



# THE CONCORDIA TRUMPET

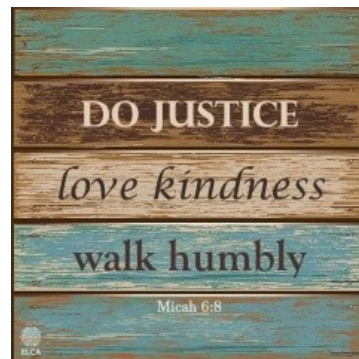
October /November 2018

Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watertown, NY

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## + From Your Pastor +

*“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*  
- Romans 12:2



One year ago the world, including Concordia, eagerly anticipated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Remember? Perhaps a fact less well known is that after Luther refused to recant his views on indulgences at the Diet of Worms in 1521, he **escaped** by night on horseback to Wartburg Castle to avoid being arrested. There he remained in exile for ten months. He was not idle, however. One accomplishment was translating the New Testament from Greek into German. Time well spent.

Who among us has not yearned for an escape of some kind from all the news and stress that bombards us on a daily basis? *“I can’t take anymore!” “I don’t want to hear it!” “Turn that off!”* Sound familiar? While we may not be facing arrest, we feel a need to just get away.

I am reminded of the teacher who asked her students: *“Which is the greater problem in our society, ignorance or apathy?”* Immediately a student replied, *“I don’t know and I don’t care!”* In a quest to escape or deal with the pressures of life, some people become numb – perhaps choosing to be ignorant and apathetic. That helps no one.

However, one place to which you can escape that is beneficial to you and to others is here at church. Come and be transformed by the renewing of your mind through prayer, worship, Holy Communion, and fellowship with your fellow travelers on the road of life. Help others in need, perhaps through the ELCA Global Barnyard or the Watertown Urban Mission. Time well spent. It is the “will of God” to *Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep It Holy*. Hope to see you soon!

Pastor Luisi

## October/November Schedule for Concordia

- ~ Saturday Worship Service at 4:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Sunday School & Youth Group at 11: 10 a.m.

### October

- 14 Church Council** meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- Pumpkin Painting**
- 28 Reformation Potluck & Pumpkin Auction**
- 31 Reformation Day**

### November

- 1 All Saints' Day**
- 4 Daylight Saving Time** ends
- 11 Church Council** meeting at 9:15 a.m.
- Veterans Day Potluck**
- 18 Annual Budget Meeting** following worship
- 22 Thanksgiving**
- 25 Christ the King Sunday**

**Yours is the kingdom,  
O Lord,**



**and you are exalted  
as head above it all.**

**1 CHRONICLES 29:11, ESV**



### ➤ **ELCA Good Gifts** ◀

and

### ➤ **God's Global Barnyard** ◀

Have you noticed the new **tree**  
in Concordia's fellowship hall?

Have you stopped to look at it?

Did you wonder why those ornaments are laying  
on the table and why there are only a  
few on the tree?

Turn to the next page of this newsletter  
to find the answers.

**Thank you** to **Red Snyder** and **Margaret Hall** for  
designing and creating our display tree.

## ELCA Good Gifts and God's Global Barnyard

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has a fund-raising project to fight hunger and poverty by providing **Good Gifts** such as **Bibles** for the Global Church; a **Latrine**; a **Water Filter**; **Food** for a Refuge Family and **School Supplies** for a child. The project **God's Global Barnyard** provides animals which can provide food to eat, fertilizer for crops and offspring to sell for money or goods to families in need.

### How can you help?

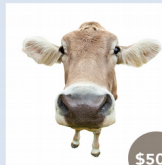
You can make a donation and buy an animal or other Good Gift. Gifts vary in price. For example, chicks are \$10, honey bees - \$20, piglets - \$30, Food for a Refuge Family- \$25, and Bibles for Global Church - \$12.

