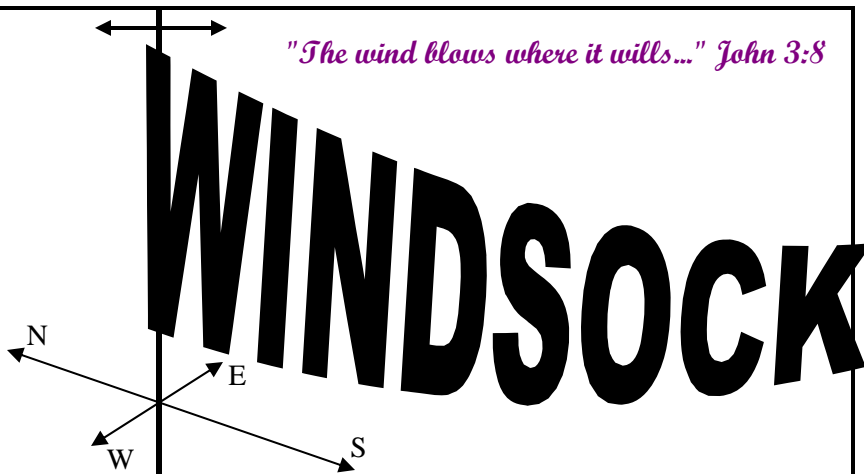


Concordia Lutheran Church

"The wind blows where it wills..." John 3:8



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Wooden Doors

It's hard to believe it has been a full year since I wrote these words to you in the June 2007 edition of the Windsock. At that time we had just completed our Strategic Ministry Plan for the future and were preparing for the hard work implementing said plans. In that edition, I wrote, *"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."*

Since that time we have made huge strides forward in accomplishing our goals, but we're not done yet. As I write to you today the buzz of a saw is behind me, the pounding of a hammer before me. A gentleman hanging the new sanctuary doors said, "There's no better place to work than here.." "Yeah," I said, "these are the doors to the future." Surprisingly our conversation made me think of the doors of the past.

How many countless thousands of times were they opened and closed? They were opened for weddings and funerals, baptisms and confirmations. They were opened for the Word of God to be proclaimed and the forgiveness of sins to be announced. Generation after generation, mothers and fathers introduced their children to the Father through these doors. In return, children returned their parents to the Father through them as well. They must never be forgotten, but remembered and cherished. They are the doors which connect us to all of the saints who have gone before and still today are that "cloud of witnesses" who cheer us on as we run our race.

The doors which are being hung now are cut of the same wood, created by the same Master Craftsman. They too will be opened and closed countless thousands of times. They too will be used generation after generation.

On my office wall is a print of a little boy named Jesus working in the shadow of a carpenter named Joseph. He is holding a nail, and as the sun shines through the window a cross becomes His shadow. The doors of our past and the doors of our future are cut of the same wood. Though they may be very old or very new they too were created by the same God who made the cross of Calvary. May we be as intentional as He as we use the foundations of our past to stretch into the future, for the same cross on which our Savior died is the door by which sinners of all time shall be saved yesterday, today, and forever.

In Christ! Pastor Mark

Director's Corner

Many things are happening at Concordia and are continuing to happen. We've added a full time employee to help us better understand our ministries and to aid in developing those ministries more fully. We are renovating our building internally to give us a warm and welcoming center for fellowship and conversation. We'll be taking a look to see if we want to continue to renew our building by re-surfacing the exterior.

This month we will be voting on board members for the coming church year, naming many missionaries to bring more joy to all of us. Many of those missionaries have been doing God's work for years here at Concordia and many newer members will join them to learn from them and to use that knowledge to expand what each of our ministries do now and what we will do in the future. We are in the beginning moments of planting the seeds of a new congregation, much as our congregation was planted over forty years ago.

We've received a gift from God by way of a \$90,000 bonus from a gas company that may begin to produce monthly revenue for Concordia. Yes, many things have happened at Concordia, and many things are continuing to happen.

But, for some, these happenings bring fear, anger, suspicion and many doubts. We need to recognize those emotions in ourselves and others and make sure we can deal with them effectively. How is that done? By believing and trusting in God. By making sure that we can verbalize our issues in a calm manner and by taking the time to work through those problems we perceive with those who can make a change to them.

Concordia Lutheran Church is growing, but yet the True Word is what drives us. It is the Truth of the Lord and it hasn't changed, ever. Different people may be in positions on various committees, the walls may have different paint, and sometimes the music will have a different sound. But, all in all, our Pastor brings us the Word of God as it is meant to be heard. That is the important thing to remember. We are all in this together, here to hear the Word of our Lord and to proclaim it to those who haven't gotten here yet.

Hank Henning



Volunteer for Dollars

The City of Bedford's 4th of July party, *4Fest*, is looking for volunteers; Lea Young is heading a movement to get Concordians involved! The city will pay \$7 an hour to the church for each volunteer. Dinner and a free t-shirt will be provided. Registration is required before June 6. Contact Lea via email at leajyoung@aol.com or phone, 817-726-0760.

Areas available include: ticket/wristband sales, inflatable operator, roving merchandise sales, tent merchandise sales, information and volunteer check-in, and kid's tent. Have fun—earn dollars for Concordia!

June Anniversaries

Jim & JoAnn Dickinson
Dan & Elizabeth Groulx
Robert & Lisa Holley
Rev. Mark & Catherine Lasch
Bruce & Kathy Nelson
Frank & Rose Reaves

*"Now, this, at last—bone from my bones,
flesh from my flesh!"*

Voters Meeting Scheduled

A Voters Meeting will be held immediately after service on June 8 with the main order of business being the election of new board members for the 2008-09 church year. New boards will convene on the first of July.

Candidates are:

Congregational Officers: Executive Director, Hank Henning; Assistant Executive Director, Bruce Nelson; Treasurer, Nancy Brazell; Financial Secretary, Kathy Nelson; Council Secretary, Shawn Henning.

Board of Christian Education: Director, Robin Smith; Members, Roseanna Nelson, Catherine Lasch, Sharon Anderson, Beth Grover.

Board of Fellowship: Director, Stella Hlad; Members, Rebecca Knowles, Ruth Farr, Sue Greenwood, Shirley Brady.

Board of Lay Ministry: Director, Paul Moeller; Members, Richard Hlad, Herbert Jacoby, Bruce Nelson, Mase Masalosalo, Mike McWithey, Robert Holley.

Board of Youth: Director, Robert Holley; Members: Lisa Holley, Dawn Masalosalo, Mase Masalosalo, Gatty Manala, Cynthia Reid, Ruth Donald.

Board of Evangelism: Director, Lea Young; Members, John Young, Nancy Sperry, Skip Richardson, Seretta Truitt.

Board of Parish Resources: Director, Katy Roy-Rosar; Members, Nancy Brazell, Mary Weaver, Shawn Henning, Linda Pelfrey.

Board of Property: Director, Bruce Nelson; Members, Luther Dube, Loren Johnson, Renee Bier-schenk, Brian Rustan, Charles DeGross.

Please consider these nominees in your prayers and support them with your presence at the Voters Meeting.

June Ushers

Ushers for the month of June are
Beverly Edwards & Gracie Shaffer

Batter Up!

The Concordia Adult Softball Team has been practicing and is now ready to take on all comers. (You may have noticed some of the members limping up to Communion on Sunday after the Saturday afternoon practices.) Watch for dates and times of June games and come out to support our team!

Lay Readers For June

June 1—Judy Polito

June 8—Robert Holley

June 15—Sharon Brock

June 22—Tamara Luckenbill

June 29—Ruth Donald

Did You Know

...that in May Kalei Masalosalo received from Trinity High School Science Department his second Certificate of Excellence for Science Stand-out in Biology? Kalei has the highest average (97) in his Biology class.

...that Adam Holley received a medal for outstanding achievement in his Business Computer Information Systems class at Lamar Middle School?

...that Evan Reid played the role of the book seller in Spring Garden Elementary's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*?

...that the Church Council decided that all funds raised at the 6:01 Alternative Worship services, excluding donations made in numbered envelopes, would be used to supplement the costs of Concordia's youth members' participation in a mission trip to Dallas this summer?

...that you too can be a star, Concordia style? The Grapevine, our own drama team, performed their first skit at the 6:01 Worship on May 18. If you are interested in joining this group which will perform at the evening service on the third Sunday each month, rehearsals are open to all, every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

...that several Concordians have been on the road in recent weeks? Mary & Dee Weaver went to Austin for the graduation of their grandson from Concordia Austin University. Bob and Katy Rosar were in Hyde Park, New York for the graduation of Bob's alma mater, the Culinary Institute of America. Hank & Shawn Henning went on an Alaskan cruise. Stella Hlad visited her son in New York City, and Richard and Rebecca Knowles cruised the coast of Spain. Meanwhile, the Fondren family is planning what is becoming an annual trip to the coast of Maine.

...that DN Stoneworks built Concordia's stone retaining walls, mailbox, and entrance flower-bed? If you need stone work, owner David Nafe can be reached at 817-637-0197 or 817-705-2077.

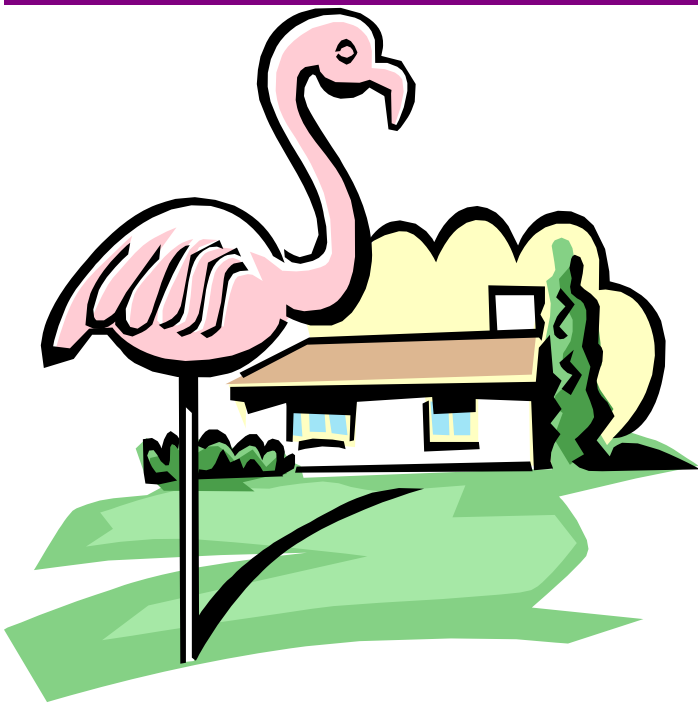
Youth News

Teens-N-Thursdays (T-N-T) will be starting up again this summer! The first meeting will be on June 12th with meetings every Thursday from 9 am to 4pm until August 21st. T-N-T is a fun-filled day of service and fellowship for Concordia youth and their friends, middle school through high school ages.

This year participants will be involved in a wide variety of service opportunities from serving food to building ramps. This promises to be a summer of love and service to God, to each other, and to the community!

Mission Training will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Carrollton from 4 to 7 pm on June 8th for all of those attending the mission trip this summer. We will meet at Concordia at 3 pm to carpool and will leave promptly, so don't be late!

There is a fifth Sunday in June, which means that there will be a **Youth Service** at our 10:30 worship on June 29!



Flamingoes Are Coming!

The youth will be starting a fundraiser this month that involve you, your yard, and our flamingoes! You have the opportunity to bless your fellow Concordians with the gift of pink... pink flamingoes that is.

More information to come (along with flamingoes).

Got Gas?

In mid-April, Concordia received a letter with an offer from Holland Acquisitions on behalf of XTO Energy for a gas lease of our mineral rights. This letter was received the day after our special Voters Meeting in April. The Church Council asked Bruce Nelson, Pastor Mark and Hank Henning to act on behalf of the church to pursue this offer.

These representatives met with Holland a week later, listened to their offer, received a copy of the intended three year lease document, and asked for two weeks to study and consider the offer. During that time, a counter offer to the original \$10,000 per acre proposal and a counter lease were assembled.

Just prior to a second meeting with Holland, Concordia received an offer from XTO competitor, Chesapeake, for \$5000 an acre for a five year lease. In a meeting with Chesapeake, they agreed to match any dollar offer up to \$10,000, but would not reduce their time of lease from five years.

The following day, a meeting was held with XTO, proposing \$17,000 per acre, a three year lease, and 25% royalties, paid at the well head, not post production. XTO countered with \$15,000 per acre and 25% royalties paid at the well head, not post production. This offer was accepted and a certified statement was prepared and given to Concordia at that meeting. Bruce Nelson made arrangements for the \$90,000 check to be directly deposited to our checking account within four to six weeks.

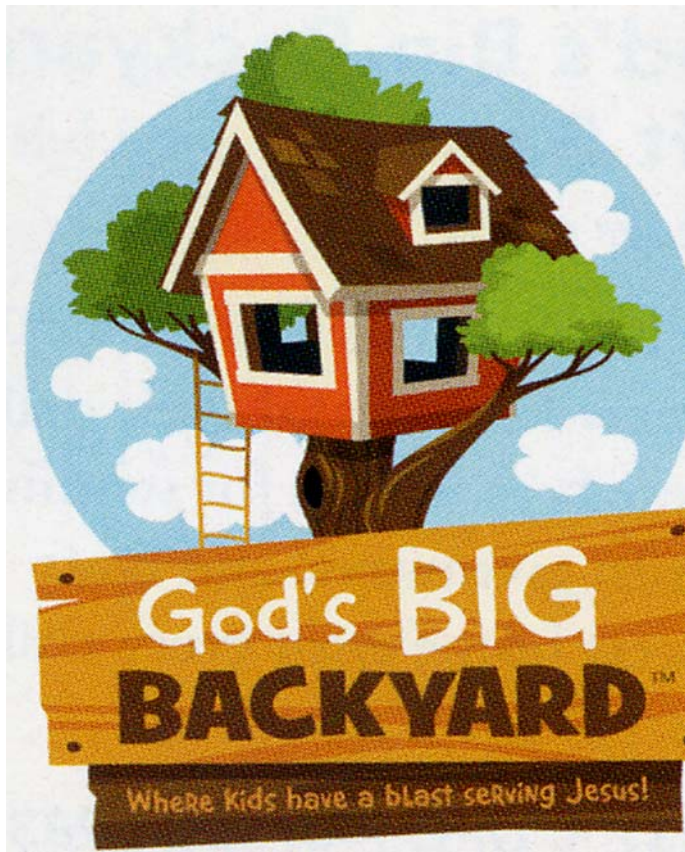
It is apparent to the negotiating team that this money is truly a Godsend and we are prayerfully thankful to the Lord for His generous and providential care.

Any questions about the lease, its details and ramifications can be directed to Hank Henning, Executive Director.

June Birthdays

Sharon Brock
Elaine Faber
Robert Holley
Katie Maas
Rose Reaves

*"Before you were born I set you apart."
Jeremiah 1:5*



Vacation Bible School
God's Big Back Yard:
It's All About Service.
 July 28—August 1
 9 am to 12 pm

There will be a **Pre-Registration Picnic** held at a local park on June 21 from 11 am to 2 pm. This will allow Concordia to be in the community where the children and their families are. Come out and enjoy the park, a hot dog or hamburger, and help spread the good news about God's love right in His own backyard.

Children from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to bring relatives and friends from the community to VBS to share the fun and the message of God's love.

We still need people to sign-up for Vacation Bible School who will be available during VBS hours. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this ministry. Two training meetings will be held during June. At 1 pm on June 7, there will be a gathering of all volunteers to look at an overview of the VBS theme. At 1 pm on June 22, a meeting for Site Leaders will be held to discuss teaching materials and methods.

Scholarships Presented



On May 22, four Concordia Healing Hands Health Occupations Scholarships were presented at area high school awards assemblies. At left, Michael Whistler and Diana Iribadzhakova, both of L.D. Bell High School, won \$1000 each, presented by Kathy Nelson.

At right, Mrs. Nelson with Nikki Davidoff, also of L. D. Bell, who won a \$500 scholarship.



At left, Stella Hlad with Aparna Gudimetla, of Haltom High School, who won a \$500 award.

Ice Cream, Anyone?

On Saturday, June 28, from 2 to 4 pm, the Board of Parish Resources is sponsoring an old fashioned Ice Cream Social in the shade under Concordia's great oaks.

There will be vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry ice cream, along with all the yummy toppings you could desire. There will also be games for all you kids, both young and not so young.

So come join us, spread out your picnic blanket, take advantage of the cool breeze rustling through the oaks, and eat ice cream as we celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer.



2008 Confirmands

Pentecost Sunday saw the culmination of two years of study and spiritual preparation for three young confirmands, who will now join with us at Concordia as full adult members. Pictured above are Jaron Luckenbill, Pastor Lasch, Seth Schellhorn, Erin Rustan and Eric Donald.

Congratulations and God's blessings to these three young men.

Ongoing Stories

Please don't forget to bring your contributions of food for Northeast Emergency Distribution (**NEED**) programs during the month of June. The baskets have been placed in the Fellowship Hall during renovation of the narthex, so you may have to search them out, but the need still exists. In fact, the summer months bring an even greater challenge for feeding the hungry, as children are out of school and therefore are not receiving free and reduced breakfasts and lunches as they do during the school year.

The development of our new interactive website is continuing, and the new site is ready for viewing. Go to concordialutheran.org and check it out. See Bruce Nelson with comments.

Out and About, the monthly dining out event for Concordians, is planning a special event in June. This group gathers the last Friday of each month at 7 pm for fun, food, & fellowship. See Beth Grover for information.



New DFM Installed

On Sunday, May 18, Mrs. Erin Rustan was installed as Concordia's first Director of Family Ministries. Concordia is blessed to have this bright, talented, loving young lady join us in our labors in the Lord's vineyards.

New Members Received

Concordia was blessed with the reception of five new members on Pentecost Sunday. Pictured with Pastor Lasch are John Angel, Joel McClure, Robin Smith, and Roseanna Nelson. Not pictured is Linda Pelfrey.

We are thankful for your presence among us. Welcome to our Concordia family.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:01 pm Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 pm Solid Food Bible Study 7 pm Board of Properties</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 pm YLT 7 pm Board of Fellowship</p>	<p>5 11 am Bible Study Lunch Bunch 6:30 pm The Grapevine 7 pm Board of Lay Ministry</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 pm VBS Training</p>
<p>8 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship, LCEF Sunday, Voters meeting 4-7 pm Mission Trip Training</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm Boards of Parish Resources & Christian Education</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1 pm Solid Food Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6 pm YLT 7 pm Board of Evangelism</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 am-4 pm T-N-T 6:30 pm The Grapevine 7 pm Board of Youth</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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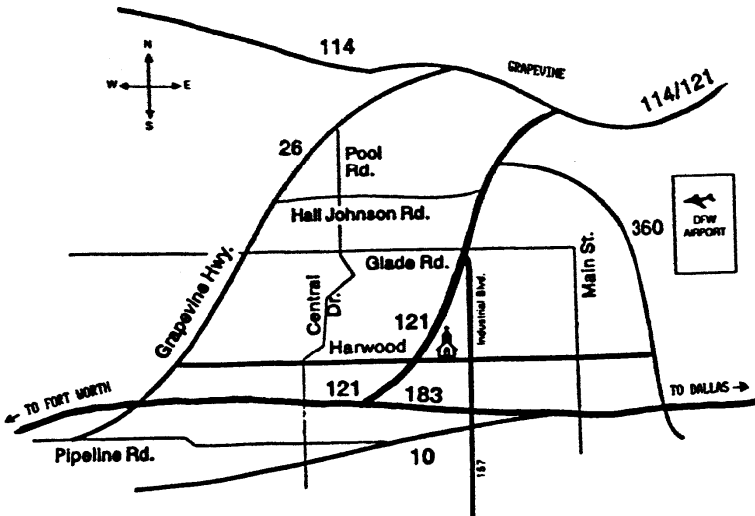
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SHARING GOD'S LOVE & TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES