# Walking Together

## Concordia Lutheran Church

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**November 7–8, 2026**

*Worship: Saturday 5:30 pm · Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 am, with Holy Communion · Christian Education Hour: Sunday 9:30 am*

**This Weekend · November 7–8, 2026**

| | Lector | Greeter |
|---|---|---|
| **Sat. 5:30** | Chip Brown | Volunteer |
| **Sun. 8:00** | Don Enterline | Kathy Enterline |
| **Sun. 11:00** | Adam Brown | Karen & John Mullican |

**Next Weekend · November 14–15, 2026**

| | Lector | Greeter |
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| **Sat. 5:30** | Al Radek | Volunteer |
| **Sun. 8:00** | Maggie Brown | Christine Bell |
| **Sun. 11:00** | Beverly Walling | Kathy Schleef & Christine Bell |

**THIS WEEKEND — Holy Communion at all services**
**Nov. 14: Family Game Night 7:00 pm · Nov. 15: Congregational Meeting (budget) after the 11:00 service**

## Our Stewardship

Attendance, October 31 – November 1: 5:30 — n/a · 8:00 — 31 · 11:00 — 72
General Fund figures were not available at press time.

## New/updated Prayer Requests

### Heavenly Home

Dottie McAllister (Oct. 31)
Margarita G., mother of Alex Parlier

### New / Updated

Hazel O. (cancerous lesions on liver and spine), sister of Beverly Walling
Charles F. (surgery complications), friend of the Marrs
Lisa C. (nasal cancer), sister-in-law of Sylvia Shives
Madison K. (post-pregnancy complications), future daughter-in-law of the Radeks
Virma K. (medical issue)
Don S. (stage 4 colon cancer)
Frank W. (stage 4 lung cancer)
Pr. Bill P. (heart cath to place stents)
Hamilton K. (prostate cancer), cousin of Eloise Kline
Bruce H. (pancreatic cancer), brother-in-law of Brenda Ellis
Dominic (multiple health issues), great-grandson of Pr. Pekari
Jim G. (neurological tests)
Christine B. (recovering)
Sylvia S. (recovering)

### Ongoing

Twins Jason and Dominic
Gabriel and Abby
Amy R. (relapse of lymphoma)
Geoff K. (cancer)
Lee L. (2 heart attacks)
Emmalee (God knows the need)
Rodney B. (recovering)
Ken J. (chemo)
Marian F. (cancer treatment)
Dan and Patty H. (medical issues)
Rita (chemo for cancer)
Madison (Crohn's)
Jenn J. (chemo)
Ed and Trudy C. (health issues)
Frank W. (senior issues)
Jeannette L. (cancer care)
Barbara L. (2 cancer & chemo)
Gary R. (health issues)
Brooke R. (health issue)
Pam Y. (rheumatoid arthritis)
Martin (personal issues)

### Nursing Home / Assisted Living

Carolyn L., Somerford Place
Ruth P., Menno Haven
Ron & Millie B., Homewood
Phyllis M., Assisted Living in Florida

### Missionaries / Other

Pastor Mark and family; Tim Buss, DCE; Beverly Walling, Deaconess; Open Arms Preschool; Sunday School; Youth / Young Adult Groups; Stephen Ministry; Melissa Pflug, Eurasia; Erber Family, Africa; Fox Family, Guatemala; Persecuted Christians; Ukraine — country and people; Israel and Palestine; People affected by natural disasters

### Military

Philip P. Michael H. Nick B. Jackson B. Ethan B. Victor C. Brandon E. Rodney B. Pierre M. Quinn P.

## Calendar This Week · Nov 8 – 14

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| **Sunday** | Elders' Meeting following worship<br>Youth Group 6–8 pm |
| **Monday** | LifeLight Bible Study 1:30 · GriefShare 6 pm |
| **Tuesday** | Habitat for Humanity workday 9:00 am<br>Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm |
| **Wednesday** | Confirmation 6–7:15 · Choir 7:30 |
| **Thursday** | Mission Stitchers 9–12 · EC Meeting 4:00 pm<br>Young Adults Roaming Feast 6:00 pm |
| **Saturday** | Family Game Night 7:00 pm |

## Looking Ahead

November 15 — Congregational Meeting (budget)
November 17 — Aubrey Davidson leaves for England
November 26 — Thanksgiving
November 29 — First Sunday in Advent
December 3 — Women's Christmas Luncheon, 12:30 pm

## Nurturing the Faith

Readings for November 15 (Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost):
Psalm 90:1–12 · Zephaniah 1:7–16
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 · Matthew 25:14–30

## November Mission of the Month

Lutheran Bible Translators
Concordia Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

## Birthdays & Anniversaries · Nov 8 – 15

### November Birthdays

13 — Clint Pentz

### Baptismal Birthdays

9 — Sarah Brown
14 — Carolyn Lane

### Anniversaries — none this week

## Youth Corner

Sunday School, 9:30 am:
Preschool–Elementary — Community Room with Mr. Tim
Middle & High School — Lion's Den with Jesse Lowery

Youth Group — Sundays 6–8 pm

## Poinsettia Orders

Yes, it's that time already! Order forms are in the worship folder this week.

Poinsettias are $14.25, payable to Concordia Lutheran Church with "poinsettia" on the memo line. Place your form and payment in the specially marked basket in the office.

Deadline to order is November 22.

### Quick Reminders

- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 15, immediately following the 11:00 service, to approve Concordia's 2027 budget. Pick up the sandwiches you ordered from the Youth Group before the meeting.
- Outreach Center sidewalk closed November 6–15 for construction — please use another entrance.
- Poinsettia orders are due November 22.

## Qualified Charitable Distributions

Members 70½ and older can support Concordia through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD): a gift sent directly from your IRA to the church, with no tax owed by you or by Concordia. At 73 or older, a QCD can satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution.

To give this way, call your IRA provider, request a QCD, and give them Concordia's address: 17906 Garden Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

## A Note from Pastor Mark

Dear Concordia Family,

Thank you for honoring me at our Reformation Meal, and for the many cards, kind words, and generous gifts that followed. Your encouragement means more than you know.

On Reformation Day we remember that the Church stands on one thing: the Gospel of Jesus Christ, freely given. Everything we have as a congregation, our building, our gifts, our time, and our treasure, is given to us for that purpose: to bring Christ to people who need Him.

I am grateful to serve people who love that mission. You are a blessing to me, and I look forward to many more years of sharing the Gospel with you.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

## Pies for the Seminarians

Our Lutheran Women in Mission are baking pies — made with love by our own ladies — to support the food banks at our LCMS seminaries. Apple pies are sold frozen, with directions for baking at home; see the order form for the full list of fillings and prices. Orders and payment are due next Sunday, November 15. Order forms are in the Welcome Center.

Also from LWML: the Youth & LWML gift jar workshop has moved to January, and the Women's Christmas Luncheon is Thursday, December 3 at 12:30 pm — all women and girls are invited; watch for an invitation.

## Open Arms Preschool

Some fun days are coming up this month! November 10 is Hat or Headband Day.

On November 24 we'll have a Thanksgiving Potluck with families in the Outreach Center after school, 12–1 pm. Thanksgiving break is November 26–27.

## Concordia Choir

Shout for joy, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

We are preparing for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Rehearsals Wednesdays 7:30–8:30 pm. New voices always welcome.

## Micah's Backpack

Current needs: fruit cups, 100% fruit juice boxes, and snacks such as pretzels, granola bars, and pudding cups. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

## Farewell, Aubrey

Aubrey Davidson leaves for England on November 17 for a one-year program with a Christian organization. Wish her well before she goes!

## Thank You

Heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards, and well wishes during our shoulder and hip replacements. With God's help and Concordia's support we are healing, and we are blessed. To God be the glory. — Mark

## Church Mouse

Fred and Jean Tichnell moved into their new home in Hagerstown this week — blessings on their new home!

Terry and Joan Culler will be away for several weeks in November, vacationing at St. Simons Island, Georgia, and then visiting family in South Carolina.