

The Concordia Courier

A Publication Of Concordia Lutheran Church

† JESUS' HARMONY FOR THE HEART OF SARASOTA † August 2024

What Do You Believe?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (God's Law)

The First Commandment

You shall have **no other gods.**

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse **the name of the Lord** your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

Remember **the Sabbath day** by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Close of the Commandments (Exodus 20:5-6)

What does God say about all these commandments? He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, **punishing** the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but **showing love** to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But he promises grace (*free forgiveness!*) and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what he commands.

We'll continue with the Ten Commandments next month. Find the Ten at **Exodus 20** and **Deuteronomy 5.**

Q & A 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.

Worship Options, One Jesus

On **August 4** Concordia returns to her 11-month schedule. (Each July [only] your 2 Sunday services blended into one 10 a.m. worship.)

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

worship follows the **handout page**, a simple spoken service. Music Director Johnora leads opening and communion hymns.

Sunday - 9 a.m. we worship with the **praise band**. We follow the worship and **songs projected** to the screens, led by Dawn.

Sunday - 11 a.m. we worship with the **hymnal's liturgy**

Worship's Scripture

August 3, 4 - Pentecost 11

Exodus 16:2-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:22-35

August 10, 11 - Pentecost 12

1 Kings 19:1-8

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

John 6:35-51

August 17, 18 - Pentecost 13

Proverbs 9:1-10 or

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Ephesians 5:6-21

John 6:51-69

August 24, 25 - Pentecost 14

Isaiah 29:11-19

Ephesians 5:22-33

Mark 7:1-13

and hymns led by organist Johnora.

"You have promised, Jesus, to serve us with Your **Word and Sacrament**. At our every worship hour nurture our **faith, hope and love** to grow towards You!"

Bible Friends

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.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. GiFTS! The **women "Grow in Faith through Scripture."** The group in enjoying the Epistle to the Hebrews, the letter written to the first generation of Jews who believed that Jesus is the world's Messiah, as promised to Abraham, David, Moses, all. Visit Concordia's **Willer Fellowship Hall** main room (double red doors).

Your **men's group** is "on the road." They will gather again in October, after many enjoy some fall travels.

"Jesus, You speak to us **clearly**. You love each one so **dearly**. Move us to follow You more **nearly**."

God for Us

Would you delight to **know Jesus better**? To firmly grasp His **promise and purpose** for you? "I would!" says Pastor Stephen.

Try Concordia's Sunday (10 to 10:45 a.m.) Bible discussions. 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.**"

Summer Days

The church office is **closed** on **Mondays and Tuesdays** through **August 6**. 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."

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 **September 2024** Concordia Courier seeks articles, due Tuesday **August 20**. 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 June/July's Courier folders: Gloria Bruggeman, Joyanne Fathauer, Cheryl Ma, and Loraine Tafel.

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**.

Family Dinner Nights

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

Bishop James Visits

Our Bishop James Rockey, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) Florida-Georgia District President, worshiped with us on July 21. After the service, he thanked and encouraged us in our following the Lord. That's **77 years together** with our sister churches! He also delighted in being able to help, with our LCMS' President Harrison, our seminarian Vicar Euder Paul go to serve at Lake Worth Beach sister church. There his Haitian Creole, French, Spanish and English tongues are all spoken. See the bishop's remarks at ConcordiaSarasota.org or our

YouTube channel.

"Good Shepherd, bless our Bishop. Make us glad to follow together Your voice, to be Your flock."



(photo) Vicar Euder enjoys learning with the Aphasia Community Center at Concordia, Thursdays.

Worship's Scripture Readers

Volunteer, please, to join the many who read Scripture at our worship services. We've heard from **over 60** different readers this year!

In our Courier newsletter, in future months we will print the **schedule**. You would be assigned to read the Old or New Testament Scriptures for **your preferred** worship service, Saturday or Sunday. The church office can then email to you **on Thursday** the whole **text translation** you will speak.

If you can't serve on "your" weekend, you need only let your church office know. We, or you, will find a substitute. Please **volunteer** with Parish Secretary Lei Ann (941-365-0844) or Worship Chair Cory Biladeau (612-532-3771).

"Lord, let us hear **Your Word on the lips** of even more of Your sisters and brothers!"

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!**"

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!"

It's Our 42nd Birthday!

July 21st, 2024 marks 42 years of serving vulnerable Floridians. We couldn't have done it without you! Lutheran Services Florida began through the crises of the 1980s by passionate Lutherans who knew they were called to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Today, as the extension of the Lutheran Church, we serve millions of endangered refugees, vulnerable children, at-risk teens, addicted individuals, and underserved seniors in 40 counties. In short: **Without you, we wouldn't be here!** The best gift we can receive is to continue serving our communities with God's hope, help, and healing.



Founded in 1982 to aid Vietnamese and Cuban refugees, Lutheran Services Florida has grown over 42 years to lead in supporting Florida's underserved. Today, we continue expanding our impact, bringing hope, help, and healing to those in need.

LSF IS ESTABLISHED TO SUSTAIN THE REFUGEE WORK OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN FLORIDA.



1982

LSF ADDS ITS FIRST RESIDENTIAL & COUNSELING SERVICES IN SOUTHEAST & SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.



1984

LSF LAUNCHES GUARDIANSHIP & FAMILY SERVICES FLORIDA. PLUS, OPENS A YOUTH SHELTER IN FORT MYERS.



1990-1992

LSF BEGINS FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGEMENT IN PINELLAS & LEE COUNTIES.



2004-2011

LSF EXPANDS HEAD START SERVICES WHILE FOUNDING LSF HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH.



2012

LSF EXTENDS RESIDENTIAL YOUTH HOMES IN PALM BEACH, SARASOTA, MIAMI, LAKE & SUMTER COUNTIES WHILE GROWING CASE MANAGEMENT STATEWIDE.



2019-2024

Join us in celebrating our 42nd birthday by serving more Floridians than ever! Visit lsfnet.org/42years!



August Birthdays

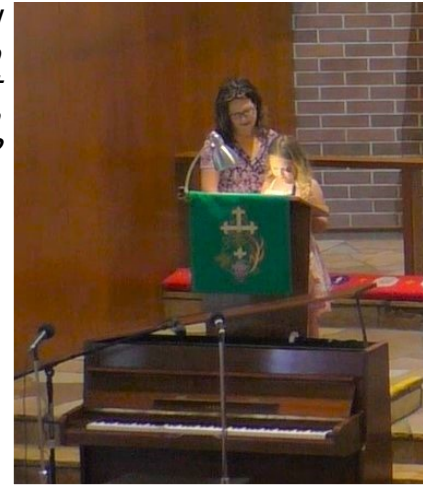
01	Margaret Kaschube Alex Powter
03	Lorry Horn
04	Doug Bickel Emma Granthon - 13th
05	Jacob Martin
07	Bev Kinton
09	Harlow Schmidt - 3rd
11	Marge Albrecht Doug Werstler
13	Debbie Leslie
15	Virginia Bowman
18	Dorothy Hagan Richard Zuehlke
19	Loraine Tafel
20	Allen Brown Steve DeKarske
22	Julie Smith
23	Gary Thomas
24	Rod DiGruttolo
25	Reverend Gary Hill
26	Shirley Schwisow
27	Paul Mowery
31	Mary Ostermann

August Anniversaries

04	Reverend Gary and Carol Hill - 51st Christopher and Gail Keilty - 34th
07	Bob and Alice Smith - 59th
14	Rod and Betsy DiGruttolo - 25th
16	Steve and Gracie Estok - 15th
18	Bo and Virginia Bowman - 52nd
23	Ben and Janet Stauss - 55th
27	Kris and Ann Schulz - 64th
29	Aaron and Judy Mattes - 54th

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!**

(photo) Rosie and her mom like to read Scripture at worship. Your turn next?



Foundation News

Concordia's Foundation **board members** met July 18: Barbara Briggs (term ends 2024), Phyllis Kirtley (2025), Gary Thomas (2026), Thomas Mann (2027).

Funds held by the Foundation totaled over \$179,729. Even after last year's scholarships, that balance has increased over \$2,000 since last year. Thanks to our **generous donors!**

Board members were delighted they needed turn down no requests from our **college students. \$1,000 grants** (not tuition, but for books, expenses) were awarded to Eli Basinger (USF 2nd year), Luke Basinger (USF-3rd), Rachel Gaulke (FGCU 4th), Rebecca Hicks (UCF 1st), Noah Lutsch (UCF 3rd), Ella Schaefer (Flagler 2nd), Kylee Schaefer (Stetson Law 6th), Thomas Stochl (UF 2nd), Andrew Whitlow (SCF 2nd), Jackie Williams (USF 1st). Ryan Hicks (Concordia Seminary 1st) was granted \$2,000, to encourage church worker studies.

In **recent years** the Foundation has supported also Concordia's Refugee Ministry, LCMS Missionaries Lawson and Naumann, and Concordia's anniversary and fresh paint.

The Foundation was chartered in 1962 "to carry on such exclusively religious, charitable, and educational work, and to provide financial assistance... consistent with... Concordia." Anyone may contribute. Check to Concordia, please **designate the gift** to "Concordia Foundation." Thank you!

Not every "thanks" the Foundation receives has been printed in the Courier. Here's another one of those many:

Foundation Members, Concordia friends,

Thank you for the scholarship that you awarded me. Your generous donation is very **much appreciated** by me and my family.

Sincerely, Andrew Whitlow


Memorials Received

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

In memory of Dustin Cooper, from the Cooper family.

In memory of Patti Fred, from cousin Ellen Gaulke and family.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29 Church office closed ***7 p.m. AI-Anon Mtg.	30 Church office closed	31 ***7 p.m. AA Mtg.	1 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at Willer Hall 11 a.m. Memorial Service for Debbie Ainslie	2	3 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 11 a.m. Memorial Service for Richard Bixler 4:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
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11 Pentecost 12 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	12 ***	13 6 p.m. Council Meeting	14 ***	15 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible G.i.F.t.S. at our Willer Fellowship Hall	16	17 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free Panera Bread 4:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
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***Concordia's Willer Fellowship Hall and (sometimes) the narthex of the church are used every Monday, Wednesday and quarterly Saturdays by 12-step groups.

Vicar's Thanks

God is my joy in the middle of my despairs. God always blesses us. I believe in God's providence because He always provides for me, for you and others. I want to say thank you to all people at Concordia Lutheran Church for their support.

Concordia welcomed me here at the parsonage for 10 weeks. Without your help I could not stay so long in Sarasota. You really helped me to feel home. Concordia is my home, my home congregation at Sarasota, and all people treated me as brother, family. I really liked these 10 weeks with you. Thank you is not enough. But it is the best word I can use to show my gratitude to you as my community and my spiritual family. Thank you for everything. God always blesses and provides for us....

Concordia's people always supported me.... Thank you for sending me to Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) for **my theological education**. After my ordination, I can serve wherever God wants me to be or calls me to serve as pastor. Christianity, the Lutheran Church, our Florida-Georgia District, Concordia Lutheran Church have **a future** because **God through Christ always still blesses us**. Please continue to pray for me during my vicarage assignment at Our Savior Lutheran Church in **Lake Worth Beach, Florida**, our sister church.

Concordia Lutheran Church is **my home church**. I'll always be with you **in prayers** and each time God's gives me opportunity to share His Words and Sacrament of the Altar with you.

God bless you, Vicar Euder Paul

YOU GET TO TELL THEM

THE GOOD NEWS



Are you ready to take that leap of faith?

Serve as an LCMS missionary! Now is the perfect time to explore the many opportunities you have to serve Christ's church. Christ died for all — You get to tell them!

Thinking long term? Missionaries are blessed to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy around the world.

Looking for a short-term commitment? Spend an unforgettable week or month sharing Christ on a short-term mission trip serving alongside missionaries and local churches overseas.

Serve according to your God-given gifts as a layperson or a church worker. Areas of service include church planting, deaconess ministry, theology, music, education, communications, business, project management, English as a second language (ESL), you name it. You get to tell them!



Visit [lcms.org/international](https://www.lcms.org/international) to learn more.

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"What I love about being a missionary is the opportunity to preach Christ crucified every day. Missionary service looks intimidating — but it's the best thing you'll ever do."

— Rev. James Neuendorf,
LCMS missionary to
Puerto Rico



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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 **September 2024** issue of "*The Courier*" is **August 20**. 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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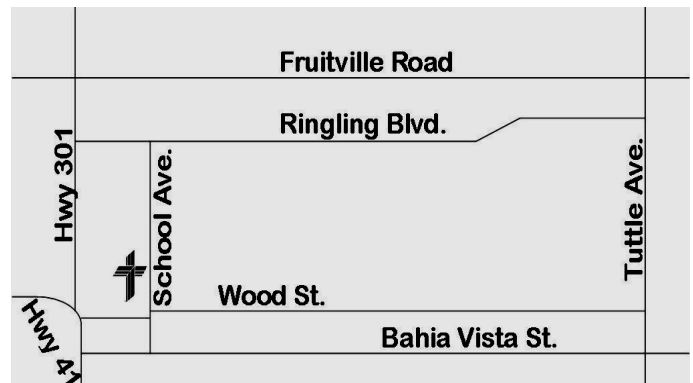
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Worship Schedule

Worship Services

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

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"

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