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Women's News



The January meeting of Concordia Women's Guild was held at the home of Bettianne Carrell with 10 members present. Russia was the theme country for the month. Joanne Boomgarten gave devotions and read comments from a young pastor who recently returned from Russia. Bettianne presented por-

tions of a tape by Pastor Wurmbrand, a Christian Jew who was imprisoned in Romania for 14 years. The tape was titled "The Faces of God".

Mission projects for 1992 were presented and approved in the amount of \$6,650. Please see the list posted on the movable bulletin board. This is proof that the Guild is alive and well. The Women's Guild will welcome new members at the February meeting at the home of Susan Warner. The theme country will be Norway. Please come on February 19th and enjoy a special time of learning and fellowship.

-Elaine Stroncek, Secretary



Sunday School Teachers

There will be a Sunday School teachers meeting February 5th at 7:00 pm. They will meet at Joanne Boomgarten's home due to the Steamboat Youth Group meeting at the church the same evening. There are many items on the agenda including Easter Activities.

Editor's Corner

Dirty Feet

Jesus "girded himself with a towel. Then He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." (John 13:4,5) "When He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and resumed His place He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If then I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.'" John 13:12-15.

The problem is that the supply of dirty feet has virtually evaporated! With paved roads and the absence of open sandals feet just don't get as dirty as they used to. With the advent of indoor plumbing, most people bathe daily. It's quite difficult to find a pair of really dirty feet now.

How then does a Christian follow our Lord's command? The obvious point of the passage is that if Jesus, the only Son of God, Lord of Lords and King of Kings, was willing to do such a humble task, there is no task too humble for us to do in His name. Every task done for Him, no matter how humble or seemingly insignificant, is consecrated by our Lord and has its reward. "And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is my disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward." Matthew 10:42.

To help fill the void of the lack of dirty feet, the Trustees and the Stewardship Committee are recommending that all church members share in the cleaning of the church. There are about 25 families or individuals now on the cleaning schedule. The new proposal, which will be voted on in February's voters' meeting, would utilize these 25 as 'cleaning captains' and assign another pair of families to clean with them. Approximately twice a year each team of three families/individuals would be asked to clean the church. They would divide the work up among themselves.

I believe that members voluntarily cleaning the church is a good witness to visitors and I have heard visitors comment that they were impressed by this. It is important to show the world that we consider serving Christ a noble calling and important job even in doing a humble task. Cleaning the church is a necessary, albeit mundane task, but the cheerful performance of such ordinary jobs gain a significance and importance far beyond the measure of the task itself, when done to the glory of God. Therefore, I ask for your support of this proposal.

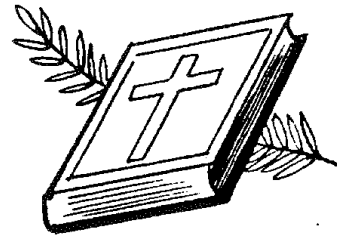
I would like to point out that Jesus did not call Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene together to instruct them to wash each others feet, but this lesson was given to His twelve disciples, all men. Although the Lords instructions certainly apply to women as well, we men cannot evade the call to serve by saying that cleaning is women's work. We are all called to serve, and in serving we will experience the joy of the Lord.

- Don Patterson, Editor



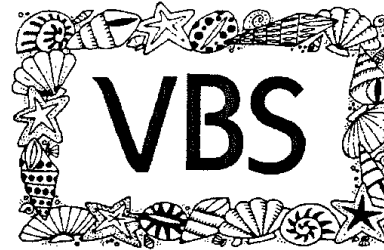
*Doing
little things with
a strong desire to
please God
makes them
really great.*

- St. Francis de Sales



Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study "Friendships of Women" will be held Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm starting February 20. The study involves learning more about women in the Bible and their roles and works. It also investigates how this applies to Christian women now using their talents in serving the Lord.

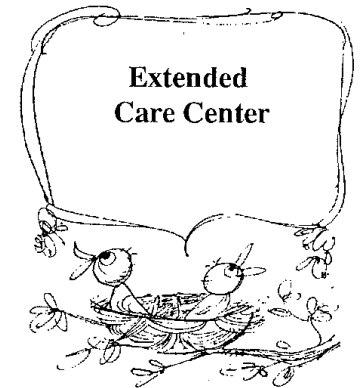


Vacation Bible School - 1992

June 15th thru the 18th "Captive Free", the musical team from Lutheran Youth Encounter is scheduled to be here for VBS. This advance notice will hopefully help everyone to be able to participate by planning vacations at a different time.



Several church committees have vacancies that need to be filled. Would you consider serving a term on one of the committees? If so, please tell Greg Fritz or put a note in his box.



Concordia church members are privileged to lead a worship service at the nursing home the 4th Sunday of every month. On January 26th the Youth Group (some 14 or 15 of them) sang for the residents and their music was much appreciated. The next visit will be Sunday February 23rd. Meet at the ECC at 12:45. If you have questions, see Laverne Lausten or Elaine Stroneck.

"It's About Time"



"Good grief! Look at the time!" "Where did all of the time go?" "Well, it's about time you got here." "I've been waiting a long time." "I'm sorry I can't help you. I don't have time." "I don't have time - I don't have time - I don't have time."

In our fast-paced world we never seem to have enough time. There never seems to be enough time to do the things we know we **should** do. But on the other hand we **ALWAYS** seem to have enough time to do many of the things we **want** to do.

We can always make enough time to take in a good movie, go shopping, visit friends, read a best-selling book, or any number of other things. But there never seems to be enough time to really read and study the Bible every day. There never seems to be enough time to have daily devotions with the rest of the family. We have a hard time finding enough time to be together as a family, let alone have devotions together.

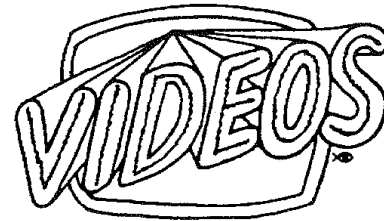
Often I've heard people say, "It's not the quantity of time I spend with the kids, it's the quality." **That's pure BALONEY!!!** Don't fall victim of believing that for one minute. The time with your family can't have any quality if you never give them a large enough quantity.

Our God doesn't ever deny us a quality time by restricting the amount of time we can spend with him. He is always ready to spend his time with us. He never decides that he has better things to do with his time than to let us bother him with unimportant requests for things we don't really need. He doesn't ever get tired of hearing us ask him for help. And he never gets tired of hearing us thank him. Our Father is always willing to listen to every request, big or small, but like a good Father he doesn't promise anything that would be bad for us.

In times of trouble our Father is always there to support us. The Psalmist hit the nail on the head. "The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble" (Psalm 37:39) We never need to fear that we will be abandoned simply because we're having some problems in our life, no matter how ugly or terrible those problems may be.

During the past God has, and in the future will, point out some very important lessons to each of us. I believe that one of the most important lessons for us to understand and pass on to our own families is this; "'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!'" (Mark 1:15) Invite your family to spend some time with you and their heavenly Father. Their reward will be a much better understanding of how they should be spending their time.

-Pastor Dave



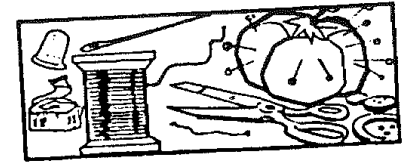
The adult education class has finished R.C. Sproul's VHS video series on apologetics (defence of the faith) titled "Questions Answered". The series was purchased by Greg and Janet Fritz and they have donated it to the library. Thank you Greg and Jan!

This excellent series is divided into six one half hour segments. The following tough questions are addressed: "What about the innocent native in Africa?", "Why is Christ the only way?", "The church is full of hypocrites" and "Does God Exist". If you didn't get a chance to view the series, consider checking it out from the church library.

Tracts

Don't forget to pick up a tract or two to pass on to someone this week. The tract rack is located in the entry. Suggestion: put one in your tax return envelope that goes to Utah.

-Submitted Anonymously



Calling All Quilters

There is a quilting project going on in the church basement once a week and any quilter is more than welcome. The meeting time is anywhere between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Dates will be in the bulletin every week. If you need more information call Doris Riewe or Elaine Stroncek. When finished, the quilt will be sold and the money given to missions.



Steamboat Youth Group

Steamboat Youth Group will meet at Concordia Lutheran Church on Wednesday February 5th at 6:15 pm for dinner and a meeting. Call Susan Rostvedt or Billie Harris if you need more details.



There is a new sign-up list for ushers posted on the bulletin board above the coffee pot. You can sign up for a whole month (much appreciated) or one or more weeks. Ushers can be two friends, two strangers, husband and wife, father and son, mother and daughter, mother and son, father and daughter, or any other combination. Please consider serving your church and your Savour in this capacity. Thank you in advance!

Church Cleaning, A Proposed Change

Currently there is a problem getting the church cleaned on a regular basis. The number of members volunteering to clean has steadily been decreasing. At times those who have signed up to clean have forgotten to do so. Some are burning out because of the frequency that they are asked to clean. This problem has been discussed at the last two Voter's Meetings and the Trustees and the Stewardship Committee have been assigned the task of finding a solution.

Three alternatives were discussed: 1) Make no changes and continue with the current volunteers. 2) Hire a cleaner or a cleaning service. 3) Assign all members to a team and have twenty-six teams.

Option #1 was dropped due to the fact that it is not currently working satisfactorily. Option #2 was dropped after review of the current budget which has no excess funds available. This left option #3. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the February Voter's Meeting.

This plan is still a voluntary system in that there is no intention to try to force people to clean. Some people may ask to have their names removed from the list and their wishes will be honored. Obviously, if too many people do this the plan will have failed, but it is hoped that most members will not find the job of cleaning twice a year too onerous.

On the next page is a proposed list of cleaners. People who are probably not physically able to clean have been left off the list intentionally. Other people may have been left off inadvertently. This list will certainly need some adjustment and is intended only as a starting point.

The Trustees and the Stewardship Committee welcome suggestions or new ideas.

In the service of our Lord,

Proposed cleaning schedule for Concordia Lutheran Church:

1. * Baldwin, William K. & Alma Baldwin, William H. Cooper, Gene Farrell, Gert	879-3952 879-2444 879-0331 879-0567	14. *Beverlin, Dave & Lori Anderson, Chris & Donna Gray, Ruth Wiese, Nade	879-8373 879-9659 276-3824 879-0281
2. *Boomgarden, Marty & Joanne Barnett, Dave & Naomi Schlie, Dan & Cindy	879-8327 879-0930 879-8929	15. *Carrell, Gene & Bettliann Bauer, Bob & Ae Chin Von Thaden, Chip Jarvis, Val	879-3019 879-6390 879-5280 879-3868
3. *Dalton, Jerry & Ellen Baldwin, Harold & Carol Upham, Fritz & Jean	879-4112 879-1519 879-3189	16. *Denton, Terry Stine, Cheryl Deepe, Albert & Kathy Alber, Bob & Dorothy	879-0318 879-8462 276-4146 879-6882
4. *Erickson, Clair Croop, Robin Utu, Pio & Becca	879-4419 276-3172 879-1064	17. *Fritz, Greg & Jan Duryea, Dean & Donna Stanford, Shelly	879-0091 879-0126 879-2992
5. *Harris, Bob & Blilee Lippold, Terry & Connie Styrny, Dave & Dianne Lausten, Laverne	879-0460 879-5847 879-1288	18. *Kammerer, Greg & Shari Gehrman, Ike & Elaine Sabin, John & Caroline	879-8681 879-1395 879-6418
6. *Nelson, Ernie & Ivie Fox, Peggy Witte, Bob Joens, Lori	879-7514 879-2720 736-2401 879-7120	19. *Patterson, Don & Pam Fornes, Terry & Sandi Schibline, Steve & Tammy	879-3297 879-2340 879-2607
7. *Riewa, Wes & Doris Maze, Earl & Bettye Schuelke, Dan	879-7356 879-2182 879-3818	20. *Rimel, Jeff & Diana Laidig, Scott & Stacy Mattlage, Ann Matteo, Nora	879-6029 879-0281 879-2377 879-2554
8. *Rostvedt, Terry & Susan Hallman, Jane Smith, Zita	879-2038 276-4356 736-2628 879-3115	21. *Schelwe, Dennis & Sher Havener, Scott & Tammie Marshall, Larry & Sally McConnell, Wendy	879-8990 879-4679 879-3248
9. *Warrell, Larry & Lynn Hogrefe, Sandy & Andy Ryan, Patrick & Tammy	879-3932 879-4884 879-9813	22. *Stroncek, Hank & Elaine Sherrod, Helen Baird, Gus Ylvisaker, Kent & Sharie	879-2442 879-0689 879-0166 879-8579
10. *Svendsen, Bert & Cindy Frament, Jerry & Ellen Rabbit, Julie	879-7028 879-0091 879-4219	23. *Taylor, Walt & Jeri Haines, Fran & Thelma Greene, Ron Stehly, Bonnie	879-1081 879-1108 879-2013
11. *Thornton, Brian & Jerry Noyer, Janis Thorvilson, Jim & Shirley	879-4664 879-0514 879-3269	24. *Vigil, Mario Koch, Gary & Lisa Panepinto, Gino & Barb Mattlage, Karl	879-4871 879-2840 879-1463
12. *Warner, Doug & Susie Warner, Ed & Phyllis Nieman, Peggy	879-1054 879-8274 879-0929	25. *Wattles, Terry & Rebecca Marsh, Charlie & Debbie Oberdorfer, Barb	879-0716 879-2848 879-0654
13. *Weber, Jake & Dianne Lein, Betsy Martin, Doug & Leby	879-3932 879-8029 879-1917		

*Cleaning Captain

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

						1 CLEAN: Vigil/Riewe/Kammerer
2 9:00am COMMUNION 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class ELDER: Thornton	3	4 6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR 7:30pm Committees Meet	5 6:15pm Methodist Youth Group 7:00pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 CLEAN: Patterson/Carrell
9 9:00am WORSHIP 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR 7:30pm VOTERS MEETING	12 7:30pm WOMEN'S GUILD	13	14	15 CLEAN: Thornton/E. Nelson
16 9:00am COMMUNION 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class ELDER: Deepe	17	18 6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR	19	20 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 CLEAN: Beverlin/Weber
23 9:00am WORSHIP 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class 12:45pm NURSING HOME NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR	26	27 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	28	29 CLEAN: Worrell/Baldwin/Farrell