

The Concordia Courier

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For What Do You Hunger?

THE LORD'S SUPPER (Holy Communion)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the **true body and blood** of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is it written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew (26:26-28), Mark (14:22-25), Luke (22:19-20), and St. Paul (1 Corinthians 11:23-25) write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.**"

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**"

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the **forgiveness of sins**," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but **the words** written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. **Whoever believes** these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

From the "**Small Catechism**." Written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther in 1529, the little book is treasured still by the world's 84 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.



Summer Daze Off

The church office will be **closed on Mondays and Tuesdays through August 8**. Lei Ann uses these as days to enjoy some summer family time.

Pastor Stephen takes **Mondays** as his year-round day off. He's regularly at the church office **Thursday** mornings. You can schedule a visit with him at **any time** and place best for you!

Worship's Scripture

Aug. 5, 6 - Pentecost 10

Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)
Matthew 14:13-21

Aug. 12, 13 - Pentecost 11

Job 38:4-18
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33

Aug. 19, 20 - Pentecost 12

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Aug. 26, 27 - Pentecost 13

Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sept. 2, 3 - Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 9, 10 - Pentecost 15

Ezekial 33:7-9
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 18:1-20

Sept. 16, 17 - Pentecost 16

Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 23, 24 - Pentecost 17

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - Pentecost 18

Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18
Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

Pastoral Care

Pastor Stephen and Ellen vacation **August 14 to October 4**. **Pastor Dennis Liebich** preaches the weekends of **August 19-20 and 26-27**; **Pastor Michael Mast** on **September 2-3**; and **Pastor Ted Wuerffel** preaches the weekends of **September 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and 30-October 1**.

Concordia's elders visit the homebound and hospitalized. Do you or your friend need **pastoral care**? Please notify parish secretary Lei Ann Ahl at the church office (941-365-0844). Our lead elder is Alice Williams (941-957-1090).

Bible Groups to Befriend You

Concordia loves Bible groups! **Jesus speaks** to us through His Book, especially when we share His Word with one another.

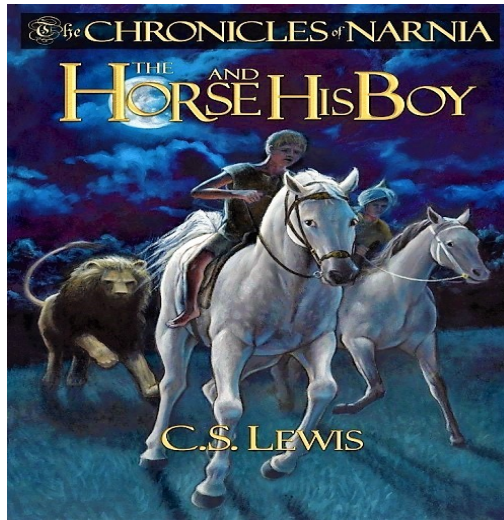
Sundays, 10 a.m. offers conversation on **"the other Scripture,"** the readings that were not the sermon theme. Gather at **Willer Hall's red double-door** main room.

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. The **men's group** will meet again **after the summer** in Concordia's Willer Fellowship Hall Library Room (the single red door at the north end).

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. GiFTs! The **women "Grow in Faith through Scripture."** The group now sees God's vivid promises. Visit Concordia's Willer Fellowship Hall main room (double red doors).

Book Club

Come enjoy with us C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia." Gather next **Sunday August 13** at 6:30 p.m. Ellen **Gaulke's home**, 5308 Sunnydale Circle N., Srq, 34233. Discuss "The Horse and His Boy." Leave a message at the church office (941-365-0844) to **borrow a copy.** Or check out the book from the public library.



Young Adults Game Night

Please join us on **Thursdays August 17 and September 21** at 6 p.m. for a rousing evening of fellowship, fun and food :)

Gather with **singles, couples** and those who are young at heart. (Sarasota "young" is a relative thing... if wondering, please join us.)

Feel free to bring your **children.** As well as your favorite games. And **friends!**

For ideas and to R.S.V.P., please phone Lei Ann at the church office (941-365-0844).

