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Parish Partyline

Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

June 2025

Announcements

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.

HOPE Circle meets on June 5th at 2:00 p.m. at Kinship Pointe.
Bible Study: Marilyn & Hostess: Betty

June 8th is Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red

140th Anniversary of Concordia Lutheran Church— a milestone that reflects generations of faith, service, and community! Join us as we celebrate this historic occasion with a special Anniversary Service and Celebration on June 8 at 10:15 am during worship with special guest speaker, Pastor Heidi Wallace. We invite all past and present members, families, friends, and community partners to come together in gratitude and praise. A meal celebration will follow.

Allen Community Vacation Bible School - June 11th & 12th
from 9:00 to 11:30 am. VBS will be held at the Allen Methodist Church. Please consider volunteering to help with games, music, or crafts. Please contact Pastor Deb if you can help.

Allen Community Outdoor Worship Service between First Lutheran Church and the Methodist Church in Allen will be on June 15th at 8:30 am at the Methodist Church as part of the Allen Days Celebration. (There will be no service at First Lutheran Church.)

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
4754 English Ave. Apt 301-B
Fort Meade, MD 20755

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

Jenna & Dylan Scholl
1224 W Redbud Court
Andover, KS 67002



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

Jerry Smith
Barb Lund
Duane Lund

*We remember those in care
facilities or homebound.*

Loren & Betty Carr (Homebound)
Bonnie Kellogg
(Wakefield Care Center)
Frieda Bowman (Kinship Pointe)
Lyla Swanson (Kinship Pointe)
Marilyn Wallin (CountryView)
Fern Erickson (Kinship Pointe)
Shirley Lanser (Homebound)
Elaine Lubberstedt
(Kinship Pointe)

*We remember those serving
in the armed forces.*

Chris Wordekemper
Taylor Johnson
Jenna & Dylan Scholl

Concordia Members

Betty Bothwell
Frieda Bowman
Jeremy & Mandy Bruning;
Harper, Presley
Jeremy & Sheri Christiansen
Darlene Cuba

First Lutheran Members

Dwight & Ronnie Gotch
Matt & Denise Hingst; Reed
Rett Hingst
Vicky Hingst
Henry & Clarice Johnson

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
Ushers & Greeters	Rod & Barb Ketelsen	Lane Fischer & Mitchell Fischer
Acolytes		6/1 Jayson Wayman 6/8 Taelynn Settje 6/15 Turner Thompson 6/22 Presten Wayman 6/29 Easton Nolte
Lay Readers	Gloria Dowling	Ethan Williams
Communion Steward	Vickie Sands	Ethan Williams
Altar Guild	Gloria Dowling	Danita Hanson
Altar Flowers		Peg Lutt
Power Point		
Coffee after Service	6/1 Tom & Bea Osbahr 6/8 Rod & Barb Ketelsen 6/15 Paul & Tina Boyle 6/22 Gloria Dowling 6/29 Gloria Dowling	




Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First

6/4 Faith Keil
6/7 Barb & Rod Ketelsen
6/19 Richie & Tina Monteith
6/23 Tom & Vickie Sands
6/25 Matt & Denise Hingst

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia

6/3 Rusty & Trish Reifenrath
6/7 Brooke Harder
6/8 Harper Bruning
6/9 Kolten Settje
6/9 Evelyn Harder
6/11 Addison Corbit
6/16 Raegan Reifenrath
6/18 Les Bohlken
6/18 Mike & Andrea Johnson
6/19 Kristina Steinle
6/19 Corrine Reifenrath
6/23 Marvin Nelson
6/25 Cade Johnson
6/27 Tanner Thompson
6/27 Kenny & Kristina Steinle
6/28 Marc Bathke
6/29 Richard & Leila Fischer



Allen Days 2025 Community Worship Service



Sunday, June 15th at 8:30 am

Allen Methodist Church

*****Please bring your own lawn chairs*****



Outdoor Service



CELEBRATE

140 YEARS

WITH CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND

GUEST SPEAKERS

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

WORSHIP BEGINS @ 10:15

First Lutheran Annual Picnic

Save the Date

July 27, 2025

4-6 pm

**Church
Picnic**



Concordia

Pie & Ice Cream

Social

Save the Date

July 20, 2025

5 - 7 pm





2025 Saved To Serve Opportunity Retreat Mosaic/Beatrice



Friday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 10, 1:00 p.m.

Learn about Mosaic's program and spend time with Mosaic's clients

Spend time with your Sisters in Christ, make new friends, and renew continuing friendships as we have a fun weekend in Beatrice at the Mosaic facility. Come join us to learn about Mosaic new and existing programs. Hear from individuals sharing their stories. The weekend will also include devotions, Bingo, bell ringing, sing-a-longs with Karaoke, jokes, a picnic, jewelry making, a tour of the campus, worship will be held in the Mosaic Chapel, the closing group hug, and of course, food.

Individuals, churches and women's units are encouraged to participate by collecting and bringing items for the tangible offering.

Tangible items being collected:

Large hole beads, crosses, 1/8" satin ribbon, Ty or other small staff animals, terrycloth shower mitten, and fun pillowcases

Registered attendees will receive a letter or email with more information. For answers to retreat questions, contact Mary Mayfield, call 402-778-0291, or text 402-660-9450; or Donna Bentjen, 402-429-0745.

Saved to Served 2025 August Event Registration Form

Name			
Address			
City	State + Zip		
Phone	E-mail		
Congregation/City	Conference		
Special Needs			

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 1, 2025

Send form and \$39.00 payment to: Julie Reiser, NSWO Treasurer
Check payable to: NSWO
PO Box 64
Butte, NE 68722
nsw.treasurer@gmail.com

Registration fee is transferable for one-year, not refundable



CLC Mother/Daughter Tea



Spring Gathering in Atkinson



CLC Family Fun Night



Confirmation Students delivered May Day Baskets



FLC Celebrated their High School Seniors



Ministry Opportunities

Council Meetings at CLC– June 2nd

5:30 FLC, 6:30 Joint, 7:30 CLC

HOPE Circle – June 5th at 2:00 p.m. at Kinship Pointe

140th CLC Annivesary Service & Celebration – June 8th

Allen Community VBS – June 11th– 12th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Allen Methodist Church

Allen Community Worship – June 15th at 8:30 a.m. Outdoors at Methodist Church

Newsletter Deadline – June 23rd

Outdoor Worship at CLC – June 29th



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**HOSTS: Allen Methodist Church
and First Lutheran Church**

- ♥ **Wednesday June 11 & Thursday June 12**
- ♥ **9:00 am – 11:30 am**
- ♥ **Ages 4 years old to 4th Grade**
- ♥ **Location at the Methodist Church**

(Note: Previously planned at the park, now at the church)

Please register to Pastor Deb Hammer

Email: pastoratcandf@gmail.com

Cell phone: 402-518-0423

If you have a registration form, please mail to:

Deb Hammer/First Lutheran

PO BOX 160

Allen, NE 68710

(Registration forms can be filled out the day of VBS)

Bible Readings

June 1st

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

June 8th

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17[25-27]

June 15th

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 22nd

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 29th

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Pastor's Article

Imagine

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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Looking Ahead with Hope: Imagine? Imagine! Imagine...

Our Nebraska Synod leaders and delegates gather together to celebrate our ministry and plan for ministry for the following year. The theme for the upcoming year is to "Imagine."

Through all the celebrations and challenges, innovations and endings, the church is in motion. We are becoming something new; not because everything is settled or secure, but because God is moving among us in ways beyond our imagining. We are the Church that is spirit filled. We are flexible, relational, and grounded in the love of Christ. What brings us together is to imagine what may be revealed to us, and to give thanks for all that God has blessed us with along the way.

The Church's future is something to imagine faithfully, to co-create with God, and to nurture in hope. *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* —Isaiah 43:19

Imagination begins with remembering that God is always doing something new. The Church's mission never changes, but its methods, voice, and structures call us to be flexible to serve future generations.

We imagine the future by being rooted in Scripture by being receptive to God's unfolding work in our lives, and to listen to the cries of the world. The Church of the future will emerge from listening as we lean into the Holy Spirit through prayer and worship. Our imaginations will flow as we listen to young people, who carry dreams and questions helping us to imagine a new future.

To imagine the Church's future is to trust that resurrection is always possible.

To imagine is to believe that the Spirit is still speaking.

As we imagine, let us say it boldly:

"Yes, Lord — do a new thing in us!"

Blessings, 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 May 5, 2025. Present were Lyle Carlson, Gloria Dowling, Pastor Deb Hammer, Denise Hingst, Rod Ketelsen, and Vickie Sands.

*Opening prayer by all.

*Pastor's report was read and discussed.

*Secretary's report for April was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was unavailable.

Property Items:

- Air conditioner-Lyle will contact to get a possible date for installation.
- Roof repair is complete.
- Parking lot-Lyle C. and Paul B. will work on this once the weather stays consistently warm

Old Business:

- Lent offerings are going to Lutheran Family Services/Dana Village
- The dairy cow fund for Kotela Parish has raised \$1,240.

New Business:

- A community worship will be held during Allen Days. The service will be on June 15 at 8:30 AM in the Methodist church parking lot.
- Vacation Bible School will be held with the Methodist church. It will be in the Allen Park on June 11-12 from 9:00-11:30 AM.
- First Lutheran Church's annual picnic will be held on July 27 in the church basement.
- We will have an outdoor service in our parking lot on July 27 at our regular service time of 8:30 AM
- We will donate \$100 to the Faith and Family Night at the Dixon County Fair.

Closing prayer by all

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

Next meeting will be a joint meeting on Monday, June 2 at Concordia. First will meet at 5:30, joint will meet at 6:30, and Concordia will meet at 7:30.

Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

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

The monthly council meeting for Concordia Lutheran Church was held in the basement of Concordia on May 5th, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Present members included Peg Lutt, Grant Anderson, Dustin Thompson, Zach Harder and Pastor Deb Hammer

Pastor Deb started the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

Pastor's Report of April 2025 was handed out and review by each Council Member. After discussions, Pastor's Report was approved.

Secretary's Report for April 2025 council meeting was emailed to each council member prior to the meeting. After review, minutes were approved.

Financial Reports were given to council members to review. The Monthly Income Report as of 4/30/25 did not include the Parsonage Rental Income, but it was confirmed those funds had been secured on time. After discussions, Financial Reports were approved.

Old Business:

The AED information session was held after Worship on May 4th. It went well and the AED proved extremely easy and user friendly.

Updates on the 140th Year Anniversary was discussed. Peg handed Grant a box of pictures and information about the history of the church. Grant will use that information to create a slide show. Pastor Deb agrees to contact the Wayne Shopper to do an ad inviting people to come celebrate on June 8th. Grant agreed to contact the Laurel Advocate to see if they wanted to do a story or at least do an ad inviting people to come celebrate. Heidi Wallace agreed to be a guest speaker at the celebration. We also decided to plan on sending out a 'no pressure' invitation to former Pastors to attend. Zach Harder agreed to provide tavern meat and buns for 100 people. Dustin said he would take care of the cake. We will also have coffee, water and lemonade to drink and salad as a side.

Dustin agreed to deliver the last 3 College Boxes.

Warren Hansen is unavailable to fix the siding on the church. Council Members brainstormed contractors in the area who could give us bids. Our goal is to get the siding repaired this year.

Ron & Marilyn Harder are able to lend us outdoor equipment for 'Outdoor Worship' this summer. We are planning on these services to be on the last Sunday of June, July, and Joint Service on August 24th.

Grant will follow up with Kenny to confirm that tenants have included us as additional insureds and that their insurance is still active.

New Business:

Council approved a \$100 donation to the Dixon County Fair for their 'Faith & Family Night'.

Council brainstormed ideas on how to gather funds for Pastor Deb's goal to raise \$2500 for the Kotela Parish in Tanzania so they can purchase 32 cows. Kotela Parish is a sister church to Our Savior in Wayne. Council approved that we will help raise funds for this goal.

Next Meeting is a Joint Council Meeting in Concord on June 2nd. Allen starts at 5:30. The Joint Meeting starts at 6:30. Concord's Meeting starts at 7:30. Each council member from Concord will bring a snack of their choosing.

Meeting was adjourned followed by the Closing Prayer led by Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Anderson, Secretary