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I never thought I would say this, but Concordia is celebrating its 139th anniversary this year while dealing with a global pandemic. While this situation is a career headache for me, it may not even make the top ten list for Concordia, given that this organization has endured two World Wars, a Great Depression and a host of other calamities. Since 1881, we have been adapting and changing to handle whatever comes our way, by relying on our staff, our Concordia Family and our Lord to see us through. Our Mission will survive as it always has, thanks be to God ~ but please join us in continuing to pray for everyone affected by COVID-19 across the globe.



We are now about six months into “virus management,” and I am so very proud of our staff for their care, tenacity and dependability. Many of them are walking, talking Ministries who go above and beyond to care for our residents and patients every day. Whether it's extra training, more protocols, new challenges or any of the other obstacles we have dealt with this year, our employees have shown up with a smile to do what needs to be done.

This virus is real and dangerous, but it is also highly politicized ~ which means we keep an eye on all the constantly changing information out there and focus our resources where they can do the most good for those we serve. We have paid over \$3 million dollars in either appreciation or hazard bonuses to support our incredible staff. We have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in training and planning for caregiving success. We have also invested in protective equipment and high-tech disinfectants. Even UV light sanitation is now commonplace at Concordia, and we're always researching new technologies and products that could help our staff, residents and patients.

One of our biggest challenges these days is testing, with long waits for results and imperfect tests. Though at times it feels like we're racing a car in reverse with a bent rear view mirror, we pray for resilience, patience, harmony, empathy and guidance from God to navigate this problem and the many others we face.

COVID-19 presents a real, complex health challenge the likes of which we haven't seen in a century, but luckily for Concordia, it has just made us even better at infection control, perfecting our best practices and putting our trust in God. At Concordia, we are well positioned to continue preparing for and fighting this virus with our excellent staff, innovative resources, supportive Concordia Family and unshakable trust in God. It may be our 139th year, but this old dog can still learn some new tricks.

Blessings to you and your families,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith E. Frndak".

Keith E. Frndak
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Rev. Reholma McCants with children of the
Unity Community Mission, which he created
and headed for more than 30 years.



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Answering the Call

Good Samaritan Hospice Supervisor Deployed to NYC Through Air Force Reserves

The year 2020 has brought sudden change to almost every aspect of our daily lives, and while the year will certainly be earmarked in a variety of ways, both good and not so good, one positive that has emerged is the recognition of the healthcare hero.

Healthcare heroes are the main artery of our industry, a fact that is common knowledge amongst the Concordia family. Each and every member of our team plays a role in serving our mission and ensuring that those who entrust us with their care are met with respect, dignity and compassion – whether there's a pandemic or not. One of our very own at Concordia was a “dual hero” this year, as his unit in the Air Force Reserves was deployed to New York City during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Clint after returning from New York City.

Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH) RN Unit Supervisor Clint Wagner joined the United States Air Force upon graduation of high school. He signed up for four years, worked as a medic and went into the reserves after completion of his active duty commitment.

During a press briefing on Saturday, April 4, 2020, it was announced that 1,000 medical military personnel were being deployed to New York City in response to rising coronavirus cases. At that time, New York City was considered the epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic with approximately 63,000 cases and 12,000 hospitalizations across the city's five boroughs. Clint was one of the 1,000 who got the call.

“I received a 24-hour notice,” Clint said. “A medical deployment within the United States is pretty rare. Typically, the National Guard would be the first responders. But we were ready.”

GSH Executive Director Roni Lucas recalled receiving the phone call from Clint.

“I remember that it was a late Saturday afternoon when he called to tell me he was leaving the next day,” Roni said. “I remember feeling bad for him and his family, because at that time, there were so many unknowns. The entire team was genuinely concerned for his safety, but at the same time we were all very proud of him and knew he would be an asset to whatever assignment came his way.”

Clint comes from a large military family – his dad, two brothers and oldest son have all served – and all take pride in serving their country. During a span of time while all were simultaneously serving (his dad has since retired), there was always one family member serving overseas. This family tradition of dedication meant that when Clint got the call to go to New York City, he was ready.

"I came from a big military family and we take a lot of pride in serving our country. It is our duty," Clint said. "While you never want to leave family, in this specific deployment, I knew that there were patients in need of care and nurses who were overwhelmed."

Clint was stationed in a hospital in the Bronx and admitted his only trepidation was how the civilian nurses would respond to the military medical team.

"We were welcomed with open arms with complete positivity," he said. "We worked so well side by side, and a lot of lasting relationships were formed."

The most difficult moments of his time inside the full capacity hospital were seeing the patients alone, as visitors were not permitted. But he said that Facetime and other technologies helped to bridge that gap and made a huge difference in terms of maintaining a connection with his patients' families – and also with his.

The mortality rate of the hospitalizations in New York City at the time of Clint's deployment were, according to researchers at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, almost double the rate of entire countries.

"I was stationed in the emergency department, and while you give 110% to the patient, so many were overcome by the virus that I would fall back on my hospice skills," Clint said. "I had to make a lot of phone calls, as again, visitors were not permitted, and so I had to speak with a lot of family members whose loved ones had succumbed to the virus."

Clint worked alongside his military and civilian clinical team for two months, followed protocol and quarantined for 14 days prior to returning to active duty to the Good Samaritan Hospice House of Wexford near the end of June.

"I was really proud of my GSH team while I was deployed," Clint said. "They stepped in and stepped up while I was gone and made it easy for me to slide right back into things."

Upon his return, he was greeted with a digital billboard outside of GSH's administrative headquarters in Middlesex Township applauding

his heroism, and his team threw him a "welcome back" brunch.

"Everyone is extremely proud of Clint and his service," Roni said. "Our entire team, including our physicians, gained an abundance of information [about COVID-19] upon his return. We appreciate his willingness to share information that we can learn from."

While 2020 has been a year of changes so far, healthcare heroes like Clint, who have gone above and beyond to serve their fellow man, have proven



Clint and his dog, Gunner.

that it's when we work together that we are the strongest. We salute our Concordia healthcare heroes, our brave servicemen and women and everyone else around the globe who is fighting this pandemic.

For more information about Good Samaritan Hospice career opportunities, visit www.ConcordiaCareers.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ConcordiaCareers. You can call Good Samaritan Hospice's administrative headquarters at any time to learn about joining the team by calling 724-933-8888. 🇺🇸

HONORING TWO PILLARS OF CONCORDIA

Looking Back on the Lives of Important Members of the Concordia Family

The 1925 Annual Report for Concordia Lutheran Ministries – then called the Concordia Home at Marwood – had an introduction written by the secretary of the organization, Rev. E. F. Brand, that explained how difficult it could be to find historical records of Concordia at its start in the early 1880s. He explained that in many cases, the personal aspect of their history was lost: “But what of all the dreams and all the visions, all the fears and sighs, all the work and labor of love! Surely, these are not matters of historical accuracy to be culled from pages of minutes and sheets of records. But that is the true history, and as the true history of a family can never be known nor realized.”

Rev. Brand’s “true history” is something that Concordia is now more focused on capturing, to ensure that the personal stories of the people who make up this 139-year-old organization are known and realized just as well as spreadsheets, budgets and census data. The Concordia Family lost Eleanor Schwalm, the widow of former administrator Horst Schwalm, and Stephen Johnson, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, in the spring, and they both served to guide Concordia and added immensely to our ever-growing true history.

Eleanor Schwalm

In 1970, Concordia Lutheran Ministries hired a new administrator: the late Horst Schwalm. Over his 15-year tenure at Concordia, he gave Concordia the blessings of strong faith, compassion and, perhaps one of his best contributions, the presence of his beloved wife, Eleanor. Eleanor passed away on May 28, 2020, at the age of 98, after having lived over half of her life at Concordia – and giving so much of her time, talents and treasure to our residents and our history.

Eleanor was born in Illiasovce, Czechoslovakia, and she, her parents, and her nine brothers and sisters eventually settled in Pittsburgh, PA. Creative artistry became her avocation as she reared six daughters with her husband, whom she met in the Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus and married in 1944. She and Horst were married for 59 years, until his home-going in 2003.



Horst and Eleanor

In her 50s, Eleanor was schooled and licensed as an Activities Director for Concordia Lutheran Ministries. For 50 years, before and after retirement, Eleanor served in many capacities at Concordia: as the writer of hundreds of weekly newsletters,

as a Bible study teacher, on the chapels committee, as a reader to older people, as an officer in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and as an event organizer, elevating each task with her artistic flair and Godly focus.

“Eleanor brought two main ideas to Concordia during her time here,” said Keith Frndak, Concordia President & CEO. “The first was that she was passionate about making sure that residents were connected to a spiritual church-like aspect in their lives when they were here. The second idea she focused on, and this is an old-fashioned quote, was to make sure there was still life in someone’s days, not just how many more days were in their life. She wanted to make sure that residents still had something to look forward to doing, whether it was

quilting, ceramics, making cards, etc. She put life in their days.”

She and her husband opened their home and hearts to multitudes of families, students and missionaries, generously giving lifetime support and friendship. A prolific letter-writer and crafter of gifts, Eleanor never forgot a birthday, holiday or anniversary. Fearless and loving in her Bible convictions, she spoke about her Lord to everyone who was privileged to meet her.

In 2018, Concordia established the Horst & Eleanor Schwalm Faith in Caring Award, an honor that would go to a single Concordia volunteer (or group of volunteers) who truly goes above and



Keith Frndak and Eleanor

beyond in service to others. This award is just a small representation of Horst and Eleanor’s legacy, as they both left Concordia better than they found it, inspiring their friends and family with their generosity and love. Helping to shape the heart and soul of an entire organization is no

easy feat, and Eleanor put her all into Concordia year after year. She was a pillar of Faith in Caring, and she will be dearly missed.

Stephen Johnson

Stephen Johnson, Concordia’s current Chairman of the Parent Board, passed into glory on June 11, 2020, at Concordia at Cabot’s Good Samaritan Hospice Inpatient Unit. He was a man of great faith, wisdom and character.

He was first elected to the Concordia Lutheran Ministries’ Board of Directors in November 2001 and served consecutive terms since. He was most recently elected as Chairman of the Board once again in December 2019, after serving in the role for more than 12 of his 19 years on the board. Stephen was an asset to Concordia – a visionary man who was



Stephen

dedicated to ensuring that our organization was meeting its mission to serve God’s people.

“Steve’s legacy at Concordia is twofold,” said Mr. Frndak. “The first part is for Concordia to always make sure that, even though we’ve become a large healthcare company,

we make sure our mission matters – every day. That we remember that all we do is in fulfillment of our mission. The second part is that while for profit organizations grow in order to send money to shareholders and give bonuses, nonprofits grow their ministries to impact more people and expand their missions. He wanted Concordia to grow and for people to know that it was ok to grow, because we are just making it possible to help more people.”

Stephen lived his life through the Word of God as a member of First Trinity Lutheran Church in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh for many years and, more recently, as a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Bridgeville. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Pittsburgh Law School and worked as an attorney at Buchanan Ingersoll, Reed Smith and CONSOL Energy (now CNX Corporation). Both of his parents, John and Audrey Johnson, lived at Concordia of the South Hills, and his in-laws, Harvey and Ann Hindin, lived at Concordia at Cabot, as well as his grandmother and one of his uncles.

As Chairman of the Board, Stephen wrote many letters for Concordia’s Annual Reports that summed up Concordia’s year and vision for the future, and his words were always God-centered and mission-driven. He signed



Keith and Stephen

these letters “Soli Deo Gloria” – To God Alone Be the Glory. Stephen lived by these words, he inspired everyone around him and he helped lead Concordia with a clear, Godly vision.

“Steve was a true proponent of Concordia’s growth,” said Mr. Frndak. “In 2006, he was the architect of Concordia’s new organizational structure, when we moved from one corporation of Concordia Lutheran Ministries into a family of corporations. Just 14 years later, we have built on his structure immensely, constantly guided by his vision for Concordia and our mission.”

Concordia may have lost a Chairman of the Board, but heaven has gained a wonderful soul redeemed by

Christ.

Though Concordia mourns the loss of Eleanor and Stephen, their legacies will inspire those who knew and loved them for years to come. As Rev. Brand continued in his 1925 introduction, “What has been done is to the credit of our Lord who thru His instruments chosen in this work has certainly done great things in the past. What shall be done in the future shall also be to the credit of our Lord, who thru us, His children, would also do great things.” Two chapters of Concordia’s true history have closed, but our mission and vision continue to grow.

Soli Deo Gloria ✝

Concordia and Butler County Community College Forge Nursing Partnership and Tuition Assistance Program

Nurses at Concordia Lutheran Ministries are our everyday superheroes, the very lifeblood of our organization who care for patients and residents with high standards and caring hearts. As a growing organization in a country with a national nursing shortage, Concordia worked with Butler County Community College (BC3) to forge a partnership to help both organizations and the community.

In June 2020, Concordia made an initial \$1 million gift to the BC3 Education Foundation to expand the Registered Nursing program, create a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program at the college and help fund the proposed Victor K. Phillips Nursing and Allied Health Building on BC3’s main campus in Butler, PA. The gift is the start of a 10-year collaboration to address the current nursing shortage and offer a new Concordia Tuition Assistance Program to BC3 nursing students who agree to work for Concordia after graduation.

Concordia employs 700 nurses throughout our system in western Pennsylvania, Florida and Ohio and has approximately 60 nursing vacancies at any given time. The new Concordia Tuition Assistance Program will allow BC3 Nursing students to graduate debt-free and help Concordia maintain a steady

stream of nurses throughout the system.

“The nursing shortage in this country is a real challenge for providers, but for Concordia specifically, we are a rapidly growing organization, which means we have an even greater need in terms of overall numbers,” said Keith Frndak, President and CEO of Concordia. “To expand our mission, which is what

we do, we need a reliable pipeline of talented people. And that’s exactly what this partnership provides.”

After they graduate, the students in Concordia’s Tuition Assistance Program can have a variety of careers at Concordia, including opportunities in personal care, assisted living, skilled nursing, home health, private duty home care, memory care, palliative care, wound care,

mom/baby care, clinical education and many other specialty and certification nursing positions.

To learn more about how the Concordia and BC3 partnership can positively impact you and your community, visit the BC3 Nursing Tuition Assistance Program page of our website at www.concordialm.org/bc3-nursing-tuition-assistance-program-application or email BC3NursingProgram@concordialm.org to express your interest in learning more. ✝

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Led Through Prayer

Concordia at Sumner Resident Returns to Ohio After 23 Years

After moving in to Concordia at Sumner's new Garden Apartments East retirement community in April 2020, Carmela Weinshenker can only describe the process one way.

"It's a God thing," she said. "Throughout my life, when I reflect, it's been truly amazing to see how God truly does take care of you and your needs. Bringing me to Concordia is one of my greatest gifts besides my family."

Carmela, who immigrated to Ohio from Sicily at the age of 12 with her mother and sister, has been guided by God, prayer and scripture many times



Carmela

in her life. One of her favorite verses is Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

One major way that God guided her in her life was to her late husband, Howard.

Howard and Carmela found each other through personal ads in the Cleveland Magazine. Carmela wanted to call Howard because she had a feeling that he was "the one," but told God that if he didn't answer, that would be it.

"I phoned him, and he did answer," Carmela said. "And Howard said, 'Carmela you aren't going to believe this, but I just came home a day early from a business trip.' So if I had called just a day earlier, he wouldn't have been home. The Lord just led us to

each other, and he was truly the love of my life."

The two settled in Newbury, Ohio. After over a decade together, Howard sadly passed away in 1994.

"I told God that I was trying to be upbeat, but I was just sad," Carmela said. "I didn't know what to do with myself, and I didn't want to trouble anyone – my kids were taking care of their families. I told the Lord that I wanted to meet a friend who was on the same page as me."

Two weeks later, Carmela met Ruth Dashner at a social gathering.

"We both had a lot of friends when we became widows, but we both needed a friend who really understood where we were in our lives," Ruth said. "Your married friends don't always understand, and we both found a friend who did."

The two instantly became best friends, and it was Ruth who helped Carmela move to Costa Mesa, California in 1997.

"Southern California reminded me of my hometown in Sicily," Carmela explained. "Howard and I had traveled there before and had loved it. I felt called to go back, and I told God that if he opened some specific doors for me I would do it. He did, so I went."

Carmela and Ruth, or, as they like to say, Thelma and Louise, drove across the country to get Carmela to her new home. She lived in California for the next 23 years, enjoying visits from friends and her two children and four grandchildren.

"I had 23 years of driving in California without an accident – that's how you know God is with you," she joked.



Carmela and Howard

After enjoying the California sun, Carmela eventually decided she wanted to move to a retirement community. For the next four years, Carmela and Ruth began looking for the perfect place for them to move to – Carmela in California and Ruth in Ohio.

“A friend of a friend ended up suggesting Concordia at Sumner after she visited here and loved it,” Carmela said. “Ruth and I had already put in down payments at a different community in Ohio, but our hearts weren’t in it. So, this suggestion came at the perfect time. I was able to visit Concordia in November 2019, and after I had searched for so long and mostly given up, I found this perfect place.”

Carmela moved in to her apartment this spring, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It was a process to move – a little chaotic to say the least,” she said. “All the staff here have been angels to accommodate me. I’m so, so grateful I made the decision to move here when I did.”

Ruth moved in shortly after, just three doors down from Carmela – Thelma and Louise back together again for more adventures. Carmela also looks forward to seeing her children and grandchildren

who live in Ohio more frequently and being able to fully enjoy Concordia when more activities and groups are allowed to meet.



Ruth and Carmela

After her journeys led by prayer, from Sicily to Ohio to California and back, Carmela is happy and content at her new home: “Every day I get up with gratitude in my heart that I live here at Concordia. I couldn’t find a better place to spend the rest of my life.”

To learn more about Concordia at Sumner and the Garden Apartments East retirement living expansion or to schedule a personal tour, please call Director of Marketing Rowena Wilkins at 330-664-1289 or visit us online at www.ConcordiaAtSumner.org for floor plans, pricing and more. 🏡

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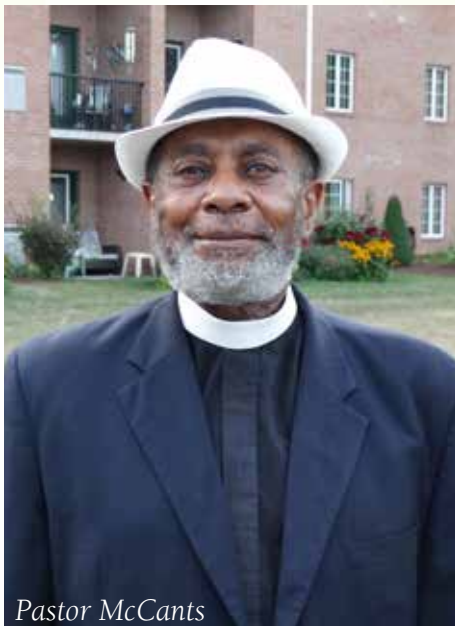
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33 Years of UNITY

Unity Lutheran Community Mission in Homewood Comes to a Close

Affectionately known by everyone at Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, PA as simply “Pastor,” Rev. Reholma McCants was called to the church (which was then called Holy Cross) in



Pastor McCants

1986. One year later, he led the congregation in changing their name to Unity and starting an after-school ministry for children, which started with just one child and went on to serve more than 10,000 over the next three decades.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pastor’s approaching retirement and declining church attendance, the Unity congregation made the tough decision to close the church and children’s ministry - but the amazing work done by Pastor and Unity will never be forgotten.

When Pastor, originally from Monroeville, AL first came to Unity as a Mission Developer, there were only eight members in the church, and no children’s activities to speak of. Once he and his wife, Johnnie, started the after-school program with one child, it quickly grew, and in turn the program helped the church grow.

“The children recruited better than we ever

could,” Pastor said. “We kept adding days to the after-school program until it was up to four days a week, and then we could extend through the summer as well. At our height, we had 82 children in the program at once.”

Though the Homewood neighborhood around Unity has had its fair share of challenges, the church and mission remained a steady place for kids to come relax, do their homework and enjoy a hot meal. Pastor took the children on many trips to New York City, Denver, Philadelphia, Birmingham, St. Louis and other cities to show them what life was like outside of Pittsburgh. Unity was also a Gospel-driven ministry that introduced the children to Christianity through chapel services every day.

“I think one of my biggest blessings at Unity was how many children came to know Jesus as their savior while they were here,” Pastor said. “I’m glad I was able to baptize so many – that made a great difference as well. Many of the children were born in jail, or came from families with drug problems or lived with their grandparents, and we had a few go on to get their doctorates or become medical doctors. I wish we had even more success stories, but we still had a lot of blessings come from showing them all Jesus.”

Unity has had the support of various organizations over the years, and Concordia Lutheran Ministries has been able to lend a hand since the early 2000s.



Pastor with a student



Pastor leading a chapel service

“Concordia is proud to have been able to play a small role in helping Unity and Pastor McCants do such an outstanding job trying to guide young lives in the city,” said Concordia President & CEO Keith Frndak. “It has been a privilege to be involved with this ministry.”

Concordia was able to grant support to Unity through its Angel Tear Ministries program, sponsor kids from Unity to attend Camp Pioneer in New York, help remodel the kitchen and other areas of the building, offer personnel from its Chaplaincy Department, help set up a Christmas celebration complete with presents for each child and much more. Concordia Deaconess Pam Voorman has been going to Unity every week for three years.



Pastor with a student

“I have been privileged to spend a small part of my week with the kids at Unity,” Deaconess Voorman said. “They are funny, creative,

curious and hungry. Spend an hour with them and you will laugh, learn and be driven to pray. It’s a stark contrast between the streets around Unity and the atmosphere inside Unity. Outside the fence you saw a neighborhood in decline. But inside, inside was joy, structure, respect, love, care, laughter and Jesus.”

One of Deaconess Voorman’s favorite memories of Unity shows how much of an impact Pastor had on the children who attended.

“Two years ago in the spring, a girl named Tahraji was sitting outside with Pastor,” Deaconess Voorman said. “She turned to him and said, ‘I want you to put water on my head.’ Pastor looked at her and said, ‘What? You want me to get you wet?’ And Tahraji said, ‘No, that water that lets me know I belong to God.’ Pastor said ‘You want me to baptize you?’ and she said yes. Tahraji was baptized a month later. He just shared and received love and respect with every kid that walked into Unity.”

While Unity closing its doors is the end of an era in Homewood, the guidance that Pastor gave to the children and his community will continue on in them for years to come.

“It makes me happy to remember the progress that was made by so many of the children,” Pastor said. “I believe that the future lies in the hands of the younger generation – they are the key. I will always see hope in them.” ✝

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Concordia Visiting Nurses Receives Accreditation

On July 16, 2020 Concordia Visiting Nurses (CVN) achieved accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), which has Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-deeming authority for home health, hospice and durable medical equipment organizations. This is the first time CVN has received this specific accreditation.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to a health care organization and shows CVN's substantial conformance to the ACHC standards. To receive the Three-Year Accreditation, CVN went through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable and of the highest quality.

ACHC is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of persons served.

Concordia Hosts Socially Distanced Fishing Days

The annual Concordia Fishing Derby may have looked a bit different this year, but the abundance of bluegills, kids' smiles and quality family time spent safely outdoors kept the spirit of this tradition alive!



The event, temporarily renamed for the 2020 year as Concordia's Kids Fishing Days, spanned over three consecutive Saturdays in late July

and early August, with two fishing sessions per day. We safely welcomed up to 100 registered guests per

session to the beautiful Lake Saxony located on the Saxony Farm Estates.

Our young fishers and their families were able to enjoy safe-distanced catch and release fishing, free hot dogs and refreshments and the chance to win door prizes every half hour, thanks in part to generous donations by Jeff and Autumn Cooper of Saxonburg, Doctor Tile Flooring, Inc., Linda Bash and the founder of the fishing derby, Mr. Charlie, himself! We want to thank our team of volunteers and our wonderful guests who came out to support this special community event. For more photos, visit the Concordia Blog at www.concordialm.org/blog.

Concordia Welcomes Deaconess Sara Scungio to Chaplaincy Services

Deaconess Sara Scungio was installed on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at a special worship service at the Haven II Larry Talmadge Memorial



Pavilion on the Concordia at Cabot campus. Rev. Dr. Daniel Hahn Jr., Third Vice President, Eastern District LCMS and Concordia Lutheran Ministries Director, conducted the installation, and Director of Chaplaincy Services

Rev. Jack Hartman preached the message.

Deaconess Sara began her studies at Concordia on July 1, 2019, to support the efforts of Concordia's Chaplaincy Services staff. Originally from Virginia, she graduated from Concordia University Chicago with a B.A. in Theology after completing her one-year Deaconesship here at Concordia. She was in the Honors Program, President of the Swing Dance Club and a member of the handbell choir at Concordia Chicago. In her role as a Deaconess at Concordia, she will cover various visits, hymn sings, hospice visits and Bible studies at Concordia at Cabot, Concordia of Fox Chapel, Concordia at the Orchard, Concordia at Rebecca Residence and Concordia at Ridgewood Place.

Worship Through the Storm

Submitted by Chaplain Ron Cox

*The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
The Lord is over many waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
(Psalm 29:3-5)*

With the summer weather upon us, inevitably thunderstorms brew and sweep over us. It is not uncommon for violent cloudbursts and lightnings. Who is it living among us that is so insensitive and calloused that they never cringe at the thunder? When lightning strikes close, it shakes the very foundation of our house. In Psalm 29 one hears the repeated crashes of thunder. Seven times in the Psalm comes the phrase “The voice of Yahweh” a picture for thunder and lightning witnessing to the majesty of God.

Depicted in the Psalm is the Palestine version of a storm, where it typically sweeps in off the Mediterranean. It throws itself against the mountains, breaks the cedars, sends everything running. It makes the oaks swirl. It frightfully rips through the forest. Then, it finally spends itself in the desert. As is often the case in the desert, it makes up for all the previous drought.

It's no accident that the Bible uses the storm as a symbol of God's wrath and his holy presence, as well as the end time judgment. Very similar to Psalm 29 are words in Isaiah chapter two, “For the Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up high; against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan... enter the

caves of the rocks and holes of the ground from the terror of the Lord and the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. The haughty looks of men will be brought low and the pride of men will be humbled. The Lord alone will be exalted.”

This verse describes a storm that will spend itself in the day of wrath and judgment of all the earth.

Yet, this is a Psalm that calls us to worship, that we, and all creation, give glory to God. The worshipper continues calmly and faithfully in the celebration of God's glory. Enthroned is God, and the Christian understanding is of our Lord and Savior Jesus. His holy coming among us was a servant who gives his life on the cross as a ransom. He forgives all our sins and rescues us from sin and death. Christ's kingdom of glory comes at the end of all time and will bring the renewal of all creation. All sin and evil will be put away. For the church it means everlasting blessedness and righteousness in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. An old hymn, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” has us sing these words:

Though the earth be shaking,
every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me. ✠



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Oktoberfest Canceled, Fireworks Show Still On

The Annual Concordia Oktoberfest, which was scheduled for October 3 on the Concordia at Cabot Campus, has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we still plan to have the Oktoberfest fireworks display for our residents that evening – and the community is invited to the campus for a safe drive-in viewing opportunity!

Saturday, October 3 at 7:45 p.m.
 Parking lots behind the Lund Care Center
 (134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023)

Cars will be parked in every other spot to allow spectators to get out of their vehicles and watch the show. Once the spots are full, we will be closing the entrance, to ensure proper social distancing is followed and a safe distance from the fireworks display is maintained. The fireworks begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. and last approximately 15 minutes. The event is weather permitting and guests are asked to arrive between 6:30 – 7:30.

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***Concordia of Cranberry** 724-779-4300

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931 Route 910, Cheswick, PA 15024

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