



Welcome to Concordia! We are glad you are here!

March 31, 2019 – 9:30am

Serving you this morning:

Worship Leader: Phil Heath

Message: Vicar Alex Sloter

Praise Music Leader: Mr. John Holland

Children's Church: Mrs. Belinda Bost

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you." . . . Luke 15:18

Order of Service

Welcome

Greeting

Song: "Forever"

Invocation

Prayer

Song: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

First Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sermon

Confession & Absolution

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Song: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

We Prepare

Words on Institution

Distribution

Song: "The Family Prayer Song"

Common Dismissal

Benediction

Announcements

Song: "How High And How Wide"

Concordia Highlights March 31, 2019

We are glad you are here: Members and guests, please write your name in the **Welcome to Worship** folders at the end of the pews so we can more faithfully serve you and get to know you by name.

A **Nursery** for ages 6 weeks to 4 years is available in the **Church Nursery** and **PK-4 Room** at the school. The nursery is available during all services. **Children's Bulletins** are also available as well as **worship bags**. An usher can give directions to the nursery or give children's bulletins.

Pastor Nelson's office hours this week:

Wednesday, April 3rd 2 - 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 4th 3 - 5 p.m.

Memory verse of the week: God made Jesus who had no sin to be sin for us, so in him we might become God's righteousness.

2 Cor. 5:21

To prepare for worship on March 31

READ: Luke 15:1-32 (Pew Bible 1122)

Isaiah 12:1-6 (Pew Bible 733)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible 1228)

Psalms 32 (Pew Bible 587)

PRAY: That your past be forgiven; a present joy be given.

BE READY: To share Christ's love with another sinner

To Prepare for April 7

READ: Luke 20:9-19 (Pew Bible p. 1118)

Isaiah 43:16-21 (Pew Bible p. 768)

Philippians 3:1-14 (Pew Bible p. 1252)

Psalms 126 (Pew Bible p. 657)

PRAY: That you will share the grace of Jesus

BE READY: To live under Jesus' authority to do his will

New Class: Starting **May 1**, and continuing until **June 26**, Pastor Nelson will be teaching a class to review the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church for **potential members, members who want a review, people interested in finding out what we believe and teach, and any friend who wants to learn the doctrines and practices of us Lutherans**. It will be on **Wednesday evenings, 6pm to 7pm**, right after the 5:30pm supper that begins the FISH program of classes for children and adults.

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www.concordianc.org/church

Sunday Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**Concordia Lutheran Church and
Christian Day School
216 5th Avenue SE
Conover, NC 28613**

Remember in your Prayers

Hospitalized: Bobbie Brooks (out-patient), Greg Roseman (CVMC), Abby Hayes (out-patient).

Members in need of healing: Janice Pitts, Sydney Karre, Sonny Roseman, Donna Jarrett, Lila Kuehnert, Doug Howard, Angelique Bost.

Friends of congregation in need of healing: Mike Shull (brother of Roger Shull), Theresa Blackmon (sister-in-law of Maryann McRee), Debbie Kuehnert (daughter of Lila Kuehnert), Iva Rhyne (friend of Andrew & Susan Matthews), Yvonne McCranie (sister of Annette Henry), Erin Sipe (friend of many), Gene Presley (cousin of Kaitlyn Lindler).

Blessings to: Paul & Lori Bedder on 35 years of marriage, David & Cynthia Tupman on 15 years of marriage and Andrew & Kaitlyn Richardson on 5 years of marriage.

Sympathy to:

Concordia Members in the Military: Eric Galloway, Kendall Hamm, Tony Sherrill, Christopher Walker, Jaylen Joyner, Chandler Christians, Jeremy Christians, Nathan Malin, Jon Strande.

Missionary of the Month: Rev. Cullen & Deaconess Jacqueline Duke are career missionaries in Peru. Cullen works with other missionaries in Peru to plant new churches. Jacqueline serves as a mercy deaconess in partnership with other missionaries. Ask God to give them peace and strength as they transition to living and working overseas.

Concordia Ministries: Easter Egg Hunt Planning & Call Committee.

All of our Concordia Ministry Staff: Dave Beringer - Principal, Janie Isenhour – 1st Grade Teacher Assistant, Renee Karre – 8th Grade/Math Teacher, Jaclyn Castro – Cafeteria Assistant and Paul Nelson – Vacancy Pastor.

Just the Facts:

General Fund Offering: \$ 13,870

Online Giving: \$ 1,280

Lent \$ 787

Budget Needs: \$ 19,864

Sunday School: \$ N/A

Attendance: 442

Leading Worship Today:

8am Liturgist: Pastor Nelson / Preaching: Vicar Sloter

9:30am Liturgist: Phil Heath / Preaching: Vicar Sloter / Children's Church: Belinda Bost

11:00am Liturgist: Pastor Nelson / Preaching: Vicar Sloter

Member of the week: Stuart Allen – 307 9th St. SW, Conover, NC 28613.

Connect - Grow - Bridge

It's time to place your order for **Portals of Prayer**. Order forms can be found at the **Welcome Centers and on the bulletin boards**. **Deadline** for ordering is **April 10th**.

Work days at Camp Linn Haven are April 13th, 20th & 27th and May 4th & 11th. It can be a fun way to volunteer and serve as a family.

"**Preparing for Worship**" is the class **Pastor Nelson** has been teaching, looking at the assigned lessons for each Sunday. During Lent, if some are interested in continuing, we can **meet in the library** after the evening Lenten service on Wednesday nights. Please join us.

The boy scouts are selling their **camp cards** after the services **TODAY**. The camp cards are **discount** cards that can be used for a year and have some one time uses. They are **\$10 each**.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING CAR WASH FUNDRAISER: Saturday, **April 6, 10:00 AM -1:00 PM** at **Village Motors, Conover**. Come out and support Concordia's youth going to Minneapolis, MN this July for the National Youth Gathering! \$10.00 per vehicle. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Teen Living is learning how to cook! Anyone who would like to help teach, donate money or supplies can contact **Katrina Garrison** at **(828) 455-1116**. We meet on Mondays at 2:10pm in the School Cafeteria. Also, I would like some of what we make to go to congregation members who could use some love, please call Katrina with your suggestions.

Are you marking your **Lenten path** with the map and hearts in your **Lent in a Bag**? Did your child get a bag? I have 3 bags left. It is not too late to use the devotionals. See Belinda Bost for a bag.

Jolleen Christians was recently recognized in Raleigh with an award presented to "a YMCA professional who exemplifies the Christian mission and character of the YMCA movement." The Christian Emphasis Award is given to a member of the professional group, the Y Professional Network, which is composed of leaders in all YMCA's in North and South Carolina. The nominees must have implemented programs or ideas reflective of the Y's Christian mission and character which have had a positive impact on the local association or national YMCA movement. When Jolleen learned of the recent honor, her characteristic humble reply, "To God be the glory!"

Easter Sunday Schedule for Concordia Kids



The Board of Christian Education sends this reminder that Children preschool – 4th grade and Youth 5th -12th grades will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with their families in worship. We will not gather for Children's Church, Sunday school or adult Bible study.

Easter Sunrise Service – 7:00 am.

Come support our Youth and enjoy Easter breakfast in the cafeteria from 8-9:00 am.

Contemporary Praise Service Worship at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center.

Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Studies:

Please note that there will be no Bible Study, Children's or Youth SS on Easter Sunday.

9:30am – Ray Vander Laan video series – Led by Steve Bost.

11:00am – “Love Like That” by Les Parrott - Led by Cindy Sigmon – Adult Room #1.

11:00am – “The Rabbi”, “Case Study” or “Interlinc” - Led by Youth Ministry Team – Youth Central

Weekday Small Group Bible Studies:

Mondays: **Small Group** – Led by Steve Bost - BLCFM.

