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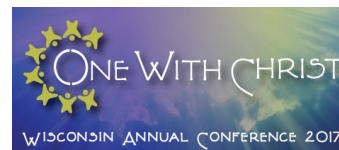
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Vision Statement of the Wisconsin Annual Conference:

Resident Bishop: Hee-Soo Jung
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Office Hours:

Monday: 8:00am– 1:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am–1:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am–3:00pm

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
Rev. Doris Simpson, Pastor

We're on the Web!

Don't forget that Concordia has a web page. You can find us online at www.concordiaumc.org. You'll see weekly updates with information about upcoming events. If you haven't already, you can also "Like" Concordia's Facebook page. Check it out!

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.



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It's Easter! Christ is alive through resurrection! We tell the story every year. It is the old, old story of Jesus and his love; and yet, new life becomes real each year. It is the same story that we've heard from the time we were small children; and yet, and yet, even though it is old; it is brand new. How do we process the new life of Jesus Christ?

There are signs of new life—yellow daffodils and dainty blue flowers that cover the ground. We notice the budding trees and dandelions in bloom. My brother found morel mushrooms this week. Ah yes, the outside world is proclaiming resurrection. My son's motorcycle which finds a home in my garage in the winter has been reclaimed for the new season.

The additional worship services during Holy Week remind us of the lengths God will go for us. We celebrate God's great love with joyous early Easter services led by our youth, in fellowship while we share breakfast with our church family, and in worship with the choir proclaiming that "Jesus is alive!" and our voices rising as we sing 'up from the ground he arose.'

Resurrection and new birth speak about how precious we are to our creator, how highly God values every one of us and how our worth is not based on external values, but the value with which we are imbued having been created in the image of God. I'm thankful that Easter is only a day, but a season of seven weeks. More than seven weeks, we celebrate Easter every Sunday throughout the year. And still more, we are given new life every day. God goes with us into the darkness, into the deserts, into every situation, event, moment that attempts to rob our souls of living fullness of life. Know that you are blessed.

Blessings,

Pastor Doris



Reconciling Ministries

In February 2019 a special General Conference of the United Methodist Church was called to set policies and practices about human sexuality. The church adopted the traditional plan which creates increased restrictions which results in greater exclusion of the LGBTQ community. This decision is being rejected by United Methodists across the globe. A small group at Concordia has been meeting to find a different way forward. It is the group's hope that Concordia will become a Reconciling Ministries Congregation.

Reconciling Ministries is a network of UM churches committed to the full inclusion of all people who have been marginalized based on sexual orientation and gender identity by the UMC. Reconciling Ministries congregations adopt inclusive policies and practices for all LGBTQ persons. Reconciling Ministries supports ordination without regard to human sexuality and supports performing same-sex weddings by our pastors and in our churches.

We are inviting all members of Concordia to voice their questions and concerns, therefore the following dates and times have been set for meetings.

May 6– 1:00pm and 7:00pm at the church
May 15– 1:00pm and 7:00pm at the church

You should have received some additional information through email/mail that will help you prepare for the Reconciling Ministries Meetings. If you have any questions regarding the meetings or Reconciling Ministries, please contact Pastor Doris.

Pictures Wanted!

Staff Parish Relations Committee is planning on putting together a picture board for Pastor Claire to help her become acquainted with the members of Concordia. Pictures can be a family picture— please label or individual pictures.

Give your pictures to the church office or one of the Staff Parish Members— Emily Carncross, John Budd, Rose Haige, Tim Marshall, Tom Clark, Rachel Ruhland, Lew Dillion, Maria Andres.

Welcome

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is encouraging members to write letters and notes to Pastor Claire Mather welcoming her to Concordia. You could also include a picture to help her begin to put names with faces.

Pastor Claire's Address is:
210 N. Eau Claire Street
Mondovi, WI 54755
pastorclairemather@gmail.com

May Birthdays

1st– Dianne Kuehl
3rd– Renee Grunewald
3rd– Aaron Andres
7th– Randall Paske
8th– Phyllis Willoughby
8th– Hunter Lang
10th– Andrew Henn
11th– Karen Ladd
11th– Heather Haas
12th– Alexis Haas
16th– Cindy Rothmann
16th– Debbie Emshoff
16th– Dawson Enge
21st– Ethan Emshoff
24th– Christie Bender
24th– Cami Wolfe
25th– Noah Fritschler
26th– Sue Giegerich
29th– Kevin Grunewald
29th– Michael Grunewald
30th– Marianne Crow
30th– Norma Halsted
31st– Viola Evert

June 23rd

Pastor Doris' Farewell Breakfast
Following her last Sunday Preaching

July 14th

Pastor Claire Douglas' Welcome Brunch
Following her first Sunday Preaching

Watch for more details on these 2 events



Parsonage Work Day– All Invited!

Wednesday, May 22: 12:30-5:00pm
Brats at 5:00pm after working!

Proposed possible tasks include: Landscape bark, carpet cleaning, tilling and reseeding, power wash divider, staining divider, painting and window cleaning.

The day will be a fun day to fellowship and work together to make a fresh home for our new pastor!

Contact: Laila Drescher, Tom Andres or Dave Dickson



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Women

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UMW Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 7th

10:00am

Concordia UMC

UMW Circle Meeting



Monday, May 20th

6:30pm at the church

Hostess: Emily Carncross

Guest Speaker: Deb Bauer- HOPE HOUSE

*This event is open to all members
and friends of Concordia.*



Let's get more serious about prayer. In 'Floodgates' Susan Nilson Kibbey, asks if we really believe that prayer makes a difference, we will be more conscious of our need to pray to God in all situations. She suggests that people be active in Archer Prayer; prayer which has a target in mind. The Church Council invites us to pray for specific targets in our ministry.

Archer Prayer

- the target is for the Camp in Community—a summer bible school program for children in 1st-5th grades. Prayer for the children with whom we will be sharing God's story of love; for the children who are part of our church family as well as reaching new children and families.
- the target is Pastor Claire Mather as she prepares for transition from single to married life on May 31st, and as she prepares for the move to Concordia.
- the targets are Holly Neale and John Budd who are leaving on Sunday for training as leaders for our caring ministry, Stephen Ministry, and who will then train members of Concordia
- the target is the UMC in response to the 2019 General Conference.

Stock the Schools

For the month of May:

Handi Snacks-
Breadstick w/cheese
Men's and Women's
Socks

Please place donated items
in the red bin in
Fellowship Hall.

Outreach

Mission...Mercy...Justice

SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS

Second Sunday donations (food, cash, hygiene,
household items) for May will go to

Hope House

Please place any donated items in the blue bin that
is located in the Galena Street Entrance.

Melodies of Compassion

Melodies of Compassion
(loose coin collection
during Worship)
for the Months of May
and June will go to
**NORTHCOTT
HOUSE**

Thank you for supporting
this ministry!

Coffee Fellowship

Please consider Signing up
(in Fellowship Hall) to bake
and serve treats and coffee



**Sunday mornings
before 10:30am Worship**

May Community Meals

Sunday, May 12:

Team Koch

Sunday, May 26:

Team Roelke



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

4:00-6:00pm

Join us and bring a friend!

Zelpha's Pantry is going STRONG!

"Zelpha's Pantry" was an idea of Zelpha Hook's
back when Concordia started
serving the Community Meals. It was just
another way to provide for those that don't
always have enough of the basics when it comes
to personal hygiene items.

Donations can be placed on the counter in the
kitchen or put in the tub (under the counter on
the left as you enter the kitchen) labeled
"Zelpha's Pantry". Items that are popular are
toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors,
soap, deodorant.

**Thank you for help the Outreach
Committee continue what
Zelpha started!**

2019 Missionary Temba Nkomozepe



Temba Nkomozepe is a
missionary with the
United Methodist Board of
Global Ministries serving
as an agriculturalist at
Mujila Falls Agricultural
Center in Zambia. Temba
takes part in a range of
agricultural, education, and
health projects, as well as
church growth and development.

Concordia will be supporting Temba in 2019!



**SOFAS
Seniors Out for
Adventure**

*Open to anyone 60 years young
and older*

May 1, 2019
9:30am

Coffee and Rolls
Fellowship and Fun
Come and bring a guest!

*SOFAS meets the first Wednesday of
every month in Fellowship Hall*



Nurture Team Congregational Care Spiritual Formation

**Living Out Our Faith
Saturday Morning Small Group
8:00am in Fellowship Hall**

You are invited to join a small group on Saturday mornings at Concordia. We have been meeting weekly with 5-6 people to talk about our week, faith journey, encourage each other, and see where our conversation leads. It is powerful and inspiring to learn from each other and lean on each other during times of joy and hardship. Wherever you may be on your journey, we invite you to come along with us together.



**WCC
Womens Conversation
and Connection**

May 28, 2019
8:30am
Eagle Inn Restaurant
Prairie du Sac

All women of any age are invited to join the conversation. Come for coffee/breakfast as we share what's happening in our lives. Bring a friend!

*WCC meets the 4th Tuesday of
every month at Eagle Inn.*



**It's BUNCO time
at Concordia!**



**All Ages
Welcome!**

**Wednesday, May 29th
6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall**

**Please sign up on the clipboard in
Fellowship Hall!**

**Bring a
friend or 2!**



2019 Confirmation Students

Join us at Concordia on Sunday, April 28th during 10:30am Worship as the following students will be confirmed:

Sam Drescher
Bella Enge
Ellis Kirner
Evelyn Kirner
Alyssa Wenzel
Matthew Wenzel
Brody Wolfe

Concordia Youth Group and Confirmation

Sunday, April 28:

9:00am– Groove Class

10:30am Worship– Confirmation Sunday

Wednesday, May 1:

5:30–8:00pm: Youth Group and Yardwork

Sunday, May 5:

9:00am– Groove Class/Mother's Day Project

Wednesday, May 8:

5:30–7:30pm– Food Pantry

Sunday, May 12:

9:00am– Last Day of Sunday School for Youth Group Only

Sunday, May 19:

10:00am– Youth serve coffee and treats

10:30am– Youth Sunday for Worship

Wednesday, May 22:

3:30–5:30pm– Yard work at Parsonage

Wednesday, May 29:

**6:30–8:00pm– Youth Group at Concordia/
Bunco Night with Congregation**



2019 Summer Camp in the Community

June 17-21

11:30am-5:00pm

Concordia UMC

WIUMCamps Staff

**Singing
Games**

Worship & Prayer

Crafts & Activities

Friendship & Fun



**Kids entering
grades 1-6**

Registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Lunch and snacks are provided. Activities will be based at Concordia UMC under the direction and supervision of Wisconsin United Methodist Church Camps Staff. Camp in the Community is free for all campers. Questions? Contact Sue Evans.

The Other Side of Easter

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

Acts 1:4-5

With all that is happening in our denomination and in our Wisconsin Conference, we truly needed Easter to come this year to remind us of the great and glorious power God has for transformation and redemption. We stand in need of new life – new possibilities, new purpose, new hearts, and new minds. Easter brings us hope following despair, light following darkness, and promise following failure.

It is simple to celebrate the resurrection and feel all is well. Death is defeated. Sin is cleansed. A new reality has been ushered in. But what next? Where do we go from Easter? What's on the other side?

One might be tempted to think it all gets easier after Easter. One might feel like the Christ has taken care of all the problems of the world, and now all we need to do is wait. One would be wrong; it doesn't get easier, it just gets more interesting. Following the physical Jesus is one thing. We call it discipleship – Jesus leads, we follow. But what about the risen and ascended Christ? What do we do when the man is no longer with us to follow? What happens when what we have is memory and teachings?

This is the amazing aftermath of Easter leading us to Pentecost. John baptized with water; Jesus promises the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The twelve followers of Jesus are referred to as “disciples” up until the Pentecost event, then they are never referred to as “disciples” again. Something happens. There is a radical and fundamental transformation in the Spirit. Followers become leaders. Students become teachers. Disciples become disciplers, and stewards, and apostles. And collectively, through the gifting and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the church becomes the incarnate body of Christ.

Paul speaks of an affective union – a oneness of essence and spirit as believers live “in Christ,” and we recognize “Christ in us.” The fellowship of baptized believers is transformed, made new, given a new identity and purpose. What Christ came to teach us, we now teach others. The witness Christ offered to challenge the powers and principalities becomes our witness. Judgmentalism and factionalism drops away; we are lifted above all the hostilities, the prejudices, and debates that created “dividing walls” among us. The old life passes away; the new life emerges.

Is this not the message our United Methodist Church needs most to hear? Are we not standing on the threshold of an amazing spiritual paradigm shift where we quit focusing on the negatives and begin building upon the positives? Is it not time to stop harping on what we have been saved from and begin zeroing in on what we have been saved for?

God offers us this new life, freely, generously, unconditionally, and completely. All we need do is accept it, but accept it with our eyes, hearts, and minds wide open. We are not off the hook. No, instead we hold even more responsibility, more opportunity, more demands and obligations than ever. But we have also been given the authority to become a new people; a people of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We are freed to act mercifully, justly, with compassion, humility and true care. We become a people of deep civility, infinite respect, unbounded forgiveness, and amazing grace. We are living on the other side of Easter. By God's grace, let us live it wisely and well.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Finance and WUMF

Quarterly Giving Statements

Quarterly giving statements for January 2019-March 2019 were sent out via email on April 25th, to anyone that has an email address in our system. Those without an email in our system, should have received them in the mail. With our new computer system, there may be some errors in receiving them this first time. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Laila in the church office at 608-643-6356 or secr@concordiaumc.org. If you prefer to receive a paper statement and did not receive one, please contact the office. Thank you for your patience as we work with the new computer system.

Giving: Who Should Know What I Give?

"I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight...as God would have you do it...And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. 1 Peter 5:1b-4

The answer to the question, "Who should know what I give" is simple and straightforward: **100% of the people who need to know and 0% of the people who do not need to know.**

I have donated to a number of nonprofit organizations and have never wondered who sees my donation. Nevertheless, I would certainly expect that the number who do see it includes those needed to process the gift, and those who would solicit the gift and thank me, including the CEO who is also gift solicitor-in-chief. In addition, there would be auditors who would need to have access to all financial records.

In our churches, it is the same. The financial secretary and counters process gifts. During the week, office staff may process checks that come in and produce reports on giving from the church database. The Stewardship team needs to see giving records in order to make plans for stewardship campaigns, say thanks, and to guide asking for future gifts. Finally, the Pastor needs to know in order to participate in financial Stewardship of the church as well as congregational care.

The 2016 General Conference confirmed what the pastor's role was already by amending the Book of Discipline to read, *"To ensure membership care including compliance with charitable giving documentation requirements and to provide appropriate pastoral care, the pastor...**shall** have access to and responsibility for professional stewardship of congregational giving records."* (Emphasis added)

During the annual church audit, the church may share giving data with the auditors, as well.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Witness: Worship & Hospitality

HELP US
REMEMBER
THOSE WHO
HAVE
WALKED
BEFORE US.

1 Corinthians 10:6-11



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
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#NativeAmericanMinistriesSunday

Celebrate Native American Ministries

Sunday, May 5th

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with love of Christ. Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully.

Concordia Nursery

Would you be willing to help with the nursery during Worship for 1 Sunday/year? Sign up to help out on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office!

Bulletin Sponsors

Please **consider** sponsoring a bulletin at \$10.00 per week to support the cost to print our weekly bulletins. Contact the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin!

Flowers for the Sanctuary

There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for Sunday morning flowers for the Sanctuary. Flowers can be in honor in memory of a special person or event. Thank you!



Basic Lay Servant Course

Saturdays: April 27 and May 4
9:30am-3:30pm
Dodgeville UMC

Instructor:

Rev Dr. Barbara Cook

Theme:

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry

Cost is \$25.00 for text and materials

To register or ask questions:
dbcCook54@gmail.com
Phone: 608-778-6084



Who is doing what and when

May 5th:

Native American Ministries Sunday

Ushers:

Roger and Jan Cole,
Mert VonWald, Charlene Tetiva

Greeters:

Schroeder Family

Acolytes:

Ava and Otis Andres

Communion:

Jeff and Marty Virchow

Liturgist:

Tech Desk:

Doug Hultberg

Readings:

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 12th:

Mother's Day

Ushers:

Bruce and Leslie Koch
Darlene Coyle and Kathy Bochar

Greeters:

Chuck Frank and Phyllis Willoughby

Acolytes:

Anna Drescher and Evie Fritsch

Liturgist:

Tech Desk:

Pat Mings

Readings:

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19th:

Graduation Sunday

Ushers:

Concordia Youth Group

Greeters:

Concordia Youth Group

Acolytes:

Eric Emshoff and Gavin Carncross

Liturgist:

Concordia Youth Group

Tech Desk:

Bruce Koch

Concordia Youth Group

Readings:

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26th:

Ushers:

Ted and Robin Henn
Karen Ladd and Tim Ladd

Greeters:

Gina Accola & Suzanne Paskey

Acolytes:

Griffin and Gillie Fritsch

Liturgist:

Tech Desk:

Bruce Koch

Readings:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

If you can't serve on your scheduled day, please notify the church office. If you are willing to be a liturgist, please contact the church office at 608-643-6356 or secr@concordiaumc.org.

Thank you for serving!



Men's Community: Fellowship~Resources~Growth

6:8 invites all men to gather on the first Sunday of the month. Doors open at 3:45 with snacks and fellowship, followed by Dinner at 4:30pm and a program and guest speaker at 5:30pm.

May 5th topic is Addiction.

For questions call 608-444-9590 or 608-561-8468

Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Aging or Disabled

The SP Community Center is having a 6 week workshop that focuses on giving you confidence and support to better care for your loved one and yourself. The workshop is April 16-May 21 from 1:30-3:00pm on Tuesdays. To register, contact Marian

Wittmann at 608-355-3289 or

Marian.wittmann@saukcountywi.gov

6:8 Community Meal

A free buffet style meal is served on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the 6:8 building. All are welcome to attend between 5:00-7:00pm. 6:8 is located at 821 Industry Road.

Agrace to Offer New Volunteer Orientation

Agrace HospiceCare is seeking volunteers in Sauk, Columbia, Juneau, Adams, and Marquette counties to brighten the lives of local hospice patients by making companionship visits in patients' homes, or in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Agrace will offer volunteer orientation Friday, May 10 from 9:00am-1:00pm and Wednesday, May 22 from 1:00pm-5:00pm at Agrace office in Baraboo. Before attending orientation, prospective volunteers must complete an application and an interview with Agrace staff. Call (608) 327-7163 to register.

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. Questions, contact Theresa Grimes at 632-3383.

Blood Drive
Monday, May 6
12:00-5:30
GraceWay Church

Appointments are preferred;
Walk-ins Welcome
To make an appointment:
1-800-733-2767 OR
redcrossblood.org



Aging in God's Grace

*A spiritual reflection and
discussion program for seniors*

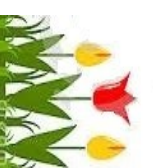
Tuesday, May 14th
10:00am-11:00am
Pine Glen Senior Apartments

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

Join us at Pine Glen Senior Apartments-630 Prairie Street in Prairie du Sac. Fresh baked treats and coffee are provided.

Bring friends! For more information, contact Shirley Kelter at 608-370-3565 or

May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am SOFAS 5:30pm Youth Group 6:15 Handbell Practice	2 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00am UM Men	4 8:00am Living Our Our Faith small group
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 Worship– Holy Communion 1:00pm and 7:00pm: Reconciling Ministries Meetings at Church	6	7 10:00am UMW Meeting 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	8 5:30pm CYF at Food Pantry	9 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00am UM Men	11 8:00am Living Our Our Faith small group
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4pm Community Meal	13 6:30pm Nurture Meeting	14 7:00pm Church Council	15 1:00pm and 7:00pm Reconciling Ministries Meeting	16 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 7:00am UM Men	18 8:00am Living Our Our Faith small group
19 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 11:30am Stewardship	20 6:30pm UMW Circle Meeting	21 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	22 3:30pm CYF yardwork at Parsonage	23 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:00am UM Men	25 8:00am Living Our Our Faith small group
26 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Community Meal	27	28 8:30am WCC at Eagle Inn	29 6:30pm Burco Night at Concordia	30	31 7:00am UM Men	