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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

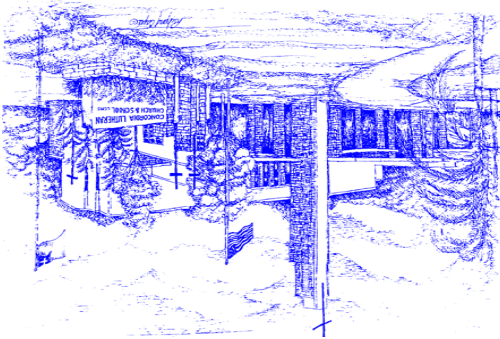
### Holy Communion

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  
Dale Marie Braun.....Sunday Nursery



## Concordia Lutheran Church, LC-MS



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8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Tuesday-Friday)

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A Publication Of Concordia Lutheran Church

† JESUS' HARMONY FOR THE HEART OF SARASOTA †

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## What Is Your Christian Duty?

**Table of Duties** – Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.

### To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be **above reproach**, the husband of but one wife, temperate, **self controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach**, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage **his own family well** and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Timothy 3:2-4

He must not be a recent convert, or **he may become conceited** and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Timothy 3:6

He must **hold firmly to the trustworthy message** as it has been taught, so that he can **encourage others** by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

### What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should **receive their living** from the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must **share all good things** with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:6-7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are **worthy of double honor**, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 1 Timothy 5:17-18.

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the **highest regard in love** because of their work. **Live in peace** with each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

**Obey your leaders** and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that **their work will be a joy**, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:17

(to be continued...) 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. Translation by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis ©1992.

Winnie Jean Matteson  
baptized into **Christ**  
Palm Sunday April 9.



## Growing Time

**Pastry**, coffee, fruit drinks, priceless friendships. Enjoy "**between Sunday services**" adult Bible study. Pastor Stephen leads open discussions. About the faith, life, the Bible... what's on your **heart and mind?! What can you share?**

We **welcome all nursery age** children in our educational building (room 6). Dale Marie gives **nursery care** there also during Sunday worship services. Christie Basinger teaches the **youngest Sunday School** group (room 6). Deborah Bond leads the **middle schoolers** (Willer Hall's Library Room).

"**Spirit**, give to our minds the Father's wisdom, our hearts Jesus' love!"



Some from  
Easter's choir.  
Alleluia!



## We're SURE!

**Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE)** invites all to their annual **Celebration** on Monday, **May 8, 6** (to 8) p.m. Celebrate the work of justice we've accomplished this year with a **special meal** hosted by Trinity Christian Fellowship Center (1925 Northgate Blvd., Srq 34234). Network Members bring your check book and invest your \$200 or more!

"He has shown you, oh mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you? But to **do justice**, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

What is justice? Loving our neighbor, widows and orphans on a scale far beyond individuals or the family. Unlike mercy ministry that treats people in a time of crisis (food, tutoring, shelter), **justice** calls for **transforming of systems** (education, criminal justice, etc.) to be fair and just for all.

SURE unites people of faith in Sarasota County so that they can powerfully **hold systems accountable** in the community to a Godly standard of justice. For over a decade, SURE has been a definitive force in Sarasota, crossing lines of faith, denomination, age, race, geography, and income. Members of SURE's **16 congregations, including Concordia**, work hard to 1) build relationships in their congregations and their communities, 2) discuss their concerns for the city and county, 3) research solutions to serious problems they select, 4) present them to the proper officials and 5) work with them to make "sure" our community is a just one.

In 2017 SURE launches a new initiative to increase Sarasota's affordable housing. **What can SURE do?**

In 2016 SURE secured \$2.25 million over the next three years for a **Comprehensive Treatment**



**Court** that will help **homeless people with mental illness** get into 6 months of housing and wrap around services. This court will keep them out of the expensive jail cycle that traps so many homeless individuals. This court will benefit 120 people per year, and the taxpayers.

In early 2015 SURE got the local stakeholders - **the State Attorney, Public Defender, and Chief Judge** - to support the implementation of **Civil Citation** in Sarasota for the first time ever. In the fall of 2015 **the Sheriff** implemented Civil Citation. Since then, **youth arrests have dropped by 66%**. Keeping kids out of the juvenile justice system breaks the cycle of poverty, results in a lower crime rate, and keeps kids' futures intact.

SURE got the Sarasota **School Superintendent** to adopt a **restorative justice program** to **reduce suspensions** in all county schools by 2019. Keeping kids in school means a better educated workforce, less kids going into adulthood with arrest records, less crime on the streets, children learning how to resolve problems, and less burden on the family.

Learn more about SURE online at **suresarasota.org**. **Your presence** is SURE's strength! Concordia's SURE leaders include Mary Gaulke-[mary.gaulke@gmail.com](mailto:mary.gaulke@gmail.com) and Bill Lurz-[blurz@comcast.net](mailto:blurz@comcast.net).

**Photos:** Concordia leaders at SURE's **Nehemiah Action** (read Nehemiah 5). The "great assembly" gathered **1,000 faith-full** at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on March 27, helping our public servants **strive for justice**.





## Concordia Women's Guild Proudly Presents Jeff LaHurd

**Local author and historian** Jeff LaHurd has lived in Sarasota since 1950 and has written 12 books about the history of the community plus numerous articles which have appeared in The Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Style Magazine, The Sarasota Observer, SARASOTA Magazine, SRQ, and the Downtowner.

**His books** include: Quintessential Sarasota; Sarasota, A Sentimental Journey in Vintage Images; Gulf Coast Chronicles; Sarasota, Then and Now; The Lido Casino, Lost Treasure on the Beach; Sprint Training in Sarasota; Sarasota, A History, Roaring Through the 20's and his most recent book **Lost Histories of Sarasota** published by the History Press.

A **video** he wrote, **Sarasota: Landmarks of the Past** won the award for Outstanding Contribution to Preservation in the field of Communication from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and was shown on the History Channel.

He attended St. Martha's School, Cardinal Mooney High and graduated from Sarasota High School in 1964. He attended college at Manatee Jr. College and the University of South Florida where he received a BA in **history** and an MA in **counseling**.

Jeff is a former board member of the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, the Sarasota Historical Society, the Sarasota Community Blood Bank and the Downtown Kiwanis Club. He is currently a member of the Friends of Sarasota County History Center. He and his wife Jennifer have four children. He is employed by Sarasota County as a **History Specialist**.

His **hobbies** include following Grand Prix racing and praying annually for the Cleveland Browns to produce a winning team. The prayers are seldom answered. He and Jennifer love to travel, especially to Paris where they try to go annually. Jeff drives a blue 1974 Triumph TR6 that starts practically every time but keeps a AAA-Plus card on hand just in case.

So mark your calendars for this year's **Spring Luncheon Event, Saturday May 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** This event is open to men and women. **Tickets are \$15.00 and space is limited. Tickets go on sale April 23** after worship services or call the church office (365-0844). Lunch will be chicken salad with assorted desserts (a vegan option will be available).



Jeff LaHurd

## The Pretzel

Our **Youth Group** welcomes all 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders to our **special events**. Watch our Concordia Pretzel Facebook page or ask leader Christie Basinger (744-0905).

Check out our new **drama and music** troupe!

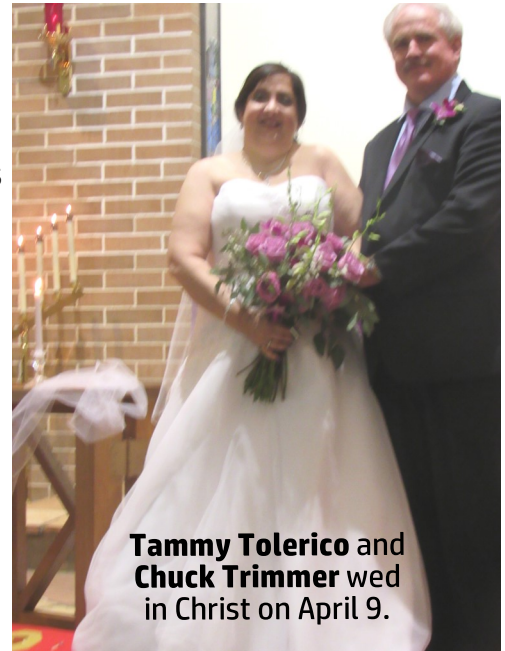
*As Jesus' Pretzels, we're **twisted and salty**,  
sin twisted (and forgiven!) and salted saints.  
We bring Jesus' flavor and crunch to His world!*

## Mothers Day

Sunday,

**May 14...**

Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms! God bless you, and all of you women who care for us with a **mother's love**. In the weekend's worship, we'll give God thanks for you. Bring your children!



**Tammy Tolerico and Chuck Trimmer** wed in Christ on April 9.

## Work Morn

Concordia's volunteers take every month's **third Saturday** for a property work morn. We need new helpers, too! Please join us **Saturday, May 20, 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 email CPABuilder@juno.com. Have fun, feel good, and see the church shine. "Lord, let our neighbors see **Your beauty!**"

## Memorial Day

Remember those who **gave their lives in service to our nation**. The weekend's worship will thank God for their sacrifice. The church office is closed on Monday, May 29.







# Serving the Servant Lord in May 2017

	Scripture Readings	Ushers	Lectors	Greeters	Chancel Assistants	Nursery Worker	Acolytes	Altar Care	Communion Workers
May 7th	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-9; 7:2, 51-60 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Please volunteer: Parish Secretary Lei Ann Ahl at 365-0844	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Bill Lurz Traditional Service: Tina Grantham	<b>Greeters - please volunteer</b> 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: Frank Yarrish Traditional Service: Alice Williams	Dale Marie Braun	Jr. and Sr. High Schoolers, please volunteer: Parish Secretary Lei Ann Ahl at 365-0844	Diane Horn Arlene Kaloutek Parameters: No Changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman, Ellen Gaulke Traditional Service: Arlene Kalotek Phyllis Kirtley
May 14th	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 17:1-12 1 Peter 2:4-10 John 14:1-12	Thanks to Bob Ball, Mel Collins, Judy Dennis, Rod DiGruttolo, Tom Dwight, Bill Easterday, Don Fathauer, Dennis Grau,	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Kathy Hoepfner Traditional Service: Brenda Louise Hudson		Saturday Worship: Aaron Mattes Contemporary Service: Rod DiGruttolo Traditional Service: Dick Reese	Dale Marie Braun	9 a.m. Luke Basinger, Eli Basinger, Rachel Gaulke	Diane Horn Arlene Kaloutek Parameters: No Changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman, Ellen Gaulke Traditional Service: Becky Reese Alice Williams
May 21st	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:15-22 John 14:15-21	Andy Kenney, Bill Lurz, Tom Malone, Terry Miller, Walt Naughton, Dick Reese, Rick Reese, Rich Reiter,	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Dawn Sudbury Traditional Service: Denny Williams		Saturday Worship: Walt Naughton Contemporary Service: Christie Basinger Traditional Service: Chuck Resh	Dale Marie Braun		Diane Horn Arlene Kaloutek Parameters: No Changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman Traditional Service: Jean Williams
May 28th	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 1:1-14 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Jim Thomas, Bob White, Denny Williams, Frank Yarrish, Don Zaloudek, Sandy Zaloudek	Saturday Worship: volunteers present Sunday Contemporary: Dawn Mowery Traditional Service: Norma Roembke	<b>Lectors - please volunteer</b> Ask our Parish Secretary Lei Ann Ahl 365-0844	Saturday Worship: Jim and Bonnie Kaluk Contemporary Service: Rod DiGruttolo Traditional Service: Dick Reese	Dale Marie Braun		Diane Horn Arlene Kaloutek Parameters: No Changes	Saturday Worship: Jean Williams Contemporary Service: Gloria Bruggeman Traditional Service: Millie Malone Shirley Schwisow



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30 3rd Sunday of Easter</b> 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion ***7 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>1</b> ***6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>2</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 8:30 a.m. LCMS Regional Pastor's Meeting at Beautiful Savior Sarasota ***8 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.	<b>3</b> ***8 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>4 National Day of Prayer</b> 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting 10:30 a.m. Women's G.I.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Youth Performing Group ***7 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion
<b>7 4th Sunday of Easter</b> 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 ***	<b>8</b> 6 p.m. S.U.R.E. Celebration and Dinner at Trinity Christian Center, 1925 Northgate Boulevard ***	<b>9</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 6 p.m. Council Meeting ***	<b>10</b> ***	<b>11</b> 10:30 a.m. Women's G.I.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Youth Performing Group ***	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 11:30 a.m. Women's Guild Spring Event and Luncheon - Jeff LaHurd, guest speaker 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion
<b>14th 5th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 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 Rev. Dr. George Lobien, guest preacher ***	<b>15</b> ***	<b>16</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 6 p.m. Elder's Meeting ***	<b>17</b> "Courier" articles due for June news ***	<b>18</b> 10:30 a.m. Women's G.I.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Youth Performing Group ***	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 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
<b>21 6th Sunday of Easter</b> 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion ***	<b>22</b> ***	<b>23</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread ***	<b>24</b> ***	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. Fold the "Courier" newsletter for mailing 10:30 a.m. Women's G.I.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Youth Performing Group ***	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread 5:30 p.m. Chapel Service with Holy Communion
<b>28 7th Sunday of Easter</b> 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible-ers 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion ***	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Church office closed ***	<b>30</b> 9 to 10 a.m. Free Bread ***	<b>31</b> ***	<b>1</b> 10:30 a.m. Women's G.I.F.t.S. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Men's Group 6 p.m. Youth Performing Group ***	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 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.







## 2017 Spring Rummage Sale

By Arlene Kalotek, Attic Treasures

Our Spring rummage sale is over and we are happy to report that we made **\$5,113.00** with small amounts of money still trickling in! Additionally, the book and media department raised **\$131.40** to benefit the church library.

A big thank you to newcomers, **Pastor Gary and Carol Hill**, for their participation in setting up and to our returning congregant, **Janet Meyers**, for stepping in for much needed help in the jewelry department. Also thanks to our kitchen angel, who wishes to remain anonymous, for providing the snacks and food that sustained us throughout the event!

I'm sure you all know that the sales don't just magically appear. So I would like to shout out a big thank you to our ever present "department heads": **Jim Thomas**, Electronics; **Loraine Tafel**, Books and Media; **Dawn Mowery**, Classy Clothing Boutique; **Alice Williams**, Financial Affairs; **Sue Wiedeman**, Housewares; **Jean Williams**, Linen Closet; **Shirley Schwisow**, Jewelry; **Cathy White**, General Clothing; **Terry Miller**, Outside Sales; **Anonymous Kitchen Angel**, Nutrition; and **Diane Horn**, Publicity and PR.

There is no doubt that these sales allow us to reach out to the community. **Jan Schnarr**, who works in The Attic, greeted two new "friends" that she had met while dining out in Sarasota. Also a return shopper that we now know as Mary, told Jan that she is interested in attending our Thursday morning Bible study group. Mary hoped that having been raised Roman Catholic would not deter her participation. She was assured that she is welcome!

We sorely missed **Tom and Millie Malone** who have retired from their years long participation in the rummage sales. One of Tom's many tasks was to coordinate pick up of large items for inclusion in the sale. He also played important roles in storing rummage in the months leading up to the sale and in setting up and breaking down. What we truly felt this sale was the lack of "muscle", needed when moving large boxes from storage and setting up and moving tables and chairs in preparation for the sale. We need able bodied men who will commit their time to these activities. Could that possibly be **YOU??**

What does the future hold for our sales? Well, that also depends on you. **Penny Miller**, who has co-chaired the sales for many years with Millie Malone, is retiring, along with her husband, Terry. I myself, who

head The Attic, am also retiring. I have enjoyed participating, and hope to continue to do so, but at a much reduced level. And to all other congregants who supported us through the years, thank you, thank you, thank you! So it is now time for others to **step up and step in**. We hope (and pray) you will!



## May Birthdays

01	Anita Bixler Kathy Hoepfner Nathan Kelty
05	Doug Kresge
06	Graham Hildebrand
07	Micah Basinger - 15th Brooklynn Nowak-Hahlbohm - 3rd Dave Steinman
08	Dave Brady
10	David Evans Conrad Kresge Rick Reese Marya Smith
14	Kylee Schaefer - 18th
16	Becky Reese Marilyn Schawk
18	Norma Roembke
19	Mike Granthon
20	Dee Albrecht Jack Miller
22	Michelle House
23	Lance Ahl Dan Schaefer
25	Russell Hart
28	Marla Frankford Rick Wiedeman Maes Yarrish

## May Anniversaries

05	Otto and Maria Taddei - 55th Roy and Clare Williamson - 10th
09	Bob and Cathy White - 36th
11	Scott and Ruth Montgomery - 32nd
12	J.P. and Michelle Gniady - 10th
26	Rick and Lynda Williams - 12th

**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 Concordia's Nita Ball Scholarship Fund from Bob Ball.

**In memory of Pastor LeVern Brack**, from Bette Brack.

**In memory of Ann Naughton**, from Dean Folkening.

**In memory of Esther Jenkins**, from E.O. and Lynn Ledbetter.

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

## Office Helpers

Help the crew fold June's "Courier" **Thursday May 25, 9 a.m.** New friends, many smiles!

Thank you to April's **Courier folders**: Marge Albrecht, Ruth Bogenberger, Martha Brooks, Gloria Bruggeman, Shirley Bush, Janet Falte, Don Fathauer, Joy Fathauer, Mark Frakes, Beverly Kinton, Millie Malone, Gennie Mueller, Alice Thomas 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 **Lent bulletins, Holy Week bulletins, weekend worship bulletins** and labeling the **Portals of Prayers**.

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

## Proud of Our Graduates

Help us brag on our high school and college graduates next month! Please **email a photo** along with your graduation details and next goals. Send by May 17 to our Parish Secretary Lei Ann at Concordia5@Juno.com. Congratulations!

## 2017 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%

**2016, 52 weeks: 189 avg. att. (9,807), up 3%.**

**\$291,041, up 10%.**

**2016, first 16 weeks: 251 avg. att. (4,019 total)**

**\$96,458** tithes and offerings

**2017, 16 weeks: 233 avg. att. (3,728), down 8%.**

**\$116,680, up 21%.**



## EASTER LILIES 2017

**Thanks** to all who donated the **beautiful lilies** that decorated the narthex and sanctuary.  
"With these lilies we **trumpet Your resurrection!** Jesus, You are our joy, the Life of all the living!"

**Jan and Clayton Schnarr**, for blessings received

**Howard and Shirley Schwisow**, in loving memory of all our departed family

**Arlene Kalotek**, in memory of mother Rose, father Ed and brother Ed Jr.

**Arlene Kalotek**, in memory of aunts Dody, Bea and Ruth

**Evelyn Werstler**, in memory of husband Duane Werstler

**Elaine Staudt**, in celebration of many blessings

**Brenda Louise Hudson**, in memory of aunt Christine (PAH) Byrd,  
cousin Barbara (Earley) Ellis and friend Carroll (Vassal) Hinds

**Richard and Anita Bixler and Lei Ann Ahl and family**, in  
memory of daughter and sister Patricia Maxson

**Bette D. Brack**, in loving memory of husband Pastor La Vern  
Brack; in celebration of son John Brack and daughter Joanna  
(Brack) Aravjo

**Russell and Audrey Hart**, in celebration of the many blessings  
shown by our Concordia Congregation

**Norma M Roembke**, in memory of husband Bob

**Gennie Mueller**, in memory of husband Walter

**Janet Meyers**, in memory of loved ones

**Otto and Maria Taddei**, in memory of Decio and Lena Taddei,  
and Marcel and Alli Schneider

**Gail Keilty and Family**, in memory of my parents Madeline and  
Joeseeph Stoothoff and my brother Thomas Stoothoff

**Shirley L. Mead**, in memory of parents Helen M. and H.Theodore  
Beharrell

**Joan Maegli**, in celebration of life

**Duane and Joyce Hartz**, in memory of loved ones

**Aaron and Judy Mattes**, in celebration of blessings received

**Paul and Dawn Mowery**, in loving memory of Ervin and Jean  
Mowery and Richard and Ester Jenkins

**Pastor Stephen and Ellen Gaulke, Margaret Gaulke and family**, in loving memory of Pastor Earl

**Gloria Bruggeman**, in loving memory of husband Carl

**Walt Naughton**, in loving memory of wife Ann

**Greg and Mary Osterman**, in loving memory of Rudolph and Margaret Kranz and Joe and Colleen Osterman

**The Trotsky Family**, in honor of Elaine Staudt and in loving memory of Thomas Staudt



### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers adorn the Lord's altar April 23 through November 26. Then the altar will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas season. Jean Williams, as Altar Guild Treasurer, coordinates our floral needs. **Please consider purchasing flowers to help commemorate special occasions, honor loved ones or simply to give thanksgiving for blessings received!** You may purchase one bouquet for \$20 or both for \$35.

### Altar Guild Meeting

**Thursday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.** we'll have our regular meeting. Last meeting before our summer break!

# The Concordia Courier

## 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!

**Jesus** comes to us  
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 **June 2017** issue of "*The Courier*" is **May 17**. 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!

"*The Courier*" is published every month but August. The purpose is to share with the members of Concordia Lutheran Church, friends and the community Jesus' work among us. He brings harmony to the heart of Sarasota. We welcome your suggestions and contributions.

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## Concordia Lutheran Church

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