

Parish Partyline

Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

September 2020

Prayers, Intercession, & Thanksgiving

O God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live, to be just and true in all our dealings, to be strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty; pure and temperate in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous toward all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are his disciples; in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR...

Those serving in the Armed Forces

Chris Wordekemper
Taylor Johnson

Those in Care Facilities or Homebound

Bonnie Kellogg (Homebound)
Frieda Bowman (Hillcrest)
Marlen & Suzie Johnson (Hillcrest)
Lyla Swanson (Kinship Pointe)
Marilyn Wallin (CountryView)

Concordia Council Members

President – Carolyn Alt
Vice President - Hart Vollers
Secretary – Judy Martindale
Financial Secretary - Lee Johnson
Financial Liaison – Dustin Thompson
Projects - Trisha Reifenrath

First Council Members

President - Rod Ketelsen
Vice President - Paul Boyle
Secretary - Vickie Sands
Treasurer - Katie Olesen
Financial Secretary - Chris Beach
Events - Gloria Dowling

Concordia Members

Mike & Andrea Johnson; Delaney, Cade
Doug & Lynette Krie
Elaine Lubberstedt
Keith & Kathy Lubberstedt
Terry & Peg Lutt

First Members

Jay & Shelly Jones; Brogan
Barb Karmann
Faith Keil
Heidi Keil; Wyatt, Cheyenne
Steve Keil; Wyatt Cheyenne

** If you know of people who should be added to our prayers, please contact Vicar Deb Hammer or Bridgett Connell*

Vicar's Article



I give thanks to God for all of you and look forward to growing together with you as we nurture one another in our walk of faith. The Holy Spirit moves and connects us to help lift one another up and grow closer to God. Each one of us lights the flame for each other and rekindles God's love in each other as we gather and grow. May we always remember God is the one giving the growth to all that we plant, water and nurture. I look forward to our ministry together and pray for God's spirit to grow in your hearts as we grow closer to God and to one another.

Fall is a time of harvesting the fruits of the seeds that have been planted and the workers are preparing for the winter months. September is time we celebrate God's Work / Our Hands. We gather, we serve and we grow doing God's kingdom work to help others. September is a time we gather to begin a new year of Sunday School and Confirmation classes. I so much look forward to growing with you and getting to know all of you in the months ahead.

As a student attending Wartburg Seminary, I gather and grow with the other students and learn to grow in ministry to serve you. During the months of June and July, I have taken two seminary courses – Hebrew Bible 1 and Hebrew Bible 2. I have now successfully completed the first two seminary courses via zoom classes and paper writing. I have attended my first Candidacy Retreat which was also held via zoom. This fall, I will be taking two courses via zoom as I learn about the New Testament and the History of Christianity. I am so thankful for your walking with me through this new faith journey and look forward to gathering and growing together with all of you!

God's Blessings,

Vicar Deb

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

- 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

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 August 3, 2020. Present were Rod Ketelsen, Vickie Sands, Katie Olesen, Chris Beach, Pastor Deb Valentine, and Paul Boyle (via Facetime)

Opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Deb.

Secretary's report for July was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Pastor's report was read and discussed

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul Boyle gave an update on his repairs. He also relayed his observations of areas in the bell tower and roof that need repairs.

Gloria fixed the upstairs toilet.

Gloria is still working on a grant through the Immanuel Vision Foundation that will be used for the backpack program if approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmer's Market and Bake Sale will be held on August 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 8:00-11:00. The money raised will be used for the next youth mission trip.

We will have a reception for the 2020 Allen graduates next Sunday, August 9 following the service.

Installation for Deb Hammer will either be held on September 27 or October 4.

Motion to adjourn made by Vickie, seconded by Katie.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

Next council meeting will be held on September 13, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., followed by a joint meeting with Concordia's council at 7:00.

Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

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

The Concordia Lutheran Church Council met on August 9th, 2020 at Concordia Lutheran Church with all members and Pastor Deb present.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions and the meeting was called to order by president Carolyn Alt. The pastor's report was presented with some attention called to upcoming dates of ELCA events.

The secretary's report and financial reports were given

Old Business:

- Carpets have been cleaned.
- A new vacuum was purchased for the church and the belt replaced on the old one.
- Lee has sprayed for bugs in the church and Carolyn has gotten new mouse traps.

New Business:

- A new mat for inside church entry will be purchased.
- Concordia has been approved for DHHS Cares Grant for up to \$500 to be used for cleaning supplies, masks or other costs incurred due to COVID-19.
- Discussion on farewell gift/reception for Pastor Deb Valentine on Aug.30 following worship. Trisha will organize..
- Tentative installation date for Vicar Deb Hammer will be Sept 27th.
- Several activities will/may take place on Sep 13th, Rally Sunday, Installation of council members and Sunday School teachers, Nolte new member reception, and God's Work Our Hands event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Martindale

Secretary

Worship Helpers & Celebrations

	First Helpers	Concordia Helpers
Ushers & Greeters	Greg & Ann Carr	Ron Harder & Craig Bathke
Acolytes	9/6 Jordyn Carr 9/13 9/20 Jordyn Carr 9/27	9/6 Hunter Nolte 9/13 Taelynn Settje 9/20 Joe Grone 9/27 Kolton Fischer
Lay Readers	Ann Carr	Georgia Addison
Communion Steward	Barb Ketelsen	Delaney Johnson
Altar Guild	Ann Carr & Vickie Sands	Marilyn Harder
Altar Flowers		Marilyn Harder
Coffee after Service	***Not through September	

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First

9/4 Barb Strivens
 9/5 Chris Beach
 9/6 Landon Monteith
 9/10 Wyatt Verzani
 9/11 Rod Ketelsen
 9/14 Donna Schroeder
 9/15 Shane & Bridgett Connell
 9/16 Verlan & Vicky Hingst
 9/18 Jerry Schroeder
 9/29 Kiara Monteith
 9/29 Jay & Shelly Jones

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia

9/5 Mandy Bruning
 9/5 Delaney Johnson
 9/5 Grant Settje
 9/6 Rick Peterson
 9/6 Jeremy Bruning
 9/9 Terry Lutt
 9/18 Miles Anderson
 9/18 Mary Vollers
 9/24 Brad Erwin
 9/29 Dwight Anderson



Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, September 13 at CLC

1. During Service— **Installation** of Sunday School Teachers and Council Members.
2. After service, CLC will gather to participate in **God's Work Our Hands**. We will also honor the **Nolte family** with a new members reception and **Pizza Lunch**. Following the lunch, we will break into work groups. Take a look at the list below and think about which GWOH activity you will support:

CLC God's Work Our Hands Activities:

Concord park...pull weeds in the sand/play equipment areas. (bring your work gloves!)	Assemble school kits for LWR
Roadside litter pickup. Pick up trash on road in front of church and streets in Concord. (bring your work gloves!)	Write Thank You notes to local first responders, volunteer fire, medical and law enforcement personnel.
Tie quilts.	Help with replacement of shed doors – Judy M's house

Over the next few weeks, in conjunction with **God's Work Our Hands**, we will collect items for the Dixon County and Laurel Food Pantry's. The last Sunday to drop off items in the Narthex will be **September 20**. Suggested items:

Toilet Paper	Breakfast Cereal
Paper Towels	Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter	Canned Vegetables
Fruit Jams/Jellies (other than Grape!)	Canned Pastas
Boxes of Jello/Pudding	Canned Chili (with or without beans)
Pancake Mix	Canned Meat
Cereal	Canned Soups & Stews

Many Hands Serving Concordia!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for individuals and families to choose a volunteer task for some repair/cleanup items which need extra help beyond custodial support. You pick the task and when you feel it can be completed. Make it a family event. Find friends to work on a task together...Your hands are a blessing! Thank you!

Ministry Opportunities

FLC WELCA

We will meet September 9th

At 1:30 p.m. for a business meeting and Bible study.

Lesson – Jean M.

September Council Meetings

September 13th at FLC

5:00 p.m. FLC Council Meeting

6:00 p.m. CLC Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Joint Council Meeting

Support the Allen Backpack Program



Save your HyVee receipts dated after August 1st!

Put in the jar at FLC

Vicar Deb Hammer's 1st Sunday with FLC & CLC

September 6th

Vicar Deb's Office Hours

Monday 10 am – 2 pm

Thursday 10 am – 2 pm

CLC Sunday School

With schools just opening up and covid numbers on the rise, we will wait until October to begin in person Sunday School. We are having conversations to proceed with caution as to keep families safe.

Vicar Deb and Alissa Thompson are looking at ways to come up with new ideas to take Sunday School home if we are unable to meet in person.

Vicar Deb's Installation

September 27th

5:00 p.m.

Dixon Community Center

NO CLC Choir Practice until further notice.

If anyone would like to perform a special musical number

during service...singing, playing an instrument, etc., please connect with Bridgett (and if needing music to be played connect with Sue also).

FLC God's Work Our Hands

Save the Date:

September 13th

More information coming soon

Confirmation Meet and Greet

When: September 9th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: First Lutheran Church

Who is Invited: Confirmation youth and their parents

Vicar Deb would like to have a fun fellowship night to get to know our confirmation youth and their families. We will also look ahead at the schedule for the year so we learn and grow together.

Comedy Corner, Encouragement & Thank You's

Thank You

Thank you sunshine committee for making me shine! Thank you for the gift of a hot dish pad and matching coasters.

Elaine Lubberstedt

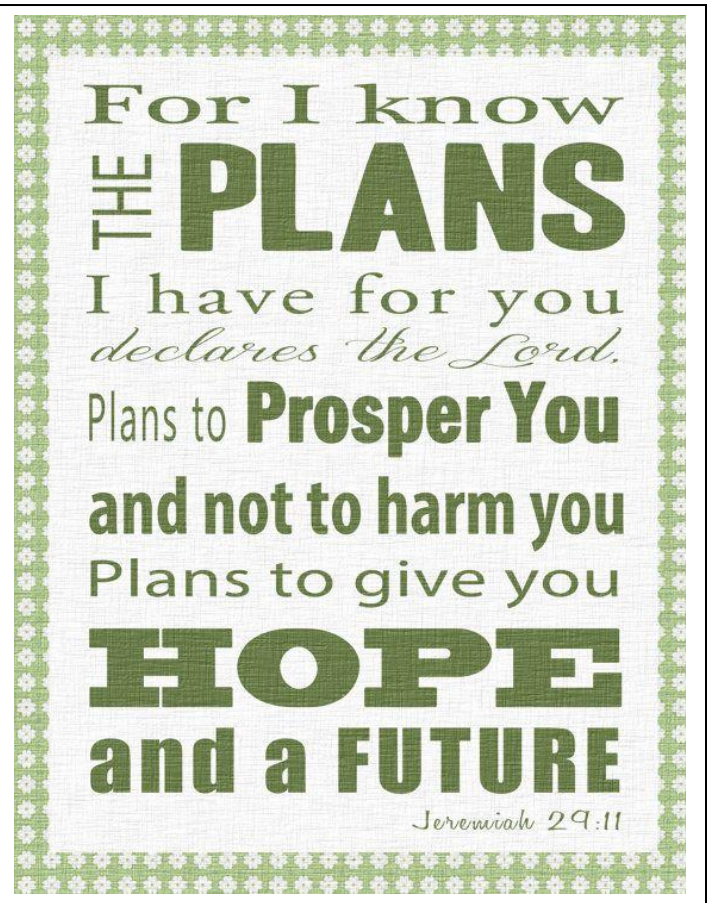
I want to thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, and beautiful cards you sent since my knee surgery. I am now walking with a cane and getting along fine.

God Bless,
Lyla Swanson



September 21st

If you want something in the next newsletter please email it to secretaryatcf@gmail.com by the deadline.



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