



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 or in the parking lot.

Summer Office Hours:

The office will be open on most
Mondays from 7:00am-12:00pm and
Thursdays from 6:00am-4:00pm
I will be on vacation July 9-11
and on the Mission Trip at UMCS July 30-August 2.
I will stop in to check voicemail and emails during the
week and respond to them as soon as possible.
Thank you for being flexible with the summer hours!



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This Sunday—July 1st—at 10:30 am—Concordia will worship with the Blackhawk, Denzer and North Freedom United Methodist Churches at the Witwen Tabernacle with a catered lunch being served immediately following the worship service. Camp meetings have been held in the Honey Creek-Witwen area since 1853. Over 165 years ago, the Evangelical Association understood its mission and purpose to share the good news of Jesus Christ to those who didn't know of God's deep, abiding love and who felt a longing within; who had sought to fill that longing in ways outside of themselves and which had been left unsatisfied.

The 'Donut Hole' was a children's video ministry about 30 years ago which told the well-loved stories of Jesus through song. Some of the shared stories included Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house, the proud religious leader and the humble tax collector in the temple praying, and the healing of the man who was lowered through a hole in the roof by his friends. The donuts represented our lives and the donut hole represented Jesus; with the premise or promise that we are made whole when Jesus fills the hole in our lives.

It is amazing to me that every time I read those stories from the bible, the 'Donut Hole' songs play in my head. They are playing over and over again right now.

The Raggatz Evangelical Association Church, the mission churches which were planted at Blackhawk, Baraboo, Denzer and Concordia and the lives of people who have experienced wholeness through relationships with God, through Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit, have continued to share the old, old story of Jesus and his love. As we come together on Sunday, we will remember what God's Spirit has done through camp meetings and the birth of these congregations; and celebrate God's continued vision for these faith families in these communities; all in the name of Jesus.

There are stories of people lost in their sense of self-righteousness. There are stories of people who have placed their trust in how they have secured the fulfilment of their physical needs. There are stories of people who have lost their families through addiction to alcohol. There are stories of people imprisoned by pride, greed, envy, or rage and resentment. There are stories of people enslaved by the need to succeed. There are stories of people who were gripped by unending and debilitating grief. There are stories of how these bonds have been broken through the love of Jesus.

The need for the love of God we know through Jesus continues because the stories of brokenness are born again with each new generation. This is what we will remember and celebrate again this Sunday. When we believe in the power of prayer to the God of creation, the Christ of redemption and the Spirit of abiding presence and love we cannot predict how lives will be made whole; we can only receive it and witness to it in our lives.

God's blessings be on and in and with you,

Pastor Dan Singsen

Witwen July 4th CELEBRATION!

10:30am Parade
11:30am Chicken BBQ

Brat Stand and treats at
the campground all
afternoon with
old-fashioned games for
all ages!



July Birthdays

1st– Sutton Enge
2nd– Gordon Carncross
4th– Nolan Carncross
5th– Bob Bahr
9th– Dave Dickson
9th– Cody Paske
14th– Betty Katzman-Tank
14th– Amanda Lang
20th– Tim Grunewald
22nd– Judy Fowler
24th– Vern Fowler
24th– Ryker Koenig
26th– Aaron Henn
28th– Mariellen Brockman
29th– Sam Drescher
31st– Jan Cole
31st– John Fritsch
31st– Jordan Evans



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.).

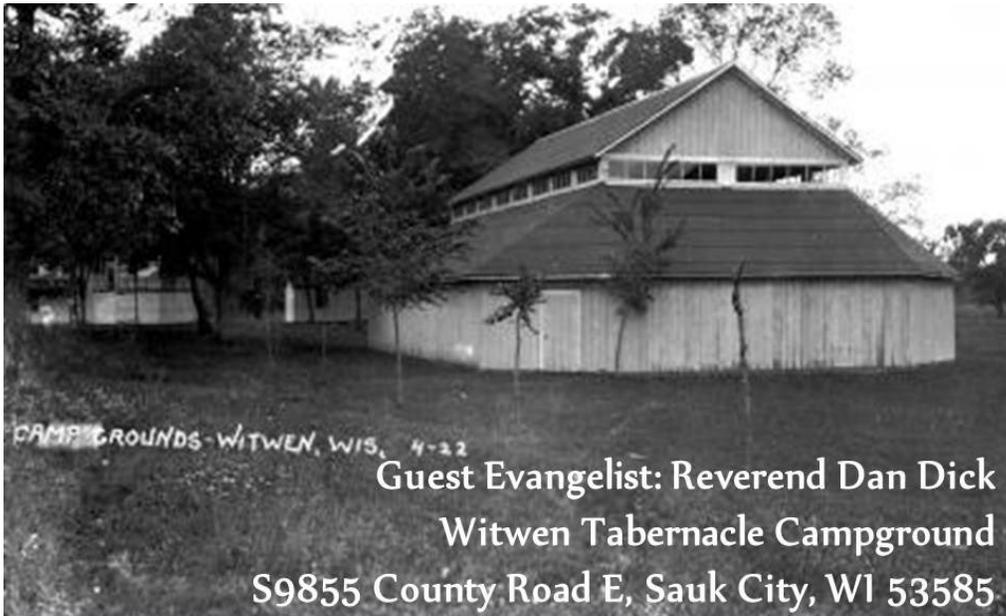
If you know of a family or a situation that would benefit from some TLC in the form of meals or transportation, please contact Pastor Doris (608-643-8822) or leave a message at the church (608-643-6356). We have a group of volunteers who are willing to offer assistance in those kinds of situations.

Community Meals in July

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

Sunday, July 8– Team Roelke
Sunday, July 29– Team ACTS

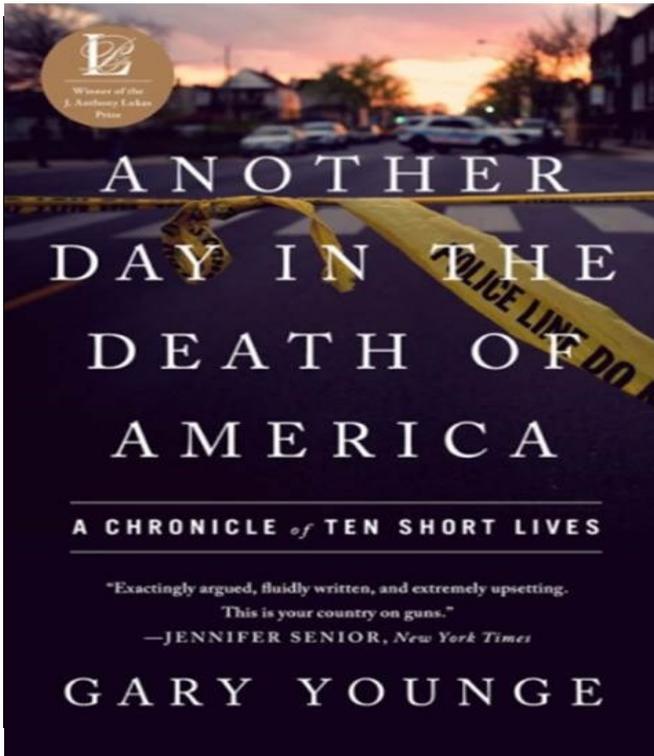
All are welcome to attend this free meal at Concordia for fellowship and food.
4:00-6:00pm



CAMP GROUNDS - WITWEN, WIS. 4-22

Guest Evangelist: Reverend Dan Dick
Witwen Tabernacle Campground
S9855 County Road E, Sauk City, WI 53585

*Camp Meeting,
July 1st 2018—10:30 am
Catered meal to follow worship service*



Concordia Book Club

**"Another Day in the Death of America"
By: Gary Younge**

**Book Club will meet on
Tuesday, August 21st
12:00pm**

Dear Concordia United Methodist Church,

Thank you for understanding the value of what we can accomplish together. Meeting the needs of individuals and families in our community is a continual challenge that could not be met without your support.

United Methodist Children's Services, Inc. values the worth, dignity and potential of each individual it serves, and creates a nurturing environment and sense of community in which miracles happen. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your donation of \$133.67 on May 18th. Your gift provides affordable housing, food, childcare, clothing, and supportive services to those working to move out of poverty. We are all sincerely thankful and appreciative of your support.

On behalf of those we serve, our staff, volunteers, and community partners, thank you for your generosity.

With gratitude,

Tina Itson— Director of Development.



BUDGET REPORT



BUDGET NEWS

Budget Receipts for May 2018 \$11,815.24

Non-Budget receipts for May 2018

Good Samaritan	\$375.28
Paul Webster, Zambia	\$241.00
Northcott Community Center	\$107.05
Golden Cross Sunday	\$230.00
Peace with Justice	\$50.00
Youth Fund	\$1,864.95

General Checking Account Summary-Year to Date

Beginning Balance 1/1/18	\$20,852.94
Receipts	\$83,729.10
Disbursements	\$119,450.79
General Checking Account Balance 5/31/18	\$20,028.12
Capital Improvement Fund 5/31/18	\$91,410.78

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!

USDA Rural Development

Does your home need repairs? Would you like to purchase a home? USDA Rural Development has funding available to purchase and repair homes in eligible rural communities. Interest rates range between 1-3.75%. Grants for repairs are also available to income eligible households over the age of 62. For more information, contact USDA Rural Development at 715-345-7611. Additional information is also available at www.rd.usda.gov/wi.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS

Second Sunday donations (food, cash, hygiene, household items) for July will go to Sauk Prairie Food Pantry



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.
- Please text or call Sue if you are interested at 608-212-7376



Melodies of Compassion

Our Melodies of Compassion for the months of July and August will go to

Hope House

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



Aging in God's Grace

**Thursday, June 28th
6:00-7:30pm**

**Pine Glen Senior Apartments
930 Prairie Street**

**All seniors welcome to gather for
friendship, learning and
discussion around topics that
might help us all to age with
grace, wisdom, hope and joy.**



UMW Potluck Picnic

Monday, August 6th

6:00pm

At the home of Mary Clark

W14028 Selwood Drive

Bring a dish to pass

Table service and beverages provided

This event is open to everyone!

Canned goods

Great item for the Bazaar!

It's that time of year...canning!

**Please keep the UMW holiday Bazaar in mind as
you can jellies, pickles, salsa, sauces, etc...**

**These are all much appreciated items for the
holiday Bazaar in Novemeber!**

Thank you!



Who's doing what, when?

July 1:

Worship will be held at Witwen Tabernacle at 10:30am.

July 8:

Ushers: Mark and Ilene Fritschler
Kevin Emshoff and Ethan Emshoff
Greeters: Verlyn Mueller
Liturgist:
Tech Desk: Pat Mings
Community Meal: Team Roelke
Lawn Care: Hunter Lang

July 15: Youth Sunday

Ushers: Concordia Youth Group
Greeters: Concordia Youth Group
Liturgist: Concordia Youth Group
Tech Desk: Bruce Koch
Lawn Care: Abe Rothmann

July 22nd:

Ushers: Bruce and Leslie Koch
Darlene Coyle and Cathy Bochar
Greeter: Suzanne Paskey
Liturgist:
Tech Desk: Irene DeVoe
Lawn Care: Kevin Emshoff

July 29th:

Ushers: Tom and Mary Clark
Jane Cordero and Suzanne Paskey
Greeters: Pat Yanke
Liturgist:
Tech Desk: Bruce Koch or Irene DeVoe
Community Meal: Team ACTS
Lawn Care: Tom Andres

Thank you to everyone who is willing to service in the roles listed above. We are especially in need of liturgists. If you would be willing, please contact the church office.

If you find that you're not able to serve as scheduled please contact the church office.

Church office contact information:
608-643-6356 or secr@concordiaumc.org.

July Readings

July 1st:

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8th:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15th:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22nd:

2 Samuel 7:1-11a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29th:

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21



God Bless
the USA!



Yes! We Are One In Wisconsin

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

Let me begin by saying, “Thank you!” Thank you to Program and Arrangements; thank you to Conference staff; thank you to volunteers; thank you to cabinet; thank you to our board and agency leaders; thank you to our young people; thank you to worship team; thank you to our Launch Out! team; thank you for a great Learning Day; thank you to Marriott; and special thank you to visiting Bishops, guests, Thomas Kemper – and especially Archives and History for a splendid 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet. What a Conference! We celebrated together “One with Each Other,” and that unity of spirit was felt throughout.

I know we are in tense times. I know there is uncertainty about our future. I know there is disagreement about how we should move forward into the future; but despite all the possible divisions, we came together as one body, to worship, to learn, to plan, to discern, and to be family as baptized believers. What a joy it was for me! We navigated our differences to witness to the love, and power, and grace of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

And we stepped forward – leapt forward – in faith to Launch Out! My heart soars at this great confession of faith in our future. God is doing amazing things in the Wisconsin Conference. You, brothers and sisters, affirm my confidence and discernment – you make my joy complete – by joining together to make this faith-raising initiative a reality. As we faithfully commit to fulfill this exciting challenge, we will see miracles happen, and our world transformed. This is an incredible statement of faith in times of denominational struggle. It is a great testament to the high level of discipleship in the Wisconsin Conference.

We do not know what tomorrow may bring, but we face it together. One way or another, Wisconsin Conference will continue to serve faithfully, to risk boldly, and to proclaim confidently, we are “One with Christ, One with Each Other, and One in Ministry to All the World.” I am so proud to be your bishop in these trying, and sometimes difficult circumstances. We are tested, we are tried, but we are strong. I ask you all to pray for your bishop, to pray for your Conference, to pray for Launch Out! and to pray for our delegation as they prepare for the Special Session of General Conference in 2019.

Bless you all my brothers and sisters, and thank you for an amazing Annual Conference!

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung





HOPE SAUK PRAIRIE

- 1st Meeting-June 21
- Every 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm
- 821 Industry Drive
- 16 Years and over
- Traumatic/suicide loss grief support group

Concordia Kids are invited to:
Black Hawk-Bethlehem UMC
Vacation Bible School

August 13-17
9:00am-11:30am
Ages 4-6th Grade
FREE!

Games
Music
Crafts



Bible Quest
Cinema
Snacks

Registration forms in Fellowship Hall

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.

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.



July Collection Items:

Individual packages of applesauce
Sturdy backpacks with working zippers

Summer Coffee Fellowship

Sign up (in Fellowship Hall) to bake and serve treats and coffee on Sunday mornings following Worship at 10:00am

Thank you!

It's a beautiful way to start the day!





July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Worship at Witwen Tabernacle	2	3	4 No SOFAS Happy 4th of July!	5 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	6 7:00am UM Men	7
8 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 4:00pm Community Meal—Team Roelke	9 Kitchen remodel project begins	10 6:00pm Potluck Salad Supper sponsored by the United Methodist Women	11 1:30pm Memorial Committee Meeting 5:00pm CYF at Food Pantry	12 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	13 7:00am UM Men	14
15 9:00am Worship- Youth Sunday 10:00am Fellowship	16 6:30pm Nurture Committee Meeting	17	18	19 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	20 7:00am UM Men	21
22 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	23	24 8:30am WCC at Eagle Inn 5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	25	26 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	27 7:00am UM Men	28
29 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 4:00pm Community Meal—Team ACTS	30	31 7:00pm Church Council Meeting				