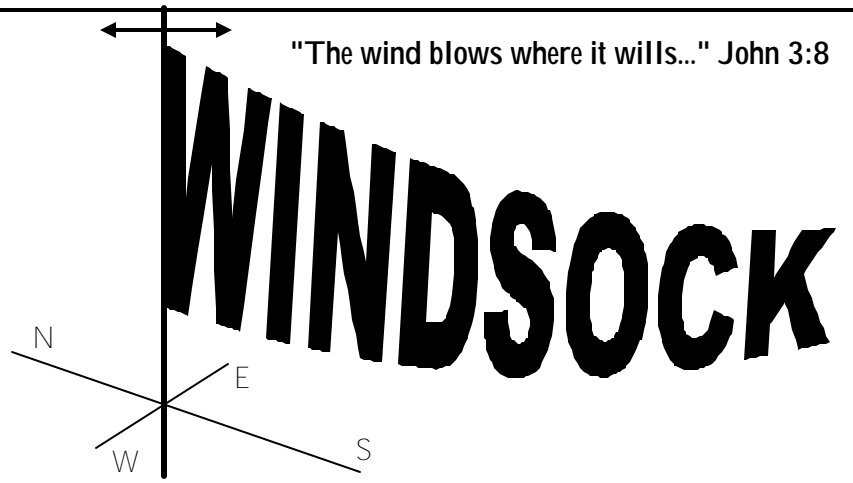


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39 Years And Counting!

The winds are blowing, the leaves are changing, and the temperature is taking a plunge. It is my first fall in North Texas! What a beautiful thing. Okay, I admit it, I'm a wanderer. I often find myself outside walking around our campus where the wind is blowing and the red tailed hawk is stalking, thanking God for the gifts he has given us and praying for wisdom as we consider where he is leading us.

Imbedded in one of the century old oak trees is a set of hinges and some barbed wire that once upon a time served a purpose for a family living on a farm. Yet somewhere someone dreamed a different kind of dream for the farm on Harwood. They dreamed it would be a place that brought in a harvest for the Lord. Thirty-nine years ago they purchased the property. Thirty-nine years ago they began working to turn the farm house into a House of Prayer. Thirty-nine years ago their vision shaped the facilities that would house the ministries of Concordia Lutheran Church.

What do you see as you consider the next 39 years of Concordia?

My hope is that we will use this 39th year of ministry to prepare ourselves to do something amazing for the Kingdom in our 40th year. This 39th year affords us the opportunity for study, contemplation, and reflection on where we have been and where we are going. It also provides us with the opportunity to take a deep breath before deciding how we will shape the ministry of Concordia for the next 40 years.

Please join me in dreaming. Join me in praying. Join me in wondering as we wander, "God, what would you have us to do?"

Happy 39th Birthday Concordia!

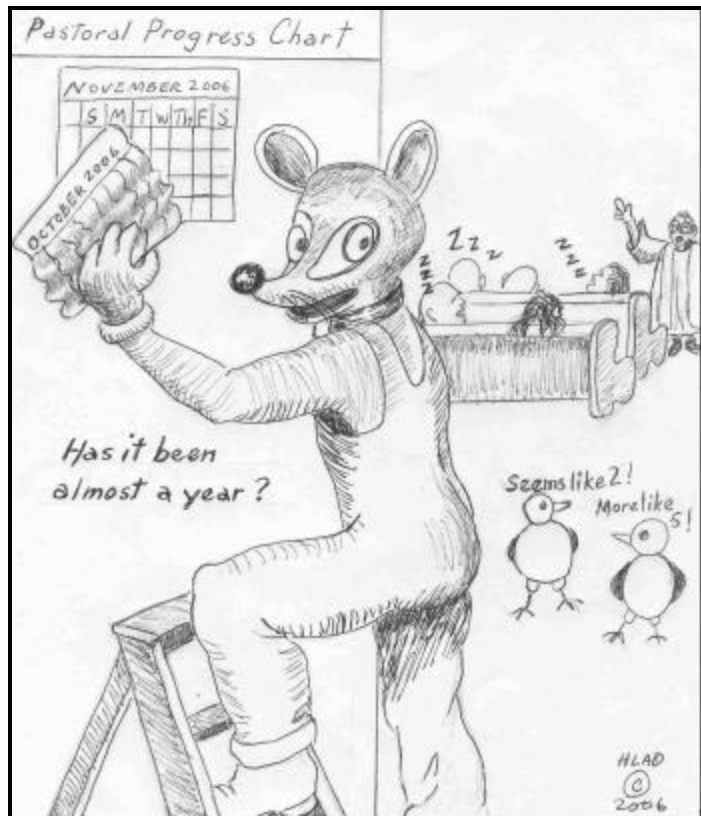
Pastor Mark
"Connecting People to their Calling."

First Anniversary Celebration!

Join the Board of Lay Ministry on Sunday, November 5, to celebrate Pastor Mark Lasch's first year at Concordia. (The celebration which was previously scheduled for October 22 has been moved to November 5.)

Immediately after the worship service enjoy a catered luncheon and festivities as Pastor Mark Lasch's first year is recognized with a retrospective of successes, challenges, and "Why on earth did I accept this call?" moments as only Richard Hlad, director of Concordia's Board of Lay Ministry, can share.

Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun on Sunday, November 5, as Pastor Mark Lasch's first Concordia anniversary is recognized. Be there!



Hanging of the Green

Saturday, November 25
1:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Thanksgiving Day Service

Pastor Mark Lasch will conduct a special Thanksgiving Day service at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 23. Attend and thank God for our bountiful blessings!



Oktoberfest Photo Booth

Don't fret if you missed the Oktoberfest photo booth. Photographer and elder Bruce Nelson has his digital camera available every Sunday. He is pleased to take individual and family photos (after worship service) to be included in Concordia's pictorial directory.

Bruce Nelson, Photographer

Advent Adult Choir

Concordia's "Not Ready For Prime Time" Adult Choir partied recently to celebrate the beginning of the advent choir season.

The choir party was hosted at the home of Larry and Jeanice Gerlikovski where we sang, ate, and enjoyed the fellowship of fellow choir members.

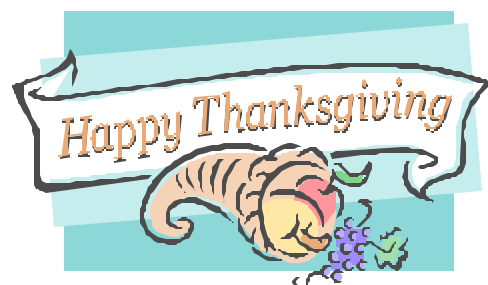


This small group of singers meets at Concordia



on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. to practice songs of praise for our Lord. Concordia's adult choir needs more voices. If you like to sing and want to praise God in this

manner, then please join us. We are a happy group.



Advent Services
December 6, 13 & 20
7:30 p.m.



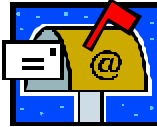
Concordia Angel Tree Offers Blessings to Those in Need

This year, Concordia's Evangelism Board is sponsoring a Christmas outreach opportunity for all members and friends of Concordia. An angel tree will be placed in the narthex during the first two weeks of November. It will be decorated with "angel" tags that contain lists of items requested by needy families in our area. Please help with this outreach by taking one or more of the "angels", purchasing the items and bringing them (unwrapped) back to the church by the designated time. We will also need help with wrapping and delivering the items once they have been collected. Please help us show Christ's love to our less fortunate neighbors by sharing in our abundance.



Stay in Touch via Email

Elder Bruce Nelson maintains an email distribution list from which he frequently (once a week or so) emails information about Concordia current events, activities, and milestones (including photos). You too can be easily informed and kept up to date by simply providing your email address to Mr. Nelson. Send him an email at bjnelson@concordialutheran.org.



Concordia's Web Site

Concordia's web site provides the Internet public with information about our church and congregation. You can find event and activities information there as well. *The Windsock* is available for viewing on the web site several days prior to mailing. Point your web browser to www.concordialutheran.org.

Bible Study & Lunch Bunch

Come study the Bible with us on Thursday, November 9 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!



Meet Your Lay Minister

Robert Holley is the Lay Minister that we'd like to spotlight this month.

Robert and his family have been members of Concordia for over 15 years. He has been employed as a Meter Technician for 25 years with TXU. Robert's idea of fun is coaching his son's baseball team. Two things he enjoys regarding his Lay Ministry duties are the distribution of communion and getting to greet the congregation as they leave the worship service.

Are you in Robert's "flock". Check the list below:



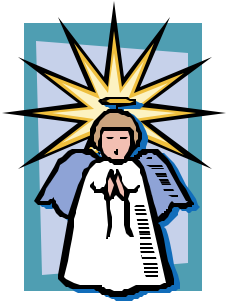
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Paul & Valarie Doyle
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Harry Hedstrom
Herbert & Ima Ruth Jacoby
Laurie Knoll
Richard & Rebecca Knowles
Donna Malkosky
Paul & Carolyn Moeller
Frank & Rose Reaves
Bob & Katy Rosar
Dee & Mary Weaver
Erik & Vanessa Wilson

Worship Flowers

Flowers are provided each week to beautify our worship service. If you wish to contribute to the fund or bring flowers for a special occasion, please sign the flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway. Elder Bruce Nelson is our flower coordinator. If you sign the flower chart and prefer to bring flowers yourself, please inform Mr. Nelson. Otherwise he will purchase and bring flowers Sunday morning as well. Mr. Nelson's phone number is 817-498-0899.



Have a
Blessed
Thanksgiving



Children's Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas pageant this year will be on Sunday, December 10th. All children are invited to participate, even if they can't commit to all rehearsals.

Rehearsals will be held every Sunday in November in lieu of Sunday school. Additionally, Saturday practices will be from 11:00 a.m.-noon for four dates: November 18th, 25th, December 2nd and dress rehearsal 10:00 a.m.- noon on December 9.

Adults and teens - we can use as many volunteers as possible for scenery, behind the scenes, music, etc.! We are going to use a lot of favorite Christmas songs this year. Please prayerfully consider this service. Talk to Ruth Donald if you need any more information or to volunteer.

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.

Remember that food supplies run low at NEED during the holidays, so please try especially in November and December to bring donations!!



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

New Street Sign

Thanks to the efforts of the Future Needs Committee, a new street sign now adorns the entrance to the Concordia campus. The sign is beautiful, especially when lighted at night.



Please see photo. Future Needs Committee chairman is Hank Henning. Committee members are Mark Fondren and Melissa Western. *Thank you!*

*Bruce Nelson
Board of Property*

Mystery Plant

In early June a mystery plant appeared in the stone lined entrance flower bed. The plant was photographed and a photo email was sent asking all to identify it. Very few correctly identified the plant. In August the mystery plant produced purple berries and another photo emailing was made. Lots of guesses were



made but all were wrong.

The mystery is over. The plant is Polk salad, also known as pokeweed. In the mid-1950s my mother would supplement our food supply with this wild green. Mother mixed it with scrambled eggs as a one-course meal. Others mix it with scrambled pig brains. Should you want to eat Polk salad, be careful. It must be parboiled twice since it is poisonous if not prepared correctly!

*Bruce Nelson, Director
Board of Property*

Concordia's Ushers

Ushers for the month of November are **Seretta Truitt** and **Renee Bierschenk**.

Parents' Day Out

**Saturday, November 18
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**



Get an early start on your Christmas Shopping this holiday season. Drop your precious little ones (ages infant - 12 years) with us and we'll watch them while you spend a day on the town! The kids will have a blast enjoying games, friends, lunch and surprises! You'll get 6 hours to linger and shop to your heart's content. Remember, sign up early to reserve your spot!

Lay Reader Schedule

**November 5—Judy Polito
November 12—Sharon Brock
November 19—Tamara Luckenbill
November 26—Ruth Donald**

Building Fund

As of *The Windsock* press time, Concordia's building fund contains \$76,672.64. Concordia is blessed.

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| | | | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> 7:30 p.m. Lay Ministry Board | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>5</i> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 1st Anniv. Lunch 6:00 p.m. Confirmation | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> 7:00 p.m. Properties Board | <i>8</i> 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Board | <i>9</i> 11:00 a.m. Bible Study and Lunch Bunch | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> |
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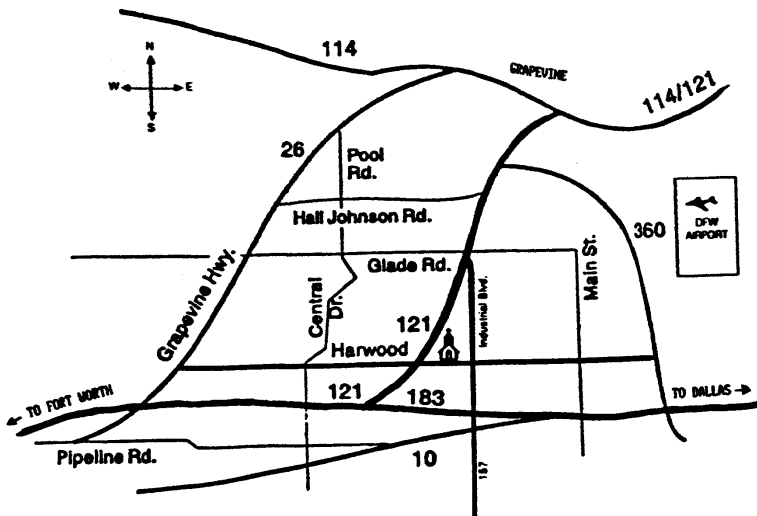


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 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development
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