



# PARISH PARTYLINE

## Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

October 2024

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Dan Nolte  
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Peg Lutt  
Zach Harder  
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Dustin Thompson

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Vickie Sands  
Katie Olesen  
Gloria Dowling  
Denise Hingst  
Richie Monteith  
Lyle Carlson

### Concordia Lutheran Church

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## Announcements

**FLC Online Giving** is available at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z1PQ>

**CLC E-giving option** using your cell phone: Download the app "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement", search for "Concordia Lutheran Church ELCA" and set up your account. Contact Judy Martindale (402-369-0909) if you need assistance.

**The Allen Backpack Program will NO longer be collecting HyVee receipts.**

**Our Joint Service with the Doring Family raised a total of \$1642.46.** (\$800 from FLC Farmer's Market and \$842.46 from offering that morning)

**CLC Community Quilting Bee for Lutheran World Relief** will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch.

**FLC WELCA** will meet on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Bible Study by Karen Claussen Smith.

**Blessing of the Quilts** will happen at both churches on October 20<sup>th</sup> during Worship.

**Allen Methodist Church will have their annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**CLC Confirmation Reception** will be at 9:30 a.m. on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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:

**DG Christopher Wordekemper**  
101B Cariaga Ct.  
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613

**Taylor Johnson**  
7541 Murray Hill, Apt 838  
Columbia, MD 21046

This fall, **FLC WELCA will be assembling "fabric kits"** for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to contribute, you may donate one (or more) pieces of fabric and a spool of matching thread. Fabric should be of cotton or cotton-blend (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should measure one of these sizes:

- 2 1/4 yards of 60-inch wide fabric or
- 3 yards of 44-inch wide fabric or
- 4 yards of 36-inch wide fabric.

Thread can also be of a neutral shade. Please do not donate any religious symbols or messages or decorated with a U. S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Questions? contact Jean Carlson at 402-446-2381. Thank you.



*We remember in our prayers  
those who need our prayers.*

Jerry Smith  
Nikki Nathan  
Marvin Nelson  
Vicky Hingst  
Wendi Karmann Hammerstrom  
Doug Kluver

*We remember those in care  
facilities or homebound.*

Betty Carr (Homebound)  
Bonnie Kellogg  
(Wakefield Care Center)  
Frieda Bowman (Hillcrest)  
Lyla Swanson (Kinship Pointe)  
Marilyn Wallin (Country View)  
Fern Erickson (Kinship Pointe)  
Shirley Lanser (Homebound)  
Elaine Lubberstedt  
(Homebound)  
Court Roberts  
(Heritage of Emerson)

*We remember those serving  
in the armed forces.*

Chris Wordekemper  
Taylor Johnson

#### *Concordia Members*

Ron & Marilyn Harder  
Zach & Brooke Harder; Evelyn  
JoAnn Hauptmann ; Chloe, Zach  
Travis Holz & Nikki Nathan;  
Kassidee, Tate, Kenslee, Wyatt  
Lee & Joyce Johnson

#### *First Lutheran Members*

Loren & Betty Carr  
Shane & Bridgett Connell;  
Tristan, Mackenzey, Hunter  
Gloria Dowling  
Nancy Ellis  
Dwight & Ronnie Gotch

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.

## **Worship Helpers & Celebrations**

	First Helpers	Concordia Helpers
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Rod & Barb Ketelsen	Jeremy Christiansen & Rick Peterson
<b>Acolytes</b>		10/6 Turner Thompson 10/13 Presten Wayman 10/20 Easton Nolte 10/27 Bently Nolte
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Olesen Family	Kolten Settje
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Vickie Sands	Mary Vollers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gloria Dowling & Shelly Jones	Lynette Krie
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Georgia Addison
<b>Power Point</b>	Vickie Sands	
<b>Coffee after Service</b>	10/6 Olesen Family 10/13 Rod & Barb Ketelsen 10/20 Tom & Bea Osbahr 10/27 Henry & Clarice Johnson	



### **Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia**

10/3 Jason & Valerie Hangman  
10/6 Marilyn Harder  
10/7 Jeremy & Mandy Bruning  
10/7 Shelby Workman  
10/13 Judy Martindale  
10/16 Georgia Addison  
10/17 Lane Fischer  
10/21 Betty Bothwell  
10/22 Presley Bruning  
10/23 Anthony & Shelby Workman  
10/24 Ron Harder  
10/25 Justin & Corrine Reifenrath  
10/27 Doug Krie

### **Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First**

10/8 Gerald Sands Jr  
10/12 Gabe Olesen  
10/14 Shirley Lanser  
10/18 Henry Johnson  
10/21 Tina Monteith  
10/24 Denise Hingst  
10/29 Steve Keil  
10/29 Barb Lund  
10/30 Bonnie Kellogg  
10/31 Tina Boyle



## Confirmation at CLC & CLC Children's Ministry

October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30  
6:30-7:30 p.m.



**October 27, 2024**  
**Reformation & Confirmation**

Concordia Lutheran Church will recognize the  
Affirmation of Baptism for the following youth:

Hunter Nolte

Jayson Wayman



Date: July 6-12, 2025  
Location: Nashville, TN

The Nebraska Synod Journey is a week-long experience for youth who have completed grades 8-12 by the summer of 2025 and their adult leaders. The 2025 Journey to Nashville will feature service learning throughout the Nashville area, worship, fellowship, and other activities throughout the city. We will use our gifts as we grow in our faith together and learn about the gifts our neighbors in Tennessee bring to the table. Travel will be by Windstar motorcoaches, and housing will be in residence halls at Vanderbilt University, with an overnight stop each way in St. Louis. Each participating congregation is asked to register one adult leader for every six youth. Adult leaders must be at least 21 years of age.

### • Cost of event:

- Early bird (submitted before December 1, 2024): \$630
- Regular registration (submitted December 1, 2024-March 1, 2025): \$680
- \$130 per person deposit due with online early bird registration / \$180 per person for regular registration
- The deposit is non-refundable and registration cost includes, transportation, meals and lodging
- Last date to register: March 1, 2025

Learn more &  
Register!



**SUNDAY**  
**6 OCTOBER**  
5:00 p.m.

Light Lunch following~Free Will Donation



*Ecclesiastes 3:1: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

Sponsored by: Allen United Methodist Church



# AUBREY MITCHELL BENEFIT & AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024  
SACRED HEART GYM



**Doors Open at 4pm**

Free Will Donation Meal  
5pm until gone

**Cash Bar**

Silent Auction closes at 6pm

**Live Auction begins at 7pm**

Aubrey, a sophomore at Emerson-Hubbard High School, was involved in a horse-riding accident in July of this year. She is currently at Children's Hospital in Omaha recovering from extensive internal injuries that she incurred from the accident.

## **Want to donate?**

### **Auction Items**

Traci Millard (712) 253-6117  
Mashall Schock (712) 301-1336  
Katie Olesen (712) 259-0705

### **Food**

Tricia Belt (712) 899-3839

### **Bank Account**

A bank account has been set up for Aubrey's recovery at Security Bank in Allen, Nebraska.





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## ***CHALLENGE***

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Concordia  
Lutheran

**WHAT:** Laurel-Concord Ministerial Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes

**WHEN:** November 1, 2024 to December 1, 2024

Competition between First Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran to win the traveling trophy!!!

Food will be weighed and counted per pound. For every dollar donation, each dollar will be counted as two pounds. (Note: we purchase the turkeys for Thanksgiving and Hams for Christmas.)

About 15 to 20 boxes of food delivered to families in need at the holidays.

Each box contains:

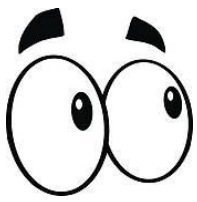
Turkey or Ham  
Potatoes  
Canned Vegetable  
Pumpkin Pie  
Cool Whip  
Bread  
Butter  
Optional:  
Pancake Mix  
Syrup  
Peanut Butter  
Macaroni and Cheese

### **Donations Needed:**

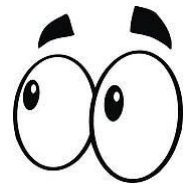
\*\*\*Cash  
\*\*\*Gift Cards to Laurel Hometown

Food Donations:  
Canned vegetables/soups  
Pancake mixes/syrup  
Macaroni and cheese boxes  
Peanut butter/jelly  
Canned chicken/tuna





# Check out what happened last month at CLC!



Quilting Bee



Faith and Family Night at CLC



Bible Distribution & Backpack Blessing



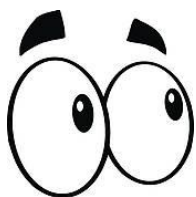
Many brave and dedicated veterans in past generations have called Concordia home. These two Vollers received their Veteran Quilt of Valor in a special ceremony this month at Concordia.



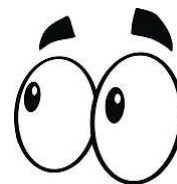
God's Work Our Hands 2024  
Service Projects







## Check out what happened last month at FLC!



God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Church members baked and collected goodies for treat bags we assembled to deliver to some Emergency Medical Technicians.



## Nebraska Synod Mission Trip to Elkhorn, NE

First Lutheran members  
Lyle and Jean Carlson  
are part of this group!

# Ministry Opportunities

**Confirmation Class at CLC** – October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**CLC Children's Ministry** - October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**FLC Council Meeting** – October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**CLC Quilting Bee** – October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**FLC WELCA** – October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**CLC Council Meeting** – October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Blessing of the Quilts during Worship** – October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Newsletter Deadline** – October 21<sup>st</sup>

**CLC Confirmation Reception** – October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



God's work our hands update:

## FIRST

30 gift bags filled with goodies were assembled and delivered to Allen Emergency Personnel

## CONCORDIA

Lawn work – removed rock and cement by front step and new plants planted.

15 thank you and thinking of you cards were made.

20 baby kits.

2 quilts tied.

Thank you for the  
bags of goodies - we  
appreciate them.

Allen-Waterbury  
Fire & EMS



Dear First Lutheran,

Everyone here on the Allen Annual Staff would like to thank you for your donation in buying a quarter page in the Allen Yearbook. The donation means a lot and we look forward to doing business with you next year.

Sincerely, Grace Olesen



## Pastor's Article



# Cultivating Love in all things NEW



*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-9*

### Greetings people of God,

I give thanks for all we have been celebrating within the life of the church! September has been a great month by kicking off service projects for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, our fall children's ministry, and confirmation programming, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Hunger. October is another month with ministry opportunities to help with benefits and other events to be in community with one another. I will be away at the Fall Leadership conference from Oct 20 to Oct 23. On October 27, we will celebrate Reformation where we recognize Hunter Nolte and Jayson Wayman in their Affirmation of Baptism as they are confirmed in Christ.

### By Grace Alone and for God's Glory Alone

Salvation is a gift from God. There is nothing we can do to earn our way back into God's favor, and that is OK. We need to place our faith in the historical fact that Jesus Christ did what He needed to do in our place. He lived the perfect life that we could not live, and he died a death that we could not die. He atoned for our sins by taking our place on the cross. Because of that, salvation is a gift.

Paul continues in his letter, “not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good work. God deserves to be glorified because of what He did for us. He reconciled us back to the Father and He deserves to be worshipped. The good works we accomplish are a means to glorify God.

To God be the glory forever and ever, Amen. I pray we continue to celebrate all things new in this place and celebrate our life of faith together as one body of Christ!

Blessings my friends,

Pastor Deb



# **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 September 9, 2024. Present were Pastor Deb Hammer, Gloria Dowling, Katie Olesen, Denise Hingst, and Vickie Sands.

Opening prayer by all during the preceding joint meeting.

Pastor's report was read and discussed during the joint meeting.

Secretary's report for August was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was not available.

## **Property Items:**

- Roof repair-we will present this to the congregation in the near future
- Front Hallway/Ramp ceiling – we will wait to repair this until after the roof is fixed

## **Old Business:**

- Joint service at Concordia on August 25 raised \$1,642.46 for the Doring family. (\$800 of that total came from First's Farmer's Market/Bake Sales)
- God's Work/Our Hands – Katie will deliver the filled goodie bags to the first responder meeting on Tuesday, September 10.

## **New Business:**

- Allen Ministerial – Community Events
  - \*Hayrack ride, hot dogs and smores at Methodist church. Possibly October 6 – exact date unknown
  - \*November 24 – Community Thanksgiving Service at 5:00 at First Lutheran. Meal to follow at 6:00 PM
  - \*Town Community Event on December 7. Details to follow.

## **Other Business:**

- November 17, 2024 – Turkey Bingo
- There will be a benefit for Katie's niece, Aubrey Mitchell, at Emerson Sacred Heart church on October 26, 2024. Our church will help supply desserts.
- Food challenge with Concordia will run from November 1 to December 1, 2024.

Motion to adjourn made and approved.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

**Next meeting will be a joint meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024.**



# Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

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

The monthly meeting of the Concordia Council was held September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in First Lutheran's basement. Present: Pastor Deb, Peg Lutt, Dan Nolte, Zach Harder and Pam Anderson. Absent: Dustin Thompson and Mandy Bruning. Pastor opened with the Candle Litany Prayer.

Judy Martindale was present for the Financial Secretary's Report. Trisha Reifenrath will be submitting the Treasurer's Report, due to a miscommunication in the meeting date. A motion was made and seconded to approve Pastor's Report, the Financial Secretary's Report and the Minutes from August.

## **Old Business:**

The Village of Concord's insurance company reimbursement for professional clean up, due to sewer line backup in January at the parsonage, was in the amount of \$9,707.45.

Warren is still planning to repair the siding on the church. We are hoping the leak/window above the back entry can be addressed at the same time, if it's a possibility.

Many thanks to Dan, Zach and Brad Harder for the repairs made to the utility shed north of the church.

Thanks also for the many hands and hard work for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. We tied two quilts, wrote thank you's and thinking of you cards, assembled 20 baby kits, removed steps and rock, planted plants, and deep cleaned the balcony. We appreciate everything and everyone!

Zach is in contact with a plumber for the kitchen improvements.

## **New Business:**

The Property Committee will schedule a walk-through of the church and parsonage. We talked a bit about things needing to be done when the parsonage renter moves out, and cleaning of the utility shed at church.

We are looking at getting a speaker from Carol Joy Holling for a joint council meeting.

Mandy is looking into grants to purchase an AED for Concordia.

The Council also agreed that the noisy offering and World Hunger Banks could be combined to go to world hunger.

The Property Committee will research brighter lighting for the Sanctuary. This may be an Annual Meeting discussion in January.

Concordia Council's next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned followed by Joint Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Anderson

# Joint Council Meeting Minutes

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First Lutheran Council and Concordia Lutheran Council met for a joint council meeting on September 9, 2024. Present were: Vickie Sands, Gloria Dowling, Katie Olesen, Denise Hingst, Pastor Deb Hammer, Peg Lutt, Dan Nolte, Zach Harder and Pam Anderson.

Opening prayer led by Pastor Deb.

Pastor's report was discussed.

Secretary's minutes from June 12, 2024 were read. Vickie made a motion to approve, seconded by Zach.

## **Old Business:**

Both congregations thought our Mission speakers (the Doring family) and their mission at Neema Village were an excellent choice. We served around 76 after worship. We are looking for ideas for our next joint venture.

## **New Business:**

The 2025 Annual Enrollment for Portico must be done by October 14 (even if there are no changes) - Katie, Mandy and Pastor Deb will do this.

Katie shared her document with staff salaries, so we all had an idea of what that part of the budget might look like.

Katie also handed out copies of the Shared Ministry Partnership Document, as a reminder of what and how we split the bills as a joint ministry.

Concordia won last year's coveted Food Challenge trophy. Beginning November 1 through December 1, food items will again be collected at both churches. Pastor will provide a list of food items needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Monetary gifts can also be given to cover these meals, which the Ministerial Association in Laurel provides.

**The next Joint Council meeting will be held at Concordia Lutheran on December 11 – FLC at 5:30 p.m., Joint at 6:30 p.m., and CLC at 7:30 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Vickie and seconded by Dan.

Closing prayer led by Pastor Deb.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Anderson, Secretary