

The Concordia Chimes

September 2017



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EVENTS

Kick-Off Dinner Time for fellowship and faith as we kick off the campaign with keynote by Pr. Rolf Hedberg.

Sunday, September 17 @ 11:15-Social Hour; 12:00-Dinner; 12:45-Keynote Address

Cottage Meetings: Updates on projects and conversation about the campaign.

Tuesday, September 26 @ 7 p.m. @ Concordia

Wednesday, September 27 @ 12 Noon with lunch @ Concordia

Wednesday, October 4 @ 7 p.m. @ the Home of Dan and Carol Burnett

Sunday Forum Presentation: Creative Giving:

Sunday, October 1 @ 11:15 a.m. (during Coffee Hour)

Steve Strand will offer a presentation on creative giving options and ideas.

Capital Projects Commitment Sunday: Dedication of Pledges during worship and Groundbreaking.

Sunday, October 15 @ 10 a.m.

REFORMATION 500 EVENTS

Emanuel and Concordia Celebrate Together

Sunday, October 22 @ 11 a.m. Followed by Oktoberfest 2017.

Roman Catholic-Lutheran Joint Commemoration Vespers

Sunday, October 29 @ 4 p.m. (Prelude at 3:30)

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The deadline for submitting articles or items for The Chimes is the 20th of each month. The next edition of the Chimes will be published at the end of September.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Concordians,

Even though the church year officially begins on the first Sunday of Advent, each September feels like the “real” new year for the church. Along with schools and arts organizations and many others, there is a sense of new beginnings that September brings. The shifting weather in New England makes the picture complete: colder nights and shorter days.



What then does this “New Year” look like for Concordia?

Construction. I think that you know already that September and October will bring a flurry of construction and remodeling projects to our building and grounds. The various teams are working hard on making goods and informed decisions about contractors. Work will soon begin.

Nursery School. This week I stood at the entrance to our nursery school, our primary ministry of Christian Education, as parents dropped off their little ones, many for the first time. The well prepared nursery school staff worked hard throughout the summer to make sure that the space was clean, organized and ready for a great year of learning. There were some tears, to be sure, but I couldn't help but wonder at how much growth and change will happen in the next few weeks.

Capital Campaign. At our kick off on September 17th, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about our capital campaign and our goal of raising \$375,000 over three years to pay for our construction loan. The team has been working hard and you should expect to receive a phone call if you have not already called in your RSVP to the church office.

Cub Scouts. Our Cub Scout pack will begin pack meetings soon. If you are ever around on Monday evenings, Concordia is abuzz with life and energy. There are 4 dens that make up the Cub Scout pack and nearly the whole building is used as the boys learn to be together in community and useful and fun skills for life.

Clergy Organizing Group. For the last year I have been part of an exciting group that is forming of interfaith leaders from throughout the greater Hartford region. We are working on building relationships among the clergy so that we can bring the ideas and insights of broad based community organizing back to our congregations. Eventually this will mean that Concordia will have our own team that will be able to connect and come together around important community issues with neighboring people of faith. More to come on this.

Reformation 500. Two important celebrations are coming up to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the reformation. Please plan on coming to both of these important events. More information follows.

Confirmation. The final few months of Confirmation classes are beginning soon. After this final push, the 3 young people will be Confirmed at worship on Sunday, November 19th. Please keep E.J., Zach, and Orlando in your prayers during these last few months.

As you can see, there is so much happening at Concordia in these weeks and months ahead. These things show a community of faith alive and invigorated by the Spirit of God. Our work is to remain diligent in prayer and worship, generosity and service as God calls us into ventures of which we cannot see the ending.

A few final notes:

Racism. I continue to encourage you, following the events of Charlottesville last month, to engage in education and critical thought around the plague of racism that shows itself in every facet of our life as a nation. It is very much central to the church's work to repent of these grave sins and to seek an honest way of reconciliation. As I wrote to you in the pastoral letter a few weeks ago, *"In the name of Christ, we condemn, in no uncertain terms, all hatred and crimes against our neighbors who are people of color and who continue to be persecuted under systematic racism and its effects. We will work unflinchingly to advocate for these communities and to stand up with them against fear, hatred and the vile and satanic work of white supremacist ideologies in our communities and nation. We will beg God's forgiveness of our crimes of complicity and inaction and we will seek, by God's grace, to live into the way of the cross. We will work with our partner ministries to understand how we can best act and advocate on behalf of communities of color."* On this front, I will be working with the Christian Education Committee and the Council to ensure that there are opportunities for education and anti-racism work here at Concordia throughout this year. Please stay tuned.

Flood Victims and Recovery. Please be generous in your response through Lutheran Disaster Response to show even a small showing of support for those who are suffering the devastations of Natural Disasters in our country. There is information included within this edition of the Chimes about how you can respond.

-Pastor Douglas Barclay

St. Mark, Glastonbury Installation

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM, The Lutheran Church of St. Mark, 75 Griswold St., Glastonbury, CT, will conduct a service of Communion & Installation of the Rev. Cheryl Hoffman. All clergy are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is green.

Preacher - The Rev. Patrick J. Rooney, STS, Senior, retired pastor, colleague & friend of Pastor Hoffman. Pastor Rooney is from the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Pennsylvania, ELCA. Presider over Installation - The Rev. Jeff Stalley, First Lutheran Church, Ellington, CT, & Dean, Greater Hartford Conference, New England Synod, ELCA. Presider at Communion - The Rev. Cheryl Hoffman.

Special music by the St. Mark choir & instrumentalists will be featured & a reception will follow in the church's fellowship hall. For directions or questions, call the church, (860) 633-1188.



From the Council President

Capital Projects Update

As we are about to embark on our Capital Campaign, we want to provide an update on the status of the projects and our loan.

Loan

We applied for and were approved for our \$375,000 loan from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund. We had to fill out a number of forms and forward to them a number of documents, all of which are in their hands. We are "patiently" waiting for all of this to make it through the various departments. (We are finally nearing the end of that process as we just made arrangements for the closing fees.) We are hoping that the money will be released to us very soon so that the projects can begin.

Roof

For the past months, there has been a Roofing Committee (John Corl, Dan Burnett, Jim Britton, Paul Goodrich, Phil Stoneman, Steve Graefe) hard at work studying various options and bids. While we knew that the roof over the nave needed replacing, after study, it was determined that we also needed to replace the roof over Kaiser Hall as well.

Following months of study and meeting, the Roofing Committee decided the following:

- the desire for a metal roof for the Nave
- the least expensive approach with a good warranty for Kaiser Hall and the Kitchen
- the desire to be able to install solar panels on the Nave and Kaiser Hall roofs with a decision and installation at a later date

The roof committee's detailed recommendation relative to the roof is

- to roof the Nave in Exceptional Metals standing seam metal roof and Kaiser Hall & the Kitchen with the shingles Concordia was given as part of the GAF settlement (the committee negotiated a settlement due to failing shingles from the last reroof).
- to do what is necessary to correct the soft spot on the south Nave roof below the steeple (water was coming into the choir loft),
- to hire a contractor to install devices on the Nave metal roof to break up the melting snow and ice sheets as they come off the roof, thus preventing large sheets of snow and ice hitting the ground.

Note: The Congregation Council approved this recommendation on September 3. Once begun, the work should take about twenty days. Further information will be provided at the Cottage Meetings, during announcements at Sunday worship and in next month's Chimes. We are on the way!

-Mark Winzler, Council President

Recent Statements from the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

On DACA

"As we journey together through the time God has given us, may God give us the grace of a welcoming heart and an overflowing love for the new neighbors among us" –*ELCA social message, "Immigration" (1997)*.

We are saddened today by the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provided relief from deportation to young people who have grown up as members of our churches, as neighbors playing with our children, and enriching our communities. We pray today for those who will suffer undue repercussions due to the end of this program. As Lutherans, we regard the family as an indispensable social institution and stand firmly against policies that cause the separation of families.

As we lament this change in policy, we call on members of Congress to pass long-overdue legislation to protect young people brought to the U.S. as children, also known as Dreamers. Our churches, our schools, our communities and the country are enhanced by their presence and contributions. It is time that our immigration policy reflects their gifts to all of us.

God's peace,



Elizabeth A. Eaton
ELCA Presiding Bishop

On Gender Identity Discrimination

In light of recent public events and conversation, it is important to remember the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) rejects all forms of hatred or discrimination. This includes employment discrimination against the transgender community, as stated in "[Gender Identity Discrimination](#)," a policy resolution that was adopted by the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

"As church together, it's now more important than ever for us not only to pray, but also stand beside all who are facing many forms of prejudice," stated Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. "Transgender individuals should not be denied the opportunity to participate in our armed forces. We should honor the courage and sacrifice of all members of our military regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation and join those who serve in upholding the respect and dignity of each person."

The ELCA has repeatedly spoken against discrimination in law or policy related to sexual orientation or gender identity. The [policy resolution](#), adopted by the Churchwide Assembly in 2013 – the highest legislative body of the church – instructed the presiding bishop to communicate public support for actions that prohibit "employment discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity" and encouraged all ELCA synods, congregations and members to do the same. Additionally, as a church, we have committed our support to those whose vocation is in the military ("[For Peace in God's World](#)," 1995).

Devotional Writing: “Cycle of Water”

Seeing the deluge of rain we had the other day, and watching the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, it got me thinking of a presentation put together by me and a few classmates in grade school on the Cycle of Water. I believe we were in the fourth grade, but it could have been earlier than that.

We had to put together a report and fill up a large bulletin board in the hallway outside of class. There were four of us and happily for me, Melissa was part of our group. Melissa was a gifted student, and she always knew the right answers and what to do.

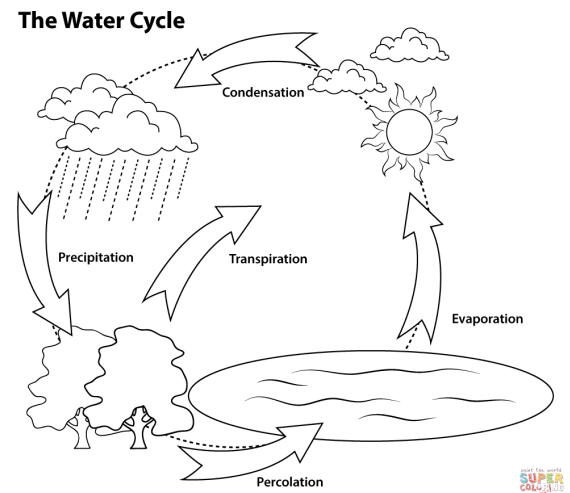
We quickly divvied up the work wherein she tried to find tasks that each of us were good at. She would handle the research and work with me on the writing it up (go figure?). Tammy and Steve would work on the visuals for the bulletin board, which entailed large and colorful construction paper cut outs of clouds, rain drops, snowflakes, ice, rivers, oceans and the sun.

It helped that Melissa liked working together. The writing part came easily and we wrote about the cycle in simple terms. We described how water vapor gathers in the clouds and when conditions are right, it falls to the ground as rain, sleet or snow. The water is absorbed in the ground and fills the water table so we can get tap water from wells. It fills reservoirs so city folks can get water. Some of it runs off into rivers and streams, eventually making it to the ocean where the sun warms it up and it evaporates into water vapor to rain again, thus completing the cycle.

