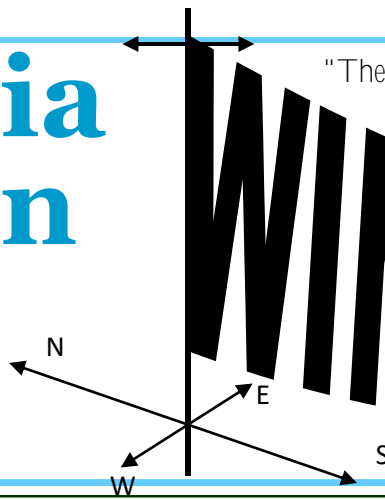


Concordia Lutheran Church

March 2017

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

WINDSOCK



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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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On Lent

It's the strangest of all stories about a woman who fell in love with a man of incalculable riches, a man who could give her anything, everything...more than she could have ever imagined.

She was one of those people of the street, willing to sell herself in pursuit of today's dreams even at the expense of tomorrow's possibilities.

He saw her. He loved her at first sight. Though she stood before him drenched by the world's reign, beaten and bruised by those perfectly willing to take advantage of her, he offered her his coat. He offered her his life.

As she took his coat she asked him, "Who are you sir?" He answered her with words she longed to hear, "I am the One." In time and through eternity she learned much more about the man, a Prince from a distant land which was at the same time everywhere, and nowhere at all.

He spoiled her with much more than she deserved, consistently giving to her, asking nothing in return.

When the time was right he asked her to take his name. She gladly accepted, still in awe that this Prince could fall in love with her. "I can't believe it, I don't believe it," the thoughts of a million minds muses wandered, "Why me?"

Yet he continued to give, and she continued to take.

In time her mind began to get the better of her. She started storing away his gifts, saving them for the day when he would no longer love her. It started off small, a gift stashed in a drawer, which turned into a room, which turned into a house. "I need more!" she said to him. In turn he gladly gave. She continued to store, he continued to give.

One day the bride looked at all of her riches and asked her groom, "Why do you continue to give so much?" He replied, "Why do you continue to trust so little?" "My love for you is from everlasting to everlasting."

Lent, "What does it mean?" The story is yours.

Think about it!

In Christ! Pastor Mark

Update from the Future Needs Committee....

The committee met on
Saturday, February 18.

- The Congregational Letter was distributed (electronically and via USPS) Friday, February 17. If you did not receive this letter regarding the FNC's Bold Initiatives, please see Murray Scheibe.
- In addition to FNC Meeting Minutes, the three BOLD Moves will be added to the display case in the hallway. Please see our display case for updates and complete meeting minutes.
- The Committee is developing a Webpage prototype and will be discussing with Jim Wilson in the very near future.
- There will be an informational booth/display set up on selected Sunday's in April and May.
- The Committee will be visiting other church sites to get some ideas for our future facility.
- The Committee is also set to proceed with two major initiatives. The first is the selection of an Architect and the second is the development of a Funding Plan.



From the Board of Christian Education...



Wow! Here we are in March already!
The BoCE is in full swing as we gear up for upcoming activities.

On March 5th we will have the second opening of our Concordia Corner Store. Thanks to all our generous supporters. This program has been a true success with the kids. We have been able to teach valuable lessons, such as tithing, and show them how the Lord uses their gifts to help others. Their tithes add to the contributions already given to N.E.E.D by our church body. The monies raised by the sale of Concordia Cash help purchase these gifts. They are also learning the joy of gift giving with some of the cash they earn.

In preparation for the second opening, we conducted a fundraiser Sunday February 26 to collect monies that will be used to stock the store with items for the kids to purchase. Due to the generosity of our members, we reached our fundraising goal! For those who took a donation envelope home, please remember to return it to Dorothy, Roni, or Heather.

