

The Concordia Chimes

October 2024



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**



Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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From Our Transition Pastor

October 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you read this letter or greeting to the Concordia congregation, the first day of autumn will have already passed. Here in New England, that word “autumn” conjures up all sorts of notions, some quite beautiful as we anticipate the colorful landscapes of vivid reds, yellows, and oranges and others not so “beautiful” as we anticipate having to rake all those leaves, as we anticipate the coming of winter with snow, slush and ice and the attending difficulties of driving and walking and just getting around. But this is New England, and what do “they say” about the weather: “Wait a minute.” That is, there will be better times coming. There is still an optimism that permeates the air.

So here we are in autumn. Summer vacations have ended, people are back to work; children are back to school, young adults—work, college, military service, technical schools, etc. And here we are at church, at Concordia Lutheran Church, in the midst of a decision-making process which will have far-reaching impacts on us as a congregation and on each of you as individuals.

Now some of you will remember that the Gospel reading for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost contained these words from Mark 8:34—“Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” There is more, but this is sufficient for us.



As a matter of fact, it is all contained in that phrase: “take up their cross.” We have thought of it with regard to ourselves or our neighbors. We hit a really rough patch in our lives—a diagnosis, the break-up of a relationship, a death in the family, or we feel deeply for a friend or neighbor who is struggling with _____ you fill in the blank. And we speak of these things as cross to bear or that is my cross to bear. But there is another side to this. We can think of Jesus and his bearing (carrying

his cross) and walking the Via Dolorosa, a thoroughfare in Jerusalem, Israel, where Jesus walked carrying his cross to the site of the crucifixion. A cross to bear? Yes! But also, a choice that he made in accepting the will of his heavenly Father. Remember the Garden of Gethsemane.

So, here you are as individuals and as a congregation. Your discernment process will lead you to options, and your options will become a choice, a choice for the future of your church and at the

same time a choice for your individual future. This isn’t easy and is really daunting.

But in all this we are called to be faithful servants to the Gospel and to Jesus who is the head of the Church. You and I are the body of Christ; Jesus is the head of the Church. William Shakespeare in Hamlet, wrote the following: “This above: to thin own self be true.” In a particular context, this probably works. It may be good for you and me in some kind of way. However, within the context of Church, capital C, keep your eye on Jesus and to him be true.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Rolf Hedberg

Letter to Pastor David Rinas

Co-Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church from 1974-1977.



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

On behalf of Concordia Lutheran Church in Manchester, Connecticut greetings, best wishes and congratulations to Pastor David Rinas as he celebrates fifty years of Word and Sacrament Ministry.

Pastor Rinas' first call in 1974 was to be Co-Pastor of Concordia with the late Pastor Burt Strand. He was installed on November 3, 1974.

Pastor Rinas came to Concordia when there were eight hundred fifty eight (858) members of the membership rolls with four hundred thirty five (435) communing. Pastors Rinas and Strand were a powerful team and were instrumental in moving Concordia forward.

Pastor and Doreen Rinas was married at Concordia, the only pastor in the one hundred thirty year history of the church to do so.

Pastor Rinas was known for his geniality and his work with the youth. In the post-Vietnam War era, he was instrumental with the resettlement of refugees in the Manchester area, something which was embraced by Concordia members. Concordia became well known in the Town of Manchester as a leader in these efforts.

To this day, Pastor Rinas is remembered for his compassion, care and respect for others, and his focus on helping those who are in need. That has been and continues to be a hallmark of Concordia's ministry in which Pastor Rinas played a foundational role.

Our most sincere congratulations to Pastor Rinas on the occasion of his fifty years of ordained ministry! He has served and continues to serve the Church well!

On behalf of all members of Concordia,

Mark Winzler

Summary: Sept. 15 Transition Meeting

- The Maintenance Ministry Benchmarks were reviewed. None had been reached.
- 2024 pledges were reviewed. If one or more of the top pledges were no longer to be, we would have to move into looking at merger or holy closure. Pledges, as they stand right now, are not sustainable.
- Initial meeting held this past Saturday with Vestry (Council) and Rector (Pastor) of St. Peter's in South Windsor. Vestry and Council will now talk separately to determine whether each wishes to pursue additional conversations which may lead to a partnership (and what that partnership might look like).
- If Concordia wished to pursue a partnership with St. Peter's (for example) and that partnership included sharing a pastor, **Concordia would need to add another \$45,000 to its budget in order to pay for half of the costs for the pastor.** (Note: If pledges were lost, then that amount might be higher.)
- In order to give the Council and the Transition team additional guidance as they pursue a possible partnership, a consensus vote was taken of whether we would agree to possibly leaving/selling 40 Pitkin Street and moving to the partner congregation. The results of the consensus "vote" was **25 votes YES..... and12 votes NO.** (Note: This was **NOT** an official meeting of the congregation. The vote was only to gather information to guide future discussions.)
- A licensed appraiser was enlisted a few weeks ago to provide us with an appraisal of the worth of our building/property. While we have not yet received the final report. It appears that the appraisal of the building/property will be in the area of \$1,500,000.
- Two area churches have come forward to express some initial interest about perhaps purchasing 40 Pitkin Street. No commitments made, nor offers suggested. These were initial conversations. We will now reach out to them to get more information about their thoughts/desires.
- **Pastor Maria Hammons will return to meet with us again on Sunday, December 15.** (Pastor Sara Anderson will no longer be on the Bishop's staff at that time having accepted a new call as Associate Executive Director of Camp Calumet). At that time we will have a check-in about our talks with St. Peter's. Pastor Maria will also provide some detailed information about "merger" and "holy closure" as we have not discussed either of those in detail. We will also update on the interest of the two churches "interested" in the property.

Transition Update

The Council and Transition Team met on September 22 to review the September 15 with Pastors Sara and Maria and talk about next steps.

- 1) A communication was sent to the Rector and Vestry of St. Peter's in South Windsor for feedback/thoughts stemming from the September 14 meeting with Concordia's Council and Transition Team. We want to see if there is interest in moving forward and what their thoughts are in terms of a partnership.
- 2) The officers (Mark Winzler, Jan McGarity, Susan Bourret and Carol Stoneman) will be meeting with the pastor and representatives from a church on October 3. The purpose is to hear of their possible interest in our building/property and what that might look like. We will also share where we are at the present time. This is purely an information-gathering meeting.
- 3) The officers will also be holding a similar meeting with the pastor and representatives of a second church who also might be interested. We are waiting to find a mutually convenient date.
- 4) While we have talked about and considered (as a congregation) a partnership (with a non-Lutheran congregation), we (Council/Transition Team/Congregation) have not discussed in any depth what a merger (with another Lutheran Church) would entail. More information will be provided to everyone over the next couple of months.

**Reserve
Sunday, November 24
11:30 a.m.
Kaiser Hall**

This gathering is being offered for members to talk with one another, to raise questions and to listen.

The Council/Transition Team felt it was important for us to talk with/listen to one another by ourselves before our December 15 Meeting with Pastor Maria Hammons.

Further information with specifics will be forthcoming.

Church Attendance Information

2024 Concordia Lutheran Church Worship Attendance

Date	# in Attendance	Comments	30-Day Rolling Average
4/7/2024	46		
4/14/2024	39		
4/21/2024	42		
4/28/2024	45		
Monthly Average	43		
5/5/2024	44		43
5/12/2024	49		44
5/19/2024	54	Baptism	46
5/26/2024	49		47
Monthly Average	49		

6/2/2024	40		48
6/9/2024	43		47
6/16/2024	44		47
6/23/2024	44		45
6/30/2024	41		44
Monthly Average	43		

7/7/2024	47		44
7/14/2024	39		43
7/21/2024	31		44
7/28/2024	41		40
Monthly Average	40		

8/4/2024	37		39
8/11/2024	39		38
8/18/2024	42		38
8/25/2024	43		40
Monthly Average	40		

9/1/2024	43		41
9/8/2024	42		42
9/15/2024	51	Special Meeting	44
9/22/2024	35		42
9/29/2024	34		41
Monthly Average	41		



Highlights of the August 2024 Treasurer's Report

Summary

Envelope and other funding for August was 29% of the monthly budgeted amount with year-to-date at 12% over budget. Almost half of the August expenses were related to facility maintenance, specifically the steeple waterproofing and work on the air conditioning in the office wing. All of the special funds realized gains in the month of August.

