



Summertime has arrived! Of course, I write this on a colder May morning where I saw at least two snowflakes, but one can be hopeful that June will bring sunnier days, warmer temperatures, and complaints about how hot it is!

As summertime begins and the school year closes, many of us think of weekends at the lake cabin or visits to friends in other parts of the region or even country. Our plans often include quick getaways to a Twins game or a State Park. We wish to enjoy this limited opportunity while we can before school starts and the winter chill returns in just a few short months.

As you go about seizing this opportunity, God goes with you and you continue to be a representative of God's grace and challenge everywhere you go. It is also the case, (obligatory public service announcement following) that Concordia will continue to need your support to meet our financial obligations. The summer months sometimes means less participation in worship, which often means fewer people giving, which means a mid-summer anxious appeal out of need. It would be good to avoid doing that!

If your summer plans carry you away from here most weekends, please consider mailing in an offering. You might also think about setting up a dispersal with your bank who can send to Concordia your offering for you on a regular basis. Some have found this helpful throughout the whole year. Of course, you are encouraged to make it to worship whenever you get the chance and are in town and obligation free.

Thank you for your continued support of Concordia and for your participation in our life together as God's people in this place and time. Have a great summer of increased connection with loved ones, time outdoors, and travel!

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 29

10 AM

**BRING A
CHAIR IF
YOU HAVE
ONE!**



Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 8 Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-24, 35b
Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Holy Gospel: John 14:8-27

Sunday, June 15 The Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Proverbs:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5
Holy Gospel: John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 22 Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29
Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29 Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 12-25
Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



Joyful Voices Rehearsals:

Tuesday, June 3 @ 6 p.m. and
Tuesday, June 17 @ 6 p.m.



Worship Matters:

Pentecost and Holy Trinity

The month of June will include two festivals. On **June 8**, the Easter season concludes with the **Day of Pentecost**, one of three principal festivals of the Church Year, and the final feast of the Great Fifty Days. Every year on this day, we remember how the first disciples gathered in Jerusalem are filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent forth, beyond Galilee, into the world, to share the Good News. Our Gospel on this day recalls Jesus' promise to send an Advocate, a Spirit of truth that will abide with us. This Spirit is the continuing presence of Christ in the world, and the church's continuing hope as we face challenges and divisions, and an increasingly skeptical world. Our liturgy on this day will include the *Pentecost Sequence*, a beautiful piece of liturgical poetry that expands on the meaning of our celebration this day.

On **June 15** we celebrate the festival of **Holy Trinity** and the beginning of the longest season of our Church Year, the numbered Sundays "after Pentecost" also known as Ordinary Time or Time of the Church. On Holy Trinity, we reflect on a teaching of the church, a doctrine that gives language to our belief in the nature of God (one God – revealed in three persons). Trinity Sunday was added to the Calendar in the 14th century and as early as the 9th century it was being celebrated in the French monastic community. We begin our journey through Ordinary Time in the same way we begin our liturgy each week, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit . . .

The colors that adorn our sanctuary, calling attention to the season and festival we are celebrating, will change three times this month. The color on the Day of Pentecost will be red, the color of fire, as we remember the tongues of fire that descended on the crowd in Jerusalem. On Holy Trinity it will be white, the sum of all colors, expressing joy in the mystery of the Triune God. On the Sundays that follow it will be green, the color we associate with life and growth.

Throughout the season, we celebrate the Spirit's work among us and reach out to continue Christ's mission to the world. Summer Ordinary Time includes many commemorations, and our prayers will recognize the witness and contributions of Christians throughout our history.

We encourage you to keep worship part of your summer plans for renewal and rest. We gather at 10 each Sunday.

JUNE, 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL, 2025 FINANCIALS	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$13,253.00	\$13,696.17	\$44,096.92
EXPENSES	\$14,189.91	\$14,537.42	\$57,878.67
NET	(\$936.91)	(\$841.25)	(\$13,781.75)

Bridges To Christ would like to thank everyone who donated money to CHUM this year for the food shelf and Thanksgiving meals. You have donated \$888 from Sept 2024 to May 2025. Thanks so much!

VLM-THANK YOU CONCORDIA! Your generosity in supporting the Giving Tree and hospitality after worship raised \$553.00! We exceeded our goal of \$300.00. After lumber is purchased for the new canoe racks, the additional funds will be used to purchase water filters. These filters are essential and need to be replaced every year. Camp attendance and canoe trips continue to increase and are slowly building back to pre-Covid numbers. **Thank you for investing in this important ministry for young people and families. Life is alive and thriving in God's Great Northwoods!**

Thank you to some wonderful helping hands who assisted in preparing the pans of sliced, roast turkey and gravy which are now in the Concordia freezer, all ready for service to the folks at the St. Francis Apartments. Many hands made light work. The next steps are preparation of au gratin potatoes and dessert bars. Please let me know when you are available to help on Monday or Tuesday, June 9 or 10.

