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## PRAISE GOD!

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the program envisioned by Concordia and Zion congregations is moving forward with amazing speed and success. This issue of the CHURCH NEWS will attempt to inform you of the progress being made in this action for unification. Kindly be patient and prayerfully concerned in this great program of your church.

1. The Church of Jesus Christ has moved forward in the fulfillment of its part in purchasing the church properties on Helena Street. There is every reason to believe that its congregation will be able to use these beautiful facilities to the advantage of the community. May God bless them as they seek to serve Him. The sale of Concordia's present properties will be consummated by September 15.

2. The ratification of the consolidation agreement between Concordia and Zion is to take place on Sunday, September 18. Zion will hold its meeting after the morning service at 11:30 a.m. Concordia will hold its meeting at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Alfred L. Beck, President of the United Lutheran Synod of N. Y. and N. E., will be present at both meetings. Directly after the Concordia meeting the congregation of Zion Church is cordially invited to join with Concordia members for supper and fellowship.

The first annual meeting of the consolidated congregation, to be known as Zion-Concordia Lutheran Church, Rochester, New York, is being planned for the third week in January, 1961.

3. The final Worship at Concordia's present location is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Service and a brief Communion Service, designed particularly for the older and handicapped members, at 4:00 p.m. Plans are being formulated to insure that all members will be provided with a suitable "remembrance" of these concluding services. Plan to be in attendance.

4. On the first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday, the two congregations will worship together at Zion Lutheran Church at 70 Grove Street, at the corner of Stillson. Established as the

first Lutheran Church in Rochester 125 years ago, this red brick building with its high steeple has been a notable landmark of this city. Zion's service to this community will be preserved and strengthened as it joins with Concordia in "new" service for a "new day." Thanks be to our Lord for His wonderful leadership in this venture in faith—a venture which demands of each of us effort, sacrifice and devotion.

Parking, without fee, will be provided for members of Zion-Concordia every Sunday morning in the lot just beyond the one immediately in front of Zion Church. This parking lot has an entrance on Main Street, East, between the Atlantic Supply and Levis Music Store. There is also an entrance on Stillson Street. Please do not park in the lot immediately in front of Zion Church. That is reserved for members of other congregations in the vicinity. Parking provision will be made for Lenten and other special services.

Time Schedule: The Early Service—8:30 a.m., The Sunday Church School—9:30 a.m., The Service—10:45 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on October 2. The entire Church School will continue to worship with the congregation at The Service at 10:45 a.m.

5. The Church School will meet regularly each Sunday. Religious education will be provided for ages Nursery through Adult. Facilities for the children through the Junior Department, age 11, will be quite satisfactory at this location. Every effort will be made to provide the most satisfactory facilities possible for Intermediates, Seniors and Adults with the possibility of securing housing for these classes elsewhere in the neighborhood. All are urged to be patient, interested and forward looking in this interim period,

confident and thankful that a full program can be continued at Zion Church.

6. The Capital Funds Campaign for the consolidated congregation will swing into action on October 3, under the direction of the U. L. C. A. Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. Some preliminary discussions indicate a good campaign which will extend into the early part of December and will demand of each member his most earnest prayers and wholehearted support. The Lutheran Laymen's Movement is deeply concerned about the program of new service to the community in which we live and will lead us in the thrilling experience of working together as a consolidated congregation. For many it will be the most exciting Christian experience of a lifetime. Give it your best!

7. The architect is at work preparing the plans and specifications for the new buildings to be erected at East Avenue and Goodman Street. It is presently planned to begin construction as early in 1961 as possible.

8. The consolidation of the regular programs of the congregations is being planned to move forward smoothly. Many of the regular activities will simply continue as they have been, but with a will to use every opportunity to arrive at complete consolidation.

The Church Schools will immediately be consolidated. The Choirs will be one. The Senior Choir will be under the direction of Mr. George Klump with Mrs. Bertha Strauch as organist. Leadership for the Youth and Junior Choirs will be determined later than at this printing.

The Youth Program will be one program every Sunday . . . Church School, Church, Youth Choir, Lunch, and Luther League meetings for Seniors (age 15-17), and Intermediates (age 12-14). The young people are expected to take full part in this total program.

The Boy Scout program will be developed as well as possible.

The Concordians and Young Adults should quickly find their counterparts at Zion. Young Adults should keep in mind that the program for single Young Adults of Rochester Lutheran Churches will continue at the Lutheran Center.

Zion has a United Lutheran Church Men's unit to which all men will be invited.

The basic women's program of the U. L. C. A. is the United Lutheran Church Women. This program will continue in the consolidated church seeking to enlist the active support of every woman in the congregation. Kindly remember that every man member of the church is automatically a member of the U. L. C. M. and every woman, a member of the U. L. C. W. The only question in both instances is: Are you an active member?

The other women's groups, such as the

Dorcas Society, will continue their regular meetings until such time as these groups prefer to become a part of the U. L. C. W. The times of these regular meetings will remain as they have been. Any necessary schedule adjustments will be announced.

The Senior Concordians will continue their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month and may expand their name and membership as they work together in the consolidated congregation.

The Catechetical Classes, with pupils preparing for Confirmation, will be held on Saturday mornings beginning October 1, from 9:30 to 11 o'clock. The First Year Class will register children aged 12 or in grade 7. The Second Year Class will register children aged 13 or in grade 8. Parents are urgently requested to attend the first session with their children.

9. The Church Councils will work together, with regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Basic committees will be consolidated.

Until the annual meeting in January, the consolidated congregation will operate under the consolidation agreements which are a part of the incorporation articles. The new constitution, in process of being prepared, will be presented in January for acceptance. Until then, the existing two councils will act as trustees, and a proper development of the council will be voted upon by the consolidated congregation.

