



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
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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 the 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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Greetings,
Volunteers in Mission are servants who answer Christ's call to share our love of Jesus and serve in this unique way. On Sunday and Monday, seven of our youth, two parents, in addition to the adults from Concordia and from around the state, will be traveling to Milwaukee offering skilled and unskilled labor to United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS). For the last three years of available statistics report that an average of 485 people from Wisconsin have been on VIM trips in Wisconsin, around the United States and globally.

In the coming week, Volunteers in Mission will participate in the annual project at UMCS. Among the work completed in 2017, the VIMers spackled and painted walls, laid new tile floors, painted walls, moved furniture, pulled weeds, painted walls, re-hung pictures on walls, trimmed hedges, laid black landscape fabric and mulch; and spackled and painted walls and shelves. They painted a lot of walls. Skilled laborers were those who knew how to cut and trim wood for repairs, how to line up and glue tiles, and how to use hedge trimmers.

Unskilled laborers became skilled at painting, pulling weeds and spreading mulch. In addition to skilled and unskilled workers, on each VIM team there are advanced skilled laborers who supervise. VIM is one of the vital ministries in which volunteers are involved. The hosts are very appreciative of all that is accomplished on such trips.

As important as is the time, energy and work that is completed each year, the growing relationships have a greater impact on the benefactors. The benefactors are those who give and receive. The benefactors are those who offer their God-given resources. The benefactors are those who express gratitude for the workers as well as those who express gratitude for work to do. The benefactors are those who know they are blessed.

I ask you to keep all the benefactors in your prayers—that through Christ lives are changed.

Pastor Dan Simpson



Save the Date..
**SUNDAY SCHOOL
RALLY DAY!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
9TH!**

See Page 4 for more
Information!

→ LET ALL ←
THAT YOU DO
BE DONE IN
LOVE

I CORINTHIANS 16:14 NASB

Thank you for your generosity in response to the email for one of our members with a medical need. Your response was quick and generous which speaks of your faith as Jesus' followers with the care and compassion. Thank you.



August Birthdays

1st–Matt Schneller
3rd– Judi Rogalla
3rd– Jen Carncross
3rd– Taylor Haas
4th– Chris Davis
5th– Ella Drescher
5th– Lydia Emshoff
10th– Sandy Wenzel
12th– Fay Rolstad
13th– Sherryl Jones
14th– Marty Accola
15th– Marjorie Gnewikow
15th– Addie Drescher
16th– Suzanne Swafford
17th– Claire Joyner
17th– Roxeanne Andres
18th– Myles Mauch
20th– Lyla Sprecher
23rd– Gary Giegerich
23rd– Beth McNulty
23rd– Griffin Fritsch
24th– Claire Munns
24th– James Ind
25th– Kathy Howe
25th– Marty Virchow
25th– Pat Yanke
27th– Charlene Tetiva
28th– Marylee Lyon



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!

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 August

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

**Sunday, August 12– Team Koch
Sunday, August 26– 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!



Singers and Bell Ringers

- The choir will begin on Thursday, August 30 from 6:30-7:30pm at the church. We would LOVE to have new members! On-the-job training. Great fellowship, great purpose, great God to serve and to please! All are welcome!
- The Handbell choir coming in September! If interested in being part of this ministry or if you have question, call Tom Clark at 608-370-6210.

Concordia Youth Fellowship (CYF)

Concordia Youth Group will kick off their year with a picnic lunch and hiking on Sunday, August 19th following youth Sunday Worship.

Our theme for the year is



We will gather in fellowship to strengthen our faith together while seeking to discover the gifts that God has given us as individuals. Our 5 lessons to start the year will focus on dilemmas (morals, ethics and values), grace (stress, fear and doubt), character and integrity, I am (embracing one's identity and engaging in a world of serving), and relationships (family, friends and resolving conflicts).

Our schedule will look a bit different this year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Laila in the church office.

We are looking forward to finding our GROOVE as we grow in our faith!



Concordia Sunday School for all ages!

We will kick off our Sunday School year at Concordia on Sunday, September 9th. Classes begin at 9:00am for all ages!

Children's Sunday School Classes:

Pre-kindergarten– 1st grade: Teacher Irene DeVoe
 2nd grade–3rd grade: Teacher Lisa Wenzel
 4th grade–5th grade: Teacher Sue Evans
 6th grade–8th grade: Teachers Court and Laila Drescher
 Sunday School Music: Anni Mauch and Maria Andres



Adult Sunday School Classes:

ACTS Class: Leaders Jeff Virchow and Tom Andres
 CARES Class: Leaders John Budd and Bruce Koch
 Doubting Thomas Class: Leaders Roger and Jan Cole
 Doug and Barb Hultberg

Rally Day Potluck and Bingo!

All are welcome to the potluck following 10:30am
 Worship on Sunday, September 9th for the
Rally Day Potluck
 Sandwiches and drinks provided

BUDGET REPORT



BUDGET NEWS

Budget Receipts for June 2018 \$51,582.85

Non-Budget receipts for June 2018

Stueber Good Samaritan Fund	\$5,046.00
Paul Webster, Zambia	\$247.00
Northcott Community Center	\$112.75
Golden Cross Sunday	\$235.00
Peace with Justice	\$150.00

General Checking Account Summary-Year to Date

Beginning Balance 1/1/18	\$20,852.94
Receipts	\$150,361.52
Disbursements	\$154,595.89
General Checking Account Balance 6/30/18	\$16,618.57
Capital Improvement Fund 6/30/18	\$91,960.09

Second Quarter Financial Statements

Second quarter financial 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 at 608-643-6356.

Thank you!

Sunday School Substitute Teacher Needed!

We are looking for a Sunday School teacher the first Sunday of each month to teach the Pre-kindergarten through first grade class. This is a small group of early learners and the curriculum is provided. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Lisa Wenzel. Thank you!

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 August 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



Stewardship Update

- The next meeting will be on Monday, July 30th at 7:00pm.
- It's time to start thinking about our congregational devotions we write each year to coincide with our annual stewardship program. Our theme this year is **LIVE GENEROUSLY**. If you'd like to volunteer to write a page please contact Barb Hultberg at 701-240-6912 or dougndp@gmail.com. Calls will be made for additional pages beginning August 20th for a Sept. 19th deadline. Please give this some prayerful thought and consider sharing your thoughts and experiences.

Trustees Committee Report

A couple things going on at Concordia...It is a very busy time of year!

- The exterior of the original church is undergoing its repair, cleaning and sealing. This process will take about a month.
- The kitchen remodel is underway with the counter tops and some other jobs completed. Delays are common in reconstruction, but the kitchen should have running water and be usable by July 28th.
- The air conditioning unit that serves the administrative office and Pastor Doris' office went out the week of July 16th. It has been replaced with a new unit.
- The committee is in the process of discussing the replacement of the furnaces, boilers, and thermostats, as well as the heated ramp assembly. This will be an agenda item at the next Trustees meeting.

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!

Knitters and Crocheters!

A large assortment of acrylic yarns have been donated by the Alice Kindschi Family to the UMW. The yarns are free for you to use for Holiday Bazaar projects. The yarn is located on the table on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Come and look over the selection and take what you can use! If you have questions, please contact Mary Peetz: 643-6720



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 November!
Thank you!



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Who's doing what, when?

August 5:

Ushers: Gordon and Emily Carncross
Delorman Enge
Greeters: John and Joanne Budd
Liturgist: Heidi Halling
Tech Desk: Doug Hultberg
Lawn Care: Leslie Koch

August 12:

Ushers: Larry Hinyup, Verlyn Mueller
Pam Dickson, Irene DeVoe
Greeters: Dennis Roelke
Liturgist:
Tech Desk: Pat Mings
Lawn Care: Vern Fowler
Community Meal: Team Koch

August 19: Youth Sunday

Ushers: Concordia Youth Group
Greeter: Concordia Youth Group
Liturgist: Concordia Youth Group
Tech Desk: Bruce Koch
Lawn Care: Gina Accola

August 26:

Ushers: Nelson and Chris Davis
Chuck Frank and Phyllis Willoughby
Greeters: Sandy Sandridge
Liturgist:
Tech Desk: Irene DeVoe
Community Meal: Team Virchow
Lawn Care: Jeff Virchow

August Readings:

August 5:

2 Samuel 11-26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12:

2 Samuel 18:5-98, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19:

1 Kings 2:10, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26:

1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69



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).

Concordia Youth Group Kickoff!

Sunday, August 19th
Following youth Sunday Worship
10:00-1:00pm
hiking...picnic...prayer...fellowship
For students entering 6th grade through
12th grade!

Sign up to join us:
lailadrescher@yahoo.com

**GET
INVOLVED!**

A Collect Call From God

“Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.” (Luke 5:1-11)

What is your call to ministry? No, I am not just talking to clergy, but to the *laos*, the whole people of God, clergy and laity together, I am speaking to every person who calls Jesus Lord, who has given their life to God, who have been baptized – and even to many who have not yet been baptized: What is your call to ministry?

The United Methodist Church is a **discipling** Church. It is in our mission: “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” We exist to help form, train, equip, support, employ, and unite gifted men and women to take their active and integrated place in the body of Christ. We do this by creating environment, space, and experiences to relate to God and neighbor; by exploring our scriptures, theology, and tradition together; by practicing the means of grace individually and communally, and by engaging in active service for mercy, justice, peace and compassion. We jointly discern and discover gifts for ministry, passions for service, and ways to act most effectively. When we do this together faithfully, God’s will is done, and the world is transformed. Personal discipleship is communal discipleship that results in transformation of self, Church, and world. It is a sublime and elegant system.

Each congregation is essentially a discipleship system. We move people from an initial care for God to a radical commitment to God to an affective union with God and one another. We move from believing in Jesus, to following Jesus, to becoming like Jesus, to becoming the incarnational body of Christ. In a discipling Church, no one stays unchanged. A discipling Church is a place of perpetual becoming – in Methodist teaching, a place where we are being perfected in love. But the Church is not the goal or destination; Church is a means to an end. The Church is not the building we go to, but the building we go to is where we are formed and transformed to BE the Church for the world. Our purpose is never in our building, but only out in the world.

This year is a turning point, liminal space, grace margin for the Wisconsin Conference. We are preparing to become the Conference we have never been before. We have a vision, not just to reach new people, but to reach thousands of new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We see new immigrant populations, new generations, untouched classes, races, and people as opportunity to share God’s love and grace. We will do this with new ministries and with existing congregations; we will do this in our cities, suburbs, exurbs, and rural communities. We have a heart, a passion, and a commitment to serve the most vulnerable, fragile, and at-risk people in our culture and community. We are raising the bar and challenging the commitment level of our entire Conference. This is why Launch Out! is so critically important – our resources must match the God-shaped, God-sized vision we have for our life together.

It is not enough to simply believe. It is not enough just to respect the teacher Jesus. It is time to get up and follow, recognizing that we will be changed, and that in time, together, we will BE the body of Christ for the world – for The United Methodist Church is a **discipling** Church!

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

Games
 Music
 Crafts

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

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.

August Collection Items:
 Granola Bars, Markers, Folders and Glue Sticks

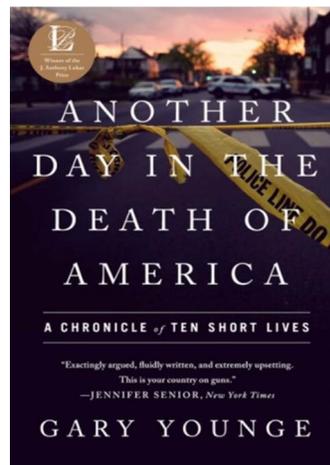
Summer Coffee Fellowship

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!



Concordia Book Club

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

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 18 12:00pm

A note of Thanks from the Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry...

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000.00 to the SP Area Food Pantry. Every donation helps us work toward our goal of helping feed families in the SP School District. We are an independent, community supported organization, relying on kindness and help to continue offering our much needed services. We are grateful for your thoughts and support. Thank you!

A note of Thanks for United Methodist Children's Services...

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your donation of \$500.00. 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!

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am SOFAS at Blue Spoon	2 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	3 7:00am UM Men	4
5 9:00am Worship- Holy Communion 10:00am Fellowship	6 6:00pm UMW Potluck Picnic	7	8 1:30pm Memorial Committee Meeting 5:00pm CYF at the Food Pantry	9 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	10 7:00am UM Men	11
12 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 4:00pm Community Meal- Team Koch	13	14 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	15	16 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	17 7:00am UM Men	18
19 9:00am Worship- Youth Sunday 10:00am Fellowship 10:00-1:00 CYF Kickoff	20	21 7:15pm Witness Team Meeting	22	23 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	24 7:00am UM Men	25
26 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 4:00pm Community Meal- Team Virchow	27	28 8:30am WCC at Eagle Inn 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting	29	30 7:00pm Disciple Fast Track Group	31 7:00am UM Men	