

The Concordia Courier

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For What Do You Hunger?

THE LORD'S SUPPER (Holy Communion, continued)

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."**

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."**

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparations are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has **faith in these words**: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words **"for you"** require all hearts to believe.

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.

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 begin to meet again this fall 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).

Portals of Prayer

"Portals of Prayer," our **daily devotional** booklets for **October through December**, are **now available** on the literature tables beside the church's entrance doors.

Pocket size or large print? Either way, keep your **"Portals"** handy at your bedside or kitchen table. Wake up with Jesus and feed on His Word!

Would you like the church office to mail you

your copy? Ask, and you shall receive (365-0844). Maybe you'll leave **last month's Portals** in some public waiting room? That's divine recycling! The back page sticker offers Concordia's care.

"Good Lord, speak Your Word's Good News to us every day. And when we plant these tiny 'leftover' seeds, who will You **bless next?**"

Worship's Scripture

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)

Oct. 7, 8 - Pentecost 19

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Oct. 14, 15 - Pentecost 20

Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct. 21, 22 - Pentecost 21

Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 28, 29 - Reformation Day

Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36 or
Matthew 11:12-19

A Message From Pastor Ted Wuerffel

Abby and I are happy to be with you during the weeks Pastor Gaulke and Ellen are in Europe. The opportunity for Pastor Stephen to lead worship and preach at Luther's chapel church is a very special privilege, and Covid interrupted his longstanding dream to visit Wittenberg as a guest preacher.

How delightful it was to see the shiny marble floor all the way across the entry doors to the church! The bright, open entry area virtually invites you forward into the worship space. And the lovely new **Bob White welcome area** next to the north entrance of the church offers a warm greeting to visitors and reflects a gesture of Concordia's hospitality in downtown Sarasota. God bless you in your mission to share the love of Christ in the heart of the city!

Thank you for your warm welcome, and we'll join you soon for the winter season!



Pastor Ted & Abby

OktoberFest

Saturday, October 14 is Concordia's **OktoberFest** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring friends! Good food, fun, fellowship and dancing. **Tickets on sale now (Adults \$20.00 and Children \$5.00)** between worship services and in the church office during office hours.

Questions call the church office (941) 365-0844 or Phyllis Kirtley (941) 266-8662.

Good News-letter

Our **November 2023** Concordia Courier seeks articles, due Tuesday **October 17**. Can you **help the crew fold** the news for mailing? Do tell Parish Secretary Lei Ann (941-365-0844).

Thank you to August/September's Courier folders: Gloria Bruggeman, Joyanne Fathauer, Jayne New, and Loraine Tafel. Gloria Bruggeman took **260 newsletters** to the postal center. Another **180 homes** prefer their Courier by email.

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

Rummage Sale Rockers

Join the Rummage Rockers gatherings for Q&A and idea sharing:

Come to 1 of 2 or come to both: **Tuesday, October 17TH** at **11a.m.** over cake in Willer Hall and/or **Tuesday, November 14TH** at **5p.m.** over nibbles at the Mowery home, 1738 Illehaw Drive, Sarasota, FL.

Contact Dawn Mowery 678-230-0208 or the Church Office (941) 365-0844 with questions and opportunities to support the rummage sale.

Young Adults Game Night

Please join us on **Thursday October 19** at 6 p.m. for a rousing evening of fellowship, fun and food :)

This gathering is meant for **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).

Theater Organist Auditions and Open Console Concert

The **Lunch Open Organ Opportunity** at Concordia welcomes all nearly very **third** Friday unless there is a conflict with our guest organist. Watch our weekly bulletins or call the church office for updates. Come **Friday October 20** 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.



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!"

Altar Guild Meeting

Altar Guild gathers in the choir room on the first Thursday of the month, November through May. Meet with us on **Thursday, November 2 at 9:30 am. in Willer Hall**.

If you cannot attend meetings but would like to **help the Guild**, please call Junne Ulbrich at 815-955-6215. You may serve. We serve because Jesus serves us!

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday **November 5** is the end of Daylight Saving Time. "Fall back" as you go to bed on November 4, setting back your clocks one hour.

All Saints (with You)!

Worship on **November 4 or 5**, celebrating All Saint's Day. Concordia thanks Jesus on this ancient festival (c. 300 A.D.). What has Jesus' forgiveness accomplished? We, with **all Jesus' blood-bought**, are "All Saints!" And we'll give God thanks for those who walked the faith before us, especially those He has called home to Himself in the year past.

"Remind us, dear Spirit, that we **live always with our Lord, the Father's Son!**"

Bake Sale Goodies Needed

Get out your baking sheets, your pie pans and your muffin tins! Concordia's Fall Festival and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4 is having a Bake Sale and we need you!

Drop off your delicious baked goodies and treats on **Friday, November 3rd or before the start** of the Fall Festival/ Craft Fair on Saturday.

Please have items individually wrapped and in disposable containers if possible.

We also need some Glutton Free treats (last year we had some folks appreciate the availability of GF goodies). Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Briggs (941) 232-4397 or browningbriggs@yahoo.com or Sara Thomas (410)868-9934 or sara.thomas117@gmail.com.





Quilt Raffle

Have you seen the beautiful new **quilt** by one of us for Concordia's sale? It is located in the narthex of the sanctuary. **Raffle tickets** are offered after each worship service (**\$5 each**). The winning ticket will be drawn during our Fall Festival, **Saturday, November 4.**

Fall Festival and Craft Fair

Planning is in full swing for Concordia's Fall Festival and Craft Fair Event! Plan to be a part of the event on **Saturday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Several **outdoor spaces** are **still available** to sell your crafts. Indoor spaces have completely sold out! Come out and start your Christmas shopping early. If you are a crafter, reserve an outside booth now as last year we sold out! For additional craft information call the church office (941) 365-0844 or Junne Ulbrich (815) 955-6215.

To help the day of the Fall Festival or for more information call or text Diane Scott at (941) 302-4819. This is a fun, family friendly event. Don't miss out!

Mark Your Calendars

Keep Calm and Rummage On!

2024 rummage **sale dates: Friday and Saturday February 2 and 3.**

Set up days: Sunday, January 28 between the services thru Thursday, February 1

Rummage drop off accepted **beginning November 26.**

Cruising with the Hills in 2024

Pastor Gary and Carol Hill set sail on a 7-Night Caribbean Cruise leaving out of Orlando 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 Pastor Gary and Carol Hill** (440-539-5306). Flyers with additional information are available in the church office. A deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to reserve your spot. The **price increases** by **\$100 on October 20** so don't delay! Thanks!

A Note from the President

Greetings to all of you. With Fall around the corner, hopefully we can get a break from all the heat. It was great to see Pastor preaching from Wittenberg, Germany. I now understand what a big deal it is. We are fortunate to have our Pastor give a sermon from an honored historical place. Great stuff. As we get ready for the Church season, we appreciate all the



work that has been done. Financially, we have made it through the tough summer months. We have made good decisions to maintain stability. Church attendance and offerings continue to grow. I want to thank all of you for increasing your giving. Giving six dollars more a week helps us in achieving our goal to reach \$8,200.00 in weekly offerings. We are blessed to have great members who are helping achieve this goal. We will be fixing the fence by the parsonage soon and will be trimming trees to make the property better looking from the street. This also allows for better air flow during that nasty hurricane season. Also, set the date: We will be **dedicating "The Bob White Welcome Center"** on **November 12th**. This will be done between the two worship services. Please plan to attend this special event. We will have refreshments there for you.

Below is where we stand financially. Many thanks to all of you who are making Concordia important.

Through 8/31/23

Total Revenue \$322,384.14
Total Expenses \$277,154.74
Balance **\$45,229.40**

Please continue to pray for the Church, the employed Staff, and the Church Council. I will continue to make myself available for anything that is on your mind. I appreciate your support, and may God Bless you this summer.

Dennis Jesse

Mobile: 614-286-0101

Email: djesse@jessemarketing.com

Bread Breakers Dinner Series

Friends new to your church family with others who have worshiped here for years gathered on a recent Tuesday evening for **great food and conversation.**

Would you like to **help** with Concordia's next social event? Know someone you would like to **bring**? Are you **new** to Concordia and would like to get to know others in a small group gathering. Or, do you have other **ideas** to **share Jesus' welcome**? Please contact Dawn Mowery, Outreach Chair, with questions or suggestions, 678-230-0208.

