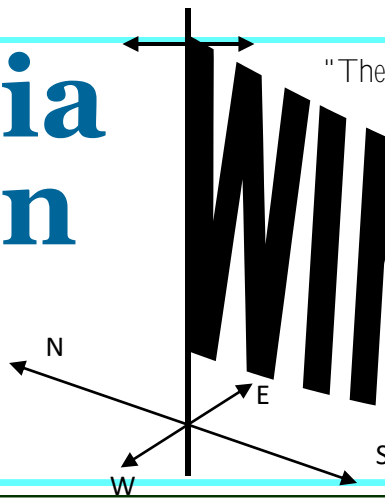


Concordia Lutheran Church

June 2017

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

WINDSOCK



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There's life and then there's Life!

There is a place not far from Concordia's campus that grants me serenity and peace. A place, which I regularly visit, that enables me to ask difficult questions and find complex answers. There is a cross there which I built one cold winter day when the wind seemed to blow right through me. The simple construction consists of one dead limb attached to one dead trunk. There was little life there when I found the spot. Dead leaves, dead grass, even the birds took flight to find greener pastures.

I went to my spot a couple of days ago. It was more difficult to find. Tall grass had covered up the things that marked my path. Leaves had surrounded and overcome my simple wooden cross.

It was as it should be I guess. Our faith teaches us that in Christ Life swallowed up death forever. It teaches us that the Resurrection brings with it the forgiveness of sins, new Life, and salvation. It teaches us that all those who have faith should expect to see fruit flowing from the new life that is ours in Christ.

Yet I miss the barrenness of the place I left last winter. More often than not the beauty of that place was, for me, when I confessed my sin before God and received the sweet absolution of His Son.

I needed to connect myself to the dead things in life in order for me to understand the life Christ has given to me.

In a world that is quick to confess, "I'm okay, you're okay." Sometimes we need to hear that we are not. Each of us has a barren place that we hope nobody notices or stumbles upon. Yet the hard reality is that we are only as healthy as the secrets we hide. Only when we expose them to Him who is the Life can we hope for death to be put asunder.

Israel had the desert. Jesus had Gethsemane and Calvary. Paul had the road to Damascus. We all need places of clarity in our life where the barrenness of our sin comes in contact with the life of The Life. For what would Spring be without the Fall? What would Summer be without Winter? What would life be without Life?

I pray we never know.

In Christ! Pastor Mark



Update from the Future Needs Committee....



LCEF Vision Path-Compass

The initial meeting with Billy Brath, LCEF Vision Path facilitator, was held Wednesday May 17. The meeting format was a conference call between Billy and Concordia Leadership (Pastor Mark, Church Council, Lay Ministers and FNC). Billy reviewed the origins of Vision Path (as a service of LCEF), the program objective (determine where God is aiming us), logistics and responsibilities of Concordia Leadership. He stressed that his role is as a facilitator, not a consultant. The "work" related to Vision Path Compass is completed by Concordia.

The following are three Leadership responsibilities:

- **Be in Prayer as individuals and as a group. Be open to what God is doing and where he is leading us**
- **Intentional interaction/engagement with Church members to discover their passions; intently listen**
- **Encourage people to participate in the "Compass" process (i.e. participate in the Surveys; attend the Impact Event)**

At conclusion of the conference call, Billy presented a list of 17 questions for meeting attendees to review and select for inclusion in our Vision Path Compass congregational survey. We were directed to select 7-8 questions. Ultimately, 9 questions were chosen and forwarded to LCEF. LCEF will prepare the survey and enable both online and hardcopy completion capabilities.

The following Event Schedule was discussed and confirmed:

- Sun June 25 – First Survey event; Commissioning Event
- Sun July 2 – Second Survey event
- Sun July 9 – Third Survey event
- Wed July 19 – Vision Path Impact Event

Please watch the bulletin board in the hallway for additional information.

From the Board of Christian Education...



Ps. 92:1 "It is good to give thanks to the Lord..."

We at Concordia have a lot to be thankful for!

VBS will be here before we know it; July 8, 9am-1pm – registration forms will be available in the narthex June 4.

The theme is *Mighty Fortress!* This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and we will incorporate the story of Martin Luther and the 95 Theses - a great lesson for all!

We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS; there is a signup sheet in the hall on the bulletin board. We would love to have everyone involved!

Also on June 4th, Vicki Lovett will be selling Concordia Cash between services.

The Adult Bible Study has started the six week class: *The Study of Joseph, Journey to Forgiveness*. They meet on Wednesday morning at 10am and Wednesday evening at 7pm. Come join them!

As always, the Board of Christian Education appreciates your support!

Serving Concordia in June

LAY MINISTERS: Mike Eskew and Bruce Nelson

LAY READERS

June 4— Kathy Nelson
June 11—Gail Shepperd
June 18— Alice Allison
June 25— Diane Lasch

JUNE USHERS

Traditional Contemporary
Ushers needed for the month of June for both services please see Justin Randermann to volunteer.

N.E.E.D. Needs

June 4: Canned meat (tuna, spam, etc.), Hamburger Helper, and Canned Vegetables.

June 11: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rotel, and Refried Beans

June 18: Canned Vegetables & Fruits

June 25: Canned Tomatoes, Pasta, Rice, and Beans.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1— Jason Carroll
2— Kelli Carroll
2— Rose Reaves
3— Jason Bronner
4— Nancy Bultman
8— Alice Allison
15— Steve Reber
15— Stephanie Spinks
16— James Ashby
20— Steven Trinidad
20— Sue Vold
21— Lily Carroll
22— Dennis Murawski
23—Katie Maass
24— Elaine Faber
27— Robert Holley

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

10— Brad and Gail Shepperd
11—Mark and Catherine Lasch
13—Frank and Rose Reaves
14— Jason and Kelli Carroll
14— Dan and Betsy Groulx
14— Bruce and Kathy Nelson
16— Jim and Joann Dickinson
20— Walt and Janice Zeller
22— Robert and Lisa Holley



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

Concordia Critters

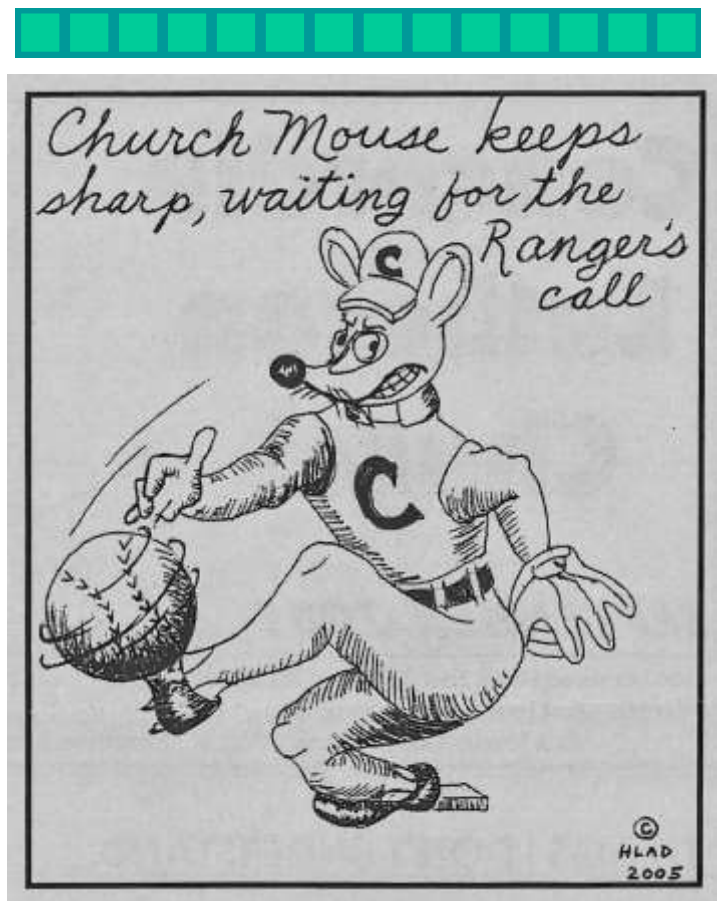
Concordia's youth group is looking for donations to make these critters.

Supplies needed:

- 2 bags of poly fill
- 2 round 24 peg looms and
- 2 rectangular 24 peg looms
- Also, any scrap yarn.

Please contact Laurie Gilroy to see what has already been donated
(215)525-3918.

We hope to make enough critters to give out when we do the box lunches and when we visit a local nursing home. We will be making these over the next few weeks.



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 2005 edition of Concordia's Windsock newsletter.

Thank You to All who helped make Bingo De Mayo such a wonderful Event!



50th Anniversary Committee Update



Thanks to all of you for your donations for a cookbook to help support the upcoming 50th Anniversary. We were just short of \$500., which is a nice start.

Now, a little bit about what we are planning.

Our budget for this celebration will be somewhere in the \$3,000 range which will include \$1,000 travel expense for our guest speaker.

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In looking back at our church history, the Charter Sunday Service was followed by a picnic on the grounds. This also occurred on the 10th Anniversary following the Sunday Service. So, with that in our past, Council has approved a picnic on the grounds of Concordia following our Sunday Service on October 22, 2017. We all know that weather could be a factor though and our Fellowship Hall will only accommodate a maximum of 100 people. The committee is checking into renting a 40 X 60 pole tent, tables and chairs to seat 190 folks.

We also want to purchase enough fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, cobbler and ice cream cups to feed the multitudes that will be attending our celebration.

So, now that I have shared with you what we are doing, here comes the difficult part.....money!

We will be doing some fund raisers in the real near future and if any of you would like to donate to the cause, please earmark your donation to the 50th Anniversary.

If I can answer any questions or concerns you may have, don't hesitate to find me.

SAVE THE DATE
Concordia Lutheran Church
50th Anniversary Celebration Service
Sunday, October 22, 2017, 11 O'clock a.m.

CONCORDIA
ANNUAL
PATRIOTIC PICNIC
Sunday, July 2.

Under Concordia's mighty oaks.
Immediately following the Single Blended
Worship Service.

Join us and enjoy Brisket, Burgers, Brats,
and Hot Dogs, with all the trimmings, Cold
Drinks, and other treats!

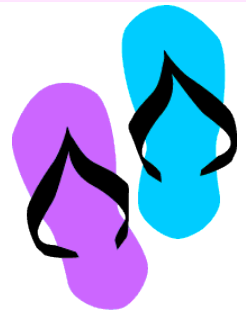
- **3rd Annual Bags Tournament**
- **Watermelon Eating Contest**
- **Corn on the Cob Eating Contest**
- **Activities for the kids**

Enjoy all the Great Food,
Fellowship and Games!!!

Mark your calendars NOW



June 2017



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**Important May Sundays
25— Vision Path Survey Event**

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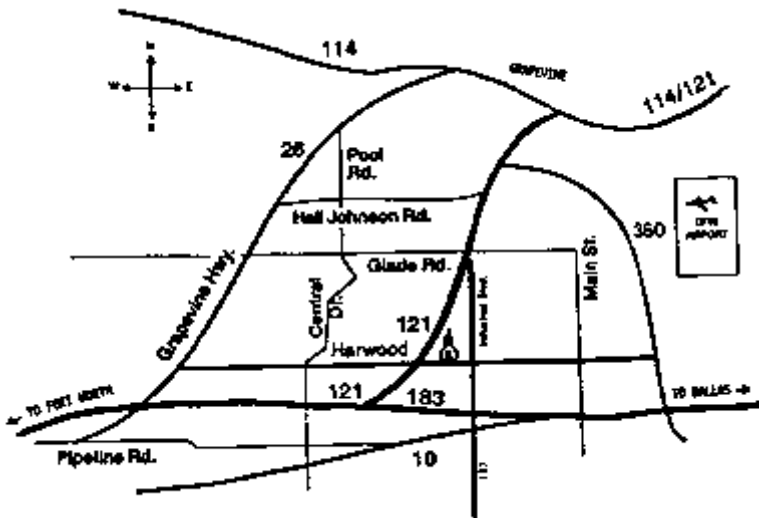
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 Living joyfully in friendship, love and ministry
 Openly reaching out with the Gospel
 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development
SHARING GOD'S LOVE & TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES