

### *Calendar Highlights*

#### **Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

2-7 p.m. Annual Concordia Pool Party and Barbeque at Mark Winzler's house.

#### **Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sumer mid-week worship 7 p.m. at Emanuel

#### **Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Luncheon at Concordia 12 noon.

#### **Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Return to regular 10 a.m. worship in sanctuary.

#### **Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Dinner Out at Char Koon Gourmet Chinese Restaurant and trip to the Old Cider Mill in South Glastonbury.

#### **Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Joint Reformation Celebration at Concordia with Emanuel Lutheran followed by Oktoberfest 2017 in Kaiser Hall! 10 a.m. Worship

#### **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Roman Catholic-Lutheran Joint Commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with Bishop Hazelwood and Archbishop Blair 4 p.m.

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**Worship on Sundays at 10:00 am**

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**Monday-Friday 9:00 am –2:00 pm**

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Concordians,

Ah! Late Summer in Connecticut! Look at our green and growing garden beds near the back parking lot: Tomatoes...Pumpkins galore...watermelon...and corn nearly as high as the elephant's eye! As August wears on, we can feel it coming...on the horizon is a busy year of faith, worship, building, repairs, capital campaigns and all manner of great ministry! The full ears in the stalks of corn remind us of the coming of harvest time...busy, busy, busy.



All summer long we have been working assiduously to secure funding from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA for our loan and working to get bids and ideas from contractors. Dan Burnett and many others have been working tirelessly to ensure that once the funding is available we can get to work on our projects.

It has been an incredibly busy summer!

Now, I want to encourage you to enjoy these last days of summer as best as you can. Do whatever it is you need to do to savor the sweetness and bask in the warmth of the sun. We will need the renewed energy and vigor of each and every Concordian to work through the great plans we have coming. We will need eager hands to help with the renovation projects, to engage with fundraising, to help with Craft fairs, to work on our Capital Campaign.

Most of all, we must experience the goodness of God's Sabbath time of rest so that we can be refreshed and renewed for the work of ministry. Ministry, as you know is not simply about ensuring that our building and grounds are beautiful and welcoming and safe and clean. It is all the more about continuing to build relationships with one another and those who need a word of God's grace and mercy.

After all, we are not engaged in this campaign simply to renovate our building and put a new heating/cooling system in and fix our roofs. All of that is necessary and well and good. But our primary aim and goal is to tend well the garden that God has given to us. This little plot of land here on Pitkin St. This building that can invite all people to experience the possibilities of a God of grace and mercy.



*(Photo Caption: A deer explores Concordia's renowned accessibility and looks forwards to using the elevator/ wonders if there are Jackie's famous deviled eggs inside.)*

I was so proud of Concordia earlier this month when we held a private funeral for Elizabeth Mayer, a longtime resident of one of the MARCH, Inc. homes in Manchester. Although Liz wasn't a member of Concordia, we were contacted because those who were planning her memorial had heard that Concordia was the "best place" because of its accessibility. Those with special needs and those in wheelchairs could be dropped off in our roundabout and travel with no stairs into the sanctuary. If need be, they could also use the elevator to access the other levels of the church.

About 50 people, most of whom had never been inside of Concordia felt welcomed and at home in our beautiful space. The removal of pews up by the piano in the front made it possible for wheelchairs to be placed there so that all could hear and see what was happening. Of course, more than a few people commented that the sanctuary was a bit too warm in the early August heat. I was proud to say, "we're on it!" Most importantly, however, was that Concordia's attention to accessibility and care for its physical space allowed a group of people to hear God's word of mercy and grace even as they were grieving the loss of one of their loved ones. This, my friends, is the promise of Concordia.

I am proud to be your pastor and to brag about a community that made the hard decision a decade ago to make this place accessible for all people. A decision, that like our careful planting in the community garden has borne and will continue to bear fruit.

Blessings on your summer Sabbath. Rest. Be renewed in the promise.

-Pastor Douglas Barclay

### **A Note of Thanks**

Dear Concordia family,

I know this may be a bit late, so please forgive me. I want to thank Pastor and all of you for your calls, cards, flowers, yummy goodies, stunning prayer shawl, books, visits, smiling faces and your wonderful prayers over these last few months. It has been difficult, but we will make it. You are always there when needed and are the most caring people I know. Thank you again for being my second family.

Peace and love,

Ella Hube

# Senior Summer Salad Social



## *Senior Summer Salad Social*

Please join us for a Senior Summer Salad Social on Monday, August 28th at noon in Brandt Lounge followed by the movie, Martin Luther, by Rick Steves.

RSVP to the church office 860-649-5311 by Monday, the 21st. Please come for food and fun. We'll miss you if you don't!!

-Christian Education Committee

## Summer Photos

Concordia's Kaiser Hall hosts a Baby Shower!



Summer Worship and Farewell and Godspeed for Pastor Amanda Nelson who has been called as Executive Director of ELM, a support and advocacy group for LGBTQ seminarians and pastors within the ELCA.



# Joint Worship and Root Beer Floats at Emanuel to Commemorate the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession



# Concordia's Pool Party and Barbeque

Sunday, August 20, 2017  
2 – 7 pm



Want to sit by a pool on a hot summer day and enjoy fellowship, drinks, snacks and an excellent cookout? Well, then you must attend this year's BBQ. It will again be held at Mark Winzler's who, graciously, has opened his home to us for many years. Bring a lawn chair, if possible.

