



OUR MISSION

Creating a Christ-Centered community gathered together...To joyfully worship our God... To grow in faith and knowledge...To love one another...And to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

March Worship Services

SUNDAY,	March 1– 9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY,	March 4 – 6:30 PM
SUNDAY,	March 8 – 9:00 AM with Communion
WEDNESDAY,	March 11 – 6:30 PM
SUNDAY,	March 15 – 9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY,	March 18 – 6:30 PM
SUNDAY,	March 22– 9:00 AM with Communion
WEDNESDAY,	March 25 – 6:30 PM
SUNDAY,	March 29 – 9:00 AM

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter Article – March 2020

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God’s grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus’ work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God’s Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn’t just remind us of the sufficiency of God’s spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our

redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying “no” to your desires. Again, if you

fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” (1 Tim 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

Coffee and Treats

Thank you to the following people for providing coffee and treats after worship services in the month of February: Jeff & Nancy Bell, Bruce & Gail Avenson, Neil & Kimberly Olson, and John & Jan Wilke. There are slots available to sign up for this fellowship opportunity.

March's Coffee and Treats sign-up sheet is posted on the new “sign-up table”. This is important way for us to spend time together in fellowship after worship service. Please stop by and sign up for a Sunday to provide treats. Coffee and lemonade are provided by the church. For those of you who would like to participate, but feel they cannot serve, feel free to donate money for a Sunday treat to Sue Ogorek. I will help facilitate buying the treat and serving. If you have any questions, please see me. Thank you.

Spaghetti Dinner Was A Success!

This past Sunday Concordia held it's Spaghetti Dinner & Game Day. This was a huge success as many of us enjoyed a terrific meal and wonderful fellowship. Special thanks go to John Wilke and Kris Westad for providing the Spaghetti Dinner! Many thanks to all that volunteered to help prepare, serve, and clean up and the sweetest of thanks to everyone that provided desserts. A wonderful afternoon was had by all!

Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten Worship Services will continue each Wednesday starting thru April 1st at 6:30 pm.

Lenten Soup/Sandwich Suppers

Our Lenten suppers will continue each Wednesday at 5:00 pm thru Wednesday, April 1st. As in the past, we kindly ask that a group of people select a Wednesday to host a supper. The group chooses what to serve. There are sign-up sheets posted on the table. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Bell or Sue Ogorek.

Now Taking Orders For Easter Flowers

Please help to decorate the altar for Easter by ordering and purchasing your lilies or mums. Please indicate in whose memory you would like the flowers to honor. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. Look for Marcia Lally with a table set up in the narthex to order your flowers. Last day to order is March 29th.

We Need Your Help !!

Over time, events in life bring changes in many ways. For example, some of those changes may include home addresses, email, phone and cell numbers, and family circumstances, etc.

Here at Concordia we suspect that some of these changes have occurred without having been updated in our current congregational records. That is where we need your help.

During March and beyond, we invite you to stop by a table set up in the hallway. On printed sheets, please find your name listed alphabetically and

make any changes to update the information listed. Some of you have already done so and we appreciate your participation. Please spread the word and encourage one another.

One of our hopes is to create and distribute a congregational paper directory to be used internally by our members. No pictures would be taken and Inclusion on this directory would be optional. A directory would be of great value allowing us to reach out to one another for multiple reasons as family members who care for one another often do.

Thank you,
John Lally and Mark Stoltenow

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS, INC.
during Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign.

Five reasons to donate to Neighbors this March

For 38 years, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign has helped raise food, funds and awareness to help fight hunger across the state. So why is it so important?

1. This annual effort helps raise more than half the food distributed by the 300 participating food shelves in the state. Last year, Neighbors received a combined total of 327,441 pounds/dollars – this year, they hope to hit 350,000 to help feed their neighbors in need. This goal is critical in helping keep the shelves stocked in the Neighbors food shelf. In 2019, individuals visiting the food shelf increased by 13%.
2. The Neighbors food shelf serves an average of 600 families each month.
3. Over 1 million pounds of food was distributed through Neighbors last year.
4. Nearly one in eleven Minnesotans experiences food insecurity.
5. 100 percent of contributions to the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign support hunger relief.

Life Line Screenings

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke;

abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening for men and women used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package, which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.** There is a sign-up sheet posted on the table. Life Line will call you directly to set up an appointment time. If you have any questions, please see Sue Ogorek, or call me at 651-451-9182.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bruce Avenson
Paul Helgerson
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Board of Community Activities – Sue Ogorek
Board of Elders – Mark Stoltenow 651-283-9541

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Bruce & Gail Avenson and Cathy Johnston

Announcement And Servant Article Deadline

The deadline for turning in bulletin announcement articles is Wednesday each week by 9 am. The deadline for turning in Servant articles is the third Thursday of each month by 9 am. Email is the preferred method for delivering your article(s). concordiachurch@qwestoffice.net

Serving in God's House

Month: March 2020

Please add to your calendar; this is the only notification you will receive.

Thank you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion Helpers</u>	<u>Usher Team Captain</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Mar 1 9:00 am		Bruce Avenson	Bruce Avenson	Gn 3:1-21
Mar 4 6:30 pm		Ladies of the Congregation	Pastor W	
Mar 8* 9:00 am	Bruce Avenson	Keith Ogorek	Bob Kilb	Gn 32:22-32
Mar 11 6:30 pm		Ladies of the Congregation	Pastor W	
Mar 15 9:00 am		Paul Helgerson	Paul Helgerson	Eph 5:1-9
Mar 18 6:30 pm		Ladies of the Congregation	Pastor W	
Mar 22* 9:00 am	Paul Dale	Kim Huebscher	Paul Dale	Gal 4:21-31
Mar 25 6:30 pm		Ladies of the Congregation	Pastor W	
Mar 29 9:00 am		Nancy Bell	Pastor W	

*Designates Communion Service

Altar Guild	Muriel Rose & Kris Westad
Greeters	Keith & Sue Ogorek
Counters	Muriel Rose & Dorothy Siebert

March 2020

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1 9: 00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Treats 10:15am Sunday School & Bible Study 11:15 am Board of Directors	2 Presidential Nomination/Voting Polling Place	3	4 5:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:30 pm Midweek Worship	5	6 8:00 am Church Cleaners 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship	7
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29 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Treats 10:15am Sunday School & Bible Study	30	31	Concordia Lutheran Church 255 West Douglas Street South St Paul, MN 55075 651-451-0309 Worship Service each Sunday at 9:00 am (Communion every 2nd & 4th Sunday) Midweek Lenten Services Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Wednesday Adult Bible Study 10:00 am			



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“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND PUT A NEW AND
RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.”

PSALM 51:10