Cruising with the Hills in 2024

Pastor Gary and Carol Hill set sail on a 7-Night Caribbean Cruise leaving out of Port Canaveral on the Norwegian Escape February 17-24, 2024. Enjoy the sights of Puerto Plata, St. Thomas, Tortola and the Great Stirrup Cay. For those who are interested, **contact Concordia's "captains" Pastor Gary and Carol Hill** (440-539-5306). Flyers with additional information are available in the church office. A deposit of \$250 per person is required to reserve your spot. Thanks!

Open Console Organ Treat

The **Lunch Open Organ Opportunity** at Concordia welcomes all nearly every **third Friday** unless there is a conflict with our guest organist. Watch our weekly bulletins or call the church office for updates. Come **Fridays August 18 and September 15** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 a.m. set up.) Do you play? Please bring your music and let us listen. Do you listen? Bring your friendship. Free admission, free cookies, free bottled water and free lemonade, thanks to the **Central Florida Theater Organ Society (CFTOS).** Donations accepted. Local restaurants will deliver lunch: we have the menus.

The event is in the **Willer Hall**, our Concordia fellowship building. Marked by signs. Please, **everybody come!** Thanks.

God Bless the American Worker

The church office is closed on **Monday, September 4** celebrating **Labor Day.**

Good News-letter

Our **October 2023** Concordia Courier seeks articles, due Tuesday **September 19.** Can you **help the crew fold** the news for mailing? Do tell Parish Secretary Lei Ann (941-365-0844).

Thank you to June/July's

Courier folders: Gloria Bruggeman, Joyanne Fathauer, Jayne New, Janellise Ridgeway and Loraine Tafel. Gloria Bruggeman took **260 newsletters** to the postal center. Another **180 homes** prefer their Courier by email.

Special thanks of gratitude for years of volunteering folding our newsletter to **Joyce Fathauer.** Her bright smile and kindness will be missed by all.

Thanks also to Don and Sandy Zaloudek for folding **weekend worship bulletins.**

Fall for Coming Attractions

Saturday, October 14 is Concordia's **OktoberFest** (time TBD) bring friends! Good food, fun, fellowship and dancing. Look to next month's newsletter for info on tickets and all.

Saturday, November 4 we will be hosting a **Craft Fair.** Our first year was such a success! Come out and start your Christmas shopping early. Look for more information next newsletter! If you are a crafter, do plan on booking a booth early as last year we sold out!

Welcome Worker

The Lord has blessed Concordia with another worker eager to serve with us for Sarasota. He says, "In fact, you'll get two!" **Pastor Bob Smith with Alice** has consented to serve as Concordia's November through April "seasonal hospitality pastor."

Pastor Bob and Alice Smith have lived and worked in Frankenmuth **Michigan, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Nigeria, South Korea, and Indonesia.** He has led mission trips to Russia, Hong Kong, Guatemala, Philippines, India (Calcutta), and within Indonesia. He has conducted **prayer retreats** and spoken on the topic of prayer in Thailand, South Africa and Ghana. He has written a book on prayer called "Keep Me and Keep All."

Alice is an author, Bible teacher, and international speaker. She is a member of the Speakers Bureau for Stonecroft Women's Ministries. Alice has led retreats for women and served as an **inspirational speaker** at

conferences, luncheons, and other events in the USA and internationally.

Additional information about the Smiths can be found on **their personal website:** Keepmeandkeepall.com.

Since 2018 Concordia has hired an additional church worker through our **Winter Worker Fund.** Donors continue to generously support that **Dedicated Fund.**

"Lord of the harvest, **bless Pastor Bob and Alice** as they serve in your Frankenmuth field. Bless us all as we prepare and join in your Sarasota work. Make us together grow in Your **goodness**, even as Your Good News of **forgiveness** grows around this world You have loved to Your death. Give to us Your bliss, living Savior!"