Please remain alert to announcements which will appear in weekly bulletins to keep informed of special events or changes in meeting schedules.

Pastor Godfrey E. Alberti and Pastor J. Russell Fink are humbly grateful to God for the privilege of serving Concordia and Zion at this momentous time in their history. They are convinced that the Spirit of God has graciously led in this wonderful movement which will give an opportunity for fuller Christian service to all the members of these churches. Our fathers were alert to the needs of their day, and have provided us with two strong congregations. Let us catch their spirit in our day, that the generations to come will be served as well by us. God's grace be with you!

#### ZION-CONCORDIA FELLOWSHIP PLANNED

Parents of Concordia are invited to bring their children with them when they come to the Congregational Meeting on September 18th at 3:00 p.m. They will be cared for during the meeting and be on hand for a buffet supper with the Zion Church members who are cordially invited for 4:30 p.m. This program is being planned to help members of the two congregations to get to know one another. There will be a question and answer period, a community sing, and an

offering will be received. The event will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

The women of Concordia who are willing to make a jello salad for the supper are asked to report to Mrs. Edward Latal, Jr. at HO 7-6448. Women of Zion are invited to bring cakes and are asked to express their willingness to do so by calling Mrs. Alex Walker at HU 2-2398.

#### MAIN EVENTS CALENDAR

##### Sundays in September

9:45 a.m. . . . . Church School  
11:00 a.m. . . . . The Service

##### September

13-10:00 a.m. . . . . Rochester Conference, Reformation Church beginning with Holy Communion Service

14- 8:00 p.m. . . . . Dorcas Society

15- 7:30 p.m. . . . . U. L. C. W. Rochester Conference Education Clinic at Concordia. Topics: Let's make devotions mean something, How to prepare programs, How to develop leadership, Congregational mission festivals and study, and Membership. Also, question and answer period and refreshments.

17-10:00 a.m. U. L. C. W. Retreat at summer home of Mrs. Gordon Boncke, Call CO 6-1141 for reservations

18- 3:00 p.m. . . . . Congregational Meeting. Children will be cared for. Followed by supper with Zion Church as guests.

21- 8:00 p.m. . . . . U. L. C. W.

25-11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. . . . . Final Worship at Concordia with Holy Communion

28- 6:30 p.m. . . . . Dorcas Banquet. Reserve with Mrs. Schlegel, CO 6-0499

29- 6:30 p.m. . . . . Lutheran Church Extension Society Annual Dinner, Resurrection Church. Speaker, the Rev. Donald Houser, Executive Secretary, Board of American Missions.

##### October

##### Sundays: At Zion Church

8:30 a.m. . . . . The Early Service  
9:30 a.m. . . . . Church School  
10:45 a.m. . . . . The Service  
12:00 noon . . . . Youth Choir, Lunch, Luther League

##### Saturdays

9:30 a.m. . . . . Catechetical Classes

#### SOME FINANCIAL FACTS

1. The Building Program for St. John's Home for the Aged is progressing well. Another story has been added to the extensions so that there will be three floors for residents in both new wings. Studies are being made which will affect the occupational therapy program for the first floor, the number of apartment units, infirmary care, and the total extension of service to the aging of the congregations participating in this program.

2. Support of the Wagner College appeal is still far behind what it should be in this congregation. Wagner is one of the two Lutheran colleges supported by the Synod of New York and New England. Inadequate support of church colleges definitely weakens the church. A special contribution to Wagner—\$7.00 per communing member—was suggested at Concordia this year in order to complete this project by the end of 1960. Can it still be done? Wagner's immediate needs are the completion of its library and the building of a chapel. Incidentally, Zion Church has done well in this particular appeal.

3. Concordia's contribution for 1960 to the new Rochester Conference Camp on Keuka Lake is still to be made. The regular benevolence fund was designed to handle this item of \$700. Careful and regular contributions should make it possible to discharge all our responsibilities. Apportioned and local benevolence items are just about up to date.

4. Regarding local financial obligations, there are no major unpaid bills. Income has been kept above last year. God has blessed this congregation and will surely continue to strengthen it as we put our trust in Him.

#### PASTORAL ACTS

(April 14—August 28)

Baptisms: Sherri Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Skibinski; Reid Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Strohmer; Tammi Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew G. Vinci; Sandra Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Schencke; Pamela Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. James Bishop.

Adult Baptism: George Fred McLenithan.

Weddings: William Herbert Gleason and Susan Carol Steffer; George Fred McLenithan and Jean L. Radtke.

Funerals: Mrs. Lena Hess, Mrs. Amelia Weber, Mr. Harry B. Harrington, Miss Elsie Ziegler, Mrs. Bertha Schroeder, Mrs. Elsie L. Brown, Mr. Charles V. Seitz, Mr. Henry Yanneck, Mrs. Augusta Steffen, Mr. William Grimm, Mr. William Bringe, Stephan Riehme.

**CHOIR HAS NEW DIRECTOR**

The post of choir director has recently been filled by Mr. George E. Klump. During the month of September he has also been serving as organist at Concordia.

Mr. Klump received his undergraduate training at Occidental College in Los Angeles. In 1959 he received the degree of Master of Music from Syracuse University where he studied organ with Dr. Arthur Poister and served for a time as Organist and Director of Music for the Hendricks Chapel. Mr. Klump is presently studying organ with Dr. David Craighead and working toward his doctorate in Musical Arts at the Eastman School of Music.

An invitation is hereby extended to any persons interested in becoming choir members, to attend a rehearsal and speak with Mr. Klump. The Lutheran Church has a fine heritage of beautiful music which enhances the worship experience of those who come before His presence with singing and lift their voices to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES**

To the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Latal as they begin their service in a new parish, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York. We pray that our Lord may bless them as they serve Him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown on the birth of Donald Thomas, born August 14, 1960 in Ohio. They have recently returned from Germany where Donald spent one year in graduate study. A call has been extended to Mr. Brown to be the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Troy, New York. This is an A.E.L.C. congregation which is part of the proposed merger of four Lutheran bodies to be known as the Lutheran Church in America. Mr. Brown will be ordained into the ministry at a date to be determined by Synodical officials.

To Roger Cooper who is continuing his graduate studies as a theological student for another year.

To Warren Rippe who will complete his senior year in college this year in preparation for the ministry.

To all our young people continuing or entering college or university this fall, and to all servicemen and women of this congregation. We are eager to have their names and addresses so that we may be able to keep them informed of our life and growth here.

To Alan Schock and Amy W. Hunt who were married in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick Maine on September 3, 1960.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

It seems to me there was no excuse for the small turnout in response to the pleas of Concordia's Luther Leaguers on the night of June 23, 1960. These young people asked for no more than a free will offering and a chance to prove that they could entertain . . . and this they did with a varied program that was unique and amusing. The program entitled "Tunes Through Time" was instigated to send two young people to the Synodical Luther League Convention at Cornell University and two young people to the Leadership Workshop at Muhlenberg College.

We adults sometimes worry about the whims of the teenagers feeling that they never want to accept responsibility and that they think of nothing but rock and roll and Itsy Bitsy Yellow Polka Dot Bikinis. The motive and production of that might proved such an attitude unfounded. These young people who displayed talent, initiative and ability through their presentation of a varied entertainment program are the same ones who will soon be carrying the weight of responsibility for a newly-located church on East Avenue. We need them, depend on them, bless them and thank them for their efforts.

The evening is done—a lesson learned. Let's give our support to whatever events may be forthcoming from the Luther League.—Jane M. Weingartner, Superintendent, Primary and Junior Department, Lutheran Concordia Church School.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1960

DEDICATED: OCTOBER 6, 1878 RE-DEDICATED: NOVEMBER 14, 1937

SOLD: NOVEMBER 1, 1960

### The Thanksgiving Service

The final service having been completed, the congregation will remain standing for this Thanksgiving Service.

#### Psalm 122. Laetatus sum

I was glad when they said unto me:  
Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates:  
O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is builded:  
As a city that is compact together;  
Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:  
Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks  
unto the Name of the Lord.  
For there are set thrones of judgement:  
The thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
They shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls:  
And prosperity within thy palaces.  
For my brethren and companions' sakes:  
I will now say, Peace be within thee.  
Because of the house of the Lord our God:  
I will seek thy good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

The Lord be with you  
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Most merciful Father, who hast revealed Thy love in Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son: Grant to all who at this altar have received Thy precious gifts, who have heard Thy Word read and preached in this place, who have here come to the saving fountain of Thy grace in Holy Baptism, and who in this House have learned the joy of life and service to Thee, the grace to walk in faith and love through-out their lives until they finally behold Thee face to face in Thine eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

As this dedicated House of God has been useful to us these many years, we now commit it into the hands of others with the prayer that it may continue to be used to the glory of God and to His service in this area.

Let us pray:

Almighty and Everlasting God, whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, yet who art willing to have an House fashioned by man wherein Thine honor dwelleth and where men may worship Thee: Of Thy love and mercy, we beseech Thee to strengthen this Thy people now to even greater heights of devotion to Thy Will as we have been called to strengthen our bond of love and to build Thee another House in which to worship Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn — "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 443

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Lutheran Concordia Church united with Zion Lutheran Church

on September 18, 1960 to form

ZION — CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH of Rochester, N.Y.

We are now called to serve our Lord with even greater effectiveness as our new congregation develops its new house of worship on East Avenue at Goodman Street.

Until then we shall worship at

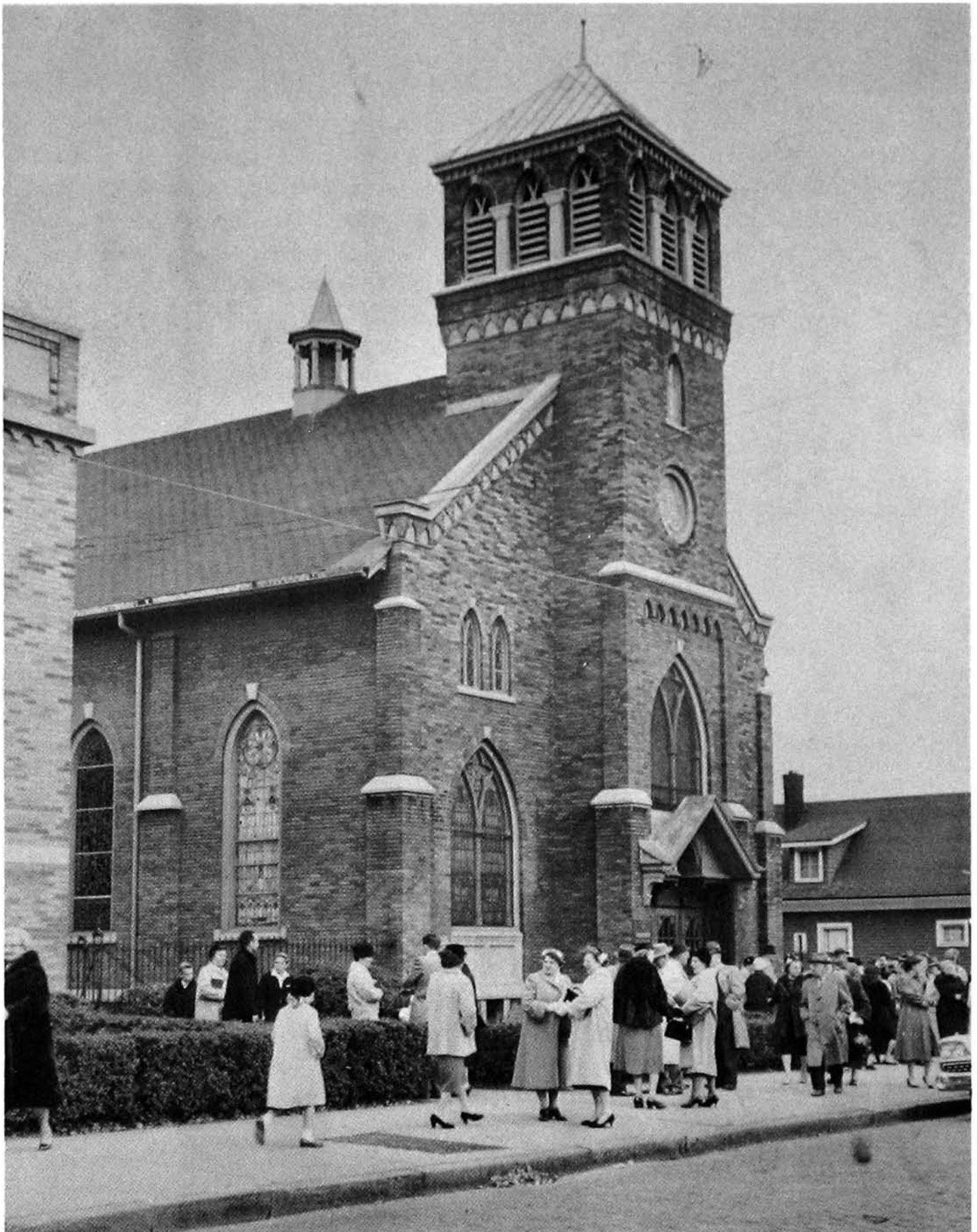
70 Grove Street (at Stillson Street)

8:30 A.M. The early Service

9:30 A.M. Sunday Church School

10:45 A.M. The Service  
(Nursery care provided)

12:00 Noon Youth Program





30 Sept 1877 - Decision to form a new parish with especial appeal to the North Germans is made by Pastor Ernst Heydler (former minister of St. John's Lutheran Church) and sixty former members of St. John's. Rent Goer's Hall, 103 Hudson St, at two dollars per week to hold church. Also rented 51 Concord Ave at same amount to hold a parochial school in German and English. Pastor Heydler was unanimously called to be Pastor.

Sept 1877 - Sunday School is begun with two teachers, 15 boys and 34 girls.

- Christmas trees at the celebrations are regularly guarded by tree committees, who had brooms and pails of water ready for use in case of fire.

1878 - Incorporation papers taken out under the name "Die Norddeutsche Evangelisch - lutherische Concordia Gemeinde".

4 Feb 1878 - Since Goer's Hall is becoming too small, a special congregational meeting voted to purchase land at corner of Helena and Putnam St. for \$700. Cash is paid for lots.

22 Apr 1878 - It is voted to build a church to seat 400 people, 40 feet wide and 70 feet long. Plans prepared by Pastor Gompf of Pittsford, NY. Pastor Heydler visits St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New York, NY and it's members contribute \$606 toward the construction. In accepting the gift, Pastor Heydler wrote that Concordia will never forget what it owes to the love of the brethren.

6 Oct 1878 - Church building is completed and dedicated at a cost of \$3,634. Furnishings a gradually purchased and assembled. Benches and pews were built, two furnaces were installed, and the faulty ceiling replaced with a new one.

Dec 1878 - A cellar is dug out to prepare for future developments.

1879 - The First Benevolent Society of the congregation is organized.

3 Mar 1879 - Motion of the congregation that the children of the Parochial School is to be trained in singing so that they could participate in services and at burials.

July 1879 - Deed is signed for two additional lots adjoining congregational property on Helena St. to fill the need for a school.

27 Aug 1879 - A two room schoolhouse is built at the cost of \$933 and dedicated.

1879 - Origination of custom to present every child at confirmation with a Bible is started.

1880 - Daughter congregation of Concordia, West Henrietta is formed.

23 Oct 1881 - The need for more room in the school becomes urgent, and an addition is built at the cost of \$600.

24 July 1882 - Theological Candidate Carl Nicolas Conrad is called to become pastor. He served the congregation during Pastor Heydler's illness.

26 Sept 1882 - Pastor Heydler dies after being ill. He is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. The Baptistry is dedicated to his memory by the vote of the congregation.

Sept 1882 - An addition at the rear of the church building is made at a cost of \$525. It houses a room for confirmation instruction and a sacristy for the Pastor's use.

20 Apr 1883 - Young Men's Society is organized with seven members.

22 July 1883 - The basement is finished with the old pews from the church being moved there and the door being made at the schoolhouse side of the church. Since it finds the school rooms too small, The First Benevolent Society of the congregation loans the money necessary to finish the church basement and buys new pews. The cost for the basement is \$504, the new pews cost \$535.

Dec 1883 - Pipe organ is purchased from the Brick Presbyterian Church for \$500 and is installed in the rear balcony.

- Extensive emigration from Germany. The Pastor and congregation minister to the newcomers both spiritually and materially.

Apr 1884 - Two additional lots are purchased at a cost of \$800.

15 July 1884 - Addition to extend and enlarge the church building proper, spire and belfry to the tower, and a new bell is dedicated. The bell is a gift of the Young Men's Society at a cost of \$300. The other modifications cost \$5,000.

1886 - Daughter congregations of Concordia, Brockport and Bethlehem, Rochester are formed.

1887 - Daughter congregation of Concordia, Kendall is formed.

1887 - A School bell is purchased.

1887 - Celebration of the congregation's 10th Anniversary is the highlight.

Jan 1888 - Fire in the basement and sacristy. Repairs are covered by insurance, except personal losses of the Pastor.

19 Aug 1888 - A boat is chartered to take the congregation and other Lutherans to a Mission Festival at Troutberg, NY (near Kendall). Because of a storm the boat can not land and the boat returns at evening to Rochester with a hungry and seasick congregation.

1889 - Daughter congregation of Concordia, Byron is formed.

13 Aug 1890 - Rev WH Rommel of West Henrietta is called as assistant pastor to give special attention to the work of the chapel at Wakelee Farm.

1890 - Daughter congregation of Concordia, Charlotte is formed. By 1937 it is dissolved.

15 Sept 1890 - Cornerstone of Chapel at Wakelee Farm is laid. Building completed later this year at a cost of \$6,000.

Jan 1892 - Rev WH Rommel resigns.

1893 - Church is redecorated. A new side gallery is built, new doors installed, and gas brackets, the gift of the Young Men's Society. The cost is \$1,000.

1896 - The Chapel on Wakelee Farm is given to Bethlehem Congregation (which had been organized there), under the condition that the congregation pay the \$500 principal still unpaid on the mortgage.

1898 - A new organ is purchased for \$3,000. It is placed in the front of the church where an addition is built for that purpose at a cost of \$1,500.

1900 - Congregation severs connections with the New York Ministerium. (Synod) Remains without synodical connections for 5 more years, but holds itself to the doctrinal standards of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

1902 - Organ purchased for the basement at a cost of \$500. New entrances for the basement at a cost of \$350. Church is repainted, inside and out, and minor changes made at a cost of \$1,800.

1906 - Assessment for paving of Helena Street amounting to \$680 is paid in full.

1906 - Building Fund is established.

1907 - English Services introduced for the first time during evening worship. Choir participates in services in both languages.

1 Nov 1907 - Parochial School is closed after 30 years in existence. At its peak enrollment it had 4 teachers and 350 'scholars'.

1907 - Arthur F. Nowack is called as organist and choirmaster. Is still in service in 1937.



1908 - Permanent floor is laid in basement and choir room built, at a cost of \$2,000.

1908 - Daughter congregation of Concord, West Greece is formed.

Dec 1908 - Fire in School building did over \$1,000 worth of damage.

1910 - A City wide coupon contest is won by the young people of Concordia, who receive a piano and Library as prizes.

1912 - School building is remodelled into an Assembly Hall for \$1,800.

5 July 1912 - Lightning strikes the church steeple and ignites the roof. Damage to the amount of \$500 is covered by insurance.

Sept 1913 - One of the rooms of the Assembly Hall is rented to the city for Grammar School 18 overflow pupils. Contract for a year.

Dec 1914 - five lots bought at Alphonse and Carter Streets for \$6,500 with the view of building a new church and buyers are sought for the old church property.

3 Jun 1915 - Morning services are held in English on every third Sunday of the month.

1916 - English services are held on alternate Sunday mornings.

World War I - 193 sons of Concordia serve during the war. After the war the congregation gathers food and clothing for the starving victims of this catastrophe.

1918 - The wooden church building is remodelled and modernized at a cost of \$30,000. Work begins with \$8,000 on hand in Building Fund and debt is paid off in 1920. Work includes brick veneer, roof, windows, hardwood floor, altar, pulpit, improved lighting, carpet laid, and hot water is introduced.

17 May 1919 - Congregation is reincorporated as The Lutheran Concordia Church.

1919 - English is introduced into all the departments of the Sunday School.

1923 - Old school bell is given to Concord Church, West Greece, and the basement organ to Fairport Lutheran Church.



7 Sept 1924 - Cornerstone of the Parish Hall is laid. Hall cost of \$80,000 is defrayed by sale of lots for \$5,200 in 1924 and advance collections and pledges received. Hall includes four bowling alleys, other recreational equipment, meeting rooms, and a great hall.

Dec 1924 - Double envelope system is introduced to help pay debt incurred for Parish Hall.

1927 - Congregation celebrates its Golden Anniversary and the Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Pastor. A history of the congregation is published in honor of this event. The report of the Pastor's official acts during the 45 years of his ministry include 5,471 baptisms, 3,756 confirmations, 2,095 marriages, and 3,077 burials.

1928 - Dorcas Society installed churchly lighting fixtures in the nave of the church at a cost of \$1,000 and furnished the church council room in the Hall for \$400.

Apr 1930 - New Organ is bought at a cost of \$17,538.

8 Jun 1932 - Rev. Carl N Conrad dies and is buried beside his wife at Mt. Hope cemetery. In an anniversary booklet produced in 1952 it states, "In 1932 the entire congregation was prepared to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Dr. Conrad's pastorate. But several weeks before these plans could be culminated, Pastor Conrad was called into the Church Triumphant, entering it on June 8, 1932."

6 Oct 1932 - Pastor Charles J Reichardt, who has served the congregation during absence of permanent pastor, dies.

6 Nov 1932 - Rev. Wilfried C H Tappert is installed in presence of an overflow congregation.

1933 - Visitation of all members is made and a new Constitution is adopted.

June 1934 - Mortgage on organ is paid and burned.

1935 - Interior of the great hall is painted

- Regular German and a regular English service every Sunday morning is established.

- Under Pastor Tappert's leadership, after a period of almost forty years of independency, the congregation rejoins the United Lutheran Synod of NY.

19 Sept 1937 - Dorcas Society is organized upon the dissolution of the former Frauenverein.

1937 - Extensive alterations to the entire Church Building are made to mark the 60th anniversary of the Congregation.

14 Nov 1937 - 60th Anniversary and Rededication program:

"As a member of Concordia, as a Christian, I will strive, in the day of grace yet left to me:

- To attend the services of the church more regularly;
- To partake of the Lord's Supper more frequently;
- To read the Bible daily, and to devote more time to daily prayer;
- To grow in the grace of giving and in self-denial;
- To apply my Christian faith in my dealings with the fellowman;
- To serve more willingly in and through the church;
- To realize more fully my Christian ideals;
- To share my spiritual wealth with others, and to be courageous in inviting them thus to share with me;
- To take a greater pride in my church, to love her work, to speak well concerning her to others;
- To bring at least one new member to the fold of my church.

As a Lutheran, a Christian congregation, we will strive:

- To exalt spiritual realities, and seek first the Kingdom of God;
- To bring our church attendance to an average of 600 per Sunday;
- To advance the family pew, the family communion, the family altar;
- To increase our membership steadily
- To pay off our debt in three years;
- To take our rightful place in Lutheranism by willing and consecrated service;
- To encourage our young people to consecrate themselves to the ministry of the Word and the ministry of Mercy;
- To keep faith in word and deed; with God, with fellow-believers, with the fellowman;
- To build ourselves up into a spiritual house of true beauty and lasting strength with the same devotion which we have shown in building and beautifying our church property;
- To permit the Spirit of Christ to guide and determine all things in our midst, to His praise, and to the fulfillment of our mission as His Church.

1941 - Pastor Tappert accepts a call from St. Paul's Church, Mt. Vernon, NY.

19 Oct 1941 - Rev. Thomas A Berg is installed.

## World War II

May 1948 - Pastor Berg accepts a call from Trinity Church, Herkimer, NY.

1 Nov 1948 - Rev. Louis G Golder becomes pastor.

- Acquisition of a large parking lot, purchase of sexton's house with adjoining property, renovation of church and hall properties.

21 Sept 1952 - 75th Anniversary is celebrated with many activities including a Jubilee banquet for over 300 guests.

1959 - According to the Annual Report, the membership at yearend included 1254 Baptized, 882 Confirmed, and 690 Communing members (yearend 1958 included 1247 Baptized, 890 Confirmed, and 690 Communing members). Church attendance averaged 320 per month, down from 338 in 1958, 388 in 1957, and 357 in 1955 & 1956. Pastor Godfrey E. Alberti reports that "the only evangelism that has been going on in Concordia in the past year appears in the pastoral work of the pastor, and whatever individual members in the congregation have been able to accomplish on their own". Total receipts were \$52,816 plus \$24,583 to the building fund. The Church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 242 reported and increase of membership from 12 to 21 boys.

1959 - The Luther League reports that it meets every Sunday after church, the leaguers attend choir rehearsal until 1:00pm. From 1:00pm until 1:30pm the leaguers eat lunch and from 1:30pm until 3:00pm the Luther League meeting is held. League activities consist of Christmas caroling at homes for the aging, making of Christmas bells for a charitable cause, a Christmas time dance held at Concordia, numerous discussions on problems of general interest, Christian recreation, singing in several of our Church services, attendance at College Day and attendance at the GVD rallies.

14 Jan 1960 - The Lutheran Concordia Young Men's Society which had been organized by Rev. Dr. Conrad with seven members in 1883 decides to dissolve. At one time membership reached 273, at time of dissolution there are 133 members.



# Lutheran Sunday School Athletic Association

SEASON 1914-1915

Winter Schedules of the Young Men's Indoor Baseball League  
and the Young Ladies' Basketball League

Young Men's Indoor Baseball League Schedule					Ladies' Basketball League	
Date	North Diamond 7:30 P. M.	North Diamond 8:30 P. M.	North Diamond 9:30 P. M.	South Diamond 9:30 P. M.	St. John's	Concordia
Nov. 2	St. Luke's .....	Christ .....	Zion .....	St. John's .....		St. Luke's * .....
	Concordia .....	Grace .....	Trinity .....	Peace .....		Concordia .....
Nov. 9	Zion .....	St. Luke's .....	Christ .....	Grace .....	Zion .....	Trinity .....
	St. John's .....	Peace .....	Concordia .....	Trinity .....	Grace .....	Peace .....
Nov. 16	Concordia .....	Zion .....	St. Luke's .....	Christ .....	St. Luke's .....	Concordia .....
	Peace .....	Grace .....	Trinity .....	St. John .....	St. John's .....	Christ .....
Nov. 23	Christ .....	St. John's .....	Grace .....	St. Luke's .....	Zion .....	Grace .....
	Trinity .....	Concordia .....	Peace .....	Zion .....	Peace .....	Trinity .....
Nov. 30	St. Luke's .....	Christ .....	Concordia .....	Peace .....	St. Luke's .....	Concordia .....
	St. John's .....	Zion .....	Grace .....	Trinity .....	Christ .....	St. John's .....
Dec. 7	Zion .....	St. Luke's .....	St. John's .....	Concordia .....	Grace .....	Zion .....
	Peace .....	Christ .....	Grace .....	Trinity .....	Peace .....	Trinity .....
Dec. 14	Trinity .....	Concordia .....	St. Luke's .....	Christ .....	Concordia .....	St. Luke's .....
	St. John's .....	Zion .....	Grace .....	Peace .....	Grace .....	Trinity .....
Dec. 21	Zion .....	Christ .....	St. Luke's .....	St. John's .....	Zion .....	Christ .....
	Trinity .....	Grace .....	Concordia .....	Peace .....	St. John .....	Peace .....
Jan. 4	Christ .....	St. Luke's .....	Zion .....	Grace .....	Peace .....	Trinity .....
	Concordia .....	Peace .....	St. John's .....	Trinity .....	St. Luke's .....	Concordia .....
Jan. 11	St. Luke's .....	Zion .....	Concordia .....	Christ .....	Peace .....	Zion .....
	Trinity .....	Grace .....	Peace .....	St. John's .....	St. John's .....	Christ .....
Jan. 18	Grace .....	St. John's .....	Christ .....	St. Luke's .....	St. Luke's .....	Concordia .....
	Peace .....	Concordia .....	Trinity .....	Zion .....	Zion .....	Peace .....
Jan. 25	Concordia .....	Christ .....	St. Luke's .....	Peace .....	Trinity .....	St. John's .....
	Grace .....	Zion .....	St. John's .....	Trinity .....	Christ .....	Grace .....
Feb. 1	St. John's .....	St. Luke's .....	Zion .....	Concordia .....	Concordia .....	St. Luke's .....
	Grace .....	Christ .....	Peace .....	Trinity .....	Zion .....	Grace .....
Feb. 8	St. Luke's .....	Concordia .....	Trinity .....	Christ .....	Grace .....	Trinity .....
	Grace .....	Zion .....	St. John's .....	Peace .....	Christ .....	St. John's .....
Feb. 15					St. John's .....	St. Luke's .....
					Christ .....	Concordia .....

Umpires: W. Topel and W. Cooper.

All players are to show their Membership Cards to the official score-keeper before entering the game.  
\*Exhibition Game.

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Teams will practice on the courts on which they are to play their next game on the Monday previous to the game.

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"God loveth a cheerful giver."

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**EVERY PIN-HOLE COUNTS**

THE BEARER

IS AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT OFFERINGS  
FOR THE BUILDING FUND OF

**Grace Evan. Lutheran Church**

Kindly give bearer one cent for every  
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# Dedication of the Remodeled

Evangelical Lutheran

## Concordia Church

Helena Street

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### SERVICES

April 28th, May 5th and May 12th

Morning and Evening

1918



Rev. C. N. Conrad, D. D.

Pastor

Rochester, New York

## ORDER OF SERVICE

7:45 P. M.

**Prelude** . "Allegro Symphonique in Bb" . Brooks Jay  
Prof. A. F. Nowack, Organist

**Church Choir** . "March from Othello" . Mendelssohn

### The Versicle

O Lord, open Thou my lips:  
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me:  
Make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end  
Amen. Hallelujah.

**Pastor**—Psalm 146

### Prayer

**Hymn**—"The Church's Own Foundation"

The Church's one Foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His Holy Bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.  
  
Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men were her sore oppress,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.  
  
'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

**Address** . . . **Rev. Erwin L. Tucker**

**Hymn**—"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Open now thy gates of beauty Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers pray'r: O how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light and grace.	Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed; May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.
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**Address** . . . **Rev. H. Branson Richards**

**Hymn**—"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise:  Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home:  Jesus sought me, when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;	He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.  O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it from Thy courts above. Amen.
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### Lord's Prayer

### Announcements

**Church Choir**—"Evening Hymn" . . . **W. L. Thickson**

### Envelope or Silver Offering for the Remodeled Church

**Hymn**—"Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessings"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.  Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Thy salvation	In our hearts and lives abound; May Thy presence With us ever more be found  Lo, where'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away, Borne on angel's wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey, May we, ready Rise and reign in endless day.
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### Benediction

### Doxology

**Postlude** . . . **Selected** . . . **Faulkes**  
Prof. A. F. Nowack

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock the Catechumens will be confirmed in the German language. Rev. C. M. Conrad, D. D., the pastor, officiating.

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Next Sunday evening a Reunion of all the Church Societies and of those who have been Confirmed in Concordia will be celebrated. — Addresses will be delivered in the English language. An Envelope Offering, both morning and evening, will take place for the remodeled church.

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A Thanksgiving Service will be held May 12th, both morning and evening.

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Certificate of Change of System  
of electing Trustees of the "Die  
Nord Deutsche Evangelische  
Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde,  
zur Rochester, Monroe County,  
New York".  
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We, Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad, Johann Frank, Wilhelm Griep, Heinrich Meyer, Wm. Neitzel, Barnhardt Boncke, Max Leiske, Frank Bohm, Ferdinand Boncke, Carl Griep, Adolph Zielke, Lud Kuelp and Wm. Kaschneck, all residing in the City of Rochester, New York, being the Trustees of "Die Nord Deutsche Evangelische Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde, zur Rochester, Monroe County, New York," located in the City of Rochester, New York, do hereby certify that at the regular annual corporate meeting of such Church held at its usual place of worship in the City of Rochester, New York, at eight o'clock on the evening of the 13th., day of December, 1915, pursuant to due and regular notice thereof, given with notice of such meeting, the said "Die Nord Deutsche Evangelische Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde, zur Rochester, Monroe County, New York", did determine that the Minister and Ministers and Elders and Deacons of such Church should thereafter constitute the Trustees thereof. And that the following are the names of the Minister, Elders and Deacons of such Church.

Minister.

Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad

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Elders

Johann Frank  
Wilhelm Griep  
Heinrich Meyer

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Deacons

Wm. Neitzel  
Barnhardt Boncke  
Max Leiske  
Frank Bohm  
Ferdinand Boncke  
Carl Griep  
Adolph Zielke  
Lud Kuelp  
Wm. Kaschneck

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In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 14th., day of January, 1916.

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Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad, S.

Johann Frank L.S.  
Wm. A. Griep L.S.  
Fred Meyer L.S.  
Wm. Neitzel L.S.  
B. F. Boncke L.S.  
Max H. Leiske L.S.  
Frank L. Bohm L.S.  
Ferdinand A. Boncke L.S.  
Carl Griep L.S.  
Adolph L. Zielke L.S.  
Ludwig Kuelps L.S.  
Wm. Kaschneck L.S.

State of New York, }  
County of Monroe, } ss.  
City of Rochester. }

On this 14th., day of January, 1916, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Rev. Dr. Carl N. Conrad, Johann Frank, Wilhelm Griep, Heinrich Meyer, Wm. Neitzel, Barnhardt Boncke, Max Leiske, Frank Bohm, Ferdinand Boncke, Carl Griep, Adolph Zielke, Lud Kuelps, Wm. Kaschneck, to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Emil Ludekens

Notary Public

Supreme Court .

Monroe County.

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In the Matter of the Application  
of

Die Norddeutsche Evangelisch  
Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde  
zu Rochester, Monroe County,  
New York, for authority to  
Change its name to Lutheran Con-  
cordia Church of Rochester, N.Y.

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ORDER.

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Emil Ludekens,  
Attorney for Petitioner,  
918-921 Cham. of Com. Bldg.,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Filed  
May 23 11:20 AM 1919  
Monroe County  
Clerk's office.



At a Special term of the Supreme court, held in and for the County of Monroe, at the Monroe County Court house, in the City of Rochester, N.Y., on the 17th, day of May, 1919.

Present: Hon. Adolph J. Rodenbeck

Justice of said Court.

Supreme Court, Monroe County.

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In the Matter of the Application

of

Die Norddeutsche Evangelisch Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde  
Zu Rochester, Monroe County, New York, for authority to  
change its name to Lutheran Concordia Church of Rochester, N.Y.

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The Die Norddeutsche Evangelisch Lutherische Concordia  
Gemeinde zu Rochester, Monroe County, New York, having presented a  
petition asking leave to change its corporate name to Lutheran Con-  
cordia Church of Rochester, N.Y., and having presented a certificate  
of the Secretary of State that the Lutheran Concordia Church of  
Rochester, N.Y. is not the name of any other corporation, the  
certificate of incorporation of which is filed or recorded in his  
office, or a name so nearly resembling the name of any other  
such corporation as to be calculated to deceive, and having  
presented proof of notice of this application, to be Secretary  
of State, and the court being satisfied that the petition of the  
petitioner is true and that there is no reasonable objection to  
the change of name proposed and that the petition has been duly  
authorized, and after hearing Emil Ludekens, attorney for the  
petitioner, it is

ORDERED, that Die Norddeutsche Evangelisch Lutherische Con-  
cordia Gemeinde zu Rochester, Monroe County, New York, be and it  
hereby is authorized to assume the name of the Lutheran Concordia  
Church of Rochester, N.Y.; and it is further

ORDERED, That this order be entered in the Clerk's office  
of Monroe County where the certificate of incorporation of the  
petitioner is filed and that a certified copy of this order shall in



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ten days after the entry thereof be filed in the office of the  
Secretary of State.

Enter

A.J. Rodenbeck

Justice of the Supreme Court.

James L. Hotchkiss.

Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK  
MONROE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

} ss.

I, JAMES L. HOTCHKISS, Clerk of the County of Monroe, of  
the County Court of said County, and of the Supreme Court, both being  
Courts of Record, having a common seal, DO HEREBY CERTIFY,

that I have compared a copy of *an order*

*to change name*

hereunto annexed, with the

original now *on file* in this office, and that the same is  
a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
Seal of said County and Courts, this *23rd* day

of *September* A. D. 192*4*  
*James L. Hotchkiss* Clerk.

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**Supreme Court, Monroe County.**

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**In the Matter of the Application  
Of**

**Die Norddeutsche Evangelisch  
Lutherische Concordia Gemeinde  
Rochester, Monroe County, New York,  
for authority to change its name to  
Lutheran Concordia Church of Ro-  
chester, N.Y.**

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**ORDER.**

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**Emil Ludekens,  
Attorney for Petitioner,  
918-921 Cham of Com Bld'g.,  
Rochester, N.Y.**

**Filed May 23, 1919, 11:20 A.M.  
Monroe County Clerk's Office.**

The corporate name of this Church was changed from "GERMAN CONCORD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATION", to "DIE NORDDEUTSCHE EVANGELISCHE LUTHERISCHE CONCORDIA GEMEINDE ZU ROCHESTER, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK", by Chapter 79 of the Laws of 1897 of the State of New York. And thereafter changed to "LUTHERAN CONCORDIA CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.", by Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, granted May 17th., 1919.



German Concord Evangelical }  
Lutheran Congregation }

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We, the subscribers, two of the Elders of the German Concord Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the City of Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y., do hereby certify that the members of the said Congregation having been duly convened on the 26th. day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven agreeable to and for the purpose of electing Trustees, who shall take care of the Temporalities of the above mentioned congregation and that upon the votes of said members of the said congregation then and there assembled being taken, the following persons were by a plurality of voices elected, namely, Ernest Rusher, John Willner, John Bauch, Henry Baumann, Lewis Schmidt and Frederic Hannmann and we further do certify that it was agreed unanimously that the style and name by which the said Trustees and their successors shall forever thereafter be called and known should be by the style and name " The German Concord Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the City of Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y.

In Witness Whereof, we the said Elders have hereunto set our hands and seals this Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and seventy-Eight and of the Independence of the State the hundredths and second.

Feby. 11, 1878.

Albert H. Loeb, Jr.  
Com. of Deeds.

John Roggmann, L.S.  
Ch. Knuth, L.S.

Monroe County, S.S.

On this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and seventy-eight, before me, the subscriber, personally appeared Christian Knuth and John Roggman, to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and severally acknowledged that they executed, signed and sealed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

Albert H. Loeb,

Feb'y 11, 78

Com. of Deeds.

A true copy of the Original )  
Recorded February 13, 1878. )

E. A. Frost, Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK  
MONROE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

ss.

I, JAMES L. HOTCHKISS, Clerk of the County of Monroe, of the County Court of said County, and of the Supreme Court, both being Courts of Record, having a common seal, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared a copy of a.....

**Certificate of Incorporation**

hereunto annexed with the **record**.....  
original ~~now~~.....in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original.  
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said County and Courts, this **15<sup>th</sup>** day of **January,**.....A. D., 192 **3**

*James L. Hotchkiss*.....Clerk.