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Worship Schedule

Worship Services

Saturday Chapel Worship 5:30 pm
Sunday Contemporary Worship 9 am
Sunday School & Bible Class 10 am
Sunday Traditional Worship 10:45 am

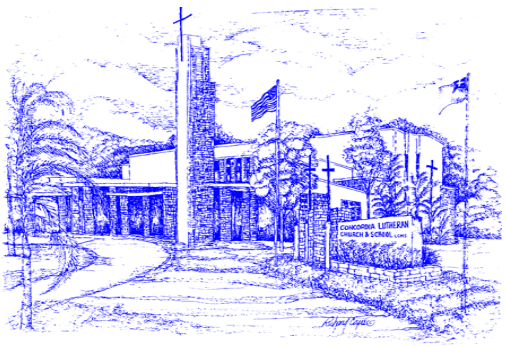
Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at every weekend's worship service. Jesus promises, "This bread is My body. Drink, this wine is My blood for your forgiveness." In worship Jesus serves!

Concordia:
"Jesus' Harmony for the Heart of Sarasota"

Church Staff

Rev. Stephen Gaulke, M.Div., S.T.M.....Pastor
Lei Ann Ahl .....Parish Secretary / Bookkeeper
Johnora L. Hildebrand .....Music Director
Dawn Brown .....Praise Band Leader
Christie Basinger .....Youth Group Leader
Kasey Gerdeman.....Sunday Nursery



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How Do You Get Clean?

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in **God's command** and combined with **God's word**.

Which is the word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." **(Matthew 28:19)**

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works **forgiveness of sins**, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved**, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." **(Mark 16:16)**

From the "**Small Catechism**." Written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in 1529, the little book is treasured still by the world's 74 million Lutherans for clearly opening the Bible's truth and celebrating the heart of the Christian faith. (Trans. CPH ©1992.)

John 3:1-6

[1]There was a man named Nicodemus who was one of the Pharisees and an important Jewish leader. [2]One night Nicodemus came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we know you are a teacher sent from God, because no one can do the miracles you do unless God is with him."

[3]Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, unless one is **born again**, he cannot be in God's kingdom."

[4]Nicodemus said, "But if a person is already old, how can he be born again? He cannot enter his mother's body again. So how can a person be born a second time?"

[5]But Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, unless one is **born from water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter God's kingdom. [6]Human life comes from human parents, but spiritual life comes from the Spirit...." (*New Century Version* ©1991 Word.)

When you were first born you came through mom's water and quick cried earth's breath. See **your Father's humor**? He gives you new birth with **water and the Breath** (that's same word as "Spirit," in the Bible's Greek and Hebrew)!

See also Titus 3:5-8, Romans 6:1-4. Next month, "How can Baptism do such **great things**?"

Sunday School Rally

Back to school. And the kids love this... back to Sunday School! Bring yours. Your neighbor's children! Sunday School **welcomes all**.

Rally Day comes Sunday, **September 11, 10 a.m.** Join us for this special event. The new learners, teachers and Sunday school leaders will be introduced. We'll prayerfully launch into the new year. Parents will be invited to visit the classrooms with their children.

We've got an **exciting new year**, and our great teachers, now lining up! Christie Basinger teaches the **youngest** group. Deborah Bond with Elise (Bowman) Hampton helps the middle-schoolers. Ruth and Amy Bogenberger and Dan and Vickie Schaefer will sub. Yes, we do need more teachers, substitutes and **helpers**... even if your last name doesn't start with a "B"! We're praying to have two leaders with each group, and substitutes to spare. Extra pairs of caring hands in every classroom would truly bless our kids! Learn more from Christie B. (744-0095), our super Sunday School leader. Dawn Sudbury often leads the **teen** group. **Adults** with Pastor Stephen gather around Jesus, learning and loving together.

"Father, You have adopted us all as **Your children**. We praise You for the little ones You have given to us. Pour out Your Spirit this new Sunday School year. Gather together all Your leaders and learners. Make us glad to follow our Teacher, our Savior, Jesus!"

Open Doors: Please Join Us!

The following invitations welcome you nearly **every week** here at Concordia. For further details ask the church office (365-0844).

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m. We give away **free day-old Panera** "Dough-nations" on the circle driveway.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. **GiFtS women** "Grow in Faith through Scripture" at our Willer Fellowship Hall's Library Room.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. **Men's Bible Study Group** at our Choir Room.

Our **Praise Band** rehearsal time varies. Can you add your talents? Please contact Dawn Brown (536-3783).

Now it's **summer break** for our **choir**, bell choir, bi-monthly **youth group** events (but check our Concordia Pretzel Facebook page for special events!), and t(w)een catechism groups.

"**Jesus**, You are our **concord**, our **harmony**. May we share Your harmony with Sarasota's heart!"

Prayers for Peace and the Police

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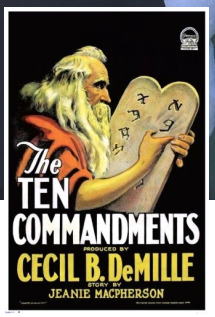
Thirty-one from Concordia with friends joined hands July 14 to pray at **Sarasota's Police Headquarters** for our peace officers, city, and our nation's harmony (photos). What next?

Prayers and Cookies for Fire Fighters

Our Outreach Task Force plans to bring prayers and cookies to **Waldemere Fire Station.** Would you like to be invited to **pray with us**? Can you bake or **bring some cookies**? Send an email to our office at Concordia5@juno.com.

Our fire fighters work in three crews, each working a 24-hour shift followed two days rest. We want to **touch them all** and also give all of us an opportunity to bless them. We'll gather at the Waldemere Fire Station Thursday **Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m.**; Friday **Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.**; and Saturday **Sept. 24, 4:30 p.m.**



Dinner and a Movie

Bring a date! Many friends! On **Saturday, September 24** share our potluck **covered-dish dinner 6:30 p.m.** At **7 p.m. the movie** shines! Who has seen the **original "Ten Commandments"** on the big screen? Film critics claim Cecil B. DeMille's 1923 movie topped his 1956 remake with Charleton Heston. All's free for your decision. Also Concordia's every Saturday 5:30 p.m. worship offers free gifts!

Two Days: Free Bread

Breads, muffins, pastries, bagels, day-old… **yours** free! Concordia, with Panera's "**Dough-nations**," gives away bread every **Tuesday and Saturday, 9 to 10 a.m. Volunteers** serve our neighbors, and your friends. Give this a try?

We **need a new volunteer** to pick up the bread from Panera, **9 p.m., one Friday each month**. Learn how **love this hour**! Ask Jean Williams (443-799-4860) or the church office. Some of our previous volunteers can no longer safely drive at night.

"Bread of life, give your **life-giving love**!"

Concordia's Future

Concordia's **Future Task Force** next meets **Tuesday, September 13**, 6 p.m., in the choir room. We'll discuss Concordia's **S.W.O.T.** …internal strengths and weaknesses, external opportunities and threats. How can we help more people meet Jesus in worship with us, served by His forgiving Word and strengthening Sacrament? What tasks need to begin and be done better to help us welcome our neighbors?

Like all our groups this Concordia Future Task Force is **open to all interested**. Come! Who else would you like to recruit to serve with the nine who've begun? Please contact chair Rod DiGruttolo at rodshs62@hotmail.com, or 323-8266. How can we **join Jesus sharing** His harmony (good concord!) even deeper into the **heart of our Sarasota**? That's His heart's desire!

"Living God, the future rests in Your nail-pierced hand. Let us **grasp Your every blessing**!"

