



# Concordia Chimes

## CONCORDIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Our Mission Statement

*As a witness to Christ in our community, we are committed to spiritual growth and service.*

### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**

**Rev. Doris Simpson, Pastor**

I have set office hours so that you will know when you can be relatively sure I will be in the office if you want to stop in. That being said, there are times that I need to be gone for meetings, nursing home worship, scheduled pastoral visits or emergencies during those hours, but those times are infrequent. I am also often in the office until 5:00 pm or later, so you can stop in any time you see a blue Buick LeSabre parked in front of the church or in the

### Office Hours

Monday: 8:00am-1:00pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 8:00am-1:00pm  
Thursday: 8:00am-1:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am-11:30am  
Saturday and Sunday: Closed  
Hours may vary  
Changes will be communicated  
through the weekly Chimes

### Vision Statement of the Wisconsin Annual Conference:



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The gymnasium at Grand Avenue was filled with people of all ages. There were shouts asking for more rice or boxes or vitamins. There was a competitive energy as tables of workers tried to outdo each other in the number of bags of meals were fit into boxes. People were happy to be working together, with the knowledge that they were helping to feed children they will never meet.

We were reminded that \$80 would feed a child for a year. Many of us spend more than that dining out in a month. We have such an abundance!

Jesus never missed an opportunity to encourage his followers to take hold of the life offered them by God. His special concern was with those who had lost heart or lost their way. Whether it was a lost sheep being located, a lost coin being found or a lost child returning home, every instance involved seeking and celebrating. When the lost is found, there is both reunion and rejoicing.

We have such an abundance! We have received more than enough compassion and mercy, Grace and joy, kindness and forgiveness are poured out on us.

Our belief in Jesus encourages our Concordia faith family to be a community of grace and mercy, looking out for one another, and fulfilling our lives' purpose of serving God by serving others. We are freed to take hold of the life offered by Christ when we let go of all that burdens us. We take our lesson from the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. We are invited to take hold of the life that really is life as we seek to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Through our support of the mission and ministries of this church family we are helping transform lives. Our generosity truly makes a difference in the world.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will come together to praise God for our blessings we've been given that we may be a blessing. We will make our commitments to support the ministries in this community through this church. We will also remember those who have been important in nurturing our faith and who have been received into the eternal life that *really* is life. We will remember and celebrate their gifts which continue to support the mission to which we are called. We will also celebrate the saints who have become a part of our church family during this year. We will celebrate the gifts of God as we share holy communion with one another.

Blessings,

*Pastor Doris Simpson*

One of the ways the Nurture Committee wants to care for our church family is to provide an outlet to share when one of us has a need, or when one of us has a need to help. It gives our church family an option to help out.

Here are some ideas for when it might be nice to have help:

- ◆ a painting project ( It's always more fun to do with others!)
- ◆ technical assistance with a project
- ◆ going to a movie or out to dinner

The "Helping Hands" sign is on the kiosk in the Galena entrance. Write down your need and stick it on the board. Life is more enjoyable and has more meaning as we share our struggles and our joys!

—Sue Evans, Nurture Team

### **CONCORDIA CARES!**

Please volunteer your time and show compassion to Concordia church families during times of joy (birth of a baby) and hardship (death in the family, ill family member etc.).

If you know of a family or a situation that would benefit from some TLC in the form of meals or transportation, please contact Pastor Doris (608-643-8822) or leave a message at the church (608-643-6356). We have a group of volunteers who are willing to offer assistance in those kinds of situations.

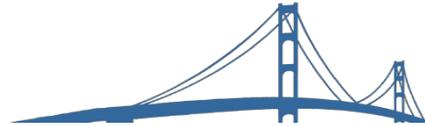
## November Birthdays

1st– Jan Bender  
 1st– Jackie Counts  
 3rd– Mert VonWald  
 3rd– Lisa Wenzel  
 5th– Heidi Halling  
 6th– Roger DeVoe  
 7th– Mary Zins  
 8th– Kelli Endres  
 8th– Taylor Koenig  
 10th– Tim Ladd  
 11th– Doris Simpson  
 12th– Tom Clark  
 12th– Robin Henn  
 13th– Jamie Nehring  
 13th– Cassie McNulty  
 14th– Clara Bolton  
 14th– Isaiah Enge  
 19th– Linda Ward  
 21st– Sandy Enge  
 28th– Otis Andres  
 29th– Pam Dickson  
 29th– Pat Mings  
 29th– Sue Ballweg  
 30th– Cindy Lou Paske  
 30th– Tiffany Atwell  
 30th– Carly Schroeder



## Concordia Youth Foundation (CYF) Building a Bridge of Faith

October was a busy month for CYF! We discussed and demonstrated ways to be stewards for our church and in our everyday lives. We continue to work at the food pantry monthly and volunteered with the Feed My Starving Children Food Pack. We also reached out to our church family for fall clean up help and with the Live Free Family Meal. We are learning how important it is to give our time and talents to others. In November, we will once again be selling Mudlove bracelets. Our focus is on spreading positive messages to those around us. This is an amazing fundraiser because every sale provides one day of free water to people in need. Wow! We meet on Wednesday nights are always welcoming new members. Join us if you'd like and prepare to have fun!



### Giving: Not One Member, But Many

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.*

*(1 Corinthians 12:12-14)*

A **division of labor** marks our occupations and social institutions in modern society: people perform highly specialized, but reciprocal and interdependent activities. This results both in greater benefits for the whole and greater dependence of individuals on one another.

Paul the Apostle recognized both this benefit and this interdependence among the followers of Christ. He likened us Christians to body parts. We form a whole Paul calls the Body of Christ, and we are interdependent, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you.'" Stewardship is like that. Our gifts work **together** for the good.

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Arthur Tappan Pierson summarized the lesson of 1 Corinthians 12:

- Every believer has some gift, therefore all should be encouraged.
- No one has all the gifts, therefore all should be humble.
- All gifts are for the Body, therefore all should be harmonious.
- All gifts are for the Lord, therefore all should be contented.
- All gifts are mutually helpful, therefore all should be faithful.

Stewardship strives to maximize the impact of our collective gifts.

*Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

Our Caring Tree will be by the Fellowship Hall from November 7th to December 4th. If you are interested in helping, please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift to church by

December 4th. Thank you!

If you have questions, contact Lynette Theis at 643-6905.



Faithful:

Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph

What message does Joseph offer God's people today?

Adam Hamilton takes us on an Advent journey through the eyes of Joseph.

Spend time in reflection and contemplation as God's divine plan changes a carpenter's world forever.

The Advent Study will be on Sunday Evenings at 6:30-8:00pm at church.

Contact the office by November 12th if you would like to be part of the study so books can be ordered. Thank you!



Concordia United Methodist Church,  
"Ye are the Light of the World" Thank you for the beautiful devotional booklet done by you!  
Doris Litscher Gasser

Dear Members of Concordia UMC,  
Thank you for your recent donation to Hope House. Your contribution of \$407.86 will ensure that services and support are available to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. As October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, your support of victims of abuse is especially timely. With your help and support of our communities, we will be able to help survivors "hope for the best."  
Thank you again for your generosity!  
Anna Lange- Hope House

Warmest Wishes to all of Concordia United Methodist Church Members.  
From- Eileen Gattshall

Dear Friends in Mission,  
Thank you for your gift received to help with hurricane relief. To UMCOR.  
Grace and Peace,  
Roland Fernandes-General Board of Global Ministries

Thank you to Keller's Farm for donating pumpkins for the Youth Group to carve together. Thank you to Jim Kirner and Katie Kirner for delivering them to the church!  
Concordia Youth Fellowship

# BUDGET REPORT



## BUDGET NEWS

Budget Receipts for September 2017 \$15,181.32

### NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR MAY 2017

Hope House	\$392.86
Webster Covenant Relationship	\$943.00
Stueber Good Samaritan Fund	\$143.53

### BUDGET SUMMARY—YEAR TO DATE

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$34,272.53
Receipts	\$142,592.98
Disbursements	\$155,383.66
General Checking Account Balance 7/31/17	\$21,481.85
Capital Improvement Fund 7/31/17	\$136,059.08

### *Third Quarter Financial Statements*

Third quarter statements can be picked up in the back of the church. Those that requested email statements, should have received them. If you have any questions or you did not receive your statement, please contact the church office. Thank you!

