**Poinesttia**

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**Christmas at Concordia**

Concordia University, Nebraska invites you to join music lovers from around the country at Christmas at Concordia, December 4-6, 2015. Be filled with joy as more than 250 student musicians share the Good News of Christmas with music from across the ages. Concerts will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward and are scheduled as follows:

7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4th

3:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th

3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th

Admission is free, but tickets are required. Registration is by phone only on November 4th at 4:00 p.m., CST. To register, please call 402-643-7150 or 402-643-7160 at that time. For more information about Christmas at Concordia Weekend, please visit christmasatconcordia.net.

**School News**

* The school carnival is scheduled Saturday, November 7 from 1:00-4:00. There will be games for children and plenty of tasty treats for all. The congregation is invited.
* There are a few t-shirts with this year’s theme “Armored in Christ” available for sale at the office.
* Our K-8 choir will sing at Holy Cross November 22.

**Stewardship**

All Saints' Day

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven….” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

**The Prayer of the Church**

***All Saints’ Day***

P: O Holy God, You have made us Your holy people, uniting us with the communion of saints in heaven and on earth. For Your holy church; for the congregations and pastors that faithfully teach your Word and administer your sacraments according to your command.

**C: With the glorious company of apostles we praise You.**

P: For all good and faithful gifts from your creation;

**C: With the noble fellowship of prophets we praise You.**

P: For those slandered and persecuted for confessing Your holy name; for those endangered and dying for speaking Your Word.

**C: With the white-robed army of martyrs we praise You.**

P: For the good works you do through us in Your name;

for the saints serving day and night before Your throne.

**C: With the Church throughout the world we praise You.**

P: As Your saints, we intercede for the whole world: all nations, all people, and all godly vocations.

**C:** **Come, O Lord, and help Your people.**

P: For our nation: give wisdom and godliness to those serving and to those newly elected; for those in the military, especially \_\_\_.

**C: Come, O Lord, and help Your people.**

P: For our families, that you would enable us to reflect your abiding love by living holy lives for each other.

For all pregnant, especially \_\_\_\_, protect both mother and child.

C: **Come, O Lord, and help Your people.**

P: For all the sick, grant healing, especially to \_\_\_\_ and all whom we name in our hearts this day.

C: **Come, O Lord, and help Your people.**

P: With all Your saints, of heaven and earth, of today and ages past, we pray:

**C: “Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."** *[Rev. 7:12]*

**+ Remembrance of the Faithful Departed +**

***All Saints’ Day 2014***

**P:** The Apostle John wrote: “I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.’”

**C: “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors.”**

**P:** We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever.

**C: He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism.**

**P:** He fed them in the company of His saints at Holy Communion.

**C: And in His mercy He has taken them to His side that they may joyfully serve Him forever.**

**P:** In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have preceded us in the faith,

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| **+ Ruby E. Westman +**  **5 April 2015**  **+ Max Henry Ehrlich +**  **17 April 2015**  **+ Ileene A. Wenzlick +**  **7 May 2015**  **+Sara S. Schmidt +**  **10 May 2015**  **+Jerald Ebmeier +**  **25 May 2015**  **+ Linda A. Nielsen +**  **6 June 2015** | **+ Verna L. Nuttelman +**  **16 June 2015**  **+ Marion J. Ahrens +**  **27 July 2015**  **+ Donna Fitzke +**  **28 August 2015**  **+ Lucille M. Fiddelke +**  **15 October 2015**  **+ Arnold R. Gaunt +**  **15 October 2015** |

…and all who are in our hearts and minds this day.

**C: We give thanks for the faith You gave them and we cling to Your promise of salvation.**

**P:** O Lord, remember Your church throughout the world; help us grow in love for You and each other. As You have received our brothers and sisters who rest in You to the day of the resurrection, bring us at the last into the glory of your presence, that reunited with all Your saints we may praise you forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Announcements – November 1, 2015**

Please remember...to silence your cell phone upon entering the sanctuary.

Zion’s sanctuary is equipped with a **HEARING LOOP**. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode.We have 2 headsets and receivers that persons without hearing aids can use. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Our Weekly Memory Work**

Apostles’ Creed: 2nd Article-Part II

**Food Collection**

Zion will collect food items during the month of November to help supply Kearney agencies who assist the needy. There are grocery carts in the narthex and school area to gather these items. Non-perishable items only please.

**Stewardship Board**

The Board of Stewardship will need two new members beginning January of 2016. If you would consider serving please contact Ed DeLaet at 440-3706.

**Zion Family Thanksgiving Dinner – November 15**

The Mary Martha Guild invites all members of Zion to join them as we give thanks to God for all that He has done. Make plans to join us for the Family Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Sunday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the gym. The Mary Martha Guild will provide the turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, drinks and table service. Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Come and join us as we give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has given to each of us. A free-will offering will be taken with the proceeds going to help support our seminary student Matthias Wollberg. Mary Martha will match all gifts up to a total of $500.

**Automatic Giving**

If anyone is interested in signing up for automatic giving for the 2016 giving year, please contact the church office to fill out the proper forms. Please complete by December 1st. Thank You