

# The Concordia Chimes

# January 2024



## EPIPHANY

Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.



### **Building Usage/Availability**

Sanctuary/Kaiser Hall/  
Brandt Lounge/Garden Room

Education Wing

Office Conference Room

Contact the office to request use of the building.

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*The deadline for submitting articles or items for The Chimes is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month or as communicated.*

## *From Our Transition Pastor*

*January 2024*



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I put pen to page, I am already keenly aware about what time it is—not just 9:00 pm on December 30<sup>th</sup> but rather the fact that by the time you read this letter, we will have transitioned from 2023 to 2024. The partying and revelry of New Year’s Eve and Day will be a thing of the past. And then there is the matter of new year’s resolutions. Some we keep, some we break; others we have already forgotten. Even so, they are all well intended: exercise, healthy diet, community service, repair or mend a relationship and--may I squeeze this one in?--a push for more regular attendance at worship, and on and on. Whatever our resolve, one thing is certain, and it is this: everything we do, say, hope for, pray for, and care for happens in time.

This brings me to Ecclesiastes 3:1: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . . .” It goes on from there, holding in tension a list of opposites, each beginning with the same three words--“a time to.” A time to plant, be born, heal, laugh, dance, embrace, love, and a time for peace. These and more we say an emphatic yes to as each of these gives us hope for a better world. However, each of these is coupled with an alternative or opposite, and among these are words like die, uproot, kill, weep, mourn, throw away, hate, and a time for war. Combined, all these words are a reality check that express the best and the worst of human nature. Naturally, we would prefer all things good and hopeful and beautiful, and also naturally, but not to our liking, are all the things mentioned that really upset us. At this point, I need to tell you that I am now writing this part of this letter on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. I have just listened to a national newscast in which people were offering their resolutions for the new year. Some were serious—peace, health, stronger family ties, get into med school, and find a really wonderful boyfriend. Others were more frivolous, such as hoping for that kiss when the clock hit midnight or having better luck at playing cards (never heard of that one before!).

But now back to Ecclesiastes and especially 3:11. Here translations of the Biblical text vary. Revised Standard Version: “God has made everything beautiful in its time; also he has put eternity into man’s mind, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.” Another translation—New Revised Standard Version: “God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.” The language itself is beautiful and simultaneously filled with meaning. Even though we know the past and can anticipate some sort of future, everything is still mysteriously wrapped in the time of God, the seasonality of God, the suitable time for God. We can only apply ourselves to things of good, and hopefully, evil will not win out. In the end, all time is God’s time, and in this time, we are merely players for the sake of the Gospel.

A Happy, Blessed, and Healthy New Year!

Pastor Rolf



## Highlights of the November 2023 Treasurer's Report

### Summary

### Report Details

The below information represents the envelope and stretch giving for the month of November as well as the percentage against the monthly and yearly budget amounts.

Month	Actual Recd. (Envelope & Other Funding (Stretch)	Monthly Budget	Percent Received Against Monthly Budget	Received Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Percent Received Against Year- to-Date Budget
November	\$9,496.30	\$13,646.71	70%	\$145,531.07	\$148,666.63	98%

### Additional November Revenue

Open Offering:	\$80.00
Festival Offering:	\$90.00
Christian Indian Church Offering:	\$100.00
Utilities Assistance:	\$120.00
Snow Removal Assistance:	\$230.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$15.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$635.94</b>

**TOTAL NOVEMBER REVENUES: \$10,132.24**

### Expenses

#### **1. Utilities:**

Vendor	NOVEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2022
CNG	\$319.80	\$323.83
Eversource/Earthlight	\$561.00 (\$0.00/\$561.00)	\$643.83 (\$76.23/\$567.60)
Cox	\$434.47	\$430.38
Sewer & Water	\$102.78	\$413.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,418.05</b>	<b>\$1,811.09</b>



## Highlights of the November 2023 Treasurer's Report

### Additional November Expenses:

Synod Mission Support:	\$1,558.33
Staff Salaries:	\$5,618.76
Fringe Benefits:	\$355.01
Program Expenses:	\$100.00
Program Support Expenses:	\$1,436.21
Facility Maintenance:	\$2,441.80
Non-Budget Expenditures:	\$90.00
	<b>\$11,600.11</b>

**TOTAL NOVEMBER EXPENSES: \$13,018.16**

### Bank Account as of 11/30/2023 (ACS)

Beginning Balance:	\$28,244.62
Total Revenue:	\$13,294.42 (Includes pass-through revenue from Synod (MNC) & CNS Taxes)
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$15,887.51</u> (Includes MNC & Tax expenditures)
Current Balance:	<b>\$25,651.53</b>
Monthly Cash Flow:	<b>-\$2,593.09</b> (Revenue less Expenditures)

### Special Funds (as of November 30th)

Fund	Previous Month Market Value (October)	Current Market Value	Current Month Gain/Loss (November)	YTD Gain/Loss
Scholarship	\$42,089.47	\$44,885.25	\$2,795.78	\$4,094.46
Community Cares	\$53,895.94	\$58,133.85	\$4,237.91	\$4,340.46
Legacy & Memorial	\$767,939.01	\$828,323.10	\$60,384.09	\$105,428.86

### Memorial & Tributes Savings Account (as of November 30th)

Previous Month's Balance (October)	Deposit	Withdrawals	Current Month Balance
\$55,064.16	\$886.31	\$0.00	\$55,950.47

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.  
Thank you. Carol Stoneman, Treasurer

# **Approved Minutes of the Concordia Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting**

**November 12, 2023 Zoom and in person**

## **Present:**

Mark Winzler – President  
David Smith – Vice President  
Carol Stoneman - Treasurer  
Susan Bourret – Secretary  
Pastor Hedberg  
Jan McGarity  
Ruth Sprong-Heyden  
Tina Ruggerio

## **Excused:**

Petey Goodrich

**Call to Order** – Mark Winzler @ 11:57AM

**Devotions** – Pastor Hedberg

**Approval of Agenda** as modified

**Approval of Minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup>** as amended, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Special Council Meetings, and documented Email motion vote.

## **Pastor's Report**

This Sunday, Bea Santiago L.L.M, (MNC), Ministerio Nueva Creación preached and Luz Taveras led Spanish Hymns at the Service. Discussion continues.

## **President's Report**

Work with MNC continues. Three Kings, January 6th planning is going forward.

A decision about our future needs to be made soon. next month with a description of the job requesting volunteers.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The October report was reviewed. Revenue was 120% of the budgeted amount, 101% annually. Special funds were down at the end of October, the year to date continues to show gains.

## **Old Business**

1. Scout Troop 123 would like to start at Concordia in January, Pack 47 would like to start as soon as possible. Background check coordination is taking place. Thanks to Sandra Baranowski for helping to coordinate the transition.
2. We continue to work with Jill at Highland Park school to provide snacks, clothes, and holiday gift card support.
3. Discussions about Concordia chartering Scout Pack 47/144 and Troop 123 will take place October 12 and 16<sup>th</sup> with the Council executive committee, Sandra Baranowski and Scouting leadership.
4. Wifi extenders are needed, no plan is in place yet.
5. A follow-up meeting about a pop-up store will happen in January. The Sunday School room being used for storage for this effort will be cleaned out this week.

### **New Business**

1. Stewardship Sunday is November 19th. Plans are being finalized with two temple talks being presented.
2. A letter is being sent to all churches asking for toy donations for Three Kings.
3. A motion to allow wine at the October 22 reception celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Hedberg's ordination was passed.
4. Finance will work on the 2024 Budget for the next Council meeting.

### **Property**

No update

### **Transition Update / Upcoming Events**

Combined worship and meeting with Highland Park School as indicated above.

### **Motion Submitted and Passed by Council**

*To affirm the Email vote of October 11<sup>th</sup> was approved.*

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 1:08 PM.

### **Information**

1. Executive Committee – December 3
2. Congregation Council – December 10, 2023
3. Devotions for upcoming meetings TBD

**Approved:** Agenda, Minutes of October Council Meetings, Officer Reports, 1 motion.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Susan Bourret**



### ***MACC FOOD COLLECTION CONTINUES!***

Concordia has a long history with the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) as one of its establishing and charter members. We have had a great tradition of providing items for the on-going needs of the Manchester community by donating to the pantry. With the price of groceries and personal care items increasing at a historical rate, the need is greater than ever. There is a table in the back of the church where donated items can be placed for delivery to MACC. Below is a list of the current items the pantry is in need.