Jane Wedin at 218-727-4570 or email me at jwedin@charter.com

We will be out of town, so you can leave a message, and I will contact you later to let you know the final schedule. None of the cooking will be complicated. We will deliver the prepared foods either on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 10 or 11. That allows St Francis office staff to set up serving time that works best for them. They don't have to plan around us! **Again, if you are available on those days or evenings even for a hour or two, please leave a vmail at 218-727-4570 or you can email me at jwedin@charter.net.**

The Endowment Board is pleased to offer camperships to Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) to attend up to one week of camp per year. Each youth member or non-member with consistent worship attendance, half the attendance cost will be matched. In addition, \$100 is offered towards the cost of one non-member friend attending with a member. Furthermore, half the cost of attending family camp per member family and \$100 for non-member individuals attending with member family is offered. Please contact Rachelle Anderson or Delores Grunwald if you are interested in attending a VLM camp this summer.

Prayer and Visitation Ministry

Let the Prayer Chain members join with you in your prayers and supplications. They are just a phone call away. All prayers are confidential and names or details are not needed. God is aware of all circumstances and waits to hear from you.

Please contact Reba Almquist at 525-6968.

For hospital or other visitations, please contact the office at 728-4229.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following people who have been hospitalized, under a doctor's care, those recuperating, struggling, or those grieving since our last newsletter: The family of Bishop Rev. Amy Odgren, The family of former Bishop Rev. Roger Munson, Those unlawfully detained, Carrie Birdseye-Erickson, The families, the survivors, and communities where mass shootings have occurred. Patti Pearson, Those marginalized for their sexual or gender identity, race, or ability, Tom Nelson, Max, Wayne Kari, the people of Ukraine, Palestine, Syria, Israel, and Russia, Roger Erickson, Tim Bell, migrant families, and Phillip Hedges.



Please remember those in our congregation who are in nursing homes or are homebound. Please pray for them and consider stopping by for a visit. Prayer and visitation is an important ministry of the congregation.

Heritage Haven: Warren Roberts

Aftenro: Wayne Kari

A reminder that, on account of privacy, hospitals and nursing homes will NOT contact the Church to share that you have been admitted unless you or a family member tell them or the hospital chaplains to do so. Protecting privacy is also a way we care for our friends who may or may not wish for others to know of their illness or condition. If you hear that someone is sick or hospitalized, do not tell others unless you have been given permission by them to do so. **If you wish to be visited by the Pastor or placed on the prayer list, contact the Church office.** If you have a conversation with someone who is ill, hospitalized, or has come to be in a short or long term care facility, ask them if they want the congregation and Pastor to know what is happening before you pass the word along. Do not assume that because you know, that the individual wants everyone else to, as well. Honoring the privacy of our neighbors, as well as expressing our own desire for the church or pastor to know of our condition, helps to prevent troublesome situations and helps us support one another!

June Birthdays

- 1 Ella Gaffey
- 4 Rev. Karen Linne
Caleb Wedin
- 6 Mark Linne
- 8 Paul Lind
Jordan Vargason
- 13 Julie Larson-Williams
- 16 Beth Loiselle
- 18 Laila Davis
- 19 Wanda DeMeo
- 20 Arden Stabs
- 22 Lars Anderson
- 23 Lois Witchall
- 27 Kaylee Larson-Petras
- 30 Mark Loiselle

If your birthday isn't listed or has the wrong date, please let the office know.



Flower and Sanctuary Candle Sign-up

A nice way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion is to have altar flowers or the sanctuary candle on Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for both. Cost for flowers is \$22 and the candle is \$8. Contact the office with any questions.

Please note that when you have altar flowers for worship, you may take them home following worship. The glass vases must stay at church, however.



Equal Exchange Coffee Donations

Equal Exchange coffee donations needed for church coffee supply. Coffee funds are running low. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex information rack. Place an envelope with any donation amount in the offering plate with note "Equal Exchange coffee fund."





Chum has been ordered by the City of Duluth to immediately shut down the Safe Bay program pending an appeal by some neighbors of the Vineyard Church. We feel confident that we will prevail. In the meantime, two dozen people who have already registered for Safe Bay are out on the street, and fear and harmful stereotypes about people experiencing homelessness continue to lead news coverage of this issue. Chum is inviting local clergy and other members of the faith community to show up in support of Safe Bay and to tell a different story of neighbors helping neighbors and faith communities standing in solidarity as we live out our essential mission of justice and mercy.

Appeal hearing for Safe Bay
Thursday, June 5th
6pm
3rd Floor City Council Chambers

In addition to these two important events, St Paul's is hosting the below documentary showing in June, and further fundraiser and community events are being planned. Follow steppingonupduluth.org and chumduluth.org for details.

Documentary showing:
Under the Bridge: The Criminalization of Homelessness
Friday, June 13th
6:30pm
St Paul's Episcopal Church
Pre-registration encouraged:
tfaforms.com/5181497



THE FACTS ABOUT SAFE BAY

Joel Kilgour, SafeBay project organizer, said, "I don't know if the public realizes that people are already sleeping in their vehicles all over Duluth and can do so as long as they are legally parked. We are in a housing crisis and the problem is not going away until that is addressed. SafeBay is a better option for everyone because it provides basic hygiene, housing help, and oversight.

SafeBay—

- Is staffed and monitored during open hours. Violence and drug use are prohibited, quiet hours and cleanliness standards are enforced, and people must stay within the physical and time parameters of the program. There are no tents: This isn't an encampment.
- Does not tolerate dangerous or reckless behavior.
- Has operated successfully for two years and actually led to a decrease in overnight nuisance and criminal behavior there. The program is strongly supported by our police and fire chiefs and is being used as a model for similar programs in other cities.
- Has extremely high success at connecting people to housing and helping people maintain employment.

Joel added that "anyone can become homeless, and our shelter system is overwhelmed. Our participants have included college students, families, longtime residents, and people relocating to Duluth for work.

Joel also spent 25 years at Loaves and Fishes literally sharing his home with people who had fallen into hard times. He said, "People facing homelessness are much more likely to be victims of crimes than perpetrators. The harder we make it for people to regain their footing, the worse the outcomes for everyone. I ask that people not jump to unfounded conclusions about the program or participants, who have as much right as any of us to dignity, privacy, and hope for a better future."

Comments from people who have used SafeBay:

- "I felt really safe and felt that the staff created and maintained a safe environment. One time I felt uncomfortable and said something and it was immediately dealt with. I owe the volunteers of SafeBay my life and can't wait to bake things for the folks still doing car life."
- "I became homeless August 2023 when I was evicted through no fault of my own; and, although I now have an apartment of my own, I was then driving to campgrounds or places where I could park to sleep. If it wasn't for SafeBay, who knows where'd I'd be now. I'm humbled and grateful, We minded our own business and cleaned up after ourselves. So please don't bash this program or people. It may save someone's life, so please be kind."



Pollinator gardens consist of plants that attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. They do this by the production of nectar and pollen. Some common features of pollinator gardens are pesticide/insecticide bans and removal of invasive species. But there are other things that can make your pollinator garden unique. Native grasses can be a part of your pollinator garden. While most pollinator gardens are made of native perennial forbs (flowering plants), some gardeners like to also include annuals full of nectar. Pollinator gardens can come in all sizes from small to colossal. Pollinator gardens can also specialize with more sun or heat loving plants, or you might consider plants that need more cool and shady conditions.

An interesting specialty is a garden that contains host plants for specific butterflies. Examples are Golden Alexanders that are host plants for black swallowtails, and Pearly Everlasting plants that are hosts for the American Lady. The Painted Lady has several hosts including Blazing Star, Asters, and Ironweed. The monarch butterfly also has a host plant which is milkweed. This plant is also a good source for nectar used by other butterflies.

There are over 100 varieties of milkweed with several native to Minnesota. The most common milkweeds in Minnesota are swamp (doesn't need a swamp), butterfly weed (not a weed and has orange flowers), and common (the type most people know). Other less common or threatened milkweeds include: poke, sullivant's, showy or whorled. Monarchs will only lay eggs on milkweed, and the ensuing caterpillar will only eat milkweed. So, if there were no milkweed, there would be no monarchs.

Monarch Watch (monarchwatch.org) runs a program that certifies Monarch Waystations. There are 49,000+ certified Monarch Waystations in the US. 1,422 of them are in Minnesota, and 112 of them are in Duluth. You can find them at schools, places of worship, retirement homes, businesses, community gardens, community parks, golf courses, nature centers, farms, and homes. A pollinator garden can be certified as a Monarch Waystation if it includes milkweed plants.

BOOK DRIVE

Big Red Bookshelf

**Donate new or gently used children's books to the Big Red Bookshelf,
a program of Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative.**

The mission of the Big Red Bookshelf is to give children of Duluth access to free, age-appropriate books that will encourage a love for reading and learning. Bright red bookshelves stocked with these children's books are located across Duluth in locations available to families and now Big Red Donation Bins are also available!

