

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

LENTEN SCHEDULE. . .

The Midweek Lenten services at Concordia this year will center around the theme of hands: "His Hands; My Hands; Our Hands". Using the theme of "Hands", we will be able to think about: Christ; the Christian; and the Church. Everything that we are able to do as the people of God is only possible because God reached out His hand to us in Christ to give us forgiveness and new life. It is therefore appropriate that during this Lenten season we should think of Christ's love for us and our response to that love.



Concordia's Lenten worship schedule is as follows:

FEBRUARY 24 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
6:00 Fellowship Supper
7:30 "His Hands" (Service of Holy Communion)

MARCH 10
7:30 "My Hands"

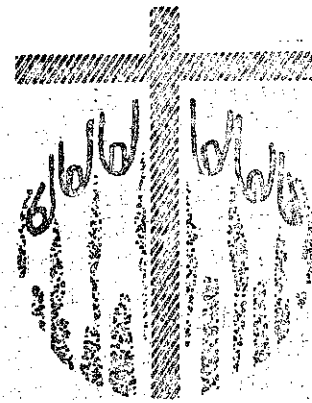
MARCH 24
6:00 Fellowship Supper
7:30 "Our Hands"

APRIL 8 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)
7:30 Service of Holy Communion

APRIL 9 (GOOD FRIDAY)
7:30 Tenebrae Service

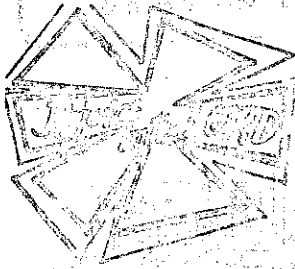
APRIL 11 (EASTER)

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ALTAR GUILD . . .



The Altar Guild has been reorganized with new guidelines and procedures. LaVerne Lausten is now serving as Altar Guild chairperson. (Many thanks to Lena Gehrman for serving in this capacity for so many years.) Any women interested in serving on the Altar Guild or just finding out what is involved are asked to contact either LaVerne or Pastor Schmoeck.

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LWML SCRAPBOOK . . .

The LWML is trying to update its scrapbook. Any women having any pictures or miscellaneous items from past events which could be included in the scrapbook are asked to give them to Sher Scheiwe.

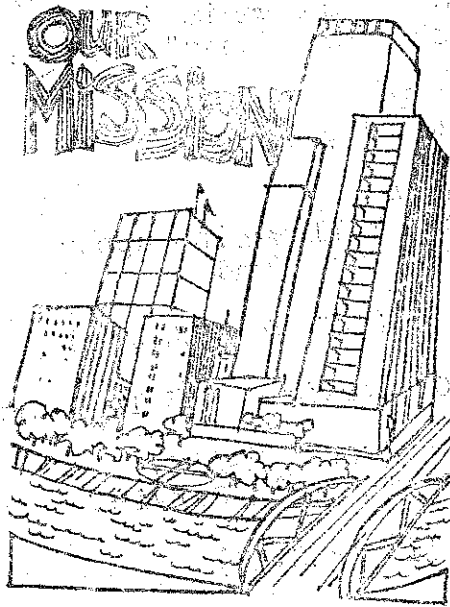
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LWML . . .

The January meeting of Concordia Women's Guild was held at the home of Sher Scheiwe with 15 members and Pastor participating.

The program, titled "The Family of God Prays", was presented by Elaine Stroneck and Lynn Worrell. The group was divided into clusters of three and entered into a lively Share Time at various points in the program.

A committee of three was chosen to research a number of mission projects from which the Guild will select the ones they choose to support in 1982. These will be chosen at the February meeting, to be held at the home of Karen Schumann, 853 Pahwintah. The date is Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 P.M. All women of the congregation are urged to attend.



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LWML CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY . . .

Plan now to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of LWML by attending the District Convention in Sterling May 4-6. If you attend Conventions regularly, you won't want to miss this one! If you have never been to a district meeting, this is the year to make it a first! For details, contact Billee Harris, Karen Ecker, or BettiAnn Carrell.



DRUDGERY OR OPPORTUNITY?

The season of Lent begins this month. Some will say, "What's that?" Others will say, "Oh, no! You mean we've got to go to those extra services?" And still others will

say, "Thank God for this special opportunity." Where do you see yourself?

Lent is a season of the Church Year which has its roots in the Early Church. It evolved into a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) before Easter, which was a time of fasting and preparation. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and reaches its joyful climax on the Festival of the Lord's Resurrection.

In the Early Church the time of Lent was used as the instruction period for the new converts as they prepared for their baptisms which took place at dawn on Easter morning. It still carries that sense of preparation today, as God's people use it to prepare for and approach the celebration of Easter. Lent is a penitential season, so its color is purple. It is a time devoted to the study of God's Word and to reflecting on the meaning of Christ's suffering for us.

Is Lent a drudgery or an opportunity? That depends on your relationship with Jesus Christ. How important for you is any opportunity for worship? How important for you is what Jesus Christ did for you? He didn't have to die for you, you know. He did it because He loves you!

Lent can be a rich experience for you, or it can mean nothing to you. What it means to you says a great deal about your relationship with the Lord.

You will have ample opportunity to worship Him this Lenten season with our services at Concordia during Lent and Holy Week. We hope that everyone in the congregation will participate. Lent is for our children, too!

May we all grow in our faith this Lenten season and thank God for the opportunities to gather in His name to worship Him. "Jesus, I will ponder now on Thy holy Passion; with Thy Spirit me endow for such meditation. Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish of Thy suffering, pain and death that I may not perish."

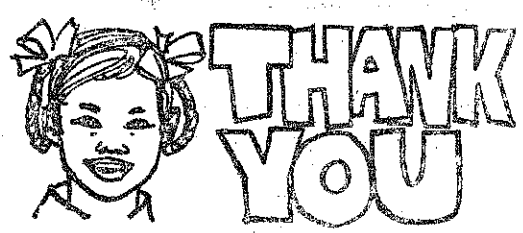
Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm

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THANK YOU. . .

Thank you to Sher Scheiwe, Doris Reiwe, JoAnne and Kim Boomgarden, and Rosemary Schmooek for painting and fixing up the Altar Guild Room!



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Specific Instructions

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	
6:00 Confirmation	6:00 Confirmation	1:30 Women's Bible Class 6:30 SS Staff at Scheiwe's	1:30 Women's Bible Class 6:30 SS Staff at Scheiwe's	5:30 Communion	Wieses clean 5:30 Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12
7 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 Holy Communion 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class Acolyte: E. Riewe	6:00 Confirmation 6:45 Elders 7:30 VOYERS' MTG.	1:30 WBC	1:30 WBC	12 Lincoln's Birthday	Eidems clean 5:30 Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19
14 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class Acolyte: J. Sandvik	15 President's Day 6:00 Confirmation	6:00 Confirmation	1:30 WBC 7:30 Concordia Guild	7:30 Choir	Panepintos clean 5:30 Communion
21	22	23	24	25	26
21 Transfiguration of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class Acolyte: R. Worrell	22 Washington's Birthday 6:00 Confirmation	6:00 Confirmation	24 Ash Wednesday 1:30 WBC 6 - Fell. Sup. 7:30 Communion Acco: R. Alber	25	26
28	29	30	31		
28 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sun. School/Bible Class Acolyte: C. Evans	Altar Guild: Karen Ecker Thelma Haines	Sun. Ushers: Bert Chapman Earl Maze	Sat. Ushers 6 - Baldwin/Scheiwe 13 - Mattlage/Volberding 20 - Bongarden/Panepinto 27 - Ejam/Havener		Taylor's clean 5:30 Worship + 6 + Stronceks clean + + + + +