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TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF CONCORDIA:

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST!

"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with Him and His disciples."

Jesus eats with the broken. He dines with those who have failed. He sits at the table with those who do not have a pretty, perfect past. Does He eat at your table? Better yet, do you eat at His table?

Our worship facility, our new church building, is a fine new restaurant. Jesus is the chef, the waiter, the manager. He invites all to come and share in the banquet feast of mercy and forgiveness.

All Invited!

It is not true that because Jesus eats with sinners, He therefore condones sin. Quite the opposite! After the meal of mercy and forgiveness, He says to each one of us...."Go, and sin no more!" It remains true....Jesus came to those who are hungry and in need of "Good-News" meal.

This passage needs to be the "baseline" verse of any ministry. We are invited to be the banquet-hall for our community. We must be willing to look at our programs, services, and ministry directions and shape them for the needs of the starved in our community. The Christians's table is not a private table. Are we willing to invite, care and serve the meals of mercy to our community?

Remember, we all would "starve to death" without our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Is
The Way

Good Dining,

Pastor Cartwright



CONCORDIA WORSHIP STATISTICS

AVE. SUNDAY WORSHIP.....MAY 1991

141 per Sunday

AVE. SUNDAY WORSHIP.....MAY 1992

118 per Sunday

AVE. SUNDAY WORSHIP.....MAY 1993

194 per Sunday

MAY 1993

Week #1.....134 (Morn) 34 (Eve)-172
 Week #2.....173 (Morn) 30 (Eve)-203
 Week #3.....181 (Morn) 17 (Eve)-198
 Week #4.....174 (Morn) 27 (Eve)-204
 Week #5.....(Not Available at the
 Newsletter printing)

God has indeed blessed our congregation with new individuals and families. That reality is clear as one views the worship statistics.

There are several factors that impact the worship life here at Concordia. Our Sunday evening service has provided a necessary worship opportunity for our congregation and visitors. May we take time this summer to use this service. Also, our congregation has been active in recent months in making contact with our inactive individuals. Let us continue to be regular this Summer as we join in worship.

CONCORDIA CALLERS AND CONCORDIA ELDERS:

In recent months our congregation has, through the leadership of our Elders, implemented a calling program. This program is designed to meet the needs of our members as well as the many visitors and guests that are present here at Concordia.

We have inactive members in our midsts. These individuals and families need that personal touch. We have guest here at Concordia. These individuals and families need that personal touch. We have people who are going through times of crisis and concern. These individuals and families need that personal touch.

Sharing the Caring Christ

One does not have to be a part of the Concordia Calling program in order to administer that personal touch. If you are missing an individual or family.....**MAKE A CONTACT** with that person. Just a brief phone call can do amazing things. Drop by with a flower or a small gift. Drop that person or family a card.

Pastoral care is something that the Pastor does. Many hours of his time is spent making contacts. Certainly, the members of the congregation are encouraged to do the same.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"THE GREATEST TREASURE HUNT" Discovering God's Promises Vacation Bible School will be held June 21 - June 25 at Concordia Lutheran from 9AM - 11:45AM for ages 3 through current 6th graders. Registration blanks are available in the office and there is also a convenient registration blank in this newsletter for your use.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF MEETINGS:

TUESDAY JUNE 1, 7-8PM
THURSDAY JUNE 17, 7-8PM



THANK YOU TO OUR VBS STAFF

We especially want to thank our 1993 Staff: Doris Riewe Registration. Kathy Deepe Arts/Crafts. Jerry Thornton Recreation. Jan Fritz/Music Pam Patterson & Thelma Haino Refreshments; Terri Denton, Babysitting. Pastor Cartwright Opening and Closing. Teachers: Preschool: Caroly Sabin, Diana Rimel. Kindergarten: Krista Madsen. Primary: Rebecca Duryea. 3-4th grade Sher Scheiwe. 5th-6th grade, Marlys Cartwright. Associate Superintendents Rebecca Duryea and Marlys Cartwright.

VBS Registration Card

Student's name _____

Birthdate _____
month day year

School grade just completed _____

Allergies or other medical problems _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Home telephone _____

Work telephone _____

Emergency telephone _____

Brothers and sisters (names and ages) _____

Family church _____

Summer of 19__ Class _____

Teacher _____



We here at Concordia believe it is essential to encourage caring marriages and strong families built on the foundation of Christ. To that end, we have a partial list of ideas compiled to lend itself to some creative ways of sharing the faith at home. Please feel free to add your own thoughts and experiences.

- 1) When you watch the news together, take 5 minutes during commercials or after the news to pray for the victims of crimes or natural disasters, or to pray for peace or to pray for countries suffering famine, or to pray for the government
- 2) Actively pray for 3 unchurched families and make concentrated efforts to reach out in kind ways, expect to see the Holy Spirit work.
- 3) Use devotion time once a week, once a month to write post cards or letters of encouragement, appreciation or Christian friendship.
- 4) Support a missionary family with letters once a month
- 5) Pick a special family project, over and above the family tithe, to support financially and pray for. Let the kids help choose the project or projects
- 6) Let the whole family do a special servant event, helping with the church rummage sale, church work day, ECC service or other service projects
- 7) Have a family memory night, review photo albums together and thank God for special memories. (Build new memories: the world's largest banana split, family camp out in the living room, and moonlight walk at midnight, etc.)
- 8) Have a MOM is MARVELOUS NIGHT...each member does something special for mom each day of the week
- 9) Have a SUPER DAD NIGHT....
- 10) On April Fools day go out for breakfast early to a favorite restaurant, have a devotion at the table about what it means to be fools for Christ (I Cor. 1)
- 11) Every once in a while play a Christian game after a meal (101 bible word searches, Bible picture, Bible Trivia, Life Stories, and give prizes to all)
- 12) Talk about taking care of God's creation, have a trash pick up in the neighborhood one evening as you walk and talk
- 13) Read bible verses about the joy of giving and then give flowers etc, to special friends or neighbors

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thess. 5:11

- 14) Have a night to appreciate your Sunday School teachers, each child makes a homemade card and delivers it the next Sunday.
- 15) Have one meal where everyone comes dressed as his or her favorite bible character and then "act out" a scene in his/her life until each family person guesses who it is
- 16) Have a family "sing night" at least once a year around the piano or sing a long to a cassette as you travel on vacation.
- 17) Pray each night before bedtime together, keep a prayer journal
- 18) Have individual time together with each child once a month at a restaurant or favorite place to listen to his/her concerns and let him know how special he/she is end by praying together about specific concerns and joys.
- 19) Interview different people in the congregation about their professions and how they serve God in their life calling.
- 20) Declare a quiet day in your life once a year (no tv, no meetings, etc) and use it to reflect on God's word, to refresh your prayer life, and renew your resolve to live as God's forgiven child)
- 21) Read one promise of God each morning at the Breakfast table
- 22) Find creative devotion books for suppertimes when you're together and assign a different person to do each one.
- 23) Invite others from your church family over for supper and share a brief devotion or prayer together at the end of the meal.
- 24) Use one month to make a thank list, add to it each night and see how long it is by the end of the month, post it on a door or refrigerator
- 25) Spend a day, weekend or week at a Christian Retreat or workshop
- 26) Keep a bible story book in the living room and for story hour review some great like David and Goliath, Paul's Shipwreck, Ruth's love story and Esther's courage or Jesus's miracles and his death and resurrection
- 27) Use a devotional time to pick secret encouragers for the week
- 28) Make a care package for distant friends or family at an unexpected time
- 29) Pick family or congregation family members to pray for. Pray for that one person for a whole week
- 30) Make a resolve to change one, just one "bad" habit, and then have the whole family pray for you
- 31) Pick a child or family member for "You're Our Hero" night, and go around the table sharing what each person appreciates about that family member. Then show that appreciation in actions and in specific thank you prayers



Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!
High School: Joel Scheiwe,
and Gregg Harris. Jr. High
School: Erin Scheiwe,
Sarah Kammerer, Josh Carrell,
and Cory Hynes.

Women's Salad Supper will
be held June 30. Wednesday
night at 6:30 at Bear Pole
Lodge. The evening's
theme will be on FRIENDSHIP.

Mark your calendar
you deserve a wonderful
evening out for all the
great things you do!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

CHURCH NURSERY



The Bd. of Education and the
worship committee will be
sponsoring a church nursery
downstairs for morning
worship beginning July 4th.
It will be for those child-
ren three and under.

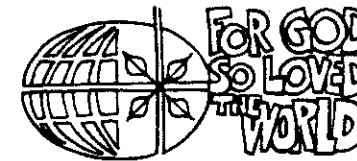
WE NEED WORKERS
TO CLEAN THE
HIGHWAY ON JUNE
12. DOOR PRIZES
FREE JUICE &
COFFEE! thanks!!

WORK DAY

Given to Hospitality

Hospitality, or sharing the blessings
of our home with others, has always
been a virtue and a duty of God's people.
In Genesis 18, we read where Abraham
provided three weary travelers with food,
water, and a resting place, not knowing
that they were angels of God (Heb. 13:2).
The Israelites were instructed to treat
strangers as those who were born in their
own home, remembering that at one time
they were also strangers in the land of
Egypt (Lev. 19). Reaching out to others
is also a part of the Christian faith. We
are to be "given to hospitality" (Rom.
12:13). Not only are we to meet the
needs of strangers, but we are also to
"use hospitality, one to another, without
grudging" (1 Pet. 4:9). Today, it seems as
if many Christians have forgotten not
only the need but also the purpose, of
hospitality. This need of hospitality has
not been replaced by McDonald's and the
Holiday Inn? Hospitality meets more
needs in a congregation than the need for
food and lodging. Consider the
following:

1. Hospitality is an evangelistic
tool. Nothing will leave a greater
impression on a visitor than a friendly
reception and the invitation into a
Christian home. Once one has made
friends in the church, it becomes
easier for him to return and to be
taught. It is also a good idea to invite
families where one is a Christian and
the other is not. This will help to
break down the misunderstanding and
resistance that is often found in the
nonbeliever.



2. Hospitality serves to strengthen new converts. Studies have shown that, when new Christians develop seven or more friendships in the church, 80 percent of them remain faithful. Of those who make two friends or less only 20 percent continue to come. A Sunday dinner may not mean much to you, but it may help someone else go to heaven!
3. Hospitality meets benevolent needs. Jesus taught that, when we make a feast, we are not just to invite our rich neighbor, best friends, or closest brethren, who we know will repay us, but also the poor, maimed, and the blind (Lk. 14:12-14). Make it a point to invite those who are probably not often invited: the large family; the poor; the widowed; the timid family that is often left out.
4. Hospitality creates fellowship by breaking down barriers. I once knew an "older member" who was skeptical of some of the "newer members." But, once they were together socially on a few occasions, they became the best of friends. Generally, the people we "don't like" are the people we do not know. Communication breaks down the barriers that separate people. If you are older, invite the young. If you are younger, invite those who are old. Invite someone you do not already know. It may be that your closest friends and dearest brethren are the ones you have not yet met.
5. Hospitality makes the church a home. In this impersonal, isolated world, nothing will draw others to the love of Christ more effectively than a family of loving, caring Christian brethren.

A Big Thank you to all who
helped with and attended the
FREE IN '93 A-MAY-ZING GRACE
YOUTH RETREAT May 15 & 16.
We had a great time together
reflecting on God's good gifts
to us! Pastor Cartwright and
Pastor Anderson thoroughly
enjoyed leading the sessions and
worship.



A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD
BY ALL AT THE LAST WOMENS
GUILD MEETING HELD AT
LAVERNE LAUSTEN'S HOME.
THE TOPIC WAS FAITH IN THE
HOME AND YOU WILL FIND A
COMPLETE LIST OF "FAITH
CELEBRATION" IDEAS IN YOUR
CHURCH NEWSLETTER!

A reception will be held for
the Lutheran Bible Translators
(the Fords) after church June
6, at 10:30. Come support
them.

June 1993

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:00am B STUDY 6:15pm Choir VBS Staff mtg. 7:00pm	2 9:30am Women's Bible Study	3	4	5 CLEAN: Patterson/Fornes/Marten/ Schibline Pastor's Family Day
6 9:00am COMMUNION 6:30pm B STUDY 7:00pm WORSHIP Ushers - Larry & Sally Marshall	7	8 6:00am B STUDY 6:15pm Choir	9 9:30am Women's Bible Study	10	11	12 CLEAN: Rimel/Wattles/Mattlage A Pastor's Family Day Highway Clean- up...8:00am
13 9:00am WORSHIP 6:30pm B STUDY 7:00pm COMMUNION Ushers - Jean & Fritz Upham	14	15 6:00am B STUDY 6:15pm Choir	16 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:30pm WOMEN'S GUILD	17 VBS Staff mtg. 7:00pm	18 Rehearsal Grove/Bennett 6:00pm	19 CLEAN: Scheiwe/Havener/ Marshall/McConnell Pastor's Family Day Grove/Bennett Wedding 2:00pm
20 9:00am COMMUNION 6:30pm B STUDY 7:00pm WORSHIP Ushers - Jean & Fritz Upham	21 <u>VBS</u>	22 6:00am B STUDY 6:15pm Choir <u>VBS</u>	23 9:30am Women's Bible Study <u>VBS</u>	24 <u>VBS</u>	25 <u>VBS</u>	26 CLEAN: Stroncek/Sherrod/Riggi/ Ylvisaker Pastor's Family Day
27 9:00am WORSHIP 12:45pm NURSING HOME 6:30pm B STUDY 7:00pm COMMUNION NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Ushers - Doug Warner & Jake Weber	28	29 6:00am B STUDY 6:15pm Choir	30 9:30am Women's Bible Study LWML Salad Supper-6:30pm Bear Pole Ldg.			