

The Concordia Chimes

February 2018

Up Coming Dates for your Calendar

February 11 – Scout Sunday

February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
St Mary's Episcopal – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday
Joint Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at St.
Mary's 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

February 18 – Lenten Brunch changed to Potluck
Coffee Hour

February 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21 – Wednesday Supper
and Study on “The Three Days”
6:30 supper and 7-8 Study
Free Childcare Provided

February 25, March 4, 11 and 18, Sunday Lenten Soup
and Bread “Lunch and Study”

March 28- Palm Sunday

March 29- Maundy Thursday at Emanuel 7:30

March 30- Good Friday at St. Mary's 7:30

March 31- Easter Vigil Potluck Dinner 6:15 at Concordia
Easter Vigil at Concordia at 7:30

April 1- Easter Sunday Concordia 10 a.m.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Concordians,

In a couple of weeks you will gather at St. Mary's for ashes and hear the words "You are dust and to dust you shall return," Lent is a time for reorientation. The ashes placed on our foreheads mark us as creatures who depend for each breath on a God who is one who creates us in love and calls us and all creation good. The ashes call us to the recollection of our essential selves, who we are and our dependence upon the created world and on one another. We will confess boldly that we know ourselves to be part of the sad state of affairs in our world. We will refuse to simply pretend that we have nothing to do with the pain and turmoil experienced among people around the world and wrought even on the creation by our misuse and neglect as God entrusted stewards.



This is all to point us to the reality that when all of that is said and done, our God refuses to leave us in ashes, but waters us, nurtures us and brings us back to life. The paschal mystery- the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate each Sunday, but prepare ourselves to celebrate newly after these 40 days of Lent, gives us the audacity and boldness to speak directly to the death and mortality that claims us daily and give witness that "Death has been swallowed up in victory." We can proclaim this boldly and without fear, even as we know that we still live and love on this side of the grave.

This Lent must be a time to change, to grow deeper, and to engage more fully the faith that has claimed you. The traditional practices of these 40 days are fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Update those things as you see fit, but don't let this Lent pass you by.

Here are a few notes about our Lenten journey that we will take as a community:

First, a note that one of our greatest assets at Concordia is the long and deep ecumenical relationship that has been built between Concordia, St. Mary's, and Emanuel Lutheran. We will be enjoying the fruits of that relationship this Lent and Holy Week as we will walk together through this Lenten Journey. Like any journey, it is good to know that we do not walk alone.

<<<Pastoral Admonition Alert>>> Of course, I don't need to remind you that just because something is hosted at "another" church that does not give you a "get out of church pass." Rather, the fact that Emanuel and St. Mary's are offering hospitality means that you have a "duty" to show up and graciously receive Christ's welcome through the ministry of each congregation. Sure, parking is not as plentiful at Emanuel or St. Mary's. You don't like to drive at night. I need to catch up on Perry Mason episodes on Wednesday nights and Good Friday. Got it. In both cases, simply call the church office and we will do our best to arrange a ride for you, with door-to-door red cap service to any service. Mostly, as your pastor, I want you to experience how incredibly rich these worship services are.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on February 14 with the solemn day of fasting and penitence known as Ash Wednesday. We will join together with Emanuel at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, who will host joint the Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes this year with services at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. Pr. Maria Hammons, interim at Emanuel will preach.

Lenten Sunday Worship

Each Sunday of Lent we will pray together the Great Litany (reprinted in this edition of the Chimes). This ancient prayer of the church is basically a deep and profound prayer for all of creation. It sums up the creed, the intercessions and all of our work as the church in a haunting and powerful chant. The great litany in the context of the Eucharist will be our touchstone throughout the Lenten Season as we prepare for the celebration of "The Three Days" and the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

Sunday Lenten Soup and Bread "Lunch and Study"

Please join us on four sundays in Lent following 10 a.m. worship when we will host a Soup and Bread Luncheon and Study for Concordia. We aim to be finished by 12:15 each week. The Rev. Seminarian Eric Heinrich, our field education student will lead two of the education sessions and Pr. Barclay will lead the other two. The luncheons begin on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, February 25th and continue on March 4, 11, and conclude on March 18.

Wednesday Supper and Study on "The Three Days"

A joint Wednesday evening program by St. Mary's, Emanuel and Concordia, hosted at Concordia Lutheran Church on the 5 Wednesdays during Lent (2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21). Supper at 6:30pm and Study from 7-8pm (Free childcare will be available) Three soups, one from each of the three parishes each Wednesday will be provided.

February 21- **An Immersive Experience of the Three Days, known as the Triduum.** We will hear, taste, touch, see, and smell the symbols of the three days as we begin to deepen our understanding of the importance of these three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the celebrations of Easter to our life and faith.

February 28- **Learning about Maundy Thursday.** Pr. Maria Hammons from Emanuel will lead us through the theology, scripture and traditions surrounding our celebration of Maundy Thursday, which will be hosted on March 29 at 7:30 at Emanuel Lutheran this year with Eucharist and Footwashing.

March 7- **Learning about Good Friday.** Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson rector at St. Mary's will teach about the theology, scripture and traditions surrounding Good Friday, which will be hosted on March 30 at St. Mary's.

March 14- **Learning about the Easter Vigil and Easter Celebrations.** Pr. Douglas Barclay from Concordia will lead us through the celebrations of the Easter Vigil, its scripture, readings, and traditions. The Easter Vigil will be hosted at Concordia on March 31 at 7:30. Easter Sunday services will be held at each of the three parishes, but all are welcome to attend anywhere.

March 21- **Three Days Wrap Up.** The Rev. Seminarian Eric Heinrich, member at Emanuel and field education student at Concordia will wrap up the teaching and review the three days as a whole. He will bring his unique perspective as a seminarian who has recently taken a course in worship and can help us use fresh eyes to engage these three days.

- Pastor Douglas Barclay

The Great Litany (Prayer for Lent)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.
In mercy hear us.

God, the Father in heaven,
have mercy on us.

Be gracious to us.
Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious to us.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
from the cunning assaults of the devil;
from an unprepared and evil death:
Good Lord, deliver us.

From war, bloodshed, and violence;
from corrupt and unjust government;
from sedition and treason:
Good Lord, deliver us.

From epidemic, drought, and famine;
from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning,
and storm:
and from everlasting death:
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your
holy birth:
Help us, good Lord.

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by your agony and bloody sweat;
by your cross and suffering;
by your death and burial:
Help us, good Lord.

By your resurrection and ascension;
by the gift of the Holy Spirit:
Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of
judgment:
Save us, good Lord.

Though unworthy, we implore you
to hear us, Lord our God.

To rule and govern your holy catholic
church;
to guide all servants of your church
in the love of your word and in holiness of
life;
to put an end to all schisms
and causes of offense to those who would
believe;
and to bring into the way of truth all who
have gone astray:

We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful workers into your harvest;
to accompany your word with your Spirit and
power;
to raise up those who fall and to strengthen
those who stand;
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and
the distressed:

We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations justice and peace;
to preserve our country from discord and
strife;
to direct and guard those who have civil
authority;
and to bless and guide all our people:

We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and help all who are in danger,
need, or tribulation;
to protect and guide all who travel;
to preserve and provide for all women in
childbirth;
to watch over children and to guide the

young;
to heal the sick and to strengthen their
families and friends;
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;
to provide for the unemployed and for all in
need;
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;
to support, comfort, and guide all orphans,
widowers, and widows;
and to have mercy on all your people:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and
slanderers,
and to reconcile us to them;
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures
of the earth, the sea, and the air;
and graciously to hear our prayers:
We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
we implore you to hear us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;
give us peace. Amen.

O Christ, hear us.
In mercy hear us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Stewardship

Dave's Tips for Reviewing a Budget

Picture yourself in the position of having to explain a budget with line after line of particulars. Here are my tips for doing so. This can be for any budget, large or small.

- 1) Start at the bottom. For most audiences, there's no need for suspense. It either balances or it doesn't. If not, it has a surplus or a deficit that you can explain. This is a helpful way to prepare the group right away, and for some it is all they really want to know.
- 2) Review all revenue and sources. It's important to indicate how the budget is being paid for and how. For some, it may give them further ways to participate. For others, it will illuminate other partners they may not have known about beforehand.
- 3) Summarize expense items to the extent possible and focus only on changes from the prior year. Expenses are primarily inbuilt costs or are formulaically derived, so there's less need to go into detail unless a sudden increase or decrease occurs.
- 4) Point out anything new and explain the reasoning behind it. Change can be difficult for some and you want to avoid hearing the phrase "You never told me that was in there."
- 5) Point out any outliers and explain. This could be a boost in utility rates or insurance premiums, or an agreement to do something differently such as buying instead of leasing, etc. Sometimes there may be an upfront cost that leads to later savings and it's good to point this out.
- 6) Stop after each segment of the budget to see if there are any questions.
- 7) Answer questions right away, or parking lot those that can't be answered immediately with a date on when you expect to get back to the questioner.
- 8) If no questions, move along.
- 9) If the budget has a surplus, say what will be done with it. This is the kind of problem you want to have.
- 10) If the budget has a deficit, indicate plans to make up the shortfall. If that's not well known, indicate tracking mechanisms and milestones when decisions will be made.

