



## The CONCORDIA TRUMPET April/May 2024



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Easter Sunday has passed, but the joy and hope of Easter remains with us! The 50 days after Easter are known as the Easter Season and we continue to focus on the resurrection of Jesus. During this time the rallying cry continues to be

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Ascension of our Lord - when Christ promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be coming upon them so they could continue doing God's work, and then His ascension to take his place at God's right hand - occurs 40 days into the Easter Season. This year Thursday, May 9 is Ascension Day.

The Easter Season ends with Pentecost which falls on May 19 this year. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised his disciples, on our hearts and the hearts of the entire community of believers as we are empowered and guided by the Spirit to bear witness and share the truth and fullness of God's word with the world. Pentecost is considered to be the birthday of the Christian church.

During this Easter Season and beyond, may the grace of Christ enable us to show the power of the resurrection in our words and actions, setting an example for others to follow as we do our best to live godly lives. Amen.



**April/ May Schedule for Concordia**  
~ Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m.

- April 7** Church Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna  
**14** Worship with Deacon Donna Dutton  
**21** Worship with Father John Crosswaite  
**28** Worship with Father John Crosswaite
- May 5** Church Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship with Father John Crosswaite  
**9 Ascension Day**  
**12 Mother's Day**  
Worship with Father John Crosswaite  
**19 Pentecost**  
Worship with the Rev. Jennifer Kenna  
**26 Trinity Sunday**  
Worship with Father John Crosswaite  
**27 Memorial Day**
- June 2** Church Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.



*And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. Acts 2:4*



**May 19, 2024**

Worship with us at 10 a.m.

Wear something RED.

Bring a RED geranium plant.

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

*Acts 2: 1-12*

*Holy Spirit, blow through our hearts and set us on fire for you!  
Amen.*



# Church Council Meeting

**Church Council Members** meet on the first Sunday of the month.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m.  
on Sunday, **April 7**  
and  
Sunday, **May 5**  
and  
Sunday, **June 2.**



**Tuesdays at Noon**

Are you interested  
in improving our  
church?

Join us on Tuesdays at noon with a bag lunch followed by a work session doing whatever is needed. We might do cleaning, or rearranging or decluttering.

It is a good opportunity to get to know each other better and to accomplish good things for Concordia.

For questions, see Kathy Robertson or call 315-212-0757.



As an outreach project to serve our community and as a way to give our Concordia Lutheran

Church increased name recognition, several parishoners have been baking cookies and donating them to the Urban Mission and Salvation Army to serve at their warming centers.

If you would like to donate cookies, you may bake them at your home, put them in a zip-lock type bag and bring them to church on Sundays or on Tuesdays at noon and we will deliver them for you.



Memorials have been given in memory of

**James Scott** by:

~ The Fort Drum Library Staff

~ Mike and Cathy Deline

The flowers on the Easter Cross pictured on page 4 were given in memory of:

**John & Rosina Schneider**, Parents

**Alexander Armstrong**, Great-Grandson

**Martin Schneider**, Son, and

**All Loved Ones**

by The Schneider Family-

John, Ro, Mike, Marie & Families.



**As the end of the  
Lenten Season approached ...**

In preparation for Concordia's Good Friday worship service on March 29, the cross was draped in black and the altar stripped bare.

This symbolized the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of Easter and New Life.



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## News and Notes

\* Thank you to all who attended Concordia's annual meeting in February. Congratulations and thank you to **Barbara Delosh** and **Carol Stacey** who were re-elected to serve on the Church Council. Sincere thanks also to the other church council members for their service: **Debby Whelpley, Eric Holloway, Kathy Robertson, Sid Wheeler,** and **Ginny Hasseler.** The council members appreciate the support given to them by the congregation.



\* Thank you to everyone who participated in any way in Concordia's Chili Cook-Off in February, especially the chefs: **Carol, Eric, Mark, Sid** and **Ginny.** \$265.00 was raised for the Urban Mission Food Pantry. Congratulations to Eric Holloway who prepared the winning Beef Chili and was awarded a gift card to Dunkin'.

\* In March a check for \$725.00 was sent to the Urban Mission. It included the funds raised by the Chili Cook-Off and monies donated by parishioners. Cherylyn VanBrocklin, executive director of the Mission sent a thank you letter stating, "**It is truly a fulfilling job to be able to assist so many in need. Thank you for making an investment in the lives of others. With the help from individuals such as yourselves, this is made possible. It is indeed an honor to partner with you on this wonderful endeavor known as the Urban Mission.**"

Concordia continually welcomes your donations of non-perishable food and personal care items.

\* The *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for April, May & June are available by the guest register in the rear of the church.

\* Our condolences and sympathy to the family of **Katherine Graffi**, 99, a long-time member of Concordia, who passed away March 28 in the Schnectady area where she lived in recent years.



## An Update on the Parsonage

The parsonage has been empty for 10 months, but still has expenses such as utilities and taxes since it has lost its tax-exempt status without a pastor actually living in it. The first tax bill will be the city taxes which come due August 5. The interior of the parsonage has been painted in readiness for a new pastor, but in the interim until we have a new pastor to call, the council would like to rent the house using the services of a property management company. Checking with several management companies showed that 10% of the monthly income is the most common cost, although at least one charges 12%. They do tenant screening, showings, contract signing, rental collections and handle day-to-day matters. Renting would provide a source of income for paying taxes and perhaps doing some other updates on the church properties. It would remove some of the burden placed on our property committee chairperson and remove concerns about squatters getting into the house.

At a Special Congregational Meeting held March 24, the Church Council was given approval to proceed with renting the parsonage using the North Star Property Management Company which charges 10%. North Star suggests rent of \$1,800 to \$2,000 per month and has given some recommendations including installing smoke and carbon dioxide detectors; power washing the exterior, and painting the front door. When we complete the recommendations, they will take photos and list the house for rent.

## Concordia's Organ

Last spring when Jason Comet became our Music Director, he tested our organ to see how it played. Unfortunately, it didn't. As a skilled, professional organ specialist, he checked it over and diagnosed it as needing repairs and parts. Unfortunately, due to its age, the needed parts were no longer available. He generously decided to loan us, for a year, an organ which he owned. Kathy Robertson, chairperson of the worship and music committee, wished that we could purchase an organ. After her husband, Jim Scott, passed away unexpectedly in August, Kathy offered to purchase an organ for Concordia in memory of Jim. Her offer was appreciatively accepted by the church council. The organ was ordered and arrived March 25. The next step is to do some construction in the attic and in the sacristies in the front of the church for the speakers. Then the organ and speakers will be installed and the "loaner" organ returned to Jason. When it is all completed, we plan to have a service dedicating and blessing the organ. If you attended the Easter worship service, you have seen the new organ in person, but if not, you might enjoy seeing these photos. Watch for further developments in April!



The new organ arrives.





## Do You Know What This Is?



If you guessed that it is a wooden sign standing on a table in our fellowship hall, you are correct. But what is the sign for? Where will it be used?

If you guessed that it will be attached to the large wooden "Concordia Lutheran Church" sign on our front lawn to inform and invite passersby to attend our Sunday worship service at 10 a.m., you are correct! Thank you to **Angie McCabe** for making it for us!

### Concordia Lutheran Church Council Members and Other Personnel

Ginny Hasseler, President (315-493-0948)  
 Carol Stacey, Vice -President  
 Katherine Robertson, Council Secretary, Treasurer,  
 Worship & Music

Barbara Delosh  
 Eric Holloway, Property Co-Chair  
 Sid Wheeler, Property Co-Chair  
 Debby Whelpley, Fellowship

Eric Holloway, Facebook  
 Carol Stacey, Financial Secretary  
 Ginny Hasseler, Newsletter & Bulletin  
 Jason Comet, Music Director & Bulletin

If you are on Facebook, check out and "Like" our page.

## Birthdays



3 Franklin Fuhrman  
 5 Mark Delosh  
 14 Barbara Thiebeau  
 28 Rosina Allen  
 29 Ruth Scheppard

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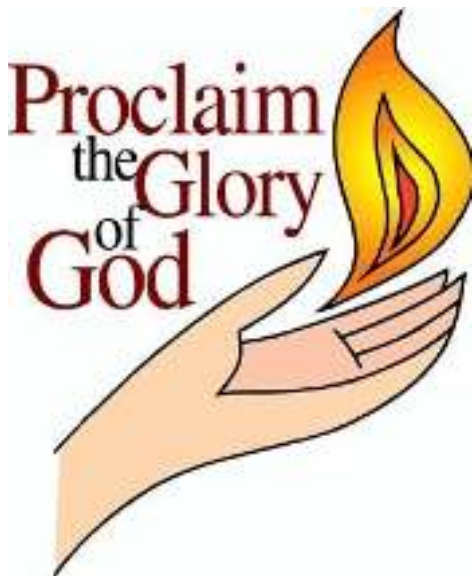


2 Jayda Wheeler  
 7 Barbara Delosh  
 10 Sharon Nagler  
 11 Cindy Robertson  
 16 Eric Holloway  
 23 Ed Fritz

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the Ways of the Christian Faith.**