Report Details

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

Month	Actual Recd. (Envelope & Other Funding (Stretch)	Monthly Budget	Percent Received Against s Budget	Received Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Percent Received Against Year- to-Date Budget
August	\$17,785.89	\$13,750.00	129%	\$122,880.31	\$110,000.00	112%

Additional August Revenue

Church Service:	\$160.00
Christian Indian Church Offering:	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Income Non-Budgeted:	\$93.60
World Hunger Gifts:	\$95.00
Total:	\$448.60

TOTAL AUGUST REVENUES: \$18,234.49

Expenses

1. Utilities:

Vendor	AUGUST 2024	AUGUST 2023
CNG	\$325.13	\$318.96
Eversource/Earthlight	\$881.10 (\$0.00/\$881.10)	\$897.60 (\$0.00/\$897.60)
Cox	\$434.20	\$431.27
Sewer & Water	\$224.96	\$170.86
TOTAL	\$1,865.39	\$1,818.69

Additional August Expenses:

Synod:	\$1,558.33
Staff Salaries:	\$5,620.20
Fringe Benefits:	\$177.38
Program Expenses:	\$600.25
Program Support Expenses:	\$1,476.68
Facility Maintenance:	\$11,752.68
Miscellaneous – Non-Budgeted:	\$2,466.00 (Building Appraisal/Hearing devices)
TOTAL:	\$23,651.52



Highlights of the August 2024 Treasurer's Report

TOTAL AUGUST EXPENSES: **\$25,516.91**

Bank Account as of 8/30/2024 (ACS)

Beginning Balance: \$30,269.39

Total Revenue: \$20,771.18 (Includes pass-through revenue from Synod (MNC) & CNS Taxes)

Total Expenditures: \$27,606.07 (Includes MNC & Tax expenditures)

Current Balance: \$23,434.50

Monthly Cash Flow: -\$6,834.89 (Revenue less Expenditures)

Special Funds (as of August 30th)

Fund	Previous Month Market Value (July 2024)	Current Market Value	Current Month Gain/Losses & Withdrawals	YTD Gain/Losses & Withdrawals
Thrivent				
Scholarship	\$47,912.72	\$49,141.60	\$1,228.88	\$2,573.93
Fidelity				
Community Cares	\$64,846.50	\$66,279.47	\$1,432.94	\$5,497.80
Legacy & Memorial	\$925,478.79	\$940,548.24	\$15,069.45	\$74,497.56
Total Fidelity	\$990,325.29	\$1,006,827.71	\$16,502.39*	\$79,995.36

*Note: Includes \$8,800 withdrawn in April for MACC and GHIAA benevolence from Legacy. \$2,000 withdrawn from Scholarship in June. Actual June gains, less the withdrawal, were \$679.32. \$46,000 withdrawn from Legacy in June. Actual June gains, less the withdrawal, were \$19,178.32. \$5,300 withdrawn in August (CNS).

Memorial & Tributes Savings Account (as of August 30th)

Previous Month's Balance (July 2024)	Deposit	Withdrawals	Current Month Balance
\$79,366.35	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$79,866.35

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

Thank you. Carol Stoneman, Treasurer

Approved Minutes *from the Secretary*

Approved Minutes of the Concordia Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2024, in person

Present:

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

Absent: Petey Goodrich

Call to Order – Mark Winzler @ 11:41AM

Devotions – Mark opened with prayer

Special Order (Transition): Feedback from area church visit with Transition team including reports of visit. Next steps are to contact potential partners.

Approval of Agenda as modified.

Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2024 meeting as modified.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Hedberg continues to support us as our transition pastor with worship, office hours, visits, and baptism. Pastor is attending Synod assembly this month.

President's Report

Update on transition information about contacting potential partners. Annual report lengthy to include transition details.

Treasurer's Report

May treasurer's report was presented and received. Revenue was up due to receipt of an annual pledge. See the treasurer report for financial details.

Old Business

Interviews were conducted for the position of Parish Administrator.

The June semi-annual meeting booklet of reports were distributed at worship. The rest will be mailed.

A nominating committee update was received.

New Business

A request was made to provide funding for needs that arise with families in the Manchester school system. The need arose from the Pop-up store work. A motion was made and passed.

On July 16, 2024, the Congregation Council of Concordia passed a motion to provide the Concordia Nursery School with funding of \$4,000 which should cover the expenses for staff salaries and other items through the summer.

Once the school year begins and tuition payments come in, there will be funds available. They may need additional funding during the school year.

The following motion was moved, seconded and passed.

Motion:

To financially assist Concordia Nursery School by providing \$4,000 as follows: \$2,000 from the Scholarship Fund and \$2,000 from an undesignated gift from a non-member.

Approved Minutes of the Concordia Lutheran Church Special Congregational Council Meeting

Monday, August 19, 2024, in person

Present:

Mark Winzler – President
Jan McGarity – Vice President
Carol Stoneman - Treasurer **(non voting)**
Susan Bourret – Secretary
Ruthie Lynch
Tina Ruggerio
Nancy Lynn Knauff
Bobby McKinney
Ruth Sprong-Heyden

Absent: Pastor Hedberg

Call to order at 8:41PM

Motion:

To enlist R.F. Hagearty & Assoc, Inc. to do an appraisal of the building and grounds of Concordia for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to be funded from the Foundation Fund in memorials & tributes.

This motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Adjourned: 8:43PM

Sermon by David Smith

The following sermon is based on Mark 7:1-8; 14-15, 21-23. It was delivered by Bea Santiago in Spanish and by me in English to Ministerio Nueva Creación on Sunday, September 1st. I hope you enjoy it.

Sermon title: **I Can Relate to That!**

In the opening of today's Gospel reading, the Pharisees are criticizing Jesus' disciples for eating with unclean hands. In Hebrew custom, this phrase can mean many things, including being unclean spiritually as in not doing anything to avoid evil things. On the flip side, being clean can mean being of good conscience, and yes, being physically clean. So, in this bible passage it seems to be a little of all of these things. To impugn someone for not being clean of hands is also a reference to their character. There is a spectrum to this as well. In today's world, it could be criticizing someone for immediately wolfing down their food without bothering to say grace first, or even at all. It can mean coming to the table with dirty hands, it can mean eating unhealthy food, or drinking early in the day, or eating someone else's food, or wasting it. You can imagine.

And yet no one likes a tattler, or someone deemed 'holier than thou' particularly when you know they like to make themselves look good by making others look bad. Don't you just hate that?! You can tell Jesus disliked it too because he often referred to them as hypocrites and vipers. The Pharisees come off like this.

They
are a



combination of rabbinical scholar, lawyer, and politician. If you understand how most people feel about the latter two professions currently, you'll get the drift.

But the readings focus more heavily on the eating with unclean hands, which sullies the whole meal. Jesus takes exception to this and points out that you can be as physically clean as you want and eat the most expertly prepared meals and fall truly short of being clean spiritually. He then reflects further to make his point: it's not so much what you consume that is as important as what comes out of you; namely, but what you say, by what you do to make people feel bad about themselves, by what you say or do to harm others, by what you do to abuse others, by what you say with intend to divide or bring disharmony amongst those who would otherwise be fine.

Kids can be cruel and often say the most hurtful things, but they're just kids, immature, and you often wonder where they got that. But for adults, you should be at a maturity level

to avoid such things. This is what Jesus is saying. It is good to have clean hands when you eat, and to eat perfectly cooked and prepared food,

but it's also good to have a clean heart and a clean spirit, by not having words come out of your mouth that cause harm, or in just plain doing evil things. Jesus uses the word



'Defile,' which is to sully, soil, or make something that was clean unclean.

There is one thing to which I can totally relate. I have always had a thing about having to have clean hands, especially while eating. I'm the type of person that uses plenty of napkins while eating. When I'm done, it's common to find an empty plate in front of me surrounded by crumpled up, well-used napkins, and two very, very, clean

hands. So, I can relate to that part of this. I can also relate to being someone who has done hurtful things, regrets it, and begs forgiveness. It's important to heed Jesus' lesson to be mindful of what comes out of you. Not so much as looking good, but actually being good, and consistently. Regardless of what others do, don't defile yourself.

Amen.

Stewardship Committee

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

Mark Your Calendars!

This year's Stewardship Sunday will be **November 17, 2024.**

Pastor Rolf will be communicating more on this, and you'll be hearing from the committee in the next few weeks. We are so grateful for the faithful giving of our members to take care of the church we love and support each other and our ministries.

As stewards, we give generously to take care of what God has entrusted to us. Our church is our spiritual home in which as Christians we're commissioned to further the ministry in and around this community of faith. In our baptism we were made children of God and members of the body of Christ, the church. God's message of hope and reconciliation strengthens us in our faith and calls us to be servants of Christ and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Because God has given so graciously, we can respond as Paul encourages: "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

David Smith, for the Stewardship Committee



Fun and Learning at Concordia Nursery School



Class Schedule 2024 – 2025

(92 scheduled sessions)

Pre-K3 – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pre-K4 – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holiday Schedule

October 11, Monday – No School, Indigenous Peoples Day

November 11, Monday, No School, Veterans Day

November 26 – December 1, No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 19 – January 5, School Closed, Christmas Vacation

*January 6 – School resumes**

January 20, Monday – No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 17-21 – No School, Mid-winter vacation

April 14-28, No School, Spring Break

May 21, Wednesday – Tentative Last Day of School,

End-of-Year Celebration (families invited)

If **more** than 3 scheduled school days are cancelled due to weather, the calendar will be revised to add up to a maximum of 3 additional school days but finishing by May 30, 2025.

****Please note:*** While many holidays/vacations are consistent with the *Manchester Public Schools* calendar, there are some variations: **Three Kings Day (January 6, 2025) and Eid-al-Fitr (March 21, 2025)** are not a day off at Concordia while Christmas Break and February Break are extended.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Latest Update



Michael Kycia, the newest Eagle Scout of Troop 123, receiving a Standing Ovation at his Court of Honor in June 2024.



Troop 123 Can and Bottle Drive, September 14, 2024



Paige Andrulot manning the Popcorn Selling table

Update from the Property Team

UPDATE OF THE MAJOR PROPERTY ISSUES ADRESSED DURING THE PAST 6 MONTHS

- The Steeple Leak
- The Boiler Room Heating Valve Replacement
- The Office Wing A/C

The steeple leak and the boiler room heating valve replacement both required Joel Baranowski spending many hours working with contractors to insure they understood the task, chasing the contractors for bids, scheduling the work, and following up to ensure that the work addressed the problem. Because of the cost of the steeple leak repair and the cost of the boiler room heating valve replacement each were more than Concordia's current funds available, money for each project was required from "Legacy". There were two congregational votes, one for each project, to authorize taking money from "Legacy".

The Steeple Leak

The repair to prevent water from the steeple damaging the organ and flowing into the choir loft required that at first a platform be built from which the work on the steeple could be performed, followed by the work to redirect the water so that it flowed outside. The work platform was constructed by Millstream Construction for \$1,350. The actual work to redirect the water that collects at the base of the spire outside was performed by Peterson Roofing at a cost of \$6,302.46. We are working on addressing the two other areas of water infiltration into the steeple – water that blows in through the belfry doors and water that seeps in through the brick into the belfry. Work continues.