Choir Notes

Calling all choir members - those seasoned and aspiring! Rehearsals begin anew **September 14, 7 p.m**. The choir practices **each Wednesday** 7 to 8 p.m. Voices from both 9 a.m. and the 10:45 a.m. join our choir. We sing from the upstairs balcony near the start of the 10:45 a.m. service. Singers who have already worshiped at 9 a.m. can quietly depart from the balcony staircases. Do you enjoy singing? You'll especially enjoy singing in our choir! We do have a **great time together** and a **great purpose**. Let's serve our Lord with our time and talents!

Your music director - *Johnora Hildebrand*

"Jesus Salts Life" Task Force

Concordia's outreach group meets Wednesday **September 21**, 6 p.m., in the choir room. You're invited to come help us plan new events. Our many volunteers are now working on **23 unique outreach projects!** How next will we reach out to our neighbors?

"Jesus, would You **make a new friend** for Yourself even through us?!"

The Pretzel

Sunday, September 18, 5-7 p.m.
Youth Group! Bring friends grades 5-12.
Launch our new year with our **pizza party**!

*Friend our **Concordia Pretzels Facebook** page for info about our t.b.a. coming events! Don't miss any surprises!*

*As Jesus' Pretzels, we're **twisted and salty,** sin twisted (and forgiven!) and salted saints. We bring Jesus' flavor and crunch to His world!*

Work Morn

Concordia's volunteers have set aside every month's **third Saturday** for a property work morn. We need new helpers, too! Please join us **Saturday, September 17,** 9 a.m. to noon. Look forward to pastries and coffee to get the **morning** started. Come any time. Can we add you to our volunteer email list? Phone Charlie Scott at 925-7808. Or drop an email to at CPABuilder@juno.com. Have fun, feel good, and see the church shine.

"Lord, let our neighbors see **Your beauty**!"

Office Helpers

Can you help fold September's "Courier"? Join the crew on **Thursday, September 22, 9 a.m.** New friends, many smiles!

Thank you to July/August's **Courier folders**: Marge Albrecht, Gloria Bruggeman, Kathy Brunson, Shirley Bush, Gennie Mueller and Loraine Tafel. Loraine also delivered our **325 newsletters** to the postal center near the airport. We're looking for a new volunteer for this task. Call our Parish Secretary Lei Ann (365-0844), please! Hearty thanks to Don and Sandy Zaloudek for assembling **worship bulletins.**

"Jesus, let Your Good News from Concordia touch many hearts. Share **Your harmony**!"

Concordia Cruise 2017

"Concordia sets sail again!" says "Captain" Dave Battles. **February 11-16** we've booked **5 nights** on the "Brilliance" gliding to Key West and Cozumel! Interested? Please speak to Dave. (Leave a message at 941-**927-0053** with your name and phone number.) Singles welcome too… we're finding friends to split a cabin. Dave has placed detailed **brochures** in the church entryway. Each ticket will include a $100 gift towards Concordia's Roof Fund. Already **32 of us** have signed on to sail. The Battles are contributing all his commission.

Faith Confirmed – Rachel Gaulke

At Sunday's worship May 29, confirmands Micah Basinger, Rachel Gaulke, Ethan Schaefer, Jonathan Sisk, and Andrew Whitlow **thanked Christ** for the gifts He had given them in their Baptism. And they pledged themselves to lifelong growth in His Word and holy Communion.

Each of these **five teens** wrote a public testimony of personal faith. The words from one we'll print each month in this Courier newsletter. Pray for their growing faith. As we hear their joy in their Savior, we too can thank Jesus for what He had done for each of us!

Rachel FuRong Gaulke was baptized December 28, 2003 with New Praise Lutheran Church in Covington, Georgia by her parents Rev. Stephen and Ellen Gaulke (photo below). Her godparents are Ben Gaulke (brother), Mary Gaulke (sister), and Jerry and Jamee Wetzel (parents' friends). Her confirmation verse is **Psalm 25:4-5**, "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

Rachel's Faith Statement - Jesus

Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Three-in-One. Why is he called this, why should we know these Three, and why is this important? We all ask questions at one point in time, and we just want a simplified answer, not 500 pages long.

This is why we go to church every Sunday (or more). Church is where you build friendships and you learn things you never knew. We all know that God is just way too much for our brains, because there are just so many questions all about him that we can't figure out the answers.

The Son is a topic we can talk about, because we know his birthday and why he came into this sinful world. God had a plan for us from the very beginning. But did he know that Adam and Eve would have made the first sin? What if they didn't and they ended up staying perfect, then what would have happened? Would Jesus have not come then, or maybe he would still come because it is just normal for people to sin? Jesus was with the Father from the beginning of creation and it was always the plan for God to send us Jesus.

Jesus is a name that everyone should know even if they don't go to church or are not religious in any sort of way. They should still know the name. Jesus came to earth to take away our sins and forgive us, but why did someone so pure and not sinful have to die for us? Sometimes I think that since Adam and Eve sinned then why didn't Eve just give birth to Jesus and then it would all be over with right then. Why so many years later? Jesus didn't have to die on the cross for us: he could have just let us sin and not even have cared or been alive as a human. But there was a reason.

There is a song that says, "Jesus loves me....? Well, how do we know this? We know it because he died on the cross for us. Jesus had an infinite love for us and he wanted us to know that. If he hadn't died for us, the whole world could have been destroyed. Jesus cared for people when he was walking in this world, he didn't just push them away. He wanted all the little children and adults to enter his kingdom. Jesus even healed people right in front of their eyes. He healed the lame, blind, and sick!

So if you're in a bad situation then you should pray and tell Jesus all your problems, because he will answer and guide you through the tough times. So instead of worrying just pray, because I can tell you that's what I do and it works. Jesus is our forever friend and where ever you go He will always see you and look at you and know how wonderful you are. Don't be afraid to just talk to him once and awhile because he wants you to. Jesus cares for me and loves me, so that's all I need.

Photo: The Gaulke family at Rachel's December 2003 Georgia **Baptism** (left to right) - Ben, Megan and husband Chris, Ellen, Rachel, Mary, Pastor Stephen, Nathanael.

Serving the Servant Lord in September 2016

	Scripture Readings	Ushers	Lectors	Greeters	Chancel Assistants	Nursery Worker	Acolytes	Altar Care	Communion Workers
Sept. 4th	***16th Sunday after Pentecost*** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-35	Please volunteer: Parish Secretary Lei Ann Ahl at 365-0844	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Janet Leinberger Traditional Service: Brenda Louise Hudson	**Greeters - please volunteer** Contemporary Service: Call Gloria Bruggeman 924-7336 Traditional Service: Call Sue Bell 302-2221; or Alice Thomas 371-1072	Saturday Worship: Tom Mann Contemporary Service: Dan Schaefer Traditional Service: Alice Williams	Kasey Gerdeman	Jr. and Sr. High Schoolers, please volunteer: Parish Secretary Lei Ann Ahl at 365-0844	Diane Horn Paraments: no changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman, Ellen Gaulke Traditional Service: Arlene Kalotek Phyllis Kirtley
Sept. 11th	***17th Sunday after Pentecost*** Ezekiel 34:11-24 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Thanks to Bob Ball, Mel Collins, Judy Dennis, Rod DiGruttulo, Tom Dwight, Don Fathauer, Bill Lurz, Tom Malone,	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Bill Lurz Traditional Service: Becky Reese		Saturday Worship: Walt Naughton Contemporary Service: Dan Schaefer Traditional Service: Chuck Resh	Kasey Gerdeman	9 a.m. Luke Basinger, Eli Basinger, Dejan Endriss, Kira Endriss, Nat Gaulke, Jonathan Sisk	Diane Horn Paraments: no changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman, Ellen Gaulke Traditional Service: Becky Reese Alice Williams
Sept. 18th	***18th Sunday after Pentecost*** Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-15 Luke 16:1-15	Walt Naughton, Rick Reese, Jim Thomas, Bob White, Denny Williams, Frank Yarrish, Don Zaloudek,	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Christie Basinger Traditional Service: Julie Smith		Saturday Worship: Aaron Mattes Contemporary Service: Frank Yarrish Traditional Service: Alice Williams	Kasey Gerdeman		Diane Horn Paraments: no changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman Traditional Service: Gennie Mueller
Sept. 25th	***19th Sunday after Pentecost*** Amos 6:1-7 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 16:19-31	Sandy Zaloudek	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Mary Reiter Traditional Service: Denny Williams	**Lectors - please volunteer** Ask our Parish Secretary Lei Ann Ahl 365-0844	Saturday Worship: Jim and Bonnie Kaluk Contemporary Service: Frank Yarrish Traditional Service: Peter Martin	Kasey Gerdeman		Diane Horn Paraments: no changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman Traditional Service: Millie Malone Shirley Schwisow

