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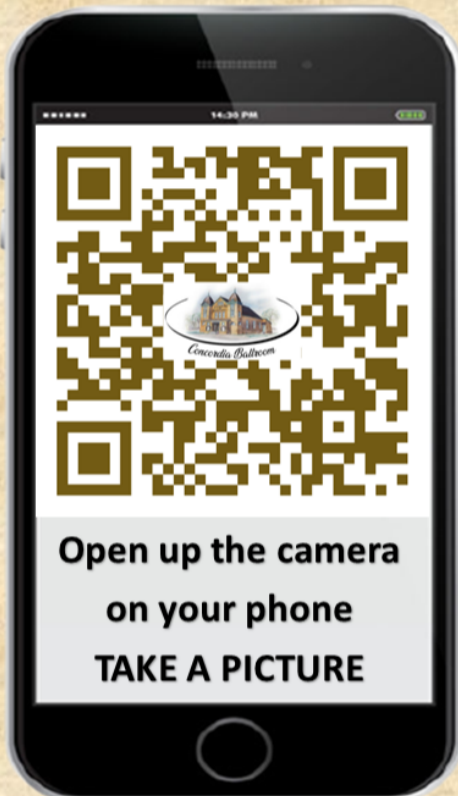
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We have an entirely [new website](#), thanks to Steve Peterson with Top Dog Marketing! This one has upcoming events as well as a calendar so anyone can check to see if a certain date is available for booking. Weather cancellations will also be posted to the calendar. Many thanks to Scott Neader with QTH.com; his company hosted and managed our previous website for over a decade as a 'nearly free' service to the Concordia. We could not have marketed the Concordia without Scott's help.

Planning a holiday party? The Concordia Ballroom is currently available on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Email info@concordiaballroom.com for booking.



Looking for something to do in January?
BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Ballroom dance lessons with Dave Ford and Melinda Knutson will be held in Holmen, WI via the Holmen Parks and Recreation Department. The lessons will focus on the basic steps to four of the standard ballroom dances; a perfect introduction to ballroom dancing for newcomers or a refresher for experienced dancers. Registration includes two admission tickets to any public ballroom dance held at the Concordia Ballroom through May 2022 (\$20 value).

Thursdays, January 13 through February 10, 2022 (5 sessions), 7 pm. Space is limited, register today!

Details at [Holmen Parks and Recreation](#).

Staying Safe at the Concordia Ballroom

- Get vaccinated! Vaccine available for COVID 19 and seasonal influenza.
- Don't attend if you're not feeling well, have tested positive, or been exposed to someone with COVID or other illnesses in the last 7 days.
- A mask will help protect you and others from transmitting illnesses.

Upcoming Events at the Concordia Ballroom



Under Paris Skies

November 19, 2021, 7 to 10:30 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door, \$5 students with ID

7 pm rumba lesson; 8 pm dancing

Singles welcome; no partner required.

(Season tickets will be available, so bring your checkbook!)

Ballroom Dance Sponsored by the [Continental Dancers](#)

Under Paris Skies plays acoustic music inspired by sidewalk cafes, French cabarets, Argentine dance halls and Euro streets. Their repertoire includes Franco-American swing, vintage jazz, Latin and post-modern inventions. Steven Meger, Larry Dalton, and Ron Reimer play a version of jazz invented and popularized by Django Reinhardt and others as the Hot Club of France in the 1930's and rediscovered in the early 2000's. Don't miss the chance to dance to this great band!



Ryan Herman 3-piece Band

November 21, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

This band has been making music together for years and they love to entertain. Band members are Ryan Herman on keyboards, Denny Marion on lead guitar and pedal steel guitar and Karl Hartwich on concertina or Jerry Dahl on rhythm guitar. You will hear a variety of old time, classic country, and big band numbers that will have you dancing and singing along. They entertain throughout the Midwest and occasionally, Colorado and Arizona.



State Line Play Boys

featuring the Zweifel Brothers

November 28, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Dance off those extra Thanksgiving calories with Keith Zweifel and the State Line Play Boys, of Avalon, WI. They'll playing basic polkas and waltzes plus a lot of country and swing — old standards like Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash, as well as modern pop. The band has 55 years of experience; they portray the German spirit mixed with a little rock 'n roll.

**George's Concertina Band**

December 5, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

George Palma, concertina player and band leader, was influenced by some of the great concertina musicians, including Jerry Schueft, Ernie Coopman, Jerry Minar and Elmer Schied. The band plays a wide variety of dances, including polka, waltz, modern, classic country and schottische and has multiple recordings.



Rhythm Playboys

December 12, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Get in the holiday spirit at the Concordia by dancing to the great sounds of the Rhythm Playboys. This band has been providing traditional polka and waltz music for more than 60 years and they still generate energy and excitement everywhere they perform. Bring your friends for an afternoon of fun entertainment!



Cheers Big Band

Holiday Dance

December 17, 2021, 7 to 10:30 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door, \$5 students with ID

7 pm foxtrot lesson; 8 pm dancing

Singles welcome; no partner required.

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Get in the holiday spirit with Cheers Big Band and great ballroom music! Nothing compares with a big band sound in a dance venue like the Concordia Ballroom. Cheers Big Band provides just the right music and the Concordia has a beautiful floor to dance the smooth and elegant ballroom dances like the foxtrot and waltz, high energy dances like the East Coast swing, samba, and cha cha, and sultry dances like the rumba,

West Coast swing, and tango. The aptly named Cheers Big Band knows how to create that amazing sound, with a little rock 'n roll thrown in.



Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen

A Christmas Show

December 19, 2021, 1-5 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Celebrate the holidays by joining Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen for an afternoon of polka music, including Dutch, German, Czech, Polish, and Slovenian style music along with a variety of country, big band, swing, and 50's and 60's music. Gary is polka royalty, descended from three generations of polka musicians hailing from Cashton, Wisconsin. He knows how to put on a show! Join us for the best of polka and old time music with some holiday cheer thrown in.



The Concordia is available to book for private events.
Bookings for 2022 are going fast!

HISTORIC COMMUNITY HALL FEATURES

- Capacity is 240 people
- Space is 40' x 71', fabulous maple dance floor
- A full-service bar and large kitchen
- Stage for music or entertainment
- Lots of parking, plus handicap ramp



Who runs the Concordia Ballroom? The Board of Directors carries the major responsibility for keeping the ballroom running; the board is elected by the members. We welcome Jeff Stevenson and Linda Hilmoe as new members of the Board.

- President -- Jenny Heth
- Vice President - vacant
- Secretary - Kathy Martin
- Treasurer - Jeff Stevenson
- Linda Hilmoe (bar manager)
- Dave Ford (bookings and building maintenance)
- Tony McKimmy (heating/cooling system)

Other volunteers: Marketing (Melinda Knutson, Kathryn Lammers), Grounds Maintenance (Bob Heth), Volunteer e-Board (Cathy Van Maren), many other volunteers take tickets at the door, help with clean-up, manage food sales, etc. All positions are volunteer except the bar manager, bartenders, and cleaning services are paid.

If you have an interest in supporting the Concordia Ballroom or filling the Vice President position, become a member and attend the monthly meetings.

The Concordia Ballroom is run by volunteers!

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 [website](#).
- **Volunteer!** We welcome volunteers, both members and friends. Sign up on our [electronic volunteer board](#).
- **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 [website](#).

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