Our next big project is creation of a Sunday school brochure showcasing each of our Sunday school classes. These brochures will be made available as an invitation to visitors coming into our church. We will work with our ushers and designate volunteers to personally help visitors with questions regarding Sunday school and/or help direct them to the appropriate classrooms. When possible, even personally introducing them to the teachers. Included in the brochures will be descriptions of age appropriate classroom activities, lessons, goals, and our missions as a church. Information on Wednesday classes will be included as well. If you have any suggestions or ideas of what to include in the brochures please let anyone on the BoCE know and we will try to include it. In addition, we are seeking volunteers, from both first and second service, to be "go to people" to make this effort fruitful to our congregation and to those seeking a new church home.

And now, would you believe, we are starting to prepare for VBS? YES...VBS! As most of you know we are celebrating in the 500th year of the Reformation of the Lutheran Church. So, the VBS curriculum we chose is called "A Mighty Fortress". It includes a lesson for the Reformation of our church to be taught to the children. We hope to put a little twist on this year's theme so the kids have a stronger understanding of what the Reformation really means to us Christians. We are so grateful to those who help make our VBS such a fun event with all the food and activities such as crafts, music, and games. We truly hope this will be a day of memories with Christ as our one and only focus.

Thanks once again to ALL for your support! More than ever we need to help our kids know the love Christ has for each and every one of them and that they have a FRIEND in JESUS to call upon at ALL times.

Serving Concordia in March

LAY MINISTERS: Bruce Nelson and Justin Randermann

LAY READERS

March 5— Alice Allison
March 12— Jim Wilson
March 19— Kathy Nelson
March 26— Heather Finder

MARCH USHERS

Traditional	Contemporary
Hana Hoffmann	Lori Gilroy
Jo Ann Truelock	Todd Grashaw

N.E.E.D. Needs

March 5: Canned meat (tuna, spam, etc.), Hamburger Helper, and Canned Vegetables.

March 12: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rotel, and Refried Beans

March 19: Canned Vegetables & Fruits

March 26: Canned Tomatoes, Pasta, Rice, and Beans.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2— Jacob Soule and Stavana Strutz
17—Mike and Dorothy Kennedy
20—Kenneth and Ulana Ratley



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3— Isabella Saura
4—Robert Bultman
4— Mary Webster
5— Seretta Truitt
7— Nalani Weaver
9— Richard Nelson
14— Steve Wilkins
15— Claudia Thomas
16— Linda Groth
16— John Young
17— Kalei Masalosalo
19— JoAnn Martinez
20— Rylan Bush
21— Nicole Barthel
23— Stella Hlad
29— Catherine Coffey
29— Jordan Sandifer



If we missed your important date please share it with us so we may update our records. We will be sure to get it in next year.

Upcoming Special Services

Wednesday **March**
Ash Wednesday Service **7:00pm**

Wednesday **March 8**
Baked Potatoe Supper **6:00pm**
Lenten Service **7:00pm**

Wednesday **March 15**
Soup Supper **6:00pm**
Lenten Service **7:00pm**

Wednesday **March 22**
Soup Supper **6:00pm**
Lenten Service **7:00pm**

Wednesday **March 29**
Nacho Bar Supper **6:00pm**
Lenten Service **7:00pm**

Wednesday **April 5**
Soup Supper **6:00pm**
Lenten Service **7:00pm**

Sunday **April 9**
Palm Sunday Service **11:00am**

Thursday **April 13**
Seder Service **6:30pm**

Friday **April 14**
Tenebrae Service of Darkness
7:30pm

Sunday **April 16**
Easter Sunrise Service **7:00am**
Feast of the Resurrection **11:00am**

50th Anniversary Celebration

Next came a brown portable building. It was acquired in November 1968 which doubled the capacity of the farm house church. The little farm house was utilized as additional Sunday School space and served as the fellowship hall for social events.

This photo of the congregation was taken on a Sunday morning in 1968.



Thanks to those folks that have expressed an interest in helping with the planning of the event in October. We will be meeting again near the end of March. Please watch the bulletin board for information.

Katy Roy-Rosar

Herb and Ima Ruth Jacoby Would like to **Thank Concordia** for all of their prayers and well wishes during Ima Ruth's Recovery. They would also like to say a **Big Thank You** to all those who provided food for them during this time as well!



Are you on Concordia's prayer chain list?



For those of you that may not know, The Board of Fellowship's Katy Roy-Rosar maintains an email list of folks that have asked to be included on our prayer chain at Concordia. When someone needs a special prayer request for family, friends or other, one would email Katy with the request and she will broadcast it to the Prayer Chain Group for prayer. If you wish to be on this list, please email Katy at shadow444@tx.rr.com with your email address and she will be glad to add you to the grouping.

Must be
Trouble afoot!

The Mouse
is up

A cartoon illustration of a grey mouse with large ears, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. The mouse is pointing its right index finger upwards. The text 'The Mouse is up' is written in a playful, bubbly font around the mouse.

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From the BOARD OF YOUTH...

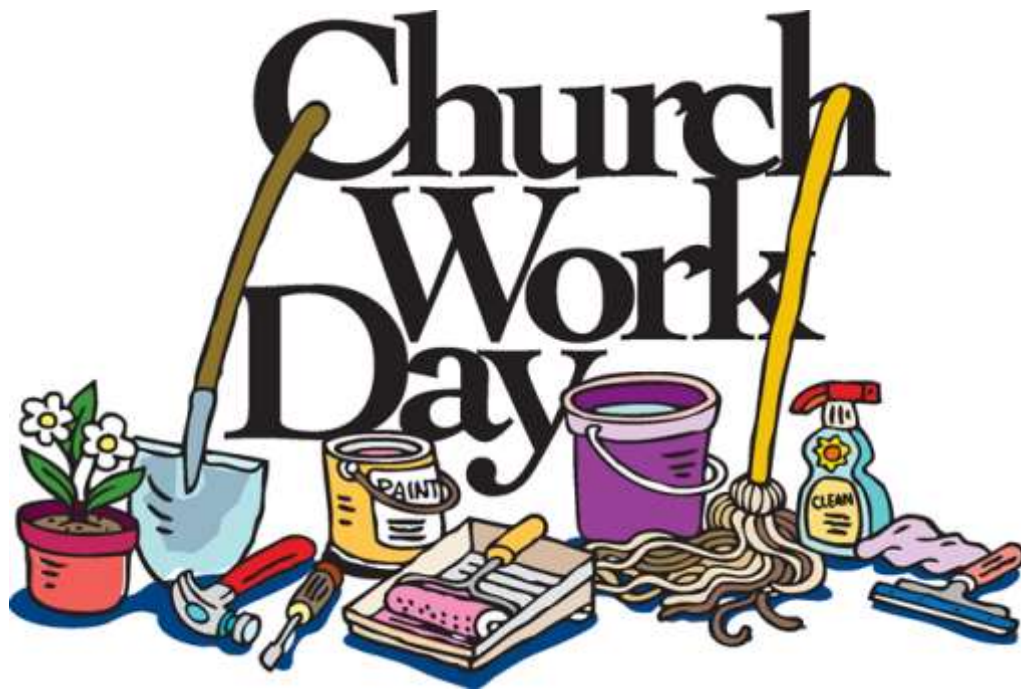
The Youth are just getting back into the swing of things after a short break from the busy holidays. They kicked off 2017 and Valentine's Day with a Waffle Bar in their classroom during Sunday School and then shared the love with all of Concordia's children by passing out goodie bags with conversation hearts and corresponding Bibles Verses. One of our youth, Bella Hoffman, celebrated her 15th birthday on February 19th and Mary Webster will be celebrating her Sweet 16 on March 4th. Happy Birthday to you both!!! You are each such a blessing!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! In March, the Youth will be hosting a Parent's Night Out on **Saturday, March 25th, from 6-9**. The cost will be \$10.00 per child and a sign up form will be in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, March 5th**. Be on the look-out for more information regarding this event in the coming weeks.

EASTER is also quickly approaching. The Board of Youth is responsible for the annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children under 12. The stores are already stocked with eggs and we would like to start collecting them early. The amount of children in our congregation is growing rapidly and we will need a hefty supply of PRE-FILLED Easter Eggs to accommodate them all. Please bring your donation to the box located in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, March 12th**.

Lastly, the Board of Youth is always looking for new members and volunteers to help out with our busy schedule through the year. If you are new to the church and are looking for somewhere you can help out or if you're not new and just want to get involved with our youth, please join us for our next Board of Youth meeting on **Tuesday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m.** We would love to have you!

Campus Clean-up Day!!!
Saturday March 4
8am-12pm



Concordia's Board of Property will be sponsoring a campus clean up day. Please join us and help us to keep our campus beautiful. There is a lot of work to be done around the property and many volunteers are needed. We will meet at the church on Saturday, March 4th, at 8am and work until noon. Please bring work gloves if you have them. Additional basic yard tools may also be helpful.



Passover Seder Supper

**Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Concordia Fellowship Hall**

The Seder is the religious ceremony that tells the story of Passover. It's a family-oriented worship that includes a meal. There is nothing comparable to it in modern Christian tradition, so it might best be described to those who are unfamiliar with it as a two and a half hour service, including dinner, when the entire family is gathered around the holiday table. The story of the first Passover is told, and symbolic foods are tasted to remind the participants of the lessons to be learned through the Passover celebration. There are six foods that help to tell the story of redemption.

HAGGIGAH: Roasted egg. Actually, this is the Hebrew word for "festival offering," and it represents the daily Temple sacrifice.

CHAZERETH: Onion or horseradish root. This item reminds us that the root of life is bitter.

Z'ROAH: Shank bone of a lamb. This is the symbol of the lamb slain on that first Passover.

CHAROSETH: Mixture of apples, cinnamon and nuts. The brownish color reminds us of the mortar we used in Egypt. The sweetness reminds us that servitude was the prelude to the sweetness of redemption.

MAROR: Ground horseradish. These are the bitter herbs we're commanded to eat with the Passover lamb (Ex. 12:8).

KARPAS: Greens. This is parsley, which is eaten after being dipped in salt water. The greens represent life, the salt water represents tears and the dipping reminds us that life is immersed in tears.

In addition to the symbolic foods above, which are tasted during the telling of the ancient story, a traditional meal will be served.

If you have never attended a Seder and would like to participate in one, please join us for this celebration.

The Fellowship Board is sponsoring the Passover Seder and we would like to remind you that **you must sign the attendance sheet** that will be placed on the table in the entry way around the first of March. Seating is limited, so sign up early.

If I can answer any questions, please call Katy Roy-Rosar – 817 545-6224.





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Important March Sundays

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19— Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

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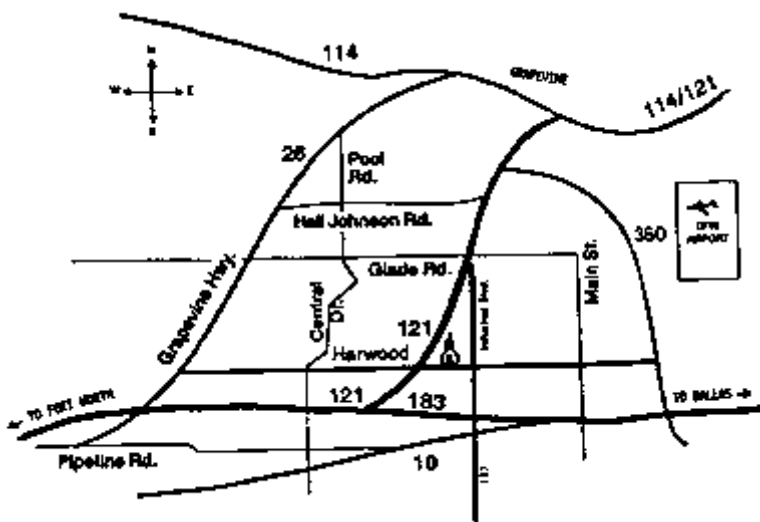
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 Living joyfully in friendship, love and ministry
 Openly reaching out with the Gospel
 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development
SHARING GOD'S LOVE & TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES