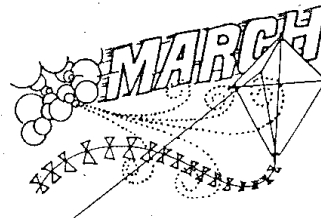
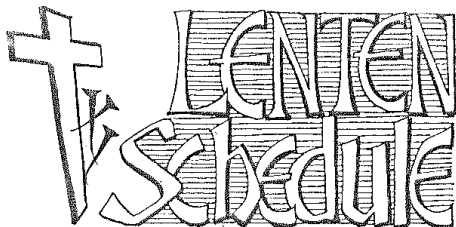


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OUR LENTEN WALK AT CONCORDIA...

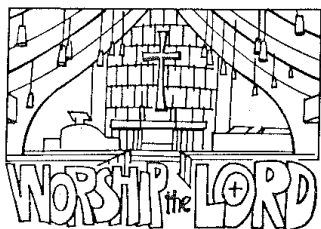
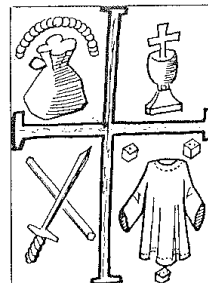
- March 4 at 7:30 p.m. -- Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion
- March 18 at 7:30 p.m. -- Lenten Midweek Worship (preceded by Potluck)
- April 1 at 7:30 p.m. -- Lenten Midweek Worship (Sunday School sings)
- April 16 at 7:30 p.m. -- Maundy Thursday Seder Meal with Communion
- April 17 at 7:30 p.m. -- Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- April 19 at 6:30 & 9:00 a.m. -- Easter Worship with Communion
- 7:30 & 8:30 a.m. -- Easter Breakfast

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NOONDAY LENTEN WORSHIP...

A half-hour devotional service will be held during the Wednesdays of Lent from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., according to the following schedule:

- March 11: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- March 18: United Methodist Church
- March 25: Concordia Lutheran Church
- April 1 : United Methodist Church
- April 8 : Holy Name Catholic Church



O COME, LET US WORSHIP!

Do you know your way around the Church Year calendar? Why do we have different colors on the altar? What are we supposed to do when we come to worship? Why does the pastor wear such strange clothing during worship? How does the architecture of the church building relate to our worship? Where

did our worship service come from? How come the Lutheran service isn't like the Baptist service, but similar to the Catholic service?

Come to the Sunday morning Bible Class and find out the answers to these questions -- and more! Pastor Norm will be teaching a course on Lutheran Worship starting on Sunday, March 1. Bring your questions!!

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LWML PROJECTS SELECTED...

Concordia's LWML met at the home of Sher Scheiwe on February 20th. Dianne Weber presented a program on "Freedom".

LWML members voted to give \$1200 to the following mission projects:

CROSSWAYS - \$500...This money will provide tuition for Pastor Schmoock to attend the training program for the Crossways Bible Study, which will then be offered to the congregation in the fall of 1987.

TYG TAYLOR - \$250...Tyg, the son of Walt and Geri Taylor, is attending the Seminary in California. The money will help Tyg in his studies as he prepares for the ministry.

SINDLINGERS - \$250...This missionary couple is working with the Lutheran Bible Translators among the Lakota Indians in South Dakota.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOME - \$200...The Good Shepherd Home is located in Littleton, Colorado. It serves as a home for the mentally handicapped.

The March meeting will be held the second Wednesday because of Lent. Mary Ann Campbell will be hostess for the meeting on March 11th.

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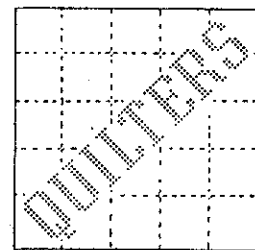
IT'S BAZAAR TIME!

CAN YOU HELP??



The wheels are already in motion for the fourth annual Christmas Cupboard, sponsored by the Women's Guild and to be held in late November.

If you have any of the following items which you aren't using, please bring them to the church and deposit them in the box provided in the Entry. They will be used in making the many crafts being planned.



The Guild is making tied quilts for missions as one of its service projects. Needed are material scraps, (cotton or cotton blends) old blankets, sheets, tablecloths, or curtains.

Quilts that are distributed through World Relief are used for warmth, for shelter, and for a variety of other things by poor people in deprived areas of the world.

FABRIC: prints, stripes, plain colors
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YARN: Red, dark green, light green,
orange, light orange, bright yellow,
light yellow, natural, white

LACE: white or natural--small lengths
are okay

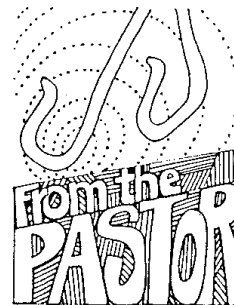
RICK-RACK: narrow white

ZIPPERS: new or used

RIBBONS: Christmas, scraps of narrow

Dear friends in Jesus!

Nine weeks have passed since we joined together to celebrate the birth of our Lord. On the last seven Sundays as we have gathered together for worship, we remembered the Epiphany (or appearance) of our Lord to keep the glow of Christmas alive in our hearts and lives.



Next Sunday we will celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord. Having already joined our Lord at the stable, at the temple, at the Jordan River, and as he called his disciples and preached the Good News, now we will also go with him to the Mount of Transfiguration. This event is a turning point in our Church Year.

However, we cannot remain on that mountaintop for very long. The Lord calls us down again. He calls us to walk with him to Jerusalem. Will you walk with your Lord on his Lenten journey?

Enclosed is a Pre-Lenten Home Devotional brochure that I hope will help you prepare for the Lenten journey this year. Please use it on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of next week. Then make plans to join your brothers and sisters in Christ in the Lenten journey here at Concordia at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday night (March 4). Every other week, meeting at the same time, we will travel the Lenten journey together through special worship experiences.

Join me in praying that the Holy Spirit will lead us as we all walk with our Lord during the Lenten season this year.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm

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COMING MARCH 18th...



Our potluck for March will be on March 18th at 6 p.m. The second Lenten service will follow. Join us for food, fellowship, and praising the Lord!

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Sunday School students with perfect attendance for February include: Dan and Nicholas Weber; Andrew and Carrie Schmoock; Angela and Josh Carrell; Erin and Joel Scheiwe; Scott Rimel; and Heather Carrell.

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*   OUR '87 STEWARDSHIP...
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*   Budgeted to date:
*                   $14, 362
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*   Received to date:
*   General Fd:    11, 402
*   Building Fd:   475
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There are currently four Adult Bible Study opportunities each week! Adults meeting on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. will begin a study of Lutheran Worship; those meeting at 6 a.m. on Tuesday mornings will be studying Acts; the women meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays are looking at Esther; and the group on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. is studying the Gospel of John. Try to join one of these groups this month!

BITS & PIECES....

Thank you to Ella Jurischk and Dianna Rimel for serving so faithfully in the positions of Altar Guild chairman and Flower chairman, respectively. We appreciate the willingness of Jean Upham to take over Altar Guild, and Gay Hagemann, Flowers....Have you noticed the attractive new sign? We thank Elaine and Hank Stroncek for making the sign, and Gene Carrell and Dan Schlie for setting the sign. As Spring draws near, we hope you are thinking about helping to spruce up the outside when we do our landscaping....HIS LOVE-OUR RESPONSE is the year-long stewardship process in which we are engaged. We thank Doris Riewe for the beautiful banner....We share our Christian sympathy with Wes Riewe, whose mother, Ruth, died on February 22....The Concordia family celebrated the baptismal birthday of Cameron Carlson White man on February 8th....We welcome Donna Anderson into our church family. She lives at 1597 Clubhouse Dr.; her box is #880793; her phone is -4963. Donna comes from Idaho and works as a counselor at the Mental Health office.... The choir is doing a great job of enriching our worship services. Why not lend your talents to the group on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.?....The Second Edition of "As We Grow" has been printed and is available on the narthex shelf. This is an updated listing of needed items which may still be donated.

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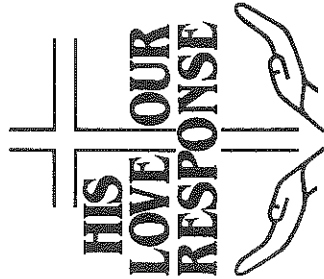
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Introduction

On the Mount of Transfiguration, as Jesus was praying, His appearance changed, and His clothing became dazzling white. "And behold, two men talked with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem." Peter was so dazzled by what he saw that he wanted to put up tents and enjoy himself for a while. He saw, but he didn't understand. Perhaps he heard, but he didn't understand the conversation.

Jesus left the Mount of Transfiguration to travel the Lenten journey. Soon He would be plunged into conflict, becoming the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Soon He would be lifted up on the mount of Calvary to draw all men to Himself.

Jesus calls His followers to travel the Lenten journey with Him, in faith and obedience. The three devotions which follow are offered to help you "Prepare to Travel the Lenten Journey." Please use them on the three days prior to Ash Wednesday. Then, plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ as Christian stewards, as you travel the Lenten journey with Jesus. "You will be amazed at what God can do—even with a cross."



Lent is a Call to a Journey

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It begins the season of Lent—that familiar 40-day trip, always made in some somberness and gloom, to the hill of Calvary where Jesus was crucified.

We face the trek with great hesitation. "Why do that?" we may wonder. Why trudge 40 days to look at a grim specter of suffering and death? Why not just skip all that and get right to the good stuff? Let's just omit Calvary and get right to the joy and gladness of Easter. After all, there's enough gloom and doom in the world. Do we have to hear about it in church too? Do we have to go to Calvary again?

The answer is *yes*. But not because the story is nice, or because the trip is fun, or because the recognition of our sin is so enjoyable. But a shortcut to Easter will short-cut God's forgiveness too.

God forgives. He does not overlook, ignore or excuse us. He forgives from the heart of His Son who loved enough to take that grim trek to the mount of His death for us.

A God who ignores the sins that drag us down, a God who excuses the terrors of our conscience that will not give us peace, a God who overlooks what we cannot overcome—does not love us. Our God loves enough to go to the cross.

He asks us to recognize that love as we move in repentance through the 40 days we call Lent.

REACT

Think about how you feel as you face the prospect of another trip to Calvary. Write down some of your thoughts and feelings.

Think specifically about the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for you. What thoughts and feelings come to you? Can you share some of them with someone else?

REPENT/RENEW

How does the visit to the cross help you recognize not only your sin, but the greatness of God's love for you? What specific sins will you confess to Him?

In Jesus Christ—in His death and resurrection you are renewed. Rejoice in that renewal.

RESPOND

Plan to attend the Lenten worship services at our church each week. What change in your life as a Christian steward will you seek by the power of the Spirit?

Share the Good News of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ with another person in your home or with a friend.

Lent is Traveling with Him

Ephesians 1 tells us that we are the chosen of God. We are the ones selected out as His. And that sounds pretty good. Especially when we spend so much time around people who seem to be so terribly lost. So many run about frantically and don't seem to know the purpose of their busy-ness. We are the found ones.

And we might shout: "Hooray!" Or at least offer a small prayer of thanks.

That is, until we realize all that that call requires. Read Luke 14:26 again. What does Jesus mean when He says that each of us must hate "even his own life"? Does it mean we are to despise our life on earth, punish ourselves? Or are we to deny ourselves, sacrificing our selfish desires as we journey with Him in this life?

Me, Lord? Do you mean me? Surely you must have someone else, something else in mind. Do I hear such a command, or is it the wind, or my imagination?

Perhaps Jesus doesn't really mean it either. Maybe He is speaking in grand phrases to impress the unconverted: "If any one would come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me."

We're willing to take the journey, even to go to the mount of His sacrifice. We're willing to trek up the mountain of His suffering, His abandonment, His death.

But can we walk to our *own* mount or reckoning? Can we approach our *own* call to suffer, to sacrifice all, to even die for Him?

REACT

How do you feel to know that you are chosen, you are found by God, you are His own? How do you react to that Good News?

Sometimes God's demands seem so radical, so impractical. How can we leave all? How can we carry a cross? Does He really mean that? Does He mean that in your life?

Write down some of the things (people, experiences) that would be difficult to give up or to put in second place. Why the difficulty? What is the hold on you?

REPENT/RENEW

As you reflect on the things of this world to which you cling, which ones drive you to the cross of Christ for forgiveness?

You are forgiven. Made new in Him. Your call is renewed. You are His own. How can you celebrate that renewal?

RESPOND

Plan to attend the Lenten worship services at your congregation during Lent. How will the Spirit renew you by that experience?

Share your joy at being chosen and renewed with someone else. How can you help him or her know the joy of belonging to Him?

Lent is Arriving at the Mount

No one likes to think about death. Leave that for intensive care wards and funeral homes. I'm too young to dwell on morbid things . . . plenty to do . . . no time to think about death. . . .

... Until it comes. Well, maybe it's not so bad after all. When we're old and ailing, maybe death will seem more friendly. After all, we can't go on forever. We all have to go sometime. And maybe kind old death comes like the sandman to relieve us of the pain and burden of living.

But even when we are old and ailing we know it's a lie. Death is no friend. Death is the enemy. Death is the result of the sin in us that is dragging us to the grave. We cannot escape it, even if we never think of it, never plan for it, never talk about it.

The mountain of our reckoning looms up before us. And we are helpless.

Until God acts.

The Lord of life encounters the dreaded enemy for us. He takes on that fraud that would pretend to be our friend. And He comes with no platitudes about misunderstood death, makes no attempt to soften the wages of sin. He engages death, seemingly becomes its victim. And then like a champion, His cross and empty tomb emerge over the ruins that were death. For He has won the victory. Eternal life is ours.

REACT

Think of some of the reasons people try to make a friend of death. Why do all of those reasons fail?

First list all the things that are important to you right now, then all the things you plan to do in the next month. Then write "DEATH" over the list. How does your attitude toward the list change? What is important? When you think of your own death, what fears, doubts, concerns arise? What comfort do you find in the events of Good Friday and Easter?

What comfort do you have to share with someone else who faces death or suffers the death of a loved one? How can you speak that Good News?

REPENT/RENEW

What fears, doubts, and failings in the face of death drive you to the cross and empty tomb for forgiveness and renewal?

You are forgiven and free. You are made alive now and will live with Him eternally. How do you respond to that Good News?

RESPOND

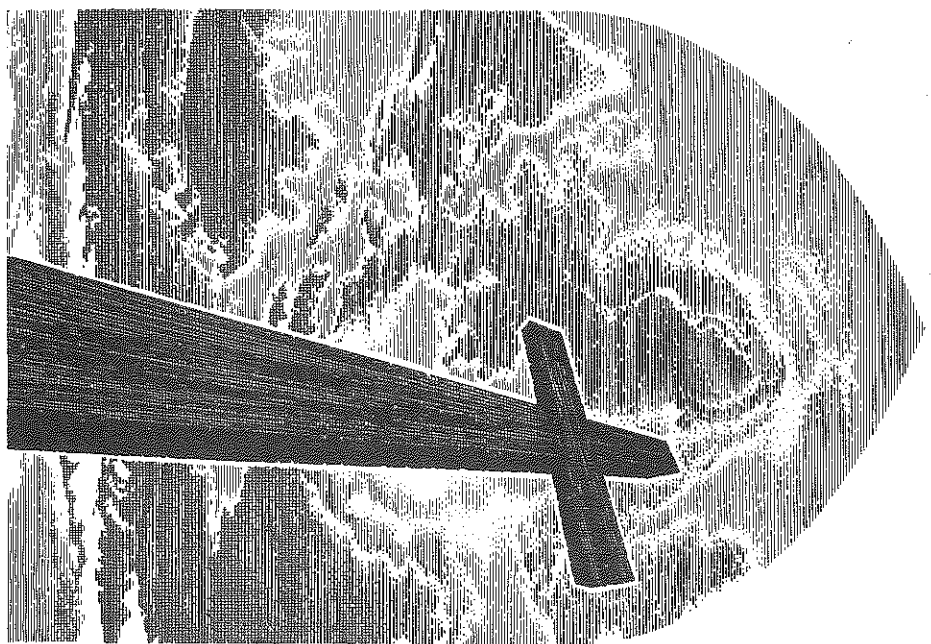
Plan to attend Ash Wednesday worship. Think about the trip through the 40 days to Calvary. What changes will the Spirit create in you? What will you ask Him? Share the Good News of forgiveness and eternal life with someone else.

Let someone else see your joy in the victory over sin and death that is yours through Jesus Christ.

Our Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday Service	"Lord, where are you going?" John 13:36
Lenten Service #2	"Are you still sleeping and resting?" Matthew 26:45
Lenten Service #3	"Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" Mark 14:61b
Lenten Service #4	"What is it you have done?" John 18:35
Lenten Service #5	"Which one do you want . . . ?" Matthew 27:17
Lenten Service #6	"Aren't you the Christ?" Luke 23:39
Maunder Thursday Service	"Surely not I, Lord?" Matthew 26:22
Good Friday Service	"My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?" Mark 15:34
Easter Service	"Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" Mark 16:3b

"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor. 5:15).



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