The Boiler Room Heating Valve Replacement

During this past winter the west side of the Nursery School has had heat that the thermostat was unable to control and Kaiser Hall has had no heat regardless of the thermostatic setting. The cause of the problems was that the valve controlling hot water heating of the west side of



the Nursery School was stuck open and the one controlling hot water heating for Kaiser Hall was stuck closed. The valves were old and could not be repaired. It was decided that the two valves involved should be replaced and additionally another valve of the same age replaced at the same time. Because asbestos had been used to insulate the pipes and the valves, the first task was to remove the asbestos. The valves were then removed and

replaced with newer Belimo control valves. The total cost of the asbestos removal, valve replacement, and reinsulating the pipes and valves, performed by Nutmeg Mechanical Services and Zero Hazard LLC their subcontractor, cost \$14,900. This cost was in line with that authorized by the congregation.

The Office Wing A/C

The office wing has been too warm off and on much of the summer. This was due to A/C problems. Joel and Phil Stoneman have made many calls to both All Seasons Mechanical and Nutmeg Mechanical and have come to church to meet with and assist workers from those firms. Refrigerant has been added and leaks have been found requiring pipe repairs. The coil in the fan box above the ceiling in the Treasurer/Finance Office will need to be replaced. All Seasons is looking into a replacement part. In addition, damper actuators serving the office zones need to be replaced, however neither firm has been able to acquire the parts because they are out of production. At times lack of A/C had to be resolved by the installation of window mounted A/C units. Ultimately the office wing A/C may have to be reconfigured with the installation of new A/C units.



We can thank the Memorial Garden Board, (Ruth Sprong-Heyden, Jeanine Barber, Sandy Baranowski, David Beauregard, Susan Bourret, Paul Goodrich, Jan Salvatore, David Smith, and Phil Stoneman) and the Mowing and Landscaping Crew (David Beauregard, Zac Baranowski, Randy Olson, Don Slater, and Phil Stoneman) for our beautiful and well-kept landscaping of the church grounds.

The Yearly Fire Marshall Inspection was completed in August with Ashley Salerno (the director of the Nursery School), Margie Gallagher, and Phil Stoneman participating. Prior to the inspection Joel submitted his latest yearly 90 Minute Emergency Lighting Report. There did not seem to be any issues raised by the Fire Marshall.

Other tasks that have been completed are:

The pressure control valve on the boiler room hot water heater was replaced by Tommy Diana Plumbing. Tommy Diana Plumbing also replaced the threaded nipple in the toilet flush valve in the bathroom next to Brandt Lounge.

The doors and frames for the Boiler Room and the Youth Room were replaced by Joel.

On September 25th, Frank's Ornamental Iron repaired broken wrought iron railings leading up to the office and sanctuary.

In their spare time, it is hard to believe they have any, Joel and Phil did the following:

Joel stained the trash container fence, repainted the no park zone in front of the church, adjusted doors that rubbed against the frame in the office suite and repainted the step at the entry to the church.

Phil repaired and painted the columns at the church entry way.

Submitted by the Property Team, September 2024

Pop Up News

The next Pop Up Shop is on October 26, 2024!



POP UP Store

Healthy Snacks for



Highland Park Elementary School

School is now *in session* and we are graciously requesting from our congregation: **healthy, non-perishable snacks** (**no nuts please**).

Examples:



We will be collecting **all school year**, kindly shop for healthy snacks and bring them with you to our next service!

Thank you and God Bless!



Katie helping out in the store last month!

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024



Each year on **All Saints Sunday** we remember Concordia members as well as relatives and friends of Concordia members who have completed their earthly pilgrimage since last year's (*November 5, 2023*) All Saints Sunday.

If you wish to have someone remembered on All Saints Sunday, please *either*:

- Write the name of the person in the book which will be in the Narthex on **Sundays beginning October 6.**

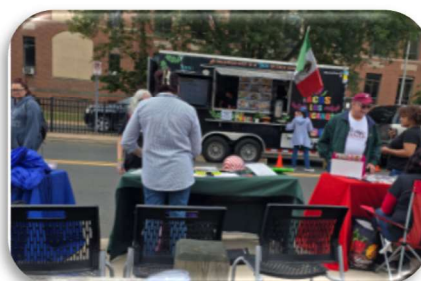
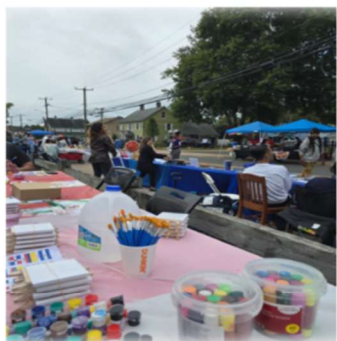
OR

- Call (860-649-5311) or e-mail (office@concordiamanchester.org) our Parish Administrator, Margie Gallagher, who will be sure that the name is included.

Please submit all names no later than Sunday, October 29.



Ministerio Nueva Creación



B I R T H D A Y S

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)



DECEMBER

Jan Salvatore (1)
Randy Olson (11)
Paul Goodrich (14)
James Adams (15)
Robin Jackson (27)
Joel Baranowski (28)

Memorial Donations Received



<i>In Memory of Lynelle Ann Knauff</i>			
	Ruth Sprong Heyden		
	Jan and Bill Salvatore		
	Mark Winzler		



<i>In Memory of Lois Feder</i>			
	Ruth Sprong Heyden		





Community Upcoming Events



MINISTERIO NUEVA CREACIÓN
ENTRE MUJERES / AMONG WOMEN



OCTOBER 19 11 AM - 3 PM
FOOD / VENDORS / PRESENTATIONS

KAISER HALL
OF
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
40 PITKIN STREET, MANCHESTER

OCTOBER COFFEE CORNER

Join us Thursday, October 10th for MACC's Coffee Corner. Discuss the latest events and projects at MACC and learn how you and your organization can get involved. If you want to sign up for our next Coffee Corner please email Operations Manager Patti Thurlow @ pthurlow@macc-ct.org



October 4th & 5th

Doors Open: 7:00 PM

Showtime: 7:30 PM

Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium
134 Middle Tpke E, Manchester, CT 06040

Produced By:



Tickets: \$35



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CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2024 - 2025

Peter Blanchette
- Archguitarist -

Virtuoso and inventor of the 11-string archguitar performs his creative arrangements of music from the 13th c. to the present.



**Saturday
October 19
at 7 pm**

FREE ADMISSION

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860-643-1193

FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel@gmail.com

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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.



Prayers of the Community

Contact parish office for Prayer requests. Names will be held in prayer for one month, *unless otherwise requested*.

Date Requested	Praying for (person/family)	Prayers for	Requested by:
9/29/2024	Dan Burnett	Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.	Carol Burnett
9/19/2024	Family of Revered Dr. Paul D. Krampitz and the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell.	As they grieve Pastor Krampitz' passing	Mark Winzler
9/19/2024	Ed Brainerd	Skilled hands of the medical team , a successful surgery and smooth recovery	Jane Casserly
9/6/2024	Bob and Isaiah	Cancer treatment	Ruthie Lynch
9/4/2024	Nancy Lynn Knauff	As she grieves her Mother, Lynn's passing	Mark Winzler
8/30/2024	The Donagher Family	As they grieve for the passing of Tom's father and Wendy's father-in-law	Wendy Donagher

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

The Intentions of this Community:

- ❖ 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 in Vernon.

Concordia Lutheran Church

Reverend **Rolf Hedberg**, Transitional Pastor
Mrs. **Margie Gallagher**, Parish Administrator

✉ 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT 06040



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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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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