



# Concordia Chimes

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## Our Mission Statement

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

## Vision Statement of the Wisconsin Annual Conference:

Resident Bishop: Hee-Soo Jung  
Asst. to the Bishop: Dan Dick  
SW District Supt: Scott Carlson



## 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



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Many (or most) of us do not like changes. Our life is a paradox. Our level of discomfort increases when we feel that we have little or no control over situations which affect us; while at the same time reality tells us that we have little or no control over much. This sense of lack of control, historically, has given birth to much conflict in our world as well as in our lives. What do we do with our discomfort?

My question comes as the Church Council will be discussing the responses we received earlier this year when we asked the congregation three questions.

1. What are Concordia's core values/beliefs?
2. What is your vision of Concordia UMC?
3. What would you like to see in our church's ministries?

The challenge to the Church Council comes in the responses. The conflicting responses include: to have traditional worship and move to have more contemporary worship; to use powerpoint more often and to not block the stained-glass window; to have pastor's time used to visit our members more often and to connect more with those who are unchurched.

The questions come from our desire to love and serve God by loving and serving the children of God.

Historically, as human beings, conflicts have led to war. The fighting among nations, faiths, religions, and families is documented in history books, poetry and prose in literature, and song. Each of us has our own experience of warring within.

When I was growing up I was given an image of an angel on one shoulder and a demon on the other; each offering their counsel when I made decisions about the choices I was given. It was not an image made up by my parents. The metaphor is as old as the middle of the second century. One of the apostolic fathers, Hermas described the conflict within each of us as the good and bad angels.

Our paradox is that each of us is both saint and sinner, both good and bad, both less and more than just human. Charlotte Elliot expressed it in the words of the hymn:

Just as I am—though tossed  
about with many a conflict,  
many a doubt, fightings and  
fears within, without—  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come...

Also historically, as Christians, we have the teacher who lived the eternal values we seek to center our lives. 24/7 news reports and the problems we need to deal with, distract us from listening for the eternal truths. We don't always agree about how to live our lives based on Jesus' teaching, but we, as Christians, do affirm that through him we have eternal life.

Easter Blessings,

*PDS*  
Pastor Dan Simpson



## May Birthdays

1st– Dianne Kuehl  
3rd– Kathy Bolton  
3rd– Renee Grunewald  
3rd– Aaron Andres  
7th– Randy Paske  
8th– Phyllis Willoughby  
8th– Hunter Lang  
10th– Andy Henn  
11th– Karen Ladd  
11th– Heather Haas  
12th– Alexis Haas  
14th– Bryan McIntosh  
16th– Cindy Rothmann  
16th– Debbie Emshoff  
16th– Dawson Enge  
21st– Eileen Gattshall  
21st– Ethan Emshoff  
24th– Chris Bender  
24th– Cammi Wolfe  
25th– Noah Fritschler  
26th– Sue Giegerich  
29th– Kevin Grunewald  
29th– Mike Grunewald  
30th– Marianne Crow  
30th– Norma Halsted  
31st– Viola Evert  
31st– Alice Kindschi



## 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.

## Community Meals in May

The Community Meals at Concordia for the month of May will be on:

**Sunday, May 13th: Team Koch**  
**Sunday, May 27th: Team Virchow**

All are welcome to attend this free meal at Concordia for fellowship and food.

4:00-6:00pm

Join us and bring a friend!

## Trustee's Committee Report

This past month or two has been eventful for the trustee's and other folks in the church family. The trustee's have moved on a couple of action items that involve quite a bit of your money. First, the expected maintenance of the exterior of the original church building will be cleaned and sealed once again. This needs to be done periodically. Doug Hultberg has contacted several companies and we have met with them and are in the process of entering a contract to have that done this summer. Second, the trustee's have completed the research of what can be done to replace the old and inefficient AC units in the Fellowship hall. The result is that we are going to be having Baybrookes remove the existing units and install the replacements which are quiet, efficient and attractive. They will provide AC to the Fellowship Hall and Memorial Lounge plus the units are heat pumps so they will allow anyone to warm the large area more quickly. For meetings this is a real plus! As you likely know, the old units are so noisy, that they are not left on when people are in the room and that removes their ability to cool well. Both of those items will be paid for out of the Capital Improvement fund which you have donated toward in the past. Then, through memorial funds we are in the process of replacing the projector for better use of video for worship service. Also, through the memorial funds, the microphone unit used by the pastor will be updated and improved. There is a sub committee researching some kitchen updates and that will be done soon. That's it; except for the usual small stuff that happens along the way!

Take care and see you in church,  
Bruce Koch



## Faith Day at the Duck Pond!

**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Game Time: 1:05pm**

**Sign-up in Fellowship Hall**  
**\$10.00/ticket**  
**Fun for all ages!!**  
**See Sue Evans or Laila for questions**

## Sunday School

- Last day of Sunday school will be on May 20th
- May message is Change Your Hearts and Lives
- May Bible Verse Acts 2:38
- May Anchor Point: Knowing Jesus changes your heart and life.
- Plans for next year are underway with a fun and exciting theme!
- Thank you to all our teachers and helpers who have been there to nurture and grow our children!

### Concordia Youth Fellowship

- Bake and Bracelet Sale on Sunday, May 6th
- CYF at Food Pantry and serving with 6:8 Community Meal on May 9th
- 8 Miles for Water Walk on Saturday, May 12th
- End of season potluck and celebration-May 16th
- Promotion Sunday is on May 20th
- Mallards Game on Sunday, July 15th with Congregation
- Mission Trip to UMC July 30-August 3
- August Retreat Faith and Friendship-Date TBD
- CYF will continue with Youth Sunday throughout the summer on the 3rd Sunday of the month

## CYF Bake and Bracelet Sale

Concordia Youth Group will be having a bake sale and Mudlove bracelet sale on

**Sunday, May 6th**

All proceeds will be donated to:

**8 MILES**  
A JOURNEY TO CLEAN WATER

**Do you know someone who is  
GRADUATING**



Please contact the church office if you know someone from our church community that is graduating this spring.

# BUDGET REPORT



## BUDGET NEWS

Budget Receipts for March 2018	\$14,918.84
<b><u>Non-Budget receipts for March 2018</u></b>	
U.M. Children's Services	\$38.98
Paul Webster, Zambia	\$17.00
UMCOR	\$25.00
<b>General Checking Account Summary-Year to Date</b>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/18	\$20,852.94
Receipts	\$57,958.48
Disbursements	\$59,969.75
General Checking Account Balance 3/31/18	\$18,841.67
Capital Improvement Fund 2/31/17	\$123,459.28

**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**.

Concordia offers 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.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary**

There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for Sunday morning flowers for the Sanctuary. Flowers may be donated in honor of someone, a special event or important day. Flowers can be donated in memory of a loved one. Thank you!



**Please Use Non-Colored Ink**

When filling out contribution checks, we ask that you please use blue or black ink. This is very helpful for banking purposes with scanning. Thank you!

**SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS**

Second Sunday donations (food, cash, hygiene, household items) for May 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.

## Summer Life Groups

- Groups will meet during the summer to talk about life and how God is working in it.
- Groups will form to meet as often as decided by those attending the group.
- Meeting on Monday, May 21 at 6:30pm at the home of Sue Evans.
- Please text or call Sue if you plan to attend at 608-212-7376



## Melodies of Compassion

Our Melodies of Compassion for the months of May and June will go to

### Northcott Community Center

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



**DISCIPLE**  
**FAST TRACK**

## New Testament

- Beginning June 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> Bible study
- 12 Weeks this summer for busy lives.
- Wednesday or Thursdays evening
- Contact Pastor Doris if interested



### Outreach Update!

- Outreach is pleased to announce we had a 28% increase in Tamale Sales in February. This was a fundraiser for Reedsburg Hispanic Ministry. Way to go Concordia UMC!
- The Melodies of Compassion for Jan. and Feb. raised \$347.45 for Hispanic Ministry. Another demonstration of our Christian service and a warm way to start the cold and snowy year!
- Were you at the potluck with Reedsburg on Feb. 11th? If so, then you know about the delicious food and great fellowship we experienced. Outreach is planning the tamale sale and potluck again next February, and hope you plan on it too!



- **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**  
UMW Board Meeting at the church
- **Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
UMW Circle Meeting  
Location: Home of Mary Peetz (E10967 County Road C)  
Program: Women of the Bible with Emily Carncross
- **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
“Potluck Salad Supper” at the church  
Guest Speaker: Laura Pfeiffer-SW District UMW President  
Program: Clean Water and Climate Justice

## FILL THE TUB!

### Wisconsin Conference Hospitality Kits

The Outreach Team and UMW are collecting items for the In-gathering at the Wisconsin Annual Conference. The items for each kit are listed below. Please place the items for each kit in a 1-gallon plastic zipper bag, and mark them as men, women or kids. Place them in the blue tub in Fellowship Hall.

#### Men's Kit

1 antiperspirant  
1 bar of soap  
1 toothbrush  
1 toothpaste  
1 washcloth  
1 comb  
1 hand sanitizer  
1 nail clipper  
1 disposable razor  
1 travel-size tissue packet  
1 travel-size shampoo  
6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plain)  
Lip balm

Approximate cost- \$11.00

#### Kid's Kit

1 toothbrush  
1 toothpaste  
1 washcloth  
1 kid shampoo  
1 book/activity book  
1 comb  
1 travel-size tissue packet  
6 kids' adhesive plastic bandage strips  
1 pack of ponytail holders  
Or toy cars  
Box of crayons

Approximate cost- \$11.00

#### Women's Kit

1 antiperspirant  
1 bar of soap  
1 toothbrush  
1 toothpaste  
1 washcloth  
1 comb  
1 hand sanitizer  
1 nail clipper and emery board  
1 sewing repair kit  
1 travel-size tissue packet  
1 lip balm  
1 travel-size shampoo  
6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plastic)

Approximate cost-\$11.00

We will also be collecting individual items from the lists and assembling them into full kits. The kits will be shared with Harbor House Crisis Shelters in Superior, Northcott Neighborhood House, United Methodist Children's Services and Solomon Outreach in Milwaukee.

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# Who's doing what, when?

## May 6th

**Ushers:** Mark and Ilene Fritschler  
Kevin Emshoff  
**Greeter:** Jane Cordero  
**Acolytes:** Matthew and Alyssa Wenzel  
**Liturgist:** Heidi Halling  
**Tech Desk:** Doug Hultberg  
**Nursery:** Suzanne Paskey  
**Communion:** Marty and Jeff Virchow

## May 13th:

**Ushers:** Gordon and Emily Carncross  
Delorman Enge  
**Greeters:**  
**Acolytes:** Griffin and Gillie Fritsch  
**Liturgist:**  
**Tech Desk:** Pat Mings  
**Nursery:** Gina Accola  
**Community Meal:** Team Koch

## May 20th:

**Ushers:** Concordia Youth Group  
**Greeters:** Concordia Youth Group  
**Acolytes:** Maddy Mauch  
**Liturgist:** Concordia Youth Group  
**Tech Desk:** Bruce Koch  
**Nursery:** Leslie Koch

## May 27th:

**Ushers:** Roger and Jan Cole  
Charlene Tetiva, Mert Von Wald  
**Greeters:** Kevin and Debbie Emshoff  
**Acolytes:** Carly Schroeder  
**Liturgist:** Heidi Halling  
**Tech Desk:** Irene DeVoe  
**Nursery:** None Provided

## Mark Your Calendars!

Summer Worship schedule  
begins June 3rd

9:00am Worship

## May Readings

### May 6th-

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

### May 13th-

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

### May 20th-

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

### May 27th-

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17



## New Member Class

Sunday, April 29th and May 6th  
9:00am-10:00am  
Concordia United Methodist Church

Please call the church office at  
608-643-6356  
if you would like to be part of this class

## Amazing!

I am thinking that an amazing God deserves an amazing church. In these days following the Easter miracle, I am again impressed by the immensity of the love and grace of our God, so loving this world that Jesus was sent to atone for our sins, but more than that, to empower and engage us to be the body of Christ for the world! The resurrection was no ending, but a new beginning. Our God is an amazing God. Can we respond in any way that is less than to be an amazing church?

You probably know my vision and my passion. I wish to see our church reach any and all people who do not know our God and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Be they poor or rich, weak or strong, whole or broken – I want all brothers and sisters to receive the gift of God’s abundant love and grace – and in every way, I want people to know this grace through the people called United Methodist in Wisconsin.

I see thousands of opportunities to create new ministries throughout our conference. New generations of people, new immigrants, disillusioned former believers and energized new seekers could benefit so much from the love and grace of God, and we have almost unlimited opportunities to be agents of such love and grace.

I see hundreds of congregations striving to be faithful, though they struggle. I believe in an amazing God that can turn around stuck and stagnant ministries and breathe new life into our long-time churches. Our God is greater than death! Certainly our God is greater than our constraints, concerns and limitations. There is nothing God cannot do through dedicated and committed people.

I see marginalized, hurting, hungry, frightened, lost, and despairing people in every community who seek multiple levels of salvation and care. We Wisconsin United Methodists have an unlimited supply of compassion, mercy, kindness, generosity, and faith to address these challenges and create the possibilities for justice for all. We can stand with the poor, the oppressed, the destitute, and the hopeless to create a new future filled with God’s love and grace.

We can be an amazing church for an amazing God. Can you begin to put a value to the gifts, knowledge, skills, talents, time, energy, commitment, concern, and faithfulness of the men and women, old and young, who call themselves United Methodist in this state? What wealth. What abundance. What possibility!

We will be talking a lot about Launch Out! in the next months and years. Some may want to dismiss this as a simple funding campaign for ministry. Yes, on the most basic level it is about funding and resourcing ministry, but it is not merely a program of our Conference. Launch Out! is an invitation to be an amazing church. In a time of growing need and seemingly limited resources, it is a declaration of faith that we will do what God needs us to do. It is a commitment to become the very best church we can be. It is a way for us to dream big dreams and to discern God’s vision for God’s people. It is, quite simply, a chance to be an amazing church for an amazing God! Hallelujah.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



Dear Concordia UMC,  
Your Church's commitment to our shared connectional ministries is appreciated! In 2017 we received 100% from your congregation. For this we are thankful!  
~Wisconsin Annual Conference Finance Office

I would like to thank everyone for your continued prayers for my brother-in-law Steve Lighthart-had has made great improvements as he no longer is wheelchair bound and walking with a walker and continued prayers are appreciated. Kathy Jennings (daughter's mother-in-law) made a complete recovery from her car accident and is walking and just purchased a vehicle.

Thank you for your prayers,  
Irene

Missing Pans! After Easter breakfast-one dish with a handle and a lid to a pan. Contact Karen Ladd if you have these dishes. Thanks!



**GraceWay Church**  
65 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Prairie du Sac, WI  
**Monday, May 7, 2018**  
**12:00pm-5:30pm**

appointments: 1-800-733-2767 or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome

### HELPING HANDS!

The nurture committee is looking for ways to promote and expand the helping hands church family opportunities that are available. This is how you can get involved!

\*\* We are currently compiling a list of people that are willing to drive other members of the church to appointments. If you are willing to be added to the list, please contact the church office.

\*\* If you have "jobs" that you could use help with around your home, please call the church office. We have people willing to help each other out!

Contact the church office if you have time to give or if you need a helping hand!

### Stock the Schools!

Specific items will be collected each month and distributed to students in need through the SP School District.

Place items in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

#### May Collection Items:

Granola Bars  
Toothbrushes  
Full Size Toothpaste

### 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.



### United Methodist Summer Camps!



Treehouse Adventures  
Video Game Adventures  
Backpack Journeys  
Grandparents/Grandkids Camp  
Family Camp  
**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**Scholarships Available from Concordia!**  
[www.WIUMCamps.org](http://www.WIUMCamps.org)



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	2 9:30am SOFAS at Eagle Inn 5:00pm MS Youth 6:00pm HS Youth and Confirmation	3	4 7:00am UM Men at Eagle Inn	5
6 9:00am New Members Class 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship-Communion	7	8 10:00am UMW Board Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	9 5:00pm CVF at the Food Pantry	10 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00am UM Men	12
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Community Meal	14 6:30pm UMW Circle Meeting	15 12:00pm Book Club 7:15pm Witness Meeting	16 6:00pm Concordia Youth And Confirmation	17	18 7:00am UM Men 6:00pm Non-Profit	19
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship- Greet Graduates 10:30am Worship- Promotion Sunday	21	22 8:30am WCC at Eagle Inn	23	24	25 7:00am UM Men	26
27 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Community Meal	28	29	30	31		