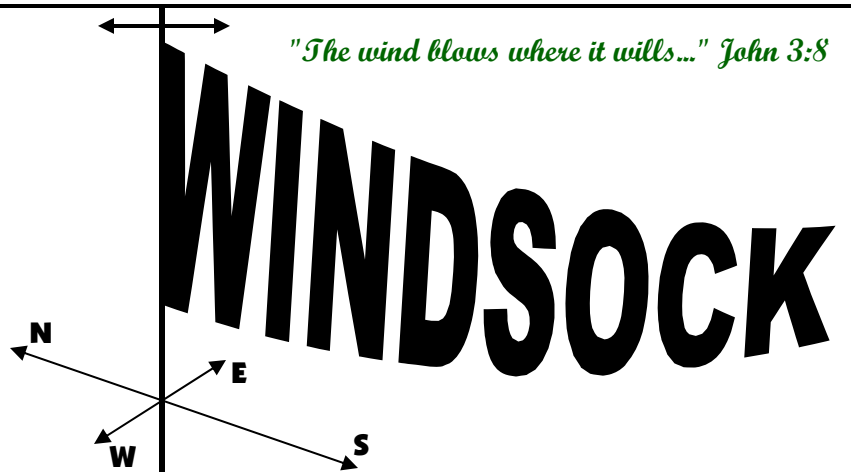


Concordia Lutheran Church

JUNE 2007



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I Wonder

I wonder if the disciples understood the implications of the day of Pentecost...Tongues of fire over their heads, speaking to others in foreign languages, creating a fire in their hearts and a thirst in their souls. "Brothers, what shall we do?" was their question. "Repent, be baptized, forgiven, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," was the answer.

The questions in our world are not all that different. Convicted by the law of supply and demand and keeping up with the Joneses, it is easy to feel alone in the world. Cut to the heart, everyone is looking for something to believe in. If only they had someone to turn to so that they might ask the question, "Brothers what shall we do?" We might be able to give them the same answer, "Repent, be baptized, forgiven, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Yet they do not turn to us.

Has the church been answering the wrong question? Or have we been trying to solve a quadratic equation when all they want to know is what is $2 + 2$? We know the ultimate answer to the eternal truth is Jesus! They want to know why they hurt so bad, why they feel so alone in the world, and where they might go to find peace. Reality is that the answer is still the same, yet connecting them to the Answer is the challenge of the Church.

Over the last number of weeks and months we have been asking ourselves that question...How can we connect them to Jesus? The answers we have come up with are at the same time daunting and exciting, challenging and comforting, bigger than us, yet smaller than God working through us. Indeed, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Phil. 4:13)

We have adopted our Strategic Ministry Plan which calls us to move forward in the following ways:

Empowered by God through prayer, we will build and staff a family life center with a dynamic family ministry and outreach program.

We will:

Develop an effective identity in our community; **Establish** an effective and active prayer ministry; **Design** and build a multi-purpose facility; **Develop** an outreach program to target unchurched people in our community; **Offer** alternative ministries to draw the community to Concordia and Christ; **Educate** our members on Biblical Stewardship and make effective use of the resources God has given us; **Increase** fellowship opportunities for all ages; **Establish** an effective communication program including an interactive website; **Develop** a staffing plan for the future; and **Integrate** technology and multimedia into the worship experience.

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Are we ready for such a challenge? Can such big dreams be accomplished through our little church? No. Yet we are still wrestling with the implications of Pentecost. We are still wrestling with what it means to have that same Holy Spirit working in us to empower us to achieve things we never would have thought possible within our little church. Can such big dreams be accomplished through us? No. Can such big dreams be accomplished by the Holy Spirit working through us? I believe Jesus said it best in John 1:50... "You shall see greater things than this!"

Please pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to manifest Himself IN YOU!

Pastor Mark

"Connecting people to their calling."

Lay Readers for June

June 3—Mike McWithey
June 10—Richard Knowles
June 17—Karen Bravo
June 24—Carolyn Moeller

40th Anniversary Celebration

Concordia's 40th anniversary will take place on October 21, 2007. The next meeting of the planning committee will be on June 12 at 6 pms. If you are willing to be involved in the planning of this special occasion, please contact Katy Roy-Rosar at 817 545-6224 or shadow444@tx.rr.com.

Bible Study & Lunch Bunch

The Bible Study/Lunch Bunch will meet on the first Thursday of the month, June 7, 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 shadow444@tx.rr.com.



Churchmouse greet's visiting rabbi



Ushers Needed

Concordia needs to update and add to our list of available ushers. This is a simple task, but a necessary one for the orderly conduct of our Sunday services. Please consider this opportunity to serve and, if you can help with our liturgies in this way, please contact Herb Jacoby.

Windsock Changes

Lisa Holley, who has served as Publication Manager of the Windsock for several years, is retiring and will be replaced by Stella Hlad. Windsock submission dates will remain the same at the third Tuesday of each month. Submissions may be made in the wire basket on the table in the narthex or they can be e-mailed directly to the church at

windsock@concordialutheran.org.

Please make it a point to thank Lisa for the time and energy she has so graciously donated to the glory of God through her service in this endeavor.



“Zeal for your house consumes me!”

Imagine having a passion for something so powerful that, even if you wanted to, you couldn't contain it. Imagine if that passion was for teaching the Word of God to others. If you went on vacation, or on a business trip would you consider leading a room full of strangers in a Bible study if invited? Jerry Herald did.

As one who works in the construction business Jerry was asked by his employer to come to North Texas to bid on roofing jobs in light of our recent hail storms. Having come to adult bible class and worship, Jerry spoke with Pastor about his heart's desire to proclaim God's Word to others. Then, having learned of Jerry's pre-seminary studies and desire to attend St. Catherine's Theological Seminary (LCMS), Pastor extended him an invitation to teach a Today's Light class. Jerry enthusiastically accepted the invitation.

The Bible Study was outstanding! Thank you, Jerry... "Well done, you good and faithful servant!"

Stone Retaining Wall Damaged

Our beautiful stone retaining wall was damaged Easter night when a vehicle struck it. The damage was significant and the repair needed the skills of professional stone workers. Of course, Bruce Nelson, Director of Properties, contacted the man who built the retaining wall, David Nafe. He and his crew quickly made the



repairs and at no cost to Concordia. *Thank you!, Mr. Nafe.*

Mr. Nafe's *DN Stone Works* is recommended should you need his services. He can be reached at 817-705-2077 (cell) or 817-637-0197 (home).

Congregational Elections Upcoming

On June 10, a Voter's Meeting will be held immediately after worship at which time the congregation will vote on church officers and members of administrative boards. Nominees are:

Executive Director Paul Moeller, **Assistant Executive Director** Hank Henning, **Treasurer** Open, **Financial Secretary** Kathy Nelson.

Board of Christian Education Director- Open, Members- Catherine Lasch, Dawn Masalosalo, Lourdes McWithey, Vanessa Wilson, one opening.

Board of Fellowship Director- Carolyn Moeller, Members- Shirley Brady, Ruth Farr, Sue Greenwood, Stella Hlad, Rebecca Knowles, Carolyn McCommis.

Board of Lay Ministry Director-Richard Hlad, Members- Mark Fondren, Herbert Jacoby, Michael McWithey, Paul Moeller, Bruce Nelson, Kelly Westphal.

Board of Youth Director- Karen Bravo, Members- Lisa Holley, Gatty Manala, Cynthia Reid, two openings.

Board of Evangelism Director- Open, Members- Renee Bierschenk, Bill Lorenz, Skip Richardson, Seretta Truitt, Melissa Western, Scott Western.

Board of Parish Resources Director- Katie Roy, Members- Nancy Brazell, Shawn Henning, Richard Knowles, Linda Provence, one opening.

Board of Property Director- Bruce Nelson, Members- Renee Bierschenk, Luther Dube, Loren Johnson, Mark Kurtz, Dean Polito, Lawrence Reid.

Please prayerfully consider these nominees and plan to participate in this important election. As we implement all the phases of our Strategic Management Plan, every board will be asked to be involved in very concrete ways, as will every member of Concordia. With these elections, we will be taking important first steps.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Pastor Lasch, Paul Moeller, Mark Fondren, Stella Hlad, Bruce Nelson, and Seretta Truitt.

Free Coke, No Joke

The Evangelism Board will begin its community outreach summer event this July. You can help by volunteering for the Free Coke No Joke Campaign, scheduled to start on Saturday, July 7th. Free Coke will be handed out at the Bedford Neighborhood Market at Bedford Road and Central Drive. You can help by donating canned cokes and diet cokes or by handing them out on the following dates:

July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28

People are needed to work from 11:30 – 1:30 at the store. People are also needed to prepare the drinks by arriving at the church early on the day of the event to ice down the cans of coke. Still others are needed to donate cans of cokes for the event.

Please contact any member of the Evangelism Team for more details or to volunteer. Thank you in advance for helping with this outreach event!

June Anniversaries

Moon, spoon, June...it's the month for weddings, and anniversaries. Concordia couples celebrating this month are:

Jim & Jo Ann Dickinson
Dan & Betsy Groulx
Robert & Lisa Holley
Rev. Mark & Catherine Lasch
Bruce & Kathy Nelson
Frank & Rose Reaves

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Ephesians 5:31

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.



LET'S CELEBRATE THE START OF SUMMER!

Family Movie Night at Concordia
Friday, JUNE 1, 2007 7:30p.m.

Bring a friend and spend the evening watching a movie and enjoying a bowl of popcorn.

Sponsored by the Evangelism Board.
Popcorn and iced tea provided.



Remember Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday June 17 and Concordia will be remembering and honoring all fathers on that day.

"Listen to your father who gave you life..."
Proverbs 23:22

Computer Corner

Retired computer geek Bruce Nelson has installed several computers in the northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall. These computers are loaded with software, can print to church printers, and can access the internet. They may be used by anyone. Basic *How-To* computer classes are foreseen. Computer training certified Lawrence Reid has volunteered along with Mr. Nelson to teach classes. Information on computer education classes to follow.

Food for Thought

God gave us two ears but only one mouth. Some people say that's because He wanted us to spend twice as much time listening as talking. Others claim it's because He knew that listening was twice as hard.

Concordia's Ushers

Ushers for the month of June are
Ima Ruth & Herb Jacoby.

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."

1967 – 1977

Pastor John H. Miller at the Altar

- 1968 – Board of Elders reported that an Elders Handbook and Marriage Booklet are being prepared. Pastor Miller reported that Confirmation would be celebrated on Pentecost. Membership stands at 42 families, 83 communicants and 155 souls.
- 1969 – Pastor Miller reported that the Pastoral office made 97 visits.
- 1970 – Elders reported that there is not yet a need for us to go to two services on Sunday morning. Board of Trustees reported that the resurfacing of the parking lot is nearly completed.
- 1971 – Pastor Miller goes to St. Louis to continue his studies. Pastor Kieschnick fills in as Vacancy Pastor in Pastor Miller's absence.
- 1972 – Building committee recommends that we contract Steelcrete to make the working drawings for a proposed church, administration and educational complex.
- 1973 – At present our building has been bogged down in spring rains. We are informed that when the ground is dry enough it will take about two weeks to finish the foundation.
- 1974 – May 26 is the day of dedication for our new church building and furnishings at 3:00 p.m.
- 1975 – Don't forget about the Weekenders Wednesday evening Worship service. If you are away on the weekend or can't attend the Sunday service, you have the opportunity to hear the same service on Wednesday night.
- 1976 – Properties reported that a number of jobs were being worked on, particularly the repainting of the pilasters and the finishing of the yards.
- 1977 – Pastor Miller, feeling very much led by the Holy Spirit, accepts a call to become missionary-at-large in the northeast Harris County town of Humble, Texas. Concordia has Vacancy Pastor Fred H. Weber for six months. May 8, Concordia received a letter from Pastor Roger Grummer of Houma, Louisiana stating that he had prayerfully considered and would accept Concordia's call to him to serve as our Pastor sometime in June.
- If you have a spiritual, interesting, or even funny story about your history at Concordia to share with us, we would love to hear from you. Write and tell us about your experience. You may write us at Concordia's address on this newsletter or if you prefer you may send an email to windssock@concordialutheran.org.
- Next month's Windssock will provide a list of opportunities for you to make donations to the "Happy Birthday, Concordia" fund to help pay for anniversary activities. Watch this space for details about the different needs we will have for the celebrations.

Healing Hands Scholarships

As part of our community outreach ministry, Concordia awarded three Healing Hands Health Occupations Scholarships to area high school seniors this year.



HOSA Teacher Sally Duke with Julie La.

Sally Duke, RN, is the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) teacher at Richland High School. HOSA seniors actually serve rotations in various departments in a hospital setting. Ms Duke relates that Julie La, winner of the \$500 scholarship, is intense in her work ethic. *Congratulations Julie!*



AP Chemistry Teacher, Mark Perry, Nathan Patrick Shaen McKnight is the Advanced Placement Chemistry teacher at Richland HS. Mr. McKnight relates that both Mark Perry (\$1,000 scholarship) and Nathan Patrick (\$800 scholarship) are acutely intelligent, hard working, and nice... a combination that makes the future promising for all.

Congratulations, Mark and Nathan!

Today's Light

During the next five weeks the Today's Light study will conclude the Old Testament by reading lessons from the minor prophets from Amos through Malachi. Study of the New Testament will begin the week of July 9.

This would be a great time to join (or re-join) the Today's Light group in study at home and discussion of the week's readings at church during Adult Bible Study.

For a copy of the daily reading assignments for the Today's Light program, see Pastor Lasch.



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.

June Birthdays

Remember to pray in thanksgiving for the lives of our members with birthdays in June. A card or birthday hug or handshake wouldn't hurt either.

Sharon Brock
Elaine Faber
Robert Holley
Katie Maas
Rose Reaves

"...keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years..."

Proverbs 2:22

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, allowing 24-48 hours to work on the PC. The tuned PC will be returned to Concordia. Many PC owners need this service to restore their computers to peak performance.

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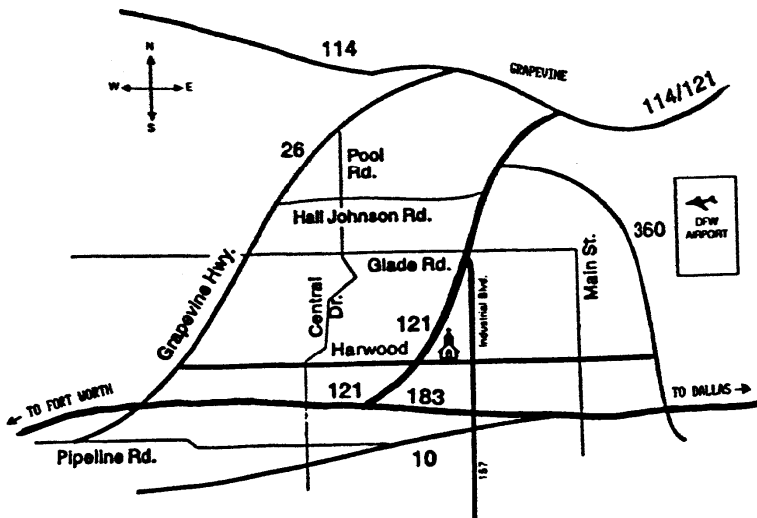


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 Openly reaching out with the Gospel
 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development
WHERE GOD'S LOVE TOUCHES PEOPLE'S LIVES