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Announcements

If anyone would like to perform a special musical number during service... singing, playing an instrument, etc., please email Bridgett with details.

Support the Allen Backpack Program by saving your HyVee receipts and put in the jar in the back of the sanctuary.

FLC WELCA is collecting supplies for Bridges to Hope. Some items include: stamps, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, bedding, towels, cooking utensils, dishes, shampoo, soap, razors, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry soap, lotions, vacuums, mops, brooms, toasters, coffee pots, crock pots and much more. Some items may be gently used while others need to be new (check the website for details). A full list of items can be found on bridgestohopene.org/donate.

CLC will be collecting items for college boxes. Please consider how you can help brighten our college kid's finals week through these college care packages! * No liquids please.

Newsletter Deadline: If you want something in the next newsletter please email it to secretaryatcf@gmail.com by March 22nd.

Service men and women continue to need to hear from home, friends, and family. Please consider sending a "Thinking of You", "Thank You for Your Service", or just a short personal note to our current service members:

Sgt Christopher Wordekemper
53 Barclay Place Court, Apt. D
Charlottesville, VA 22901

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2610 Florida A1A
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Winter Weather Reminder: If the school district is closed in the town of the congregation having weekday activities, church activities will also automatically be cancelled (even if it is sunny and clear at the time of the scheduled event). For late day weather impacts, weekend activities, and worship the Council Presidents and Vicar Deb will decide whether to cancel and we will get the word out. Be safe out there this winter!



*We remember in our prayers
those who are ill or
recovering.*

Ardyce Johnson
Frieda Bowman
Betty Carr
Bridgett Connell
Fern Erickson
Preston Wayman

*We remember those in care
facilities or homebound.*

Bonnie Kellogg (Homebound)
Frieda Bowman (Hillcrest)
Lyla Swanson (Kinship Pointe)
Marilyn Wallin (CountryView)
Fern Erickson (Homebound)

*We remember those serving
in the armed forces.*

Chris Wordekemper
Taylor Johnson

Concordia Members

Steve & Peg Anderson;
William, Grant, Miles
Carolyn Alt
Craig Bathke & Lisa Clausen
Marc & Cris Bathke
Les Bohlken

First Lutheran Members

Loren & Betty Carr
Shane & Bridgett Connell;
Keiziah, Tristan, Mackenzey, Hunter
Gloria Dowling
Nancy Ellis
David & Iva Geiger

If you know of any person in
need of prayers, please call
the church office at 635-2461
and leave a message if no one
answers.

Thank You

Thank you to the Carol Bard family for the framed artwork of "The Lion and the Lamb" which has been hung on our basement wall next to the ramp. Carol was the daughter of Ivar and Hannah Anderson and granddaughter of Reverend Peter Pearson who pastored Concordia from 1911 through 1926. She was also the sister of Marilyn Wallin.

Carol attended Concordia until her marriage and was then a longtime member of Salem Lutheran in Wakefield. Carol returned to Jesus on December 18th and her daughter Roxie (Scott) Thompson donated the artwork to Concordia in Carol's memory.

"Thank You" once again for the outpouring of love and support shown to us since Dad's passing, a mere couple months since losing Mom. Thanks to all who provided food, for your prayers, cards, memorials, phone calls, and sharing your memories of Dad. A special thank you to all involved in the service, our church family for always sending cards or gifts, and Vicar Deb Hammer for being at our beck and call through these unusual times. We thank those at Hillcrest who became a second "family" to us. We are blessed to have such wonderful family, neighbors and friends who have continuously held us up through their prayers and kindness.

The Family of Marlen "Freck" Johnson:

Pam, Dwight and Brooke Anderson

Brian, Terri, Taylor Johnson, and Courtney (Nick) McLamb
Layne, Wendi, Jake and Luke Johnson

Ministry Opportunities

FLC Council Meeting March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

NO Confirmation during lent.

CLC HOPE Circle will meet March 4th at 2:00 p.m. at CLC

CLC Council Meeting March 8th at 6:00 p.m. at FLC

Joint Council Meeting March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

FLC WELCA will meet March 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church will host the Lenten Breakfast on March 10th for students from LCC Middle and High School. This will be at the Presbyterian Church each Wed morning from 7:15 to 7:45. These Wednesday breakfasts begin Feb 17th and go through Mar 24 with different churches hosting each week.

GIGP Movie Night March 14th 5:00-8:00 p.m. at FLC. All 7th – 12th graders welcome. Invite your friends. Join us to play games, eat pizza, and watch a movie.

GIGP Council Meeting March 17th at 6:00 p.m. at CLC

Lenten Worship Schedule

3/3 Lenten Service at CLC at 7:00 p.m.
3/10 Lenten Service at FLC at 7:00 p.m.
3/17 Lenten Service at CLC at 7:00 p.m.
3/24 Lenten Service at FLC at 7:00 p.m.
3/28 Palm Sunday Service FLC at 8:30 a.m. CLC at 10:15 a.m.
4/1 Maundy Thursday Service at CLC at 7:00 p.m.
4/2 Good Friday Service at FLC at 7:00 p.m.
4/4 Easter Sunrise Worship at FLC at 7:30 a.m.
(Breakfast following Worship)
4/4 Easter Worship at CLC at 10:15 a.m.

God Loves Color Prayer Wall

Lent is time we intentionally give of ourselves to follow our call to grow closer to God. We can answer that call with our actions and our prayers. Let's fill our prayer wall with our prayers.

Each time we gather for service on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, you are invited to stop by the prayer wall and write a prayer. There will be different colors to represent the different prayers of our hearts. Red is for love. Blue is for the Holy Spirit to move you. Orange is Joy for what you are thankful for. Green is for healing. Purple is for wisdom to guide you. White is prayer for peace. Yellow is for prayer for our faith and God's honor and glory.

Prayers are blessings we give to God and blessings we give to one another.

Let's fill our prayer wall!

Communion Encounter for Youth

March 20, 2021

9:30 to 11:30 am

at Concordia Lutheran Church

This event is for all ages of youth interested in learning why we have the gift of Holy Communion. The encounter is a two-hour age-appropriate session learning what Holy Communion means to us. Children will explore the ritual of Holy Communion in this encounter.

Who is invited to attend? All ages from age Pre-Kindergarten to Confirmation age.

This encounter is for those wanting to prepare themselves to begin taking communion for the first time, as well as for those who are currently taking communion. We will grow together as we learn the faith practices of the church. The materials used will prepare kids and their families for regular participation in communion worship and support ongoing learning formation. We will explore the stories, rituals, and images surrounding the holy meal.

Please RSVP by March 15th if you plan for your child to attend and whether you will be joining your child or dropping them off. We will have lessons, enjoy crafts, and make bread. For those ready to begin to take communion for the first time, we would recognize you in worship on Palm Sunday or if the family prefers, you will receive your first communion on your Confirmation day.



The fruit of the Spirit is

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23



Worship Helpers & Celebrations

	First Helpers	Concordia Helpers
Ushers & Greeters	Olesen Family	Dustin Thompson & Grant Settje
Acolytes	3/7 Olesen Boys 3/10 Olesen Boys 3/14 Olesen Boys 3/21 Olesen Boys 3/24 Olesen Boys 3/28 Olesen Boys	3/7 Kolten Settje 3/14 Kassidee Holz 3/21 Noah Marc 3/28 Lane Fischer
Lay Readers	Jason Olesen	Carolyn Alt
Communion Steward	Katie Olesen	Dawn Addison-Corbit
Altar Guild	Barb Karmann & Skyler H.	Judy Martindale
Altar Flowers		Lenten Season
Coffee after Service	There will be no coffee until further notice.	

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First

3/7 Wendi Hammerstrom
3/11 Cole Monteith
3/13 Scott Morgan
3/20 Isaac Verzani
3/25 Jordyn Carr
3/27 Paul & Colleen Boyle
3/31 Reed Hingst



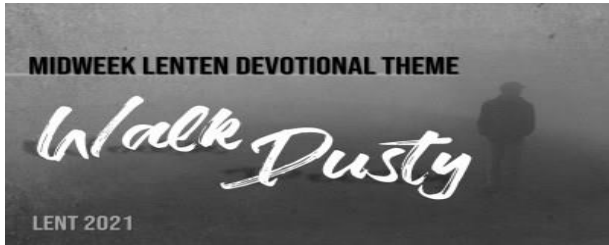
Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia

3/2 Trish Reifenrath
3/3 Pam Anderson
3/3 Turner Thompson
3/4 Hart & Mary Vollers
3/5 Jayson Wayman
3/5 Audra Corbit
3/7 Jason Fischer
3/20 Amanda Fischer
3/22 William Anderson
3/22 Dustin & Alissa Thompson
3/25 Grant & Brandi Settje
3/30 Frieda Bowman



Vicar's Article

We live in the messiness that comes with the often-dirty road that we must travel in life. Let us also remember that it is in this dust that we call life that which shapes and forms us into resurrection people. Just as we walk wet in our baptism and the promise that it holds, we encourage you this year to Walk Dusty. While the journey is long and tiresome, resurrection promises are greater. In our dusty walk together, we claim the promise of new life. As we walk dusty, we remember that we have come from dust and to dust we shall return. Let us examine the dust in our lives and walk together through the messiness and the blessedness that it brings.



The season of lent is a time of reflection and soul searching. This is a time to ponder in our hearts about our relationship with God as we walk together. We will be doing the Holden Evening Prayer with a reading and meditation from the theme "Walk Dusty."

Walk Together – February 24th

Walk in Faith – March 3

Walk in Hope – March 10

Walk in Grace – March 17

Walk in Forgiveness – March 24



We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you. (Eph 1:16-17)

May God's love and peace abide!

Vicar Deb Hammer

Remember to fill our Prayer Wall:



Prayers for Love - Red

Prayers for Joy - Orange

Prayers for Healing – Green

Prayers for Peace – White

Prayers for Wisdom – Purple

Prayers for Faith – Yellow

Prayers for the Holy Spirit – Blue

God Loves Color

First Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

One unified body of Christ, called to be agents of love and service to all!

First Lutheran Council met on February 11, 2021. Present were Gloria Dowling, Katie Olesen, Vicar Deb Hammer, Rod Ketelsen, Vickie Sands, and Greg Carr

Opening prayer by all.

Vicar's report was read and discussed.

Secretary's report for January was read. Katie made a motion to approve, seconded by Gloria. Report approved.

Treasurer's report was read and discussed. Vickie made a motion to approve, seconded by Rod. Report approved.

Property items were discussed. Gloria had noticed snow coming in under the main doors.

Old Business:

- Banners came today.
- A new sign for the church has been ordered.
- Yearbook/Directory updates are done.

New Business:

- Council members will be installed during service on February 21.
- The drive-through soup supper was discussed, including items remaining to be donated. Pies need to be at the church by 2:00 P.M. on February 28.
- We will revisit the possibility of resuming coffee after service at our next meeting in March.

Other:

- The mask mandate will stay in place.
- New officers chosen: Rod Ketelsen-President, Greg Carr-Vice President, Katie Olesen-Treasurer, Vickie Sands-Secretary, Gloria Dowling-Events, and Chris Beach-Financial Secretary

Motion to adjourn by Katie, seconded by Greg.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Treasurer

Next meeting on March 8 is a joint council meeting with CLC. at 6:00 P.M. FLC council will meet at 7:00 P.M.

Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

Reflecting God's love in service to all through our family of faith!

The Concordia Church Council met on Feb 8th at 7pm in the church basement. Present were Carolyn Alt, Judy Martindale, Brandi Settje, Lee Johnson, Hart Vollers and Vicar Deb Hammer. Doug Krie was absent.

Peg Anderson was present to give the treasurer's report.

Vicar Deb opened the meeting with the Candle Litany Prayer and Carolyn called the meeting to order.

The Vicar's report was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the secretary's report as well as the financial secretary's report and treasurer's report with the addition of a reimbursement for Vicar. Motion was carried.

It was suggested that we need a place to secure the garbage and recycling dumpsters to keep them from blowing around. Hart will take care of getting this done.

Old Business:

Carolyn gave the status of the Living Lutheran subscription notices that were sent out last month. She has received 15 requests to keep receiving this magazine. Those not responding will be removed from the subscription list.

Carolyn will continue to watch for grant opportunities for ramp repair/replacement and parsonage driveway replacement will be addressed in the spring.

New Business:

The minutes from the annual Ministry Celebration were approved by council. The 2021 Mission Share commitment has been sent to the NE Synod.

Lenten offerings this year will be directed to the new youth organization, GIGP. There will not be coffee served after Lenten services.

We discussed making a list of items for memorials to be used for. This will be a council goal for 2021.

Discussion was held on need for internet in the church for confirmation, possibility of live streaming services and funeral services, etc. There will not be guest access to this service. A motion was made and seconded to install this. All were in favor. Carolyn will see to having it installed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Martindale

Secretary

G.I.G.P. Council Meeting Highlights

January 28, 2021

Present were Kolten Settje, Keiziah Connell, Gabe Olesen, Vicar Deb Hammer, Jaclyn & Chris Beach, and Bridgett Connell.

Vicar Deb opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

Plans were discussed for the upcoming event on March 14th.

Discussion took place on how to handle the funds that are coming in.

New Business:

Plans were made to do a community service for the community.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keiziah Connell

February, 24, 2021

Present were Kolten Settje, Keiziah Connell, Mitchel Fischer, Brennan Beach, Vicar Deb Hammer, Jaclyn & Chris Beach, and Bridgett Connell.

Vicar Deb opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

Discussion took place about the community service project that was postponed due to the extreme cold weather.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming event on March 14th.

Discussion took place on how to handle the funds that are coming in.

New Business:

Plans were discussed for the next event in April (date - to be determined).

Other service ideas were discussed for the future.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keiziah Connell