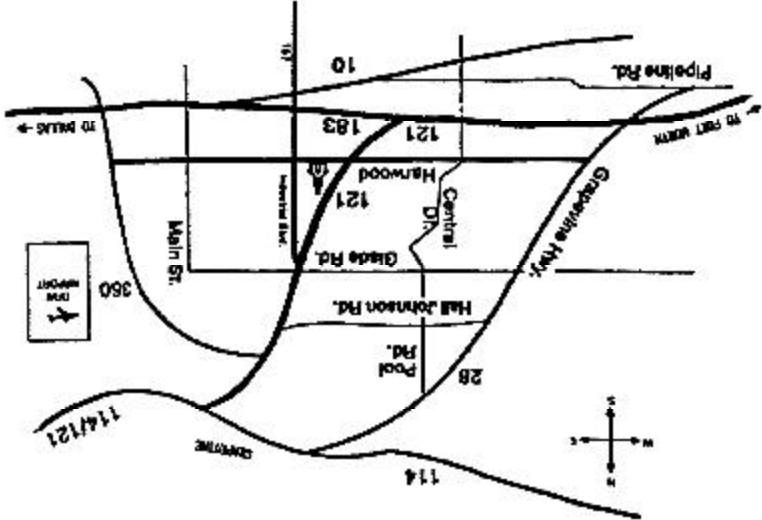


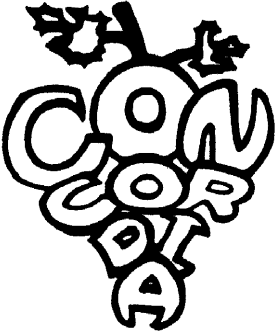
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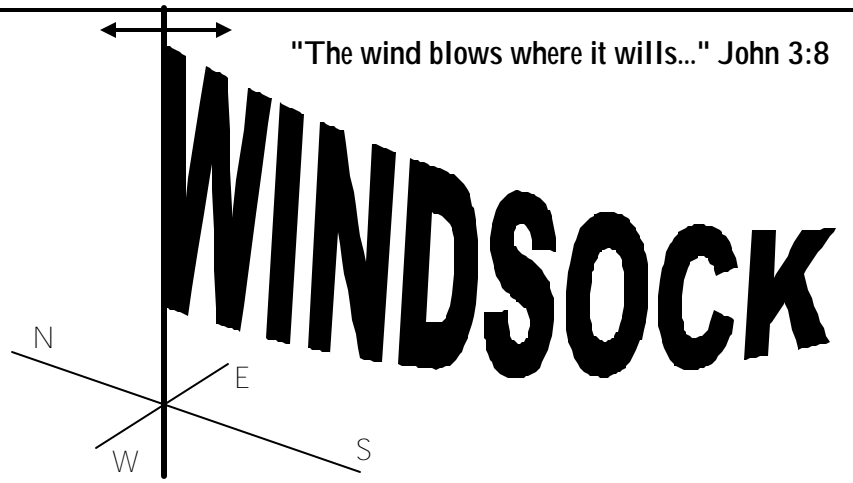
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Kingdom Talk

"Bombs falling in Lebanon, rockets piercing Israel, Iran wants nukes, North Korea has them, and the Tale ban is still hanging around in Afghanistan. Its 107 degrees in Bedford and all I really want in the world is a little piece of peace." Where can you find it when the heat gets turned up a notch in the world?

With all the craziness on our planet the sanest thing to do would be to close our doors to the outside world, lock them up tight, and hope no one would find us. Yet ultimately this too would be in vein, as in time a war would inevitable break out between the members of our own family, or church, or even within our selves.

The answer is closer then we think. We pray for it every week when we say, "Thy Kingdom Come," and the good news is that it has. The Kingdom is the only means by which this world will ever find peace. The Kingdom, which was poured out upon you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is with you, and though it might not always feel like it, it has brought you peace. God has promised you in the covenant he made with you in Holy Baptism that you will forever be his child. He has promised that nothing will ever separate you from Him. So although this world wages war against our flesh, forever we have peace within our soul.

The problem is our complete insanity with respect to our faith. We have been given what the world longs for, yet in a measure of complete craziness have locked ourselves up, containing the Good News of Jesus Christ within us...

No more! Thy Kingdom Come! Through Us!

So what's going on at Concordia? We have opened our doors, peeked outside, and engaged the H.E.B. community with the Word of Peace.

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Pastor's article continued...

We have loved our neighbors in time of need. We have bought groceries; we have filled the gas tank of someone desperate, and have provided shelter to get a family through the night. If only for a moment we entered into a world full of turmoil and said, "Peace be with you" in the name of Jesus.

We have given out over 500 cold drinks, "Just to show you God's love in a practical way." And invited complete strangers to come and hear the Good news of Jesus Christ. We have hosted "parents night out" to facilitate spouses getting reacquainted with each other, if only for an evening.

We have formed committees to study the vision and resources of Concordia in an effort to define the future ministries of our congregation and make sure we have the facilities that will facilitate them.

We have discussed staffing, and worship, and style of worship, all in an effort to efficiently bring the Kingdom into our community.

We have looked beyond ourselves.

Yet there are still those in our community who are looking for peace, and so we continue to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come," and we go out into the community with the Gospel of peace. We bring it to our family, and our neighbors, and our co-workers, and our world.

We are breaking down barriers in our world with the Word of Peace.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Mark

"Connecting people with their calling."

Concordia's Ushers

Ushers for the month of August are **Renee Berschenk & Seretta Truitt.**



Free Coke, No Joke

A BIG Thank you to everyone who helped with Concordia's first Free Coke No Joke Outreach. Many of you donated cokes to give away, others braved the heat to give cokes away and still others prayed for a successful outreach. God allowed this wonderful effort to happen through each of you and it truly was a wonderful experience!

As of this writing, we have given away 680 cokes and that means that God's love has been planted in 680 hearts! I believe that our goal of 1000 cokes will be reached by the end of July!

Thanks again to all of you,
Board of Evangelism



Lay Reader Schedule

August 6—Kathy Nelson

August 13—Carolyn Nelson

August 20—Ulana Ratley

August 27—Jeanice Gerlikovski

The Promise

Join Concordia's Board of Lay Ministry on Saturday, September 16 and experience "THE PROMISE" a musical drama depicting the life of Christ at the Texas Amphitheater in Glen Rose Texas.

Bus transportation will depart at 5:45 p.m. from the church parking lot and we will return around midnight.

This year the cost for center section tickets is \$28 and the chartered bus will be approximately \$600. Again this year, box lunches will be provided by Chef Bob and Miss Katy.

As has been the practice in previous years, the Board of Lay Ministers suggests a donation of \$25 per adult ticket and \$20 per child under 12. Although we welcome and encourage your donation in any amount, please do not allow this to be an obstacle in joining your church family in this spiritually moving experience – Everyone is Welcome.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church lobby as soon as possible. We would like to be sure we have sufficient tickets and bus space for all who would like to attend. Your donation may be made at any time – Please mark your check for the PROMISE TRIP and place it in the offering tray or give it to one of the Lay Ministers.



For additional information contact Paul Moeller or Pastor Mark.

Bible Study & Lunch Bunch

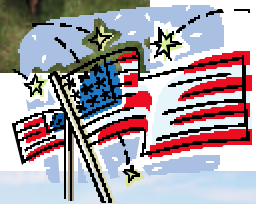
Come study the Bible with us on Thursday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. We will continue the series called, "That the World May Know".

After the Bible study, the group will have lunch at a local restaurant. We hope you will join us!



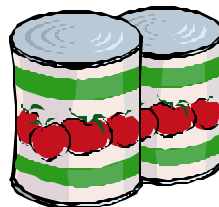
Patriotic Picnic

The Sunday, July 2 Patriotic Picnic was a huge success. Ninety souls worshipped in that morning and 70 remained to enjoy a Board of Property sponsored Patriotic Picnic of brats, burgers, and dogs under the great oaks. See photos below.



Food for NEED

In an effort to help keep food in the pantry of North East Emergency Distribution, we are involved in an ongoing drive of non-perishable food items. There is a large basket on the table in the entry for the placement of the food items. At the end of each month, Herb and Ima Ruth Jacoby will be responsible for getting the food to NEED.



Many thanks to those of you that have already brought food items.

August 27 is Church Extension Fund Sunday

Learn more about how you can save for your future while helping Texas Lutheran Churches. Texas CEF provides funding to Texas LCMS churches to start missions, plant new churches and expand existing facilities. Lisa Fondren will have information and sign up forms available for you after service in the fellowship hall. Whether you are a kid or a kid at heart, there is an investment opportunity just for you. If you are interested in the Kids stamp program, rolling over your retirement account or anything in between, this is something you don't want to miss. Your dollars CAN help build churches even right here at Concordia.



Congratulations to Herbert & Ima Ruth Jacoby on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!



The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the county. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the one dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church."

The twenty dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Parents Night Out Friday, August 11

Enjoy a night out without the kids sponsored by Concordia's Evangelism Team

Who?

Kids Infant-12 years.
Members and Non-members

Where?

Concordia Lutheran Church
3705 Harwood Road in Bedford

When?

Friday, August 11, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

What?

Parents Night Out / Kids Fun Night

How?

Sign-up Forms in Church Lobby or on Website

Why?

Serving the Lord / Showing His Love

Cost?

FREE

Limited enrollment, so sign up early tell your friends and neighbors, too!

Questions? Call or email Lisa Fondren
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Happy Birthday This Month!



Chelsea Bravo
Carolyn Nelson
Tammy Dettman
Rev. Mark Lasch
Jerry Donald
Karen Bravo
Heinz Faber
Nell Dube
Loren Johnson