Wednesdays: **7am Ladies' Bible Study** – Led by Kim Hauser. Adult Room #1

9:30am Ladies Bible Study – Led by Carla Hafer. Adult Room #1

10:00am Bible Study – First & Third Wednesdays – Led by Vicki Shull. EM

7pm – “Preparing for Worship” – Led by Pastor Nelson

Thursdays: **7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** – Luther's Small Catechism - Led by David Isenhower. CVMC - AHEC 105.

6pm – **Young Adults (20-30 year olds)** – The Anatomy of a Disciple – Led by Aaron Quackenboss. BLCFM



Kids In Worship!

Our Worship word this week for March 31 is, **Grace**. Grace is a forgiveness word. In most places grace is the ability to move beautifully or a girl's name or the prayer said a mealtime. At church, we learn that grace is God's never ending love. Grace is favor, the free and undeserving help that God gives us through the Gospel and the sacraments. “Grace” is the English translation of the Greek (charis) meaning “that which brings delight, joy, happiness or good fortune.”

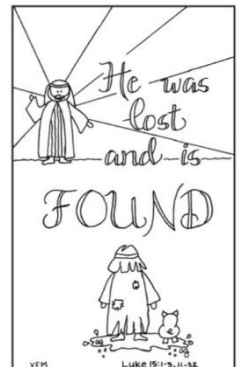
In the Gospel reading today we hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus told this story to show the kind of love God has for his children. When we make wrong choices and stray away, God, our Heavenly Father, is always willing to take us back if we admit our wrong doing and return to Him. I am glad that you and I have a heavenly Father who loves us even when we may not deserve it.

Sing this jingle to the tune of Jesus Loves Me.

Jesus loves me when I'm good, when I do the things I should.

Jesus loves me when I'm wrong, His love for me is always strong.

Visit the Children's Ministry blog at www.concordiakids.blogspot.com and the Children's Ministry Facebook @kidsatconcordia for a Fruit of the Spirit sing a long video and a hand motion video from Belinda Bost, Children's Minister.



Look for this coloring page at the Welcome Stations. Get your Kids In Worship bulletin there too.

Contact Belinda Bost, Children's Minister at bbost@concordian.org or 828 244-1905 with questions or concerns.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The family of David Welch wants to thank our church family for all their prayers, cards, visits, food, and support and especially for the outpouring of their love shown to our family as we faced the loss of David. Many thanks to Pastor Nelson and Jimmy Martin and so many others for being with us during his final days/hours and for their prayers and comforting words. We miss him so much, but we rejoice in knowing that our precious David is now safe and well in the arms of Jesus. We love you all.

My family and I would like to express our love and appreciation to Concordia congregation for all the prayers, cards, caring words, food and visits we received during Smitty's illness and death. It was truly awesome and inspiring. We are especially grateful to Pastor Nelson, Vicar Slotter, and Kyle for their visits and help given during Smitty's illness and for the wonderful service they provided for our family. Thank you to Leslie and Susan for their help also. We also remember the kindness of the people who prepared the delicious food for our family after the service – Roger & Betty Heavner, Jane Martin, Marigene Matthews and Cindy Sigmon. To all those who helped in any way, we are grateful and say "we couldn't have done it without you." Love and God's blessing to all, Opal Bolick and family.

Dear Church Members, On behalf of the Corner Table, we would like to thank you for your recent donation. The generous support of churches makes it possible for our organization to exist and put smiles on the faces our guests by means of a warm meal. Thank you again, The Corner Table.

IT'S BOY SCOUT BBQ TIME!



BOY SCOUT TROOP 383 IS KNOWN FOR ITS AMAZING BBQ!

Boy Scout Troop 383 Annual BBQ
Saturday, May 11th | Concordia Lutheran Church
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR TROOP ACTIVITIES AND CAMPS

\$8/pound

Packaged in one pound freezer containers.
*Arrangements for delivery of 10 lbs or more available.

Available for pick up at Concordia at the following times:
Saturday, May 11, 12:00-1:00
Sunday, May 12, 10:30-12:30
Monday, May 13, 7:30

FOR QUESTIONS AND ORDER PLACEMENTS

Please contact William Smith, Scoutmaster, Troop 383, at (828) 244-3485 or email (preferred) smithw@sherrillfurniture.com, or Jenny Baxter at hkynut1994@gmail.com or (828) 612-4596.



PRIME 55+ TIMERS

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

PrimeTimers next meeting is **Wednesday, April 10th at 12:00 PM** following the 11:15 AM Lenten Service. We will be **hosting** the **Lenten meal** of soup, bread, and dessert. We will have a short business meeting and then we will be play Bingo. Remember to **bring** a wrapped **white elephant gift** to use as a **Bingo** prize. Once again we will have Kyle McClure, a very experienced Bingo caller, to call the games.

On April 11th, those who have signed up will be traveling to the Hudson Dinner Theater to have dinner and see the play "Divorce, Southern Style." Be at the church **horseshoe at 5:15 PM** to travel up to Hudson by carpool.

On July 8th, the **Party Room at Western Steer**, which is located at NC 10 and Northwest Blvd., has been reserved for our luncheon, meeting and presentation by a representative from the Salvation Army of Hickory NC.

Please remember our members that are in need of Prayers.



**March 31, 2019
Youth Ministry
Highlights**



**National Youth
Gathering:**

Our target goal for fund-raising is \$39,100.00!

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LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis - July 11-15, 2019

**DCE Chris L. Henze
Youth Minister**

Visiting Youth Choir is this Wednesday, April 3rd:

Plan to attend dinner at 5:00pm followed by the concert at 6:30pm.

Please consider using your home to host the visiting youth.

Thanks Kyle McClure for this ministry!



Plan to have your car washed this Saturday, April 6th from 10am-1pm at Village Motors. All proceeds go to our National Gathering Youth!

Our Cub Scouts are going camping on the USS Yorktown next weekend!
Please keep them in your prayers!

Please sign-up to acolyte on the new schedule!

Confirmation "Faith Statements" are due in 10 days on April 10th!



Our Pre-Teens are going hiking in Julian Price Park on Saturday, April 13th from 9am-4pm. We are taking the mini bus. We will have a picnic after the hike. Bring a bag of chips and a 2 liter to share.

Congrats to Caleb Henze on placing 2nd in state for HOSA!

**The Youth Ministry Team and Sr. Youth Council meet in 2 weeks on
April 14th.**

**Did you know that our Confirmands are asked to turn in a monthly
Sermon Report?**

Thanks to Susan Allison for creating the Confirmands blank red stole!

This Week at Concordia

Sunday, March 31

8am Traditional Worship & Communion
9:30am Praise Worship & Communion
9:30am Bible Study - EM
11am Bible Sunday A#1
11am Traditional Worship & Communion
11am Children's Ministry & Youth Sunday School

Monday, April 1

10am Concordia Volunteer Day at ECCCM
10:30am Souper Stars Serve at Corner Table
1:30pm – Quilt Tacking
2:10pm Teen Living Class - EM
6:30pm B/C Scouts
6:30pm Steve Bost – BLCFM

Tuesday, April 2

8:35am Staff Devotions / Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

7am Ladies' Bible Study – A#1
8:20am CCDS Chapel
9:30am Ladies' Bible Study
10am Bible Study – Vicki Shull
11:15am Lent Worship
12pm Lenten Lunch EM
5pm Lenten Dinner in Family Life Center
6:30pm Lent Worship with Martin Luther HS Choir
7:30pm Bible Study - Library
7:30pm Youth SOS/Confirmation
8pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, April 4

7am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
6pm Young Adults Meet
6:30pm Church Council

Friday, April 5

4pm Scouts leave for USS Yorktown
6:30pm Visual Faith Ministry

Saturday, April 6

10am Car wash at Village Motors - NYG

Sunday, April 7

8am Traditional Worship/Communion
9:30am Adult Bible Study - EM
9:30am Praise Worship/Communion/Children's Church
11am Traditional Worship
11am Children's Ministry & Youth Sunday School
11am Bible Study – A#1

Acolytes 03/31/2019:

(8:00) Jake Lamb
(9:30) Shea Beringer
(11:00) Peyton Gerken

Acolytes 04/03/2019: Ella Cecil

Acolytes 04/07/2019:

(8:00) Jake Lamb
(9:30) Katie Grace DeHart
(11:00) Ella Cecil, Sophie Hayes

Flowers Sanctuary 04/07/2019: Open

Greeters Today:

(8:00) Carla Hafer, Cindy Spears
(9:30) Jill Graff & Ana Iriarte
(11:00) Roger & Vicki Shull

Reader Today

(8:00) Katrina Palozzi
(9:30) Kelly Adams
(11:00) Karen McClure

Fellowship Today:

(9:00) Bd. of Assimilation
(10:30) Open

Elders/Communion Assistants:

(8:00) Fred Farmer, Randy Isenhower
(9:30) Roy Sigmon, Jimmy Martin
(11:00) David Isenhower

Meal Serving: Group 7 – Nicole Hass

Altar Guild for the month:

(8:00 & 11:00) Mary Anne Wike, Pat Moser
(9:30) Susan Harman

Trustees of the Month: Steve Brewer

Ushers for Month:

(8:00) Jake Parks, Dexter Warren
(11:00) David Hayes – Captain, Brandon Elrod,
Andy Hass, William Adair

9:30am Set Up & Usher Teams

1st Sunday: Terry Kuchenbecker Team
2nd Sunday: Greg Roseman Team
3rd Sunday: Rodney Burns Team
4th Sunday: Roy Sigmon Team
5th Sunday: Scout Troop 383

Stewardship Spring Clean Initiative 2019

As Christians, we are expected to be good Stewards over all of God's resources, including natural resources. With this, the Stewardship board is pleased to announce a Spring Clean initiative. This will include multiple components as described below.

1. Shredding and Cleanup Day

- On May 4th, the Stewardship Board is sponsoring a Congregation Cleanup and Shredding event. We will have a shredding truck on-site from 8:30-11:30. Members are encouraged to bring personal items they would like to send to the shredder. Also, we are going to support clean-up activities at the church that same morning such as cleaning windows, polishing pews, etc. Coffee will be served at 7:45. An ECCM van is also scheduled to be on-site accepting donations.

2. Paper Reduction

- Did you know that you can receive most of the paperwork from the church via email? If you would like to quickly receive updates AND save paper, we are going to be distributing forms which will allow you to opt out of receiving paper documents. This will save the church money and save on paper consumption. You will be able indicate email as your preferred delivery method for any of the following: newsletters, tithe statements, highlights, etc. Please note this is not mandatory, and you can continue to receive paper copies if that is your preference.

3. Online Giving

- There are multiple options for online giving. One option is the church website. On the homepage, a "GIVE" tab is located near the top of the page. This includes a fairly simple setup process which only takes a few minutes. You can designate a one-time gift, or you can set up a weekly recurring gift. Another option for electronic giving is via Online Banking. Nearly all banks now allow you to set up a recurring payment. Both options are convenient and saves you time and resources.

4. Recycle Bins

- We will be installing recycle bins at the main entrances of the sanctuary. Once in place, we encourage you to use these for your bulletins and other paperwork you no longer need.

Expect to see more information on the items listed above in newsletters, highlights, and bulletin inserts. For more information, feel free to contact the church office or reach out to a Stewardship Board member listed below.

David Hayes
Deanna Moore

Cameron Lundy
Jay Noell

Rick Miller
Clarence Pugh



Wednesday, April 3rd, Concordia will be hosting the Martin Luther High School Choir from Greendale, Wisconsin. They will be passing through our area on their spring tour of the Southeast and will be **presenting their concert “REDEEMED by the Blood of the Lamb”** during our regular **6:30 PM Lent worship service**.



You are invited to dine with the chorus on Wednesday, at 5pm in the Family Life Center on the school campus. A meal of baked spaghetti, salad, bread, tea, water, and dessert will be served.