- Choose an ornament from the table that shows the gift you want to purchase. It can be given in someone's honor or memory if you wish.
- Sign the ornament and hang it on the tree.
- Write a check to "Concordia Lutheran Church" for the amount of the gift. Indicate on your check that it is for ELCA Good Gifts. Put your check in the offering plate. If you pay with cash, put it in an envelope labeled with your name and the item you are purchasing.
- All gifts should be received by November 25 and will be listed in the December *Trumpet*.
- Following the dedication you may take the ornament home with you for your tree.

**Thank you** for participating in this life-enhancing project!

## GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



### Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



### Honey Bees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth - helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



### Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

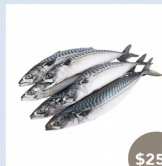
\$50



### Oxen and plow

A pair of oxen will help create record-breaking harvests, provide natural fertilizer for the fields and give families the gift of time.

\$1000



### Fish

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

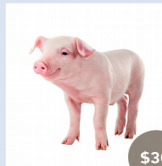
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### Sheep

A sheep's wool can be sold at the local market for extra income or be made into hats, sweaters, coats and blankets to keep family members dry.

\$125



### Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds - bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



### Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10

Give through your congregation, by visiting [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts)

or by sending a check to ELCA Good Gifts, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Please indicate your gift in the memo line of your check.

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## Announcements

\*\* The First Frost health walk will be October 14. **Pat Ryan** is asking for your prayers and financial support as she walks with the Watertown High School clubs. Pat also thanks those who supported her in September when she participated in the Out of Darkness suicide prevention walk.

\*\* **Pastor Luisi** officiated at the committals of **Carl Lofberg** and **Evelyn Jones** on Saturday, September 15.

\*\* A **Memorial** was given in loving memory of **Robert F. Whittier, Sr.** for his August 8 birthday by his daughter, **Pam Whittier**, from Harrington, Maine.



\*\* **Thank You** to all who contributed school supplies for the Urban Mission. Close to 1000 backpacks were distributed which made it possible for close to 1000 children to go back to school prepared!

\*\* Concordia continually collects **food and personal hygiene supplies** which are delivered to the Urban Mission each Monday by Pastor Luisi. **Thank you** to all who donate.

\*\* Concordia's **Annual Budget Meeting** will be held **November 18** after the worship service as we review our financial plan for 2019. **Thank you to Ruth Scheppard**, our treasurer, for keeping the financial records of our congregation in good order. **Thank you to Carol Stacey**, our financial secretary, for accurately keeping the financial contribution records of our congregation. Lastly, **thank you to all who financially contribute** to Concordia. Our church would not be alive and doing God's work without your support.



\*\* **Daylight Saving Time** ends Sunday morning, November 4 as we turn our clocks back one hour.

\*\* Fourteen people enjoyed a great time at the Alex. Bay Go-Kart and Miniature Golf course as a kick-off social event for Sunday School and the Youth Group in September.

\*\* Looking Ahead: **Advent** begins December 2.

\*\* Newsletter Information for the **December/January** newsletter should be put in the drop-off box on the church office door or sent to Ginny at [vhasseler@gmail.com](mailto:vhasseler@gmail.com) by **November 25**.



On Thanksgiving and every day, Lord,  
help us see you at work in all situations  
and give our thanks. Amen.

Spirit of abundance, help us live in gratitude each day  
for you shower us with blessings and  
give us everything we need. Amen.



## Volunteers for October and November

*Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for these opportunities to serve.*

### FELLOWSHIP

**Oct. 7** Samantha & Josh  
**14** Luisi  
**21** Phil Lueders  
**28** Reformation Potluck  
**Nov. 11** Veterans Day Potluck



### ALTAR FLOWERS

**Oct. 7** Joanna Bitter  
**14** Carl Zimmer  
**21** Gerlack/Zimmer  
**28** Holloways  
**Nov. 4** Fultons  
**11** Judy & Ed Fritz  
**18** Mark & Barbara Delosh  
**25** Lundermans

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT

**Oct. 7** Mary Jane Fulton  
**14** Phil Lueders  
**21** Eric Holloway  
**28** Eric Holloway  
**Nov. 4** Eric Holloway  
**11** Mary Jane Fulton  
**18** Phil Lueders  
**25** Eric Holloway

**Thank You to ALL of our volunteers-**  
 both those listed here and  
 those who are unnamed and  
 do the many other things that keep  
 our church alive and well!

## A Youth Group and Sunday School Activity

Halloween is just a few weeks away. Would your home décor be enhanced with some autumn or Halloween decorations? Concordia's Youth Group and Sunday School will be

**painting and decorating pumpkins on Sunday, October 14**

in preparation for a

**pumpkin auction on October 28 during the Reformation potluck.**

Come enjoy the fun and the friendly bidding wars as we support the young people of our church!

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





## ***Prayer Squares***

We have a new addition to our Prayer Shawl ministry. We've added Prayer Squares. These are small pocket or purse-sized yarn squares that are reminders of God's love and care for us in good times and troubled times. Each square has an attached card with the following saying.

May God's grace be upon this prayer square.  
 May it be a reminder of God's presence  
 Sustaining you in good times  
 As well as in difficult ones.  
 Lay the prayer square softly upon your palm.  
 Feel God's grace, His love, His calm.  
 Lift your cares and say a prayer.  
 Be cradled in hope, kept in joy,  
 Graced with peace, and wrapped in love.  
 You are a special child of God.



## **Reformation** *Sunday*

**October 28, 2018**

Enjoy a Potluck Meal following Worship!

## ***The Protestant Reformation***

Protestants recall the Reformation on October 31. On that day in 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Ultimately, the following five statements of belief became central to Protestant Christians.

1. Scripture alone is the final authority of Christian doctrine.
2. Christ alone is Lord and Savior.
3. God's freely given grace is central to salvation.
4. Sinners are justified by faith in Christ alone.
5. God alone is worthy of all the glory.

~ from The Newsletter Newsletter 10/08



**November 11, 2018**

Present and past military are asked to wear their uniform or any part of it to worship services that weekend.

Our fellowship that Sunday will be a potluck meal. Please join us!  
**Thank you** to all who served and to those who currently serve.



**Thank you** to **Nicole Scheppard** for her restoration of the statue of Jesus in the sanctuary.

## Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Council Members and Other Leaders

The Rev. Paul D. Luisi, Pastor  
 Ginny Hasseler, President, Christian Education Chair  
 Phil Lueders, Vice President, Social Ministry Chair  
 Nicole Scheppard, Secretary  
 Ruth Scheppard, Treasurer  
 Gary Fritz, Property Co-Chair  
 Eric Holloway, Property Co-Chair  
 Pat Ryan, Youth Group Chair  
 Tony Summerlin  
 Dave Wallace, Stewardship Chair  
 Carl Zimmer

Pastor Luisi, Worship & Music Chair

Mary Luisi, Worship Bulletin

Ginny Hasseler, Newsletter

Liz & Greg Hasseler, Web Masters

Carol Stacey, Financial Sec.

Samantha Scheppard, Fellowship Chair

Check us out on Facebook!



2 David Barnard  
 4 Owen Lewis  
 4 Shirley Weber  
 8 Stephanie Stanbro  
 21 David Wallace, Jr.  
 23 Harley Wheeler  
 28 Kate Lamica  
 31 Mary Jane Fulton

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1 Laura Wallace  
 8 Laura Lewis  
 8 Sid Wheeler  
 9 Bryce Brown  
 10 Martin Toper  
 11 Quinn Wallace  
 28 Christine Shipley

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**Sunday School: 11:10 a.m. (Sept. to June)**

Website: <http://www.concordialutheranwatertown.com>

Find us on Facebook.

*The Mission Statement for Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church:*

*See, Grow, and Serve in the Ways  
of the Christian Faith.*