



# PARISH PARTYLINE

## Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

November 2024

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Gloria Dowling  
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First Lutheran Church,  
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## 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.

**Food Drive Challenge** will run from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. See flyer for more details.

**CLC HOPE Circle** will meet on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. Business meeting: set budget, review 2024 and plan 2025. Thank Offerings. Hostess: Lynette K.

**FLC WELCA** will meet on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Thank Offering Service – Clarice Johnson & Hostess: Karen Claussen Smith.

**Turkey Bingo** will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at FLC.

**College Care Boxes:** Plan to help fill up boxes to show our college students how much we care about them! November 10<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>

CLC: 5 boxes    FLC: 6 boxes

**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

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



All Saints Sunday on November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a time to remember all the saints we have lost this last year. Please join us for a special remembrance candle lighting ceremony. We will have communion at the rail as a special remembrance to all the saints.



*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 as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Kinship Pointe)  
Court Roberts  
(Heritage of Emerson)

*We remember those serving  
in the armed forces.*

Chris Wordekemper  
Taylor Johnson

#### *Concordia Members*

Mike & Andrea Johnson;  
Delaney, Cade  
Doug & Lynette Krie  
Justin & Holly Larson;  
Noah, Kamden  
Susan Lindgren  
Elaine Lubberstedt

#### *First Lutheran Members*

Matt & Denise Hingst; Reed  
Rett Hingst  
Vicky Hingst  
Henry & Clarice Johnson  
Jay & Shelly Jones; Brogan

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>	Gerald & Barb Sands	Kolten Settje & Ethan Williams
<b>Acolytes</b>		11/3 Lane Fischer 11/10 Kolten Settje 11/17 Ava Reifenrath 11/24 Harper Bruning
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Gloria Dowling	Cori Reifenrath
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Gloria Dowling	Alissa Thompson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vickie Sands	Alissa Thompson & Trish Reifenrath
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Georgia Addison
<b>Power Point</b>	Vickie Sands	
<b>Coffee after Service</b>	11/3 Lyle & Jean Carlson 11/10 Olesen Family 11/17 Tom & Vickie Sands 11/24 Scott & Jean Morgan	

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

11/11 Hunter Nolte  
11/19 Kenny Steinle  
11/20 Lynette Krie  
11/21 Rilyn Hangman  
11/23 Emry Nolte  
11/27 Doug & Lynette Krie  
11/28 Andrea Johnson



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

11/6 Paul Boyle  
11/12 Keiziah Fischer  
11/16 Jason Olesen  
11/27 Ronnie Gotch



# Children and Youth Ministry

## **Confirmation at CLC & CLC Children's Ministry**

November 6, 13, & 20  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

## **JOURNEY** NEBRASKA SYNOD ELCA



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!



# CHURCH BINGO!



NOV. 17<sup>th</sup>

3:00 p.m.

BINGO!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

\* Win PRIZES including TURKEYS

\* FREE WILL DONATION - Going to Backpack Program



First  
Lutheran

## ***CHALLENGE***

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



You are invited:

Community Worship Service

Where: First Lutheran Church

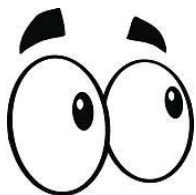
Sunday, November 24, 2024

5:00 pm Worship

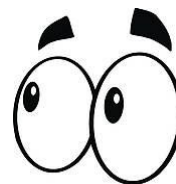
5:30 pm Community Meal

The meal will be a potato bake bar



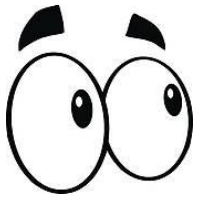


# **Check out what happened last month!**

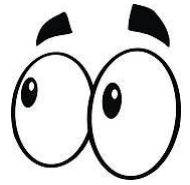


Blessing of Quilts & Baby Kits for Lutheran World  
Relief at CLC took place on October 20<sup>th</sup>





**Check out what happened  
last month at FLC!**



Quilts & Fabric Kits Blessing took place on October 20<sup>th</sup>



# Ministry Opportunities

**CLC Fall Fellowship Soup Supper** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**FLC Council Meeting** – November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Class at CLC** – November 6, 13, & 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**CLC Children's Ministry** - November 6, 13, & 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**HOPE Circle** – November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Church Basement

**FLC WELCA** – November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**CLC Council Meeting** – November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**FLC Turkey Bingo** – November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline** – November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Community Thanksgiving Service at FLC** – November 24<sup>th</sup> Service at 5:00 p.m. Meal at 5:30 p.m.

Please bring items for our college kids from  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>



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## *Concordia:*

*Kolten Fischer*

*Delaney Johnson*

*Raegan Reifenrath*

*Toni Thompson*

*Ethan Williams*

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## *First:*

*Jordan Carr*

*Noah Carr*

*Cheyenne Keil*

*Landon Monteith*

*Josh Olesen*

*Steven Sands*

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Thank you for your sympathy during the loss of my sister, Donna. I am beyond grateful for all the love and support shown to me during this time. I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers, the hugs, the cards, and the memorials. Your kindness will never be forgotten!  
With love, Pastor Deb



# Cultivating Love Through Community

*"Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:5-7*

Love is cultivated through love in community. A sense of community can be nurtured by taking small steps, starting a conversation with your neighbor, checking in on a new co-worker, or stopping by to say "hi" to a custodian or cashier. Building a sense of community starts with small, intentional acts of kindness and acknowledgment. Did you know.....

- Living in a community promotes our health and well-being.
- Our minds are relational and affected by the quality of our social connections.
- Community is built through acts of intentionality, vulnerability, and creativity.

The quality of our relationships often depends on how willing we are to be vulnerable with others and the degree to which we can respect others' vulnerabilities. Vulnerability refers to the feeling we experience during times of uncertainty. Building a relationship may take risks, but friendships and being in community often require us to get out of our comfort zones.

If we want to experience deeper relationships and shared connections with others, we have to be willing to share our struggles, hopes, and needs with those we come to know and trust. The vulnerability arises when we let our most authentic selves be truly seen and known by other. In what ways have you experienced God cultivating community in and around you? How might we as God's people create community that is grounded in the community that we are called into as the Body of Christ together?

As we gather this Thanksgiving, let us remember the greatest gift of all - our fellowship in Christ. This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the goodness of God and the many ways in which he has blessed us. Let us give thanks for our families, our friends and our church community. Let us be mindful of those who are struggling and in need and offer our help and support. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed upon us, and may we give thanks for being filled with love, joy, and the warmth of community. Happy Thanksgiving, church family!

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 October 14, 2024. Present were Pastor Deb Hammer, Lyle Carlson, Katie Olesen, Denise Hingst, and Vickie Sands.

Opening prayer by all.

Pastor's report was read and discussed.

Secretary's report for September was read and approved.

Treasurer's reports for August and September were presented, discussed and approved.

## **Property Items:**

- Air conditioner - Lyle will give Zach Heating and Cooling the ok to put in the new air conditioner.
- Roof repair - waiting on a written bid from Matt Hingst.

## **Old Business:**

- Benefit for Aubrey Mitchell on October 26 at Emerson Sacred Heart church. Free will donation meal, silent auction and live auction. Our church will provide desserts. Starts at 4:00 PM

## **New Business:**

- Council received a request from the Dixon County Junior Leaders for use of the church basement on October 20, November 17, January 19, as well as one Sunday in March and April. The dates were approved, except for November 17, which conflicts with Turkey Bingo.
- A representative from the Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry would like to meet with both councils to present more information on Sustaining Sacred Spaces.
- Turkey bingo will be held on November 17, 2024 from 3:00-5:00.
- Allen Ministerial – Community Events
  - \*November 24 – Community Thanksgiving Service at 5:00 at First. Meal to follow (potato bake).
  - \*December 7 – Town Community Events (details to follow)
- College Care boxes will be out from November 10-December 1.

## **Other Business:**

- Food challenge with Concordia will run from November 1 to December 1, 2024.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

**Next meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

# 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 October 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement. Present: Pastor Deb, Peg Lutt, Zach Harder, Mandy Bruning, Dustin Thompson and Pam Anderson. Absent: Dan Nolte. Peg opened with prayer.

Judy Martindale was present for the Financial Secretary's Report. Trisha Reifenrath provided the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September reports for Pastor, the Financials, Minutes, and the Treasurer's October payments, to include the following: \$1,132.81 to Brad Harder for shed materials and all his work throughout the year; \$100 donation to the Aubrey Mitchell benefit; and \$200 for Clergy Appreciation month for Pastor's Tanzania trip. Motion passed.

## **Old Business:**

Kitchen update will be started mid-October with Jody Campbell hired to install new plumbing, water heaters and faucets.

The Property Committee will continue work on rock, sidewalk and shed clean up. They will also be looking into different options for sanctuary lighting.

Mandy started the process of available grants/cost of an AED at the church. Dustin has a couple of contacts he will look into, also.

## **New Business:**

The tenant at the Parsonage will be renting through November. Plans will be made for cleaning and making any necessary repairs before renting out again.

As per motions made above, we discussed Clergy Appreciation month and the Aubrey Mitchell benefit (Aubrey is Katie Oleson's niece).

The annual Soup Supper is right around the corner – November 3.

Concordia Council's next meeting will be held November 13 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned followed with a closing prayer by Pastor and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Anderson