille.



Fred Winzler at the Lunch Out.



Paul Goodrich and Tessie Kehl enjoying each other's company at the Manchester Grille.



Prayers of the Community

Prayer requests may be made to the parish office. The names will be held in prayer for one month, unless otherwise requested. (*Member of Concordia) (*Request by Member of Concordia*) (*New Intention*)

Those who are sick or in any need,

*The Homebound	*Linda Lange	<i>Deborah Chase</i>	<i>Jessica</i>
*Art Hube	*Jim Noyes	<i>Dorothy Carlson</i>	<i>Bernice</i>
*Marion Pallein	<i>Jennifer</i>	<i>Kristin Ortolani</i>	<i>Eric Schultz</i>
*John Ramondetta	<i>Geraldine</i>	<i>Machi</i>	<i>Tucker Cumpstone</i>
*Carol Bowen	<i>Kristin Noyes</i>	<i>Desmond</i>	<i>Sharon Platt and</i>
*Catherine Noyes	<i>Lisa Tello</i>	<i>Haroldeen</i>	<i>Family</i>
*Jean Weiss		<i>Tammy</i>	<i>Mary Dlugosz</i>
*Irene Schack		<i>Linda C.</i>	

Those who have died and those who mourn:

- *Joyce Marie Bellino, mother-in-law of *Jan Bellino.*
- **Frances K. Smith.*

The Intentions of this Community:

-Concordia Nursery School Students and their families.	-For Families in Crisis.
-The work of MACC	-For the churches of the New England Synod.
-For our Cub Scout Pack	-For our bishop, James.
-For Pra. Mendez and Ministerio Nueva Creacion	- For all seminaries in transition, especially Philadelphia and Gettysburg seminaries.
-For Pr. Simpson and the people of New Horizons.	

For the AA groups who meet here.



Brilliant Pentecost

Each Pentecost we invite members and friends of Concordia to purchase brilliant red geraniums for our worship space. Please consider making a gift of flowers to Concordia this Pentecost. Financial gifts to support our ministries are also welcome.

Each plant costs \$8.00. Gifts for ministries are given at the givers discretion. Please attach payment with this form and return to the church office by Tuesday May 10. Thank you

I/We give _____ *Geraniums* to Concordia

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

I/We give \$_____ to support *Concordia's ministries*

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Concordia's Calendar:

EVERY SUNDAY

Bible Study – 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
Counters 10 a.m.
New Horizon Church 12:30 p.m.
New Creation Ministry 3:30 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY

Families in Crisis – 10 a.m.
AA - 5:30 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

Clergy Text Study - 11 a.m.

EVERY Wednesday

Choir – 7:00p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

AA - 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Highlights

Sunday May 1

Intergenerational Event – 9:00 a.m.
Botticellio Farms Plant Sale – 11:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet – 4 p.m.

Monday May 2 – Thursday May 5

Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising Seminar
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday May 2

Confirmation – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday May 8

Mother's Day

Monday May 9

Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 10

Nursery School Board 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday May 11

Worship and Music Committee – 4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Committee – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday May 12

Congregation Council – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday May 15

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 22

Trinity Sunday

Christian Education Committee 11:30 a.m.

Monday May 29

Memorial Day

Office Closed

Worship Volunteers:

May 1

Ministers of Hospitality: Jan and Bob McGarity
Jan Salvatore and Fred Winzler
Deacons: Mark Winzler, Wendy Donagher, Al Williams
Coffee Hour: Susan Bourret and Karin Perkins

May 8

Ministers of Hospitality: Corl and Chiffer Families
Deacons: Mark Winzler, Erich Stoneman, Doug Larson
Coffee Hour: Fellowship Committee

May 15

Ministers of Hospitality: Paul and Petey Goodrich
Tina Ruggerio and John Haid
Deacons: Mark Winzler, Steve Graefe, Mimi Boxwell
Coffee Hour: Jackie Britton and Irma Vincens

May 22

Ministers of Hospitality: Fred and Martha Winzler
Don Briggmann and Gail Adams
Deacons: Mark Winzler, Linda Lange, Erich Stoneman
Coffee Hour-Kay Corl and Julie Chiffe

May 29

Ministers of Hospitality: Don Briggmann, Ella Hube,
Petey and Paul Goodrich
Deacons: Mark Winzler, Al Williams, Doug Larson
Coffee Hour: Church Wide Pot Luck

The Weather Outside Will Soon Be Frightful

All weather related and cancellations at Concordia will be posted on WFSB-TV Channel 3, or on their website: www.wfsb.com. Sign up for text alerts from WFSB so you receive the news as soon as it happens.

The full calendar can be viewed by clicking on Google *Calendar* on the congregation's website

Let Us Know You Are Coming

Please make sure to consult the church office before scheduling any meetings or events—small or large—in our facility. We want to make sure the space is available, and the building open when you arrive. Thank you.



As Lutheran Christians, Concordia understands that God is calling us to be:

- A Christian community with responsibility to support each other, our neighborhood, and the larger community
- A Gathered Assembly marked by the practices of prayer, study, reflection and worship
- Selfless Disciples who communicate and practice the faith through acts of faithful stewardship, service and forgiveness

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