

April 28, 2022

Dear Concordia and Redeemer Faith Communities,

We are giving thanks to God and to all the people in our two congregations for helping to make our new ministry partnership so successful these past couple of months. Right away in March when we began alternating our Wednesday Lenten worship services, folks from each congregation were heading to the other church for meals and worship. That is a wonderful gift of ministry for our area. Thank you!

Because of the successful beginning, and since this is a "Holy Experiment" that we are trying, the two Congregation Councils have voted to try another worship experience for this summer. Beginning on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will be alternating locations for our Sunday morning services. We will begin worship at 9:00 am every Sunday and follow worship with a time of fellowship at each location. There will be communion at each worship service, which will offer communion twice a month for each church. This is the usual practice for both congregations.

The schedule will look like this:

May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Redeemer with Holy Communion
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Morin Lake Days – Worship by the Lake (At Redeemer if bad weather) Scouts will serve fellowship after worship. VBS begins at Redeemer in the evening.
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion - VBS begins for Concordia in the evening.
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	Redeemer with Holy Communion
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Redeemer with Holy Communion
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	Redeemer with Holy Communion
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Redeemer with Holy Communion
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Redeemer with Holy Communion
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Concordia with Holy Communion
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	we will return to worship in each congregation on Sunday morning.	

We hope that you will be open to the work of the Holy Spirit as we explore this ministry and worship option for the summer. We know that worship attendance in the summer for any congregation tends to decrease, so this will give us an opportunity to gather a few more folks together in one place as we worship. An added bonus will be some energy savings as we utilize only one sanctuary each week. Offerings given in church envelopes or checks written to a specific congregation or ministry will always be given to the designated church or ministry. Loose offering will remain with the church of that Sunday morning service.

As we gather for worship and fellowship beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> what a great opportunity to get to know other folks, connect with well-known friends, or be present with family members. Offering fellowship each Sunday means that we will share in the need to serve coffee and refreshments. Watch for the sign-up sheets in each location.

This "Holy Experiment" may have some challenges for us, and there may even be some failings along the way. Some folks might struggle with worship that is not in their home church. These are all normal aspects in the process of change. However, if we keep prayerfully supporting one another in God's ministry here in this area and we caringly move through the challenges, struggles, and failings together, God will honor us just as we honor him.

If you have any questions about this new summer worship schedule please feel free to contact one of the Council presidents or Pastor Kristi. Thank you for your willingness to journey with us in this ministry partnership. In the peace of Christ,

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Redeemer Council President

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