*Thank you for your previous and continued support.*

**Food items:** Instant potatoes, canned chili, beef stew, soup, canned veggies, sugar, flour, fresh fruit and veggies, jelly

**Toiletries:** Shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, body soap (liquid), toilet paper

**Additional items:** Paper towels, dish detergent, laundry detergent

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### **HIGHLAND PARK SCHOOL**



Jill, Family Resource Coordinator, at Highland Park School wanted to make sure everyone at Concordia was thanked for their contributions to make the Christmas holiday special for the 53 families that received gift cards.

She was also thankful for the other donations dropped off. The nursery school collected waterproof gloves & mittens, hats and socks. Our bargain shopper found sweatshirts with colorful, big eyed characters on them. So cute! And we continue to give to their snack program.

More news coming regarding the pop up store after Three Kings Day celebration. If you can continue to give to the snack program

and socks for the winter, it would be appreciated.

**THANK YOU! GRACIAS!**

Ruth SPRONG Heyden





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**CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**



## THE AFRO-SEMITIC EXPERIENCE

**JANUARY 14, 2024 AT 4PM**

The Afro-Semitic Experience is a band that offers a powerful and poetic musical experience that celebrates diversity, promotes social justice, and inspires hope and joy. They blend Jewish and African-American music to create a dynamic and energizing sound. Their music celebrates the shared roots and cultural diversity of the Jewish and African-American communities, and their live performances are an exhilarating journey that inspires hope and joy.

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## MEMBER CARE



Concordia's Member Care met on Thursday, December 14th to bring Christmas Cheer and goodies cheer to Irene Schack , Andy Vincens, Petey Goodrich and family, Edna Nekiunas and Kathy Noyes!





*Thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Israel, who formed you, O Jacob: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." -Isaiah 43:1*

We are called!

And we are full of gratitude for the generosity of this congregation! We have experienced a good response in estimates of giving for the upcoming year, thanks in large measure to your faith and generosity.

Thank you to everyone who brought their pledges with them to our Stewardship Sunday service on November 19th and to those who dropped off their pledges since. Your generosity enables us to continue the ministries of Concordia Lutheran Church and keeps open the avenues that lie ahead for us. Worshiping God is so important in our lives and it's what makes Concordia our spiritual home always and its members part of our family.

If you haven't gotten around to sending it in or dropping it off, there's still time! We rely on the pledges received to put together our budget for next year and hope we'll be able to add yours too. This is a generous congregation and it's always a marvel to see how everyone responds in support of the church we love.

We look forward to all that lies ahead, knowing that God will sustain us through it and that we have one another to lean. We look forward to encouraging one another with God's grace in 2024!

Peace to you,

David Smith, Stewardship Committee

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The Bilingual Liturgy planned for Sunday, January 21 has been postponed until March.

Because of the holidays and the focus on the planning for Three Kings Day which took place at Concordia on January 6, the Council felt it best to "take the pressure off of planning" and hold it later.

The following sermon is based on Matthew 25:14-30. It was delivered by Lucy Taveras in Spanish and by me in English to Ministerio Nueva Creación on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you enjoy it.

## Bags of Gold!

By David Smith

Bags of Gold! Today's gospel lesson is about investing, so it's right up my alley, as it's a topic I'm quite interested in. We have a mean master in this parable with several servants of varying capabilities. Interesting dynamics for a story as you can apply a master to a mean boss, or a mean landlord, or a mean investor. The lesson of the story isn't actually about the money at all, it's about us.

Each and every one of us is born with a spark of the divine spirit. Through the power of baptism we're given the chance to cultivate that spark anew each day. We can grow that spark into a strong faith, and with that strong faith we can feel bolder to go and learn and do more in furtherance of God's teachings. God wants all of us to succeed.

In my life, there were times where I felt sorry for myself. I went through a bad time in my life where I felt everything was stacked against me. Where even my faith, such as it was at the time, was barely adequate to carry me through the days. I felt that even God was so disappointed in me that I was being singled out for punishment. What kind of an ego must you have to feel that God, in his infinite wisdom, would deem you important enough to trifle with on such relatively unimportant matters, which were all my own doing, by the way.

God is more of a cheerleader urging you to cultivate the tiny ember of a spark from a smoldering barely going fire into a more substantial one. That fire within that gets you to get up, see where you're at, figure out where you've gone wrong, or where you need help, or where you need to make adjustments, or amends, and strive to thrive. You can feel sorry for yourself or try to blame others for doing better than you, or you can reckon with whatever it is and try to become a success.

