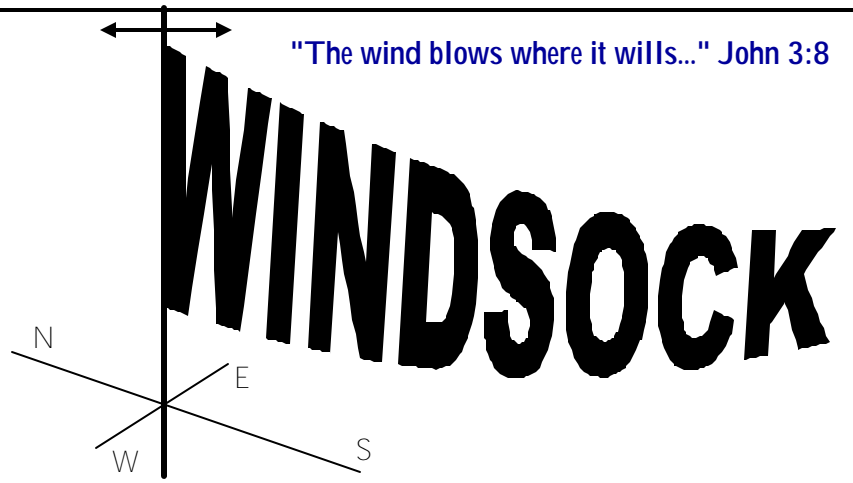


Concordia Lutheran Church

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"Sharing God's Love & Touching People's Lives"

It's hard to believe the merry month of May has already arrived! Here we find the end of school, confirmation, and much celebration. On the long list of things to celebrate is the day of Pentecost. Indeed our Lord is faithful in keeping his promises...for when the Apostles least expected it the Holy Spirit identified himself in tongues of fire and hearts burning with the Good News of Jesus Christ...and daily the Lord added to their number!

That same Holy Spirit empowers us to engage in the mission God has for us. That is what the Strategic Ministry Planning process is all about...clarifying our mission, our values, and our goal so that together we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, might impact our community with the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Imagine how different our world would be if in 20 years our community viewed Concordia as "'A beacon of Hope' and a 'sanctuary' of faith as we reach out to them with the Gospel." What if our guests were to "feel welcomed, accepted, and spiritually touched as they are drawn to the awesome love of Christ shown to them." How wonderful would it be if "Our members were well equipped, nurtured, and inspired to boldly step out and share the Gospel."? This paragraph represents the vision for our future. Together, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God will make it happen...through us! But how?

One of the great joys of SMP Event 1 was the creation of a BHAG. (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) A BHAG is a goal that is bigger than the congregation is capable of attaining in and of herself. It needs God's hand and blessing to be achieved. Our BHAG is to "Create facilities, programs, and staffing to support an expanded ministry to grow our congregation with a focus on family ministry." This goal, by God's hand and blessing will be accomplished within 3 years.

WOW! That was exhausting to type. Imagine how exhausting it will be to do! Yet we confess, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!" We also believe that "if two or three of you agree on anything, ask it in My name and it will be given to you."

God is faithful in keeping his promises. We have 40 years of history that bears witness to that fact. Here's to the 40 years which are to come!

In Him!
Pastor Mark

"Connecting people to their calling."

40th Anniversary Bulletin Boards

The bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall display artifacts from the past and a glimpse into the future. Take a moment to view them the next time you are in the Fellowship Hall.



40th Anniversary Celebration

Concordia's 40th anniversary will take place in October. If you wish to be involved in the planning of this special occasion, please contact Katy Roy-Rosar at 817 545-6224 or shad-ow444@tx.rr.com.

Bible Study & Lunch Bunch

The Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the first Thursday of the month (May 3) and takes place in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following the study, the group will go to lunch.

Come join us in this study and fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters. For more information, please contact Katy Roy-Rosar at 817 545-6224 or shad-ow444@tx.rr.com.



New Addition

Concordia welcomes the newest member of the Lasch family! Ryan Ferris Lasch was born on Tuesday, April 24. Congratulations Pastor Mark, Catherine, and big brother David!

Confirmation Sunday

Three of Concordia's youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, during the worship service. Please take a moment to congratulate and encourage these students.

Colleen Gravel
Adam Holley
Krista Polito

End of School Celebration

The Board of Education is sponsoring an End of School Celebration for all students grades 1 and up.

We will meet after church on Sunday, May 20. The first stop will be at CiCi's for a pizza lunch. Then we will continue on to Main Event for bowling and laser tag. We will be back to the church at 4:00. Be sure to invite a friend to join us on this exciting afternoon!

Parents, we need chaperones. Please let Judy Polito, Vanessa Wilson, or Tammy Westphal know if you can help out.



Reminder: Donations of canned Cokes and water are needed for "Free Coke, No Joke"

Strategic Ministry Planning (SMP) Event #1, April 20-21

Wes Zieball led SMP Event #1 on April 20 and 21. Attendees participated in the creation of the following...

His Mission for Us

This is our understanding of why God wants us here as a congregation. The mission of our congregation is:
Sharing God's Love & Touching People's Lives

Our Aspiration

These are the values we believe God wants expressed by our congregation's actions in the future. We will hold each other accountable for the expression of these values in all our future ministries together. We will not compromise these congregational values as we go forward in our work with Christ.

Reaching out to our community
Doing God's work
Growing our church
Our faith
God's Word
Commitment & Dedication
Caring for one another



His Vision For Us

This is our best understanding of God's will for the future of our congregation.

- ***Our community will see us as a 'Beacon of Hope' and a 'sanctuary' of faith as we reach out to them with the Gospel.***
- ***Our guests will feel welcomed, accepted, and spiritually touched as they are drawn by the awesome love of Christ shown to them.***
- ***Our members will be equipped, nurtured, and inspired to boldly step out and share the Gospel.***

His Goal for Us

This is our first destination on the journey towards His vision for us.

We will create facilities, programs, and staffing to support an expanded ministry to grow our congregation with a focus on family ministry.

SMP Event #2 will be held May 4-5.

SMP Event #3 will be held May 18-19

Friday nights' sessions will be 7:00-9:00 p.m. (snacks served)

Saturday sessions will be 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (breakfast & lunch served)

**Please plan to attend these events and let your voice be heard
and your wishes be known!**

Volunteers Needed

If you can help provide food for the two remaining SMP events, please see Katy Roy or phone her at (817) 545-6224. There will need to be **cookies** for the **Friday night** even, **continental breakfast** for **Saturday morning** as well as **lunch** on **Saturday** to be served from 11:30 to 12:15. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the entry. Thanks to those of you who provided food and beverages for Event 1.

Healing Hands Scholarships Awarded

Thanks to generous contributions of designated funds this year, Concordia Lutheran Church was able to award three "Healing Hands" scholarships to high school graduates who will pursue college studies in health occupations. This is the second year for the scholarships to be presented.

The Scholarship Committee was established as an ad hoc committee of the Board of Evangelism, with the goal of providing a needed service while promoting the name of Concordia Lutheran as an active Christian community in the local community.

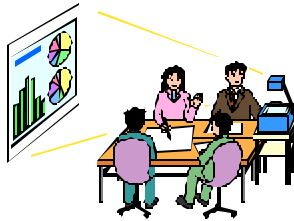
Applications were sent to high schools in the Birdville, HEB, and Grapevine-Colleyville school districts, as well as to private schools in the area. Twelve applicants were interviewed by the committee and were judged based on community activities, need, interview, essay, and academics.

The first place award of \$1000 will be presented to Mark Perry of Richland High School. Mark plans to attend Texas Tech University. An award of \$800 will go to Nathan Patrick and an award of \$500 will go to Julie La. Nathan and Julie are both Richland High students.

Members of the committee will attend awards ceremonies at Richland to publicly present the scholarships and to further witness to the community this outreach effort on behalf of Concordia.

Digital Multimedia

Concordia now uses digital multimedia to enhance visual/audio communication. The first application of this technology was utilized in SMP Event #1 (April 20-21). Wes Zieball's Microsoft PowerPoint presentation (in a laptop computer) was wall-size projected in the Fellowship Hall by a TI DLP digital projector. This technology can be used in various settings... Sunday School, adult Bible study, worship, large group presentations, entertainment (DVD movies), etc.



Bruce Nelson, director
Board of Property

Computer Repair

Elder Bruce Nelson, retired computer geek, will repair your computer for the cost of replacement parts. What a deal! No labor costs! Contact Mr. Nelson at 817-498-0899 or bubbajnelson@sbcglobal.net.

Computers for Needy

Elder Bruce Nelson, retired computer geek, has several computers available for the needy. The computers are modest but fully capable. They include software, tower, monitor, keyboard, mouse, and cables. Contact Mr. Nelson at 817-498-0899 or bubbajnelson@sbcglobal.net.



Miracle Baby Baptism Celebration

The celebration of baptism for Sophia Graciela McWithey was witnessed by all during the Sunday worship service of April 15, 2007. Sophia was born extremely prematurely to Lourdes and Michael McWithey on September 25, 2006. She weighed only two pounds and



three ounces. Quickly Pastor Mark Lasch baptized tiny Sophia into the Lord's kingdom. Sophia spent her first 88 days in the Baylor Hospital-Grapevine NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). God is great!

Free Computer Tune-Ups

Elder Bruce Nelson, retired computer geek, will tune-up your PC at no cost. Here's how it works... Contact Mr. Nelson at 817-498-0899 or bubbajnelson@sbcglobal.net, bring your computer tower (no cables) to Concordia, Mr. Nelson requires 24-48 hours to tune the PC, the PC will be returned to Concordia. Many PC owners need this service to restore the PC to the performance as when it was new.

Concordia's Ushers

Ushers for the month of May are **Seretta Truitt** and **Nancy Brazell**.

A Past To Remember

In anticipation of Concordia's 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 21, 2007 the Planning Committee will be publishing some information monthly in this newsletter regarding historical events that have taken place here at 3705 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas. Hope you all enjoy a stroll down memory lane with "A Past to Remember."

Some Firsts at Concordia:

Pastor: Rev. John H. Miller, 1967-1977

Newsletter: July 25, 1967

Information Class: August 3, 1967

Voters Meeting: August 20, 1967—The name of Concordia Lutheran was chosen at this meeting.

Congregational Chairman: Dr. John Baugh

Ladies Aid Meeting: August 29, 1967

Worship Service & Sunday School: September 17, 1967

Sermon: "What's My Line?" Ephesians 4:11-15

Walther League Youth Meeting: November 19, 1967

Confirmation: October 22, 1967—Darwyn Carlile and Raymond Sleeman

Baptism: October 24, 1967—Marianne Mickan

Marriage: March 3, 1968—Randal Stanley to Marsha Foster

Funeral: April 3, 1971—Charles Wieder

Dedication of present worship structure: May 26, 1974

Remember?

If any of you out there reading our newsletter have spiritual or funny stories to share with us, we would love to hear from you. Write us in 100 words or less and tell us about your experience here at Concordia. You may write us at Concordia's address on this newsletter or if you prefer you may write an email to Stella Hlad at hungrystarstudio@aol.com or Katy Roy-Rosar at shadow444@tx.rr.com.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13



Happy Birthday!

Caitlin Holley
Melissa Western
Tammy Westphal
Renee Bierschenk
Lisa Fondren
Skip Richardson
Gladys Hennig

Lay Reader Schedule

May 6—Paul Moeller
May 13—Robert Holley
May 20—Stella Hlad
May 27—Cynthia Reid



Extreme Clean Carpet Care

Doug Ahlers and Extreme Clean Carpet Care continues to be a great service for Concordia. With that in mind, I again recommend to you his professional and affordable services. Doug can be reached at 817-360-0046 or 817-485-8884.

Bruce Nelson, Director
Board of Property

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

Philippians 4:13—I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Tom Thumb Reward Card

The next time you're at Tom Thumb, pick up a Reward Card application at the courtesy booth to fill out and link your card to our account. Tom Thumb will pay us a percentage of our account total, so be sure to use your card every time you shop. By using your card, you will also be eligible for exclusive discounts, give-aways, enter-to-wins, direct mail rewards and air miles.

Clip out the card below and take it with you to the store as your reminder of our organization's Good Neighbor Program account number to fill in on your Reward card application.



Kroger's Free Money!

Do you grocery shop at Kroger's? If you do, then please use the Kroger Share Card assigned to Concordia. One percent of your Kroger purchases will be given to Concordia. That's free money! Kroger Share Cards are available at Concordia's entrance table.

Kroger Share Card front and back:



Computer Corner

Bruce Nelson, retired computer geek, is installing several computers in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall. See photo. These computers are loaded with software, can print to the church printers, can access the Internet, and may be used by anyone. The computers are a big hit with youth. They are especially a big hit on the Evangelism Board's Parents Night Out when they are used to play an online game of *Treasure Hunt*.



Computer classes, such as basic *How-To* classes, are foreseen. Our own computer training certified Lawrence Reid has volunteered (along with Bruce Nelson) to teach classes. More information on computer education classes to follow.

More Church Signs

The Best Vitamin for a Christian is B1
Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.
Come in and have your faith lifted.
Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.
Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.
Aspire to inspire before you expire!
Life is Hard. Afterlife is Harder!
Under same management for over 2,000 years.
This is a ch_ch. What is missing?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 11:00 a.m. Bible Study and Lunch Bunch 7:30 p.m. Lay Ministry Board	<i>4</i> 7:00-9:00 p.m. SMP Meeting	<i>5</i> 9:00-2:00 p.m. SMP Meeting
<i>6</i> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Board	<i>9</i> 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Board	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<i>14</i> 7:00 p.m. Education Board	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 7:00-9:00 p.m. SMP Meeting	<i>19</i> 9:00-2:00 p.m. SMP Meeting
<i>20</i> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Youth Celebration after church until 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Windsock Deadline	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 7:30 p.m. Church Council	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Worship Confirmation Day	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

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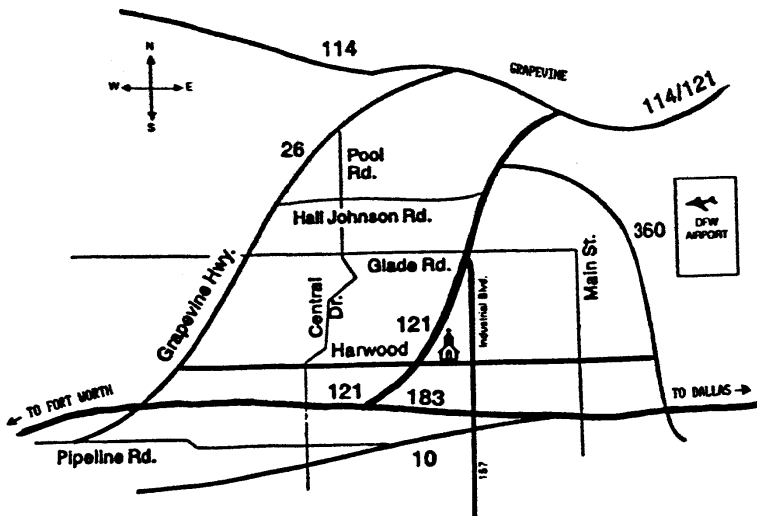


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Living joyfully in friendship, love and ministry
 Openly reaching out with the Gospel
 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development

WHERE GOD'S LOVE TOUCHES PEOPLE'S LIVES