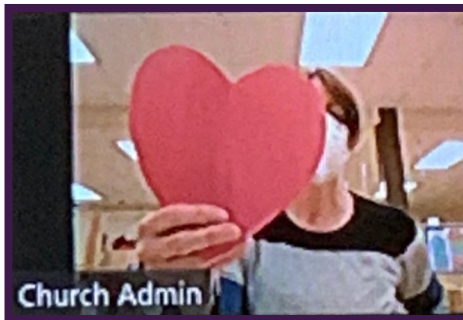


Belong

Two and a half years struggling with the COVID pandemic inspired creative ways to respond to the health, safety, and isolation of the members of our church community: recorded and virtual worship, music ministry offerings, zoom meetings and virtual events. These solutions, as valuable as they proved to be, still left us missing important ways of belonging: connecting with each other before or after worship, shared fellowship over a meal, gatherings for ministry and celebration and the joy of our life together in the body of Christ.



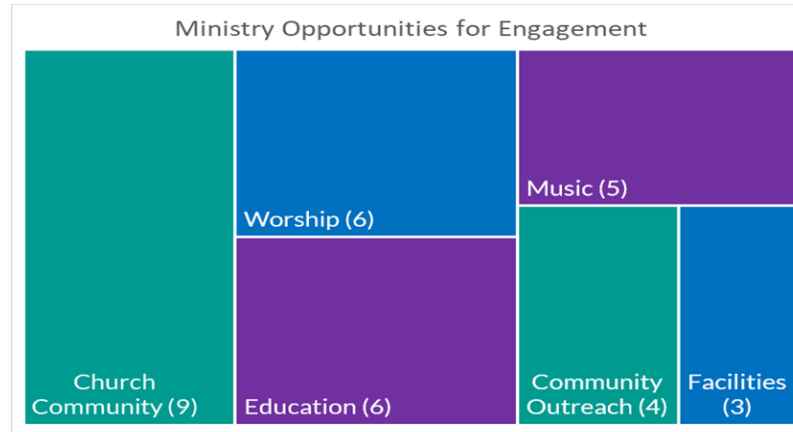
Technology expands our ability to worship beyond our walls



Sunday School lesson via Zoom

Engage

We count 33 ways to get involved at Concordia...and counting! We want to hear from you—where do you see your faith active and impactful here?



Examples of Ministries in Each Category:

- Church Community**— Coffee Host or 125th Celebration
- Worship**— Lector or Greeter
- Education**— Children's Crafts or Adult Study
- Music**— Choir or Concert Ambassador
- Community Outreach**— Common Pantry Supporter
- Facilities**— Spring Garden Helper

Learn how you can get involved!

Temple Talks on our ministry initiatives, and future ministry goals

Small Group Sunday Forums in March and April inviting members for a presentation on a ministry topic and dialogue.

Zoom or Phone Call & Mail Connection with members who prefer to participate in Ministry Forums remotely.



Supporting our neighbors facing food insecurity

Commit

We want every member to renew their commitment to belonging and engaging here at Concordia. Together we will grow our church community and outreach ministries.

Commitment Challenge for the 125th Anniversary year.

Please consider an increase of 12.5% in your Giving commitment for a year. The chart below shows the impact it will have for our ministry.

- ◆ **Belong:** Commit to worship in-person or via livestream weekly
- ◆ **Engage:** Commit to participating in a new way
- ◆ **Commit:** Make a plan to grow in giving this year

How much difference does a 12.5% increase make in a year?

Current Weekly Giving	Current Yearly Giving	12.5% Weekly Increase	12.5% Yearly Increase (rounded)	Additional Yearly Impact
\$5	\$260	\$5.63	\$293	\$33
\$10	\$520	\$11.25	\$585	\$65
\$20	\$1,040	\$22.50	\$1,170	\$130
\$25	\$1,300	\$28.13	\$1,463	\$163
\$50	\$2,600	\$56.25	\$2,925	\$325
\$75	\$3,900	\$84.38	\$4,388	\$488
\$100	\$5,200	\$112.50	\$5,850	\$650
\$125	\$6,500	\$140.63	\$7,313	\$813

Celebrating Christmas with a festive concert— part of our Concordia Concert series



Celebrating 125 Years of Ministry in Christ



Gathering as one body in Christ

125 years ago, as new neighbors were settling in this growing community, they found themselves distanced and isolated from their home churches, apart from the places of worship and fellowship that sustains their life of faith. They gathered to start a new church here, a place where they can belong, and where they would pool their resources to build a new church home we call Concordia. This is our church home and we give thanks for their ministry now entrusted to us. As they were called to engage in ministry and answered that call by their commitments to live as the body of Christ in this place, so today we are also called.



Children in our Family Space area on Sunday mornings

Key Calendar Dates

April

- 16th – Stewardship Commitment Program begins; Temple Talk about Stewardship Campaign
- 30th – Temple Talk about Operating Budget

May

- 7th – Presentation by Brenda Swartz; 20 Years as President/CEO of Concordia Place
- 21st – Stewardship Commitment Sunday

June

- 4th – Annual Congregation Meeting

www.concordiafaith.org/stewardship

Schedule will be updated as more topics are added!

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body....Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it."

1 Corinthians



A special Thanks to our Stewardship Committee:

- Kim Baratta
- Chris Formeller
- Dan Formeller
- Betsy Ries
- Guenter Seidel
- Linda Storbeck
- Marne Turner

Questions?

Connect with a member or the Stewardship Committee or the church staff at churchadmin@concordiafaith.org or 773-281-1225

