



Concordia Place



Concordia Place is committed to high quality early learning environments and the well-being of young children and their families. The child care centers offer consistent, reliable care by experienced teachers with degrees in early childhood education. All Concordia Place centers are NAEYC accredited-the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Currently, Concordia Place serves nearly 1,000 children, teens, and families, of which over half are low income. Concordia Place’s focus includes strengthening local communities’ ability to develop and implement community-wide, collaborative strategies that improve outcomes for children and families.

Concordia Place also hosts additional programs such as:

- Home Visiting to support family functioning and self-sufficiency,
- School-Age 365 to provide additional enrichment for kids grades K-12, and
- A teen program which provides job-readiness & skill-building activities



To learn more about Concordia Place and its programs, visit concordiaplace.org.

For more information about supporting Concordia Place financially, contact Kathy Gregg at kgregg@concordiaplace.org.



New Arrivals

For over a year now, migrants and asylum seekers have been arriving in Chicago. These individuals and families have been living in various shelters around the city until they are able to find more permanent housing in the community.

As a way to assist our new neighbors, in August 2023, Concordia Place began enrolling migrant families in their Home Visiting, Early Childhood Education & Care and School-Age 365 programs. In January 2024, Concordia Church and Concordia Place, along with support from community partners, hosted a concert and luncheon for New Arrivals in the Swartz Pavilion.



Concordia Ministries started a Migrant Task Force to help ensure that our cities’ migrant families felt welcomed into the communities that we serve. In addition to planning welcome events for the families, the task force started a collection of most needed personal and hygiene items to distribute to families.



A spring Community Resource Fair provided connections to local business and services that can further help our migrant neighbors as they acclimate to their new neighborhoods.

To learn more, visit concordiaplace.org and click the ‘Migrant Family Resources’ button. To get involved, connect with Kiki Collias at kcollias@concordiaplace.org.



Common Pantry

Concordia Church continues to partner with the Common Pantry to support ‘The Cupboard’ in the lobby of Swedish Hospital. This is a ‘take what you need’ food pantry that supports patients on the day of their discharge.

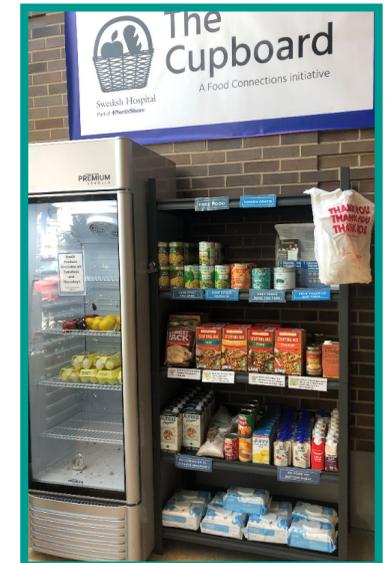
Common Pantry serves the Northside of Chicago with the mission of meeting emergency needs of the local community by providing healthy foods and kinship.



According to their website, they provide food and personal items to about 1000 persons per month.

Financial commitments to this Common Pantry partnership help support those in our community facing food insecurity and other poverty-related issues. All pledges to the Common Pantry fund benefit our neighbors in need and is a tangible way we express our faith and gratitude for the blessings we’ve received.

To learn more, connect with Amy Plonka or Kim Baratta.



Music Ministry

Concordia's music program supports the weekly worship experience, while also creating inviting musical opportunities for the community both within and outside the church walls.

Talented song leaders and a strong choir provide musical support during worship services which enhances the overall worship experience.



Concordia Concerts invites the community inside the church doors by providing musical experiences that inspire, connect, and uplift. The concert series highlights the unique talent of local Chicagoland musicians

through diverse performances of varied themes. Our Second Sundays series offers free concerts to the community.



Gifts to the music ministry can support

the musical worship experience and the concert series operations. The 2024-2025 concert season will include a continuation of the 'Second Sundays' series, more holiday concerts & other special themed events, as well as establishing Lakeshore Brass in an artist residency.

Those wishing to pledge support to the music ministry at a more significant level have the option to become members of the Benefactor Society.

Learn more at concordiafaith.org/concerts. To get connected, please reach out to Marisa Buchheit, Music Director, at marisabuchheit@yahoo.com.

General Fund

Pledges to the general fund support the ministries and operations of the church. Funding the operations allows Concordia to minister to the community through all the ways shared in this brochure and more, such as fellowship events, Adult and youth education, and ministry team support.

Building Fund

Pledges to the building fund support the maintenance and repair of the church's facility. The repayment of the building loan is also paid out of the building fund each month. The loan payment is about \$1500 per month.

Pledges to Service Ministries

Pledges can also be made to support the ministries highlighted in this brochure:

- ◆ Music Ministry
- ◆ New Arrivals Mission
- ◆ Common Pantry/Swedish Hospital pantry
- ◆ Concordia Place*

*to make a pledge to Concordia Place, please contact Kathy Gregg at kgregg@concordiaplace.org

Questions?

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Connecting Community in Service



“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

~Matthew 22:36-40