"Friend of sinners, Lord of forgiveness, by Your love draw us all to Your **feast!**"

Little Library for Neighbors

Concordia's new little library already offers **beneficial books** to our neighbors. Have you seen it, like a large mailbox? Look beside the north driveway our big parking lot, near **Payne Park** and the **Legacy Trail.**

Do you have a **good book** you would like to offer? Please bring it to the church office, weekdays between 8 AM and 4:30 PM. Or deliver your gift book to any of Concordia's leaders after worship. We will usher your book to the church office. Thanks for your **help and prayers!**

P.S. Do you know also about **Concordia's big library**? That's behind the single red door at the north end of your Willer Fellowship Hall. Find **hundreds** of great books, many of them faith-based. For **adults and children, free** reading. If you find the library door locked, please stop by the church office.

"Word of God, You who came to be our flesh and blood Brother, let these books shared lead someone also into the wonders of **Your Book.**"

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!**"



October

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 Pentecost 18 9 a.m. Worship with praise band, Holy Communion, Rev. Ted Wuerffel - Guest Pastor 10 a.m. All-Ages Bible Study 11 a.m. Worship with organ, hymnal, Holy Communion, Rev. Ted Wuerffel - Guest Pastor | 2 ***7 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. | 3 | 4 ***7:30 p.m. AA Meeting | 5 Pastor Gaulke back from vacation 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall | 6 | 7 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 11 a.m. Memorial Service for Clayton Schnarr 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion, Rev. Pastor Gaulke |
| 8 Pentecost 19 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, Rev. Pastor Gaulke | 9 *** | 10 | 11 *** | 12 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall | 13 | 14 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion, Rev. Pastor Gaulke 5:30 p.m. OktoberFest Celebration in Willer Hall |
| 15 Pentecost 20 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, Rev. Pastor Gaulke | 16 *** | 17 October Newsletter Deadline 11 a.m. Rummage Sale Rockers Mtg. 6 p.m. Council Mtg. | 18 *** | 19 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Young Adult Game Night (with food) | 20 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open Console Organ Concert in Willer Hall | 21 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion, Rev. Pastor Gaulke |
| 22 Pentecost 21 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, Rev. Pastor Gaulke | 23 *** | 24 29.m. Elder's Mtg. | 25 *** | 26 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall | 27 | 28 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion, Rev. Pastor Gaulke |
| 29 Reformation Day 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, Rev. Pastor Gaulke | 30 *** | 31 Halloween | 1 *** | 2 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall | 3 | 4 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fall Festival and Craft Fair 4:30 p.m. Chapel Worship with Holy Communion, Rev. Pastor Gaulke |

***Concordia's Willer Fellowship Hall and (sometimes) the narthex of the church are used every Monday, Wednesday and quarterly Saturdays by 12-step groups.

October Birthdays

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| 01 | Janet Meyers Terri Reese |
| 02 | Patricia Best |
| 04 | Lisa Gaines Aaron Mattes |
| 05 | Cheryl Griesbach |
| 06 | Alex Bogenberger Megan Bogenberger Greg Lill Joanne Mitchell |
| 07 | Susan Powter Julia Stochl - 12th |
| 08 | Luke Ahl - 13th Margo Arehart Gavin Weeks |
| 10 | Gracie Estok |
| 12 | Logan Ahl Christopher Keilty |
| 13 | Ron MacRitchie |
| 15 | Gary Gates Shirley Gerstenberger |
| 16 | Johnora Hildebrand |
| 17 | Jason Schmidt |
| 18 | Dejan Endriss Geraldine Schlotterback |
| 20 | Zoe Ahl Marilyn Reese Conner Weeks |
| 21 | Kathy Albrecht Tanner Evans Guoxiang "Zoo" Zhu |
| 22 | Suzanne Stein |
| 23 | Dennis Grau |
| 24 | Ellen Gaulke |
| 26 | Almuth Pardo Alice Parrish |
| 29 | Cody Snapp |
| 30 | Peggy Naughton |
| 31 | Elizabeth House |

October Anniversaries

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| 22 | Dale and Janet Leinberger - 46th |
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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!**

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."

Special Thank You

A special thanks to the **anonymous donors** to the **Altar Guild Fund.** We have ordered a new advent wreath, candles and stand. We have also purchased new planters with tall grass for the front of the church along with new plant stands to be used for poinsettias and Easter lilies. Thank you for your kind and generous donations to the Altar Guild Fund.

ConcordiaSarasota.org

When last did you visit ConcordiaSarasota.org? You need not be a Facebook member to **see our photos** there. Also most weekend's **worship services** appear at ConcordiaSarasota.org. **Send the link** to a friend.

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!"

We Remember Clayton

Remembering Clayton Schnarr, devoted Husband, Father and Grandfather Clayton Keith Schnarr was called to heaven by our Lord and Savior on Tuesday evening, August 8, at the age of 86. He had battled Alzheimer's for over a decade.

Clayton is survived by his loving wife, Jan, of 61 years, children Terry (Brad) Prather, Kathy (Randy) Hayden, and Steve (Melanie Cheney) Schnarr, as well as his grandchildren Mitch, Ben, Bailey, Megan, and Drew.

Clayton was born August 31, 1936 and raised in Alexandria, South Dakota. He lived with his parents, Clarence and Ina Schnarr, and his 3 sisters Clareen, Beverly, and Sandi. His father ran a local creamery, where Clayton worked. Clayton loved telling stories of his childhood in small-town South Dakota. He remained in South Dakota through college, graduating from South Dakota State University. After graduation, he served as an officer in the Army Reserve while starting his professional career working for Century / Gould / Magnetek and Concordia Publishing, where he could share his faith through his work.

Cleveland, OH, became his first adult "home". That's where he met, fell in love with and married Jan. Their journey together took them to Richfield, MN, where they started their family. Fourteen years later, Clayton's job transferred them to St. Louis, MO, where their children continued to grow up. They had so many celebrations while they lived in the "Show Me State" including graduations, marriages, and spending time with their grandkids. Once fully retired, Clayton and Jan moved to Sarasota, FL, where they enjoyed traveling, time with family and friends, and spending time at church.

Throughout his life Clayton remained loyal to the people and communities he loved. He was so proud of his children and grandchildren, was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, a diehard St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan, and one of the most enthusiastic alumni to his alma mater. "Go Jack Rabbits!" He passed along his Christian faith, his passion for spending time outdoors, camping and skiing, as well as his love for baseball to his children and grandchildren. If you ask his grandchildren, friends, and caregivers, Clayton was also famous for his "witticisms" and clever word play.

We welcome you to join us for the celebration of Clayton's life. The **Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 7 at Concordia**. A luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.

The family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be directed to Concordia Lutheran Church at <https://concordiasarasota.org> or the [Alzheimer's Association](https://act.alz.org) at <https://act.alz.org>.



A Note from Jan:

The Schnarr family would like to thank you all for your friendship, love and prayers not only for myself but also for my family as we mourn the loss of Clayton who was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

*Sincerely,
Jan Schnarr*

Memorials Received

In memory of Marilyn Billingsley, from Chuck Resh and Jaclyn Resh.

In memory of Clayton Schnarr, from Gloria Bruggeman for the Altar Guild Fund; from Bob Krnacik for the Sanctuary Bathroom Renovation Fund; from Dale and Karen Kruse for the Sanctuary Bathroom Renovation Fund; from Jeanne Lutz for the Sanctuary Bathroom Fund.

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

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

"Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" (19:9).

We Remember Donna

Donna Kay Shaulis, 81, of Sarasota, FL gained her wings on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, surrounded by family. She was born in Somerset, PA and in the 1970's made Sarasota her home. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother and member of Concordia Lutheran Church. Passions included traveling the world (especially cruises), spending time with her parents and playing card games with family. Knowing no strangers, she was one of the nicest people you could meet. While she had several careers, she enjoyed working as a Home Health Care CNA the most. She will be forever missed and loved by many, especially her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ida Mae and Merle L. Shaulis Sr, and siblings Donald, Edward, and Sylvia Jean.

She is survived by her siblings Merle L. "Buddy" Jr (Sun Ye), Janine (Landen), Karen and sister in law Geraldine Shaulis; her children Robert Koontz Jr., Michael Koontz (Stacy), Michele Maddox (Art), Brian Koontz (Sabine), and Kristal Moore (Scott); and by her 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

We encourage people to consider donating to the American Brain Foundation in Donna's memory to aid finding a cure for Dementia.

To her last days here, Donna 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, Donna today rejoices with her living Savior in paradise.

The family thanks all for their prayers and loving support.



We Remember Sandy

Sandra Ann (Coning) Harants, 82, passed away on August 16th, 2023 surrounded by family. She was born on February 2nd, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Russell and Edna Coning. She graduated from Mariemont High School then met the love of her life, Albert Harants, at Franklin College where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in school social work in 1963. Her passion for children and their well-being carried over to her own life when she became the proud mother of twins, Julie and Kenneth, and later of Stephen. Sandy's gentle nature and compassion for others was evident in her career at North Adams Community Schools and Indianapolis as well as in her role as daughter, sister, mother, wife, aunt, and grandmother.

She preceded in death by her beloved daughter Julie (Harants) Sambol. She is survived by her sons Kenneth L. Harants (Laura) and Stephen J. Harants (Leslie-Anne) both of Fort Wayne, IN. Sandy was a grandmother to Zachary, Emily, Valerie, and Nathaniel Harants and honorary mother to Annette and honorary grandmother to Eli and Zander Patchett.

Sandy and Al resided permanently in Sarasota, Florida after retirement. The couple had previously lived in Decatur, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. A memorial service and celebration of life will be scheduled later this year. The family will make additional announcements when scheduled. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Awareness. To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.



Refugee Update

Hello Concordia family. It's been about six months since the last Refugee Team update. Along with St Armand's Key Lutheran Church and Lutheran Services Florida we continue to impact the lives of refugees in our area.

We were able to help LSF assist approximately 16 families since my last update. Plus, we repaired and delivered about eight bikes along with numerous bags of food and cleaning supplies. We provided funds for three people to get their green cards. We assisted one person with a car payment so he didn't lose his car and his job.

Donations continue to be needed. If you have any good used furniture or household items please let Gary Thomas know and we will work out a time with you to pick the items up. We could use volunteers to help retrieve and deliver donations. Despite the heat and sore muscles we have a great time working together to help these families in need.

As I say each time, whatever you can do, you will be blessed in giving your time, talents, or treasures to this much needed outreach ministry. Some of the greatest blessings of helping out are seeing the joy and thankfulness on the faces of family members as they receive these gifts to get them started and settled in a new life of freedom. If you have donations or **questions contact Gary Thomas** at grthomas57@gmail.com or phone on 410-868-9935.

Thank you,
The Refugee Ministry Team



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).



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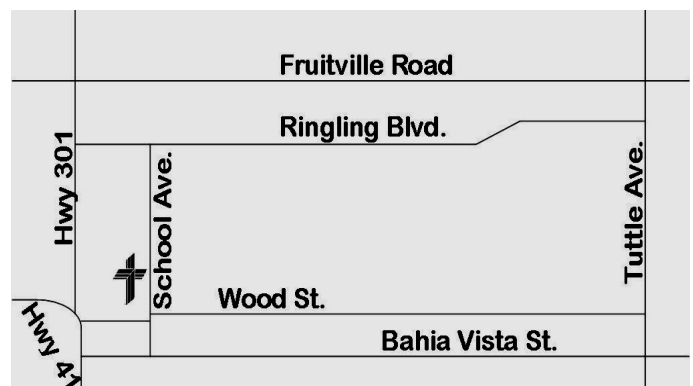
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Saturday Chapel Worship 4:30 pm
Sunday Contemporary Worship 9 am
Sunday School and Bible Study 10 am
Sunday Traditional Worship 11 am

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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