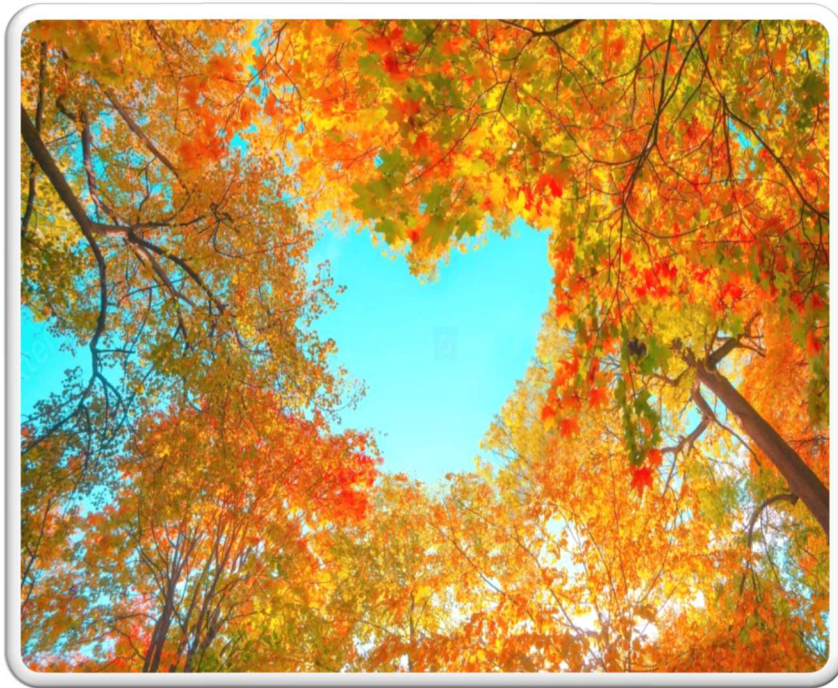


The Concordia Chimes

September 2024



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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.



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From Our Transition Pastor



September 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the things that I despise is when people say things like “*Where did the summer go?*” or “*Can you believe Christmas is already here?*” or “*Where did the time go?*” So I am just going to say it, “I can’t believe that the summer is almost a thing of the past.” But, on the other hand, I can believe it because that is the way it is supposed to be. The only thing that is real—at least for me, and I think I am not alone—is that as one gets older, time passes by more quickly. I know that there are 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week, 52 weeks in a year. Yet knowing it and experiencing these realities change over time. When in our youth it seems that there is so much time in front of us; when in our later years the opposite is true in that there is more time behind us and less in front of us and perhaps for that reason time passes more quickly.

Now if you are wondering where I am going with this, I want you to consider something else different from the passing of time slowly or quickly to time standing still (which I know it doesn’t) or better yet being transported outside of time or beyond time into sort of a reality that is real and yet cannot be held on to for much more than a few moments in time.

On several levels that kind of describes my summer which was one of the best. Had some wonderful times with family and was able to reconnect with a number of friends. And would you believe that the fishing was very good and my golf game improved as the summer went on (I guess this tells you that the game was terrible at the beginning of the summer!).

But one of the best parts of the summer was attending concerts at Tanglewood and hearing some world class artists—YoYo Ma—cello, Emanuel Ax—piano, and one of the world’s preeminent orchestras—biased). And one of the Ninth Symphony of Symphony—you know it as disclosure: I have heard times in my life mostly Symphony closed each Symphony of Beethoven—that it was the best hearing it so many times, I ever this time. Why? Because time stood still! I was transported by the music—Beethoven’s



the Boston Symphony Orchestra (I’m great musical treats was hearing the Beethoven also known as the Choral hymn #836 in the ELW. Full this work in live performance 23 because of the fact that the Boston Tanglewood season with this 9th tradition! And although I could say performance I had ever heard after do believe that it was really the best

and the libretto based on Schiller's "Ode to Joy." It was the perfect wedding of music and text. Words like "All creatures drink of Joy" or "Your magic once again unites that

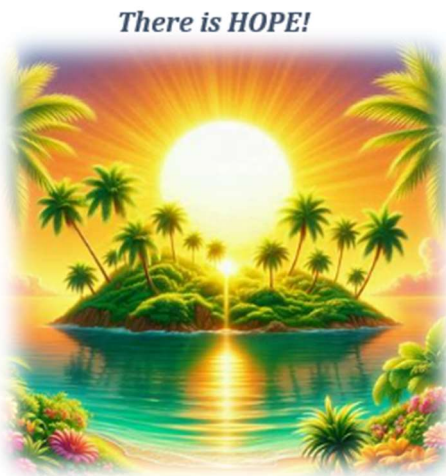
which Fashion sternly parted" or "Be embraced, ye Millions! This kiss to the whole world! Brothers—beyond the canopy of the stars, Surely a loving Father dwells"—to give you a feel for this monumental work. This piece conducted by Leonard Bernstein at the fall of the Berlin wall with as many nationalities and ethnic groups that could be gathered in the orchestra and chorus. This piece also conducted by Seiji Ozawa at the turn of the millennium in simulcast all over the world. This is a piece filled with hope, joy, love—aspiring to what is noblest and best in and for humankind. And perhaps most interestingly of all and because of some of the enigmas in this work many ideologies have claimed this music for their own over two centuries including Communists, Christians, Nazis, and humanists.

Finally we live in a time that is filled with divisions at home and abroad. Politics, warring factions between countries and between deep ideological divides. Frankly, we live in a scary time and according to the writer of Ecclesiastes, there is nothing new under the sun. But it is good to know that we can appeal to our better angels, indeed we can appeal to God's help for the making and shaping of a better world. But this is entirely up to the human family. Still in our time there may be hope, indeed there is hope.

Peace to You All,



Pastor Rolf Hedberg



Transition Update



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A Congregation of the New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Transition Meeting

*Facilitated by:
Associates to the Bishop
Pastor Sara Anderson
Pastor Maria Hammons*

**Sunday, September 15
Immediately after Worship
Kaiser Hall**

Dear Fellow Members of Concordia,

When we last met with New England Synod Associates to the Bishop Pastors Sara Anderson and Maria Hammons in late February, they said that they would return in about six months to check on our progress and talk next steps.

At that meeting in February those present chose for us to pursue.....

- 1) **Maintenance Ministry** (continuing as we are)
- 2) **Partnership with another congregation** (Episcopal/UCC/Methodist/Presbyterian ...similar to that which we had hoped to do with St. Mary's)

Through monthly articles in the Chimes (and at times in separate mailings), you have been kept abreast of the work of the Council and Transition Team about our transition efforts. This communication provides both a review as well as additional information.

Maintenance Ministry

As part of Maintenance Ministry, benchmarks were created. **These are very important because..... if one or more of these benchmarks are reached, then we will have to move out of Maintenance Ministry and then consider either Merger or Holy Closure.**

Here are the benchmarks:

1. If there is a loss of \$15,000 or more of income at any point during a calendar year.
2. If there is a loss of \$15,000 or more in pledges for the following year.
3. If our average monthly attendance at worship goes below thirty-five (35).
4. If we cannot meet the minimum amount of people designated for: a) Congregation Council and/or b) Legacy Board and/or c) Memorial Garden Board.
5. If we cannot maintain the same handful of people who are "staffing" the following: a) Ushers b) Counters c) Altar Guild d) Lawn Mowers e) Coffee Hour f) Choir g) Worship Assistants.

Note: As of this writing, none of the benchmarks have been reached.

In both the January and June booklet of annual reports, information was shared with you about the number of members, the age ranges of those members, church attendance, and pledges.

In terms of pledges, at that time, we shared general information about the number of pledges and the total amount of the pledges. Pastors Sara and Maria asked that we share more specific information about the pledges listing them individually low to high.

To that end, **included with this letter is a separate sheet which includes information about individual pledges.** The left table is a listing of thirty-nine (39) units who pledge. The right table is a listing of thirteen (13) units who do not pledge, but who do contribute. You are asked to please review this information in preparation for the meeting on the 15th.

Partnership

After considering a list of about 12 area churches, five churches were identified as potentially compatible based on website research and personal knowledge from team members. Representatives from the Council/Transition Team attended worship at each of the churches and then reported back to Council/Transition Team.

Letters were then sent on June 24 to three churches to ask them if they would be interested in having a meeting with the Council/Transition Team at which we would share our “story” and talk about ways in which we might share resources. The churches were **North United Methodist (Manchester), St. George’s Episcopal (Bolton) and St. Peter’s Episcopal (South Windsor)**. North United Methodist and never responded to the communication. St. George’s acknowledged receipt on August 23 but have not discussed as of this writing. (There was a follow-up communication and phone call two weeks ago.)

St. Peter’s did respond. The Rector asked to meet with Mark Winzler to get some further background and to learn about Concordia and to share about St. Peter’s. The letter was then brought to their Vestry (Council). They did express interest in meeting with Council/Transition to have an initial discussion. Where that will lead (if anywhere) is unknown. The hope is that this meeting will take place before September 15 so we can report out. If you would like to learn about St. Peter’s in South Windsor, you can do so by going onto their website: <https://stpeters-sw.org/>

Appraisal of 40 Pitkin Street

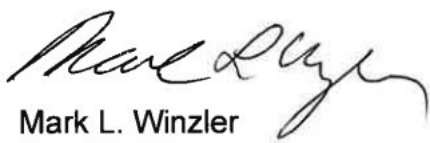
While we have not chosen to pursue merger or holy closure at this time, Pastors Sara and Maria highly recommended that we get an appraisal done of the building and the property so that should we decide at some point to do so, we will have an idea of the fair market value of the building and property. (The building is presently insured for \$2 million.)

After reviewing proposals, the Council selected R.F. Hagearty and Associates (they are in Manchester) to do the appraisal. Sean Hagearty, the President, will be coming to Concordia this week to walk the building and gather other information. He said that he would have the appraisal completed in time for the September 15 meeting. (Note: Sean’s children attended Concordia Nursery School about 20 years ago).

PLEASE ATTEND the meeting on September 15!!! While this is not a special congregational meeting where a formal vote will be taken, it is important in terms of the focus of our efforts:

- Do we continue with Maintenance Ministry?
- Should we continue to pursue a Partnership?
- Should we revisit a merger?
- Do we want to pursue Holy Closure?

On behalf of the Congregation Council and Transition Team,



Mark L. Winzler
President

Attachment to the letter from previous page:

Units	Pledges for 2024	Given as of 7/31/2024
1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2	\$ 200.00	\$ -
3	\$ 312.00	\$ 156.00
4	\$ 425.00	\$ -
5	\$ 533.00	\$ 480.00
6	\$ 600.00	\$ 265.00
7	\$ 660.00	\$ 385.00
8	\$ 780.00	\$ 390.00
9	\$ 806.04	\$ -
10	\$ 960.00	\$ 560.00
11	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 580.00
12	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 500.00
13	\$ 1,196.00	\$ 644.00
14	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 440.00
15	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 766.00
16	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 875.00
17	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 1,190.00
18	\$ 2,352.00	\$ 1,400.00
19	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
20	\$ 2,472.00	\$ 1,442.00
21	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 1,840.00
22	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 2,600.00
23	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 1,950.00
24	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 1,800.00
25	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 1,575.00
26	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 2,240.00
27	\$ 4,380.00	\$ 2,555.00
28	\$ 4,464.00	\$ 1,488.00
29	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 2,470.00
30	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
31	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 2,975.00
32	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 3,325.00
33	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 2,750.00
34	\$ 7,280.00	\$ 4,200.00
35	\$ 9,090.00	\$ 10,000.00
36	\$ 10,440.00	\$ 6,090.00
37	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 11,600.00
38	\$ 15,149.68	\$ 9,031.54
39	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,540.33
Totals	\$ 158,127.72	\$ 103,602.87

Units	Members Who Give But Don't Pledge	Given as of 7/31/2024
1	\$ -	\$ 100.00
2	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
3	\$ -	\$ 350.00
4	\$ -	\$ 345.00
5	\$ -	\$ 460.00
6	\$ -	\$ 490.00
7	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00
8	\$ -	\$ 1.00
9	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
10	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
11	\$ -	\$ 305.00
12	\$ -	\$ 100.00
13	\$ -	\$ 525.00
Totals	\$ -	\$ 9,876.00



Highlights of the June/July 2024 Treasurer's Report

Summary

Since we did not publish as July Chimes, this report reflects both June and July revenue, expenses, and Special Funds information. Envelope and other funding revenue was down and below the monthly budgeted amount (25% in June/40% in July). Year to date we are 13% above of the YTD budgeted amount. June/July expenses exceeded revenues by 7%. Through July, the Special Funds realized gains even though the congregational approved amount of \$46,000 was withdrawn in June. Thank you to everyone for your generous financial support during the summer.

