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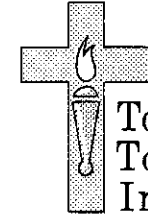
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Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!

Acts 2:41..."And the Lord added to their number."  
Acts 4:4...."And their number grew."  
Acts 6:1...."The number of disciples increased."

The book of Acts is a tremendous written account of the dynamic growth of the early Christian church. Daily the church grew in number. Consistently the church grew by the proclamation of the Good News of Christ. Those proclaiming the message worked consistently. Those hearing the message were converted consistently.



To Give Light  
To Those Who Sit  
In Darkness

A consistent and regular life of worship and faith produces much. First, it strengthens us personally with God's message of mercy. Secondly, it strengthens the body of believers gathered at a particular place. Thirdly, it promotes the spread of the Gospel to others.

If we as Christians are inconsistent with worship and study it will reflect directly in our outreach to others. The Holy Spirit constantly leads us to the well of living water and to the bread of life. The call is...take eat and drink.

We must each ask ourselves if our worship and study life is regular and consistent. Much is at stake! Our Mission is at stake.

Be regular and be a witness. Each member of our congregation is precious! God sent His son for YOU! That message caused the early church to grow! That message, and that message alone, will cause the church to grow.

The Lord has done  
great things for us!

*Pastor*

# Life is Tough, Then You Die

Recently I saw a bumper sticker that made me stop and think. It said: "Life is tough. Then you die." Rather bluntly but very clearly said!

The more I thought about that statement, the more I realized that it is true. Life is not easy. Scripture teaches it, and the experience of life verifies it. From the beginning of time when our first parents fell into sin, the curse recorded in Genesis has been having its way. "Life is tough. Then you die."

From the worldly, human viewpoint, the statement is true. That is the reality of human existence; that is the level where people exist day to day. If there were no God, then the statement would be absolutely true.

But the message of the Christian faith is that God has intervened. God has done something about the reality of human existence. God has sent His Son to bear the sins of all. God's own Son, incarnate as one of us, lived a life of trouble, sorrow, pain and death. Life is tough. It is so tough that it demanded the death of God's only begotten Son.

Christ endured for us. We see in His suffering and death on the cross just how tough life can be.

Life was tough for Him. And then He died. He died on the cross so that we might not have to die a death of separation from God. He died so we would not have to endure the pain of eternal damnation. He died so we might live. Living and life are the end of the story as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

Perhaps, in view of what Jesus Christ has done for us, we ought to amend the bumper sticker. Perhaps it should read: "Life is tough. Then Jesus died. And now you live!"

—Dr. Roger D. Pittelko



## Reduce Family Stress

Signs of family stress:

- frequent quarrels
- lack of patience with one another
- infrequent communication
- keeping a mental list of wrongs done to each other
- a variety of digestion problems

How families can relieve stress:

- gather daily for family devotions
- worship together weekly
- maintain a sense of humor
- plan a fun family activity at least once each week
- hold weekly family meetings to resolve conflicts
- exercise as a family three times per week
- find at least one positive point to express to each family member every day
- express an interest in what other family members are doing

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*"A ship in a harbor is safe, but  
that's not what ships are for."*

—John A. Shedd

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## A Child's Victory Over Death

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116:15).

I watched a brave little man die. Mark was three days shy of his 10th birthday—a victim of cystic fibrosis, a disease that victims are almost always children.

Although a good portion of his life was spent in hospitals, Mark never complained, never spoke bitterly about his lot in life. During his many hospital stays, he made many friends with other CF'ers and saw many of them die. He knew his own life would be short.

Just to sit by his bedside, to hold his hand or rub his back was a great honor. Mark fought a far greater battle than I ever did during my two years of combat in Europe.

Toward the end, Mark struggled to make a final statement. The words came out when his mother said, "I love you, Mark." He replied, "I love you." And when asked, "Who else loves you, Mark?" he uttered what would be his last word, "Jesus."

Recognizing the end was near, Mark's nurse said, "Let's make him more comfortable." She straightened his frail body and placed him in his mother's arms.

A look of contentment passed over Mark's face as he leaned against his mother's breast. His breath grew shorter and shorter until it stopped.

The most beautiful sight in my life, the one that I will see until my dying day, was that final moment—Mark relaxing so peacefully in his mother's arms as she caressed that handsome little face we loved so much.

The next few days revealed how many lives Mark had touched during his short time on earth. Most of his doctors and nurses traveled more than 40 miles to attend the praise service held in his memory.

Mark attended Trinity Lutheran School in Barrien Springs, Mich. The entire church and school paid their respects.

Pastor Hessler, who had visited Mark every day in the hospital and who was with him to the end, was more than a pastor to Mark. They were buddies.

It has become clear to me that Mark's life and death glorified God. Since his passing, the members of his family, inspired by his faith and example, speak more freely to others about the love of Christ for all of us.

Sometimes I think the terrible disease of cystic fibrosis strikes little children because they can take it so much better than we adults. The pain and suffering that Mark withstood without complaining is amazing. So many times he sat on the sidelines, wishing he could join his classmates in their games. But his performance in life has had far greater impact on those who knew him than a few runs or goals.

When God gave Mark the ball, he took it gladly and carried it to victory.

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### BAZAAR WORKSHOP:

Join the group working on fun crafts for the November Christmas Cupboard. Bring whatever talent you have.

thursday August 5 at Sher Scheiwe's...1-4pm & 7-9pm.

Thursday August 12 at church 1-4pm & 7-9pm at Cindy Svendsen's.

Thursday August 19...Time and Place to be announced.

Thursday August 26 at Church 1-4pm.



The Annual Church Picnic will be held Sunday August 1 from 2-5PM at the Community Center Save this date!

Bring your own table service, a salad, fruit or dessert. The meat and drinks will be furnished.

This is a fun event that the whole family will love! See you there.



CHURCH "FAMILY TREE" PICTURES

If anyone wants a repeat or hasn't had their picture taken for the Concordia Family Tree please contact Bert and/or Cindy Svendsen (879-7028). They will set up a time with you.

IF YOU EVER NEED A LITTLE EXTRA LOVE... THE ECC RESIDENTS GIVE SO MUCH APPRECIATION EACH TIME WE WORSHIP TOGETHER. COME JOIN US!!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

HOORAY! SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPT. 12TH!! In order to keep our information current we are asking parents to fill out a "fact sheet" for each child in Sunday School. You will find these blue sheets on the counter under the mailboxes. Please put them in the Sunday School mailbox when complete.

Thanks! Sunday School Staff

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

The 93-94 Sunday School Teachers will meet at the Beverlin House on Monday August 23rd from 7-8PM for a tasty dessert and a meeting to discuss changes in the Sunday School Program for the upcoming year. See You There!!

Thanks! Lori Beverlin, Superintendent



AAL FREE SEMINAR

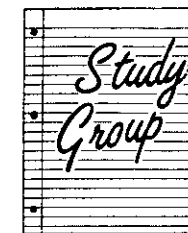
Monday Night August 9th from 7-8PM there will be a free seminar on Aging and Financial Services. Long-Term Care, and other pertinent information will be shared by a speaker from Denver. (Don't Forget the Door Prizes and Refreshments too!)

AAL IMPORTANT MEETING AFTER CHURCH AUGUST 8th. SEE YOU THERE!

**YOUTH GROUP**

A BIG THANK YOU TO DANNY SCHLIE AND JOANNE BOOMGARDEN FOR THE WONDERFUL FLOAT TRIP IN JULY, WE HAD OVER A DOZEN IN ATTENDANCE AND HAD A GREAT TIME!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP



Come Celebrate God's ENlivening Word with us as we being another year of supporting and encouraging each other in this wonderful study Group.

We begin our new study Sept. 1, 1993 at 9:30AM Contact Marlys Cartwright, Diana Rimel or Dianne Weber if interested.



We Thank all the members who helped with the "FLOOD RELIEF" rummage sale.

Your generous gift of money and time will go to the Lutheran WORLD RELIEF fund set up to help families in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and other Midwest states.

**CONCORDIA WORSHIP STATISTICS:**

Week #1....172 (M) 21 (E)...193

Week #2.....87 (M) 16 (E)...103

Week #3....117 (M) 21 (E)...138

Week #4....153 (M) 27 (E)...180

**AVE. SUNDAY WEEKLY WORSHIP FOR:**

JULY 1991.....115

JULY 1992.....138

JULY 1993.....154

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**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

**August 8, 1993**

Harris, Bob & Billee 879-0460  
Girty, Dave & Dianne 879-0325  
Lausten, Laverne 879-1286  
Lippold, Terry & Connie 879-5847

**August 15, 1993**

Baldwin, William & Alma 879-3952  
Baldwin, William 879-2444  
Farrell, Gert 879-0567  
Kounovsky, Bart & Nancy 870-0254

**August 22, 1993**

Nelson, Ernie & Ivie 879-3714  
Gibson, Bill & Barbara  
Larner, Donna  
Meade, George & Barb 879-3039

**August 29, 1993**

Riewe, Wes & Doris 879-7356  
Maze, Earl & Bettye 879-2182  
Schulke, Dan 879-3816  
Warner, Ed & Phyliss 879-8274

**September 5, 1993**

Rostvedt, Terry & Susan 879-2038  
Duryea, Chris & Rebecca 879-0126  
Hallman, Jane 276-4356

**September 12, 1993**

Worrell, Larry & Lynn 879-3932  
Hogrefe, Andy & Sandy 879-4884  
Ryan, Patrick & Tammi 879-9813  
Von Thaden, Chip 879-5280

**September 19, 1993**

Svendsen, Bert & Cindy 879-7028  
Frament, Jerry & Ellen 879-0091  
Rabbit, Julie 879-4219

**September 26, 1993**

Thornton, Brian & Jerry 879-4664  
Noyer, George & Janis 879-0514  
Thorvilson, Jim & Shirley 879-3269

**THINK TANK  
MEDITATING  
ON THE CHURCH**

1. Read Ephesians 1:17-21.
2. Think about the following:
  - a. Do you feel called by God? If so, how?
  - b. According to Ephesians 1:18, what call do you share with every Christian?
  - c. To what specific tasks and ministries has God called you?
3. Pray for direction and guidance from God as you seek to discover and do His will as one of His "called out" ones in the church.
4. Try at least one new ministry or activity in the church to see if you are gifted in that specific task.

**THINK TANK  
MEDITATING ON OUR INHERITANCE**

1. Read Romans 8:12-17.
2. Think about these questions:
  - a. As God's saint, what do you leave behind?
  - b. Who are you by the Spirit's power?
  - c. As God's saint you can expect both suffering and glory. When have you experienced suffering? Glory?
  - d. As God's saint, you are blessed with belonging to a fellowship that spans time and space and with an everlasting inheritance. What can you say to express your response to such riches?
3. Pray that you see Christian stewardship as both a privilege and a responsibility as God's choice saint.
4. Grow in your relationship with the Spirit of God, recognizing the power for ministry that comes from such a relationship. What will you do to be a more sanctified Christian?



"Well, I can't explain this either... but I'm sure in a few days everybody will forget all about it!"

**THINK TANK  
MEDITATING ON  
THE SPIRIT**

1. Read Titus 3:4-7.
2. Think about the following:
  - a. According to verse 5, what precisely has the Holy Spirit done for you?
  - b. What is the source of the Spirit's work in your life (v. 6)?
  - c. Verse 7 highlights the result of the Spirit's activity. What is it?
3. Pray for a deeper appreciation of the Spirit's role in your salvation and in your personal walk with Christ.
4. Talk to a friend or relative about at least one significant work of the Spirit for which you are very grateful.



# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Greeters: Bob & Billee Harris WORSHIP 9AM & 7PM CHURCH PICNIC 2-5PM Com. Center	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bible Study 6:30AM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bazaar Workshop 1-4PM 7-9PM Sher Scheiwe's	<b>6</b> Wedding Rehearsal 5PM	<b>7</b> Ziebis Wedding 3PM
<b>8</b> Greeters: Doug Warner & Bert Svendsen WORSHIP 9AM & 7PM AAL Meets 10:15am	<b>9</b> AAL SEMINAR ON AGING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES 7-8PM	<b>10</b> Bible Study 6:30AM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bazaar Workshop 1-4PM and 7-9PM at Cindy Svendsen's	<b>13</b> Afternoon Wedding	<b>14</b> Thompson Wedding 12-5PM
<b>15</b> Greeters: Barb Meade, Mario Vigil WORSHIP 9AM & 7PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bible Study 6:30AM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bazaar WORKSHOP	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Greeters: Alma Baldwin & Jane Hallman WORSHIP 9AM & 7PM ECC WORSHIP 12:45PM	<b>23</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING & REFRESHMENTS AT BEVERLINS 7-8PM	<b>24</b> Bible Study 6:30AM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bazaar WORKSHOP at church 1-4PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Greeters: Carol & Harold Baldwin WORSHIP 9AM & 7PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bible Study 6:30AM				