

# The Concordia Chimes

August 2025

## 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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## **Holy Closure Update**

*from Mark Winzler*

Since the last July Chimes update the following has taken place:

- The monument for East Cemetery has been ordered. \$10,000 for the Memorial Garden was received from the estate/trust of former member Janet White. This will help with expenses.
- The Real Estate Team and the Property (Inventory) Team each met separately with Pastor Maria Hammons to review their roles and responsibilities and to ask questions.
- Under the leadership of Ruthie Lynch and Pam Olson, Property Team members were asked of their preferences to see what area(s) each team member would be interested in to inventory. Inventory assignments are being finalized based on these preferences. Task lists have been prepared for each room/area. The inventory process will officially begin in September.
- Under the leadership of Joel Baranowski, Real Estate Team members are considering a timetable for the process which includes, but is not limited to: compiling a list of realtors and real estate attorneys among many other items. The team will be meeting on July 29 for its organizational meeting.
- As a follow-up to the meeting held with the leadership of St. Peter's Episcopal (Hebron), Joel and Mark Winzler met with the St. Peter's Rector and their architect to learn about the steps involved in affordable housing should the congregation decide to consider development of the land. Joel also met with Pastor Black from the Spirit of Truth Apostolic Church.
- Town Manager Steve Stephanou did respond to the letter Mark sent (which informed him about Concordia closing and to see whether there was interest on part of the town and to see if there were other non-profits who might be interested). The Town Manager and some members of his staff will be coming to Concordia to take a walk-through of the building and grounds in the very near future.
- The Congregation Council met with Attorney Brad Cook (with Pastor Maria), who is serving as our Attorney during the Holy Closure Process. He reviewed the Council's responsibilities over the next year and provided a checklist for us to follow.

### **ACTIVITIES/EVENTS** **August 2025-June 2026**

There is an expressed desire to be together (outside of Sunday worship) as much as possible during this time as we prepare for Holy Closure. To that end, we are looking to hold at least one event/activity each month so we can continue our fellowship together. See below for what we have planned thus far. Please make note of these dates.

If you have ideas for other events/activities for any month (including ones that already have an activity listed), please contact one of the following people:

Rebekka Almond, Sandy Baranowski, Jeanine Barber, Susan Bourret, John Corl, Nancy Lynn Knauff, Ruthie Lynch, Jan McGarity, Bobby McKinney, Randy Olson, Tina Ruggerio, David Smith, Ruth Sprong Heyden, Carol Stoneman, or Mark Winzler

## 2025

- August 10      [Barbecue and Pool Party at Mark Winzler's](#)  
*(see information in this issue of Chimes)*
- September 28      [OKTOBERFEST](#)  
*(see information in this issue of Chimes)*
- October 26      4:00 p.m.  
[Reformation Sunday Organ Concert/  
Evening Prayer  
Reception Following](#)
- November      To be determined
- December 21      [Farewell Reception for Pastor and Lois Hedberg  
After Worship](#)
- December 24      [Christmas Eve Social Gathering at Mark Winzler's  
After Christmas Eve Eucharist](#)

## 2026

- January      To be determined
- February 15      [Fastnacht](#)
- March      To be determined
- April 5      [Easter Breakfast](#)
- May      To be determined
- June 7      [Concordia's Celebration of Ministry Eucharist  
Time \(in the afternoon\) to be determined  
Community/ Former Members and Pastors Invited  
Reception Following](#)
- June 28      [Final Eucharist  
Off Site- Banquet Following  
\(For Present Concordia Members Only\)](#)



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

July 3, 2025

Dear Fellow Members of Concordia,

The purpose of this letter is simply to provide an update on our finances so that we are all aware of where we stand and the realities of that which may lie before us.

At our semi-annual meeting a couple of weeks ago, Treasurer Carol Stoneman provided an update about our financial picture. She shared that the amount of money available to pay bills was the lowest it had been in a long time despite the fact that the 2025 year began with \$20,000 carried over from the 2024 year.

Notes of Importance:

- a) The 2025 budget has a **\$26,000 deficit** (about \$10,000 more than in 2024).
- b) We have about **\$10,000 less in pledged** income in 2025 than we did in 2024.
- c) At present, there are about **\$6,000 of bills which need to be paid by 7/15 with just about \$5,900 on hand** to pay those bills.