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
June	\$10,257.26	\$13,750.00	75%	\$96,906.79	\$82,500.00	117%
July	\$8,187.63	\$13,750.00	60%	\$105,094.42	\$96,250.00	109%
Totals	\$18,444.89	\$27,500.00	67%	\$202,001.21	\$178,750.00	113%

Report Details

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

Additional June & July Revenue

Open Offering:	\$25.00
Festival Offering:	\$200.00
General Use of Building:	\$400.00 (Funeral/Piano Recital)
Christian Indian Church Offering:	\$200.00
AAA Use of Building:	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$5,550.00
Miscellaneous Income Non-Budgeted:	\$2,585.00 (Gifts to Jane/Scholarship to Campfield Heinrich)
Utilities Assistance:	\$40.00
Legacy & Memorial Funds:	\$5,782.34 (\$4,782.34-Steeple investigation/\$1,000 – gift to New Horizon)
World Hunger Gifts:	\$131.00
Total:	\$14,963.34
TOTAL JUNE/JULY REVENUES:	\$33,408.23

Expenses

1. Utilities:

Vendor	JUNE 2024/JULY 2024	JUNE 2023/JULY 2023
CNG	\$830.97/\$331.60	\$0.00 (paid in May)/\$319.64
Eversource/Earthlight	\$839.30 (\$0.00/\$839.30)/\$939.40 (\$0.00/\$939.40)	\$1,059.30 (\$0.00/\$1,059.30)/\$815.10 (\$0.00/\$815.10)
Cox	\$433.78/\$432.67	\$0.00 (paid in May payments)/\$430.02
TOTAL	\$2,104.05/\$1,703.67	\$1,059.30/\$1,564.76



Highlights of the June/July 2024 Treasurer's Report

Additional June/July Expenses:

Synod:	\$3,116.66
Staff Salaries:	\$10,003.42
Fringe Benefits:	\$591.70
Program Expenses:	\$446.75
Program Support Expenses:	\$1,831.41
Facility Maintenance:	\$9,740.98
Insurance:	\$3,377.25
Worship & Memorial Garden:	\$130.00
Miscellaneous – Non-Budgeted:	\$3,060.60 (Gifts to Jane; Scholarship to C. Heinrich)
TOTAL:	\$32,298.77

TOTAL JUNE/JULY EXPENSES: \$36,106.49

Bank Account as of 7/31/2024 (ACS)

Beginning Balance:	\$37,317.09
Total Revenue:	\$19,830.58 (Includes pass-through revenue from Synod (MNC) & CNS Taxes)
Total Expenditures:	\$21,878.28 (Includes MNC & Tax expenditures)
Current Balance:	\$30,269.39
Monthly Cash Flow:	-\$2,047.70 (Revenue less Expenditures)

Special Funds (as of July 31st)

Fund	Previous Month Market Value (May 2024)	Current Market Value	Current Month Gain/Losses & Withdrawals	YTD Gain/Losses & Withdrawals
Thrivent				
Scholarship - June	\$48,759.84	\$47,912.72	-\$847.12	\$1,345.05
Fidelity				
Community Cares	\$62,255.37	\$64,846.50	\$2,591.13	\$4,064.83
Legacy & Memorial	\$934,468.52	\$925,478.79	-\$8,989.73	\$59,428.11
Total Fidelity	\$996,723.89	\$990,325.29	-\$6,398.60*	\$63,492.94

*Note: Includes \$8,800 withdrawn in April for MACC and GHIAA benevolence from Legacy. \$2,000 withdrawn from Scholarship in June. \$46,000 withdrawn from Legacy in June.

Memorial & Tributes Savings Account (as of July 31st)

Previous Month's Balance (May 2024)	Deposit (June & July)	Withdrawals (June & July)	Current Month Balance
\$41,132.63	\$46,411.00	\$8,177.28	\$79,366.35

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you. Carol Stoneman, Treasurer

Thank You



My Dear Concordian Friends,

I think most of you knew how surprised I was to be recognized at the exact time of my 99th birthday.

I probably would have been more alert to that fact, but wasn't because of my hearing disability. I didn't even recognize the "Happy Birthday" song played by the organist, John Anderson.

I was also taken by surprise by the personalized birthday cake during coffee hour, ordered by Susan Bourret.

Still, I think I could have another year or so of reasonably good health and sound (?) mind, and I look forward to it.

I am very grateful for the time to remain an attentive and faithful Concordia member. I firmly believe our membership will stay consistent and strong enough for us to remain in this magnificent building doing the Lord's work.

Thank you, dear "Concordians".

Faithfully,

Jim Britton



Jim with Pastor Rebecca Bourret



The following sermon is based on Mark 6:30-34; 53-56. It was delivered by Lucy Taveras in Spanish and by me in English to Ministerio Nueva Creación on Sunday, July 21st. I hope you enjoy it.

Sermon title: ***Peace and Healing***

By: ***David Smith***

We learned from last week's sermon just how popular Jesus was becoming. By this point in his ministry, even in the remote countryside, thousands of people were following him everywhere he went. At the end of today's gospel reading, we learned that whenever he would visit a town, he would find the town square or marketplace covered with people brought by loved ones on mats solely for Jesus to walk past them. When he did so, and they even so little as touched his cloak, they were healed.

Can you imagine the awesome power that Jesus had? To be able to heal simply from contacting his cloak. How his slightest touch, breath, gaze had the power to heal others. Not only this, but he also taught the people wisdom and the true meaning of the Hebrew scriptures and revealing the Kingdom of God was near to all who would come to hear and see him. And come to hear and see him they did. And come to be healed by him they did.

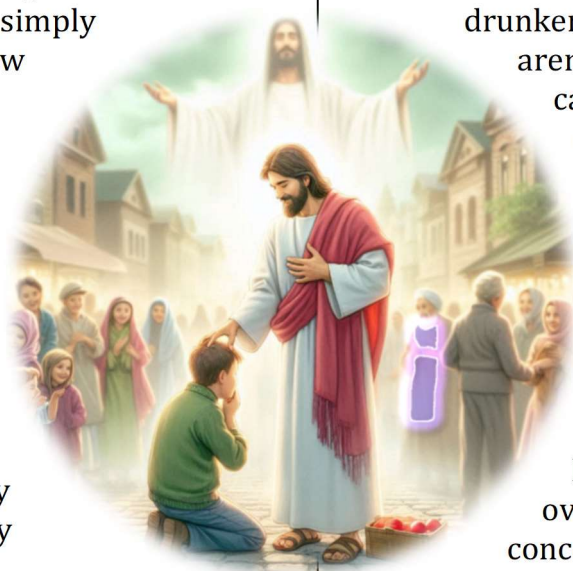
Interestingly in today's gospel readings we completely skip the feeding of the 5,000. He did that too. Jesus teaches, Jesus heals, Jesus feeds.

Jesus sees the toll all this was taking on his disciples, and suggests they find a quiet place to rest. This is great wisdom that I wish I would take more often myself and is sage advice for others. I don't know about you, but I always make bad decisions when I'm tired. It is so crucially important to ensure you get the rest you need. It is critical to find quiet places of peace and meditation with God. This is where you can feel the spirit guide you. Can you feel it

when it happens? It gives you courage when you're fearful, it gives you strength when you feel unable to the task, it gives you motivation to strive and be better, it gives you dexterity in helping those, physically or spiritually, who need uplifting, it gives you focus and alertness to what's really important in life. Including times when you get the clarity you need to make a momentous decision. It is where you can find grace. It is where you can find forgiveness. It is where you can find faith.

With grace, you can find peace in the midst of a whirlwind. In the midst of a crowded bus full of drunken loudmouths, in a crowded arena with shouting fans, nothing can disturb you. With faith, you can move mountains. Be the smallest in stature and have the biggest ideas. To rise above turmoil, to see through the lies of the devil, to refuse to take part in sinful things. To stand out in front of others and demand justice and peace.

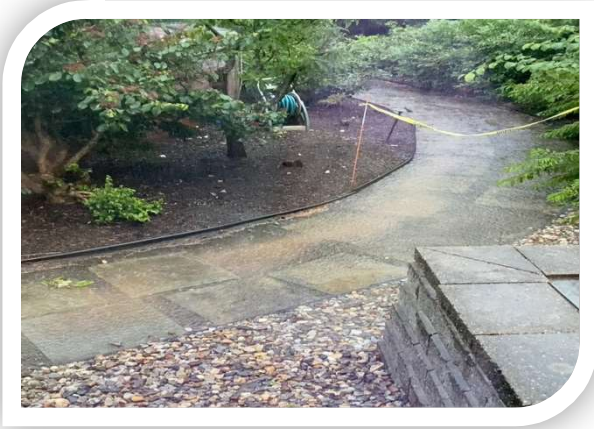
I have to admit Jesus was an overachiever. It's clear he was concerned about his disciples. He wanted them to have some rest and recharge. He wanted them to move away from the crowds and get some peace. It would be unlike Jesus to refuse to heal someone or resist an opportunity to teach the masses. But Jesus was the son of God and is our Lord and Savior. We, on the other hand, are human. We get tired. We get weak. We can't solve every problem; we can't heal others by simply walking by and having our clothing touched, but we can pray for others, we can help those in need, we can help ourselves by finding that time away from the hustle and bustle in life for peace. Then there's no telling what we're capable of. Amen.



WORSHIP & MEMORIAL GARDEN

Time this summer was spent between 90 degree days or rain. The weeds loved it; the weederers not so much. We seem to be behind on weeding but hopefully will catch up as fall weather approaches.

FLOODING



We want to thank **Pam Olson** for volunteering to weed non Worship & Memorial garden areas which has freed up our board to spend time weeding the garden.

Our old sprinkler system sprung several leaks this year. We keep patching it as it is less costly than replacing the system. A pressure release valve was installed to help an area of brittle pipe that springs leaks every year for the past 3 years.

The engraver is waiting to hear from us regarding buying and engraving a monument. The Board is waiting till the church decides which direction it is taking. Hopefully after September's meeting with Pastors Sara Anderson & Maria Hammons we will be able to make a decision.

Work has started to replace the bluestone pathway from the Garden room sidewalk to the pathway around the garden. Grass will be planted in this area and hopefully eliminate the washing out of bluestone dust every time we get a downpour.

We are looking forward to the Boy Scouts helping us in the Spring with spreading mulch around the Garden!



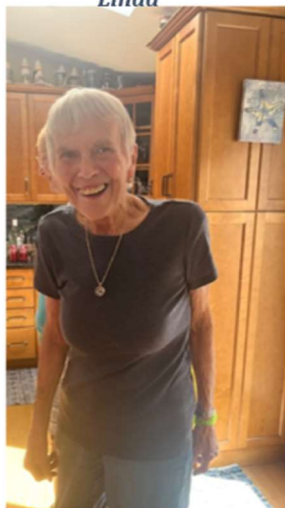


Concordia's Pool Party

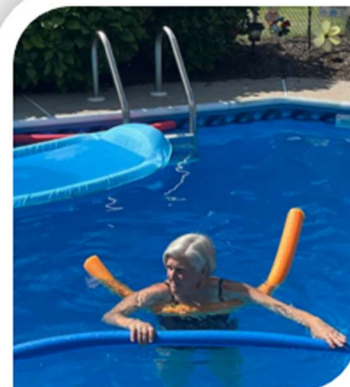


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Linda



Carol, Margie & Bobby



Linda floating in the pool to stay cool

Jan McGarity



Everything Looks Good! Dig In!!!!



August
11,
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More



From
CLC's
Pool
Party

Nancy Enjoying the Pool!



Gail & Lee



John enjoying the shade!



Ruth, Bobby & Phil Staying Cool in the Pool!



"Well, they said to take a picture of myself!" ~ Mark

Peter & Ruthie



August
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More



From
Concordia's
Pool
Party



Reverend Ann



Don & Lee



Margie, Carol, Linda & Jan



Tina, Reverend Ann, and Lanie



Pam, Gail, Lois, Kay, Marian, Ruthie & Bobby

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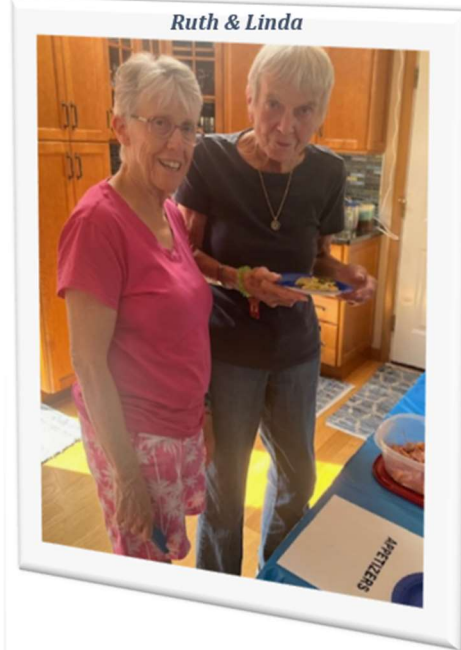
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Ruth & David (Carol in the back!)



Ruth & Linda



Say Hi to Phil!



Lois, Pastor Rolf, Kay, and Marian



Linda & Jan

POP-UP SHOP NEWS

In June we held our second POP-Up Shop. It was a slow start but finished strong. The nursery school donated their old metal tricycles. People loved them and all but two found homes. Also we had a raffle drawing for a brand new day bed and some bureaus. Randy Olsen and Ken Heyden delivered the furniture to the winners who were very grateful.

After that event, we were busy cleaning up classrooms. We now have two classrooms dedicated to Pop-Up Shop exclusively. No more moving items in and out of the club scout classrooms.

The Community POP-Up Shop @ Concordia is now an approved Thrivent action Team. Part of the approval letter read, "We are proud to have clients who spark world change by using their time & talent to make a difference in their community." So THANK YOU CONCORDIA for donating items and time to make this project work!

On August 17th we held our End of Summer/Back to School POP-Up Shop so families could find back to school clothes and get a free backpack for their students. We collected almost 70 backpacks. Eight families chose over 20 backpacks and the remaining were blessed on Sunday, August 18, and will be delivered to Highland Park School for dispersement.

We have contacted Latasha Easterling, Chief of Family Partnership and Student Engagement for Manchester Public Schools, regarding branching out and adding Bowers Elementary School to the Pop-Up clientele. It is not as easy as we thought it would be but we are still researching this possibility.





Community Upcoming Events



TROOP 123
ESTABLISHED 1957

Come out and help out our Young Citizens with their Can and Bottle Drive ~ Bring your empty cans and plastic bottles with you!

When: Saturday, September 14, 2024
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: In front of the Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., Manchester



WALK OR DONATE
7th annual
Fill The Freezer
to benefit Walk & Fundraiser
MACC CHARITIES
Manchester Area Conference of Churches

TRI-COUNTY ALLIANCE OF REALTORS®
THAT'S WHO WE SERVE

Thursday, September 12th, 2024 | Urban Lodge | 4:30PM

We encourage everyone to attend!

Transition Meeting

Facilitated by:
Associates to the Bishop
Pastor Sara Anderson
Pastor Maria Hammons

Sunday, September 15
Immediately after Worship
Kaiser Hall



MANCHESTER'S HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 11 AM - 3 PM
153 & 163 SPRUCE STREET, MANCHESTER, CT

- Live musical & cultural performances
- Shop from a local food & vendor market
- Rec on the Run, free activities & more!

To learn more about the Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration, please call the Neighborhoods & Families Division at (860) 647-3089.

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Manchester Road Race



Registration for the 88th Manchester Road Race will begin on September 1st! The world-famous race, one of America's largest and most popular turkey trots, will be held on Thanksgiving Day (November 28, 2024) at 10 a.m.

It is run on a 4.737-mile loop course through Manchester's central streets that starts and finishes on Main Street, in front of St. James Church. The Committee has also announced that the non-profit Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester will be the beneficiary this November of the road race's annual "Honors Club" Program.

MANCHESTER MATTERS

Sharing important Town news,
information, and events.



22nd Annual Family History Day



The 22nd Annual Family History Day will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024; from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Manchester Historical Society, 175 Pine Street, Manchester, CT

The Office of the Town Clerk together with the Manchester Historical Society will host this year's Family History Day. This event is open to the public. Professional genealogists from a diverse cultural background will be on hand to provide consultation and assistance on researching individual's family lineage.

This year the Family History Day will include genealogists that specialize in European, African American, Caribbean and Latino family ancestry.

Anyone interested in meeting with a professional genealogist for a consultation will need to contact the Office of the Town Clerk to schedule an appointment and complete a questionnaire regarding one's own family history before October 11, 2024.

Appointments can be scheduled by stopping in person at the Office of the Town Clerk at 41 Center Street, Manchester, CT or by calling the office at (860) 647-3037.



B I R T H D A Y S



SEPTEMBER

Kathy Parsons (Noyes) (1)
Lanie Turner (5)
David Stoneman (7)
Erich Stoneman (11)
Tina Sollinger-Ruggerio (17)
Edna Nekiunas (23)
Michael Rehmer (23)
Carol Burnett (24)
Donald Slater (25)
Joyce Davis (25)
Ed Chiffer (30)

OCTOBER

Carol Stoneman (14)
Bill Salvatore (20)
Brielle Sollinger (21)
Dan Burnett (22)
Janet Bellino (25)
Gail Feder (26)



NOVEMBER

Kay Corl (3)
Anna Link (4)
Kayden Parson (8)
Nancy Lynn Knauff (12)
Linda Lange (18)
Pam Olson (19)
Edwin Adams (26)





M e m o r i a l

D o n a t i o n s

R e c e i v e d

In Memory of Lois Feder

Mark Winzler
Jan & Bill Salvatore
Gail Feder
Carol & Phil Stoneman
Merle & Mary Shaw
Steven & Susan Bourret
Don & Marion Slater

In Memory of Lynette Knauff

Lanie Turner

In Memory of Irma Vincens

Andrew Vincens

In Memory of Janet White

Jill Mack

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,

The Donagher Family (for the passing of *Tom's father & *Wendy's father-in-law), *Nancy Lynn Knauff (*As she grieves her mother's passing*), Family of Zachary Clapp (*David Beauregard), Family of David Kaufman (as they grieve his loss, a very dear friend of *Lanie Turner), Family of *Lois Feder (*as they grieve her loss*), *Joanne Murphy, *Dan Burnett (*recovering*), Kaushik (David S.), Yolanda (Lucy's sister), Elaine Arace (Hedberg's friend who suffered serious fall), *all those across the country who have suffered loss through gun violence*, Marti Barclay (Ruth S.), *Robert Feder, Sandy (friend of Dave S.), Max (Elaine B.), Rebecca (Elaine B.), Sam Sirois, Diane Decarli (friends of Joanne M.), Cori Mackey, Ralph Sullivan (Laura Hart's father), Ava (Wendy D.), Linda Longtin Watson (Jane C.), Juliette Theroux (friend of Joanne M.), Beverly Spikers (John C.), Twylar Williams (friend of Joanne M.), Matilda Keinath (7-year-old daughter of Hedbergs' friend who is undergoing treatment for brain tumor), Kenneth Wall (friend of the Hedbergs who is undergoing treatment for cancer), Alicia and Erika (friends of Ruthie L.) who have significant health issues, *Linda Lange.

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 and Scout Troop
- For Licensed Lay Minister Beatrice Luciano and Ministerio Nueva Creación
- For Pr. Simpson and the people of New Horizons
- For our friends at Emanuel Lutheran and former members of St. Mary's now merged with St. John's Episcopal Church (Vernon)

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Rev. Rolf Hedberg, Transition Pastor, Phone: 413-544-4859 (cell) 413-596-8011 (home)

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Concordia's WHY/Purpose Statement

**To be a welcoming and inviting community empowered by the Word of God;
So that we may work for social justice and exhibit compassion for all.**

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