



PARISH PARTYLINE

Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

March 2022

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Announcements

Looking for hymn suggestions! Please write down your favorite hymns and place in the container on the table in the Narthex at CLC and in the basket on the table at the back of the sanctuary at FLC.

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.

FLC WELCA are collecting supplies for Bridges to Hope. A full list of items can be found on bridgestohopene.org/donate.

HOPE Circle will meet on March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Kinship Pointe. Vicar Deb will be doing the Bible study. Hostess will be Lyla S.

GIGP EVENT: Bowling at Wakefield Bowling Alley on March 5th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Cost: \$7 per game. Text RSVP to 402-841-3110 by March 3rd

FLC WELCA will meet on March 9th at 2:00 p.m. - Lesson & Meeting. Hostess is Karen Claussen Smith.

CLC Volunteer Opportunities – A sign up sheet is in the Narthex for volunteer Sunday School teachers, through April 2022. Sunday School runs 9:30-10:10 am (40 minutes). Please consider using your gifts to bless our children.

Concordia - No Perfect People Allowed - T-shirts are available for \$12.00. Contact Trish Reifenrath via email at rtreif@yahoo.com to order.



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:

Sgt Christopher Wordekemper
53 Barclay Place Court, Apt. D
Charlottesville, VA 22901

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



We remember in our prayers those who are ill or in need of prayers.

Betty Carr
Doris Nelson

We remember those in care facilities or homebound.

Bonnie Kellogg (Homebound)
Frieda Bowman (Hillcrest)
Lyla Swanson (Kinship Pointe)
Marilyn Wallin (CountryView)
Fern Erickson (Kinship Pointe)
Shirley Lanser (Homebound)
Elaine Lubberstedt (Homebound)

We remember those serving in the armed forces.

Chris Wordekemper
Taylor Johnson

Concordia Members

Jeff & Tricia Grone; Josh, Joe
Jason & Valerie Hangman;
Kyler, Rilyn
Warren & Danita Hanson
Ron & Marilyn Harder
Zach & Brooke Harder

First Lutheran Members

Richie & Tina Monteith;
Kiara, Cole, Landon
Scott & Jean Morgan
Jason & Katie Olesen;
Josh, Gabe
Richard Olesen
Tom & Bea Osbahr

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	Dustin Thompson & Grant Settje
Acolytes	3/6 3/13 3/20 3/27	3/6 Tate Holz 3/13 Harper Bruning 3/20 Taelyn Settje 3/27 Lane Fischer
Lay Readers		Georgia Addison
Communion Steward		Lynette Krie
Altar Guild	Denise Hingst	Alissa Thompson, Andrea Johnson, Brandi Settje, & Trish Reifenrath
Altar Flowers		Lenten Season
Coffee after Service	3/6 Barb Ketelsen 3/13 Vickie Sands 3/20 Karen Claussen Smith 3/27	



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First

3/7 Wendi Hammerstrom
3/11 Cole Monteith
3/13 Scott Morgan
3/20 Isaac Verzani
3/25 Jordyn Carr
3/27 Paul & Colleen Boyle
3/31 Reed Hingst

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia

3/2 Trish Reifenrath
3/3 Pam Anderson
3/3 Turner Thompson
3/4 Hart & Mary Vollers
3/5 Jayson Wayman
3/5 Audra Corbit
3/7 Jason Fischer
3/20 Amanda Fischer
3/22 William Anderson
3/22 Dustin & Alissa Thompson
3/25 Grant & Brandi Settje
3/30 Frieda Bowman

Ministry Opportunities

CLC Choir Practice March 2nd at 5:50 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

HOPE Circle March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Kinship Pointe

FLC WELCA March 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Lenten Service March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

CLC Prayer Partner Event March 13th following Worship

Council Meetings at FLC March 14th at 6:00 p.m. CLC, 7:00 p.m. Joint, 8:00 p.m. FLC

Lenten Service March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

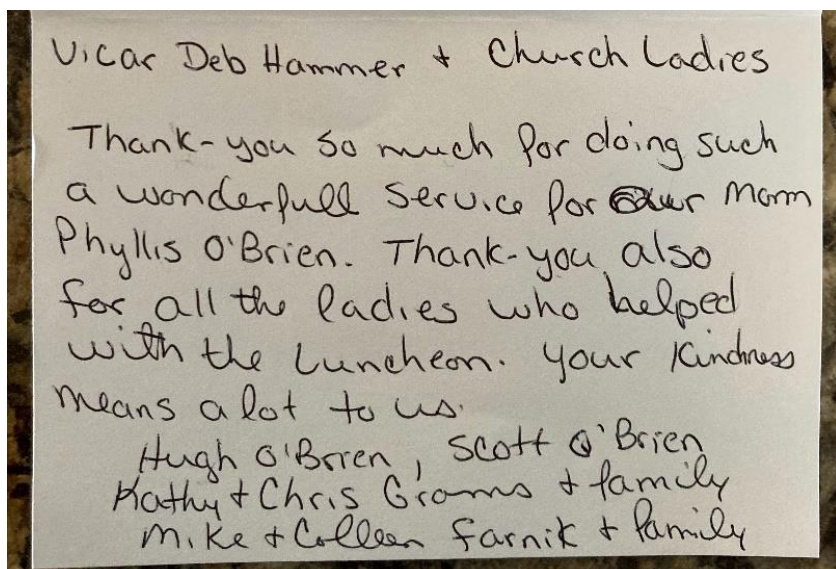
Newsletter Deadline March 21st

Lenten Service March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

Communion Encounter March 26th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon at CLC

Blessing for the Beginning of Internship March 27th during Worship

Lenten Service March 30th at 7:00 p.m. at FLC



Thank you for all the kind thoughts, prayers, and cards for the loss of Verlan's brother. We appreciated the sharing of your time, food, and love!

Verlan & Vicky Hingst

Thank You

Lenten Information

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

Lenten Service March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

Lenten Service March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

Lenten Service March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

Lenten Service March 30th at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

Lenten Service April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

Maundy Thursday Service April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at FLC

Good Friday Service April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

Easter Services April 17th

Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. at CLC

Easter Celebration at 10:15 a.m. at FLC



A Lenten Prayer

Lord, I know how much you love me
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes
but I know your love is always with me
Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions
I am weak, but I know with your help
I can use these small sacrifices in my
life to draw closer to you. Amen



Information



INTERNSHIP UPDATE:

Internship provides students a significant contextualized experience in ministry as a fundamental component of their theological education. Internship is an opportunity for a student to serve in a setting under the guidance of an experienced pastoral supervisor.

Internship will officially begin on March 4, 2022 and goes through March 4, 2023. The internship process is facilitated through Wartburg Seminary with guidance from the Nebraska Synod Candidacy Team. The Candidacy Team selected and assigned Pastor Heidi Wallace to be my supervising pastor. I will be supervised and evaluated throughout this process by the seminary, my supervising pastor, and a team committee formed between members of Concordia Lutheran and First Lutheran. This committee will meet once monthly.

Please join us for worship on March 27, 2022 for a Blessing for the Beginning of Internship. Anna Speiser, mentor for Vicar Deb, will be with us for the blessing.

Vicar Deb



Concordia Lutheran Church is excited to announce an update to our Prayer Partner Program. Please prayerfully consider being a partner in prayer with one of our youth in Kindergarten through Confirmation. If you are interested, in becoming a prayer partner, please contact Vicar Deb. If you were a mentor under the old program, we are hopeful you will continue with your partner.

Concordia's Council will host a prayer partner event after worship on March 13th. This will be a time of food, fellowship and prayer. We will have updated information of hopes and expectations for shared ministry.

Vicar's Article



LENT SERIES: CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

March 2 – Ash Wednesday

March 9 – Created In Community with Creation

March 16 – Created in Community with all the Saints

March 23 – Created in Community with our neighbor

March 30 – Created in Community with those on the margins.

April 6 – Created in Community with Christ

The season of Lent is often known to be somber and quiet, reflective and dark. It is a season that teaches us how to be sad and allows for a certain sadness. But within that sadness is the seed of spring and new life. The season of spring begins on March 20th. This is in the midst of our Lenten journey. The focus of Lent is on baptismal promises and new birth. The re-creation of new life that comes to us in the spring, also comes to us in the promise of Jesus' resurrection. We are traveling with purpose as pilgrims on a particular journey toward God.

This journey will take all our lives, but our destination is sure with Jesus. I prefer a more reflective Lent, to spend time contemplating on our calling to be in community with all of creation. The Wednesday night Lenten series will reflect on being in community with creation, with all the Saints, with our neighbors, with those in the margins and with Christ.

It's good to look inside ourselves to see what must be cast aside from our actions and thoughts in order to receive the new life in Christ. We are created for community in all things.

Blessings, *Vicar Deb*



**And above all these things put on charity,
which is the bond of perfectness.
And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,
to the which also ye are called in one body;
and be ye thankful.**

Colossians 3:14,15 (KJV)

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 February 7, 2022. Present were Vicar Deb Hammer, Gloria Dowling, Rod Ketelsen, Gregg Carr, Katie Olesen, Richie Monteith, and Vickie Sands.

Opening prayer by all.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Vicar's report was read and discussed.

Property items were discussed: new door for kitchen, soffit and fascia work in the spring or summer, and painting the Vicar's office

- Rod and Greg will present the custodial job description to Bridgett.
- Joint council will work on a job description for church secretary at the March meeting.
- Our cluster will present 6 names for consideration for Bishop at the Synod Assembly
- Reminder that soup supper is February 27.

New Business:

- Council officers elected. Rod Ketelsen – President, Greg Carr – Vice President, Vickie Sands – Secretary, Katie Olesen – Treasurer, Gloria Dowling – financial secretary and events, Richie Monteith – Property Management
- A motion was approved to have Katie purchase an iPad for the church.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

Next meeting is a joint meeting on March 14 at First. Concordia's council will meet at 6:00, joint councils will meet at 7:00, and First's council will meet at 8:00.

Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

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

The Concordia Council met on Feb 15, 2022 in the church basement with Vicar Deb, Carolyn Alt, Judy Martindale, Dan Nolte, and Tamara Sterling. Brandi Settje and Doug Krie were not present. Peg Anderson was present for the treasurer's report.

The meeting was opened with Vicar leading the Candle Litany and prayers for members.

Vicar's report was presented and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented & approved. The Council approved the annual minutes which included the 2022 budget as presented to the congregation at the Jan. 23, 2022 annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There is progress being made on Prayer Pal Program, replacing the Mentor Program. It will be a Church team effort to support the process. Date set for March 13th with a pizza party kick off. Pastor will mail the letters and role descriptions to congregants.
- Another bid/estimate for the east parking lot is being sought, with Spring as goal for starting, weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Building permit was obtained for windbreak for garbage cans. Labor through the high school will be a range after project completed then we pay what we think is in that range for the supplies/labor.
- A laptop was purchased with memorial money from Steve Martindale family for use at the church for Vicar, Tamara's Council minutes/notes, and Sunday School use as needed. A sign-up sheet will be used if someone checks it out for use.
- 2022 Council Goals were read & approved.
- Lunch after Lent services wasn't done in past 2 years due to COVID so will be doing coffee/bars after Lent services with the church organizations to help. Carolyn will ask if Lynnette-WELCA will do first service and church council will divide for the last two services.
- Sunrise Service will be at Concordia this year. Questions re: where Lent service offerings will be going, it was decided to designate Lenten offerings to Carol Joy Holling Camp as Concordia has the potential of at least 6 youth attending camp this year.
- Meeting ended in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Sterling, Secretary