This doesn't mean you're only successful if you have amassed a fortune. It doesn't mean you're to do whatever it takes to amass a fortune. It means to do your best to live the way God wants you to live and to use your talents to benefit others. It's saddening to think of the great poets out there, or singers out there, or writers out there, or preachers, artists, teachers, nurturers, who are afraid to share their talents. That's akin to the third servant who buries the bags of Gold so as to not lose it. You can hold onto something too tightly and it will not prosper.

In the parable, the master wants interest, or a gain in the investment of his Gold, so he has even more Gold. The successful servant does increase the investment and is given more responsibility as a result. The same is true when it comes to Stewardship. I have always found the more I give to the church the more I get to give. The more talent you share--the more you will get to practice and perfect it--and share it with others in the process. Like investors trying to increase their investments, we should all try to increase our faith by turning the spark of divine within us into a raging flame of talent helping us to be successful in our faith journeys. It will help the church too. The benefits and rewards will amaze you in helping others and sharing the gifts God so lovingly provides us. Amen.



## Christmas Eve Service - Poinsettias, Music & Ministries



### **Poinsettias Given in Memory of:**

Loved Ones  
Our Daughter, Kimberly Fournier  
My parents, Katherine & Fred, My brother, Fred,  
Ed DiGiovanni, Sandy & Lennie Brassard  
Michael & Clara Sibrinsz  
Loved Ones  
Karen S. Beauregard  
Irma Vincens  
Jim Casserly, My dear husband and Karen Miller,  
My daughter  
Loved Ones  
Ronald and Richard Erickson, brothers  
Sandy Brooks  
Russell Turner, George and Louisa Johnson,  
Ray & Mary LeFrancious  
Tessie Kehl & Eddie Kehl, James Casserly,  
Reverend Paul Kaiser, Karen Kaiser Miller

### **By:**

Rolf & Lois Hedberg  
Ed & Gail Adams  
Mark Winzler  
  
Karen Schauster & Peter Follett  
Joel & Sandra Baranowski  
George W. Beauregard  
Andrew P. Vincens & Family  
Jane Casserly  
  
Irene Schack  
Linda E. Lange  
Don & Marian & Eric Slater  
Lanie Turner  
  
Seth & Lisa Kaiser Matheson



### **Poinsettias Given in Honor of:**

Our Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren  
My children & grandchildren  
Pastor Hedberg and Mark Winzler

### **By:**

Ed & Gail Adams  
Irene Schack  
Petey & Paul Goodrich



### **Music Given in Memory of:**

My brother, Fred, My mother, Katherine,  
Eddie & Tessie Kehl, Pastor Burt,  
Beverly & Luke Strand, Pastor Joe Bourret,  
Barbara E. Baker, Marlene Blake, Gert Waters  
Barbara E. Baker  
Our Parents  
Russell Turner  
Loved Ones  
Karen S. Beauregard  
Ronald O. Schack, My husband,  
Ronald "Zander" Schack, My grandson  
John Brown  
Gene Sprong, Anna & Bob Sprong  
Gertrude & George Stoneman, Paul Stoneman  
and Bill Mansfield

### **By:**

Mark Winzler  
  
Joel & Sandra Baranowski  
Petey & Paul Goodrich  
Lanie Turner  
Jan & Bill Salvatore  
George W. Beauregard  
Irene Schack  
  
Nancy Lynn Knauff  
Ruth Sprong Heyden  
Carol & Phil Stoneman & Family



### **Music Given in Honor of:**

My fellow Transition Team Members:  
 Susan Bourret, John Corl, Pastor Hedberg,  
 David Smith & Carol Stoneman  
 My generous friends  
 Mark Winzler, Susan Bourret, David Smith &  
 Property Team  
 John Anderson, Linda Hilliard, Nancy Lynn Knauff,  
 The Concordia Choir

### **By:**

Mark Winzler

Nancy Lynn Knauff  
 Carol & Phil Stoneman & Family

Patricia Bourret



### **Gifts Toward Music Given by:**

Linda Lange  
 Robert Copeland



### **Gifts to Support Concordia's Ministries:**

#### **In Memory of:**

Russell Turner  
 Joseph Bourret, Millie Scott, Eric Scott  
 Mildred "Miggs" Bowen, Bing Bowen

#### **By:**

Lanie Turner  
 Patricia Bourret  
 Wendy Donagher

#### **In Honor of:**

Douglas Barclay  
 The Rev. Dr. Rolf Hedberg, Mark Winzler  
 Concordia Congregation

#### **By:**

Joel & Sandra Baranowski  
 Patricia Bourret  
 Wendy Donagher



### **A Gift of Front and Office Door Wreaths**

#### **In Memory of:**

My aunts, Mary, Kate & Dorothy  
 My grandparents, John & Katherine

#### **By:**

Mark Winzler

### **The Staff of Concordia Lutheran Church and their Families**

*Thank you for your good wishes, sweet gifts, willing hands, beautiful voices, and generous kindness this season. Merry Christmas!*

Pastor Rolf Hedberg  
 Jane Geason



## Christmas at Concordia Lutheran Church















Lots of Advent activities at Concordia Nursery School!



Violinists for December 31<sup>st</sup> ceremony, Dana Donagher and Christa Berezowskyj



*Thank you!*

*Dear People of Concordia,*

*Thank you for the overflowing basket of goodies from Harry and David that you so generously gave us for Christmas. We are enjoying every bite and sip and will be doing so into the new year. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the gift at Christmas even as we appreciate your friendship at all times.*

*Happy New Year!*

*Blessings and love,  
Rolf and Lois*



*This morning I came downstairs, still trying to fight off this cold, and trying to take care of Lee, who can't shake his cold-on-steroids--and the doorbell rang. Who could it be?*

*Thank you for the gorgeous vote of confidence--in the form of carnations, roses, pine cones, berries, and cheer. Concordia has such a spirit of generosity and celebration. I enjoy working on musical projects within the magnificent space that is that sanctuary. Now, I will sit down in the kitchen with the flowers in the middle of the table, light the advent wreath, and have an eggnog.*

*Thank you, my friends in Christ. Merry Christmas!  
Lee and Linda*



*Thank you all for the fabulous Harry and David Gift Tower! It was filled with many delicious goodies that I shared with family and friends. And we are still enjoying them!*

*Best wishes for a very happy New Year!  
Jane*





This Christmas sincere thanks are given to.....

- **Members of Concordia** for their faithfulness in giving of their time, talents and treasures.....especially gift cards during Seasonal Sharing and Highland Park School for those in need in Manchester
- **Pastor Hedberg** for his service as Concordia's Transition Pastor, for his guidance and direction and most of all, his pastoral presence
- **Pastors Rebecca Bourret, Gloria Connery and Ann Lovejoy Johnson** who have served as supply pastor when Pastor Hedberg has been away.
- **Jane Geason** for her dedication, enthusiasm and gifts she brings to her role as Parish Administrator
- **John Anderson** for continued willingness, faithfulness and dedication serving Concordia as supply organist
- **Linda Hilliard** for serving as supply organist when John is away and for leading our choir so masterfully and creatively
- **John Haid** for serving as our Sound Technician
- **Concordia Choir members** for the leadership during worship especially at Christmas
- **Carol Stoneman** for leading Seasonal Sharing
- **Those who count offerings** each Sunday
- **Ruth Sprong Heyden** for leading efforts for Highland Park School.
- **Zach Baranowski** who filled in for Jane during the summer as our temporary Parish Administrator.
- **Member Care** for their remembrance and deliveries to our homebound members during the Christmas season
- **Members of the Property Team (especially Joel Baranowski!) and Lawn Mowers**
- **Don Slater** for delivering the donations to MACC
- **Members of the Worship & Memorial Garden** for beautifully tending to the garden
- **Jan Salvatore and the Ushers**
- **Susan Bourret and Carol Stoneman** for keeping Coffee Hour "alive" and **those who donate food for Coffee Hour**
- Those who cut down, delivered and decorated the Christmas Tree in our chancel: **Kay and John Corl, Ruthie and Peter Lynch, Carol and Phil Stoneman**
- **Carol Stoneman and Susan Bourret** for preparing the Advent Wreath and greens in the windows.
- **Susan Bourret and Jeanine Barber** who (behind the scenes) change the color of the paraments/altar frontal to meet the season and put up/take down banners
- **Susan Bourret, Carol Stoneman, Jeanine Barber and Mark Winzler** for transforming the sanctuary/chancel into Christmas
- **GOD** for all that we are and that we have so we can share with others!



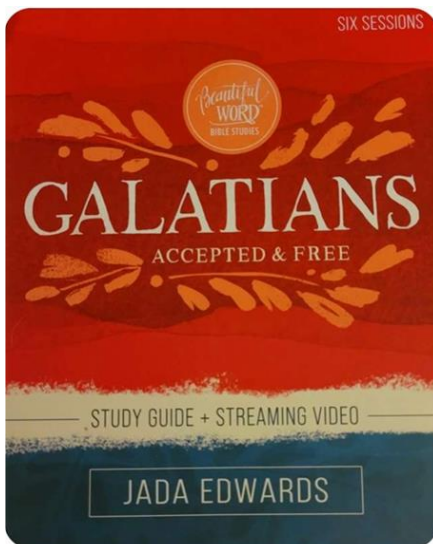
***The Three Kings Day Event  
Saturday, January 6, 2024  
5PM – 9PM, Kaiser Hall  
Concordia Lutheran Church***

Concordia, in conjunction with Ministerio Nueva Creación and the Manchester Latino Affairs Council, are having a Three Kings Day event and will be distributing toys for children ages 0-10 and gift cards for ages 11-18.

Please join us in the festivities!

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**Bible Study**



Mark your calendars. The next bible study will begin on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Study guide is available for purchase at \$15.00.

***Contact Pastor Bea for more information.***

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Among Women/  
Entre Mujeres**

**Annual Potluck Love Brunch**

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Center for Leadership and Justice  
47 Vine Street, Hartford, CT 06112





# Fastnacht Dinner

## With Traditional German Fare

**Save the Date!**

**Sunday February 11, 2024**  
**Concordia Lutheran Church**

**Social hour 11:15-12:30**

Cheese/crackers  
Beer and wine

**Dinner 12:30**

Roast Pork, German Potato Salad,  
Red Cabbage, Salad, Applesauce

**Please Join Us!**

**Suggested Donation \$14.00 per person**



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

**Total Number Attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **I can bring a dessert** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit this reservation form by February 4, 2024**



## JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

### **JANUARY**

Philip Stoneman	January 6
Eric Slater	January 8
Dana Donagher	January 9
Gianna Cante	January 10
John Corl	January 11
Bob Feder	January 13
Kathy Smith	January 25

### **FEBRUARY**

Janet McGarity	February 9
John Ramondetta	February 9
Ryan Adams	February 13
Patricia Nauer	February 15
Robert Copeland Jr.	February 17
Sarah McKay	February 21
Ann Kehl	February 24

### **MARCH**

Laura McKay	March 4
Kristin Link	March 5
John Haid	March 6
Renee Colburn	March 13
Rachel Adams	March 18
Sandra Baranowski	March 19
Doug Larson	March 20
Christopher Noske	March 23
Gail Adams	March 25
Joanne Murphy	March 26
Tom Taylor	March 27
Cynthia Goodrich	March 30
Irene Schack	March 30

## Prayers of the Community



Contact parish office for Prayer requests. Names will be held in prayer for 1 month, unless otherwise requested. (\*Member of Concordia) (*Request by Member*) (***New Intention***)

*Those who are sick or in any need,*

\*Katherine Noyes-Parsons, *Kaushik* (David S.), *Yolanda* (Lucy's sister), *John Hitchcock* (Joanne M.), *Aimee Goodrich* (Paul & Petey's daughter), *Elaine Arace* (Hedberg's friend who suffered serious fall), *all those across the country who have suffered loss through gun violence*, *Conrad Theroux*, (friend of Joanne M.), \*Lois Feder, *Yvonne Feder* (*Gail F.*'s sister-in-law), \*Bobby McKinney, \*Joanne Murphy, *Marti Barclay* (Ruth S.), \*Robert Feder, *the family of Michael Sheridan* (*Jan & Bill S.*), *Tom Donagher, Sr.* (Wendy D.), *Sandy* (friend of Dave S.), *Max* (Elaine B.), *George Thomson* (friend of Pastor H.), *Rebecca* (Elaine B.), *Walt Zingler* (Mark W.), *Mayland Clark* (Mark W.), *Sam Sirois*, *Diane Decarli* (friends of Joanne M.), *Cori Mackey*, \*Irene Schack, *Ralph Sullivan* (Laura Hart's father), \*Carol Burnett, *Lanie Turner*, *Carol Bowen Ava* (Wendy D.), *the family of Michael Rizowki*.

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

*The Intentions of this Community:*

- For all affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Concordia Nursery School Students and their families
- The work of MACC
- For our Cub Scout Pack
- For Licensed Lay Minister Beatrice Luciano and Ministerio Nueva Creación
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