

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.



Building Usage/Availability

Sanctuary/Kaiser Hall/
Brandt Lounge/Garden Room

Education Wing

Office Conference Room

Contact the office to request use of the building.

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The deadline for submitting articles or items for The Chimes is the 25th of each month or as communicated.

From Our Transition Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

- different river – the Deerfield
- different spot
- different fish – 17 inch Rainbow
- trying to catch more!



Have a wonderful summer!

Pastor Rolf Hedberg



Highlights of the May 2024 Treasurer's Report

Summary

May envelope giving exceeded the monthly budgeted amount by 40% due to the receipt of a full annual pledge. In accordance with the approved annual budget, \$8,800 was withdrawn from Legacy to fulfill our annual benevolence commitment to MACC (\$5,300) and the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA) (\$3,500). Year-to-date building maintenance is 3% over the annual budgeted amount. Thank you for your support in voting to fund the steeple repair from the Legacy fund and for individual donations. Special funds realized gains in the month of May almost wiping out the losses from the month of April.

Report Details

The below information represents the envelope and stretch giving for the month of May as well as the

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
May	\$19,195.89	\$13,750.00	140%	\$86,649.53	\$68,750.00	126%

percentage against the monthly and yearly budget amounts.

Additional May Revenue

Open Offering:	\$60.00
Festival Offering:	\$295.00
Church Service:	\$550.00
Christian Indian Church Offering:	\$100.00
Non-Operating Income:	\$8,800.00 (MACC & GHIAA benevolence from Legacy)
Miscellaneous Gifts:	\$125.00
World Hunger Gifts:	\$81.00
Total:	\$10,011.00

TOTAL MAY REVENUES: \$29,206.89

Expenses

1. Utilities:

Vendor	MAY 2024	MAY 2023
CNG	\$1,161.52	\$1,880.21
Eversource/Earthlight	\$690.80 (\$0.00/\$690.80)	\$760.10 (\$0.00/\$760.10)
Cox	\$433.05	\$860.04 (May & June payments)
Sewer & Water	\$133.08	\$104.50
TOTAL	\$2,418.45	\$3,604.85



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Additional May Expenses:

MACC-Annual Benevolence:	\$5,300.00
GHIAA – Annual Benevolence:	\$3,500.00
Staff Salaries:	\$6,117.72
Fringe Benefits:	\$417.58
Program Expenses:	\$138.91
Program Support Expenses:	\$186.46
Facility Maintenance:	\$4,173.73 (\$2,528.00 – Capital Improvement-Door replacement)
Worship & Memorial Garden:	-\$20.00
Miscellaneous – Non-Budget:	\$1,000.00 (Gift to New Horizon)
TOTAL:	\$20,814.40

TOTAL MAY EXPENSES: \$23,232.85

Bank Account as of 5/31/2024 (ACS)

Beginning Balance:	\$29,952.45
Total Revenue:	\$32,335.19 (Includes pass-through revenue from Synod (MNC) & CNS Taxes)
Total Expenditures:	\$25,977.14 (Includes MNC & Tax expenditures)
Current Balance:	\$36,310.50
Monthly Cash Flow:	\$6,358.05 (Revenue less Expenditures)

Special Funds (as of May 31th)

Fund	Previous Month Market Value (April 2024)	Current Market Value	Current Month Gain/Losses & Withdrawals	YTD Gain/Losses & Withdrawals
Thrivent				
Scholarship	\$47,249.09	\$48,759.84	\$1,510.75	\$2,192.17
Fidelity				
Community Cares	\$59,684.86	\$62,255.37	\$2,570.51	\$1,473.71
Legacy & Memorial	\$895,884.49	\$934,468.52	\$38,584.03	\$68,417.83
Total Fidelity	\$955,569.35	\$996,723.89	\$41,154.54	\$69,891.54

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

Previous Month's Balance (April 2024)	Deposit	Withdrawals	Current Month Balance
\$40,782.04	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$41,132.04

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you. Carol Stoneman, Treasurer

**Approved Minutes of the Concordia Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024, in person and zoom option**

Present:

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

Absent: Petey Goodrich

Excused: David Smith – Vice President

Call to Order – Mark Winzler @ 6:09PM

Devotions – Mark opened with prayer

Special Order: Feedback from area church visits with Transition team including reports of visits, one more visit scheduled for June. Possible partnership with a few will be investigated.

Approval of Agenda as modified.

Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2024 meeting as modified.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Hedberg continues to support us as our transition pastor with worship, visits, baptism discussion and blessing.

President's Report

Transition focus on visits and search for administrator.

The follow-up meeting with Pastors Sara Anderson and Maria Hammons has been scheduled for September 15th.

Treasurer's Report

April treasurer's report was presented and received. Revenue was 76% of budget. See the treasurer report for financial details.

Old Business

The position of Parish Administrator has been posted and resumes will be reviewed and interviews will take place by the end of May.

The June semi-annual meeting booklet of reports will be sent out on June 9th.

Continuing Resolution CR1.04 regarding capital expenditures was updated as distributed. Changes were made to reflect increased costs and limited reliable, skilled vendors. A motion to change resolution CR1.04 as modified by the Finance Committee was passed.

A nominating committee update was received.

New Business

A gift for New Horizon Baptist Church was approved.

A scholarship gift for Campfield Heinrich was recommended by finance and approved by council.

Concordian of the Year nominations will be discussed at the June meeting.

Property

1. Steeple repair update indicated approximate cost requiring a special meeting. A motion will be submitted to the congregation and a special meeting will be held. Joel Baranowski will attend to answer any questions about the repair.
2. External door repairs being done.

Motion Submitted and Passed by Council

1. **Motion from the Congregation Council: To recommend the congregation approve up to \$45,000 from the Legacy Fund to repair the steeple and the flashing over Brandt Lounge at a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, May 26th.**
2. **Motion to give a gift of \$1,000 to New Horizon Baptist Church on the occasion of the dedication of their new church building from our legacy fund.**
3. **Motion for \$2,000 to United Lutheran Seminary for Campfield Heinrich from the scholarship fund.**

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Information:

1. June 3 – executive committee
2. June 10th Council meeting
3. June 23 – Semi-Annual Meeting - Programs
4. June 27th – Jane’s last day in the office
5. August 11 – Pool Party
6. September 15 – Congregation Meeting with Pastors Sara Anderson and Maria Hammons

Approved, and passed: Agenda as modified, Minutes of April Council Meeting as modified, 3 motions passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Bourret



MACC FOOD COLLECTION CONTINUES!

Concordia has a long history with the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) as one of its establishing and charter members. We have had a great tradition of providing items for the on-going needs of the Manchester community by donating to the pantry. With the price of groceries and personal care items increasing at a historical rate, the need is greater than ever. There is a table in the back of the church where donated items can be placed for delivery to MACC. Below is a list of the current items the pantry is in need.

Thank you for your previous and continued support.

Food items: Instant potatoes, canned chili, beef stew, soup, canned veggies, sugar, flour, fresh fruit and veggies, jelly

Toiletries: Shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, body soap (liquid), toilet paper

Additional items: Paper towels, dish detergent, laundry detergent

The following sermon is based on Mark 4:26-34. It was delivered by Lucy Taveras in Spanish and by me in English to Ministerio Nueva Creación on Sunday, June 16th. I hope you enjoy it.

Sermon title: The Kingdom of God

By: David Smith

In today's gospel we hear of two parables told by Jesus to the crowds gathered around to hear him preach. In both, he is describing what the Kingdom of God is like.

The first is the parable of the growing seed and the second is the parable of the mustard seed. Both are about seeds, but each from a different perspective. A seed is a mature ovule that comprises an embryo or a miniature undeveloped plant and food reserves, all enclosed within a protective seed coat.

If a seed is planted in good soil and is nurtured with sunlight and water, it will grow into whatever kind of plant it is destined to be. We may put it in the sun and add the water, but it is God that makes it grow as part of his wonderful creation. If it's a fruit bearing plant or a vegetable, we can come and collect it at the time of harvest.

Isn't this similar to how we are born little babies and are clothed and fed by our parents or caregivers, and we learn and grow, and God expands our faith until the harvest time when we are collected and go up to heaven. That is the way of things.

Jesus points out the mustard seed is the tiniest of seeds but turns into the largest of bushes, so big that birds can perch in the shade of its branches. It doesn't matter how little or humble your beginnings are, with nurturing, faith, love, and God's guidance, you can achieve amazing things. We all have that little seed of faith that we can grow and in doing so we grow as people and can even move onto big things.

Nurturing is an important aspect in the growing of plants from a seed. If you don't water it, it will not grow. If it doesn't have the light and warmth from the sun, it will not survive. Similarly, what are the things that we do to nurture our own faith? You can replace water with the plants with the water from our baptism where we are reborn in faith everyday thanks to Jesus. That's the good news. Each day we have a chance to grow. We can forget the mistakes of the past and try again.

We can replace the heat and light of the sun with the holy spirit. Jesus, guiding us, and giving us the power we need to grow in our faith, and then using that faith to help ourselves and to help others. You never know if the smallest help you've given really made a difference in someone's life. That food & drink you provided to sustain life, that word of encouragement that kept someone down from harming themselves or others. That smile you gave to a lonely person that tells them they belong.

Of course, the greatest garden you can find is the church. Here are people committed to nurturing the seeds in their souls to grow in faith. Here you're in a field of growing plants, sometimes not all at the same speed, or to the same heights, but we are here together, basking in waters of baptism and the warmth and light of the holy spirit. Isn't it a wonderful garden? In church you can grow up through the soil and spread out roots below to keep you grounded in life. In church, you can grow from stem to leaves and flowers and expand your faith to provide room for others to perch in the shade of your branches. That is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

Congregation Council 2024-2025



President

Mark Winzler

Vice President

Jan McGarity

Secretary

Susan Bourret

Treasurer

Carol Stoneman

(appointed by Council, non-voting)

Pastor Rolf Hedberg

Nancy Lynn Knauff

Ruthie Lynch

Bobby McKinney

Tina Ruggerio

Ruth Sprong Heyden

Duties of the Congregation Council

(from Chapter 12 of Concordia's Constitution)

Note: *On Sunday, June 30 members of the Congregation Council were installed during worship. These Council members have been elected to do the following on behalf of the congregation:*

- C12.04** The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The duties of the Congregation Council shall include the following:
- To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
 - To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support.
 - To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
 - To maintain supportive relationships with the rostered minister(s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling or employment.
 - To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.

- f. To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- g. To arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.
- h. To emphasize partnership with the synod and church wide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to established policies of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- i. To recommend and encourage the use of program resources produced or approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- j. To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.

C12.05. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

- a. The Congregation Council shall be the board of directors of this congregation, and as such shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting its property and the management of its business and fiscal affairs. It shall have the powers and be subject to the obligations that pertain to such boards under the laws of the State of Connecticut, except as otherwise provided herein.
- b. The Congregation Council shall not have the authority to buy, sell, or encumber real property unless specifically authorized to do so by a meeting of the congregation.
- c. The Congregation Council may expend up to 2% of the total budget in any calendar year for items, other than emergency repairs of building and facilities, not included in the budget. If, in the judgment of a majority of the Council members, an urgent need exists to repair any building or facility when there is insufficient time to call a Special Congregational Meeting under section C10.03 of the Constitution, the Council may expend for such repair up to 4% of the total budget. The Congregation must be informed within 5 weeks of this decision.
- d. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and church wide organization.
- e. The Congregation Council shall ascertain that the financial affairs of this congregation are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of benevolence monies to the synodical treasurer.
- f. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for this congregation's investments and its total insurance program.

C12.06. The Congregation Council shall see that the provisions of this Constitution, its Bylaws and the Continuing Resolutions are carried out.

C12.07. The Congregation Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster.

C12.08. The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of the staff of this congregation. Nothing in this provision shall be deemed to affect the congregation's responsibility for the call, terms of call, or termination of call of any employees who are on a roster of this church.

New England Synod Assembly

Heading off to the 2024 New England Synod Assembly as a voting member of Concordia, I felt somewhat daunted by the task ahead ... electing a new bishop for the next six years! But, once in the company of Pastor Hedberg, Nancy Lynn Knauff, and Zachary Baranowski along with the Grace Lutheran delegation from Hartford, I not only felt more confident, but excited!

We were tasked with narrowing down the field of candidates through listening, questioning and prayerful consideration. There was lots of work to be done and seemingly endless ballots to cast for a wide range of positions in addition to the election of Bishop Hazelwood's replacement. I was reminded of Elizabeth Gilbert's book, titled "Eat, Pray, Love." Our selection process could have been titled "Sing, Pray, Vote!", since prior to each vote we sang hymns to fuel the spirit and prayed for discernment - the ability to make sound decisions through spiritual guidance and understanding. We sought a candidate with a focus on worldly issues, specifically racial and social justice, spiritual devotion, and goals for our synod as it navigates the challenges of the future.



And then there were three: Pastor Sara Anderson, Pastor Marjo Anderson, and Pastor Nathan Piphon, all of whom were clearly groomed by God for this leadership role. (I would be remiss if I didn't give a big shout-out to Zach and Nancy Lynn for their technological assistance throughout this electoral process which relied heavily on tech know-how. For those of you who know me, this was a "biggie!")

It was wonderful to be a part of something so much bigger than myself! We worshiped and celebrated the Holy Eucharist with over 400 Lutherans from all

walks of life! Nancy, my sister Pam, and I sang in a pick-up choir with more than 100 other singers! We were inspired alongside voting members from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut by the keynote speaker, Rev. Mark Alan Powell who spoke on *Journeying with Jesus!* Together, we stood strong! On Friday night, we all laughed and welled-up during the funny, yet heartfelt "Roast" emceed by our own Mark Winzler, paying tribute to the amazing, outgoing Bishop Hazelwood. As you probably have guessed, Mark did an outstanding job! David Smith (Concordia), Bea Santiago and Lucy Taveras (both MNC) were also at Assembly. David and Bea facilitated The School of Lay Ministry graduation. I was proud to be a Concordian!

And finally we heard from our Bishop-elect, Nathan Piphon. I know he will serve Lutherans throughout the New England Synod with integrity, energy, conviction, and an undying love for "the story of Jesus." In conclusion, as reiterated by him throughout the assembly, "To God be the Glory!" ~Bobby McKinney



Name Day/Concordians of the Year, June 16, 2024

Jan McGarity & Gail Adams



Jan McGarity

Jan has been involved and volunteering at Concordia for decades. She has been unafraid to speak up and out at meetings. When she does, one knows that that which she says comes from the heart and from a sense of what is right and just. She can be a “force of nature”, but also has a big heart.

She has been on the Congregation Council a number of times. She has been a member of the Outreach Committee, a Call Committee, Social Ministry Committee and the Memorial Garden Board.





She was the prime “mover and shaker” behind the Necessity Bags that were put together over the course of a few years for women with breast cancer who had mastectomies. As of late she has been involved with the Pop-Up Shop which has clothing and other items needed by families from Highland Park School who are in need.

Gail Adams

Gail is always present. She attends worship every Sunday and supports Concordia’s activities. She is a quiet presence. She is not a person who stands up front and visibly leads, but rather leads and is supportive from the outside.

She actively and diligently reads all communications from the church. If she has a question or a concern or a comment, Gail always comes forth and speaks openly to and directly with the appropriate person/people.

Gail (and Ed) have provided food for a family each year during Seasonal Sharing. While never been a member of the Congregation Council, she has served in other ways as she has served on the Memorial Garden Board. Gail also is one of the counters on Sunday mornings. While she is no longer on the



Garden Board, she continues to do its books. Gail gladly volunteers, responds to needs and always is dedicated to “all things Concordia”.



The Congregation Council thanks Gail and Jan for their many years of service to Concordia. The honor of being named “Concordian of the Year” is well deserved!

Semi Annual Meeting, June 23, 2024



Jane's Retirement Send Off – Sunday, June 23, 2024



Dear Concordians,

It was a pleasure to attend Sunday Worship with you. Thank you so much for the lovely (and delicious!) ice cream social and generous gift.

It has truly been a pleasure being your parish administrator for the last 3 years. I wish you all much happiness and all the best to you and Concordia's future.

Take care.

*Warm Regards,
Jane*

Introducing our new Parish Administrator: Margie Gallagher



Margie is a transplant from Washington state, born and raised in the Philippines until she was 14 years old, when she moved to the United States.

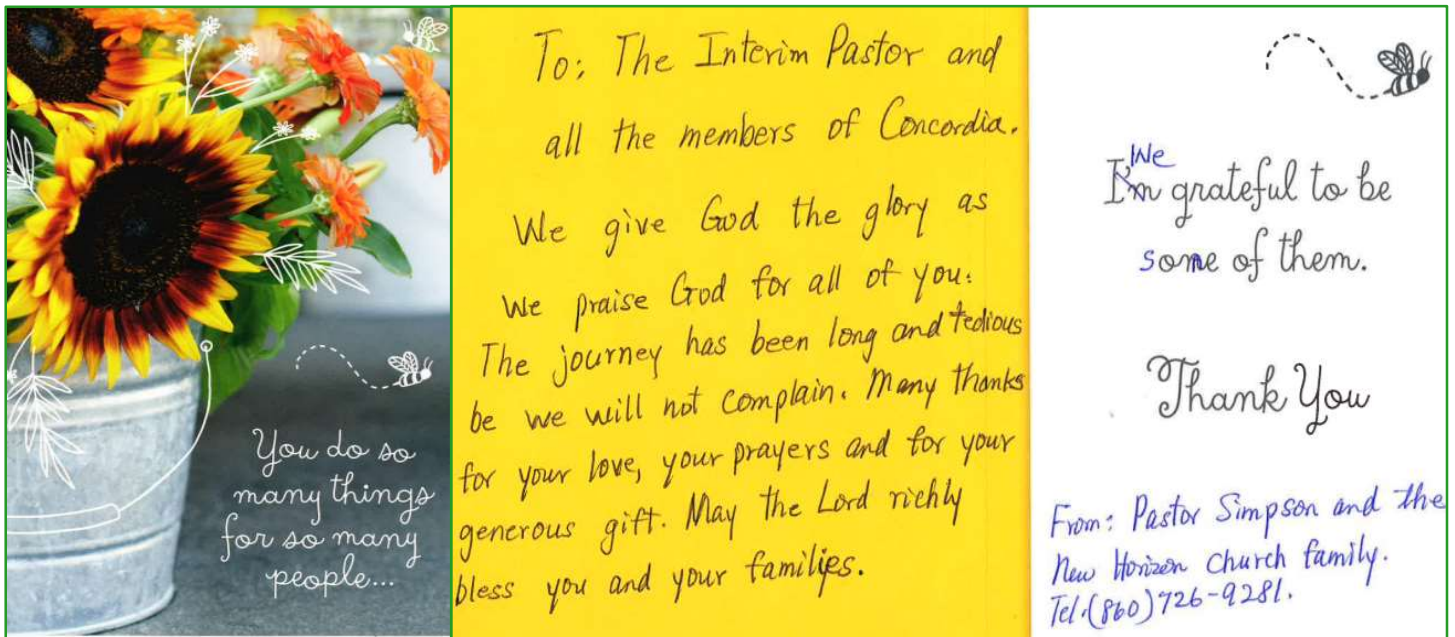
Margie has diversified work experiences including serving in the US Navy as a Storekeeper & Electronics Technician for a total of ten years, and administrative duties

in the Financial Services & Insurance industries.

On her free time, she enjoys walking on trails with her husband Paul, their son, Axel and their three dogs: Blaine, Banbhan & Tootie.



Thank You to CLC from New Horizon Church Family



Thank you to Member Care



Dear Concordia, 5/21/24
Jan Bellino delivered
a delightful assortment
of goodies to me ~
Member Care is a
wonderful outreach to
those of us with limitations
on full participation ~
Thank you so much!
Love, Pat Brown



JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Douglas Kehl	July 1
Thomas Donagher	July 3
Fabio Cante	July 8
Elaine Briggmann	July 9
Ruth Sprong Heyden	July 10
Bobby McKinney	July 12
Liana Estrella	July 19
James Britton	July 28
Marian Slater	July 29

AUGUST

Patricia Bourret	August 1
Pastor Hedberg	August 4
Steven Bourret	August 5
Amanda Baranowski	August 8
Lu-Anne Rehmer	August 12
Candace Wilson	August 22

SEPTEMBER

Lanie Turner	September 5
David Stoneman	September 7
Erich Stoneman	September 11
Tina Sollinger-Ruggerio	September 17
Tricia Cante	September 21
Leighann Munn	September 23
Edna Nekiunas	September 23
Michael Rehmer	September 23
Carol Burnett	September 24
Donald Slater	September 25
Joyce Davis	September 25
Caleigh Munn	September 26
Ed Chiffer	September 30

Memorial Donations Received



In Memory of Janet E. White

Ruth Sprong Heyden
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horwarth

In Memory of Irma Vincens

Andrew Vincens



Scout Troop #123 is doing a car wash on July 20th from 9 AM to 1 PM in the front circle of Concordia Lutheran Church at 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT.

Worship on Sunday, July 21

Worship will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 21
(instead of 10:00 a.m.)

Neither John Anderson nor Linda Hilliard is able to play on this Sunday.

Thankfully Martin Smith, Organist from the Lutheran Church of St. Mark in Glastonbury has agreed to do so. He will play at the 9:00 a.m. worship at St. Mark and then drive over to Concordia for 10:30.

Thanks for your understanding and flexibility.

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Pool Party and Barbeque
Sunday, August 11, 2024
3:00-7:00 pm

Want to sit by a pool on a hot summer day and enjoy fellowship, drinks, snacks and a cookout with friends from Concordia and Ministerio Nueva Creación? 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 hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, German Potato Salad and baked beans supplied by Mark. Those attending are asked to sign up to provide an appetizer, salad or dessert. (See below.)



I can bring:

_____ appetizer _____ dessert _____ salad

Name: _____ # attending _____

Please return this form to the office or call: 860-649-5311
or e-mail: office@concordiamanchester.org
By Monday, August 5th

Pastoral Care for July and August

With the exception of one Sunday in July and 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 (new 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).

Note: Mark will be away from Wednesday, July 17 through July 29. During that time please contact Susan Bourret at (860) 872-5846 (home).

Margie or Mark or Susan will then reach out to either the Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson or the Rev. Sara Anderson to inform one of them of the need for pastoral care and that pastor will be in touch with you.



Transition Update

During late April and May members of the Transition Team/Council visited four churches:

Manchester: North United Methodist and Center Congregational; **Bolton:** St. George Episcopal; **East Hartford:** All Saints Episcopal; **South Windsor:** St. Peter's Episcopal. Two Concordia members attended worship (on different Sundays) at each of these churches.

Information received was reported out to a joint meeting of the Congregation Council and the Transition Team.

As a result of the discussions, the focus was to take the next step with North United Methodist, St. George's Episcopal and St. Peter's Episcopal.

At the end of June a letter was sent to the Pastor and lay leadership of each of the aforementioned churches inviting them (if they are interested) to a meeting with us initially to get to know each other and, to see where those discussions might lead in terms of sharing resources.

As of this writing (July 2), one response has been received from the Rector of St. Peter's in South Windsor indicating interest in an initial conversation just to gather additional information. Mark will meet with her on July 3. (Their Vestry does not meet until August.)

Transition Team

Sandy Baranowski

Susan Bourret

Pastor Hedberg

Carol Stoneman

Jeanine Barber

John Corl

David Smith

Mark Winzler

Save the Date

Sunday, September 15

After Worship (11:30 a.m.) - Kaiser Hall

Transition Follow-Up Meeting/ Check in

Facilitated by

Associates to the Bishop

Pastors Sara Anderson and Maria Hammons

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,

*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*, *Lois Feder, Yvonne Feder (Gail F.'s sister-in-law), Marti Barclay (Ruth S.), *Robert Feder, Sandy (friend of Dave S.), Max (Elaine B.), Rebecca (Elaine B.), Mayland Clark (Mark W.), 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.), Joe Langer (friend of Lanie T.), 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), Lynelle Knauff (Nancy K's mother), *The family of David Wengertsman, who passed recently (Nancy K.), Alicia and Erika (friends of Ruthie L.) who have significant health issues*, *Linda Lange, *John Corl, *the family of Janet E. White, a former longtime member of Concordia, who passed on May 7, 2024, the family of Jaqueline Hilliard Smith (Linda Hilliard's Sister-in-law), who passed on May 21, 2024, the family of John David Glick (Lanie Turner's son, John's Father-in-law), who passed on May 22, 2024.*

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
- 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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Mrs. Margie Gallagher, Office Administrator Church Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 9 AM- 2 PM



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**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
40 Pitkin Street
Manchester, CT 06040

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