



Bringing Church in New Ways

Mission Initiatives

Music Expansion Initiative

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The Music Expansion Initiative aims to connect new individuals to Concordia through music ministry. This expansion involves the Concordia Concert series, a newly launched Benefactor Society, and outreach to local nursing homes.

What have we accomplished?

- ◆ 3 concerts in Fall/Winter 2021
- ◆ Midweek releases during Advent
- ◆ 1 nursing home outreach concert
- ◆ New musicians utilized for concerts, releases, and services



What are the next steps?

- ◆ 2 more concerts planned for February & May
- ◆ Nursing home performances in Spring
- ◆ Expand Benefactor Society to include more people

How can you get involved?

- ◆ Ambassador for music concerts (share via your personal social media, email, word of mouth, etc.)
- ◆ Reading scripture for virtual Advent and Lent music releases
- ◆ Event Operations volunteer (greet or usher at concerts, help with set-up or clean up after events)
- ◆ Represent Concordia Church and emcee at nursing home concerts (offer information, answer questions)



Community Service Initiative

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The Community Service initiative aims to support our neighbors in need through collaborative partnerships and service projects that encourage people to express their faith through service—and invite the wider community to join this service effort.

What have we accomplished?

- ◆ Common Pantry/Swedish Covenant Hospital partnership to help those facing food insecurity is fully funded through June 2022!

What are the next steps?

- ◆ Market the Common Pantry partnership to the wider community
- ◆ Organize 2 additional opportunities to serve the community
- ◆ Foster connection opportunities at in-person events

How can you get involved?

- ◆ Participate/volunteer at an upcoming community service event
- ◆ Serve as a volunteer leader for an upcoming community service event
- ◆ Serve as a community connector (training required)
- ◆ Marketing Ambassador: use social media, word of mouth, or door-to-door tactics to promote our efforts out in the community
- ◆ Join the Community Service task force to help with future strategic planning



Inclusive Worship Initiative

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The Inclusive Worship Project is designed to accommodate a range of specific needs for younger family members with sensory and/or processing challenges. This will enable family members to worship together, give thanks for blessings, provide supports in daily challenges, and to celebrate what makes each of us unique and beloved by God.

What have we accomplished?

- ◆ Secured a location: Concordia on Milwaukee
- ◆ Chosen curriculum: Godly Play
- ◆ Researched models for community gathering

What are the next steps?

- ◆ Set a public launch date when vaccines are available for all ages
- ◆ Establish infrastructure, including:
 - ◆ Supplies and equipment
 - ◆ On-boarding process and procedures
 - ◆ Marketing materials

How can you get involved?

- ◆ General support volunteer: help with logistics, gathering supplies, etc.
- ◆ Monthly Gathering Team member: help in-person at events (training and commitment required)
- ◆ Inclusive Worship Ambassador: be active in sharing the word about this program with the larger community



Virtual Worship Initiative

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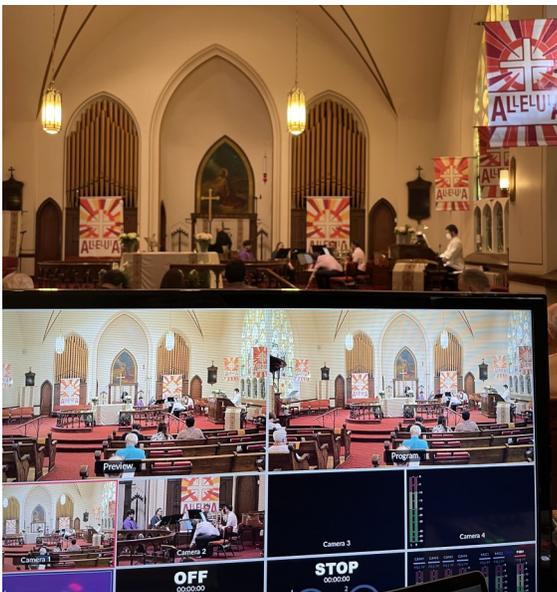
Through our Virtual Faith initiative, our aim is to expand our capacity to actively engage people with our faith community in a virtual format and invite them to become a virtual member of our church.

What have we accomplished?

- ◆ Professional-grade technological set up that can livestream, record, and be used for hybrid-format activities
- ◆ Initiated some virtual engagement opportunities (Family Faith lessons, Adult Study)
- ◆ Detailed tracking and analysis of data to establish a baseline and guide future decisions

What are the next steps?

- ◆ Organize more opportunities for virtual engagement for those within and new to our faith community
- ◆ Increase our digital footprint to reach a wider audience



How can you get involved?

- ◆ Learn to run the audio/visual equipment to help with livestreaming and recording of services and other events
- ◆ Join a Zoom fellowship group for virtual engagement
- ◆ Lead a virtual small group to facilitate and/or nurture relationships among those within the community and those new(er) to Concordia
- ◆ Join the Virtual Faith task force to strategically plan next steps