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:30 a.m. Women's G.i.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group ***7 p.m. AA Meeting	**2**	**3** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion
4 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers 10:45 a.m Traditional Worship with Holy Communion *** 7 p.m. AA Meeting	**5 Labor Day** Church office closed ***6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.	**6** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 9 a.m. LCMS Circuit Pastors' Meeting, Punta Gorda ***8 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.	**7** ***8 p.m. AA Meeting	**8** 10:30 a.m. Women's G.i.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group ***	**9**	**10** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion
11 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers - Rally Day 10:45 a.m Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 6 p.m. - 9/11 15-Year Commemoration at the Sarasota National Cometary ***	**12** ***	**13** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 6 p.m. Future Task Force Meeting ***	**14** "Courier" articles due for October news 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal ***	**15** 10:30 a.m. Women's G.i.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group ***	**16**	**17** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 9 a.m. to Noon Church Clean-up Day 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion
18 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers 10:45 a.m Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 5-7 p.m. Pretzel Youth Group, room 6. ***	**19** LCMS Pastors' Conference, Orlando ***	**20** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread LCMS Pastors' Conference, Orlando ***	**21** LCMS Pastors' Conference, Orlando 6 p.m. Outreach Task Force Meeting 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal ***	**22** 9 a.m. Fold the "Courier" newsletter for mailing 9:30 a.m. Prayer and Cookies at Waldemere Fire Station 10:30 a.m. Women's G.i.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group ***	**23** 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Cookies at Waldemere Fire Station	**24** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 4:30 p.m. Prayer and Cookies at Waldemere Fire Station 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. 1923's "Ten Commandments" Movie and Potluck Dinner
25 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers 10:45 a.m Traditional Worship with Holy Communion ***	**26** ***	**27** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread ***	**28** 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal ***	**29** 10:30 a.m. Women's G.i.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group ***	**30**	**1** 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion

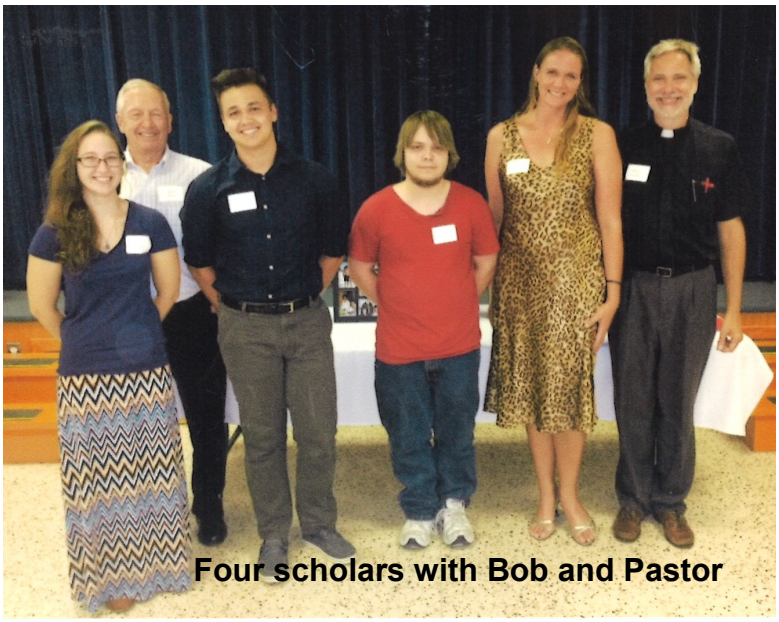
***Concordia's Willer Fellowship Hall and (sometimes) the library room are used every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening by 12-step groups.

We Remember Earl

The risen Lord called home our brother Earl R. Dau on August 1, age 96. Born on May 5, 1920, his parents brought him to Baptism's new birth on May 30 at Grace LCMS, Chicago. In 1934 there he confirmed his Christian faith. Earl served in the WW II Army Airforce. At Grace he wed his beloved Mary nee Melihercik on September 2, 1946, until death parted them. Before joining Concordia, Sarasota in 1985, Earl had lived in Lombard, Brookfield and Western Springs, Illinois. Earl was the devoted father of Earl A. (Kathy) Dau and Darrell P. (Sandra) Dau; grandfather of Keith, Josh, Chad, Nate, Eric and Matthew; great-grandfather of eleven; brother of Elaine Grom (at Beautiful Savior LCMS, Sarasota), and the late Ralph Dau and Dorothy Brautigam. He's survived by longtime companion Tina Edwards. Earl received Christian burial at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois on August 6. The day before his passing Earl received the Lord's Supper and enjoyed his visit with our elder Aaron Mattes, just as he had regularly and faithfully welcomed his pastor and friends in his homebound years. Awaiting the resurrection Day, already today Earl rejoices with His Savior in paradise.

Nita Ball Scholarship Dinner

Many thanks to my church family. You made the **1st annual** Nita Ball Scholarship Dinner a great success. Norma Roembke's work crews helped by setting up, preparing and serving the food and cleaning up. So efficient and special! Those attending and supporting the **six recipients** were blessed. May the Lord continue to bless this event and Nita's legacy. **Thank you** all again!
Bob Ball



Four scholars with Bob and Pastor

9/11 Fifteen-Year Commemoration

Come September 11, 2016 to Sarasota's National Cemetery (9810 State Road 72, 34241). In the days before the Commemoration you may **Adopt a Fallen**. Go to http://bit.ly/29R65gP and choose among the 2,977 names engraved in bronze at the 9 / 11 Memorial in New York City. Then on this 15th Anniversary you'll be able to **stand for that fallen one** during the Tolling of the Bell by Sarasota's Fire Departments.

Beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding well before sunset, the memory of those who died will be honored, our first responders, active military and veterans will be recognized, and a call for all Americans to the Unity of **One Nation Under God** will be summoned. Congressman Vern Buchanan, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of the Venice Diocese, Sheriff Thomas Knight, Police & Fire Chiefs, Mayors & Commissioners, Clergy, 100+ Community Chorus, Military Officers and Veterans participate.

The first 500 who arrive will be given red and white and blue flowers. These will be placed in a mesh that will eventually render **Old Glory**, our flag in front of the stage. Those arriving before 6:20 p.m., may place a picture of their Adopted Fallen within the flowers. Many sites on the internet such as "9-11 Victims-Photo Gallery-SILive.com" can be helpful in locating information on our Adopted Fallen.

All are welcome to this **free community commemoration**. For more information please contact: Reverend Dr. Tom Pfaff, President of the Sarasota Ministerial Association (SMA), 941-724-5018, tompfaff@verizon.net. Concordia is a member of the SMA, a forum for local clergy and parishes.

September Birthdays

01	Angela Amend
02	Mackenzie Schaefer - 4th
03	Frank Moore
04	Stephen Whitlow
05	Duane Hartz
06	Ken Horn
07	Janine Yoder
09	Deborah Bond
10	Ila Fiebig
12	Bill Proctor Chuck Resh
14	Kathy Amend Millie Madigan
16	Scott Hoeppner Richard Wega
21	Lepa Johnston
23	Alexander Woodham
24	Joyce Hartz
25	Elfriede Hinck Gordon Marquette
27	David Smith - 4th
28	Barbara Accola Bette Brack Joan Maegli
29	Margaret Gaulke Kris Rollings
30	James Best

September Anniversaries

01	Richard and Carrol Zuehlke - 60th
10	Duane and Joyce Hartz - 61st
18	Frank and Susie Moore - 6th
21	Mike and Tina Granthon - 14th
26	Dave and Pam Battles - 36th Wayne and Jennifer McMullen - 19th
30	Scott and Kathy Hoeppner - 28th

Bill Lurz celebrated his **birthday** on **August 6!**

Birthday or anniversary missing? Please pardon us. And do tell our church office (365-0844) when we miss dates. **Share the celebration!**

Memorials Received

In memory of Nita Ball, to the Nita Ball Scholarship Fund from Bob Ball.

In memory of Ann Naughton, from Martin and Lena Baloga; from Gloria Bruggeman to the Roof Fund; from Kathy Brunson; from Duane and Joyce Hartz to the Organ Fund; from Carl and Edna Landmesser; from Tom and Millie Malone to the Roof Fund; from Aaron and Judy Mattes; from Walt Naughton to Nita Ball Scholarship Fund; from Chuck Resh to the Building Maintenance Fund; from Denny and Alice Williams to the Roof Fund; from Roy and Clare Williamson to the Organ Fund.

In memory of Carl Rush, from Jack and June Hillyers.

In memory of Millie Traugott, from Kathy Brunson; from Laura Hysell; from Doug and Pam Jacobs; from Mike and Jackie Jacobs; from Ron and Brenda Stecker; from Gary and Twyla Weingart.

In memory of Betty White, from Kathie Brom; from Ken and Diane Horn to the Roof Fund; from Laura Hysell; from Aaron and Judy Mattes; from Gennie Mueller to the Roof Fund; from Chuck Resh to the Roof Fund; from Norma Roembke; from Rick and Chris White to the Roof Fund; from Denny and Alice Williams to the Roof Fund.

Jesus promises, **"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."** Matthew 5:4

2016 Attendance, Giving Overview:

2011, 52 wks: 169 avg. att. (8,800 total), down 2%
$232,388, up 3%

2012, 52 weeks: 186 avg. att. (9,679 total), up 10%
$260,752, up 12%

2013, 52 weeks: 187 avg. att. (9,721 total), up 0.4%
$239,213, down 9%

2014, 52 weeks: 191 avg. att. (9,907 total), up 2%
$262,299, up 10%

2015, 52 weeks: 183 avg. att. (9,506), down 4%
$263,568, up 0.5%

2015, first 33 weeks: 188 avg. att. (6,196 total)
$157,399 tithes and offerings

2016, 33 weeks: **194** avg. att. (6,396), up **3%.**
$185,400, **up 17%.**

Roof Plus Fund (as of July 31) $70,355
Missionary Naumann Fund (as of July 31)
$3,595 (excluding Women's Guild' $2,000)
2016 goal is $10,000

Concordia's July **Vacation Bible School**!

Children, parents and volunteers grew in knowing Jesus and sharing His love! Thanks to all who pray for and serve with **our growing families**!

New Orleans welcomed July's **LCMS National Youth Gathering** - "In Christ Alone!" Concordia's teens and leader rode the bus with peers from our Beautiful Savior and Good Shepherd sister churches. **Thanks to all** our sponsors!

How to Help the Homeless

Our GiFtS Thursday women recently filled **50 hygiene bags** for Sarasota's homeless. A Thrivent grant funded the purchases. Do take a bag from the church entryway to give to one in need. Sadly, **cash gifts** to pan-handlers often harm those addicted.

"Lord, You lived here without a home. Bless these gift bags to **help Your sisters and brothers**!"

GiFtS women assemble homeless hygiene helps

Fall Rummage Sale

Soon comes **The Fall Rummage Sale -** Friday, **November 4** and Saturday **November 5. Please consider helping on sale and on sale set-up days** Wednesday and Thursday, November 2 and 3.

Now is the time to begin collecting and placing **your donations** (please make sure they are **clean and in good working order)** on the Willer Hall stage.

Remember to include donations to **The Classy Clothes and Accessories** shop where new and gently used clothing, shoes, purses, scarves and more will be available. (Think consignment shop quality when you're looking through your closet deciding on what to donate.)

Customers are always on the hunt for holiday decorations, antiques, collectibles, new items and jewelry. Your donations of small kitchen appliances, cookware, glassware, dinnerware sets, bed linens and comforters (please mark them with twin, double, queen or king sizes), towels, floral items, knick-knacks, hardbound and paperback books, shoes, pictures, paintings, electrical and yard tools, bicycles, toys, and furniture that can easily be transported will make the sale a success.

Also needed are donations of pricing labels/ tags (blank or printed with prices), masking tape and safety pins. **Please no sofas, old TVs or outdated computer monitors.**

Call Tom Malone to **schedule a pick**-up 941-342-8132 (home) or 941-725-3136 (cell) if you need help in transporting large or bulky items.

God Bless the American Worker

The church office is closed on **Monday, September 5** celebrating **Labor Day**.

Altar Guild

Meeting? We are in recess until Thursday, **October 6**, 9:30 a.m.

Altar Flowers thank God for creation's goodness and beauty**.** Jean Williams, altar guild treasurer, coordinates our floral needs. *Please **consider purchasing flowers** to commemorate special occasions, honor loved ones or simply to give thanks for blessings received!* You may purchase one bouquet for $20 or both for $35. Find special envelopes in the church entryway next to the sign-up poster and in the pews. Your payment may be placed in the envelope (check made out to ***Concordia Altar Guild***) and placed in the offering plate. After Sunday's late service we will place the flowers in a vase for you to take home. Or you may donate them for delivery to our ill or home-bound**.**

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Concordia Lutheran Church Mission Statement

The mission of Concordia is to **share Jesus' harmony** ("concordia") with the **heart of Sarasota**. Jesus comes to us in worship, giving to us His Good News for sharing, and His love for caring!

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in **worship** (Jesus is our harmony!),
giving to us **His Good News** (His Word for us, education)
for **sharing** (His Word for all, outreach),
and **His love** (His deeds among us, fellowship)
for **caring** (His deeds for others, service).

Editor's Notes…

The deadline to submit articles for the **October 2016** issue of "*The Courier*" is **September 14.** You may mail information to the church office, fax to 365-0845, or e-mail "concordia5@juno.com". Please mark *"For The Courier"* on your news, along with your name. Thanks for your cooperation!

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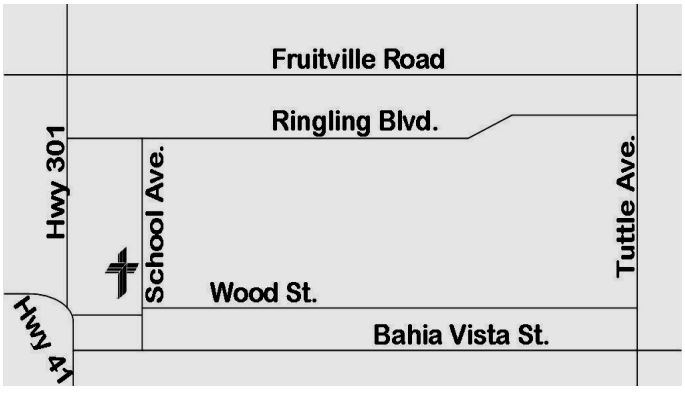
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