Hopefully this helps. Budgets are not always easy to talk about, so having a plan on how to review them really helps.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who provided the luncheon and desert items at the Semiannual meeting. Everything was really good!

Stewardship Thanks

We want to thank everyone who responded to the Stewardship effort and returned pledges for 2018. The campaign was done much later in the year than usual due to the preceding capital campaign. We weren't exactly sure what to expect because we've never did it this way before. As per usual, the members of Concordia were very generous in their support as was pointed out during the semiannual meeting.

For those who indicated on their cards they would like to participate in other ways, we will be contacting you and see if we can develop some programs that are not only fun to do but also uplifting towards our mission. This is an exciting time at Concordia and we want everyone to play a part in it.

Stewardship Committee

David Smith, Chair

Indoor Fog

At the beginning of the year, we had arctic air and supremely cold temperatures. The only constant was the persistent whirl of the furnace struggling to keep the house tolerable. Then, on January 12th, the temperature shot up to 60 degrees. I took this pic of the lowest level of the indoor garage at work. The fog penetrated all the way down there—where it's usually quite bone chillingly cold in winter. It was great to see and feel warm air on the way home after a long day in the office, even way below the surface. God bless New England weather.



Welcome Gianna Maria Cante



Welcome baby girl Gianna Maria Cante born on Jan 10th to Tricia and Fabio Cante and big brother Kristopher. She will be baptized here at Concordia in May





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Featuring:
Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Compote, syrup,
Beverages and Jello

Learn why we eat pancakes and jello on Shrove Tuesday
and also participate in our Pancake Race-all ages

