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Worship Services

- Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 A.M
  Drive-in Church and Indoor Worship
  Also Saturday 6pm
- Online Service on our webpage
  (www.concordiaelc.com) or our Facebook page.

* SUBJECT TO COVID Rates and Synod and CDC Guidelines

Mission statement

"We celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living and sharing His Word and caring for God's creation."

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CHRISTMAS SEASON

COLUMBIA FOOD BANK COLLECTION ITEMS

December

Open Donations

Place items in the basket in the Fellowship Hall or drop them off at Sunday Service.

Information for the January newsletter is due on Mon,, **Dec. 19. Please email articles to:** rosegall95@gmail.com or place in the wall holder outside the office, or the Secretary bin in the west narthex.

December Celebrations

Wedding Anniversary Wishes to:

6 – Bob and Chrissy Null
15 - Jonathan and Mandy Shirey
28 - Craig and Tammy Dombroski
31 - Jim and Beverly Mathis

If your birthday or anniversary was missed, or is incorrect, please call Rose in the Parish office.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING!

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis.

PICK UP A FORM IN THE NARTHEX OR SEE THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS! **Or:** www.concordiaelc.com, go to "**Links**" tab and click on "**Donate to Concordia.**

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

6-Linda Houck
7-Adam Gienic, Loretta Brown
8-Michael Gienic, Julie Houck, Barbara Benard
10-Brian Mowrer
11-Bill Laudermilch, Aiden Mathis
12-Bob Brown
16-Judy Kline, Greg Silva
17-Derek Birk, Megan Mowrer, Connie Stine, Elizabeth Stine
18-Jayden Lehman
20-Barb Widdall
Kathy Ockrymiek,
22-Samantha Wallace
24-Kimberly Wright, Judy Parry
25-Barry Kline
27-Kevin Yalch
28-Nathan Matthews
29-Jonathan Labiak
30-Tyranni Sliger
31-Kathy Bachman, Leigh Ann Weber

Reminder

January 1 will be Star Sunday!

Humankind Water & TEA on sale at Concordia…only $1.00/bottle,
1 BOTTLE = CLEAN H2O…1 PERSON…100 days

Concordia Postal Sub-Station - Save on Postage

The Concordia Postal Sub-station will be opening in the upstairs narthex. Bring cards for other parishioners here instead of the post office! In order for cards for shut-ins to be delivered with their cookies, their cards must be in their boxes by noon on Dec. 16. (If you don't have a box, you may cover a cereal box, put your name on the narrow side, and place it alphabetically on the table.) If you wish to remain your car on Sun., place cards in the offering plate. ***Save on Postage!***

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS DAILY–

- **Pastor Zabron Mwakalasi ,** of Luteba Lutheran Church;
- **Pastor Ambumbulwisye Mmeta** of Konde Diocese, Tanzania
- **SHUTINS**: **Shirley Billett** (Pleas.Acres,w/Hospice care); **W. Craig Boyd** (Juniper Village); **John Ferrick (**Mennonite Home); **Fern Hohn** (at home); **Florence Keck** (KS)**; Ella Miller** (St John's Herr); **Elsie Miller** (home); **Gina Sherick** (home);
- **Military Personnel:** Mark Morrow Jr.; Brenten Spuhler; Megan Walter.
- **Recuperating: Will Wallace**; **Dan Milbourne**; **Byron Fisher**; **Ruth Stehman** (Home); **Gina Sherick; Elsie Miller; Paula McAdoo**; **Brenda Ogle; Mark Morrow; Cheryl LaBow;**
- **Family & Friends: Bonnie Baumgardner,** Mary Jane Reed's daughter (home)**; Kathy Steinbacher**, niece of Ruthann & Elsie; **Lisa Henning**, daughter of Elsie Miller; **Carrie Swansen & Family**, **Megan Senacal**, friends of Jody Croft; **Bill Clark, Jim Haug, and Carla Lindenberger**, Jody's brother-in-law and siblings; **Norma Croft**, mother-in-law of Jody; **Scott Wolf**, husband of Deb Wolf; **Gloria Bieber,** Pastor's sister; **Genevieve Potts,** aunt of Paula McAdoo; **Landon Heller-**recuperating from traffic accident, friend of **Marge Fasnacht; Mary Jane Spicer,** Lisa Lehman's mother**; Vaughn Glover,** Husband of Pastor Traci**;**

Our prayer chain IS the entire list above. Please take time during your day to pray for everyone on the list.
Please let the office know of any additions or removals from this list.

From the Pastor

Regardless of your feelings concerning Daylight Savings Time, December is the darkest month of the year. I find it ironic that we "celebrate" the longest night on the 21st only to celebrate the light coming into the world on the 25th.

Lights are all around us this Advent/Christmas season. We light the Advent Wreath, put lights up outside and on our trees, light cozy fires in fireplaces and candles at the dinner table. The highlight for many is singing Silent Night surrounded by candles in a darkened Church. At Christmas we see love's pure light in God's own son, as a baby on that first Christmas night.

As the earth around us chills and becomes hard with frost and the evenings grow longer and longer we know, deep within us, that the light of the world that banishes darkness comes and dwells with us.

As we light candles in the church and in our homes or hang cheerful lights in our neighborhoods we are reminding ourselves and indeed the world that the light of the world, Jesus, shines in our darkest nights and beams God's love for his troubled creation into the darkest of hearts and places.

May the lights of Christmas remind you of the light of Christ and God's unending love for the world.

SILENT NIGHT
Silent night, Holy Night.
Son of God, Love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the savior is born!
Amen!

In Christ,

Pastor Mary Anne

Church Council Information

The council minutes will continue to be posted on the Bulletin board in the west narthex. There is also a copy in the purple Council Minutes binder on the counter in the office. Council meets in the 2nd Floor Library once each month. Visitors are welcome.

2022 Officers: **President:** Ronda Knighton **Vice President**: Wayne H
Sec.: Janet Clarke **Treasurer:** Mike McCoy Mary Anne Kingsborough
2023 Officers: TBD during January meeting

Thank you to our retiring Council Members: Wayne Hoffman and Ronda Knighton;
Thank you both for your service!
Congratulations to our newest council members: Deb Eshleman and Cheryl Milbourne.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Dec 7,14,21	Advent Dessert Church - Wedn 6:30-7:45pm
Fri., Dec 16	Cookies to church deadline
Saturday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve— Indoor/Outdoor at **7pm** (Live-Streaming on FB) Special Music
Sun., Dec 25	Christmas Day-Lessons & Carols
Sun., Jan 1	New Year's Day/**Star Sunday**/Epiphany

Advent Dessert Church

Join us **Wednesday** evenings at **6:30-7:45pm during Advent !** **Pastor Mary Anne & Pastor Traci** will lead this time of Dramatic Monologues and Discussion with Holy Communion and dessert, Welcome to Zion Lutheran Marietta & St James Columbia. **Nov 30, Dec 7,14,21**

Confirmation Class Schedule
December 11th - 1 - 2:30

Please let me know if you cannot make a session as there will be makeup work. Thanks! - Pastor

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

We must make an appeal to you to **CALL** the church office if you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.

Lutheran Camping Events - Winter 2023

For 2023, the Winter Youth Retreat will be 3 days,
January 6-8 More details coming soon.

Concordia Wish List 2023

The **Wish List** is a compilation of needed items for the church, outside of budgeted items. This includes replacement of property and equipment in poor condition, that needs replacement or maintenance

Building

Air Conditioner (1)	$5,500
Parking Lot	$30,000+

THANK YOU to all those contributing!!

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed shoeboxes to **Operation Christmas Child**. "Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child."

Thank you

Thank you to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner held on Saturday, November 19th. Thanks to all who donated food items, helped prepare and serve food, deliver meals, and clean up! **We could not do this without all of you!**

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Date	Parking Ushers		Lector	Assisting Minister
12/4 9:30am	Bruce & Becky Birk		Tracy King	Dave Kolsun
12/11 9:30am	Don & Sue Zerphey		Kirsty Houck	Brittney Kauffman
12/18 9:30am	Ed & Sharon Fisher		Marge Fasnacht	Hope Long
12/24 7pm	Ken & Lynne Houck Mike Dietrich Diane Groff		Doug Ockrymiek	Wayne Hoffman
12/25 9:30am	Tammy & Gene Walter		Wayne Hoffman	Larry Reich

Sunday Service Online

There is a link on the website **www.concordiaelc.com** to the weekly **video. It's also LIVE on our FaceBook page on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.** Children's files are available too.

Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Altar Guild, Communionware

We will soon be re-doing volunteer lists for 2023. Please call the office or see Rose if you wish to be added to our lists, OR if you wish to be removed from a list.

Cookies and Fruit Trays

Social Ministry is putting together fruit baskets and cookie trays for our older members and shut-ins. Bring cookies to the church by **Friday**, **December 16th**. **If you were born before Jan. 1943 and have not been receiving a fruit basket & cookies,** please contact Kathy Bachman, or Rose in the office 285-4626.

Cookies are needed by Dec 16. Any **volunteers** wishing to help assemble, please contact Kathy Bachman at 717-314-0196.

Condolences

It is with Sincere Sympathy that we announce the passing of Bob Breneman, faithful member of Concordia. Please keep his entire family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. May the hope of the Resurrection embrace them all. Services were held November 12th here at Concordia.

Worship

Saturday Service—6pm indoors only.

Sunday Service—One Service at 9:30am-indoor/outdoor and streamed on FaceBook.

Sunday School - 2nd Sunday each month at 10:30am

Children's Christmas Music

Melanie Dietrich is working with the children on Children's Christmas Music to be presented on **December 18th!**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve at 7pm

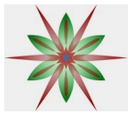
Indoors/Outdoors and streaming on FaceBook.

There will be special music .

Christmas Day!

Come join us for Lessons and Carols on Christmas Day! Find out the origin of some of our beloved carols! Sing your Favorites!

December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Drive in Worship AND Indoor Worship Sundays at 9:30AM				**1**	**2**	**3** **8:30am-10:30am - Comm Brkfst** **6pm-Worship**
4 9:30 AM—Worship 10:30AM coffeetime **2nd Sunday of Advent**	**5**	**6**	**7** **6:30-7:45pm—Advent Dessert Church**	**8**	**9**	**10** **6pm-Worship**
11 9:30 AM—Worship 10:30AM - Sun. **Funday** & Hanging of the Greens 1pm-Confirmation Class **3rd Sunday of Advent**	**12** 7pm-Church Council	**13** 6 pm-Stewardship & Fin	**14** **6:30-7:45pm—Advent Dessert Church**	**15**	**16** **Deadline for cookies**	**17** **6pm-Worship**
18 9:30 AM—Worship Children's Music 10:30AM coffeetime **4th Sunday of Advent**	**19** Newsletter deadline	**20**	**21** **6:30-7:45pm—Advent Dessert Church** 1st Day of Winter	**22**	**23** Poinsettia delivery	**24** **7 pm-Christmas Eve Indoor-outdoorSvc** **Christmas Eve**
25 9:30 AM—Worship Lessons & Carols The Nativity of our Lord **Christmas Day**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** No Service Sat. **New Year's Eve**