

Concordia Lutheran Church

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



MARCH 2009

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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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March Into Spring

We had some guests come over for dinner a few nights ago. Just prior to their leaving I announced to the boys that it was bath time. The immediate response was Ryan beginning to sing "The Bath Song" while marching through the living room in the direction of the bath tub. "What's he singing?" one of the guests asked. "The Bath Song," I replied. "You have a bath song," she asked? "We have a song for almost everything," I answered.

One of my favorites is, "We're Having a Parade." The number of hours I have spent singing that song while following my children around the room, driveway, and indeed neighborhood is too high to calculate. Yet I cherish every second of it. For whatever reason, and for every song we sing, I notice my children have an incessant need to lift their legs high and march to the rhythm of the song as if marching to some mystical land of joy and peace.

I know why they do it...they are simply imitating the one who taught them the song. I, for one, hope they never stop. I pray someday they cherish the memory of the songs as much as I do, and teach them to their children...perhaps leading them to march through this parade we call life as well.

It has been said, "Through the Church the Song goes on." ...

That sweet song of Salvation first taught by God the Father to his child, Israel. Then lived by Christ, taught and caught by the disciples, church fathers, pastors, teachers, parents, and now you. We are the choir that now brings the melody of God's love into our world. Yet too often the song that is our privilege to sing is drowned out by the busy refrain of our lives.

Lent is a time for us to reexamine the melodies of our lives that mean the most. It is a time for us to listen again to the Song the Singer sings and try to imitate His verse in our lives by living as He lived. Yet it is also a time to rediscover the reality that His Song still goes on and that the sweet refrain of forgiveness is still sung to us and echoes sweetly in our ears knowing that the Singer sings to us.

Spring springs upon us bringing warmer days, water to nourish the barren ground, and new life everywhere the eye can see. Imagine if you were to catch a tune that captures the eternal sweetness of the Song of Salvation and the recurring refrain of new life in the spring.

That is what Lent is all about. Listening, learning, loving, leading...

March with me....

In Christ! Pastor Mark

March Ushers

Ima Ruth & Herb Jacoby



**Bring A
Dish
and a
Friend**

On Sunday, March 29, the Board of Evangelization will sponsor a potluck lunch immediately after Worship Service. All members are encouraged to invite a friend or relative to join us for this food and fellowship opportunity.

So get out your cookbook, whip up your special salad, bread, meat or vegetable dish, or dessert, and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided, and a free will offering will be available.

Think chicken rice casserole, pot roast, scalloped potatoes, deviled eggs, candied sweet potatoes, chocolate cake, potato salad, apple pie, cornbread,.....

It won't be the same without you, so make plans now to attend. Sunday, March 29, immediately after Worship!



New Adult Bible Study

Just as the time and place of our birth and life shapes our journey, so the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. In this series, discover how God guided his people to a specific place—the Promised Land—to impact the world both in ancient times and today. Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides us through the land of the Bible. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, these faith lessons will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.

Sundays at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall.



***Lenten Services
will be celebrated
each Wednesday in
March at 7 pm.
The theme for this
year's Lenten
observation is
"Refreshing the Spirit."***

March Birthdays

March 1—Mark Fondren

March 5—Seretta Truitt

March 16—John Young

March 17—Kaleikaumaka Masalosalo

March 23—Stella Hlad

"Before you were born I set you apart."

Men and Meat

This evening of male bonding while grilling outdoors and eating indoors is getting ready to fire up again! Adult males of the congregation are invited to bring their own steak and join in the fun and fellowship. All other fixin's are provided. See Bruce Nelson or Pastor Lasch for more details and the upcoming date.

*Spring Voters Meeting,
Sunday, March 8,
Immediately After Worship.
Committee Reports and
State of the Congregation.*



Work Day Scheduled

The Board of Properties has scheduled a congregational work day for April 4, the Saturday preceding Palm Sunday, starting at 9 am. Lunch will be provided by the Board.

Most of the effort will be in spring landscaping, cleanup, and planting. All tools, plants, etc. will be here already; we just need your muscle. Please mark your calendar now and come help us make our campus beautiful.

Upcoming Dates

Coming Soon—New members information class. See Pastor Mark if you are interested.

Ongoing—Concordia Prayer Chain. Contact Katy Roy-Rosar at shadow444@tx.rr.com.

March 14—First meeting of the new Young Adults Group at 5:30 pm at Melissa Gattoc's house. See Brian Rustan for details.

March 26—Vine Weavers. This Craft Night lesson on stamping will be taught by Catherine Lasch.

March 27-29—Silver Ring Thing. This abstinence program for middle and high school students will conclude with a ring ceremony on the 29th.

March 27—First game of the Super Grapes coed softball league spring season. For info contact [steven and rebecca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steven_and_rebecca@sbcglobal.net).

April 9—Maundy Thursday Seder Supper Service. Details and signup to follow.

April 12—Easter Sunday Sunrise Service followed by regular service at 10:30 am.

March Anniversaries

March 2—Susan & Tom Johnson

March 20—Ulana & Kenneth Ratley

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

Come Eat With Us!

The GODtoberfest planning committee will host a fundraising luncheon after worship on Sunday, March 15. The menu will include rotisserie chicken, along with salad, and a baked potato bar with all the fixin's. A free will offering will be collected as a fund raising effort for GODtoberfest.

Godtoberfest will be held this year on Saturday, October 10. For more details or to volunteer to help in some capacity, see Ruth Donald.

Did You Know...

...that Jeanice and Larry Gerlikovski left on February 23 for their annual trek to the frozen North? They will be visiting relatives in Wisconsin for three weeks, and are taking Rose and Frank Reaves along for the ride.

...that Ima Ruth Jacoby recently attended the annual meeting of the East and West divisions of NEED? Watch next month's Windsock for more information on this community outreach.

...that it will soon be time for the mowing teams to crank up again? Brian Rustan has taken over the coordination of this effort. See him if you can help once a month.

...that our own Travis Attanasio is once again in the news? Travis was featured in three articles in the "Engineers Make It Work" section of the February 15 *Star Telegram*—*Outstanding Young Civil Engineer Recognized*, *Attanasio Receives Van Trump Award*, and *Group Awarded for Community Service*.

...that Debra Basler and her husband William brought three international students to the Sounds of Music Valentine's Dinner Theater? They were from Taiwan, Korea and France. Debra works with foreign students in her job at University of Texas at Arlington.

...that over seventy people were in attendance at the Valentine's Day Dinner? The members of the Board of Youth provided wait staff, with our young members serving the delicious German dinner prepared by Chef Bob Rosar. Entertainment and decorations were provided by the Board of Fellowship, with those in attendance reading parts and singing the songs from "The Sound of Music." The free will offering totaled over \$500, thanks to the generosity of those present. Monies will be used by each board for future projects.

Sounds of Music Valentine Dinner



Lay Readers For March

March 1—Ulana Ratley
March 8—Jim Dickinson
March 15—Kalei Masalosalo
March 22—Erin Rustan
March 29—Youth Reader



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 6:01 pm Contemporary Worship	2	3 7 pm Board of Properties	4 6 pm Confirmation Class  7 pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Choir Practice	5 11 am Bible Study & Lunch Bunch 7 pm Board of Lay Ministry	6	7
8 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Voters Meeting 4 pm Couples Group	9	10 7 pm Boards of Parish Resources & Fellowship	11 6 pm Confirmation Class  7 pm Lenten Worship 7:45 pm Choir Practice	12 7:15 pm Board of Youth	13	14 5:30 pm Young Adults Group
15 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship GODtoberfest Luncheon 6:01 pm Contemporary Worship	16	17  Saint Patrick's Day	18 6 pm Confirmation Class  7 pm Lenten Worship Windsock Deadline	19 7 pm GODtoberfest Planning	20	21
22 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 4 pm Couples Group	23	24	25  7 pm Lenten Worship 7:45 pm Choir Practice	26 6:30—9:30 pm Vine Weavers Craft Night	27 7—8 pm Silver Ring Thing Super Grapes Softball Time TBA	28 10—11 am 12—1 pm Silver Ring Thing
29 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 Worship, Youth Service, SRT 434 Ring Ceremony Potluck Lunch	30	31	Tip of the Month-	We were made by God and for God,	and until you figure that out,	life isn't going to make much sense.