





Take a look at your support of the congregation that you call YOURS. You must keep in mind that without broad support from the membership of a congregation, a congregation will not remain solvent.



### AT THE OFFERING

Lord Jesus Christ, obedient to your Father's will, you gave your very life for my redemption. Accept the offerings I give in faith, and use them to share the gospel of your sacrificial love for all. Amen.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

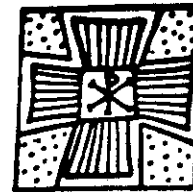
This year at Concordia we will be enjoying the special Music ministry of Steve and Pat Ficke from Concordia Seward. They will be here from July 11-17 to assist us with our Vacation Bible School. The dates are July 11-15, with the closing program on Sunday July 17th. We need volunteers for our staff.

## Reaching the unchurched

St. Paul, Boca Raton, Fla., has been effective in reaching the unchurched because of an extremely large outreach program. We do this by generating a "spirit of evangelism" throughout the parish.

We have many visitors—about 15 percent non-members in worship weekly. Many visitors are in worship due to a direct invitation by a member. Our members are excited about their church and their Savior and want to share that excitement. This feeling comes in part from an aggressive adult Bible study program—this is a must!

We realize many visitors are "church shopping." Our goal is that once they attend our service, their shopping is over. We put a lot of time and energy into having an exciting, "visitor friendly" worship experience. This is the one time in the week we have a large, captive audience; that hour needs to be the best it can be. Second best will not do. The Board of Lay Ministry has an agenda item each month where this point is discussed.



We practice the "rite of friendship" where all in attendance register their worship. These sheets are examined and letters sent to all visitors on Monday. If they list a phone number, the pastor calls on Monday to thank them for coming and see if there is anything that can be done for them. On Mondays, a small group of visitors tries to make a home visit.

Adult doctrine classes are conducted six times a year. These classes are held in a retreat setting on Saturdays. During this time, the basics of the Lutheran Confessions are reviewed. In 1993, 56 adults were confirmed. However, these classes are not considered to be the end of their studies, but rather, the beginning. It is imperative that they continue in some type of adult Bible class.

We recently confirmed a young Jewish mother who expressed her desire to join under one condition: "That we would continue to teach her." Again, this is crucial!

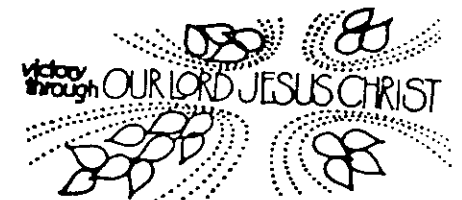
Again, the growth is due to a "spirit of evangelism" that is contagious throughout the congregation due to a love for their Savior that comes from involvement in the Word.

—Dennis Glick, pastor



### 1 John 3:1-2 NIV

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



### OUR MINISTRY AND MONEY

1994 BUDGET.....\$108,000.00

1994 QUARTERLY NEEDS....\$27,000.00

1994 MONTHLY NEEDS.....\$9,000.00

1994 WEEKLY NEEDS.....\$2,075.00

### WORSHIP STATISTICS: (April 1994)

Week #1.....Sunrise-62  
9:00am-300.....Total 395  
Easter Eve-33

Week #2.....(M) 149 (E) 31.....180

Week #3.....(M) 143 (E) 47.....190

Week #4.....(M) 186 (E) 31.....217

### AVE. APRIL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

1991.....132

1992.....141

1993.....218

1994.....246



NURSERY CARE DURING  
SUNDAY WORSHIP!

The Kammerer Family is busy organizing our Sunday morning nursery care ministry. This effort will make available to any parent(s) a place to take a child in "times of crisis" on Sunday morning.

An individual will be available in the basement of the church each Sunday morning. They will have games, stories, toys, etc., to take care of children. Please take advantage of this service if you have the need.

The goal of any family should be to have the complete family present during worship. However, if the need for help is present for you and your child, we at Concordia want you to know that we are attempting to help you.

There is a need for volunteers for this effort. Parents with young children are asked to put their names on the volunteer list. We can help one another. Men and women both are encouraged to help in this effort. Grandparent types also can help. Perhaps a high school young person can volunteer. If you miss a morning worship, come back for our evening service.

Remember, if you volunteer, please arrive at the church 15 minutes early. Be there to warmly greet any parent, family or individual with this need. This is a marvelous ministry in our midst.



MISSION FESTIVAL!

WHEN.....May 15th  
WHERE.....Here!  
TIME.....Morning Worship &  
Bible Class/Sunday  
School.  
WHO.....Rev. Roger Krause,  
President of our  
District will be the  
guest preacher.  
Also, Judy Olson  
from Lutheran Bible  
Translators will be  
here.

A special Saturday evening dinner (May 14) will take place at a local dining establishment. Be sure to make plans to attend. This evening will perhaps give you the opportunity to meet our District President and his wife.

This weekend will be a great weekend to focus our attention on the many different ways in which the Gospel is being spoken in our community, region, country and world.

ONE MORE V.B.S. NOTE!

Remember, July 11-15 are the dates for our Vacation Bible School. There will be another organizational meeting this month.

A special musical team will be coming from Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska.

We will be using Augsburg Publishing House's "Come Along With Jesus" (The Adventure Begins!). It should be a very special event.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 22nd, our congregation will celebrate a special Sunday of care for our ministry and facility here at Concordia. Some of the Stewardship tasks include:

1. Worship at 9:00am
2. Bible Class at 10:30am
3. A common meal after Bible Class and Sunday School.
4. Spring Clean-up of our facility.
5. Clean-up of our two mile stretch of highway 40.
6. Extended Care Center/Nursing home worship at 12:45pm.
7. Evening worship at 7:00pm.

Make plans to be with your congregation on this day. God be with you.

THANK YOU WISHES!!!!!!!!!!

Special thanks to the High School and Junior High young people who made a very special evening possible here at the church last month. The "Teacher Appreciation" meal was just great!

Sunday School teachers, Public School teachers in our congregation, and professional day care educators were all applauded and recognized for their efforts in our community. If you missed this evening, you missed a great chance to say thanks, or be thanked.

Thanks again to the Youth Group and A.A.L. for their efforts.

## TV'S ALCOHOL FANTASY

Kids get a lot of their information about alcohol from television, where drinking is associated with happiness, material wealth, glamour, adventure, social acceptance, sexual satisfaction, and the excitement of fast-moving cars. Television characters consume six times more alcohol than people in real life, yet they rarely suffer blackouts, hangovers, sexual dysfunction, or fatal car accidents. In fact they rarely get drunk. Every hour of prime-time viewing contains four or five drinking episodes; children in the United States see 3,000 of these each year. By age 18 they will have seen 100,000 commercials for beer.

*Adolescent Counselor* magazine reports in its October/November 1988 issue that 8- to 12-year-old boys and girls were able to name more brands of alcoholic beverages than the names of US presidents. In a survey of 180 students conducted by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, "One young girl correctly wrote the names of 14 alcoholic beverages, but could only name four presidents," the magazine states. One boy "correctly spelled Bud Light, King Cobra, and Matilda Bay, but rendered presidents' names as 'Nickson' and 'Rosselvet.' Another named ten beers and wines, correctly spelled, but pencilled presidents as 'Ragon' and 'Aprilham Linchon.'"

According to a 1987 survey conducted by *Weekly Reader*, only 50 percent of fourth graders know that beer, wine, or liquor is a drug, compared to 87 percent who know that marijuana is a drug. Clearly, television advertising and programming have a powerful effect on how kids perceive alcohol.

Some critics call on television producers to present a more realistic picture; others want equal time for public health and safety messages; still others propose a ban on alcohol broadcast ads. In the meantime, as the media continue to bombard kids with distorted images of alcohol, parents can fight back by advocating and supporting school and community prevention programs, and by demonstrating in their own lives that drinking is not a prerequisite to having fun.

## LET GO, LET GOD

To "let go" does not mean to stop caring, it means I can't do it for someone else.

To "let go" is not to nag, scold or argue but instead to search out my own shortcomings and correct them.

To "let go" is not to adjust everything to my desires but to take each day as it comes and cherish myself in it.

To "let go" is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.

To "let go" is not to try to change or blame another; it's to make the most of myself.

To "let go" is not to care for but to care about.

To "let go" is not to fix but to be supportive.

To "let go" is not to judge but to allow another to be a human being.

To "let go" is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes but to allow others to affect their destinies.

*Anonymous*

## 1994 Convention Ingathering!!

The Pregnancy Center in Grand Junction, CO will be the recipient of the bountiful gifts that will be brought to the district convention in June 1994. The center is a volunteer/donor supported organization. The volunteers are trained and are given guidelines to help people needing their services. The Pregnancy Center provides: consultation in choices other than abortion; three day classes on LIFE; free pregnancy tests; basic needs for expectant moms and their babies by loan and gift; support groups; seminars in area schools stressing abstinence and discussing the consequences of non-abstinence.

Because their needs are great, the Mission Service Committee is suggesting the following items:

**For baby:** layette items; blankets, gowns; diapers; crib sheets; socks; booties; quilts; toys such as teething toys and those with good learning opportunities; car seats; cribs; play pens; strollers.

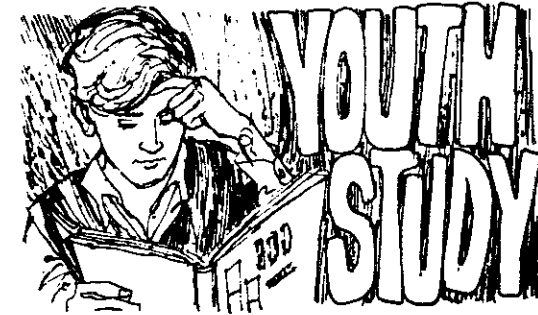
**For mom:** maternity clothes as the center operates a maternity clothing exchange.

All items should be new or very near new for mom and baby. The Pregnancy Center will also accept money to be used for the purchase of needed items.



## RUMMAGE SALE

May 13th and 14th are the dates set for the Women's Guild Annual Spring Rummage Sale. Start gathering all the un-used clothing and miscellaneous items in your home and then bring them to the church the week before the sale. Thanks!



It's time to sign up for our San Antonio Youth Gathering Trip in early July '95. We need to start planning now, because they want our registrations, \$150 per person by November 1994. This trip is open to all high-schoolers during the 94-95 school year. Please call Joanne Boomgarden or the church office if you are interested.

Don't miss the excellent videos and topics in your Jr. High and High school Bible Classes during April and May. see you there!

# MAY 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 5th Sunday of Easter St. Phillip and St. James, Apostles  WORSHIP...9:00am/7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am  FAREWELL POTLUCK...11:30am  AAL MEETING	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:30am BROWNIES-3:30 CHOIR-6:30 COMMITTEES 7:30pm	<b>4</b> NEW MEMBERS' CLASS...7:00pm	<b>5</b> WOMEN'S STUDY 10:00am RECOVERY ROOM 7:15pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> NEW MEMBERS' CLASS...7:00pm
<b>8</b> 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day  WORSHIP...9:00am/7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am  BD.OF ED. 10:00am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:30am BROWNIES-3:30 CHOIR-6:30 VOTERS-7:30pm	<b>11</b> NEW MEMBERS' CLASS...7:00pm	<b>12</b> The Ascension of Our Lord WOMEN'S STUDY 10:00am RECOVERY ROOM 7:15pm	<b>13</b> RUMMAGE SALE...  RUMMAGE SALE	<b>14</b> RUMMAGE SALE  RUMMAGE SALE  Men's Breakfast 7:00-9:00am
<b>15</b> 7th Sunday of Easter  WORSHIP...9:00am/7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am <b>MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY</b> President Krause & Judy Olson (Translator) YOUTH GROUP...4:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:30am BROWNIES-3:30pm CHOIR-6:30pm	<b>18</b> LWML...7:30pm	<b>19</b> WOMEN'S STUDY 10:00am RECOVERY ROOM 7:15pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>22</b> The Day of Pentecost  WORSHIP...9:00am/7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am <b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b> E.C.C. WORSHIP...12:45pm CHURCH CLEAN-UP AND LUNCH	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:30am BROWNIES-3:30 CHOIR-6:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> WOMEN'S STUDY 10:00am RECOVERY ROOM 7:15pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> The Holy Trinity 1st Sunday after Pentecost  WORSHIP...9:00am/7:00pm	<b>30</b> Memorial Day - Observed	<b>31</b> The Visitation BIBLE STUDY 6:30am BROWNIES-3:30 CHOIR 6:30pm				