With the year now half over (January-June), Carol analyzed where we stand in terms of budget and Ruth Sprong Heyden (Financial Secretary) analyzed where we stand in terms of income (both pledged and other). In reviewing, it was found that.....

- a) Most everyone who pledged have kept up with their pledges.
- b) The difference is in the non-pledged income (those who do not pledge, but give). A year ago (June 2024), there was about \$14,000 in income. (Note: \$5,000 came from a non-member who is now deceased.) There is \$6,600 as of June 20 (about \$7,500 less).
- c) The budget is basically where it should be after 6 months. That said, we are not in cold/snow season when bills are higher.
- d) One pledge unit paid their full-year pledge in advance in January. Another pledge unit paid half with the other half coming in July. This has helped to keep us fluid and not have to use other funds. If there is anyone else who can do the same, it will certainly help.

As we know, we will continue to exist for another year. It is important that all of us continue to keep our pledges current. If you do not pledge, but give as you are able, know that your giving is important and necessary.

We may have to revert to use other funds in order to "pay the bills" if the income is insufficient. We have been blessed the past few years in that we have not needed to do this, but the reality is this: our income is less (we have lost some pledges) and the deficit is larger and so this may be a reality this year.

Know that the Congregation Council is appreciative and thankful for your faithfulness and dedication to Concordia as always!

Peace,

  
Mark L. Winzler



## Highlights of the June 2025 Treasurer's Report

### Summary

June envelope & other funding was 32% below the monthly budgeted amount. Year-to-date giving is 2% over the YTB budgeted amount. June expenses were 61% over revenue. \$3,500 was drawn from the Memorial & Tributes savings account, \$3,000 was for the Holy Closure attorney retainer fee and \$500 for MACC from Edward Clough bequest to Concordia. The Scholarship Fund, Community Cares and Legacy for Ministry realized gains in June.

### 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.

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
<b>June</b>	\$9,132.77	\$13,416.67	68%	\$72,893.97	\$82,026.74	102%

### Additional June Operating Revenue

Open Offering:	\$520.00
Festival Offering:	\$195.00
Church Service:	\$530.00
Christian Indian Building Use:	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$55.00
Miscellaneous Income Non-Budgeted:	\$129.10
Memorial Funds:	\$3,5000 (From M&T Savings)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,029.10</b>

**TOTAL JUNE OPERATING REVENUES: \$14,161.87**

### June Non-Operating Revenue

World Hunger Gifts:	\$70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

### Expenses

#### 1. Utilities:

Vendor	JUNE 2025	JUNE 2024
CNG	\$596.02	\$830.97
Eversource/Earthlight	\$712.80 (\$0.00/\$712.80)	\$839.30 (\$0.00/\$839.30)
Cox	\$469.35	\$433.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,778.17</b>	<b>\$2,104.05</b>



## Highlights of the June 2025 Treasurer's Report

### Additional June Expenses:

Synod (May & June):	\$3,116.66
Staff Salaries:	\$7,368.94
Fringe Benefits:	\$463.24
Program Expenses:	\$913.75
Program Support Expenses:	\$658.40
Facility Maintenance:	\$5,155.14 (includes organ repair, \$2,025)
Miscellaneous Non-Budgeted:	\$3,000.00 (Holy Closure attorney retainer fee)
MACC;	\$500.00
Worship & Memorial Garden:	\$90.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$21,266.13</b>

**TOTAL JUNE EXPENSES: \$23,044.30**

### Bank Account as of 6/30/2025 (ACS)

Beginning Balance:	\$13,880.39
Total Revenue:	\$17,317.83 (Includes pass-through revenue from Synod (MNC) & CNS Taxes)
Total Expenditures:	\$24,416.60 (Includes MNC & Tax expenditures)
<b>Current Balance:</b>	<b>\$6,781.62</b>
<b>Monthly Cash Flow:</b>	<b>-\$7,098.77 (Revenue less Expenditures)</b>

### Special Funds (as of June 30, 2025)

Fund	Previous Month Market Value (May 2025)	Current Market Value	Current Month Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss
<b>Thrivent</b>				
Scholarship	\$44,278.47	\$45,785.63	\$1,507.16	<b>-\$3,733.31</b>
<b>Fidelity</b>				
Community Cares	\$66,297.15	\$69,257.14	\$2,959.99	\$1,174.15
Legacy for Ministry	\$987,711.61	\$1,031,810.31	\$44,098.70	\$65,668.95
<b>Total Fidelity</b>	<b>\$1,054,008.76</b>	<b>\$1,101,067.45</b>	<b>\$47,058.69</b>	<b>\$66,843.10</b>

**May withdrawals:** \$6,000 from Scholarship Fund for CNS assistance

**April withdrawals:** \$3,500 from Community Cares for GHIAA and \$5,300 from Legacy for Ministry for MACC benevolence

### Memorial & Tributes Savings Account (as of June 30, 2025)

Previous Month's Balance (May 2025)	Deposit	Withdrawals	Current Month Balance
\$85,666.11	\$50.66	\$3,500.00	\$82,217.99

Withdrawals include \$3,000 for Holy Closure attorney retainer fee and \$500 for MACC from the Edward Clough bequest.

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

Thank you. Carol Stoneman, Treasurer

## THANK YOU FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance committee would like to thank the following individuals for designating their Thrivent Choice dollars to Concordia. A total of \$2,431 was received from Thrivent.

Joel Baranowski  
Jane Casserly  
Robert Goodrich  
Rolf Hedberg  
Harold C. Krach  
Linda Lange  
Karen Schauster  
Dennis Stechholz  
Stephen Strand  
Mark L. Winzler

Sandy Baranowski  
Gail Feder  
Lois Hedberg  
Edward D. Krach  
Jolanta M. Krach  
Edna Nekiunas  
Ruth Sprong Heyden  
Philip Stoneman  
Karin Turek

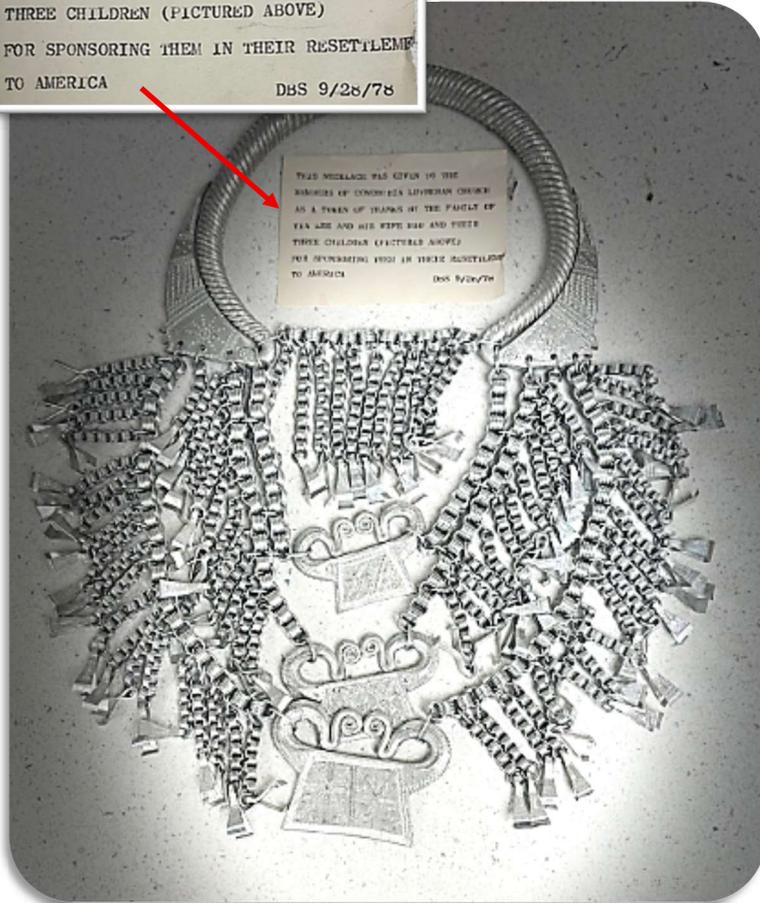
This green altar frontal which we have used regularly during the summer months was made by our late Parish Worker *Barbara Baker* and *Susan Bourret* and *Jeanine Barber*. This was made in 1998 for the installation of Pastor Martha Klein Larsen. Thanks to **Jeanine and Susan**, the frontal (which was lovingly called an “*explosion*”) remains in beautiful shape. Feel free to take a close look at it after worship any Sunday to see the beautiful handiwork!



# A Small Thank You for a Lifelong Blessing



THIS NECKLACE WAS GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH AS A TOKEN OF THANKS BY THE FAMILY OF YIA LEE AND HIS WIFE MAO AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN (PICTURED ABOVE) FOR SPONSORING THEM IN THEIR RESETTLEMENT TO AMERICA DBS 9/28/78



Concordia has a long history of reaching out into the community and beyond in order to assist those in need. Back in the 1970s when refugees from Vietnam were coming to America, Concordia was involved in the resettlement of these refugees.

The picture is that of a necklace given to Concordia in 1978 from a family which we had resettled. If you would like to see it "up close", it will be in the Archive area off of the Narthex.

Just last week *out of nowhere* we got a check for \$200.00 sent to Concordia by one of the children of this Vietnamese family. One of the children was going through some belongings of their parents and came across information about how Concordia assisted them with an interest-free resettlement loan and the person wrote to express thanks and gratitude for that loan 47 years ago which helped their family gets settled in the United States.

## **ORIGINAL MESSAGE FROM YANKEE LEE RECEIVED VIA EMAIL ON JULY 7, 2025, 4:58 P.M.**

*My parents Yia PaYing Lee and Mao Vang Lee were provided an interest free resettlement loan from your church in October of 1978. My family recently discovered this letter and I'd like to thank you with a small but grateful donation. Due to your work and contribution, my parents were able to start a life and community in America. My parents sent all three of us through college and we ourselves are living the American dream because of efforts like yours. My parents are now gone but I know they spoke so highly of their experience with your church. My father often spoke of the kindness of the church and its willingness to help all kind of immigrants. This is a small gesture for such a wonderful gift you have provided to my family. Thank you so much.*

*Sincerely,*

*Yankee Lee*

**Note:**

If you have not signed up yet and wish to do so,  
please contact Margie in the Church office.

All are welcome!

# H O L Y C L O S U R E T E A M S

<b>REAL ESTATE TEAM</b>	<b>ARCHIVES TEAM</b>	<b>PROPERTY TEAM</b>	<b>FINANCE TEAM</b>
<b>(L) BARANOWSKI, JOEL</b>	<b>(L) CAROL BURNETT</b>	<b>(L) RUTHIE LYNCH</b>	BOURRET, SUSAN
BARANOWSKI, ZACHARY	JAWORSKI, SHARON	<b>(L) PAM OLSON</b>	SMITH, DAVID
BEAUREGARD, DAVID	KNAUFF, NANCY LYNN	ADAMS, GAIL	SOLLINGER- RUGGERIO, TINA
STONEMAN, CAROL	TAYLOR, LISA	ALMOND, REBEKKA*	SPRONG HEYDEN, RUTH
TAYLOR, LISA	WINZLER, MARK( <i>ex-officio</i> )	BARANOWSKI, JOEL	STONEMAN, CAROL
WINZLER, MARK( <i>ex-officio</i> )		BARANOWSKI, ZACHARY	WINZLER, MARK ( <i>ex-officio</i> )
		BARBER, JEANINE	
		BURNETT, CAROL	
		CORL, JOHN	
		MCGARITY, JAN	
		MCKINNEY, BOBBY	
		SALVATORE, JANICE	
		SLATER, DONALD	
		STONEMAN, PHIL	
		TAYLOR, LISA	
		WINZLER, MARK ( <i>ex-officio</i> )	

*\*Also, she said, plus wherever she is needed!*

## Member Care ❤️

The Member Care team celebrated Independence Day with Petey, Edna, Irene, Joanne, and David.

May you still remember the excitement of childhood fireworks and family gatherings on this special holiday.



### Our Flag

By: Patricia A. Fleming

She waves for my attention,  
So free upon the breeze.  
The sun reflects her stars and stripes,  
As proud as she can be.

She tells a tale of people lost,  
Who came to find their way  
And carried on through every loss,  
To bring us here today.

She reminds me of the brave who fought  
To keep our country strong  
And shouts at me of victories  
To right egregious wrongs.

She whispers to our children  
Of all this country has to give  
And begs that they stand up for her  
And give thanks for how they live.

She cries to me of apathy,  
Of prejudice and hate,  
Of disrespect for what she stands,  
And a Constitution we forsake.

She demands that I acknowledge her  
And what she means to me  
And dares me to imagine life  
If she should cease to be.

And still in Glory she unfurls  
And gives me hope again  
For a people reunited,  
And a country on the mend.

So each time I see her wave at me,  
I'll stop and gaze above  
And take a moment to respect  
This country that I love.



## *From David Smith .....*

In honor of Jim Britton's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, I decided to write down a story that he and I share. I can't be exactly sure on the date, but the following took place in 1992 or thereabouts.

Let me just start out to say, it was a windy day. Not just a little breezy, but a very windy day! So much so, that you had to lean into it to prevent from being blown over.

That day, Jim, Fred Badger, and I took a little trip down to the US Merchant Marine Academy at Fort Schuyler, NY because Fred was working on an article about Liberty Ship engines, and they had a lot of reference material about the subject at the library there.

It was a weekday, so I remember taking the time off work to join them. It was during a difficult project I was working on, so it was nice to have a break from all that. A complete diversion as I knew next to nothing about the US Merchant Marine Academy, Liberty Ships, their engines, or anything nautical for that matter.

Fort Schuyler is in the Bronx, so the ride down there was interesting near Throggs Neck and approaching the academy you could see large boats docked alongside the school. I recall it being gusty on the ride down, but it wasn't until we were there that the wind really picked up. What I liked the most was during the ride down Fred recalled his time serving on a Liberty Ship and Jim shared his stories from his time in the US Navy, both during WW II. It made the drive go by quickly.

When we got to the office of the US Merchant Marine Academy, they asked me if I was signing up, to which I said a polite 'no thank you.' We got directions to the library and went from there and arranged a tour of the training ship they use at the academy. Part of the deal with joining the school is the cadets get to do a semester at sea working various jobs on the boat. That year they planned to take it to Europe.

The library had a life sized schematic of a Liberty Ship engine, and I was amazed how large it was: it was easily two stories high. Being someone who loves libraries, it was a tremendous pleasure to visit such a good one. I also got to learn about what life was like for the cadets, and the topics they studied to become officers.

On the way back towards the ship for the tour, it was so windy we could barely make any forward progress walking, and often took a step or two backwards, bracing against the wind. Fortunately, a maintenance worker driving a van, saw our predicament, and offered us a lift over to the training vessel, which we gratefully accepted. The tour of the ship was fascinating, we were able to go on the bridge, and all throughout the training ship with Jim and Fred telling me about the naval terms for various equipment along the way, and also what it was like serve watch aboard a vessel like that.

It was great to witness both Jim and Fred checking out the engine room, and they both spoke about tending to the engines of the ships they were on during the war. In that light, I could see them reminisce about their times at sea, and there was an aura about it.

On the way back home, we decided to stop for a meal. We remained in the outskirts of the Bronx, near Fort Schuyler, and we found an Italian restaurant. It was a family run establishment and we had the place to ourselves as it was late in the afternoon, but a bit early for the dinner trade. It was a wonderful dinner, and the food tasted so good! We gave our compliments to the chef. It was the perfect cap to the excursion.

The wind had begun to die down by the time we were back in Connecticut. Fred was able to complete his article shortly thereafter. I was thankful to be part of the day with Jim and Fred. It was far more interesting and definitely better than the usual workday in the office. God Bless you, Fred, I miss you, and God Bless, Jim, on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was great to see two sailors' at home on the US Merchant Marine Academy training vessel that day.

I'm sure you'll remember that day: **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Jim!**

*David Smith*

## *A Prayer of Thanks for Jim Britton*

July 27, 2025

Loving God,

We come to you today to give you thanks for the life of Jim Britton who has served you faithfully and well over his **100** years of life.

We thank you for the opportunity to do your work on earth with Jim, a kind, gracious, respectful, and caring person who always seeks to do as you would have us all do.

We, fellow members of Concordia, thank you for the gift of having benefited from Jim's presence in our individual and collective lives. We have been enriched by him as a person, by his thoughts and deeds, and also by the example that he has set.

As we gather for fellowship, may all of us feel your presence, especially Jim, who has loved and served you throughout his life. We ask for your continued blessings upon him.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

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### **Note:**

Jay Moran, the Mayor of Manchester, made July 26, 2025 **James Britton Day** in the Town of Manchester and issued a proclamation to that effect which he gave to Jim.



**Jim Britton's  
100th party at  
daughters with  
Mayor of  
Manchester  
proclaiming it  
Jim Britton day!**

100

# Celebration of Jim Britton's 100th Birthday

Sunday, July 27, 2025



*100 Never Looked So Good!  
Jim Britton with Pastor Ann Lovejoy Johnson*



**Ahren Niles from the Mystic Pipe Band played *Anchors Away* and *Happy Birthday***

*A hundred years of wisdom—and Jane Casserly is soaking it in!*



# AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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)

## SEPTEMBER

## AUGUST

Patricia Bourret (1)

Pastor Hedberg (4)

Amanda Baranowski (8)

Candace Wilson (22)

Lu-Anne Rehmer (12)



## OCTOBER

GAIL FEDER (26)

CAROL STONEMAN (14)

BILL SALVATORE (20)

JANET BELLINO (25)

DAN BURNETT (22)

BRIELLE SOLLINGER (21)



## Pastoral Care for July and August

**With the exception of one Sunday in August,  
Pastor Hedberg will be away for most of July and August.**

If there is any need for pastoral care (*hospital, severe illness etc.*) during the months of July and August, you are asked to:

- a) Contact Margie (*Parish Administrator*) in the Church Office at (860)649-5311 during office hours (*Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*)  
*If it is not an emergency, you can leave a message on the answering machine outside of office hours*
- b) After office hours as well as on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, please contact Mark Winzler at (860) 643-1913 (*home*) or (860) 690-8651 (*cell*).

Margie or Mark will then reach out to secure pastoral care coverage.

At this time, **Reverend Ann Lovejoy Johnson** will be providing that support.



# POP-UP SHOP

## WE NEED:

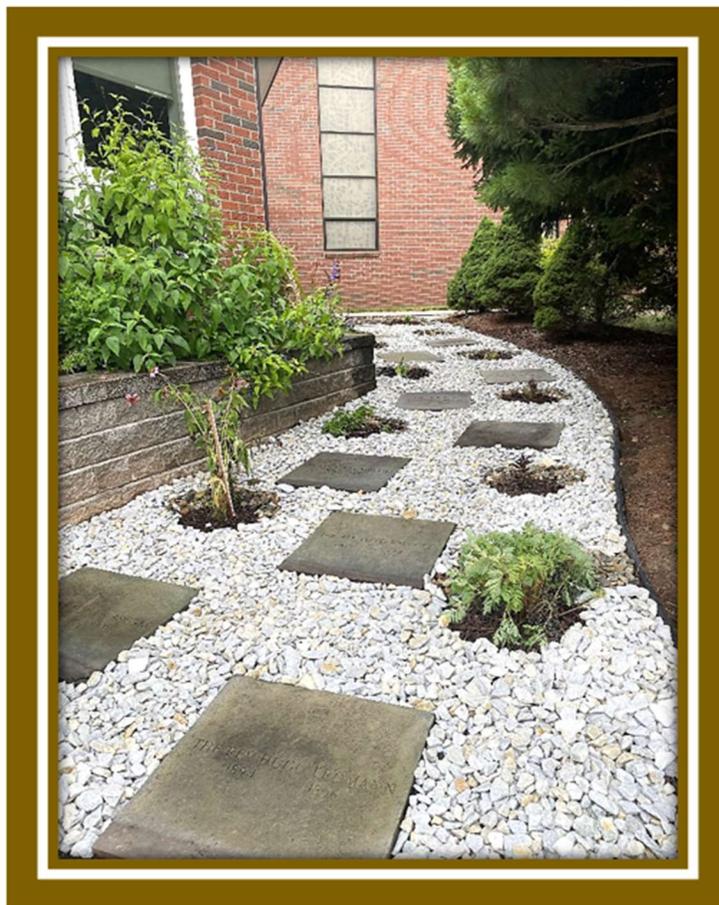
**BOYS 10 AND UP – PANTS/SHIRTS  
GIRLS – ALL SIZES  
BRAND NEW UNDERWEAR FOR GIRLS  
PJ'S  
KIDS' SOCKS  
BABY OVER 6 MONTHS  
BACKPACKS**

*We currently have an abundance of adult clothing  
and cannot accept more at this time*

## From Worship & Memorial Garden

If you would like to take home your pathway stone, you're more than welcome to do so. We recommend retrieving stones during warmer weather for comfort and ease.

Should you wish to proceed or have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Taylor, Ruth Sprong Heyden, or Mark Winzler—or simply reach out to the church office.



Bryan Jaworski, Carol Burnett & Lisa Taylor's hard work in the garden (*Bryan did all the heavy lifting!*)



## 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
7/28/2025	Lois Johnson	Healing and Comfort	Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson
7/24/2025	Sandy Baranowski	Healing and recovery following surgery	Joel Baranowski, Irene Schack, and Mark Winzler
7/20/2025	Anna Link	Comfort, strength & healing during health issues	Sandra Baranowski
7/14/2025	Michael Jaworski	Healing and strength during health issues	John & Sharon Jaworski
6/18/2025	Laura McKay	Comfort, strength and healing (major surgery)	Sandy Baranowski
5/5/2025	Stacy	Complete healing and restoration of body.	Marian E. Slater
3/11/2025	David	Comfort and strength	Family of David
10/27/2024	Dan Burnett	Strength, comfort, and healing during this significant health challenge.	Carol Burnett

For Concordia's ongoing transition process.

The Intentions of this Community:

- † Concordia Nursery School Students and their families
- † The work of Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC)
- † The work of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA)
- † For our Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop
- † For Licensed Lay Minister Beatrice Luciano and Ministerio Nueva Creacion
- † 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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Lutheran  
Disaster Response



# Give now to respond to flooding in Texas

Dear church,

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to “pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.” Merciful God, hear our prayer:

As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that our neighbors are not alone on the long road to recovery after disasters like the floods in Texas.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and will work with other partners as well to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery.

Can our neighbors recovering from disasters count on your support?

Through these disasters and others in the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities throughout the recovery process, walking with them for as long as it takes. Together, as a church, we follow Christ’s call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

In prayer together,

The Rev. John Eggen  
Senior Director, Annual Giving  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Web address for giving:**

<https://give.elca.org/page/85307/donate>

**Checks or money orders can be mailed to:**

Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



September 28, 2025

*Following worship at Concordia*

Social hour 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

(Hors d'oeuvres, cheese/crackers)

Wine and Beer

Dinner 12:15pm

## M e n u

German Sausages

*(Weisswurst and Bauernwurst)*

German Potato Salad

Sauerkraut

Green Beans and Mushrooms

Applesauce

Salad

Rolls and Butter

Dessert Table

Coffee/Tea

The cost of the dinner is **\$15.00** per person, children under 12 are free.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I(we) can bring:** Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your payment with this reservation form and submit it to the Church Office by **Friday, September 12, 2025.**

# Pool Party and Barbecue

Sunday, August 10, 2025

3:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Want to sit by a pool on a hot summer day and enjoy fellowship, drinks, snacks and a cookout with friends? **If so, please come to this year's BBQ!**

As it has been for many years, this will take place at Mark Winzler's home. Bring a lawn chair *if possible*.

The menu includes (supplied by Mark):

**Hotdogs | Hamburgers | Rolls | German Potato Salad | Baked Beans**

*Those attending are requested to sign up to provide an appetizer, salad or dessert (see below).*



## Sign Up Form

I/We *can* bring:

Appetizer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert: \_\_\_\_\_ Salad: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the office  
or call: 860.649.5311, or email: [office@concordiamanchester.org](mailto:office@concordiamanchester.org)*

**By: MONDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**



**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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