At each step of the cycle, we wrote it on index cards and placed them next to the correct part of the bulletin board visuals. The bulletin board came out awesome and was very colorful. We got an A+ on the assignment and it was one of those rare school efforts that was not only fun but also earned us good grades.

Thinking back on it now, the one thing missing was God’s wonderful influence on creating the world and such intricately balanced systems so we can live. As we head into the harvest and rainier season, it’s the most important part to keep in mind. Fall is a wonderful time of year and here’s wishing you all a good one.

-David Smith



Reformation 500 Bookstore

Our congregation is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by Brandt Lounge from October 15th to November 13th

You can place your orders on Sundays after worship or Monday thru Friday in the office between 9 and 2 to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

Thank You

Dear Concordian's,

I can't thank you enough for the many who made Coffee Hour so wonderful during the summer months. Without assigning anyone you made Coffee Hour happen and it was wonderful!!!! You as a church family continue to amaze me!!!!

-Petey Goodrich

Summer Joint Worship at Emanuel Lutheran with Pr. Cheryl Hoffman



Walk for Alzheimer's Awareness

As many of you know, Dana Graefe is attending UNC Greensboro to obtain a Master's degree in Gerontology. Along with her studies and research, she is active in many activities regarding the elderly, including participating in a walk to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's Disease. If you would like to support Dana's effort for Alzheimer's research, please click on the link below to pledge any amount that you feel you can. She will be very grateful. A mail in form is below. Here's the link: <http://act.alz.org/goto/DGraefe>

-Mimi Boxwell



Donation Form

Donor Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Billing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Donation Information

I would like to make a donation in the amount of:

___\$1000 ___\$500 ___\$250 ___\$120 ___\$60 ___\$35 ___Other Amount: \$ _____

Please display my name on the participant's public donor wall as: _____

Please do not display my name on the donor wall.

Payment Method

___ Enclosed is my check payable to the **Alzheimer's Association**®

-OR-

Please charge my: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Credit card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Today's date: _____

Participant Information (donation on behalf of)

Event Name: 2017 Walk - Guilford County, NC Event ID: 10576

Participant's Name: Dana Graefe Participant ID: 13632989

Team Name: UNCG Gerontology Team ID: 414699

Mail this form and contribution to:

Alzheimer's Association Attn. Guilford County Walk

4615 Dundas Drive

Suite 103

Greensboro

NC

27407

Reach the Beach Fundraiser

We are so thankful to have you as congregational sponsors for our upcoming Reach the Beach run for Calumet Lutheran Ministries! In just a couple of weeks, we will be joining 70 other Calumet friends and alumni as we run our way from Bretton Woods to Hampton Beach in New Hampshire. The 72 of us will be part of 6 Calumet teams, all running the 200 miles over a little more than a day. Each of us will be running about 18 miles and our collective goal is to raise \$100,000 for Calumet!

Calumet has been an incredible gift to us and our family, actually, it's the reason we are a family! After having both been campers, we met as staff members in the 1990s and got married at camp 11 years ago. We continue to enjoy camp as a place to celebrate friends, faith and fun and now love sharing it with our kids (Concordia Nursery School Alums) Lucas (7) and Molly (4). Calumet has had a deep impact on our faith formation and we want to make sure anyone and everyone who wants to experience camp gets to do so. That's why this run is so important to us.

We so appreciate your support in all forms- especially prayers and well-wishes prior to and during our adventure on September 15-16. For those interested in making a financial contribution to the cause, please either visit our online funding page(s) below or simply make a check out to Calumet, write Reach the Beach on the memo and send to Concordia or place in the offering plate.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/team/calumet-reach-the-beach-2017/saraanderson9>

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/team/calumet-reach-the-beach-2017/garyanderson>

We thank you again for all your support of us and all the incredible work going on at Calumet!

Much Love and Peace,

Rev. Sara J. Anderson- Associate to the Bishop, New England Synod

Gary Anderson- (Director of Planning and Economic Development, Town of Manchester)



Concordia Nursery School News

Looking forward to another wonderful year!

We are excited for another school year to begin on Wednesday September 6 at Concordia Nursery School! The teachers have been working all summer to get the classrooms ready and we think they have never looked better. We've had several successful events already - our Parent Orientation and Open Houses were well attended and offered families a chance to learn more about the school before our first day. Children enjoyed meeting new friends and old, in addition to participating in a scavenger hunt, playing on the playground, sharing a snack, and locating their spaces in the classrooms.



Annual Pool Party



Senior Luncheon- Luther 500 Movie!



Special Luther Pasta Salad brought from Germany by Karen Schauster!





October 22, 2017

*Following joint worship at Concordia
for the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the
Reformation with Emanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester.*

Social hour 11:15-12:15

(Hors d'oeuvres, cheese/crackers)

Wine and Beer for purchase

Dinner 12:15pm

MENU

German Sausages

(Weisswurst and Bauernwurst)

German Potato Salad

Red Cabbage

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, children under 12 are free.

Name: _____

How Many Attending _____

Payment Amount _____

Church Affiliation: _____

I can bring a dessert _____

Please include your payment with this reservation form and submit it to your Church Office by
October 16, 2017.

Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, November 4, 2017 / 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chairpersons: Elaine Briggmann & Petey Goodrich



Concordia will again host a bake sale table during the Fair. We need your donation of baked goods - all money earned will go to support Concordia missions. We have included a list of desired items – please indicate in box at left how many of each item you will bring so we can make plans for packaging them. We know you will be generous – homemade baked goods sell well! Baked goods can be delivered to the office Thursday, November 2 during regular office hours or on Friday, November 3 between 11 and 2.

	Dozens of Cookies: All the Favorites!
	Bars
	Scones
	Coffee cakes
	Quick Breads: Small & Medium
	Pies
	Pastries
	Gluten Free: Any Item Above

We also need volunteers to work at the Craft Fair. Thank you in advance - we could not do this without you!

	I can work the bake sale
	I can work in the Kitchen
	I can work at the Craft Fair
	I can help set up
	I can help break down

Name	
Phone #	
Email	



Happy September and October Birthday!

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
 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 Ruggerio 10/21
 Dan Burnett 10/22
 Gwen Feder 10/23
 Karl Link 10/24
 Gail Feder 10/26
 Noah Ramondetta 10/28

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

Those who have died and those who mourn.

-The Family of William Berndtson, Mimi Boxwell's uncle.

-The Family of John Brown, Nancy Knauff's Grandfather.

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

Bible Study – 8:45
Worship 10
Counters 10
New Horizon Church -12:30
New Creation Ministry- 1

EVERY MONDAY

AA - 5:30

EVERY TUESDAY

Clergy Text Study - 11

EVERY THURSDAY

Champion Youth Cheer – 5

EVERY FRIDAY

AA - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday September 10

“For This Holy House”

Campaign Meeting 11:15

Executive Committee – 12:15

Monday September 11

Legacy Committee – 5

Finance Committee – 6

Thursday September 14

Choir – 7:00

Congregation Council – 7:00

Friday September 15

Set up for Boy Scout Rummage

Sale – 3:00

Saturday September 16

Boy Scout Rummage Sale – 9

Sunday September 17

Kick off dinner for This Holy House

11:15

Sunday September 24

Sunday dinner out Char Koon

Restaurant

Tuesday September 26 –

Cottage Meeting 7:00

Wednesday September 27 –

Cottage Meeting 12 noon

Sunday October 1 - Fourm

Presentation Creative Giving

11:15

Wednesday October 4 –

Cottage Meeting 7:00, Burnett's house

Sunday October 15 –

Commitment Sunday for

Capital Projects

Sunday October 22 –

Reformation/Oktoberfest celebration with Emanuel 11:00

Sunday October 29 – Joint

Roman Catholic-Lutheran

Commemoration Vespers 4:00



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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