Nita Ball Scholarship Fund

Thank you to everyone for your continued support since 2015. This year we were able to grant **18 recipients** scholarship funds **totaling \$8,660.00.** This would not be possible without donors continued designated support over the years. Blessings, Bob Ball

Memorials Received

In memory of Joyce Fathauer, from Gloria Bruggeman designated to the Altar Guild Fund; from Duane and Joyce Hartz; from Graham and Johnora Hildebrand; from Aaron and Judy Mattes; from Chuck Resh and Jaclyn Resh; from Loraine Tafel; from Jim Thomas; and from Denny and Alice Williams.

In memory of Tom Malone, from Barbara Hahn.

In memory of Walt Naughton, from Anonymous donor; from Ruth May and family (including Mary and Brendon); from Rose Reese; from Jean Rump and family (including Kendall, Lisa, Amy, Tony, David, Jon and Jonnell and their families); from Jim Thomas; and from Denny and Alice Williams.

In memory of Howard Schwisow, from Carlos and Jeana Miranda.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Jesus Serves All at Worship

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. with band

Sunday 11 a.m. with hymnal

Altar Flowers

Please consider purchasing the Lord's **altar's fresh flowers**. **Commemorate** a special occasion or **honor** a loved one? Altar flowers **cost \$30 for one bouquet and \$60 for both**. Find the special envelopes in the pews, and in the church entryway next to the sign up poster.

After Sunday's 11 a.m. worship we will place the flowers in a vase for you to **take home**. Or you may donate them for delivery to our hospitalized or home-bound members.

Would you like to **help care for the Lord's altar**? Please speak to Junne Ulbrich, our Guild president. Or any of the volunteers you see helping. The Altar Guild does **not meet** in the summer.

Thank you for your continued support so these flowers adorn the Lord's altar. We offer the sweet fragrance to Jesus!

"Heavenly Father, let these flowers show us the joyfulness, goodness, the beauty of You, their Creator. Let us gladly **grasp Your gifts** and find delight in serving You at Your altar."

Much Needed...

New Wreath/Candle Stand

The Altar Guild needs to replace the **Advent wreath** stand/candles and the stand for the **Easter candle**. The cost of this replacement is approximately **\$1,500**. Funds for the replacement cost can be taken partially from donations to Altar Guild Memorial Funds. A purchase of this amount would deplete most of our current account balance. So, the altar guild is requesting donations to help with this purchase. If you choose to donate, please write your check to "Concordia L.C." and indicate on the memo line: **Altar Guild Memorial Fund**. Thank you. Any questions regarding this please contact Junne Ulbrich (815) 955-6215.

Free Bread - Help Needed

Did you know? Concordia distributes for **free Panera's day-old bread and pastries**. Visit our Wood Street "circle driveway" Saturdays, 8 to 9 a.m.

Our **bread brigade** welcomes **new helpers**. Might you pick up the baked goodies at the Panera at Ridge Road and Cattlemen Road, **2nd Friday of the month** at 8 p.m.? You could help even once a month. Call the church office at 941-365-0844. Our lead volunteer Sandy Z. can **show you how** you can be a big bread brigade blessing!

"Bread of life, give free to all Your **life-giving love!**"

Wish List

Concordia is in need of a **new/used dryer** for our guests when they stay in our **parsonage house**. Have a spare or are you planning on upgrading? Please let the church office know or reach out to Dave Meadows (Property Chair).

ConcordiaSarasota.org

Have you visited **our website**? You'll find an easy link there to our **Facebook** page. "Like" us and share the link. You'll also see our **YouTube** page, filled with **our worship**, songs, sermons and Bible studies. The website also offers the latest **Courier newsletter** and those of the previous year. Guests often first "**visit**" **Concordia** by seeing ConcordiaSarasota.org. How can you **help us** improve?

"Jesus, lead people to You! You delight to **serve all people**, in worship giving to us Your Good News and Feast. Help us **welcome** those You love!"

2023 Attendance - Giving Overview

2018:	182 avg. att. (9,464) up 4%
	\$323,795, up 5%
2019:	177 avg. att. (9,216), down 3%
	\$315,146, down 3%
2020:	104 avg. att. (5,415), down 41%
	\$330,340, up 5%
2021:	115 avg. att. (6,022) up 10%
	\$344,185, up 4%
2022:	127 avg. att. (6,595) up 10%
	\$334,152, down 3%

General Offerings

2022 , 26 wks:	144 avg. att. (3,746)
	26 weeks: \$165,892
2023 , 26 wks:	148 avg. att. (3,860), up 3%
	26 weeks: \$198,150, up 19%

Some 2023 Dedicated Gifts (to June 30)

Ch. Restroom Renov.	\$46,017 (2019-23 total)
Foundation	\$2,115
Haiti Mission	\$786
Missionary Lawson (Latvia - Russia)	\$0
New Church Worker (winter)	\$200
Seminarian Euder Paul	\$2,600
Ded. Funds total	\$347,932
(Ded. Funds 2023 bal. down)	\$38,847)

Income and Expenses

Through 6/30/23	
Total Revenue	\$249,621.46
Total Expenses	\$204,540.70
Balance	\$45,080.76

August Birthdays

01	Margaret Kaschube Alex Powter
03	Cassidy Evans Lorrie Horn
04	Emma Granthon - 12th
05	Jacob Martin
07	Bev Kinton
08	Donna Shaulis
09	Harlow Schmidt - 2nd
11	Marge Albrecht Kassy Cruzio Danny Reese Doug Werstler
13	Debbie Leslie
15	Virginia Bowman
18	Dorothy Hagan Richard Zuehlke
19	Andy Anderson Loraine Tafel
20	Allen Brown
22	Julie Smith
23	Gary Thomas
24	Rod DiGruttolo
25	Reverend Gary Hill
26	Colleen McKinney
27	Paul Mowery
31	Mary Ostermann Clayton Schnarr

August Anniversaries

04	Reverend Gary and Carol Hill - 50th Christopher and Gail Keilty - 33rd
14	Rod and Betsy DiGruttolo - 24th
16	Steve and Gracie Estok - 14th
18	Bo and Virginia Bowman - 50th
23	Ben and Janet Stauss - 54th
29	Aaron and Judy Mattes - 53rd

Concordia Celebrates You

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary dates? Please pardon us. And let us know (941-365-0844) when we miss dates. Let us **share the celebration!**

September Birthdays

01	Angela Amend Brad Taylor
02	Bob Krnacik Mackenzie Schaefer - 11th
03	Frank Moore
04	Stephen Whitlow
05	Duane Hartz
06	Ken Horn
07	Janine Shaulis
08	Shawn Smith
09	Pam Biladeau Kathleen Yarrington
10	Ila Fiebig
11	Junne Ulbrich
12	Chuck Resh
15	Allison Rekow
16	Raydine Alexander Richard Wega
20	Debbie Ainslie
21	Ruth Montgomery
23	Alexander Woodham
24	Joyce Hartz
25	Elfriede Hinck
26	Greg Ostermann
27	David Smith - 11th
28	Barbara Accola Joan Maegli
29	Tom Bosman Steve Estok Ben Stauss
30	James Best

September Anniversaries

06	Tim and Margaret Kaschube - 48th
10	Duane and Joyce Hartz - 68th
18	Frank and Susie Moore - 13th
21	Mike and Tina Granthon - 21st
26	Dave and Pam Battles - 43rd Wayne and Jennifer McMullen - 26th
29	Gary and Charleen Gosselin - 39th

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Pentecost 9 9 a.m. All-Ages Bible Study 10 a.m. July (Only) Combined Worship with Holy Communion	31 Church office closed ***7 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.	1 Church office closed	2 ***7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	3 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall	4	5 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion
6 Pentecost 10 9 a.m. Worship with praise band, Holy Communion 10 a.m. All-Ages Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship with organ, hymnal, Holy Communion	7 Church office closed ***	8 Church office closed 6 p.m. Council Meeting	9 ***	10 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall	11	12 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion
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20 Pentecost 12 9 a.m. Worship with praise band, Holy Communion, Rev. Dennis Liebich - Guest Pastor 10 a.m. All-Ages Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship with organ, hymnal, Holy Communion, Rev. Dennis Liebich - Guest Pastor	21 ***	22	23 ***	24 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall	25	26 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion , Rev. Dennis Liebich - Guest Pastor 6 p.m. Private Event
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We Remember Marilyn

Marilyn Billingsley was born in Brookfield Illinois on April 19, 1935. Her family rejoiced at her baptism into Jesus' family at St. Paul Lutheran, Brookfield Illinois, 1935. There Marilyn confirmed her faith in 1945.

Marilyn married Ronald Billingsley at Immanuel Lutheran in Downers Grove Illinois on October 6, 1956.

Marilyn joined Concordia Lutheran on February 1, 2010. June 26, 2023 her Lord called home our sister. Buried at Sarasota National Veterans' Cemetery. When Jesus returns, the Day soon, she will rise with the Resurrected.



solos. The chorus of How Beautiful Upon the Mountains is "I Will Sing Unto the Lord, I Will Sing Unto the Lord, I Will Sing Unto the Lord As Long As I Love" and she did. The spirit was willing, the voice weak. Joyce's parents favorite thing was to tell their friends that Joyce was their "Pride and Joy" and her brother Raymond was their "Ray of Sunshine".

Don and Joyce began their trailering summer vacations in 1990. They bought an Airstream trailer and joined the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. They went on many caravans throughout the lower 48 states, all Canadian Provinces and 6 weeks in Mexico in 2001. Joyce was the registrar for 1500 trailers for the 2001 summer convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The airstream accumulated 225,000 miles. Joyce enjoyed bowling. She was in the original Pinochle Club players before adding 4 more players and remained active for 34 years.

Before and after Airstream caravans Joyce enjoyed her beloved north mountains of Georgia and camping at the "Top of Georgia". After her stroke in 2012, she and Don rented a trailer in Hiawassee, Georgia and spent the summer of 2015 there. In recent years Joyce attended church, many doctor visits and grocery shopping. She and Don counted the church offering once a month for 24 years. Don, her parents, and her brother Raymond Dreger preceded her in death. She leaves behind her darling daughter Joyanne and dearest son Jon, a very loving daughter-in-law Norma, 2 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews both grand and great grand.

Memorials in Joyce's honor may be made to Concordia Lutheran Church, Sarasota,

We Remember Joyce

Joyce Carol Dreger Fathauer was born August 1, 1927, daughter of Carl and Eleanor Dreger, in Cleveland, Ohio. Joyce was baptized on August 28, 1927, at Mount Calvary Lutheran by Rev. Schroeder. She was confirmed on April 6, 1941, at Saint James Lutheran Church by Rev. John Baumgartner. Her neighborhood school closed for lack of money in 1932. So Joyce and her younger brother Raymond went to Saint Marks Lutheran School, which had been her father's church before marriage. She graduated from James Ford Rhodes High School in 1945. In 1942 she joined Parma Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio. At a senior high school Sunday School class she met Don Fathauer and began dating. They became engaged in 1944 and married August 31, 1946. Don went into the Army Air Force in 1943 for 2 years. In 1947 Joyce enrolled in the Fachinger School of Modeling. This did not last long as she became pregnant with Joyanne. So being a mother became a priority.

The Fathauers lived with her parents until they built their first home in 1951. In 1956 they moved to sunny Sarasota, Florida and joined Concordia Lutheran Church. Joyce became a member of the choir, was a soloist and played handbells for a few years. All prelude music were her favorite



Her Christian interment was beside Don at Sarasota National Cemetery.

To her last days here, Joyce delighted to hear God's Word and receive Jesus' Sacramental body and blood. Fed by Christ's forgiveness and strength, she looked forward to the feast to come. Even as we await the day of bodily resurrection, Joyce today rejoices with her living Savior in paradise.

We Remember Paulette

Paulette Marie Krnacik, age 78, heard her Lord's call home on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. She was born September 23, 1944, in Brownsville, Pennsylvania to the late Nick and Zita (Alberti) Encapera. That year her parents brought Paulette to baptism's new birth at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in California, Pennsylvania.



Paulette was a 1962 graduate of California High School. After graduating, she attended Robert Morris College.

On January 21, 1966, Paulette married Robert Krnacik. On March 31, 1967 she became a confirmed member of John Huss Evangelical Lutheran Church at Arnold Pennsylvania. The Krnacik's settled in New Kensington. After almost 40 years of life, work, adventures and raising three children, they retired in Sarasota.

Paulette was well-versed in many areas and wasn't afraid to try anything. She enjoyed tennis, making jewelry, remodeling houses, watching her children's and grandson's sporting events, and sharing her knowledge with friends and family. Paulette, a Concordia member, began regularly worshiping with us in 2011.

Paulette was predeceased by her parents; and her sister, Jana Rae (Larry) Clendaniel. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert; sons, Robert, of Fort Myers, and Ronald, of Sarasota; daughter, Lynne, of Eagle, Colorado; sister, Nikki (William) McPherson, of Clinton Township, Michigan; brother, Joseph (Janis) Encapera, of Savannah, Georgia; and grandson, Alex, of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. She will be missed by all who know her.

Paulette's remains lay to rest at the Palms Memorial Park. Yet already today Paulette's spirit rejoices with her Savior in paradise, even as she waits for the day of bodily resurrection. Gifts remembering Paulette may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

We Remember Walt

Walter Richard Naughton, Jr., 84, died peacefully on April 22, 2023 at HCA Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota, Florida. He was at peace with his Savior, Jesus Christ, his family gathered to his side. Already today Walt's spirit rejoices

with his Savior in paradise, even as he waits for the day of bodily resurrection.

He was born on March 19, 1939, in Mount Vernon, New York to Walter Richard Naughton, Sr. and Carolyn (Nana) Wass. May 1, 1939 at their Presbyterian church, his parents brought Walt to baptism's new birth into Jesus' family.

Walter grew up in Mount Vernon, New York. He graduated from Concordia Preparatory School in Bronxville, New York in 1956. After high school he attended Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana where he received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1961. He joined the US Army/National Guard Reserve in 1961 and served for 24 years. He achieved the rank of Sergeant 1st Class, retiring in 1985. Walter worked at Scott Paint in Sarasota from 1977 to 2007 and then with Nationwide Coatings, Inc in Bradenton from 2007 until 2019.

Walter married Ann Folkening in 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. Walt happily told how he met fellow Valparaiso student Ann on December 3, 1960 "in a good old fashioned snowball fight in front of her dorm." They were happily married for 54 years. The Naughtons moved to Sarasota and became faithful and active members of Concordia Lutheran Church in September 1977. He served his Lord with the congregation's School Board and nearly every year with the Council, most years as Treasurer. For many years as a red-coat usher on Sundays, Walt happily welcomed friends and guests to worship our Savior. He delighted to receive the Lord's Supper, the foretaste of heaven's feast.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Naughton and both parents. He is survived by his children Joseph (Lynnette) Naughton of North Port, Florida; Douglas Naughton of North Ft Myers, and Peggy Naughton of Sarasota; his grandchildren Elizabeth, Rebecca, Travis, Cody, and Justin; and his great-grandchildren Dominic, Katelyn, Jacob, Maximus, Elijah, Cameron, and Lucas.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given to Concordia Lutheran Church. The family thanks all for their prayers and loving support.



Pastor Stephen's Vacation

Concordia sisters and brothers, The Lord is **with you**.

Ellen and I are grateful you **send us off!** We will use up those vacation weeks we had missed during the pandemic. I'm **grateful for Pastors** Dennis Liebich and Mike Mast, and then (the final four weeks) Pastor Ted Wuerffel for preaching Jesus' Good News to you in my absence.

Ellen and I will travel first to **Scandinavia**. We will journey part with another couple (friends since our college days) and part with our son Ben, Michelle and their Anna (age 4). We'll visit the fishing village that was Ellen's grandmother's home.

The next two weeks just the two of us will serve with Wittenberg English Ministry (see description below). Leading at least eight worship services, from **Martin Luther's pulpit** I'll proclaim God's Son to the English-speaking tourists and residents.

The final two weeks Ellen's sister Karin and Fritz will explore with us the **Bavarian** villages where their other grandparents grew up.

After this rest, I look forward to more ministry with you. Please remember us travelers in **your prayers**. As our needs drive us to His throne, we always **thank Jesus** for you.

He's got the whole world in His nail-pierced hands!

Pastor Stephen 941-228-5758



English Worship in the Historic Churches of Martin Luther

Celebrate the Gospel, brought to life by Martin Luther more than 500 years ago



Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM) welcomes visitors to English-speaking worship where Martin Luther preached and taught in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany. Services are held on a rotating basis in the Castle Church, Town Church, and the Chapel (see reverse side).

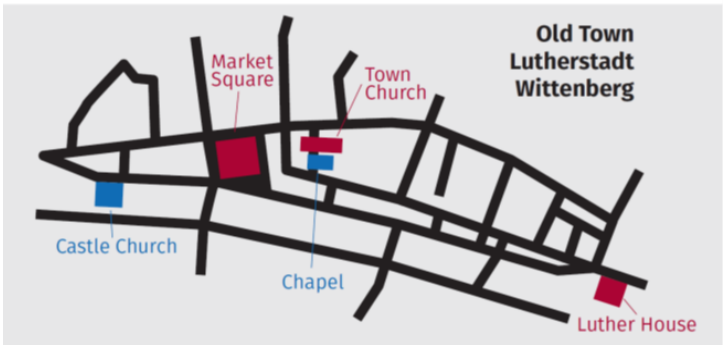
Since 1997, WEM has conducted worship for the many tourists who visit Luther country from all parts of the world. Worshiping in the enduring buildings of the Reformation has blessed thousands as they experience a special connection to spiritual history. Worship includes the singing of Luther's famous *A Mighty Fortress*.

Lutheran Pastors from the USA, Canada, and Australia lead each worship service, a treasured highlight in their preaching careers. See this year's participating pastors on our web site.

Four services each week begin in May and continue through Reformation Day, Oct. 28th.

Worship Times and Locations for 2023

- Wednesday: 12:00 - 12:20p.m. - Chapel (Kapelle)
- Thursday: 12:00 - 12:20p.m. - Chapel (Kapelle)
- Friday: 12:00 - 12:20p.m. - Castle Church
- Saturday: 5:00 - 5:45p.m. - Town or Castle Church



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"A person is justified by grace through faith... through Christ's redemption." - Romans 3



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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!

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 **October 2023** issue of "*The Courier*" is **September 19**. You may mail information to the church office 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, with one June/July ISSUE. 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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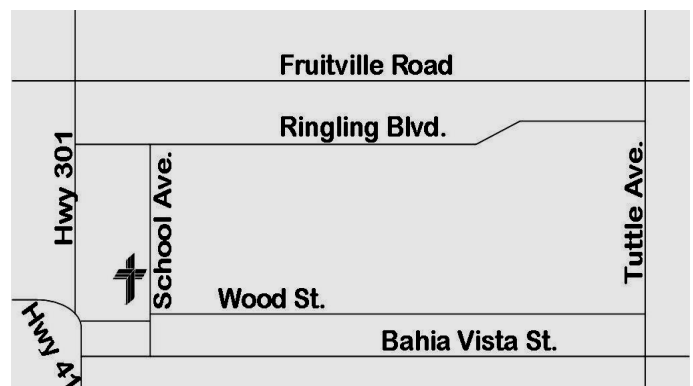
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Worship Services

Saturday Chapel Worship 4:30 pm
Sunday Contemporary Worship 9 am
Sunday School and Bible Study 10 am
Sunday Traditional Worship 11 am

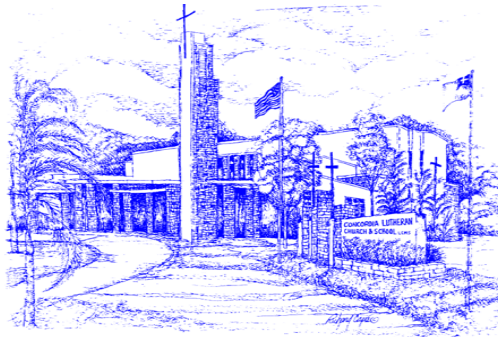
Holy Communion

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!

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