

The Concordia Chimes



Semi-Annual Meeting

Concordia meets for its January semi-annual meeting on **Sunday, January 22**, following worship. The agenda includes reception of reports, approval of the proposed 2017 ministry budgets, election of synod assembly voting members,

and appointment of a nominating committee. Please join us.

Next edition of the Chimes

The Lenten (March) edition of the Chimes will be published mid February with all of the information for Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2017 Theme: "Reconciliation – the love of Christ compels us"

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity.

In this spirit and hope of unity, join Christian communities throughout the greater Hartford East region on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7 p.m.** at Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester, CT, for an ecumenical service of confession and thanksgiving in preparation for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. All are welcome.

The ecumenical service that will be used is jointly published by the Roman Catholic Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches.

January-February 2017

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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

January 2017

Dear Concordians,

Happy New Year! What an incredible Advent and Christmas season.

Forgive a short edition of the Chimes, but please take a good look at the semi-annual report that we will discuss at our meeting on January 22 following worship. In the meantime, take a look at some great photos that reflect the scope and incredible intensity of the season that has just passed.

A special word of thanks to our choir and Richard Hicks, our Director of Music, emeritus who prepared and made our worship transformative. Also, many hours were spent on decking the halls for the seasons. Thanks to Carol Burnett and Fellowship for the windows and festive decorations around the church plant. For Mark Winzler, Susan Bourret and Jeanine Barber and all from the altar guild that did such great and diligent work. Thanks to John Corl and his team for the grand tree. Finally, thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make Concordia a warm and welcoming place for the neighborhood and all.

You are a gracious and generous congregation. I thank God for all and each of you.

The Rev. Douglas D. Barclay,
Pastor





Greater Hartford East Region

Prayer for Christian Unity



Reconciliation: The Love of Christ Compels Us

Wednesday, January 25
7 p.m.

Hosted by:
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***CHRISTMAS
SEASONAL SHARING***



MACC

To contribute to the MACC Christmas food donations, thanks to your food and monetary donations the “Concordia shoppers” purchased all the fixings to feed 10 families. Through the “Giving Tree” we provided 60 gifts for children and adults. Thanks to Karen Schauster, Martha Winzler, Linda Lange for assisting in delivering the food and gifts to MACC and also assisting in putting together custom Christmas dinner food orders for the MACC clients.

Dinda House

Concordia provided Christmas dinner to the 9 residents of Dinda House as well as provided gift cards to Dunkin Donuts. Thank you to Alice Smith and Dan and Carol Burnett for ordering and delivering the meals and cards to Dinda House. Your monetary donations to Seasonal Sharing allows us to provide this small but deserving token of our appreciated to our veterans.

April Time Residential Home

Through your monetary gifts to Seasonal Sharing, Concordia also provided 34 - \$10 Dunkin Donut gift cards to the residents of April Time.

Thanks again for all of your support!

Outreach Committee



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“Lighting the Way”



Hopefully everyone that attend our Christmas Eve service noticed the beautiful luminaries along the driveway and to the church entrance. A big “thank you” to the Baranowski and Chiffer families and to Susan Bourret for making this possible.

THANK YOU!!!!



We both want to say a big heartfelt thank you to our Concordia Lutheran family for the lovely baby shower. We were so touched you thought of us and were very appreciative for all the work and effort that went into making our day so special. The games were fun (and made us think a bit!) =) not to mention all the beautiful arrangements of flowers, cake, ice cream, food (all in pink theme which we loved)! Thank you for all the thoughtful gifts that our daughter will certainly have plenty of use, they are so meaningful coming from our church family.

Thank you

Thank you to everybody that made our day so special, especially to Petey and Paul Goodrich along with Pastor Barclay. Our day was certainly a memory we will definitely save and keep for our new daughter . . . before you know it she will arrive!

Love,

Thaddeus and Corey Neururer

Christmas at Concordia





Snow!



Advent Crock and Carols and Selfies with the Pastor



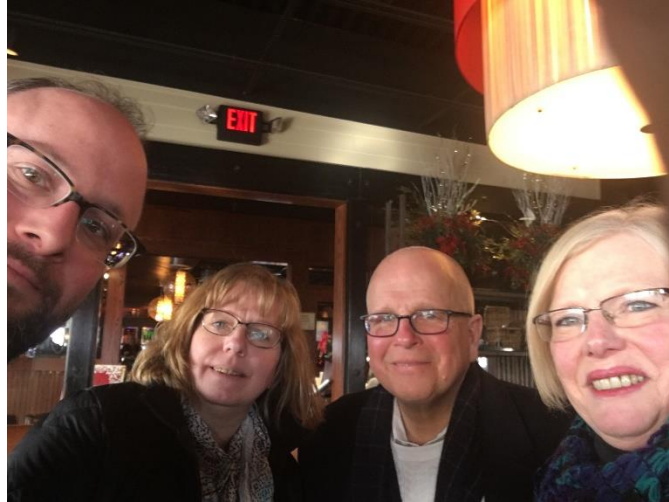
Member Care Prepares for Christmas Deliveries



Advent Latino Dinner with Ministerio Nueva Creación



Staff Christmas Lunch at Market Grille



Mark Winzler Gets Festive at the Christmas Eve after Party



Concordia Nursery School Christmas Program



Three Kings Celebration with Ministerio Nueva Creación



Mutual Ministry Epiphany Celebration at Pastor Barclay's Home



Trip to New Hampshire for Margarete Wasilief's 95th Birthday and Calumet Visit



WHAT WOULD LUTHER DO TODAY?

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FREE, ONLINE CLASS | OPEN JANUARY 16 - 30, 2017



JESUS IS INVITING THE CHURCH TO REFORM!

Marking the 500th year anniversary of Martin Luther's historic reform work, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is inviting the world to commemorate the life, legacy, and relevant teachings of reformer Martin Luther by taking a free, pre-recorded online class series.

Learn more about Luther and make relevant connections that can lead to transformation. The class is a series of video lectures, quizzes, and discussions. No special software is required. The course will take an average learner about 45 minutes to complete, and learners are encouraged to interact in the online discussions. Registration is free and open to all.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY, using this link --
> <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/what-would-luther-do-today/44943/about/>
Once registered, the course will be available free from January 16 - 30, and accessible after then for a modest fee.

Happy January and February Birthday!



Jackie Britton	1/1	Kathleen Smith	1/25
Ron Schack	1/2	Al Williams	1/26
Phil Stoneman	1/6	Lois Warender	2/7
Margarete Wasilieff	1/6	Jan McGarity	2/9
Eric Slater	1/8	John Ramondetta	2/9
Dana Donagher	1/10	Ryan Adams	2/13
John Corl	1/11	Mildred Scott	2/15
Holly Nesbit	1/11	Robert Copland Jr	2/17
Ruth Johnston	1/17	Jean Weiss	2/21
Ella Hube	1/24	Ann Kehl	2/24

Remembering the Homebound

Lynn Knauff Jane Nekiunas Lois Warender

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

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 Those who are sick or in any need,*

*The Homebound	*Jim Noyes	Chris Swetzes	*Susan Beauregard
*Art Hube	*Millie Scott	Deborah Chase	Helen Klein
*Marion Pallein	*Irene Schack	Kristin Ortolani	*Angela Prasser
*Carol Bowen	Jennifer	Tammy	Alan Noske
*Ruth Johnston	Geraldine	Shirley M.	Becky

Lynn

Those who have died and those who mourn.

For Tina Ruggerio and her family at the death of her father, Ray Jackson Murphy.

For Art and Ella Hube and their family on the death of Art's mother, Helen Hube.

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.

The Weather Outside Will Soon Be Frightful

All weather related delays 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.

Concordia's Calendar:

EVERY SUNDAY

Bible Study – 8:45 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

Counters 10 a.m.

New Horizon Church 12:30 p.m.

New Creation Ministry 1:00 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

Monday January 16

Martin Luther King

Day – Office Closed.

Friday January 20

Cub Scout Camp In- Kaiser Hall 5:30 p.m. – 9 am
on Saturday the 21st

Sunday, January 22

Annual Meeting 11:30 a.m.

Monday January 23

Confirmation 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday January 24

Mutual Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday January 25

Prayer for Christian Unity 7:00 p.m. @Concordia

Sunday January 29

Christian Education 11:30 a.m.

Friday February 3

Christian Ed Meeting with Emanuel
1:00 p.m.

Saturday February 4

Youth Fusion Game Night 4:00 p.m.

February 5

Executive Committee 11:45 a.m.

February 6

Outreach Committee 10a.m.

Finance Committee 5 p.m.

Confirmation 5-7

February 9

Congregational Council 7 p.m.

February 11

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Worship Volunteers:

January 15

Ministers of Hospitality: Jan McGarity, John Haid
Irma Vincens and Tina Ruggerio

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Al Williams, Doug Larson

Coffee Hour: Kay Corl and Julie Chiffer

January 22

Ministers of Hospitality: Corl and Chiffer Family

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Mimi Bozwell

Linda Lange

Coffee Hour: Church Council – Semi Annual Mtg

January 29

Ministers of Hospitality: Gail Adams, Jan
Salvatore and Fred and Martha Winzler

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Wendy Donagher

Doug Larson

Coffee Hour: Church wide Pot Luck



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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