The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, German potato salad and baked beans kindly supplied by Mark. We invite you to sign up to provide the following items –

I can bring:      \_\_\_ appetizer      \_\_\_ dessert      \_\_\_ salad



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Adults

\_\_\_ Children

## Sunday Dinner Out

**FYI**

On September 17, the Fellowship Committee is planning a Sunday dinner out at Char Koon Gourmet Chinese Restaurant and trip to the Old Cider Mill in South Glastonbury



## Safe Travels

As people travel to and fro this summer let's pray for their safe return on their journeys. I find myself doing this more often as I seem to be on the road a lot lately.

For instance, let me tell you about a crazy day I had last year. It was last October 5<sup>th</sup>. I knew it would be a hectic day and I prayed for peace to get me thru it and deal with whatever awaited. In the space of a day, I drove nearly 120 miles, and it was a workday nonetheless where I had to be at two specific meetings or it would have been trouble. The first part of the journey was the usual morning commute from Manchester to Hartford, only today I had to take a side trip to the Superior Court to drop Kathy off for jury duty. I then hustled across town to attend my first very important meeting at work. About an hour later, I had to leave the office to collect my sister-in-law, Melissa, up in Winsted, CT to bring her back to Hartford for her appointment there. The trip from Hartford-to-Winsted-to-Hartford was fine. It's nearly an hour each way and Melissa was dropped off just in time for her appointment.

Likewise, with seconds to spare, I made it back to the office for my all-important second meeting of the day in which I was presenting. The presentation went fine and just as it concluded Kathy called to say her jury duty was over, so I picked her up at the court house and drove her back home - as it was unclear how long Melissa's appointment would actually take. On the way back from dropping Kathy off, Melissa texted to say her appointment would soon be over and she'd wait until I could pick her up. I arrived back in Hartford to battle rush hour traffic to get Melissa and brought her back home to Winsted.

The end of the journey was the long drive from Winsted back to Manchester. All told, I made all my meetings, pick-ups and drop offs on time and returned home safely. I remember thanking God that evening for carrying me thru this crazy day and for the safe travels I received.

Below is a table to document the day's journey:

<i>Trip</i>	<i>Distance (miles)</i>	<i># of trips</i>	<i>Total miles</i>
Manchester to Hartford and back	12	2	24
Hartford to Winsted and back	28	2	56
Winsted to Manchester	39	1	39
			<b>119</b>

Here's wishing everyone traveling this summer safe travels on their journeys.

-David Smith



## Getting Ready for Another Great Year at CNS!

The teachers have been busy in the classroom getting everything ready for another school year at Concordia Nursery School. Outside our pumpkins have been growing, Growing, GROWING! We also have corn, tomatoes, and watermelon. Come take a look!

I'm sure that all of the children have been growing as well – We can't wait to greet old friends and meet our new friends too. Our first day of school will be September 6. We are looking forward to another year

of friendship, partnership and cooperation with all of you in the parish!

Warmly,

Laura Hart



# Happy August and September Birthday!



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

Patrick Hemingway 8/20  
 Candace Wilson 8/22  
 Tracy Nesbit 8/30  
 Jeanne Williams 8/30  
 Katherine Parsons 9/1  
 Adam Graefe 9/3  
 Erich Stoneman 9/11  
 Heather Gabbey 9/12  
 Dorothy Krause 9/13

Tina Ruggerio 9/17  
 Arthur Hube 9/20  
 Benjamin Johnston 9/22  
 Karen Beauregard 9/23  
 Edna Nekiunas 9/23  
 Michael Rehmer 9/23  
 Carol Burnett 9/24  
 Joyce Davis 9/25  
 Donald Slater 9/25

## 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	Lynn	John Henry	Wayne	*Sharon
Homebound	*Ron Schack	Szczerkowski	Bing Bowen	Jaworski
*Art Hube	Twylar	*Ella Hube	*Laura	*Millie Scott
Kristin	Sis	Rita	McKay	Alice
Ortolani	Chris Erwin	Cathreen	Donna	*Joel
Tammy	Irene	Salesses	Ann	Baranowski
Shirley M.	Donagher	Artie	Sandie	*Jim Noyes
Becky		Desmond		Judy Guido

*Those who have died and those who mourn. Family of William Berndtson*

*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

## Concordia's Calendar:

### EVERY SUNDAY

Communion Service – 8:30 a.m.  
Bible Study – 9:15 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.

### EVERY FRIDAY

AA - 7:30 p.m.

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### Friday August 11

Office Closed

### Sunday August 20

Concordia's Annual Pool Party and BBQ 2:00 p.m.

### Tuesday and Wednesday August 22 and 23

Nursery School Parent Meetings

### Wednesday August 23

Sumer mid-week worship 7 p.m. at Emanuel

### Friday August 25

Office Closed

### Monday September 4

Labor Day – Office Closed

### Wednesday September 6

Nursery School begins

### Thursday September 7

Choir Practice Begins - 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday September 10

Return to regular 10 a.m. worship in sanctuary.  
Executive Committee – 11:45 a.m.

### Monday September 11

Legacy Committee – 5:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee – 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday September 14

Choir – 7:00 p.m.  
Congregation Council – 7:00 p.m.

### Friday September 15

Set up for Boy Scout Rummage Sale – 3:00 p.m.

### Saturday September 16

Boy Scout Rummage Sale – 9:00 a.m.

### Sunday September 17

Sunday dinner out Char Koon Restaurant



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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