**Bulletin Sponsors** Please consider sponsoring a bulletin at \$10.00 per week to support the cost to print our weekly bulletins.

*Do you have a generator we could use?*

*We would like to shine our bright blue cross in this year's light Parade on November 17th but need a generator to help us out! If you have one we could borrow, please contact the church office by Thursday, Nov. 4th!*

**Electronic Giving . . .** Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will receive in the year ahead. It is through the pledges and contributions of our members that we are able to live our mission here at **Concordia UMC**.

As you consider your pledge, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Authorization forms are available in the church office.

### SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS

Second Sunday donations (food, cash, hygiene, household items) for November will go to Hope House.



### FOURTH SUNDAY DONATIONS

Donations for Zelpha's Pantry will be accepted the fourth Sunday of the month. The Personal hygiene items are offered to guests at the Community Meal on the last Sunday of the month.

## Melodies of Compassion

### Redbird Mission

Our Melodies of Compassion for November and December supports the

#### **Redbird Mission**

*(Please note: only loose coins are deposited to Melodies of Compassion. Paper money is deposited into the General Offering Fund unless designated.)*

*Reverend Ann Scott, the chaplain of Madison Hospitals Chaplaincy spoke to us about her pastoral ministry to United Methodists when their pastors are not able to call on them.*

## Redbird Mission Consignment Sale

On November 5th and 12th, the Outreach Committee will again be hosting a craft sale. The items sold are made by communities within 60 miles of our longtime friends at the Redbird Mission in Kentucky. The sale is an opportunity to call your attention to the talents and dedication the Redbird community has to helping themselves out of poverty. Last year the notecards, pewter jewelry, weavings and wooden games were very popular. This year we have requested Christmas ornaments too. Be sure to stop by before and after service on November 5th and 12th in Fellowship Hall just to see what else comes our way. You might even find a Christmas gift or two!



### Labels For Education Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission, located in Beverly, KY will soon receive its 29th and final van from Campbell's Labels for Education Program. We have contributed many labels to Red Bird Mission over the years, so we have helped them acquire these vans.

Campbell's has recently changed its Labels for Education Program, but Red Bird will continue to collect these labels until December 1, 2017. (They will put these labels towards other equipment offered from Campbell's for their Red Bird Christian School." So, please look through your drawers to see if you have any labels to donate and bring them to Church soon!

Box Tops for Education are still being collected for Red Bird. The Box Tops are located on many food items, including cake and cookie mixes, snacks, bags of flour and on a lot of paper products. These Box Tops do have an expiration date, so turn them in often. A shoe box is located on the small table inside the double doors of Fellowship Hall for you to place your labels and Box Tops. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Sandridge. Thank You!

*Mark Your Calendar*

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR



November 4, 2017  
8:00am – 2:00pm

Concordia United Methodist Church  
Prairie du Sac  
FEATURING:

Beautifully handcrafted gift items—delicious  
bakery items including lefsa and fruitcakes—  
gift baskets

Enjoy coffee, homemade cinnamon rolls, soup  
and apple pie at Our “Coffee Time” Café



## Baked Goods for the Bazaar

If you are donating baked  
items for the Bazaar, please  
drop them off at church by  
10:00am on  
Friday, November 3rd.  
Thank you!



## UMW NEWS

- **Bazaar Set-up dates** We will be setting up for the Bazaar in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am on Monday-Friday, October 30-November 3
- **The UMW Board Meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00am at the church.
- **UMW Circle Meeting** will be on Monday, November 13th at 1:00pm (please note the time change for this meeting.) Hostess is: Marty Virchow residence- 1535 Meadowlark Lane in Prairie du Sac. Program is hosted by: Jane Cordero. The annual “Thank Offering” will be collected at this meeting.

## UMW Christmas Gathering

**You are invited...  
UMW “Christmas Gathering”**

Join us on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. UMW members are asked to provide a dozen Christmas cookies. Cookie plates will be made up and distributed to shut-ins from our church. The Concordia Handbell Choir will be providing entertainment for the evening program. This event is open to all members and friends of Concordia UMC. Hope you can join us for a relaxing and festive evening!

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# Who's doing what, when?

## November 5th:

**Ushers:** Roger and Jane Cole  
Mert VonWald, Charlene Tetiva  
**Greeter:** Emily and Gordon Carncross  
**Acolyte:** Matthew and Alyssa Wenzel  
**Liturgist:** Kevin Emshoff  
**Tech Desk:** Doug Hultberg  
**Lawn Care:**  
**Nursery:** Tyffany Atwell  
**Communion:** Beth McNulty, Irene DeVoe

## NOVEMBER READINGS:

5th: Romans 8:18-28  
Philippians 4:4-9  
12th: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
19th: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19  
26th: Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

## November 12th:

**Ushers:** Ted and Robin Henn  
Paul and Karen Ladd  
**Greeters:** Carol and Stacy Paul  
**Acolytes:** Griffin and Gillie Fritsch  
**Liturgist:** Suzanne Paskey  
**Tech Desk:** Pat Mings  
**Lawn Care:**  
**Nursery:** Greg and Anni Mauch  
**Community Meal:** Team Virchow



**Handbell Choir practices are on  
Wednesdays  
at 6:00 pm.  
For more information or  
questions, please call  
608-370-6210.**

## November 19th:

**Ushers:** Youth  
**Greeters:** Youth  
**Acolyte:** Anna Drescher and Maddy Mauch  
**Liturgist:** Youth  
**Tech Desk:** Bruce Koch  
**Lawn Care:**  
**Nursery:** Scott and Lisa Alyea

**Save the Date!!**  
December 17, 2017  
Sunday School  
Children's Program  
10:30am



## November 26th:

**Ushers:** Bruce and Leslie Koch  
Darlene Coyle and Cathy Bochar  
**Greeters:** Betty Granger  
**Acolytes:** Evie Fritsch  
**Liturgist:** Heidi Halling  
**Tech Desk:** Irene DeVoe  
**Lawn Care:**  
**Nursery:** Sue Evans  
**Community Meal:** Team Roelke

**Choir Rehearsals  
are on Thursdays  
At 6:30pm**

*New members are welcome and  
needed! We usually sing on the 2nd  
and 4th Sundays of each month  
September through May. We'd love  
to see you there!*

***Even when I cry out, "Violence!" I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice.  
"(Job 19:7)***

Again, our country is shocked into silence by wanton, senseless violence. The shootings in Las Vegas are simply the most recent in a long line of massacres and bloodbaths committed by sick and deeply disturbed individuals. Horror mixes with heartbreak. What in the world is happening? We cannot fully fathom the depths of despair that result in such hopeless acts of domestic terrorism. Each and every time we ask, "How could such a thing happen?"

Our inability to understand such levels of brokenness say much about our ability to repress, deflect and deny. Throughout our Hebrew and Christian scriptures; prophets, poets, scribes, priests, and apostles addressed the same questions and concerns about violence and inhumane acts. It is in the fallen and selfish nature of human beings to lash out violently in the face of hopelessness and despair. When there is no hope, no faith, human beings take matters into their own hands. Violence is the lowest form of response to a world gone wrong. As one person hurts, so they wish to inflict hurt on others.

In Genesis 6:11, the author writes, "Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence." Perhaps we should reflect on whether these words might apply today? Our American culture glorifies and adores violence. Television shows, such as "Supernatural" and "The Blacklist," depict weekly images of torture and viciousness. Movies, such as the new remake of "Death Wish," make heroes of violent vigilantes. Guns are objects of worship; water and fire are made into weapons. We take it all in stride, never batting an eye. An epic tragedy the scope of the Las Vegas shootings quickly becomes a subject for debate by gun enthusiasts who claim that "anything can be turned into a weapon by someone bent on harming another." One National Rifle Association spokesperson made the claim that a rifle is no more dangerous than a hammer or a kitchen knife, completely ignoring the damage a hammer might do from over 400 yards away. It is an insult to intelligent people everywhere to compare an automatic weapon that kills and injures hundreds in a matter of seconds from a distance greater than four football fields to a hammer or a kitchen knife, but this simply distracts from the horrible tragedy of victims and gunman.

