

Concordia Ballroom eNews

March 2022

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In the future, I'll be sending out our monthly newsletter during the last week of the month, with the schedule for the following month. This is a reminder of events coming up in March!

Upcoming Events at the Concordia Ballroom



Want to build your ballroom dancing skills?

Ballroom Dance Practice Nights

The Concordia Ballroom is sponsoring ballroom dance practice evenings for those who just enjoy dancing. We'll be playing dance music for the foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha cha, swing, and tango, with a few other styles thrown in. No lessons; just open dancing. Casual atmosphere. Bring a dance partner, water, and off-street dance shoes. **Wednesday evenings in March 2022** (March 2, 9, 15, 23, 30). \$5 admission at the door. In case of adverse weather, call Dave at 608.769.6731 for cancellation updates. The Concordia Ballroom has a long history of hosting Sunday dances, featuring traditional German and old time music, such as polka, waltz, two-step, and schottische, with a little country, rock, and big band thrown in. We host the most loved bands in the region; many have been playing together for decades. Join us most Sunday afternoons from 1-5 p.m. See schedule below.





Larry Busch Band March 18, 2022, 7-10:30 pm Tickets \$10 at the door, \$5 students with ID 7 pm waltz lesson; 8 pm dancing Singles welcome; no partner required. Sponsored by the <u>Continental Dancers</u>

The Larry Busch Band is a family affair; most of the members are somehow related to Larry! They play music for the swing, foxtrot, rumba, cha cha, waltz, and tango, with a polka or country two-step thrown in for good measure. Larry has toured with some of the big names in the music world, including Guy Lombardo, Wayne King, Jan Garber, Myron Floren and Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show. Don't miss this opportunity to dance to a big band, live at the Concordia.



Who runs the Concordia Ballroom? The Board of Directors, elected by the members, carries the major responsibility for keeping the ballroom running, with the aid of many wonderful members and volunteers!

- President -- Jenny Heth (acting hall manager)
 Vice President (position open, please apply)
 Secretary Kathy Martin (position open, please apply)
- Treasurer Jeff Stevenson
 Linda Hilmoe (bar manager)
- Dave Ford (bookings and building maintenance)
- Tony McKimmy (heating/cooling system)

If you have an interest in sustaining the Concordia Ballroom, become a member and/or donate. We're a group of people who are keeping this historic hall open for live community events, both heritage (Sunday Polka Dances) and many other types of gatherings.



The Concordia is open for rental for private events.

HISTORIC COMMUNITY HALL FEATURES

- Old World charm, updated decor
- Capacity is 240 people
- Fabulous maple dance floor, 40' X 71'
- A full-service bar and large kitchen
- Stage and sound system for music or entertainment
- Lots of parking, plus handicap ramp

What can you do to support the Concordia?

 Become a member! Join us and stay informed by becoming a member of the Concordia Aid Society. Memberships are \$30/yr. Approval occurs at the following monthly membership meeting. Send us a membership check or join via our <u>website</u>.

- *Volunteer!* We welcome volunteers, both members and friends. Because there is a lot to do, we need your help!
- *Become a bartender.* Bartending is a great way to meet new people and enjoy events at the Concordia. Get your license and let's talk!
- *Donate!* Consider a donation to the Concordia to help maintain the ballroom. Donate by check or on our website. Memorial donations are a wonderful way to celebrate a someone's life, especially someone who enjoyed dancing or had a special place in their hearts for the Concordia Ballroom.
- *Book the Concordia* for your upcoming events. We have a large facility ideal for wedding receptions, anniversaries, reunions, celebrations of life, and so on. Looking for an elegant space for a dance party? We have the perfect dance floor!

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 <u>website</u>. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up via our <u>electronic volunteer board</u>. All other inquiries can be made via our website or call the hall at 608.782.7049.

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