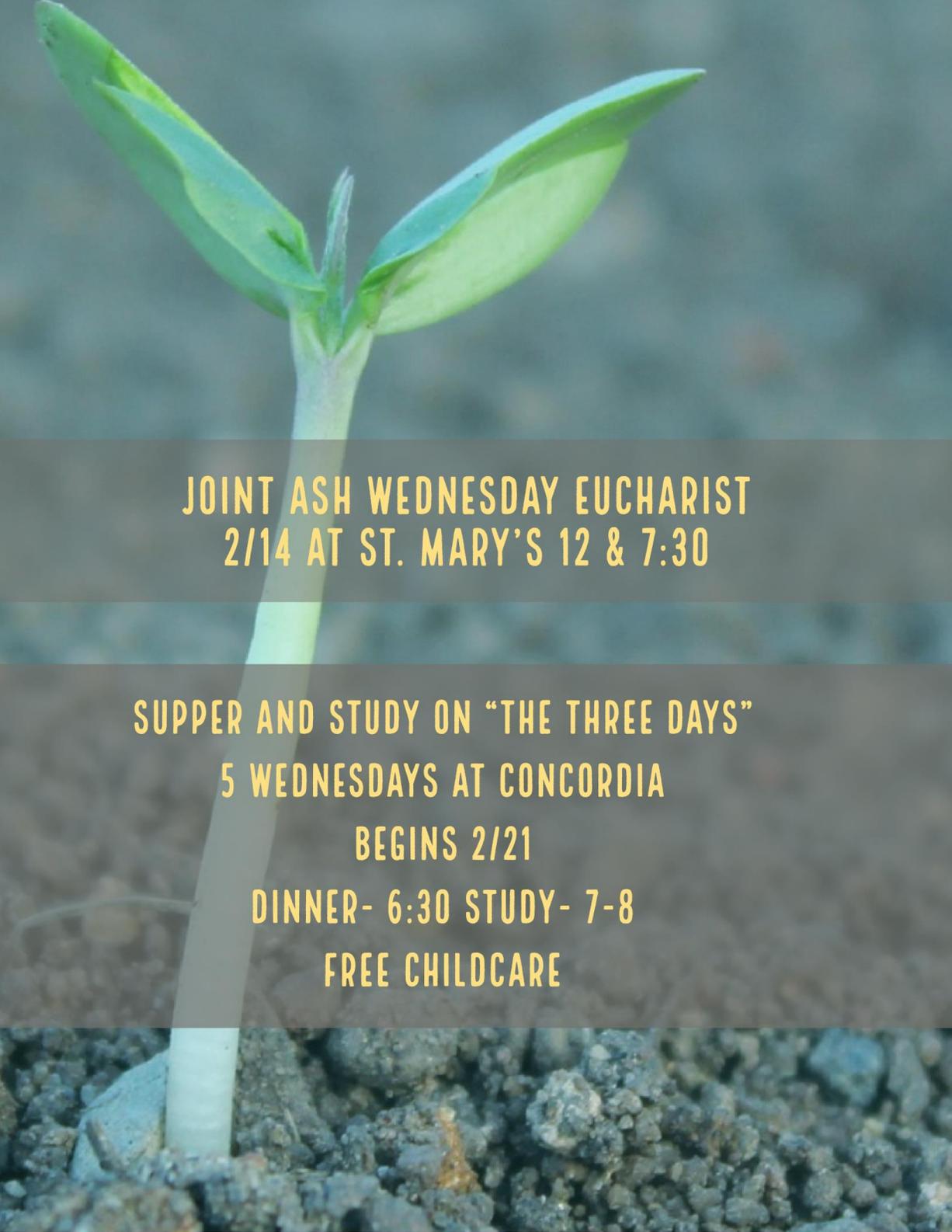
Tuesday February 13, 2018
5:30-7:00 pm

St Mary's Episcopal Church,
Neill Hall
41 Park Street, Manchester, Ct

Adults: \$7.00
Kids under 6: \$3.00

Tickets are available in the Church office

LENT 2018

A young green seedling with two leaves growing out of dark soil. The seedling is the central focus of the image, with its stem and leaves clearly visible against the dark, textured ground. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST
2/14 AT ST. MARY'S 12 & 7:30

SUPPER AND STUDY ON "THE THREE DAYS"
5 WEDNESDAYS AT CONCORDIA
BEGINS 2/21
DINNER- 6:30 STUDY- 7-8
FREE CHILDCARE

CONCORDIA | EMANUEL | ST. MARY'S

Friendship Tuscan Lodge #145
Invites you to our
Annual Pancake Festival



March 25th, 2018 Palm Sunday
24 Golway Street Manchester, CT 06040
Serving 8:00am-2:00pm

Tickets:

Adults: \$6

Children: \$4

If you cannot attend, sponsor a family in need and be a
Pancake Daddy: \$24

1 Pancake Daddy serves 2 Adults and 3 Children

Guests can mail in payment or pay at door

If you would like to advertise your business, or lodge on our placemats, the cost is \$25.00 per space. 1 space \$25.00, 2 spaces \$50.00, 4 spaces \$100.00 Please submit business card, size of space, and payment. Payment for tickets to the event and placemat advertisements can be made in the form of check, money order, or cash to Pancake Festival Chair:

Brother Jordan Porcher

PO Box 380793

East Hartford, CT 06138

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***)

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Those who are sick or in any need,

*The Homebound	Twylar	*Bing Bowen	*Jim Noyes	Richard Erickson
*Art Hube	Sis	*Laura McKay	Judy Guido	Lou Khee Zhee
Kristin Ortolani	John Henry	Donna	John Scofield.	Andrew Nolette
Tammy	Szczerkowski	Ann	*Carol Bowen	Robert Goodrich
Shirley M.	*Ella Hube	Sandie	Nancy	Diane
Lynn	Rita	*Millie Scott	Walter Hanson	Russell
*Ron Schack	Cathreen Salesses	Alice	*Ernie Scott	

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.

Concordia's Calendar:

EVERY SUNDAY

Bible Study 9 a.m.
 Worship 10 a.m.
 New Horizon Church 12:30 p.m.
 Nueva Creación Ministry 1 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY

AA - 5:30 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

Clergy Text Study – 11 a.m.

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVERY FRIDAY

AA - 7:30 p.m.

February 8 – Member Care 1 p.m.

Congregation Council 7 p.m.

February 11 – Christian Ed Meeting

February 12 – Mutual Ministry 6:30 p.m.

February 21 – Supper and Study 6:30 p.m.

February 25 Sunday Lunch and Study 11 a.m.

February 28 – Supper and Study 7:30 p.m.



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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