Guns are not the main issue; violence is-and more importantly, the hopelessness and despair that lead to violence. Unaddressed unhappiness that leads to unresolved despondency and depression, resulting in hopelessness and eventual violence, is a growing problem in our complex world. And what is the church's response? How are we championing the love of God and the healing grace through Jesus Christ? In what ways do our random acts of kindness mitigate and mend the random acts of violence? We will never eradicate violence, hate, hostility, aggression, and anger in this world, in this lifetime. Our Bible is stunning evidence of this fact. But we must become a faithful witness to the reality that love conquers hate; peace trumps violence; grace is greater than insult and injury; and that there is hope in this world that cannot wait for the world to come. Brother san sisters, be peacemakers; stand with the poor; comfort the victims; pray for the world. And cry out! Cry out until justice and peace prevail.

Grace and Peace,  
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



### Nursery Leader Wanted!

The Nurture Committee has been working on updating policies and procedures for the Nursery offered during Worship on Sunday mornings. We are looking for someone willing to share their gifts to this ministry by leading the changes we would like to see in the Nursery. Some of the responsibilities will include making sure the toys are clean and rotated for kids to play with, putting new books for kids to read, checking the craft supplies to make sure there are plenty available and being the contact for volunteers assigned to be there each week. The nursery leader would also work on structuring the time in the nursery for our volunteers with the use of children's bulletins and other strategies they may have and teaching the volunteers about the policies and structure of the nursery. Thank you for considering sharing your organizational talents and time to expand this important offering at Concordia.



### Alzheimer Dementia Support Group

Whether you simply want a reference point to know what to expect when cognitive changes knock on your loved one's door or find comfort from others who are walking in your same shoes, the Alzheimer Dementia Support group welcomes you. Free meetings are hosted at Maplewood, every 4th Tuesday, 3:00-4:30. RSVP's are not necessary. If you have questions, contact Theresa Grimes at 632-3383.

### Coats and Winter Item Collection

The Outreach Committee is collecting coats and other winter items for children and adults. They will be distributed throughout the Sauk Prairie School District. Items must be clean and in good condition and can be placed in a box near the kitchen. The collection will end November 12. Thank you!!



## Brainstorm:

*understanding the mysteries of the adolescent mind*

**A remarkable presentation on adolescent development, mental health and substance abuse**

### **The life of a kid is not easy.**

They experience unimaginable pressure and their 'internal stuff' can lead them to make bad decisions with a brain still under construction. These choices can have lifelong consequences. This event will help you understand how young people's behaviors, choices and vulnerabilities connect to their developing brains.

Also, hear an amazing young couple's inspiring story of making a difficult 'You-Turn' after going down the wrong road in life.

**Monday, November 13, 2017 5:45-8:30 pm**  
**Sauk Prairie River Arts Center, 105 9<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie du Sac, WI**



# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Bazaar Set-up 9:30am SOFAS 5:45pm CYF and Confirmation 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 9:00am Bazaar Set-up 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 9:00am Bazaar Set-up 7:00am UM Men	<b>4</b> 8:00am UMW Holiday Bazaar
<b>5</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship-Holy Communion Live Free All Saints Memorial	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00am UMW Board Meeting 6:30pm Witness Meeting	<b>8</b> 5:30pm CYF at the Food Pantry 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 7:00am UM Men	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Community Meal	<b>13</b> 1:30pm UMW Circle Meeting 5-45pm Brainstorm-River Arts Center	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 5:45pm CYF and Confirmation 6:00pm Movie Night-The Shack 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 7:00am UM Men	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship-Youth Sunday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Book Club 7:15pm SPRC Meeting	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship Service--St. John's Lutheran Church	<b>23</b> Happy Thanksgiving	<b>24</b> 7:00am UM Men	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Community Meal 6:30pm Advent Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30am WCC at Leystra's	<b>29</b> 5:45pm CYF and Confirmation 6:00pm Handbell Choir	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal		