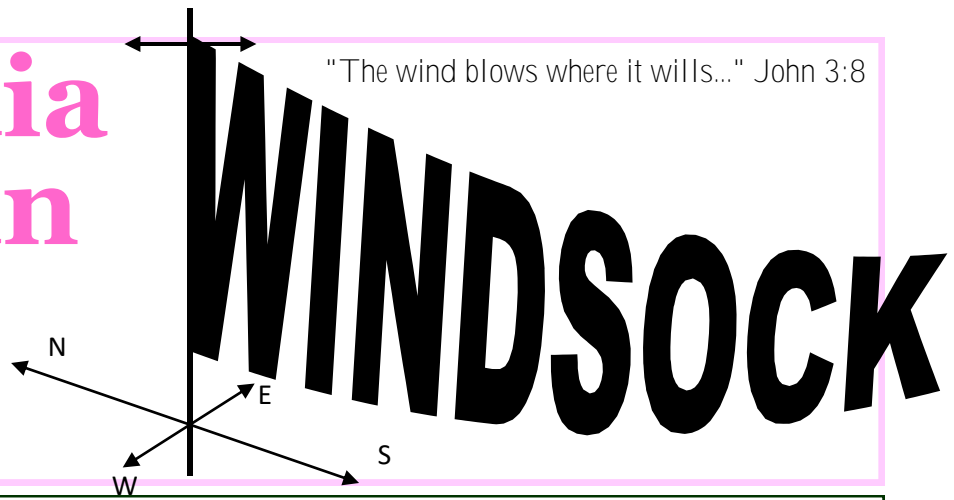


Concordia Lutheran Church

February 2018

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



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Simplicity

Why is simplicity such a complicated matter? The studies show that a principle of 20/80 is almost universally true among humans. Twenty percent of the people do eighty percent of the work within an organization. Twenty percent of a person's clothing is worn 80 percent of the time. My guess is that 80 percent of our time is spent worrying about events which occur as we think less than 20 percent of the time.

We are a peculiar lot, rightly using the most precious currency the world has ever known only twenty percent of the time...that currency being, TIME.

Lent is a time for reflection. It is a time for us to pause within the chaos of our busy lives to confess the many ways we've squandered God's gifts to the glory of our own throne, and to reset our lives with a simple focus, that being, "The Eternal God has given me this moment to glorify Him."

Life is not as complicated when the person living it finds their identity in Him. When a person finds their identity in the Eternal God they recognize a simple truth: "I am His, and He is mine." That truth cascades before them with ripples of brilliance that order a complicated life with a spectacular purpose, "For such a time as this God has sent me."

This purpose grasps a promise, "I will never leave you, nor will I forsake you," and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." In the abundance of the promises of our faith we can find comfort and strength 100% of the time for every purpose of our lives. Yet we don't. Why?

"Did God really say," is the question the serpent posed to the whole human race in the beginning. It is one you still struggle to answer now. As you worry, as you fret, as you spin your wheels thinking about all that must be done before you that questing echoes into the darkest places of your heart and mind... "Am I really His?" "Is He really mine?" "Can I trust Him?" Our simplest failure is that we come up with the wrong answer more times than we'd care to count. When we don't live within a trusting relationship with Jesus our worries, frustrations, and doubts stack up upon us to a point where we are quickly overwhelmed. We live within that world 80% of the time.

That is why He entered into our time and space. "When the time had fully come, God sent His Son." Jesus is God's simple answer to a complicated world. When we are lost He is our Shepherd. When we are afraid He is our Shelter from the storm. When we worry every hair atop our head is accounted for. God does not play by the percentages. We are His and He is ours for 100% of eternity.

This Lenten season we are going to walk together finding simple solutions to complicated problems...not to spoil the sermons, but they all begin and end with Jesus. I invite you to join me in laying your burdens down at the foot of the cross and discover again and anew a Savior who is good 100% of the time.

In Christ! Pastor Mark

LWML is returning to Concordia!

Beginning in 2018 Monica Lindquist will be leading a LWML group here at Concordia.

LWML is the place where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness. Rooted in God's word and living out our response to God's grace, join mission minded women of all ages to support global missions, service, and fellowship.

The first information meeting will be Thursday February 8 at 7pm. If you have any questions please contact Monica Lindquist 815-262-8222



From the Board of Christian Education...

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Who knew how powerful one scripture can mean to those who hear His call. There is so much meaning to those words, we as christians just want to share that message to all those we know. And we want that message starts with our kids.

The BoCe has set the calendar for the year! We are well on our way to start the new year with more new ideas moving forward. We thank you all again for your continued support.

Next Concordia Cash sale will be Sunday March 4th



Upcoming Special Services and Events

Wednesday February 14— Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

Wednesday February 21— Soup Supper 6pm
Lenten Service 7pm

Wednesday February 28— Potato Bar
Supper 6pm
Lenten Service 7pm



Serving Concordia in February

LAY MINISTERS: Mike Eskew and Brad Shepperd

LAY READERS

February 4— Kathy Nelson
February 11— Diane Lasch
February 18— Gail Shepperd
February 25— Kathy Nelson

FEBRUARY USHERS

Traditional **Contemporary**
Ushers Needed for Both Services.
Please see Justin Randermann to
volunteer.

N.E.E.D. Needs

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

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

February 18: Canned Vegetables & Fruits

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2— Hilda Graham
5— Bobby Western
7— Debra Basler
8— Nathaniel McNeese
8— Stephen Randermann
19— Isabella Hoffmann
21— David Lasch
22— Vicki Lovett
24— Tanya DeBow
24— Frank Reaves
28— Lucinda Garcia

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14— Arturo and Lucinda Garcia
16— Del and Nancy Sperry
18— Carl and Nani Brown



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.

2018 Congregational
Chili cook-off Champions



David VanBuskirk and
Robert Holley

2018 Dessert cook-off
Champion



Carrie Reber

Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You!

The Board of Lay Ministry and all of Concordia wishes to thank all of our esteemed judges for this years Annual Chili Cook-Off.

Chef John Rodriguez, Corporate Chef, Snap Kitchens Texas. Chef John designs and oversees the production of Snap Kitchens fine gourmet products state wide.

Chef Jason Henry, Corporate Chef, AMI Food Group. Chef Jason travels the world and sources and selects foods and wines for wholesale to some of the world's largest food establishments.

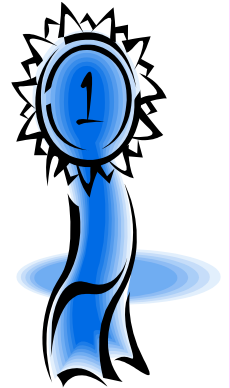
Loren Toman, Food Director, Gategourmet/Delta Airlines. Loren works for Gategourmet representing Delta Airlines overseeing the sanitation and production of over 200 million meals a year globally.

The expertise of our guest chefs added greatly to the competition as well as the fun and excitement of the event.

A great big thank you to Chef Bob for all of his hard work in recruiting the judges and being MC for the event. His expertise and leadership made the event extra special!



Lay Ministers 26th annual Chili Cook-off Champion 2018



John Finder

John's Yankee Boy Chili

- 2 large white onions
- 4 jalapeno peppers
- 2 serrano peppers
- 5 lbs ground beef (80/20)
- 3lbs lean ground pork
- 3lbs beef stew meat
- 3 29oz cans tomato sauce
- 2 15oz cans petite diced tomatoes
- 3 12oz cans low sodium V8 juice
- 3oz ground cumin
- 1oz chili powder (or to taste)
- 2tsp salt (or to taste)

Finely mince onion, jalapenos, and serranos (I used a mini food processor) and set aside. Cut stew meat into about 1/2inch or smaller chunks. In a very large heavy gauge stock pot brown all meats, onions, and peppers together. Add half of the cumin and half of the chili powder and half of the salt to the meat while browning. Once browned add tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, V8 juice, and remaining spices to the meats. Combined well and allow to simmer on medium to low heat for 6+ hours (8-12 hours is ideal).



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Important February Sundays

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18—Voter's Assembly

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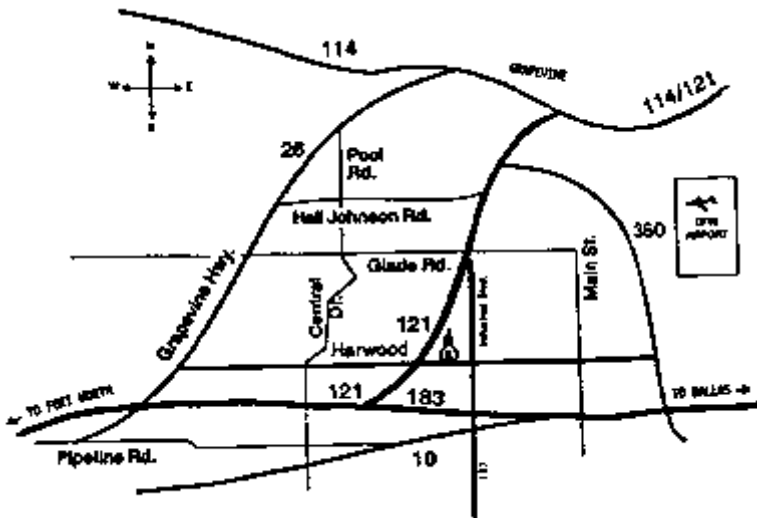
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 Living joyfully in friendship, love and ministry
 Openly reaching out with the Gospel
 Visibly sharing the life of Christ through Word & Sacrament
 Encouraging spiritual growth and development
SHARING GOD'S LOVE & TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES