

The Concordia Courier

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Jesus Will Feast with You?!

Christian Questions with Their Answers – Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.

(continued from last month)

12. What are the Words of Institution?

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." (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, **I believe** it.

14. What convinces you to believe this?

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

We should **remember and proclaim** His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. **Only Christ**, true God and man, could do that.

Second, so we may learn to be **horrified by our sins**, and to regard them as very serious.

Third, so we may find **joy and comfort** in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5.

18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

That I may **learn to believe** that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also **learn from Him to love** God and my neighbor.



19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

First, both the command and **the promise** of Christ the Lord.

Second, his own **pressing need**, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has **flesh and blood**. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7.

Second, he should look around to see whether he is still **in the world**, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15-16 and in 1 John 2 and 5.

Third, he will certainly have **the devil** also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

Note: These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: **God cannot be mocked.**"

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. (The "Christian Questions with Their Answers," designating Luther as the author, first appeared in an edition of the Small Catechism in 1551, five years after Luther died).

Summer Days

The church office is **closed** on **Mondays and Tuesdays** beginning **June 3** through **August 6**. **Lei Ann** will enjoy her vacation days also **July 15 to 26**. Our Parish Secretary thanks God, and you, for summer family time.

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

"Lord of the **Sabbath**, let all Your people **rest** in You."

Special Musical Event

Concordia's own **Jackie Williams**, now a **Suncoast Polytechnical**



High School graduate, showcases her **Senior**

Performance on Sunday **June 2, 2-3 p.m.**, here at our sanctuary. This event marks her transition to college, the University of South Florida in St. Pete. Jackie will perform a blend of her vocal and piano skills, both being practiced for

over 12 years. Don't miss this opportunity to encourage her amazing God-given talents!

Pastoral Care

Pastor Stephen and family vacation **June 6 to 17**. **Pastor Roger Schoolcraft** (photo) preaches the weekends **June 8-9 and 15-16**.

Pastor Roger and Tambyr joined our church family in 2023, regularly worshipping Saturdays.

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 Cory Biladeau (612-532-3771).



July (Only) Worship Blended

On July 7, with our **Independence Day** worship celebration, we begin our July (Only) Sunday service schedule:

9 a.m. Bible study – Friendship, cool drinks, coffee, pastries. Here's an extra moment to digest Jesus' good Word and His wonders in our lives today.

10 a.m. Worship – Worship begins with praise band songs and prayer projected on the screen (like other month's 9 a.m. worship). After we take to heart God's Word in the sermon, the hymnal and organ (like other month's 11 a.m. worship) will lead us to the Lord's Supper. We'll commune with Christ and with His people, including friends from "the other service"!

Our **Saturday 4:30 p.m. worship** continues "as is" year round. Here's your great **alternate opportunity**, no matter the month!

As in previous years we'll blend only **July's worship**. **Sunday August 4** returns to our "11 month" Sunday schedule.

"**Come to us, Jesus**, in our worship. In every season speak to us Your sweet Word and feed us with Your faith-sustaining sacramental Body and Blood!"

Father's Day

Sunday, **June 16** - Happy Father's Day to all of you dads! God bless you, and all of you men who care for us with a **father's love**.

Who knows? You may get lots of hugs at our weekend's worship. We do **give God thanks** for you. As you've done before, this day bless your children!

Say Cheese ...Please?!

Concordia's Directory of members and friends is heading to the finish line.

Have you **updated your information** and photo? If you have not or if have not been contacted, reach out to the church office (941-365-0844). Or, Bethany Thompson (941-350-0723), heading up the venture. It's so easy to do. **Options for pictures** are many, so you can do what works for you and your schedule. Act now to see your smile among your many Concordia friends.

We plan to have a preliminary updated directory towards the end of **June** posted in the church entryway. Please **review this draft** before we print the final version.

"Father, help us always to see each and all with Concordia as Jesus' **brothers and sisters**. Gather many with His joyful Spirit!"

Email My Courier

Are you **reading this on paper**, but would prefer to receive the emailed .pdf copy? Just let your church office know. Send your email **request** to Concordia5@juno.com.

Or, here reading **on a screen**, do you wish you had the printed version? Ask, and it will be mailed to you! Thanks!

Our **August 2024** Concordia Courier seeks articles, due Tuesday **July 17**. Can you **help the crew fold** the news for mailing? Do tell Parish Secretary Lei Ann (941-365-0844).

Good News-letter

Thank you to Mays Courier folders: Gloria Bruggeman, Joyanne Fathauer, Bev Kinton, Jayne New, Loraine Tafel and Jim Thomas. Gloria took **260 newsletters** to the postal center. **Another 160 homes** prefer their Courier by **email**. Your choice?

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

Bible Befrienders

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

Sundays, 10 a.m. Pastor Stephen leads us into the Bible's beautiful basics. Gather at **Willer Hall's** red double-door main room.

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. The **men's group** now gathers in Concordia's Willer Fellowship Hall **Library Room** (the single red door at the north end). Gary Thomas leads the guys.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. GiFTS! The **women "Grow in Faith through Scripture."** The group recently has been hearing from the "**minor prophets**," some of the Bible's shortest books. Visit Concordia's Willer **Fellowship Hall** main room (double red doors).

Family Dinner Nights

We will resume gathering after summer break. **Enjoy your summer!**

Portals of Prayer

"Portals of Prayer," our **daily devotional** booklets for July through September, 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 (941-365-0844). 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

June 1, 2 - Pentecost 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

June 8, 9 - Pentecost 3

Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 15, 16 - Pentecost 4

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)
Mark 4:26-34

June 22, 23 - Pentecost 5

Job 38:1-11
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 29, 30 - Pentecost 6

Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 6, 7 - Pentecost 7

Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 13, 14 - Pentecost 8

Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 20, 21 - Pentecost 9

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44

July 27, 28 - Pentecost 10

Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56



Smiths' Thanks

Our six-month helper, Pastor Bob with Alice, sends you this love from

Frankenmuth Michigan:

Alice and I were blessed and enjoyed the **friendliness** of Concordia congregation while serving as the hospitality pastor during last winter season. God willing, we are **planning to return again** at the beginning of **November**.

A **big thank you** for the (Concordia Foundation's) financial support given to us for participation in the **Wittenberg** English Ministry in Germany this coming **August**. Blessings to you all.

In His service,
Bob and Alice

God for Us

Would you delight to **know Jesus better**? To firmly grasp His **promise and purpose** for you? "I would!" says Pastor Stephen. **Come share** 45 minutes with Concordia's new summer Sunday Bible discussions. In June, we start at 10 a.m. (between the two worship services). In July, we start at 9 a.m. (before the single blended worship service).

Rejoice in the **beautiful basics of our faith**. As Luther's Small Catechism outlines: Ten Commandments (He loves!), Apostle's Creed (He's faithful), Lord's Prayer (He hears), Baptism (He cleanses) and the Lord's Supper (He feeds us). The Bible's awesome theme: "God is for us!"

All who worship at Concordia and other guests, families and friends from the neighborhood, all ages, **all are welcome**.

With "God For Us" you can...

- 1) **Go deeper** into Jesus' Good News (feel His touch on your heart!),
- 2) **Respond** to Jesus (simple, heart-felt discussions and prayers),
- 3) Build **new friendships** (with friends who really care!),
- 4) See Jesus **reach others** with His joy (also through you),
- 5) Say "YES!" to the **vision and mission** Jesus gives to you, and to Concordia!

Who can you bring with you? Would a weekday group, or evening group, better fit your schedule? Who else would enjoy these **faith-sharing discussions**? Who could grow with a loving and truthful church family? No pressure, no obligations. But a chance to rejoice in "**God for Us!**"

"Jesus, let us take to heart Your care, so that we may **share Your heart.**"

Easter Thanks

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped make our **Easter Breakfast** a huge success!

Special shout out to Dave Meadows for the **pancake station!** He made over 120 pancakes!

The egg casseroles, fruit, and baked goods were delicious! Thank you to all who helped with food, decorating, set up, serving and clean up!

Great service **to our Lord** and fellow Concordians.

I am **so thankful** for you all: Barbara Briggs, Jan Schnarr, Janet Myers, Rose Reese, Debbie Leslie, Diane Horn, Junne Ulbrich, Dawn Mowery, Audrey Hart, Sara Thomas, Dennis and Faby Jesse, Abby Wuerffel, Alice Williams, Carol Bickel, Carol Pyle, Ellen Gaulke, Mary Reiter, Gloria Bruggeman and Ruth Bogenberger!



Thank you all so much! Diane Scott

June Birthdays

03	Janet Leinberger Debra Namors
07	Amy Bogenberger Bonnie Mann
08	Lynda Williams
09	Gabriela Schmidt
10	Melissa Stochl
12	Maxine Cook
13	Lee Frayer
14	June Hennessy
16	Al Harants Kenneth Whitlow
17	Tina Granthon
18	Mel Collins
19	Eileen Zeugin
20	Gary Bogenberger Ruth Bogenberger Dawn Mowery
21	Kyle Brown Carol Pyle
22	Judy Christian Thomas Mann
23	Natasha Kenney Jacob Stochl - 17th
24	Michelle Kuchta
30	Ryan Brown

June Anniversaries

06	Jerry and Patty Lawson
07	Steve and Linda Garrisi - 49th
11	Rich and Mary Reiter - 23rd
12	Cory and Pam Biladeau - 20th Dennis and Faby Jesse - 1st
14	Pastor Stephen and Ellen Gaulke - 43rd Brian and Cheryl Griesbach - 38th
20	Gary and Deaconess Andy Gates - 44th Terry and Penny Miller - 54th
21	Sean and Nikki Lutsch - 27th
25	Rick and Becky Reese - 41st
27	Paul and Dawn Mowery - 54th

July Birthdays

02	Sue Pryer-Bell
03	Alice Smith
04	Norm Johnson Nancy Shi
05	Chris Brown Ethan Schaefer
06	Mary Gaulke Dick Reese
07	Carlos Miranda
08	Brian Griesbach
10	Ella Schaefer
11	Pam Battles
12	Eli Basinger Diane Horn
15	David Billingsley
19	Darwin Hormann
22	Diane Scott Sharon Woerner
28	Gail Keilty
29	Bill Easterday
31	Ethan Cruzio - 10th Heather Dunsmore

July Anniversaries

04	Rev. Ted and Abby Wuerffel - 52nd
7	Dan and Vickie Schaefer - 17th Rev. Roger & Tambry Schoolcraft - 1st
21	Dave and Trudi Evans - 29th
24	Cleve Crossman and Kathleen Yarrington 3rd
25	Tom and Sue Bosman - 58th
27	Wayne and Junne Ulbrich - 44th
28	Norm and Nancy Johnson - 34th
29	Carlos and Jeana Miranda - 5th

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!**

June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Pentecost 2 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 2 p.m. Jackie Williams Musical Event	3 Church office closed 11 a.m. Bill Hilson Memorial Service, Sarasota National Cemetery ***7 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg.	4 Church office closed	5 ***7 p.m. AA Mtg.	6 Pastor Gaulke on vacation until June 18 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at Willer Hall 10:30 a.m. Men's Group at Willer Hall Library room	7	1 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 8 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion, Pastor Roger Schoolcraft - Guest Pastor
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16 Pentecost 4 Father's 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, Pastor Roger Schoolcraft - Guest Pastor	17 Church office closed ***	18 Pastor Gaulke returns from vacation Church office closed	19 ***	20 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Men's Group at Willer Hall Library room	21	22 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. District Al-Anon Meeting in Willer Hall 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
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7 Pentecost 7 9 a.m. All-Ages Bible Study 10 a.m. July (Only) Combined Worship with Holy Communion	8 Church office closed ***	9 Church office closed 2 p.m. Elder's Meeting	10 ***	11 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Men's Group at Willer Hall Library room	12	13 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
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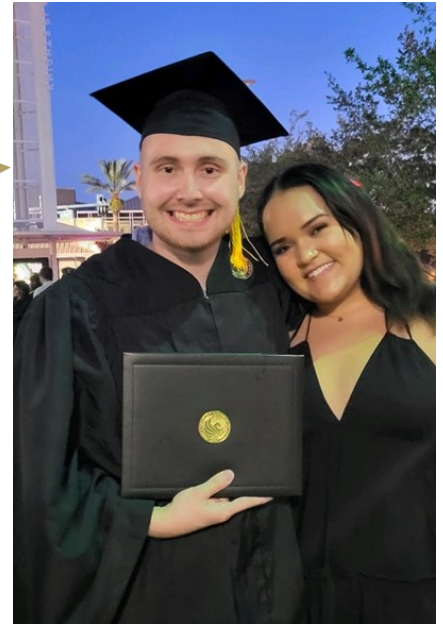


2024 Graduates

(continued from our May Courier newsletter)

Abbie Lutsch (left) graduated from Parrish High School. Next, she will begin studies in ophthalmology at Florida International University (FIU, Miami). Abbie is the youngest of Sean and Nicki Lutch's three, granddaughter of Pam and Dave Battles.

Brendan Lutsch (right) graduated from UCF, now to earn his Physical Therapy graduate degree at the University of South Florida (USF).



Foundation Thanks

Thank you, Concordia. I am completing my sophomore year at the University of Central Florida (UCF), now having been accepted into their B.S. Nursing program. **Noah Lutsch**

I would like to thank the Foundation for the scholarship they provided me, it helps tremendously. God's blessings to you all.

Sincerely,
Luke Basinger

I appreciate being awarded the scholarship. I will take it forward and put it to good use to obtain my educational goals. It is just more encouragement and motivation that I need.

Thank you,
Eli Basinger

(photo, left to right) Eli Basinger, Luke Basinger and Noah Lutsch received gifts from your **Concordia Foundation's** director, Barbara Briggs





Ethan Schaeffer

(above) graduates from Florida State University, his major in ancient studies (including an archeological dig in Italy). Ethan plans graduate study in Law in South Carolina.



Altar Flowers

Blooming plants praising Jesus replace our altar's cut flowers from June through August. Celebrations and memorials donated now we will postpone until fresh flowers return in September, then commemorating our dates now delayed.

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

Altar Guild News

The Altar Guild will **meet again** beginning in **October**. Enjoy your summer!

You are welcome to help **care for the Lord's altar** every season. Help us set the altar for Holy Communion, change the altar cloths, care for the candles and more. Any season, you can **help the Guild**. Please call Junne Ulbrich at 815-955-6215. Thanks!

"Lord, bless our serving, just as You have **served us!**"

Euder Paul...

Our seminarian soon serves with Our Savior Lutheran, Lake Worth. Our sister church, south of Palm Beach, begins Vicar Euder's **internship** on August 1.

So, from May 19 through July? Euder has volunteered to serve with us these **10 weeks!** Your council has opened the parsonage door to Euder, also for his rest and study. Do you see some ministry that **Euder could help?** Please speak to him or any of Concordia's leaders.

Euder came to our church family in May **2020**. After this year's vicarage, Euder will enjoy his final year of seminary study on campus. And then, his service as an ordained **pastor**, wherever our Lord calls him.

"**Thank you** for your prayers and support," says he.

...and Ryan Hicks

Our church family's **next seminarian** worships with us once more this weekend. Ryan then begins his pastoral education (like Euder) at **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**.

Ryan looks forward to this summer's crash course in the New Testament's koine **Greek**. He then starts his full fall semester studies. Ryan already mastered Homer's classical Greek with his B.A. degree at the University of Florida! Once a Concordia Lutheran School student, long our friend, Ryan joined our church family in July **2023**.

"Lord, when Isaiah glimpsed Your glory, he rejoiced: Here I am, **send me!** Bless Euder, bless Ryan, bless each of us in Your service. May all know Your power, Your mercy!"

(photo) Vicar Euder, Pastor Stephen, Seminarian Ryan



March Council Minutes

March 12, People in Attendance: Pastor Stephen, Pastor Bob, Dawn Mowery, Julie Smith, Dave Meadows, Thomas Mann, and Dennis Jesse
 Only 2 of 5 from Executive Council in attendance. Were limited in what we could do.
 Ricky Reese was named Financial Secretary.
 Motion made. 1.Dennis Jesse 2.Thomas Mann second the motion
 Minutes from January were approved with no changes. Dennis Jesse, Thomas Mann
 New Directory was approved with photos being done by potential new member Motion approved. Thomas Mann, Dave Meadows
 Council approved the return of Pastor Bob Smith from the Elders recommendation. We will give Pastor Bob the time to think about this decision. Motion made: Thomas Mann, Julie Smith
 The Properties Committee was formed and approved of the 5 Executive Council Members and Dave Meadows of Properties on that committee to consider which company will do the [hurricand] shutters. Motion Approved: Dawn Mowery, Julie Smith
 Highlights from Diane Scott's Fellowship report included the following: A district luncheon was hosted for 60 people on January 22nd. An outreach dinner was held on January 25th for 22 people. 4 Lenten dinners were held in February and one in March.
 We planted a seed of possibly making changes to the monthly Courier or the logistics of delivering the news. Example can we do this online or do we print this on a quarterly basis

A Note from the President

Greetings Concordia. Summer is here in a big way. Most of our Northern members have returned to their summer homes. We are maintaining a great attendance for all services. We know many of you will be away, but we hope you continue the stewardship of Concordia. We have little projects that are on schedule to get done. Please thank Dave Meadows for the job he is doing on the property. It is great to have Dave's talents on hand. Also, the Church directory is about finished. We still need a few of you to get your pictures in. Please see Dawn or let Lei Ann know. I want to thank Dawn and Bethany for their hard work getting this completed in a timely manner. It is great to have this updated.

Have a great Summer!

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

Dennis Jesse

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and using the bulletin to provide for information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm Motion to adjourn: Thomas Mann, Julie Smith

Submitted by Dennis Jesse

Amended to include Fellowship report by Ruth Bogenberger

Financial Update See below the January-March comparison figures for Concordia's 2018-2024 records. Look for a financial report quarterly. Questions? Thomas Mann, Concordia's Treasurer, will be happy to answer at 630-379-7630. **Thanks** for your generosity. May our

stewardship of God's gifts **bless His work.**

"Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as the **sacrificial worship** of hearts grateful for You! Move us to give to Your mission and ministry first, deliberately, as **You have given** to us!"

January 1st - March 31st Financials Records

Year	General	Dedicated Funds	Total	General	Dedicated Funds	Total	Surplus/
	Income	Income	Income	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Deficit
2018	\$ 105,901.76	\$ 9,316.48	\$ 115,218.24	\$ 96,855.81	\$ 23,515.06	\$ 120,370.87	\$ (5,152.63)
2019	\$ 124,089.63	\$ 33,799.59	\$ 157,889.22	\$ 92,635.07	\$ 38,375.99	\$ 131,011.06	\$ 26,878.16
2020	\$ 105,936.52	\$ 41,621.94	\$ 147,558.46	\$ 99,306.98	\$ 69,293.99	\$ 168,600.97	\$ (21,042.51)
2021	\$ 121,809.65	\$ 21,979.58	\$ 143,789.23	\$ 97,943.91	\$ 62,919.17	\$ 160,863.08	\$ (17,073.85)
2022	\$ 138,319.55	\$ 59,224.79	\$ 197,544.34	\$ 106,650.97	\$ 44,873.98	\$ 151,524.95	\$ 46,019.39
2023	\$ 134,879.90	\$ 26,620.78	\$ 161,500.68	\$ 94,895.62	\$ 35,848.67	\$ 130,744.29	\$ 30,756.39
2024	\$ 160,917.59	\$ 108,781.47	\$ 269,699.06	\$ 134,983.60	\$ 106,840.79	\$ 241,824.39	\$ 27,874.67

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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 **August 2024** issue of "*The Courier*" is **July 17**. 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!

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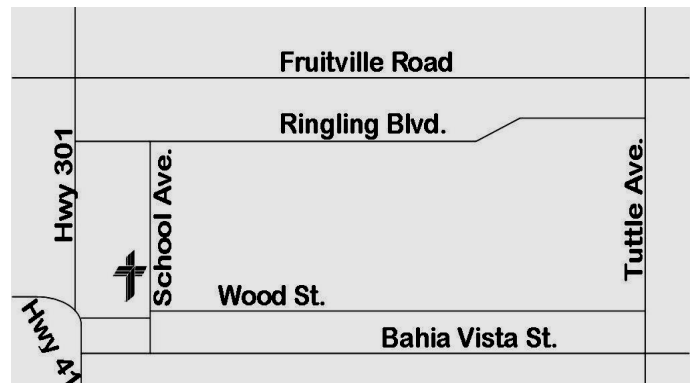
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Worship Schedule

Worship Services

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

July Only Worship Services

Saturday Chapel Worship 4:30 pm
Sunday School and Bible Study 9 am
Sunday Blended Worship 10 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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