

CONCORDIA STATISTICS

Average Sunday Worship for May:

1991.....	145
1992.....	118
1993.....	198
1994.....	196

May 1994 Worship:

Week #1....	153 (M)	27 (E)
Week #2....	187 (M)	39 (E)
Week #3....	188 (M)	22 (E)
Week #4....	146 (M)	22 (E)
Week #5....	N/A at printing	

It is indeed a marvelous things that God gives...this gift of worship. During the summer months, if you are traveling, do not forget to place into your schedules a time to worship with other Christians. Search out that place of worship as you travel. They will be encouraged by your desire to worship. You will have the opportunity to see another ministry.

When friends and family visit you this summer, invite them along to worship on Sunday morning. Do not let your house guests determine your Sunday morning schedule. Your faith in Christ Jesus can be witnessed to as you keep your worship schedule on Sunday morning.

Always keep in mind that we have an evening worship service in place for your benefit. It is a casual service. It is a kind service. If you miss the morning service, take advantage of this opportunity.



SUMMER OFFERINGS \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Please keep in mind that our congregation has set expenses year-round. Your giving to your congregation keeps your congregation solvent and moving ahead in ministry.

Take time to set down with your budget and personal/family finances. Determine what you will give to support God's work here at Concordia. Make that gift the first gift each month.

Do not get caught in the habit of seeing the offering plate and then checking your wallet to see what you happen to have in there. Planning ahead helps a person and/or family become a more consistent supporter of a congregation financially.

Be aware that our congregation has a \$105,000.00 annual budget. That translates into a weekly need of just about \$2,000.00.

Concordia's 150 family units should easily be able to manage that amount. You can do the math. We live in a land of abundance. The support of a local congregation needs to be a top priority of the "members" of that congregation.

AL-ANON: IS IT FOR YOU?

Millions of people are affected by the excessive drinking of someone close. The following twenty questions are designed to help you decide whether or not you need Al-Anon:

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1. Do you worry about how much someone else drinks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you feel that drinking is more important to your loved one than you are? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you think that the drinker's behavior is caused by his or her companions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Are mealtimes frequently delayed because of the drinker? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you make threats, such as, "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. When you kiss the drinker hello, do you secretly try to smell his or her breath? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Are you afraid to upset someone for fear it will set off a drinking bout? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behavior? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Does it seem as if every holiday is spoiled because of drinking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Have you considered calling the police because of drinking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Do you find yourself searching for hidden liquor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Do you feel that if the drinker loved you, he or she would stop drinking to please you? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Have you refused social invitations out of fear or anxiety? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Do you sometimes feel guilty when you think of the lengths you have gone to control the drinker? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker into saying "I'm sorry," or "I love you"? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Do you ever treat people (children, employees, parents, coworkers, etc.) unjustly because you are angry at someone else for drinking too much? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Do you feel there is no one who understands your problems? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you have answered "yes" to three or more of these questions, Al-Anon or Alateen may help.

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Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is looking for a list of all US veterans in our congregation. Please inform the office if you are a veteran. Thanks



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who brought layette items for the ingathering at the LWML District Convention in Grand Junction. These items will go to the Pregnancy Center there in Grand Junction.

We will be accepting items through Sunday June 5th. Look for the bassinet in the narthex of the church. It is filled with baby items...Why not add a couple of items?

LWML NEWS



Believe it or not, it is time to start working on bazaar projects for Concordia's Christmas Cupboard which will be held in November. Plan to attend one or all of the following workshops:

June 7.....7:00pm at Sher Scheiwe
June 13....7:00pm at Cindy Svendsen
June 21....7:00pm at Elaine Stroncek

If you have any questions please call Sher Scheiwe at 879-8990 or Cindy Svendsen at 879-7028

God's beautiful creation

Romans 1:20

On a trip to California from the Midwest, we drove I-70 through Utah. There is one 110 mile stretch of freeway with no services; no food, water, or gas. There were also no billboards. This was delightful as it gave us the opportunity to look at the beautiful, colorful bluffs, spires, and rock formations. Every few miles was a new scene, each seemingly more gorgeous than the last.

