

The Concordia Chimes

Holy Week 2017

Combined Schedule for Concordia & Emanuel & St. Mary's Churches

Holy Week Daily Prayer

*Morning Prayer- 9:15 a.m. at St. Mary's (Mon-Fri)
Evening Prayer- 7 p.m. at St. Mary's (Mon-Wed)*

Maundy Thursday April 13

*6:00 p.m.- Soup and Bread Supper at St. Mary's
7:30 p.m.- Evening Service of the Lord's Supper with
Washing of Feet at St Mary's
9:30 p.m. Night Prayer and Stripping of the
Altar at Concordia*

Good Friday April 14

*11 a.m. Manchester Good Friday Procession
(Starts at Center Church)
7:30 p.m. The Service of the Passion with Veneration
of the Cross at Concordia*

Holy Saturday April 15

*11 a.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Concordia
7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter at Emanuel*

Easter Sunday April 16

*Concordia- Festival Eucharist with Brass at 10 a.m.
Emanuel- Easter Eucharist at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's- Easter Eucharist at 7:30 and 10 a.m.*



April 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

Dear Concordians,

This edition of the Chimes finds us nearing the end of our Lenten journey. Only a couple of weeks remain until we celebrate Holy Week and the Three Days, the central celebration of our life together in Christ.



Soon enough, we will hear again the passion of Jesus, wash feet, venerate the wood of the cross, mark, remember, and celebrate the story of new life. Most importantly, we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter celebration.

Each time a child or adult is baptized, the promises are made just the same:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

It always strikes me that if we were to truly take these baptismal promises seriously, we would be an unstoppable force for good in our world.

Sadly, we all miss the mark, by one degree or another in striving to live up to these ways of being.

We fill our time instead with different promises that we have made to different powers:

We choose to live among those who look like us and act like us and believe like us, rather than truly among God's incredibly diverse people of every race, language, class, and way of life.

We choose to drown ourselves in gossip and dehumanizing words and we fill our bellies with food that will only make us unhealthier and more dependent on the companies that market it, rather than hearing God's word of liberating life and eating of God's food that provides for abundant life for each.

We choose to proclaim our own ways and arrogances and our own self-serving news rather than the Good news that is God's Christ given for us and for the sake of the world.

We choose to serve only some people, those who conform to our ideas and expectations, we choose to follow the model of selfishness and separation rather than follow in the example of Jesus who touched the untouchable, healed, and crossed political and ethnic boundaries to bring a word of healing and grace.

We choose our own protection above all else through wrong headed, exclusionist, and warmongering ways, we tolerate the erection of walls and barriers, and seek the good of “our own” rather than tend to the call of God for justice and peace in all the earth beyond our imagined borders and insularity.

To be sure, to renew these baptismal promises at the celebration of Easter will take God’s grace working abundantly in our hearts. It will take a renewed commitment to lose ourselves and empty ourselves for the sake of the new creation.

When we renew these promises together again in a few weeks, we do not do so alone. We do so together in community...together as the body of Christ.

If you feel unprepared to renew the baptismal covenant, know that it is in the touching of the cross, the washing of each other’s feet and in the gift of the holy meal that our hearts are softened and our hands prepared for the work ahead.

Peace and all good in God’s Lenten work in you that leads to the waters of new life at Easter.

-Pastor Barclay

From David Smith for the Nominating Committee...

My time as a member of council and as Vice President of the council are nearly coming to an end. As you know, council members are elected for three year terms and cannot serve longer than two consecutive terms without stepping down for at least a year’s absence.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow council members over these past six years. We have taken many decisions, implemented policy changes, drafted and re-drafted constitutions and by-laws, and looked after the affairs of the church on behalf of the congregation. It’s been an honor serving with you. I’m most proud of the work done on the “Copier” task force where we found a more equitable deal than we had previously.

As a soon-to-be ex-council member, it’s my job to help find a replacement! That’s right, I’m a member of the Nominating Committee. This year’s Nominating Committee is being chaired by Carol Stoneman and has Steve Graefe, Fred Winzler and Al Williams in addition to myself. If you’re interested in serving, and having your name placed on the ballot of the upcoming congregation council semi-annual meeting for Council, Legacy or Worship and Memorial Garden Board, please reach out to us.

I can tell you serving on council is a rewarding experience.

Alas, I’m not entirely disappearing from church committee work. I’ll remain on finance and stewardship and whatever other task forces that may arise. I enjoy the work of the church and encourage others to do so as well. Its meaningful work and you make new friends in the process.

David Smith

Treasurer Comments on the February Financial Report

We're having a rough start to the year. When we rehabilitated our boiler a few years ago, we were told the repair could last a year, or ten years. And we have been fortunate during these years as the boiler has "behaved." That may be coming to an end as we have had to have some expensive repairs made in January and February. If this continues, we could easily exceed our approved budget for facility maintenance.

While facility maintenance appears to be the major player, other expenses are also placing pressure on the budget. Utilities are greater than last year, and Office expenses are running ahead of budget. What is difficult to see from looking at the revenue and expenditure report (summary below) is that expenditures are actually significantly ahead of the budget. The report says we are at 93% of budget but if we factor in unmet benevolence payments, we are over 100%

Our revenue is down. Year to date, total revenue is \$4,000 short of budget, and the envelope revenue is \$6,600 behind last year. The \$4,000 revenue can be thought of as a pie chart where expenditures equal 52% of the pie and revenues equal 48% of the pie. The 4% gap is the \$4,000. I'll be honest. I like to see a 50-50 pie or one where the higher number is on the revenue side.

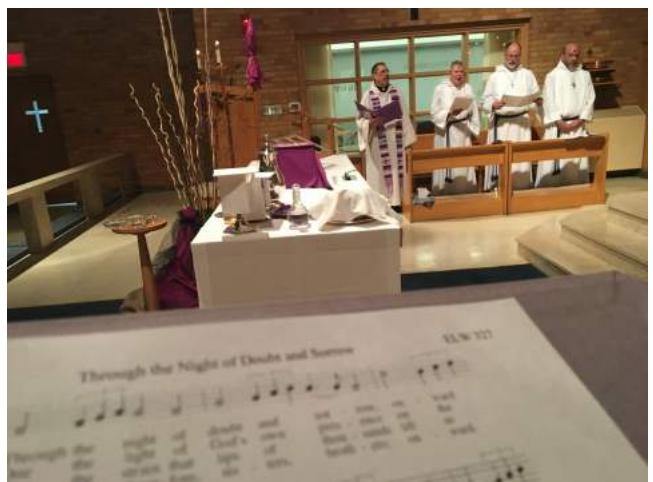
Envelope offering for February is 88% (YTD 104%) of budget and the Stretch is 25% (13%YTD) for a combined YTD of 95%. Thank you to everyone who contributed. You also contributed \$65.00 to World Hunger and \$10.00 for the MACC Food Pantry.

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

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Perkins, Treasurer

| Headings and Account | February 2017 | | | MTD | | YTD | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| | MTD Actual | MTD Budget | Percent | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Percent | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Envelope Offering | \$14,983 | \$18,160 | 83% | \$34,594 | \$36,320 | 95% | |
| Other Offering | \$60 | \$67 | 90% | \$541 | \$485 | 111% | |
| Public Use of Building | \$740 | \$603 | 123% | \$1,330 | \$1,303 | 102% | |
| Other Income | \$500 | \$1,550 | 32% | \$500 | \$3,100 | 16% | |
| Fuel Assistance for Concordia | \$175 | \$116 | 150% | \$475 | \$186 | 255% | |
| Total Budget Income | \$16,458 | \$20,496 | 80% | \$37,440 | \$41,394 | 90% | |
| Income Not Budgeted | | | | | | | |
| Gifts | \$75 | \$0 | | \$75 | \$0 | | |
| Total Revenues | \$16,533 | \$20,496 | 81% | \$37,515 | \$41,394 | 91% | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Benevolence | \$1,550 | \$1,992 | 78% | \$1,550 | \$3,984 | 39% | |
| Staff Salaries | \$8,786 | \$9,155 | 96% | \$17,553 | \$18,047 | 97% | |
| Fringe Benefits | \$2,515 | \$2,443 | 103% | \$4,384 | \$4,887 | 90% | |
| Program Expenses | \$178 | \$83 | 214% | \$350 | \$217 | 161% | |
| Program Support Expenses | \$2,065 | \$1,358 | 152% | \$3,821 | \$2,216 | 172% | |
| Facility Maintenance | \$4,069 | \$3,383 | 120% | \$6,301 | \$6,279 | 100% | |
| Utilities | \$2,454 | \$3,415 | 72% | \$5,024 | \$6,348 | 79% | |
| Insurance | \$0 | \$0 | | \$2,641 | \$2,625 | 101% | |
| Total Budget Expenses | \$21,618 | \$21,829 | 99% | \$41,623 | \$44,601 | 93% | |
| Expenses Not Budgeted | | | | | | | |
| Special Fund Expenditures | -\$2,201 | \$0 | | -\$2,575 | \$0 | | |
| Total Expenses | \$19,417 | \$21,829 | 89% | \$39,048 | \$44,601 | 88% | |

Ash Wednesday Dinner and Worship at Concordia with Faith Lutheran,
Emanuel Lutheran, Ministerio Nueva Creacion, and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches





Pastor Sara Anderson, Associate to the Bishop, addresses the council after our recent CAT Survey. She returns later in April to speak with the whole congregation.
(For more information see page 13)



Lenten Sundays at Concordia are followed by Soup and Bread and Education Hour.



Joint Lenten Wednesdays at Emanuel with Vespers



Concordia Nursery School's Auction



CONCORDIA'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Saturday, April 15 @ 11:00 am
In the parking lot in the back of Church**



Rain location in Kaiser Hall

Kids ages 1 ½ to 9 years of age are welcome to look for eggs, all are welcome to join us! We will be accepting non-perishable food donations.

Remember to bring your Easter basket!

Candy donations can be left in the back of the church prior to April 12.



*Please join us at
Concordia's Annual Easter Breakfast
Sunday April 16th, 8:30 a.m.*

*Please submit this form to the church office no later than Wednesday,
April 13th*

*We look forward to celebrating Easter Morning with you and your
family.*

*A free will offering to cover food expenses is requested (\$5 per person
suggested)*

I can contribute:

Coffeecake or muffins

I can assist with:

Set-Up Serving Breakfast Clean up

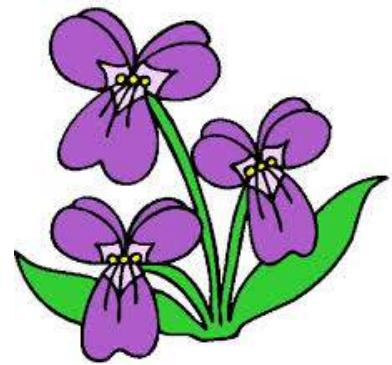
Name _____

Number Attending _____

Phone number and/or Email _____

Flowers for Easter

Each Easter we invite members and friends of Concordia to purchase Easter flowers for our worship space. Please consider making a gift of flowers to Concordia this Easter. Gifts may also be made to help with the cost of Special Music, including Easter Brass. Financial gifts to support our ministries are also welcome.



Each plant cost \$12.00. Gifts for musicians and ministries are given at the giver's discretion. Please attach payment with this form and return to the church office by Sunday April 9th.

I/We give _____ *Easter Flower(s)* to Concordia

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

I/We give \$ _____ to Concordia for *Musicians*

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

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

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Name _____

Phone Number and/or E-mail _____

Please return this form in its entirety to the church office



Happy April Birthday!



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|-------------------|-----|----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Paul Duesler | 4/3 | Janis Barber | 4/8 | Tommy Donagher | 4/20 |
| Aaron Lukas | 4/3 | Julie Cosmini | 4/8 | Jeanine Barber | 4/28 |
| Carol Sutcliffe | 4/3 | Claire Duesler | 4/8 | Sean Stoneman | 4/28 |
| Helen Wittkofske | 4/3 | Stephen Graefe | 4/13 | Sandra Brooks | 4/29 |
| Carol Bowen | 4/7 | Susan Bourret | 4/15 | Mark Winzler | 4/29 |
| Catherine Peacock | 4/7 | Ben Baranowski | 4/20 | | |

Remembering the Homebound

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.

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 | <i>Kristin Ortolani</i> | <i>Lois Warrender*</i> | <i>John Henry</i> |
| *Art Hube | <i>Tammy</i> | <i>Ron Schack*</i> | <i>Szczerkowski</i> |
| *Marion Pallein | <i>Shirley M.</i> | <i>Twylar</i> | <i>*Ella Hube</i> |
| *Jim Noyes | <i>Helen Klein</i> | <i>Sis</i> | <i>*Ernie Noske</i> |
| *Millie Scott | <i>*Angela Prasser</i> | <i>*Karen Beauregard</i> | <i>Rita</i> |
| *Irene Schack | <i>Alan Noske</i> | <i>Chris Irwin</i> | <i>Mark Hanson</i> |
| <i>Jennifer</i> | <i>Becky</i> | <i>Irene Donagher</i> | <i>*Doris Hattin</i> |
| <i>Geraldine</i> | <i>Lynn</i> | | |

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.

Lunch and Presentation by Pastor Sara Anderson

Sunday, April 30

As you know, members of Concordia were invited to complete the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) in February. We wanted to have a baseline of information as our congregation is participating in a Synod Program entitled Forward Leadership. (Look on the New England Synod website for information: <http://nelutherans.org/resources/forwardleadership>) Pastor Barclay, Mark Winzler and Carol Stoneman are serving as the Forward Leadership team and attending 8 Saturday workshops as part of this process.

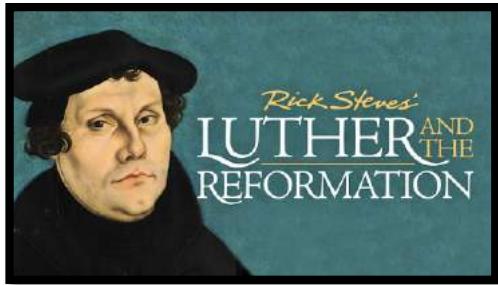
Pastor Sara Anderson, a member of the Bishop's staff, met with members of the Congregation Council, Mutual Ministry and Forward Leadership Team to review the results of the survey. In order to offer an opportunity for the entire congregation to be made aware of the "results" of the survey, Pastor Anderson has agreed to come to Concordia on Sunday, April 30 to do so.

Immediately after our Sunday liturgy, there will be lunch served in Kaiser Hall followed by Pastor Anderson's presentation. All members of Concordia are urged to attend this session as this is an integral part of our "moving forward" as a congregation. We are using the results of this survey to serve as the foundation we are setting for the present and future of Concordia.

The Congregation Council urges and encourages your participation.

Please either contact the Church Office or sign up on Sundays (through April 23) if you are attending.

SAVE THE DATE



All Concordians are invited to the showing of Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation. This will take place at the Parkade Cinema on **May 24 at 7:00 p.m.** The year 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In 1517 the German Monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to his hometown church in Wittenberg which kicked off the most important religious event of the last millennium! Stay tuned for more details.



A huge **THANK YOU** to all for helping make the Concordia Nursery School auction such a success. We raised over \$9200 for our school!! Thank you for all of your support!

Laura Hart
Director, Concordia Nursery School



March 22, 2017

Dear Pastor Barclay and Family of Concordia Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous 2017 support including the pantry for \$199 totaling **\$5,499.00** to MACC Charities as well as food drives, season of sharing and the volunteers from your congregation who faithfully help us at the Community Kitchen and Pantry. I am so grateful for your concern for families who struggle to make ends meet, especially at this time of year when it is so cold and they have a lot of higher expenses such as heating fuel and electricity.

MACC would not be able to offer much relief without our strong partners in good like you. I hope we see less hunger and need in our community this year. Thank you for blessing our work.



Be Loving and Kind,



Beth Stafford
Executive Director/CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Stafford".

"No goods or services were given in exchange for this donation"

Manchester Area Conference of Churches:
Mobilizing our community to break cycles of poverty.

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bstafford@macc-ct.org
www.macc-ct.org

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 THURSDAY

Champion Youth Cheer – 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 7:00 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

AA - 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Highlights

Sunday, April 2

Lenten Lunch and Education 11:15 a.m.

Monday April 3

Confirmation 5:30 p.m.

Saturday April 8

National Kidney Foundation Zumbathon 12:30 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule April 9-16 (See front page)

Monday April 10

Finance Committee 6:30 p.m.
Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Monday April 17

Easter Monday
Office closed

Monday April 24

Confirmation 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 25

Mutual Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Worship Volunteers:

April 2

Ministers of Hospitality: Jan McGarity, John Haid
Petey and Paul Goodrich

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Wendy Donagher,
Al Williams

April 9

Ministers of Hospitality: Don and Marian Slater
Fred Winzler, Jan Salvatore

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Steve Graefe,
Mimi Boxwell

April 16

Ministers of Hospitality: Fred and Martha Winzler
Jackie Britton, Don Briggmann

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Linda Lange
Erich Stoneman

April 23

Ministers of Hospitality: Corl and Chiffer Families

Deacons: Linda Lange, Sandy Baranowski
Wendy Donagher

April 30

Ministers of Hospitality: Tina Ruggerio, Gail
Adams, John Haid and Don Briggmann

Deacons: Mark Winzler, Doug Larson
Al Williams

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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