



# Concordia Ballroom News

## February 2024

Concordia Aid Society (CAS), Inc., 1129 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

[Concordiaballroom.com](http://Concordiaballroom.com)



Dance with friends old and new at the Concordia Ballroom!

*Planning something special in 2024?*

*Rent the Concordia for your special event*



*Old World Charm*

Located in the heart of La Crosse, with a fabulous maple dance floor, full service bar, kitchen, stage & sound system, large-screen TV, large parking lot, accessible entry. Capacity: 240  
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Called Dancing with Knee-High July, Wyatt B. Thompson  
and caller Katy Hackworthy  
Saturday, February 3, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Knee-high July is La Crosse's good-timin', Hamm's drinkin',  
boot-scootin' band of country music playing brothers. They'll  
make you laugh, they'll make you cry, but most importantly,  
they'll make you dance!

Katy Hackworthy, based out of Minneapolis, MN, has been calling

dances for years. Her wonderful personality and energy that she brings to every dance has garnered her a large group of regular dancers in the Twin Cities. We're very excited for her to be leading the first dance of the night!

Wyatt B Thompson is an up and coming singer songwriter from Eau Claire, WI, specializing in classically styled country swing. His finger style playing is both beautiful and mesmerizing, and his lyrics are a heartfelt, sometimes somber, sometimes comedic blend of fine poetry and storytelling. He will be backed by Eau Claire's Driftless Revelers, a fantastic band of country music players.

Doors open at 6:30; bar available.  
\$10 Cover



**Ron Reimer and Friends**  
**Sunday, February 4, 1-5 p.m.**  
Polka, waltz, foxtrot, swing and old time music

Doors open at noon; snacks and bar available.  
\$10 Cover/ \$8 for Concordia Members

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**Lindy Night!**  
**Saturday, February 10, 7-10:30 p.m.**  
Lindy lesson at 7:00 with Eddie Kim and Perrin Lacopino  
Dance from 8:00 - 10:30  
Recorded Music; bar available.  
\$10 Cover

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**Ryan Herman and the Rhythm Playboys**  
**Sunday, February 11, 1-5 p.m.**  
Polka, waltz, foxtrot, swing and old time music  
Doors open at noon; snacks and bar available.  
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*The Continental Dancers present:*

**Jan Arden and Cathy**

**Friday, February 16, 7-10:30 p.m.**

**Country 2-Step dance lesson at 7 p.m.**

**Singles welcome; no partner required. \$12/person or \$6/student with ID.**

These two talented musicians sound like they have a full band back-up, due to some electronic wizardry. Their music is a mix of pop and country with a groove that will get you dancing. Jan-Arden, playing guitar and vocals, has made musical performance his career and Cathy is a classically trained pianist. Together they have performed across the U.S. and Canada; Jan's reputation as a performer snagged him a place in the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2014. These folks have loyal fans that turn out wherever they perform.

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**Leather 'N Lace**

**Sunday, February 18, 1-5 p.m.**

Polka, waltz, foxtrot, swing and old time music

Doors open at noon; snacks and bar available.

\$10 Cover/ \$8 for Concordia Members

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**Latin Dance with Salsa Lesson by Angel Chavez!**

**Friday, February 23, 7:00-10:30**

**\$10 Cover/\$5 Students w/ID**

**Lesson at 7:00, Dance at 8:00**

**Of course it's cold outside but this dance will be HOT!**

**Come learn and then dance...Bachata, Meringue, Salsa, ChaCha, Rhumba,  
Casino & More**

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**Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen  
Sunday, February 25, 1-5 p.m.**

Polka, waltz, foxtrot, swing and old time music

Doors open at noon; snacks and bar available.

\$10 Cover/ \$8 for Concordia Members

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### **Dance Classes!**

If you enjoy music, you can learn to dance! Did you know that dancing helps improve your memory and other brain functions, like planning and organizing? Dancing also makes you happy; dancing lowers anxiety, increases self-esteem, and helps you meet new friends. Anyone can learn basic dance steps; no special talent is required.

*Ballroom Dance*

*Workshop*

*Concordia Ballroom, La Crosse*

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

10-11:30 am Silver Waltz / Foxtrot  
1-2:30 pm Night Club Two Step  
3-4:30 pm West Coast Swing

**Guest Instructor:**  
**Eric Hoyer**

No partner needed / pay at door  
\$30/person each session  
\$80/person for all three sessions  
Register via QR code --->

Private Lessons, by appointment  
(507) 513-3743  
ericwhoyer@msn.com





**Experienced dancers will learn new dances!**  
**Beginners welcome. No partner needed.**  
**Register here: <https://forms.gle/Z699VKb24vdnWSJM8>**

### *More about our guest instructor, Eric Hoyer*

As a youth, he used to walk by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in downtown Rochester and gaze at the many dancers in the ballroom. Years later, after returning from a deployment in Iraq with the U.S. Army, he took up dancing as an outlet to integrate back into society. He fell in love with the art and the dance community. He became an instructor, a studio owner, and a regional and national competitor. He no longer dances professionally, but still enjoys being active in the dance community and sharing his passion for dance with others.





**The instructors for our Lindy Night on February 10th, Perrin Lacopino and Eddie Kim, also teach Swing Dance classes at I&E Dance Studio Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. The Concordia has an unmatched dance floor for all of these dance styles. Polish your skills and learn new ones and then come out and dance at the Concordia!**

Register [HERE](#)

**I&E Dance Studio, 505 King Street Suite 125 La Crosse, WI 54601**

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*Coming up in March!*



Dance Makes  
Life Better

**Beginner Ballroom Dance Class**

***Introduction to Ballroom Dancing*** – We'll teach the basic steps for the most common ballroom dances – swing, foxtrot, and rumba. This beginner class is designed to get you on the dance floor at public and wedding dances and have *fun*. Classes are 1.5 hours, with one hour of instruction and 30 minutes for practicing what you've learned with instructor assistance. Please register as a couple; if you don't have a partner, invite a friend who likes music.

Instructors: Dave Ford and Melinda Knutson.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays – March 5, 7, 12, and 14 at 7 p.m.**

Place: Halfway Creek Park, West Shelter – 400 Walnut Dr., Holmen, WI

Investment: \$80 per couple for 4 lessons

**Register [HERE](#); sponsored by Holmen Park and Rec**

## *Weekly Events at the Concordia*



### 500 CARD GAMES

Mon/Wed/Fri 1-3 p.m.

Arrive by 12:45 to start on time!

### STAR PROGRAM

Weekly exercise for people with disabilities, including Parkinson's.

contact: [starcenterlacrosse.org](http://starcenterlacrosse.org)

### ZUMBA

Tu/Th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

contact: [ncarmosini@gmail.com](mailto:ncarmosini@gmail.com)

*Community support keeps the  
historic Concordia Ballroom open*

- *Attend events*
- *Become a member*
- *Volunteer*
- *Donate*
- *Rent the hall*



*Contact us:  
[concordiaballroom.com](http://concordiaballroom.com)*

Love has kept the Concordia Ballroom open since 1891. Perhaps the oldest business in La Crosse, the Concordia has been a community meeting place for over 130 years. Many people tell us that they met their partner or spouse at the Concordia, or their parents or grandparents met here. No place in La Crosse is better at match-making than the Concordia! Now it's your turn to share your love for the Concordia and the La Crosse community. Concordia members keep the building operating for public dances and private celebrations. How can you help?

- Attend an event to see our beautiful space!
- Rent the Concordia for your next special event or celebration.
- Make a donation. Donations help us upgrade equipment, spruce up the space, or cover ongoing expenses.

- Memorial donations are a wonderful way to celebrate someone's life, especially someone who enjoyed dancing or had a special place in their hearts for the Concordia Ballroom.
- Volunteer to take tickets, help in the kitchen, or serve beverages.
- Join the Board of Directors. We need Board Members who will lead and oversee operations.

Thank you!

Donations by check can be sent to the Concordia Aid Society, 1129 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601, or make an online donation via our [website](#). All inquiries can be made via our website or call the hall at 608.782.7049.

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