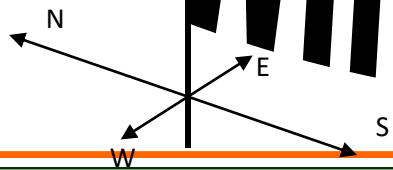


Concordia Lutheran Church

September 2017

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

WINDSOCK



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Office Phone: 817-283-3560

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

Pastor: Rev Mark Lasch
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Concordia Pt. 2

The 70's represented a turbulent time in the history of American Lutheranism. Debates about the inspiration of Scripture, the nature and work of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, divine revelation raged from coast to coast. The pinnacle of the debate came in 1974 where at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis the president of the seminary was suspended due to a charge of false teaching. It was a tough time to be a Lutheran!

Concordia was not exempt from the turbulent seas. Pastor Miller received and accepted a call to plant a mission congregation in Katy. Yet as the Lord does, the Lord provided. A retired pastor traveling to see his family asked if he could park his motor home in the church parking lot while visiting his kids. This pastor stayed a little longer than he expected, serving Concordia as her vacancy pastor until, by God's call, Rev. (now Dr.) Roger Grummer accepted the call to serve as Concordia's second pastor.

Times being what they were, some wanted Concordia to be a progressive Lutheran Church. Other's wanted her to be a conservative Lutheran Church. Pastor Grummer wanted her to be a church that loved Jesus and one another well. While some stayed and others left, Concordia continued teaching the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The Rev. Dr. Roger Grummer faithfully proclaimed and taught the Word of God at Concordia for 27 years! Throughout his ministry he was especially known to be a fantastic teacher, creative in his preaching, and a gifted author.

Concordia was cold forged in times of struggle and joy to depend upon the faithfulness of God. This remains an integral part of our D.N.A.! As we celebrate our 50th year of ministry and consider the monumental challenges that are upon us as we seek solutions for our lack of space it is helpful to remember where we've been.

We worshiped in a farm house where the residents once raised pigs, but God was faithful in moving us forward from there.

We built a facility that would facilitate our ministry for the next 43 years, and God was faithful in providing for all of our needs.

Through the ups and the downs of life in this fallen world God provided a faithful pastor to serve his flock with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, and though "With sheep like these it's hard to be a shepherd," God continually blessed Concordia with His presence among us.

May our God who is faithful and just continue to bless us today as we've been blessed in the past. God is good, all the time!

In Christ! Pastor Mark

Update from the Future Needs Committee....



The Future Needs Committee (FNC) met on Aug 19 to review the remaining actions to complete Vision Path Compass and discuss the additional available modules. The decision was made to not pursue additional Vision Path modules at this time. In addition, Concordia Leadership has not had a chance to review, evaluate and internalize the final “results” of Compass. The Vision Path - Compass wrap-up call with Billy Brath has been scheduled for Thursday September 14, 7:00 pm at the church. Below is a brief summary from Billy covering the call topics:

1. Pray!
2. Agree on Vision Statement
3. Define words that are chosen
4. Send statement and definition to facilitator for reference.
5. Choose one person (or more) to sit with Pastor to reveal statement and definitions (if pastor isn't part of process.)

A proposal from a surveying service has been received from Simpcos Surveying, Inc. out of Fort Worth and will be presented to Church Council for discussion in August. The cost to survey the church property which includes Boundary Survey, Topographic Utilities/Survey, Tree Survey, Adjoining Buildings, Easements and Building Lines is \$6,500.00. This is something that will need to be done no matter in which direction we continue to move.

The committee is also looking at architects based on recommendations from Texas District and others. The FNC has been reviewing options for our funding plan. We are in the process of qualifying an architectural firm for professional assessment services with the intent of developing high-level costs for our “build” options. This information will be one determinant in the decision for what we ultimately build. It will also serve to clarify the need for and scope of a capital campaign. At this point in our process, we believe it is a bit premature to start focused discussions and/or planning for a Capital Campaign.

From the Board of Christian Education...



Gen. 28:16 “...surely the Lord is in this place...”

We hope everyone had a great summer; now it's time to start the new school year!

Mark your calendars! Rally Day takes place **Sunday, September 10 at 10am**. There will be lots of excitement – you don't want to miss this special day!

Confirmation starts Wednesday, **September 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**.

As always, we want to thank everyone for your support!



Get Your Concordia T-Shirt!

Cost: \$10 (Payment due with order)

Adult Sizes S-3XL (65% Polyester / 35% Cotton)

Deadline to Order is September 10

Shirt Pick-Up on October 1

Questions? 214.244.8783

Serving Concordia in September

LAY MINISTERS: Mike Eskew and John Finder

LAY READERS

September 3—Jim Wilson
September 10—JoAnn Truelock
September 17—Jeanice Gerlikovski
September 24—Kathy Nelson

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Traditional	Contemporary
JoAnn Truelock	Edzel Gattoc
Joel Lozzi	Monica Lindquist

N.E.E.D. Needs

September 3: Canned meat (tuna, spam, etc.), Hamburger Helper, and Canned Vegetables.

September 10: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rotel, and Refried Beans

September 17: Canned Vegetables & Fruits

September 24: Canned Tomatoes, Pasta, Rice, and Beans.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6— Bill and Debra Basler
18— Corey and Stephanie Spinks
23— Steve and Gloria Trinidad
24— Chris and Lauren Coleman
28— John and Lea Young



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1— Halifeli Manala
3— Richard Hlad
5— Robin Smith
6— Mase Masalosalalo
6— Ulana Ratley
6— Bob Rosar
9— M.D Brown
10— Amie Jackowski
12— Jackson Andrews
14— Carl Brown
14— Ruth Farr
14— Tom Salmi
16— Bill Basler
19— Jeanice Gerlikovski
21— Gary Sabrowsky
26— Julio Martin
28— Susan Bush
28— Lauren Coleman
28— Aaron Schrader
29— Joe Lovett



If we missed your important date please let us know so we can have it for next year.

Confirmation classes beginning Soon!



Attention all parents of confirmation age kids: Concordia will be starting a new confirmation class this year. **Classes will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Concordia. Classes will begin Wednesday September 13.** If you would like your child to begin confirmation classes or if they have already begun but not yet completed confirmation curriculum please see Pastor Lasch or Heather Finder prior to the beginning of September.

50th Anniversary Committee Update



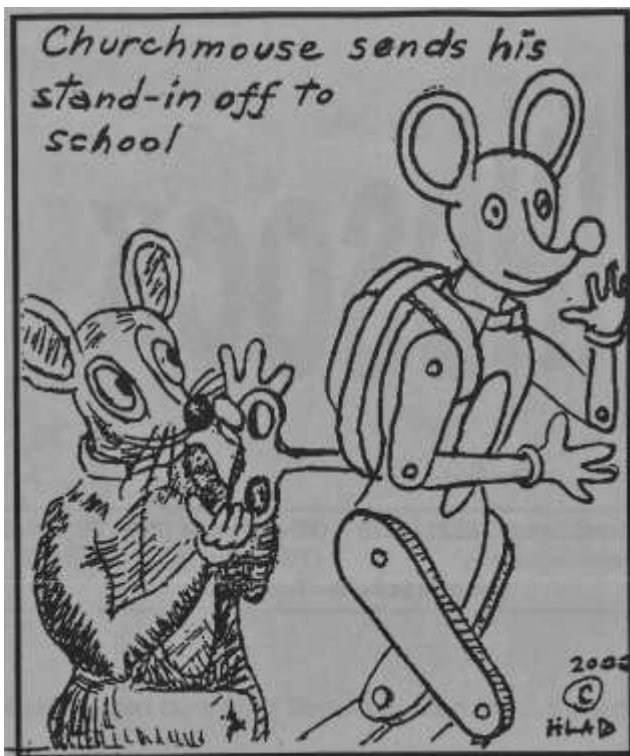
Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary Celebration News The date is October 22, 2017

We have a large group of volunteers working to make this a glorious celebration. There is a list on the bulletin board in the hallway called "Whosit/Whatsit". Please stop by and take a look and if you have a hankering to get involved, please write your name by your preference or let Katy Roy-Rosar know. We will be needing a multitude of people to help clean up once the celebration has ended. You will find minutes from previous meetings inside the glass bulletin board in the hallway.

In a nutshell, the blended service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick will be our guest speaker. Other clergy will include Pastor Lasch, Rev. Dr. Roger Grummer, Rev. D.R. Nelson and Ken Henning, President of Texas District, LCMS. Once the service has ended and we are dismissed, please go into the narthex and get a family photo taken, single file down the hallway to the fellowship hall where a buffet will be set up on the east side of the hall. The buffet will consist of Chicken Express fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and a big birthday cake. Once you have your food, you will go out the north door of the fellowship hall into a tent to eat your lunch where you will have about 30 to 45 minutes to eat and visit then we will cut that big birthday cake and sing happy birthday to Concordia with a little dissertation and lots of prayer regarding what we **think** God has planned for our future here at the one time "pig farm".

Please stop by the bakers rack in the fellowship hall and feel free to look and read about Concordia's history.

Child Care and a special "kid friendly" lunch for children 10 and under will be provided for the luncheon portion of the celebration. Please look for a child care sign-up sheet as we get closer to October 22. If you are interested in assisting in the child care area please contact Heather Finder.



In honor of Concordia's 50th anniversary we will be printing some vintage Church Mouse cartoons. This month's Church Mouse originally appeared in the September 2000 edition of Concordia's Windsock newsletter.

You're Invited to the
"Wurst"
Party Ever!

Join Concordia's Youth for a
German dinner and silent
auction to raise funds for our
December service project.

Saturday, September 16

6-9 pm

\$5 Children (under 12)

\$10 Adults

Please sign up in the Narthex



If you are interested in donating a basket or items for the silent auction,
please see Amie or Caitlin.



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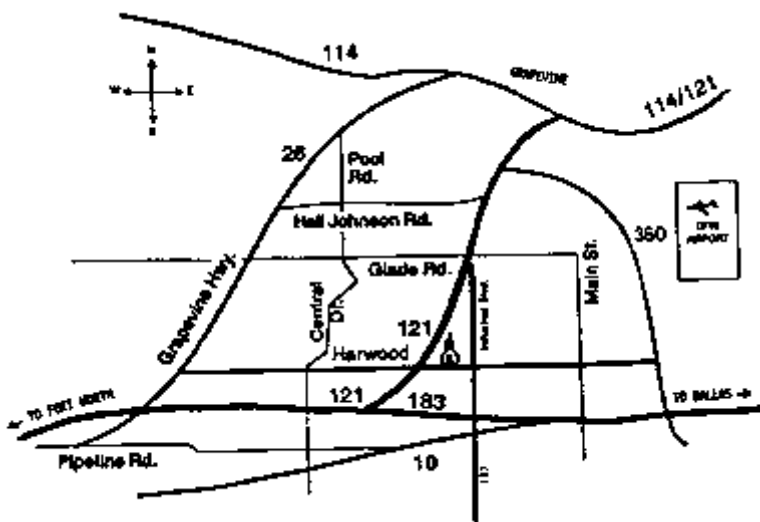
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 Living joyfully in friendship, love and ministry
 Openly reaching out with the Gospel
 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development
SHARING GOD'S LOVE & TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES