

The Concordia Chimes



Summer Sunday Worship! Same Time- New Location

We will join together at 10 am for weekly worship in the Garden Room beginning on Sunday, June 26. This will be a great chance during the summer months to experience worship more closely together

and in the cool of modern air conditioning! A church-wide potluck coffee hour will follow worship.

Bible Study Continues!

Please join Pastor Barclay for bible study at 8:30 each Sunday. Bible study will be held in the pastor's study.

Summer Outdoor Midweek Worship

Four local Lutheran congregations will gather for worship on 4 summer weeknights to celebrate the saints. The first was hosted by Concordia on Wednesday: June 29 in the worship and memorial garden. Ice cream followed!

Outdoor(maybe) Summer Evening Worship Series

A Summer of Saints

Upcoming Dates all at 7:30

Thu, July 21, – **Weepin' no More:***Mary Magdalene*

Host: St Mark- Glastonbury

Wed, Aug 17 –**Magnificent Mary:***Mary, Mother of our Lord*

Host: Faith Lutheran- East Hartford

Wed, Sept 14 – **Just be Rood!:***The Festival of the Holy Cross:*

Host: Emanuel- Manchester

Summer 2016

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The deadline for submitting articles or items for The Chimes is the 20th of each month.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Concordians,

This special summer edition of the Chimes will hopefully find you relaxed and back from or looking forward to a vacation or some time with family and friends.

It is important to have time throughout the year to reflect, relax and consider the good things of our lives and of creation. In the Mark's gospel, Jesus encourages his apostles who are busy about many things with these words: "Come with me privately to an isolated place and rest a while... (for many were coming and going, and there was no time to eat)... so they went away by themselves in a boat to some remote place." - Mark 6:31-32

It is important for us too, who are busy about many things to have some time in a quieter place.

For some in our congregation, there is no way to go "away" on vacation. Health conditions or other life circumstances make it near impossible to even take a short trip. Busy schedules of doctor's appointments and exams make it hard to find time. For some, summer brings all too much time to reflect, and the grieving over summers gone by takes hold and makes us feel even more isolated.

Somehow, in some way, in your own circumstances, I encourage you this summer to "get away from it all." Even if you can't literally, "get away from it all." Perhaps this is coming to our summer worship in the garden room chapel on Sunday mornings, a break from our "normal" worship patterns. Perhaps it will be to attend one of the outdoor worship opportunities that are coming up. Maybe you will take some time to read a book that will help you to connect more deeply to your spiritual self. It could be the reading of scripture or a daily practice of meditation.

Above all, I hope that your summer is fruitful, whatever shape it may take. In your grilling, gardening, vacationing, you are still surrounded by a loving and generous God. Enjoy the gift of summer and let's keep in touch.

Pr. Douglas Barclay

Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

Unapproved minutes of the May 12th meeting

- Accepted the reports of the secretary, treasurer, president and pastor.
- Accepted the minutes from the April 28th special e-meeting approving \$1,000 to be drawn from the Scholarship Fund to cover part of the registration costs for Pastor Barclays's attendance at the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising course.
- Summer worship will take place in the Garden Room each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. beginning June 26th.
- The Outreach Committee will be facilitating the ordering of the Beech tree pens.
- The agenda for the June 5th Semi-Annual meeting was approved.
- Approved the Dinda House Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and April Time Christmas gifts event/ministry proposals submitted by the Outreach Committee.
- Approved unanimously the person presented for Concordian of the Year.

2016-2017 Congregation Council Organizational Meeting

June 5, 2016

Council Members 2016-2017

Pastor Barclay
Susan Bourret
Elaine Briggmann
Dan Burnett
Kay Corl
Petey Goodrich
Linda Lange
Stephen Perkins
Tina Ruggerio

Jan Salvatore
David Smith
Al Williams
Mark Winzler

Officers Elected

President- Mark Winzler
Vice President- David Smith
Secretary- Kay Corl

Stephen Perkins appointed as Treasurer

Tina Ruggerio appointed as Congregation Council representative on the Legacy for Ministry Board

No regular business meetings to be held during months of July and August.

A retreat will be held from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18 in order to plan for the year ahead.

Music Notes



Choir rehearsals will resume September 7th at 7:30p.m. We welcome back all the dedicated singers who have been so faithful in leading us in worship. We also invite new singers! If you are interested in choir membership, contact Mary Douglas at music@concordiamanchester.org

Christian Education- More than Sunday School

For most of us growing up in church when we heard the words Christian Education, we think of our childhood hours spent in Sunday School. How many of us remember having to stand at the front of class and recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creeds?

Well, guess what- there is more to "Chris Ed". We have educational programs for every generation- because learning never stops! Little kids, teens, adults and seniors can always learn something new about faith. That's our job- finding better ways to learn.

There are four components to what we do-

1.- Sunday School program for 5-10 year olds

Gone are the days of several classrooms of children down in our Education wing. We've been exploring different programs for the last few years. We'll be continuing to look at the current trends both at Concordia and in other churches.

2.- Faith Formation (formerly known as Confirmation)

This past year our middle school students have been meeting on Monday afternoons to explore what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. Our students have also had the opportunity to spend time up at Camp Calumet in New Hampshire at Confirmation Camp- which was a LOT of fun!

3.- Ongoing Faith study

Learning about faith never grows old! We have had a bible study on Sunday mornings for the past year. Topics have included hymnal studies, The Book of Mark, and even videos. If you've ever attended one of our Intergenerational Events, congratulations- you learned something and had fun at the same time! Imagine that!

4. Youth Activity

This past year Concordia youth teamed up with 4 other area churches and coordinated our events. This included a Hunger Shut-in, Movie Night and other events. There are even more events planned in the next year. What a great way to get to know other kids in faith and serve in the community!

As you can see, "Chris Ed" is all about lifelong learning. We're always looking for new ideas! Feel free to speak to any one of us about any of our programs or join the discussion (we're always learning, too) on selected Sundays afternoons after worship (our next meeting is August 21st).

We'll see you soon, fellow student in Christ!

"Chris Ed" committee-

Sandy Baranowski, Jeanine Barber, Susan Bourret, Kay Corl, Nancy Lynn Knauff,
Sara Eichler Nilsen, Jan Salvatore and Pastor Barclay.



Concordian of the Year 2016 June 19, 2016

First Peter chapter 4 verse 10 reads; *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Each year, for the past twenty-nine years, we have celebrated Concordia's Name Day on the third Sunday of June. As we should all know by now, Name Day commemorates the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession making it a perfect opportunity to celebrate our name's promise, that of "concord" and harmony. We especially give thanks on this day for God's goodness to us in the past, to pray for our future, and to recognize those who model the best of Concordia's goals and dreams.

On this day we name a "Concordian of the Year". We honor a person or persons who have demonstrated exemplary service to the congregation over a long period of time, or for a particularly remarkable event in our life together.

Each year, without fail, the recipient of this honor is shocked. Those whom we name "Concordian of the Year" are, to a person, who is selfless, generous and kind. They do what they do because that is who God has called them to be. This year's recipient is no exception.

A lifelong member, this individual has been a faithful, selfless servant of the Gospel among us:

When I think of this individual they embody the words in Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 6 verses 6 through 8;

"Not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free."



We have known this person's wisdom and hope in our financial life together, serving several terms on Congregation Council, the Legacy for Ministry Committee, as well as a long term member of the Finance Committee. This person has also faithfully served on the counting team for numerous years.

Our Concordian is a faithful steward of gifts God has given, contributing generously to our shared life with time, talent and treasure.

Most important, our Concordian worships faithfully, except maybe on those occasions when he may sneaks out early to get to a UCONN basketball game. Coordinator of Concordia's Ministers of Hospitality he assures visitors are greeted, the elderly are steadied and everyone feels welcomed. This person is part of every song, every prayer, and every endeavor our congregation undertakes.

It is with great gratitude for a lifetime of faithfulness, hard work and generosity, we are delighted to name Fred Winzler "Concordian of the Year."

Photo Wrap Up!!

*Concordia's June Semi
Annual Meeting*



Summer Worship Space



Summer Evening Worship Series





“KNOW YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS”

In the May issue of the Chimes we featured 5 members of the Congregation Council. This month we are featuring:

Kay Corl

Kay is currently in her 2 year on Council and currently serves as Council Secretary. She has been a member of Concordia for 47 years and has served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible school teacher, Chairperson of Evangelism, Nursery School Board and Chairperson of Concordia’s two capital campaign dinners. She currently serves as a member of the Hospitality Team and the Christian Education Committee. Kay is married to John Corl, who has sung in the Concordia Choir for 40 years. Their daughter, Julie, son-in-law Ed (Chiffer) and grandson EJ attend worship regularly at Concordia. Outside of Concordia, Kay is very involved in the AHM (Andover, Hebron, Marlborough) Youth Services.

Jan Salvatore

Jan is finishing her 4th year on Council and has been a member of Concordia for 40 years. She is a former member of the Mutual Ministry committee where she served for 12 years and has been a member of the Christian Education Committee for the past 2 years. She lives in Vernon with her husband Bill and has three grown children and three wonderful grandchildren. Jan also serves as a mentor at an elementary school in Vernon and volunteer at a reading program for second and third graders. She is the original member of a book club that has been meeting for 18 years and likes crafting and stitching in her free time.

David Smith

David has been a member of Concordia for 51 years and has been on Council for 5 and currently serves as Vice President. He also serves on the Stewardship and Finance Committees and is Concordia’s Mission Liaison to the New England Synod. David also served on Council in the 1990’s and was on the committees that established the Worship & Memorial Garden as well as the Legacy Board. More recently he served on ad hoc committees to update Concordia’s constitution and bylaws, the Mission Profile for the call process and was also instrumental in finding a better copier/lease for our office copier/printer. David and his wife Kathy have three tabby cats which they adopted from the “No Kitten Left Behind” shelter. Outside of Concordia, David is involved with the Manchester Congregations Housing Corporation and the Manchester Initiative for Supportive Housing, representing Concordia. His hobbies include reading, video games, listening to solid gold oldies from the 60’s. He is a fan of the New York Mets, Jets, Nets and Islanders. David works at Travelers as a Quality Assurance Manager.

Dan Burnett

Dan was elected to Council at the June 2015 Semi-Annual meeting and is in his second year of his first term. He has been a member of Concordia for 40 years and currently serves on the Property Committee but is also involved with the Outreach Committee and Worship and Memorial Garden where he previously served on the board. Dan and his wife Carol, also a member of Concordia, have two children Heather and Daniel and five grandchildren, Ryan, Rachel, Elias, Ethan and Bryn. Outside of Concordia, Dan is involved in the American Legion.

A message from Mark Winzler our New Council President...

Having thoroughly enjoyed being part of the leadership of the New England Synod, about a year and a half ago (when I decided not to run for another term as Vice President), I offered to Bishop Hazelwood that, when my term as Vice President ended, to be available to volunteer in areas where, he thought, my God-given talents could be used. When I offered, I was thinking about things like serving on a committee, chairing call vote meetings in congregations or being used as a resource. He had another idea.

And so, now I am serving part-time (for a salary of one dollar a year) as Bishop Hazelwood's staff as "Associate to the Bishop for Mobility and Candidacy". In short, my role in "Mobility" is to assist in identifying and bringing pastors serving in other Synods, who have expressed interest in New England, to come to New England. My role in "Candidacy" is that of staff person who works with those laypersons who wish to enter seminary or those in seminary and also as staff person who relates to the Candidacy Committee which makes decisions about those in the process. (If you would like to know more, just ask...it is fascinating work). And so, my involvement in Synod continues, just in a different way and I could not be more thrilled.

Except for one-three-year term about 8-9 years ago, I have not served on the Congregation Council since the late 1990's. That was by design, as my time as Synod Vice President consumed a lot of my time.

After being asked about coming back to Council over the past years, I stated that I would make myself available once I no longer was serving as Vice President. My term in that role ends this August 31 after twenty (20) years and so I made myself available.

While I understood that there was a good likelihood that I would be elected to Council as there were three people running for three slots, what I did not expect was that the Congregation Council, at its first meeting, would elect me President. I was hoping to come back onto Council to be a part of the leadership of the congregation, but becoming President was not part of that which I sought, but so it is and I accepted.

I have learned "tons" about the Church during my twenty years as Synod Vice President. It has given me an unbelievable opportunity to visit other churches, speak with countless other pastors and laypersons across the Synod and has fostered an appreciation for the work of the ELCA. I bring all of that back to Concordia and hope that we can grow in that same understanding of the work of the Synod and the ELCA.

The new Council will meet in August on a retreat to look at where we are and where we going. The years ahead will be an important time in the life of Concordia and as leaders we need to be prepared to lead, but first we need to "take stock" and plan before moving ahead. You will be kept abreast of that.

I am honored and humbled to serve in the role of congregation president. As some of you know, I have served in this role on a number of occasions in the past, some during very stressful times in the history of Concordia, but there is a new day dawning and we are on a positive path and so it is both exciting and thrilling to be part of leadership at this time in Concordia's life.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Congregation Council at any time with any questions, concerns or suggestions. That is why we are here....to listen to those whom we represent.

Mark Winzler

Green Dalmatic

Some of you have remarked how beautiful the green dalmatic (robe) I have been wearing for the past weeks at worship. As Pastor Barclay indicated in a previous Chimes article, a dalmatic is worn by a deacon at the liturgy.

This particular dalmatic was given to me as a gift from the New England Synod Worship Team. For many years I have served as deacon at worship at Synod Assemblies and ordinations and so, upon my “retirement” (a word that is foreign to me), the Synod Worship team gave this to me as a gift.

Mark

A Note From Pastor Barclay.....

Dear Concordians,

I write to you to let you know of a change in my residence.

After a year in Manchester on Benton St., Sean and I will move to New Haven in about a month’s time since our lease is up. We took a lot of time to make this decision and thought carefully about how it might impact my ministry at Concordia and the pros and cons of making a move. I consulted with members of my Mutual Ministry, and the outgoing and incoming council presidents of the congregation before making a decision. I also spoke with Kate Bozzo, our parish administrator about how the move might impact the day to day operations at Concordia.

We decided on New Haven because it will give Sean the opportunity to find work in an area that is better connected to his skills and craft. His being employed will be a great help to us financially and help us to get on our feet as I continue to work on paying down student debt. Sean will also be able to work towards his Master of Fine Arts at Yale as well as having much more ready access to New York City, and its professional benefits.

For my own part, I will have a longer commute and miss living close to the church. However, in discussing this with Mimi Boxwell and others who commute to New Haven daily, although there are challenges, the 40-45 minute drive is, in my opinion, doable. Even in the rare case of a pastoral emergency, being able to respond within an hour is reasonable. I will continue to make pastoral responsiveness a priority, especially with living at some distance. Pastoral colleagues and other members of the congregation have offered a place to stay in Manchester in case of inclement weather or extraordinary situations.

Please let me know of any further questions or concerns that you may have. As you know, I am abundantly blessed to be at Concordia and to be your pastor. I remain fully committed to this call and to the mutual building up of our common work of the gospel.

With thanks for your confidence and service,

Pastor Barclay

Synod Assembly

NO RESERVATIONS – A place at the table for everyone

Keynote speaker Mikka McCracken, Director for Planning and Engagement for ELCA World Hunger believes we can end world hunger. God prepared a table for all, so why are so many still hungry. She shared some statistics.

- We produce 1.5 times enough food to feed the entire world and then some
- 60 million metric tons of food is wasted in the United States alone; this amount of food would fill Ford Field in Detroit where the Lions play to the brim 292 times
- 1/3 of the food produced does not make it to dinner tables.

**Hunger is not caused by scarcity
Hunger is caused by inequality**

- 1 in 9 of our global neighbors are chronically hungry
- 1 in 7 of our local neighbors is hungry

In the 1970s, 1 in 4 in the world were chronically hungry, today that is 1 in 9 so we are making progress, however 1 hunger person is unacceptable to God and ourselves.

She also spoke about sustainable development activities; job training, job readiness, and showed a film about a jobs ministry at Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee established with a grant from ELCA World Hunger. Through this ministry they counsel individuals who have been incarcerated find work and strengthen their stability for working, letting them know they are not alone.

In addition to providing meals and sustainable development, we need to break the cycle of poverty and hunger through advocacy; affordable housing, fair wages and addressing policy issues. Although poverty is in decline, income inequality is on the rise. ELCA World Hunger collectively and courageously works toward a just world where all are fed.

Mikka shared her story of being adopted from South Korea at the age of 6 months and growing up not wanting for anything, especially food, in northern Minnesota. At the age of 12 she met her birth father, a rice farmer in rural South Korea. She was the youngest of 5 girls born in the 80s. Her father could not make ends meet because his crop was undercut by the influx of a cheaper product. He also needed a boy to pass on his land. He told her he wanted more for his 5th daughter and placed her for adoption.

No Reservations needed or required to be fed and full at this table.

World Hunger Appeal

Concordia donated just under \$1,000 since January to World Hunger. Responding to three separate call for giving, the Synod attendees gave \$56, 516.95 well over the \$18,000 requested in order to receive a matching give. **THANKS CONCORDIA!!!!**

Service Project

Prior to attending Synod Assembly we had the opportunity to sign-up for a service project or to attend several workshops that were offered. I chose to do a service project which was meal-packaging at the Islamic Center of Western Massachusetts in West Springfield. Many of you have done the meal-packaging at Concordia and that you are shoulder to shoulder in assemble line fashion. Not only was this event at the Islamic Center it was Lutherans and Muslims shoulder to shoulder packaging meals for the hungry. One of the Muslim gentleman across from me asked what the difference was between Lutherans and Catholics. Thank goodness Pastor Chris Dion from Church of the Good Shepherd in Simsbury was there to answer his questions. What a wonderful experience.

Greater Hartford Conference Election

While we were in Springfield, those attending from the Greater Hartford Conference Reelected Pastor Jeff Stalley from First Lutheran Church, Ellington as conference Dean.

Mark Winzler Send-off

Although they surprised Mark Winzler last year at Synod Assembly with a formal send-off after over 20 years as Synod Vice President there were still many public expressions of thanks and gratitude at this year's Assembly as well. Bishop Hazelwood even had a slide with some "vintage" pictures of Mark which he secretly confiscated from Mark's home during one of his Connecticut overnights at Chateau Winzler.

Congratulations Mark, a job well done.

MARK WINZLER
SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT
TWENTY (UNPAID) YEARS
OF GREAT LEADERSHIP
FOR THE NEW ENGLAND SYNOD
THREE CRAZY BISHOPS
HUNDREDS OF MEETINGS
THOUSANDS OF PHONE CALLS
WAY TOO MANY EMAILS
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES
BRILLIANT FRIENDS
ONE FAITHFUL SERVANT
MORE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS
STILL TO COME



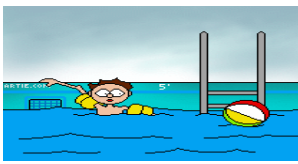
Fellowship Committee

Faith, Family, Friends, Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee has a couple of events coming up and we wanted you to get them noted on your calendars right away. More details will be forthcoming as time approaches. Please think about joining us for these FUN activities.

On **Sunday, August 21**, we will have our “usual” Concordia Summer Bar-B-Q (at the home of Mark Winzler) at which we will celebrate Pastor Barclay’s 1st Anniversary of ordination.

Mark has opened his home, yard and pool to Concordia for many years now and still wants us to come. Imagine that! Mark also has offered to supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, German potato salad and baked beans. Below is a sign-up sheet on which we are asking that you sign up to provide the side dishes.



Concordia’s Summer Bar-B-Q
Celebration of Pastor Barclay's 1st anniversary of ordination .
Mark Winzler’s Home
186 Greenwood Drive, Manchester
Sunday, August 21, 2016 // 2 to 7 pm

Name _____ Adults____ Children____
I can bring: ___ appetizer ___ dessert
 ___ salad ___ beverage

We have also decided to “bring back” the Camp Fire, Weenies & a Movie evening that we held way back in 2011. This will be held on **Saturday, September 24**. We hope you will also consider joining us.

Camp Fire, Weenies & a Movie



Saturday, September 24
4 pm

Name _____ Adults ____ Children____
I can bring: ___ beverage ___ marshmallows ___ Hershey
bars ___ graham crackers ___ condiments ___ chips

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	*Lois Feder	John Erickson	Jessica
*Art Hube	*Irene Schack	Chris Swetzes	Bernice
*Marion Pallein	*Jim Noyes	Deborah Chase	Eric Schultz
*John Ramondetta	*Ann Copeland	Kristin Ortolani	Tucker Cumpstone
*Carol Bowen	Jennifer	Machi	Patti Herdic
*Kathy Noyes	Geraldine	Desmond	The family of Allan
*Edna Nekiunas	Kristin Noyes	Haroldeen	Maier
Ruth Johnston	Mary Diugosz	Tammy	Millie Scott
*Jean Weiss	Richard Erickson	Linda C.	Randy Hayes

Those who have died and those who mourn.

The Intentions of this Community:

- Concordia Nursery School Students and their families.
- The work of MACC
- For our Cub Scout Pack
- For Pra. Mendez and Ministerio Nueva Creacion
- For Pr. Simpson and the people of New Horizons.
- For Families in Crisis.

- For the churches of the New England Synod.
- For our bishop, James.
- For all seminaries in transition, especially Philadelphia and Gettysburg seminaries.
- For the AA groups who meet here

Happy Summer Birthday!



Karen Schuster 6/2	Chelsea Wilson 6/10	Julie Chiffer 6/11	Ryan Cosmini 6/13
Sharon Jaworski 6/13	Wendy Doagher 6/15	Edward Clough 6/16	Jane Casserly 6/18
George Beauregard 6/26	Carl Duesler 6/27		
Tommy Donagher 7/3	Bert Bowen III 7/4	Elaine Briggman 7/9	Ruth Sprong 7/10
Lilly Lesperance 7/14	Julia Shrider 7/16	Danielle Hemingway 7/19	Liana Wilson 7/19
Michael Lesperance 7/24	Gladys Lemieux 7/27	Jane Nekiunas 7/27	Irma Vincens 7/27
James Britton 7/28			
Mark Brendel 8/1	Martha Winzler 8/4	Steven Bourret 8/5	Thomas Nesbit 8/5
Barry Wood 8/6	Karin Perkins 8/7	Amanda Baranowski 8/8	John Gabby 8/10
LuAnne Rehmer 8/12	Agnes Donahue 8/20	Patrick Hemingway 8/20	
Candace Wilson 8/22	Tracy Nesbit 8/30	Jeanne Williams 8/30	

Remembering the Homebound

Agnes Donahue Lynn Knauff Jane Nekiunas Lois Warrender

To send a greeting to any of our birthdays or our homebound members, please contact the church office for mailing and/or telephone information.

Collecting Backpacks for KIDSAFE and the Town of Manchester



During the month of August, the Outreach Committee is collecting backpacks and school supplies for the kids at KIDSAFE and Family Services of Manchester. We are in need of about 75 backpacks and supplies to give to these very appreciative kids. All contributions may be left at the back of the church.

DEADLINE is AUGUST 14 so the backpacks can be blessed before delivery.

Thanking you in advance.

Outreach Committee at work.



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 FRIDAY

AA - 7:30 p.m.

Worship Volunteers:

Deacons

July 17 th	Linda Lange and Wendy Donagher
July 24 th	Doug Larson
July 31 st	Mimi Boxwell
August 7 th	Linda Lange and Steve Graefe
August 14 th	Doug Larson
August 21 st	Wendy Donagher
August 28 th	Al Williams

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

Have you notices a new addition to our parking lot?

Charities of Hope has placed a donation bin next to the dumpster enclosure.



Charities of Hope is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving back to the Connecticut community, non-profits, and to causes and charities that help those who need it most.

They operate a not-for-profit that transforms people's donated **clothing, shoes, home goods and used furniture** donations into a monetary donation for a local charity or to provide job placement and training.

Charities of Hope, Incorporated is dedicated to honoring the blessings received in one's life journey by "giving back" to local communities, non-profit and charitable organizations.

The purpose of the charity is to provide monetary and donations of recycled goods to local and national organizations through the collection of clothing, shoes, books and home goods. To provide a positive environment that fosters growth in the community.

Please consider donating as Charities of Hope donates monthly to Concordia depending on the amount of items in the bin.

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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