Romans 1:20 clearly tells us that we "are without excuse" when we see God's magnificent creation and don't see God. His handiwork, that is, his creation is truly seen in the starry universe, in the Utah rock formations, in an Iowa cornfield in July, in our complex human body, and in whatever our eyes see in God's creation.

While serving in Papua New Guinea, I viewed spectacular tropical scenery including palm-lined beaches, forested mountains, and mangrove swamps. But I realized that the Papua New Guineans could not see the true God in all this beauty because they had never been introduced to God through a personal Savior, Jesus Christ, revealed in Scripture.

We cannot experience the beauty of Utah unless we go there. We will not experience the beautiful salvation of Jesus Christ unless we go to the Bible where we will see him and experience his love and salvation.

Prayer Point

Pray that we will recognize God in every part of his creation.



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

"McGee and Me! In the Nick of Time"
"McGee and Me! Beauty in the Least"
"Chariots of Fire"
(The above are videos)

"Surprised by Suffering" R. C. Sproul
"Stonewycke Trilogy" Phillips/Pella
"Children's Companion Guide to America' History"
"Mandie Books" (volumes 16-20)

"Key to Your Child's Heart" (Smalley)
"Adventures In Odessey" (24 episodes)
(The above are audio cassettes)

Please enjoy our Library, it is there for you! And please don't forget.....
PLEASE RETURN YOUR BORROWED BOOKS AND VIDEOS ON TIME!

Thank you!

PAM PATTERSON

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We congratulate our graduating Seniors: Heather Carrell, Trina Fornes, Sara Cundell, and Karl Rostvedt! We're proud of you. Also congratulations to our 8th grade graduates: Eric Svendsen, Jennifer Fritz, Janel Kammerer, Lisa Warner, Abby Fox, Brooke Julian, Leanne Wattles, and Julie Jarvis. God's blessings as you look forward to your high school years.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for VBS planning meeting: Tuesday June 21 and Tuesday July 5 at 7PM to get our details completed. THANKS.

This year Concordia will be enjoying the special Music ministry of Steve and Pat Fick 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 Thursday evening July 14, and a special worship on Sunday July 17. So far our teaching and helping staff include Pastor Tim Cartwright, Pastor Dave Henderson, Marlys Cartwright, Emily Henderson, Jan Fritz, Sally Howard, Jerry Thornton, Kathy Deepe, Lori Beverlin, Sher Scheiwe, Krista Madsen, and Terry Denton. We still welcome other helpers adults and Jr. High & High School Youth.

PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX AND LEAVE THE COMPLETED FORMS IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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.



Forgiveness: A gift...or a loan?

Rev. Walt DeMoss, from LBT's service center staff, remembers this problem with "forgiveness" from his Bible translation days in Togo:

The word "forgiveness" should not be a difficult term to translate, or so I thought when I was working in the Moba language of Togo, West Africa. The Christian community already had a term for forgiveness — *nyign kpédu*. So, that's the phrase I used for some time.

Later something led me to look more deeply into this term and I came to realize that *nyign kpédu* was understood to mean "we'll let it go for now — but don't let it happen again!" Clearly, this was not the forgiveness Jesus Christ won for us on the cross.

The problem was with the term *kpédu* which meant "lending." This gave the idea that forgiveness was only temporary. The solution came in the term *cabu* which meant to give something away permanently. Now forgiveness had a sense of completeness. ■

**NEW
LIFE IN
CHRIST**



Vacation Bible School

Place Concordia Lutheran

Date July 11-15, 1994

Time 9am - 11:30 a.m.

For age/grade pre-school to 3-94 6th gr.

Keep this side of the card as a reminder of vacation Bible school dates. To register, fill out and return the right side of the card to the person or church listed below.

Send registration to

Concordia Lutheran Church
or call 879-0175

by July 11, 1994

(date)

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CARD

Student's name _____

Birth date _____ Last school grade completed _____

Known allergies or other medical concerns _____

Does the student attend church school? _____

If so, where? _____

Parent's name _____

Address _____

Home telephone _____ Work telephone _____

Emergency telephone _____

Health care telephone _____

Parent's church _____

Brothers and sisters _____
(names and ages)

1994 VBS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Class _____ Teacher _____

Days Attended

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