

The Concordia Chimes



Welcome to Fall!

October 4- Meeting between the councils of Concordia and Emanuel to get to know one another better and to look at joint plans for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

October 5- Service for Mental Health Awareness Week in conjunction with the National Association for Mental Illness. 7 pm.

October 9- Open House for our Nursery School especially for parishioners of Concordia. Held after worship.

October 15- Oktoberfest Dinner and Celebration in Kaiser Hall! Details follow.

October 23- Fall Clean-up Day with mission partners including the Cub Scouts. Normal fall cleanup tasks as well as groundbreaking for our community garden!

October 30- Reformation Sunday! A chance to rejoice on the legacy of the reformation and its impact on our lives today.

November 6- All Saints Sunday. Festival Worship in the church and worship and memorial garden. Following worship, a procession (by foot or car) to East Cemetery for the blessing of graves and remembrance of the saints.

October 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

September 22, 2016

Dear Concordians,

It is good to be back with you after a couple of weeks away, as we gear up for fall! Sean and I had a wonderful vacation: in Maine on the Penobscot Bay for a good friend's wedding, touring the Gaspé peninsula, Quebec City and Montreal and finishing up at a friend's cabin in the High Peaks of the Adirondacks.

Upon my return, I was so pleasantly surprised. What can I say? I am such a proud pastor!

During my time away, so many of you chipped in to "make it work" here at our beloved Concordia. This went above and beyond the normal day-to-day, to be sure.

Following up on our retreat, the council met to continue conversation about the many buildings and grounds initiatives that we are looking into. A few council members are working hard to get proposals and bids together so that we have some more realistic figures on heating/cooling systems, kitchen renovation, outside lighting, signage, etc.

A team led by John Corl and Jim Britton are working with Dzen roofing to address the perpetual leaks above the organ chambers. Through diligence, it turns out that we may have been recipient, a number of times, of faulty shingles that are leading to the leaks. They are working hard to look into a class action suit that is in place against the shingle manufacturer. This takes time and energy, to be sure, but hopefully will put to rest our "leak."

The nursery school is up and running and welcoming two new teachers into the incredible work of forming young hearts and minds. Our Concordia nursery school teaches not only skills and knowledge, but is also about the cultivation of caring humans and open hearts. That is something to be proud of.

Most remarkably, you pulled off, under Mark Winzler's capable leadership, hosting the ordination of not one, but three new pastors in our synod. I heard, even before I returned that Concordia "put on an incredible spread. were welcoming...great worship...epic punch...beautiful and well maintained grounds." Of course, I took all the credit, but between you and me, we know how many hands were involved.

This all gets me to the point. Well, a point. Your care and attention to hospitality is absolutely central to the proclamation of the gospel in this place! Hospitality is good food and drink, but also it is a lovingly maintained building and carefully manicured grounds...It is well ordered worship so that all feel engaged and edified. It is kindness and generosity, and it is, to be sure, the work of God's Spirit in our midst.

As we move forward into this fall, we keep the good momentum going as we seek new and old ways of being church together for the sake of the world. This edition of the Chimes shows such a rich life together, and, as we have been so richly blessed, we can only open our hearts and hands in response.

In gratitude,

Rev. Douglas D. Barclay,
Pastor

Concordia Nursery School Open House



Please join us on Sunday October 9 following the service for an open house of our own Concordia Nursery School. Director Laura Hart and Curriculum Supervisor Maureen Briggeman will be downstairs in the classrooms to show you around the school and answer any questions you may have about our program. Come see what we've been up to since the school year began. We'd love to share our labor of love with all of you!



Treasurer Comments on the September Financial Report

When we look at the September report we notice that the total revenue is 63% of budget (Year to date is 91%). When you look at the expenditure side of things you notice that our month to date is 94% of budget while the year to date is 96%. What this means is that expenditures are running somewhat ahead of the revenue needed to pay those bills.

A few months ago, I demonstrated to the council how over any given month revenue declines from the beginning of the month to the end of the month. This happens because many of you give your month's pledge at the beginning of the month. Additionally, Expenditures increase as the month progresses. Usually, our highest expense is at the end of the month because of payroll and benevolence. While this is normal, September is a little unusual in that the first service of the month happened at Emanuel Lutheran Church and not here at Concordia.

When we don't have a service here at Concordia, it has an effect on our revenue. As I told the council last month, we, likely and for the first time in a few years, will run out of money to pay bills before we run out of bills to pay this year. So, I ask that you keep up with your pledge. It will help. Thank you.

Envelope offering for July is 92% (YTD 109%) of budget and the Stretch is 5% (17%) (YTD 12) for a combined YTD of 91%. Thank you to everyone who contributed. You also contributed \$97.00 to World Hunger.

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

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Perkins, Treasurer

Headings and Account September 2016	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Percen	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Percen
Revenues						
Envelope Offering	\$11,761	\$18,877	62%	\$154,423	\$169,891	91%
Other Offering	\$130	\$99	131%	\$3,311	\$2,734	121%
Public Use of Building	\$580	\$665	87%	\$4,835	\$5,360	90%
Fuel Assistance for Concordia	\$0	\$0		\$381	\$428	89%
Total Other Budget Income	\$710	\$764	93%	\$8,527	\$8,522	100%
Other Gifts	\$0	\$0		\$177	\$0	
Total Revenues	\$12,471	\$19,641	63%	\$163,127	\$178,413	91%
Expenses						
Benevolence	\$2,384	\$2,384	100%	\$21,556	\$21,556	100%
Staff Salaries	\$9,082	\$8,946	102%	\$77,428	\$79,891	97%
Fringe Benefits	\$992	\$2,011	49%	\$17,366	\$18,042	96%
Program Expenses	\$270	\$208	130%	\$2,758	\$1,875	147%
Program Support Expenses	\$907	\$1,550	59%	\$9,782	\$9,271	106%
Facility Maintenance	\$3,317	\$2,633	126%	\$20,416	\$23,249	88%
Utilities	\$1,284	\$1,179	109%	\$15,560	\$18,094	86%
Insurance	\$0	\$0		\$7,011	\$7,967	88%
Total Budget Expenses	\$18,236	\$18,912	96%	\$171,877	\$179,946	96%
Expenses Not Budgeted						
Special Fund Expenditures	-\$445	\$0		\$320	\$0	
Total Expenses	\$17,791	\$18,912	94%	\$172,197	\$179,946	96%

Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

Retreat

The new Congregational Council met in a retreat during the third week in August to prepare for the upcoming year. The Council members engaged in a number of activities focused around leadership and planning for the coming year. These helped the Council to work together as a unit and focus on the present year and beyond.

September Meeting

Reports

Secretary

Treasurer

President

Committees/Teams/Task Force

- Fellowship Committee in charge of refreshments for September 17 Ordination
- Oktoberfest held on Saturday, October 15. Social Hour from 5-6 with dinner following. Emanuel, St. Mary's, Faith, Nueva Creación and New Horizons invited.
- Building committee reported working on roof situation. The shingles have failed, insurance company not willing to reimburse. Shingles are 20 years old on a 30 year warranty.

New Business

- Pastor Barclay's housing allowance approved
- Approval of beer and wine for Oktoberfest on October 15.
- Event/Ministry Proposals: Month of Service-
- Fund Raising Policy/Regulations for Use of Building (from Fund Raising Committee. Discussion and Review to continue at October meeting
- Retreat Follow-up: Three year Plan: Building Projects
We need a complete list of what has to be done.
We need to research heating and cooling options.
We need to look into estimates for work to be done.
We need to look into different sources of funding.

Music Notes



Choir Rehearsals are in full swing, Wednesday's at 7 p.m. most weeks. We're just starting to work on music for Advent and Christmas, so if you're interested, please contact Mary Douglas for details.

If you are not a current choir member and would like to give it a try, please contact Mary Douglas at music@concordiamanchester.org

God's work. Our hands.

Greater Hartford Month of Service - October 2016

There is still time to sign-up for service projects throughout the area as well as donation opportunities during the month of October.

Service projects during October:

- Saturday October 15th, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Organize and winterize the greenhouse at the Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon for the Creative Living Community of Connecticut.
- **DATE CHANGE:** Saturday October 15th, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Interior painting and yardwork at Mosaic Group home on Pelham Road, West Hartford.
- Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Habitat for Humanity: A Brush of Kindness day where you'll do outdoor landscaping and home repair work in Bloomfield.

Donation Opportunities through October

- Cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, protein soups, canned chili, condiments, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) for MACC and Cornerstone Food Pantry in Rockville.
- Disposable infant and toddler diapers for the Community Renewal Team and Windsor food pantry
- Clean clothing in good repair for the MACC "Community Threads Thrift Shop"
- Children's books (new or gently used) – grades K through 5 for the Rawson Elementary School and My Sister's Place Shelter in Hartford
- New or gently used double and twin sheets and blankets, bath and dish towels for Syrian refugee family sponsored by the Manchester Community Refugee Resettlement Group (MCRRG)

Donations can be left on the front of the stage in Kaiser Hall.

WE JOYFULLY RELEASE WHAT YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO US

This is a continuous of our review of the offertory prayer from the **Now the Feast and Celebration** alternative Eucharistic Setting by Marty Haugen:

Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

This month, we'll focus on the second sentence of this prayer in order to explore its meaning in general and from a Stewardship perspective in particular. The second sentence is: **We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.**

On the surface, this is a fairly simple statement. Or is it? The predicate is a review of what we covered last month: everything in heaven and earth belongs to God and we're here to maintain it. The operative word in the second sentence for me is the word "joyfully." To be truly giving there needs to be an element of sacrifice and this can be difficult at times. It helps to keep in mind all the good that comes from your generosity in support of the church and its ministries, as well as the wider church. This is what we're called to do as Christians.

To give joyfully means to be glad when you're giving even when you've had to make a sacrifice to do so. This brings us to the next word in the sentence, which is release. In other words, to yield or give back with the full understanding that everything we contribute is what God has given us already to take care of. In giving generously to the church, we're really returning a portion of what He's provided as an acknowledgement and thanksgiving for all the blessings in our lives.

For some, the fulcrum is to give or not to give. For others, it's to give, but how much? And yet for others still, it's not a question of giving, but how much more can be given? Being joyful in your giving will move you past whether or not to give, and even beyond deciding perhaps how little to give, but firmly put you in the camp that wants to give more and does so gladly. You may assume I'm strictly speaking of financial giving, but that's not necessarily the case. God has bestowed some measure of talent on us all, and whether we choose to use these talents in the service of the church also goes directly to this. However you choose to give, do so joyfully as a testament to your faith and love of God. Even if you're struggling now and things aren't so well, you always have a place to come to with people who care and are glad to help. That place is Concordia, and such times are precisely the right time to revisit the offertory prayer and consider its meaning.

Next month we'll explore the third line of this prayer: May these be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. What a fitting statement to wrap this up in time for Thanksgiving.

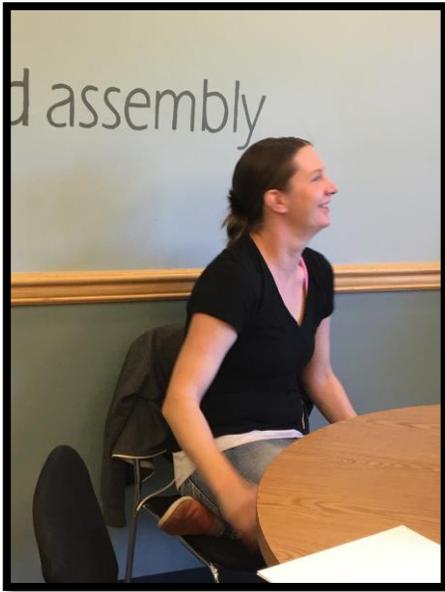
Wishing you all God's peace and a happy October,

David Smith
Stewardship Committee

Rally Day Event

Christian Education led a great Rally Day event to get us in the spirit of Gratitude!

Participants gathered for lunch, heard a story, and took time to write words of gratitude for those in the room and for our homebound members. This event also kicks off our Fall Stewardship initiative on Gratitude.





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for Families & Children*



September 16, 2016

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Attn: Covenant to Care
40 Pitkin Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful backpacks you donated to KIDSAFE CT as well as the notebook paper, crayons, markers, pens, erasers, colored pencils, glue, folders, etc....everything and anything a child needs to start the school year in style.

You gave "our kids" a sense of normalcy; an eagerness to start school and leave any worries about being different at home. It was so much fun to have them come in with and without their parents to choose the bag that fit their personality. They told their neighbors to come too, and because of your generosity we were able to help others in the community who needed our support.

We are very appreciative and feel blessed to have you as an ally in our struggle against child abuse and neglect. Your kindness has definitely helped us to make a difference in the lives of many children over the years.

Best regards,

Robin Kohler
Site Director



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August 30, 2016

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Dear Pt. Barclay and Concordia Lutheran Church;

Greetings of grace and peace!

Our ministry is very appreciative of your in-kind support for space to meet each Sunday for worship. As a token of our appreciation for your generous gesture we have enclosed a love offering as a thank you for your partnership in ministry.

On August 21st the offering that was collected at our worship service for that Sunday, was designated to go to Concordia Lutheran Church in gratitude for your generosity and spirit of collaboration and unity as we together move forward in faith. Brothers and sisters in Christ for the Kingdom of God is for all the people and together we can bring good news to all God's diverse creation.

May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly and enlarge your territory as you seek ways to be faithful to God's call to proclaim the Good News of the gospel! Again thank you for welcoming Ministerio Nueva Creación in your midst and for your support for this vital ministry here in the community of Manchester. Dios les bendiga!

In Christ's Service,

Pr. Pésida Rivera-Méndez,
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September 19, 2016

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To the Pastor and Members of Concordia Lutheran Church,

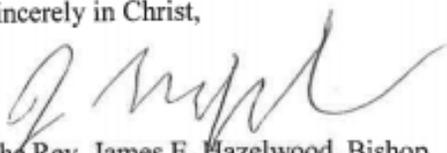
Thank You, thank you, thank you.

I so appreciate all that you did this past weekend to for the Ordination worship service of Dominic Smyth, Alissa Oleson and Sarah Barnes. It was a joyous celebration, a huge crowd and one of those moments that made me proud to be your bishop.

You handled everything with such class. Worship went smoothly with helpful ushers; the reception was a true example of hospitality, and you even had sound people so I didn't need to worry about fussing with a microphone. I extend my warm appreciation to everyone who helped make it happen. Let's do it again sometime.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,



The Rev. James E. Hazelwood, Bishop
New England Synod

JEH/lw

September Synod Ordinations at Concordia (photos by Mark Brendel)



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

*Ruth Johnston

Geraldine

Shirley M.

*Art Hube

*Jim Noyes

Chris Swetzes

Elizabeth Chandler

*Marion Pallein

*Ann Copeland

Deborah Chase

**Susan Beauregard*

*John Ramondetta

**Millie Scott*

Kristin Ortolani

*Carol Bowen

Jennifer

Tammy

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 October Birthday!



Ernest Scott 10/1

Sandra Phillips 10/7

Fred Winzler 10/8

Carol Stoneman 10/14

Bill Salvatore 10/20

Bob McGarity 10/21

Brielle Sollinger Ruggiero 10/21

Dan Burnett 10/22

Gwen Fedder 10/23

Karl Link 10/24

Gail Fedder 10/26

Noah Romondetta 10/28

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.



Come join us for Concordia Lutheran Church's Oktoberfest dinner.

OCTOBER 15, 2016

SOCIAL HOUR 5-6PM

(Hors d'oeuvres, cheese/crackers, wine and beer)

DINNER 6PM

German Sausages
(Weisswurst and Bauernwurst)

German Potato Salad
Sauerkraut
Green Beans and Mushrooms
Applesauce
Salad
Rolls and Butter
Venetian Dessert Table
Coffee and Punch

The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person.

I can bring a dessert ___

Name: _____

How Many Attending _____

Payment Amount _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Please include your payment with this reservation form and submit it to your Church Office by October 9, 2016.

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.

Upcoming Highlights

October 2

Executive Committee 11:45 a.m.

October 3

Outreach Committee 10:00 a.m.

October 4

Joint Council Meeting with Emanuel 6:00 p.m.

October 5

Mental Health Awareness Service 7:00 p.m.

October 9

Nursery School Open House 11:00 a.m.

October 10

Columbus Day – Office Closed

October 11

Congregation Council 7:00p.m.

October 12

Fellowship Committee 6
:30 p.m.

October 15

Oktoberfest 5:00 p.m.

October 16

Christian Education 11:30 a.m.

October 17

Nursery School Board 7:00 p.m.

October 20

Worship and Memorial Garden work Day 9:00 a.m.

October 22

Piano Recital Sanctuary 3:00 p.m.

October 23

Fall Clean-Up Day

October 25

Mutual Ministry 6:00 p.m.

October 30

Reformation Sunday

Worship Volunteers:

October 2

Ministers of Hospitality: Fred Winzler, Don Briggmann
John Haid and Gail Adams

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Wendy Donagher and Linda Lange

Coffee Hour: Mimi Boxwell and Carol Stoneman

October 9

Ministers of Hospitality: Bob and Jan McGarity
and Jan Salvatore

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Al Williams and Mimi Boxwell

Coffee Hour: Outreach Committee

October 16

Ministers of Hospitality: Fred and Martha Winzler
Irma Vincens and Don Briggmann

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Doug Larson and Linda Lange

Coffee Hour: Linda Lange and Gail Adams

October 23

Ministers of Hospitality: Ella Hube, Tina Ruggerio,
Jackie Britton and Jan Salvatore

Deacons: Mark Winzler Al Williams and Wendy Donagher

Coffee Hour: Sandra Baranowski and Irene Schack

October 30

Ministers of Hospitality: **Petey** and Paul Goodrich,
John Haid and Don Briggmann

Deacons: Mark Winzler Steve Graefe and Mimi Boxwell

Coffee Hour: Church Wide Pot Luck

The full calendar can be viewed by clicking on Google

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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