For more info call 218-464-0588 or email rachel.lpcfc@gmail.com.

Donation Locations:

- Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative
 - 2424 W 5th St, Duluth MN 55806 Suite 108
- Whole Foods Co-op Denfeld
 - 4436 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807
- Whole Foods Co-op Hillside
 - 610 E 4th St, Duluth, MN 55805
- Duluth Area Family YMCA
 - 302 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802
- Duluth Children's Museum
 - 2125 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55806
- Lake Superior Community Health Center
 - 4325 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807
- Lake Superior Zoo
 - 7210 Fremont St, Duluth, MN 55807
- St. Louis County Probation Office
 - 100 N 5th Ave W. rm 319, Duluth, MN 55802
- Proctor Area Community Center
 - 100 Plonk Dr, Proctor, MN 55810
- St. Luke's Pediatric Associates
 - 1012 E 2nd St 4th Floor, Duluth, MN 55805



SERENITY MASS: BE STILL AND KNOW
SUN, JUN 8, 2:00 PM | FREE WILL OFFERING | PILGRIM
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Serenity Mass
be still and know
David Packa, composer

Sunday, June 8
2:00 p.m.
Pilgrim Congregational Church
2310 E 4th St
Duluth, MN

Olivia Brookmole - soprano
Tyler Johnson - tenor
Zoe Scherer - alto saxophone
Johnathan Erickson - marimba
Emily Valine - piano
Lucie Han - violin
Rachael Kresha - violin
RaeAnn Johnson - viola
Scott Beeman - cello
Timothy Churchill - bass

a freewill offering will be taken
to support the work of CHUM

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Pilgrim Congregational Church offers a performance of “Serenity Mass, Be Still and Know,” (Psalm 46), composed by Twin Ports musician, David Packa. David has written this Mass to “help carry the faithful through difficult and tumultuous times“. A reception with refreshments will follow the performance

WORLD REFUGEE DAY - JUNE 20

THE COMMUNITY AS A SUPER POWER



The **POWER** of the **PEOPLE** is **GREATER** than the people in power

Please join the Twin Ports community in celebrating World Refugee Day. On this day, we will honor the courage, strength, and resilience of those forced to flee their homes due to persecution, conflict and violence. We will also recognize and express our gratitude for the many gifts and talents that they contribute to our communities.

The Events Of The Day

12:30PM—Meet at UMD Parking Lot B University Drive (parking is free).[parking_map.pdf](#)

1:00PM — Board our decorated bus for a reading of document honoring refugees and a short rally at Congressman Pete Stauber's office (5094 Miller Trunk Hwy, Hermantown, MN)

2:00PM — Duluth Civic Center ([Fifth Ave W and First St, Duluth, MN](#)) for reading of document, a rally and speakers.

4-6PM — Short program and food, music and more celebration at Griggs Center, 2nd floor in UMD Kirby Center.

Sponsored by the Interfaith Committee For Migrant Justice. For more information contact us at

ICMJTwinPorts@gmail.com



Chum Rhubarb Fest 2025
Sat, Jun 28, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm | Free | Asbury United Methodist Church

Chum's 20th annual **Rhubarb Festival** promises lots of rhubarb — including hundreds of pies, muffins and crisps, as well as rhubarb brats and burritos. There will also be live music, games, crafts, auctions and stage shows.

Rhubarb Fest, and the work of Chum in general, benefits people experiencing homelessness in Duluth. Every pie sold, bratwurst eaten and lemonade slurped helps bolster programs to better serve the people who depend on Chum's services.

Pastor: Rev. Jeffery Davis
Cantor: Jennifer Dums
Joyful Voices Pianist: Patti Martenson
Pianist: Anneliese Braaten
Sunday School Teachers: Rachelle Anderson,
Bryan Anderson, Bridget Bohn, and Marcia
DeMeo-Morse.
Office Duties: Carmen Norlien
Custodial Duties: David Haavik
Treasurer: Mark Morse

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Rachelle Anderson
Trevor Christensen, President
Bridget Bohn, Vice-President
Ashley Hoppe
Makenzie Morse
Mark Morse, Treasurer
Dan Norlien

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Building & Grounds: Trevor Christensen
Social Justice: Pastor Jeff
Stewardship: Pastor Jeff
Worship & Music: Lynne Erickson, Mary Johnson,
and Patti Martenson

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Altar Guild: Reba Almquist
Bridges To Christ: Ann Edwards
Caring Ministry: Jane Wedin
Quilters: Lynn Carlson and Ann Edwards

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