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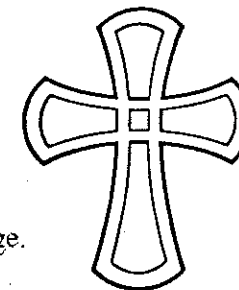
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"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy!" (1 Peter 2:10)

Have you ever been on the outside looking in? Consider the following examples of individuals who find themselves in the situation of being **on the outside**.

1. Individuals who sit the bench on a sporting team.
2. Standing next to your locked car...keys in the ignition.
3. A new parent...Your newborn child lays resting in an intensive care facility in a sterile room behind glass windows.
4. You are in a foreign land and unable to speak the language.
5. Your friends date...you don't.
6. You have a flat tire on the freeway...Your car jack is at home in the garage.
7. You have made the decision to not drink...Your friends haven't.
8. You pause in your weekly schedule to worship...your friends and family do not.
9. You walk into Concordia Lutheran for the first time...Worship is over...You walk into the narthex (entrance area) and want to speak with those you have just worshipped with. You do not know anybody.



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Each person is familiar with the sensation of being on the outside. I Peter 2:10 encourages us with the words: "once you were not a people, now you are the people of God; Once you had not received mercy, now you have received mercy." What a tremendous message for this time in the life of our congregation, community and culture.... **WE HAVE RECEIVED MERCY! WE ARE A PEOPLE!**

Imagine for a moment what a new person feels like as they enter our congregation. Are they consumed with the truth that they have received mercy from a mighty and loving God? Do they experience that truth from you? Ponder what a person feels like who has recently lost a spouse, parent or child to death. Do they hear (in words or deeds) the truth of God's love and mercy? What about the reality of divorce, miscarriage, accident, illness, loss of job, etc. Are these people welcomed by you?

The Lord has done great things for us!

A congregation has three primary functions:

1. Strengthen individuals that make up the congregation. Personal faith growth.
2. Strengthen the collective life of the congregation. Programs & group events.
3. Reach out to the community in which we live. Outreach and sharing.

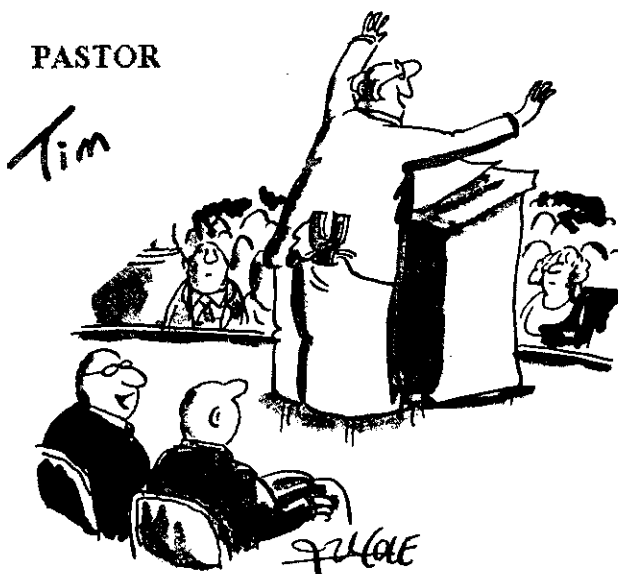
We have a message for our congregation, community and culture. The message is a simple and profound one! God, through the life death and resurrection of His only begotten Son, has made us HIS people. God has granted us mercy and pardon.

Mankind is in a state of "being on the outside." Sin and it's consequences has brought about this condition. This brokenness is eternal and without a cure...Except through Jesus Christ. Jesus, and the forgiveness of sins, has brought us near to God. We are now on the inside. Jesus paid the price for our "outside-ness."

Let us celebrate this mercy and being made a people of God. Let us care for the stranger in our midst. Let us care for our neighbor in our pew.

See you in the front row.

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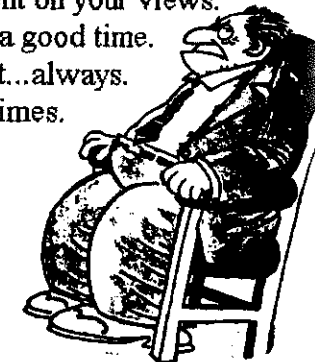
"No one falls asleep during his sermons."

HOW TO BE MISERABLE IN 20 EASY STEPS!

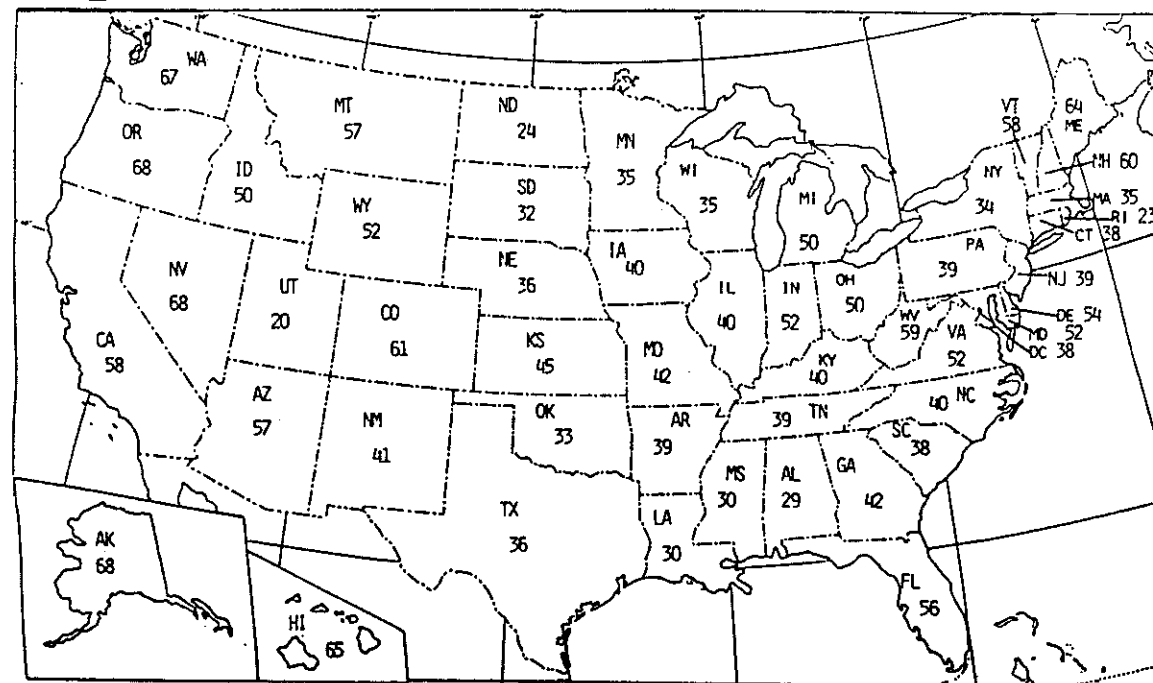
1. Use "I" as often as possible.
2. Always be sensitive to slights.
3. Be jealous and envious.
4. think only about yourself.
5. Talk only about yourself.
6. Trust no one.
7. Never forget a criticism.
8. Always expect appreciation.
9. Be suspicious.
10. Listen greedily to what others say of you.



11. Always look for faults in others.
12. Do as little as possible for others.
13. Shirk your duties if you can.
14. Never forget a service you have done.
15. Sulk when people are not grateful.
16. Insist on consideration and respect.
17. Demand agreement on your views.
18. Always look for a good time.
19. Love yourself first...always.
20. Be selfish at all times.



Percent unchurched by states—1990



FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

The Fall rummage and bake sale will be held Friday, October 8 from 9am to 6pm and Saturday October 9 from 9am to 12:00 noon. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Dan Klingenberg family. Matching funds will be available from AAL.

Many hands are needed to sort rummage starting Monday evening at 7:00pm-October 4th through Thursday evening.

Baked goods should be brought to the church by Thursday evening or early Friday morning.

For more information call Lynn Worrell at 879-3932.

IGNORING SIN

We often fail to consider the gradual, cumulative effect of sin in our lives.

In Saint Louis in 1984, an unemployed cleaning woman noticed a few bees buzzing around the attic of her home. Since there were only a few, she made no effort to deal with them. Over the summer the bees continued to fly in and out the attic vent while the woman remained unconcerned, unaware of the growing city of bees.

The whole attic became a hive, and the ceiling of the second-floor bedroom finally caved in under the weight of hundreds of pounds of honey and thousands of angry bees. While the woman escaped serious injury, she was unable to repair the damage of her accumulated neglect.

— Robert T. Wenz
Clifton Park, New Jersey

FREE GIFT WITH THIS COUPON

Cut out this coupon and sign on the line below for a free gift!

Signature: _____

Present this coupon (one per person) to Pastor Cartwright and simply state.....

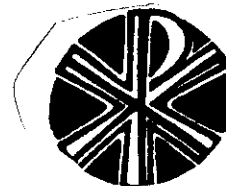
"I READ THE NEWSLETTER!"

A small gift will be placed in your church mailbox during the coming week.

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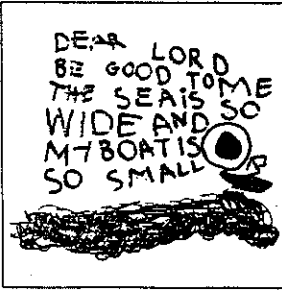
1993-94 JUNIOR CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

- SEPT. 12.....ORIENTATION (Parents)
- SEPT. 26.....FORGIVENESS AND GRACE
- OCT. 3.....FORGIVENESS AND GRACE
- OCT. 24.....10 COMMANDMENTS
- NOV. 7.....10 COMMANDMENTS
- NOV. 21.....APOSTLES' CREED
- DEC. 1.....SEXUALITY VIDEO (Wed.)
- DEC. 5.....APOSTLES' CREED
- DEC. 12.....APOSTLES' CREED
- JAN. 9.....PRAYER & PERSONAL DEVO.
- JAN. 23.....PRAYER & PERSONAL DEVO.
- FEB. 6.....BAPTISM
- FEB. 20.....BAPTISM
- MARCH 2.....ADDICTION VIDEO (Wed.)
- MARCH 6.....COMMUNION
- MARCH 13....COMMUNION AND FAMILY MEAL
- MARCH 27....PALM SUNDAY CONFIRMATION
- MARCH 31....MAUNDY-THURS.(1st Communion)



National Observance of Children's Sabbaths

October 15-17, 1993



Children's Defense Fund

May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a palace.

May our barns be filled, with produce of every kind; may our sheep increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields, and may our cattle be heavy with young.

May there be no breach in the walls, no exile, and no cry of distress in the streets.

Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall; happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 144:12-15

Today, there are too many children who never have the opportunity to thrive "like plants full grown." Instead, for millions of children across our nation and throughout our world, childhood is a time of poverty, deprivation, fear, hunger, abuse, and neglect.



PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF BROKENNESS

We are all Christians and therefore, live perfect lives!

If that were true, there would be no need for Concordia Lutheran Church to exist. The truth is, we are all broken in some way and we come to the Church to find healing through the Grace of God.

What is your personal brokenness? Maybe it's a drinking problem, drug abuse, sexual misconduct, divorce, sickness, death of a loved one, or maybe it's that particular reoccurring sin that you just can't seem to give up. With all of this brokenness, how do we prevent total chaos in the church? How do we prevent our personal brokenness from devastating other members? How do we keep the peace and keep the church together?

Each member has the responsibility to prevent the spread of his own brokenness. We can and should share our burdens with each other, but we must ensure that we do not enlist others into our brokenness. Instead of drawing battle lines, choosing sides, or selfishly protecting our "turf", we should pray together that God would grant us understanding and tolerance. Just as no one should want to pass a contagious disease to others, we should endeavor to prevent the spread of our brokenness to other members.

The Lord has done great things for us!

Dear God,

Inoculate us with your saving Grace and heal our brokenness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ELDERS

LIBRARY NEWS

Come and visit your library soon! There are new arrivals to.....

1. Tickle your children's imaginations and their sense of adventure.
2. Increase young children's faith with new books and videos.
3. Give adults study material.
4. Entertain with western novels.

5. Entertain with Janet Oke novels.
6. Encourage mothers with a "Mother's Survival Manual."
7. Inform with a Martin Luther video.
8. Inform with a video on the search for Noah's ark....

PAM PATTERSON-Librarian

Plus much more! come Visit us soon!

CONCORDIA WORSHIP STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 1993

Week #1.....147 (M) 52 (E).....199

Week #2.....152 (M) 20 (E).....172

Week #3.....174 (M) 22 (E).....196

Week #4.....143 (M) 25 (E).....168

Average Attendance September 1991....123

Average Attendance September 1992....163

Average Attendance September 1993....184

Through our Word and Sacrament ministry here at Concordia God continues to bless us with new individuals and families to care for. A quick look at the statistics will demonstrate that reality.

We must continue to ask for our Lord's guidance as we develop our congregation. Numbers only give one a small glimpse as to the reality of ministry happening in a particular congregation. The one-on-one caring and "friendship-making" is essential to the "keeping" of these new individuals and families.

A congregation needs the regular support of its regular members. It also needs the assimilation of new people. Where do you fit in the picture?

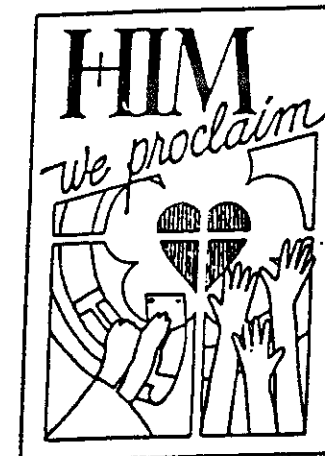
WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

On the first Wednesday evening of each month Concordia will be offering a special prayer and communion service. The time of this service will be 7:15pm to 8:00pm.

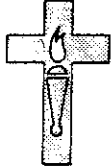
The focus of this Word and Sacrament, Christ-centered service will be to enrich our prayer life here at Concordia. This service is an extension of our total ministry here at Concordia.

Corporate prayer, individual concerns, community cares, and world issues will be brought to our Lord in prayer. Communion will conclude each service. Worship services with preaching and Bible classes with instruction are offered at other times of the week. The focus of this service will end with communion during this service.

Come and join with your worshipping family on these evenings. We will pray for our ministry here at Concordia. This reflective service will give us the chance to listen to the gentle voice of our gracious Lord.



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