

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2017

Welcome to our friends from Lutheran Church of Concord. We hope that all are blessed by worshipping with new friends and deepening those friendships!

Thank you to Rhonda Eastland for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Reformation 500 Postcard Project A school in Germany is hoping to receive 500 postcards for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Be sure to check out the postcard station under the name tags in the narthex & fill out a postcard today!

On August 27 you are invited to a meeting after the 11:00 worship to discuss the concerns and questions raised during the small group meetings in July and August. These meetings were opportunities to raise hopes, dreams, fears and questions regarding our future relationship with Lutheran Church of Concord. If you did not have the opportunity to attend one of those meetings, we would love to hear from you on August 27. The members of the "Accompaniment Team" formed to navigate our path forward are: Pr. Aileen, Julie Gerstenberger, Tarra Hartmann, John Corman, Cindy Hutton, Linda Irmer, Rod Speer, Gary Cantleberry and Joanne Ligtenberg. These folks are always ready and willing to answer any questions or hear any thoughts you might have.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in **MAD Camp** this year !! It was a great week, and all had a great time. Whether you worked with the children, donated snacks, or prayed for everyone involved, you helped make it a successful week.

RENEWAL OPPORTUNITIES

The weekend of September 3 we will be having a number of events to offer blessings to Pastor and best wishes for her travel experience. We will also discuss the journaling project that will parallel Pastor's journey. The main sendoff event will be in conjunction with the 11:00 am Sunday morning service at Messiah. There will be a special blessing for Pastor as part of the service followed by a potluck lunch. At the lunch Pastor will talk briefly about her sabbatical plans. Journals will be distributed to adults and children that morning and Pastor will describe the journal project. Members of Concord will be invited to join us for our potluck lunch at Messiah. **Sign up sheets** are posted at both churches. There will also be special blessings offered for Pastor at both the Concord 9:00 am morning service and the 5:00 pm evening service at Messiah. Journals will be distributed and described as well.

Be sure to check out the insert in today's bulletin about the **retreat**. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, August 27.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

Messiah Lector and Assisting Minister sign up sheets are in the white binder under the Communications board. **Concord members are welcome to sign up!**

A new lector sign up sheet beginning September 3 is now available. Lector readings are sent ahead of time and are in a binder at the pulpit on Sunday. Pastor Aileen will gladly meet with new Assisting Ministers.

Scripture readings for next week:

Exodus 1:8--2:10, Psalm 124, 1 Samuel 3:1-18

Prayer verse for August: *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 New International Version (NIV)*
Bookmarks are available on the podium outside the sanctuary at Messiah.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Weekly Prayer Cell: Tuesdays 9 am at SoHo Bagel in Stone Ridge Plaza. All are welcome to join us for prayer and a mini-Bible study. Any questions, call Royal Stellrecht at 865-6941.

For more information about Messiah and Lutheran Church of Concord:

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church: www.messiahlutheranchurch.net

Lutheran Church of Concord: www.concordlutheranrochester.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We are looking for **new or gently used books** for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. Any books you wish to donate can be dropped off in the collection box in the library area at Messiah. This is part of **Daniel Seman's eagle scout project** to help fill lending libraries for the Greece schools.

Tops' Bread pickup and delivery The bread is picked up from the Mt. Read Tops Sunday am and delivered Monday am to Cameron Community Ministries. More details and a new sign up sheet are on the Communications board at Messiah, or contact John Corman at 225-6393 or jcorman@rochester.rr.com

Greece Food Shelf (Messiah) Suggested donations: Peanut Butter and jelly, canned meat, tuna fish and cold cereal. Place in the blue bin at the main entrance.

RAIHN Collection (Messiah) We are collecting **cleaning products**. Place in the designated box under the communications board.

Concord is collecting school supplies for Community Lutheran Ministries. Check out the complete list on the communications board, and place in designated blue bin under the board by September 3rd. Thank you.

God's work. Our hands." Sunday, a dedicated day of service has been designated by the ELCA as 9/10/17 this year. However, because of Messiah's Retreat at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center the same weekend, we'll be doing God's Work at LCLC, as part of the Retreat activities. There will be something for helpers of all ages! Sign-up is requested for planning purposes – see the Retreat Sign-up. Any questions, please contact John Corman, 225-6393.

More "God's work. Our hands." After returning from LCLC, as Pastor Aileen is walking to Santiago de Compostela, there will be additional opportunities to serve and love our neighbors while we intentionally walk together and beside other community organizations. Sign-up sheets will be posted and will contain more information. Where do you feel gifted & called? For questions, please contact John Corman, 225-6393.

St. John's Home Transporters— If you're unable to attend the Retreat at LCLC, please consider helping transport the elders to and from their chapel service on Sept. 10th. This is 'God's Work, Our Hands' Sunday. Volunteers should arrive no later than 1:15 pm at the 2nd floor Pillars Area outside of the Chapel. Their service begins at 2pm and the volunteers may leave after they have returned the residents to their rooms, usually no later than 3:30 pm. St. John's Home is located at 150 Highland Avenue, bordering Highland Park. A sign-up sheet is available on the communications board. If you have questions, please contact John Corman at 329-9413 or email: jcorman@rochester.rr.com

A Home Cooked Meal for RIT Students – On September 17th, we'll be serving the Sunday evening meal to the RIT students after they have attended their evening service. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal for about 30 people. The pot-luck meal is your choice (simple or elaborate). You can make what you like or just come to help. The students are ever so greatly appreciative of the 'home cooked' food. We set-up at 5:30pm, with their evening service at 6pm and dinner at 6:45pm. For more information & to sign-up, please see the communications board or contact John Corman– 329-9413 or jcorman@rochester.rr.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Messiah's Adult youth group weekly corn hole - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church parking lot. Everyone over 18 is welcome. Contact Megan or Neal Bourque if you have any questions. [315-759-9908](tel:315-759-9908) or [585-350-8571](tel:585-350-8571).

Concord's Blessed Creations group meets every Friday from 1 pm - 3pm in Concord's fellowship hall. It is a group of crafters with a wish to serve the Lord, and **all are welcome--men, women, and young people**. This is a time for Christian fellowship including a brief devotion and prayer. It is NOT necessary for everyone to work on the same project....if you have something you are working on, bring it along! Although the group meets every Friday, it is not necessary to be at every meeting —all are welcome at any time.

Messiah's Prayers for those known ill, receiving treatment or recuperating:

Pat Maibohm, Gerry Bandemer, Vanessa Solveson, Zip Kraemer, Cindy Ling, Julie Dambra, Stacy Crudele, Molly Fant, Kevin Knapp (Jonmichael's dad), Tracy Rubrecht (Judy and Sandy McLellan's daughter), Richard Collins (Karen Treadwell-Collins father, Kodie Kahle's grandfather), David Howe (Tammy Ligtenberg's friend), Michael Coons, Austin and Brian Nicholls, Jeff Treadwell (Sheri Treadwell's brother), Liz (a friend of Deb Solveson), Joanne Knobel (Lynne Hunter's daughter), Grady Albertson (Lynne's grandson-in-law), Susan Sturdevant (friend of the Orlandos), Florencio Rivera (Maer's husband), Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew), Martha and Harry Warner (Mary Lou Reabold's sister and brother-in-law), Louise Taylor (friend of Vicki Robinson), Kathy Pospula and Helen Mage (friends of Joyce King). Prayers for our shut-ins & those in the Armed Forces: William Lydic (Pam Nicholl's grandson) serving in US Army in Korea, Scott Moncrief, Rick (friend of Deb Solveson).

Serving Next Week at Messiah

Sunday (8/27) 11:00 am

Assisting Minister: Judy Merritt-Speed

Lector: Maer Rivera

Communion Assistants: Tarri Mundt and Richard Cobb

Ushers: Ralph Jones, Pat Maibohm, Andrew La Favor

Greeters: Tammy Pease and Mary Sahrle

Altar Guild: Judy Webster

Sunday (8/27) 5:00 pm

Assisting Minister: Sandy Moncrief

Lector:

Ushers: Bob and Sharon Gibson

This week's Calendar

Sunday August 20

9:00 Worship at Concord

11:00 Worship at Messiah

5:00 Worship at Messiah

Tuesday August 22

9:30 Prayer Cell at Soho Bagel

Wednesday August 23

7:00 Messiah's Adult Youth Group

Friday August 25

1:00 Blessed Creations at Concord

Sunday August 27

9:00 Worship at Concord

11:00 Worship at Messiah

5:00 Worship at Messiah

It has been many years since Messiah has had a retreat. **On September 9 & 10 there will be a congregational retreat at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center.** The retreat begins at 12 noon Saturday and concludes Sunday at 1:30 pm. This time will be spent together in fellowship, fun, worship, service and relaxation, with opportunities to know one another better. We will share the

paths that have brought us to this point and the stories that have created us to be the people that God has called us to be. This retreat will be for bonding as a community & church family; remembering what it means to be part of the baptized body of Christ. Our time together will include an Affirmation of Baptism for all. This family friendly retreat is for young and old and there is NO COST to attend. All meals, accommodations and programming have been paid for with money from a Lilly Foundation Renewal grant.

The retreat will include relaxed worship services on both Saturday and Sunday that will include communion on Sunday. There will be a variety service projects offered for participation, such as trail clearing and enhancement, demolition, painting (indoors and outdoors), removing fencing, staining/sealing outdoor benches, cookie baking for first responders, and making beaded bracelets for Erna's Hope. There will be sessions on prayer, activities for our younger folks, craft activities, interactive games, musical opportunities (do you play an instrument? let us know!) all rounded out with good food, fellowship & fun. This is our time to celebrate us as individuals, couples & families and as a church. Please plan to participate! Sign up on the board in the narthex ASAP! Deadline to sign up for the retreat is Sunday, August 27

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

As a result of the Discipleship Training Day at Messiah a leadership group was gathered to discuss training for new leaders at both churches. Presently there are only 3 members to this group and we are looking for others to join us. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 6th from 7-8:30 PM at Messiah in the conference room. We are looking for current leaders (church or otherwise) who are willing to share their skills through training and mentoring of others. We are seeking those with group training skills to assist with development of training sessions. And we are looking for those who don't think they are a leader but who would be interested in learning new skills.

With questions or to join:

At Concord, contact Debbie Bartlett, 581-1889

At Messiah, contact Barb Ulreich, 615-0871, barbara.ulreich@carestreamcom or Julie Gerstenberger, 281-5484, jkgerst@yahoo.com.

This is our goal: We are intentional about developing leaders through gift identification, skill development, and creating opportunities for practice, such that current members, youth, and new friends from the community are: enthusiastically involved in all of our ministries; each developing and using their gifts to contribute; nurturing the best in one another; and sparking new ideas to share God's love in our community.