



# PARISH PARTYLINE

## Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

May 2024

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Katie Olesen  
Gloria Dowling  
Denise Hingst  
Richie Monteith  
Lyle Carlson

### Concordia Lutheran Church

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ELCA~Allen, NE

## 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.

**Allen Senior Tea** (hosted by FLC WELCA) will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Women of all ages, join us on May 4 at 9:30 am for **Concordia's Mother Daughter Brunch**, "Women of Faith - Then and Now". Featured Speaker is Jan Schiferl, singer/songwriter, speaker and author from the WJ Ranch near Fordyce. Free will offering.

**Graduate reception at FLC** will recognize Landon Monteith on May 5<sup>th</sup> following Worship.

**Graduate reception at CLC** will recognize Toni Thompson & Delaney Johnson on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**FLC WELCA** will meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (1 Kings 19:1-18) by Vicky Hingst.

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Work Day at Camp Carol Joy Holling Camp – See flyer for details.

**Save the Date:** FLC Bake Sale June 8<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



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

Faith Keil  
Paul Boyle  
Toni Thompson

*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 (CountryView)  
Fern Erickson (Kinship Pointe)  
Shirley Lanser (Homebound)  
Elaine Lubberstedt  
(Homebound)  
Doris Nelson (Hillcrest)  
Court Roberts  
(Heritage of Emerson)

*We remember those serving in the armed forces.*

Chris Wordekemper  
Taylor Johnson

*Concordia Members*

Laurie Wayman; Jayson, Preston  
Ethan Williams  
Georgia Addison  
Jade Addison  
Dawn Addison-Corbit;  
Addison, Audra

*First Lutheran Members*

Jay & Shelly Jones; Brogan  
Faith Keil  
Heidi Keil; Wyatt, Cheyenne  
Steve Keil; Wyatt, Cheyenne  
Bonnie Kellogg

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>	Gloria Dowling	Les Bohlken & Zach Harder
<b>Acolytes</b>		5/5 Lane Fischer 5/12 Kolten Settje 5/19 Ava Reifenrath 5/26 Harper Bruning
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Clarice Johnson	Sheri Christiansen
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Clarice Johnson	Sheri Christiansen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Carr	Judy Martindale
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Georgia Addison
<b>Power Point</b>	Vickie Sands	
<b>Coffee after Service</b>	5/5 Tom & Vickie Sands 5/12 Greg & Ann Carr 5/19 Jerry & Donna Schroeder 5/26 Greg & Ann Carr	



## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First

5/1 Matt Hingst  
5/1 Jolene Sullivan  
5/6 Jerry Smith & Karen Claussen Smith  
5/8 Wyatt Keil  
5/15 Court Roberts  
5/23 Lyle Carlson  
5/29 Henry & Clarice Johnson

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia

5/5 Grant Anderson  
5/8 Shirley Anderson  
5/9 Gretchen Deitrich  
5/25 Brad Harder  
5/26 Jason & Amanda Fischer  
5/26 Zach Hauptmann  
5/27 Steve Anderson  
5/29 Taelynn Settje  
5/29 Brandi Settje  
5/30 Tammy Sterling

# ***Concordia Lutheran Mother Daughter Brunch***

***616 Iowa St – Concord, NE***

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ 9:30 am**

**“Women of Faith – Then and Now”**

**Featured speaker: Jan Schifrel –  
singer/songwriter, speaker and author**

**Free will donation**





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NEBRASKA SYNOD ELCA

*My story is Your story is Christ's story is Our story*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING 2.0**

**SERVICE AND STORYTELLING**  
**APRIL 13, 2024: 9:30 AM-6:30 PM**  
**FOUR LOCATIONS**

MESSIAH LUTHERAN GRAND ISLAND    HOLY TRINITY SIDNEY    SHERIDAN LUTHERAN LINCOLN    SALEM LUTHERAN DAKOTA CITY



NSWO – Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization

Saved to Serve Opportunity: at First Lutheran Church in Blair. Date:TBD

Educational: Lutheran Family Services at Dana Village

Please help our women attending by collecting the following items:



Bar Soap  
Shampoo  
Conditioner



Feminine Hygiene  
Products



Toilet Paper  
(Build a tower)

**Concordia Lutheran Church will be putting together Baby Care Kits**

together for Lutheran World Relief include the following items:

- \*2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- \*2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- \*2 Swaddling blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight year, 36” to 52” square
- \* 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- \*1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- \* 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- \*2 or 3 bath size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- \*2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Items can be gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) Sizes 6 to 24 months in sizes. Spring is here and is time for garage sales so keep your eyes out for these items.

*Thank You*

MISSION SUPPORT  
2023

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THANK YOU

To the members of  
First Lutheran Church  
3348

from the  
Nebraska Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
In grateful appreciation for giving  
\$3,025.00

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*Chadwick A. Eaton*  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Save the Date: CLC/FLC Joint Service August 25<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Holly Doring

This Summer, we will start to hear about Neema Village and be ready to welcome Holly to hear even more about Neema Village as we strive to support this Mission as loving our neighbors both near and far!



## Neema Means Grace

**A Baby Home, a Mothering Center, a free Day Care for moms who have special needs babies, Safe Birthing Training for Traditional Maasai Birthers and Opportunities to Serve for Volunteers, in Arusha, Tanzania**

Our mission statement:

**Rescuing** abandoned, orphaned, and at-risk babies

**Reuniting** children with extended families and promoting in-country adoptions

**Restoring** hope to women through education, business opportunities, parenting skills, day care assistance, and spiritual guidance

**Relearning** basic health/delivery procedures for traditional birthers.

(Pictured: Brent and Holly Doring family at Neema Village.)



## Congratulations Landon Montieth!!



**Awarded the Virginia Wheeler  
Scholarship in the amount of \$550**

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Landon plans to attend Missouri Welding Institute

# Ministry Opportunities

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**CLC Children's Ministry & Confirmation Family Night** – May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**CLC Choir Practice** – May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

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**FLC WELCA** – May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**CLC Council Meeting** – May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline** – May 20<sup>th</sup>



**LET'S GET READY  
FOR SUMMER CAMP**

**WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**  
**8 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**  
**CAROL JOY HOLLING CAMP**  
27416 Ranch Road | Ashland, NE 68003

*Volunteer for Work Day by May 3.  
Sign up at [CarolJoyHolling.org/work-day](https://CarolJoyHolling.org/work-day)*

*Breakfast & lunch are included!*

Questions? Contact Lisa Stirtz at [LStirtz@NLOM.org](mailto:LStirtz@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544

The poster features a light green background with a faint pattern of hands holding various tools like a broom, scissors, a spray bottle, a fork, and a plant. The text is in a bold, dark green font.

# Pastor's Article

May is the beginning of summer when school gets out and we get busy celebrating events such as graduations and Mother's Day. We look forward to family gatherings, vacations, camping and ballgames. Our church will always be here for you as we are the church together when we gather, and when we are out and about.

Jesus says to Peter, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..." v18 (NIV). The word Jesus used for church refers to those who are "called out." Peter's statement of faith is one all Christians give, and it is what binds us together. Therefore, as a member of Christ's body of believers, we too are "called out" as His people. We are the church!

We are Christ's church. We are to live out the Good News of Jesus. Not only in our homes or within our church building or Bible study or life groups, but our world. *In God's grace, here's something God stirred up with us not too long ago:*

***Let's do what we've been doing faithfully for so long and let's do it out there where our neighbors live – in the church and in the world!***

Blessings as we go and be church together,

*Pastor Deb*

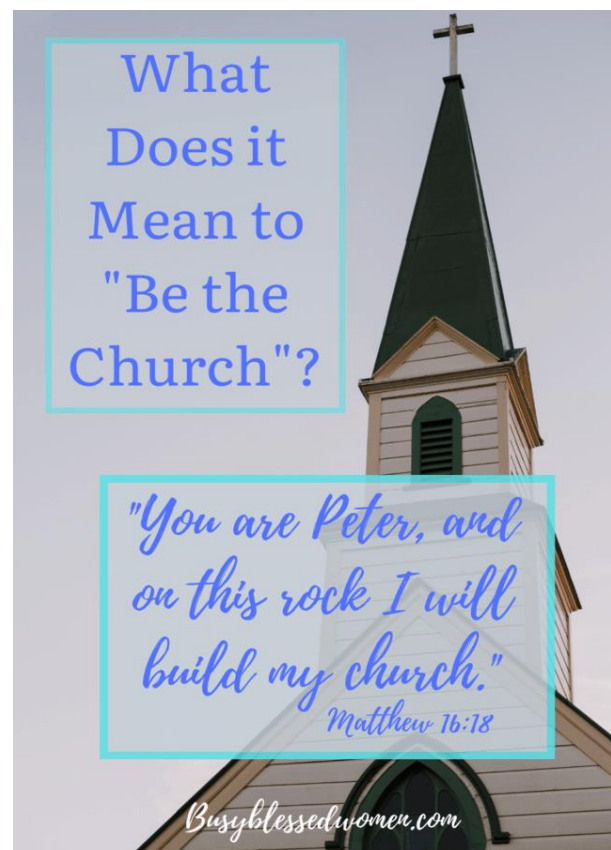


## What does it mean to be church?

The Holy Spirit is moving and blowing through, with, and for God's people. To *Go and...* means we pray, listen, share our story, serve with neighbors, ask, be honest, be present, rest, have the conversation, be intentional, tell the story, and be the church.

Everybody has something to offer – Let's Go!

**Prayer:** Holy God who gathers and sends us, we give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Equip us, give us language to proclaim the Good News, and empower us to *GO* forth into the world. Amen





# **First Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights**

*One unified body of Christ, called to be agents of love and service to all!*

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First Lutheran Council met on April 1, 2024. Present were Pastor Deb Hammer, Katie Olesen, Gloria Dowling, Lyle Carlson, Denise Hingst, and Vickie Sands.

Opening prayer by all.

Pastor's report was read and discussed.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was not available.

## **Property Items:**

- Pastor and council filled out a new water system questionnaire from the village of Allen.

## **Old Business:**

- We will be purchasing a small refrigerator for the communion station. It will be located by the office door.
- We voted to contribute \$100 to the Faith and Family Night at the Dixon County Fair.

## **New Business:**

- The Wheeler Scholarship goes to Landon Monteith.
- Senior Tea will be held at First on May 3, 2024.
- College boxes will be sent out on May 1.
- The church will be having a bake sale on June 8 in conjunction with Allen Days.
- There will be a community worship service on June 9 at First Lutheran.

## **Other Business:**

Council approved requests for the use of the church on June 22 and August 3.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

**Next meeting will be on Monday, May 6, 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 met April 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Present: Pastor Deb, Peg Lutt, Mandy Bruning, Dustin Thompson, and Pam Anderson. Absent: Zach Harder and Dan Nolte. Pastor opened with the Candle Litany Prayer.

Judy Martindale was present for the Financial Secretary's Report. Peg Anderson was present for the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March reports for Pastor, the Financials, Minutes, and the Treasurer's April payments, to include a payment of \$131.25 to Dustin for Palms, and a \$100 donation for Faith & Family Night at the Dixon County Fair. Motion passed.

Peg A. was also going to check with Northeast Telephone about a couple of questions the Council has about the church phone.

## **Old Business:**

The request to the Village of Concord for possible reimbursement of Parsonage cleanup expenses, via their insurance, is ongoing.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Treasurer position, please let a Council member know.

Pastor will discuss with the Worship Committee about special times to have communion at the rail.

Dustin will get three college boxes ready to fill.

## **New Business:**

The WELCA have the graduation gifts ready to go for May 5. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse WELCA for their supplies in the amount of \$50. Motion passed.

July 6 has been requested for a family reunion – this was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to use \$500 of our gift budget for Nikki Nathan and her family. Motion passed.

Thank you to whoever replaced the light to illuminate the round window in the steeple. It looks beautiful at night.

The WELCA is purchasing a new coffee pot, as we had trouble with the 30 cup at Sunrise Breakfast.

Pastor will look into ordering Palms, along with First Lutheran, for next year's Palm Sunday.

Our next meeting will be at Concordia on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned followed with closing Litany Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Anderson