

CONCORDIA OCTOBER STATISTICS

Week #1...110(E) 100(L)....210
 Week #2....90(E) 90(L)....180
 Week #3....75(E) 110(L)....185
 Week #4....53(E) 157(L)....210
 Week #5...(Not available at printing)

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1991.....117
 1992.....168
 1993.....178
 1994.....193
 1995.....196

E.C.C Worship.....47

It is always a joy to see God's people in worship. It is a strong witness to me to see members of Concordia regularly at the Lord's Table. Please keep in mind that strong worship numbers, or growing worship numbers, should not be the cause for arrogance or self-centered pride. These numbers simply reflect the "urgency" of hearing the Word of God.

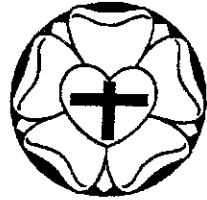
Challenges and trials regularly come into the life of the believer. It only stands to reason that regular contact with the community of faith needs to be in place.

God be with you as you witness to one another by your presence in Sunday worship!



Thanksgiving Day

In 1621, "after the ingathering of the first harvest in a new world," Governor Bradford of the Plymouth Colony invited the Pilgrims to keep "a day of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving." In 1789 President George Washington issued the first *national* thanksgiving proclamation in the United States. In 1863, after the bloody Battle of Gettysburg, President Lincoln urged the entire nation to observe a day of prayer and thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November. Since then this particular Thursday has been America's annual Thanksgiving Day. *References:* Lev. 23:39; Deut. 8:10-11; Ps. 67:5-7; 92:1.



Grateful People Are Appreciated People. The newspaper editor in a fairly large town (according to *Guideposts*, November 1953) said that too often he feels that his time is too precious to have people come in to talk to him about their gripes. Therefore, he instructed his secretary to tell all who came and asked to see the editor that he was in conference at that moment. One day a woman came in to see the editor and received the same brush-off. As she left, she said to the secretary that she just wanted to thank Mr. Editor for the excellent editorial he had written the day before. This was something new, and the secretary thought that she might be able to contact the editor. He came out and talked more than 15 minutes to the woman who had taken time out to say "thank you."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



The Sunday School Christmas Program is coming soon!!

DEC. 12TH

Be sure to have your kids to class every Sunday for rehearsals. If you'd like to volunteer your help, contact Lori Beverlin 879 8373.

The Sunday School Kids will sing in the late service on Nov. 12th. They're sounding great so try to have your kids here for it! Thanks

Michael & Dawn Moon



NOVEMBER LWML

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1995

WHERE: JOANNE BOOMGARDEN'S HOUSE

40410 YAMPA DR. 879-8327

WHY: FOR FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, & FOOD

WHO: ANY INTERESTED LADIES YOUNG AND OLD



Properly preaching the Gospel

The Gospel is not being preached when:

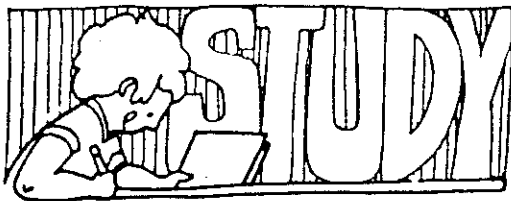
1. The pastor makes it sound as though it all now depends on my own personal decision.
2. The message is such that I can't figure out which is Law and which is Gospel.
3. The story of the cross is presented only as a reminder that my sins caused it all.
4. The story of the cross is presented only to judge my wrong views toward it and wrong responses to it.
5. When I, as a worshiper, go home only convinced of my sins and guilt and am not really comforted.
6. When I, as a worshiper, go home wondering how I can win back God's favor.
7. When I, as a worshiper, go home convinced that I am among the good guys in this world.
8. When the Gospel is preached in a scolding, finger-pointing manner: "This is what God did for you . . . you better believe it or else!"
9. When I as worshiper go home comparing myself with everyone else.
10. When all the pastor does is brag about his own experiences, wisdom and glory.
11. When all I hear as a worshiper is the damning sins of the unbelieving world and not about the pastor's sins and my own.
12. When I, as a worshiper, am still burdened with my failed responsibility and its fruits.
13. When the Gospel is preached with conditions attached.
14. When man is in anyway involved in the Gospel. (The truth is that the Gospel always refers alone to God's doing the Law to man's not doing.)
15. When too much stress is put on my faith, and I as a Christian am asked to flee to my faith instead of Christ.
16. When the pastor does not let the Gospel transcend all my failures, guilt, despair, etc.
17. When the Gospel seems to contain a few "thou shalt's" or "thou shalt not's" or any kind of instruction.
18. When the pastor confounds the grace of God which gives us faith and changes and sanctifies us with the grace of God which saves us through Christ.
19. When the Law, rather than the Gospel, is used to provoke me and other members to godliness.
20. When the pastor seems to be preaching down to me.
21. When the Gospel is not preached with joy.


P.S. Of course the above comments are all Law for the pastor.

**MY GOD SHALL
SUPPLY ALL
YOUR NEEDS**
Phil. 4:19

JR. CONFIRMATION 1995-96 CALENDAR

- OCT. 29...GUEST SPEAKER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- NOV. 12...CREED- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- NOV. 19...CREED- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- NOV. 29...WORSHIP- 7:00PM (WED.)
- DEC. 3...FORGIVE (KEYS)- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- DEC. 10...FORGIVE (KEYS)- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- DEC. 17...DINNER/PARTY- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- JAN. 7...LORD'S PRAYER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- JAN. 21...LORD'S PRAYER- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- FEB. 4...OUTING- 4:30-7PM (SUN.)
- FEB. 11...BAPTISM- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 3...BAPTISM- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- MAR. 6...WORSHIP- 7:00PM (WED.)
- MAR. 10...LORD'S SUPPER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 17...LORD'S SUPPER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 24...MEAL/REVIEW- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 31 **CONFIRMATION**-10:30AM (SUN.)
- APR. 4...FIRST COMMUNION..7PM (THURS.)



Confirmation 

CONCORDIA SEASONAL SERVICES
(Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas)

November 22...Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday Evening at
7:00pm. This service will
be preceded by a soup
supper at 5:30pm.

November 29...Advent #1..7pm (Wed.)
Soup Supper-5:30pm

December 6...Advent #2...7pm (Wed.)
Soup Supper-5:30pm

December 13..Advent #3..7pm (Wed.)
Soup Supper-5:30pm

December 24..Christmas Eve (Sunday)

10:00am...Family Christmas
7:00pm...Early Eve Service
10:00pm..Candlelight Service

December 25-Christmas Day-10am/Mon.



EMOTIONAL RELIGION

by Philip G. Meyer

Sometimes I get emotional about religion. Not in the usual sense, though. I get emotional about religion because of the abuses I see connected with what could be termed "emotional religion."

A recent poll taken by the Gordon S. Black Corporation for the newspaper *USA Today* found that a large number of people are religious because "it feels good." A whopping 26 percent of those polled go to church "for pleasure." That disturbs me. Don't get me wrong. I would hope that you derive some pleasure from your worship, and I'm certainly not against "feeling good." But when that becomes the chief end of religion, I am concerned.

There are many groups in the religious marketplace that emphasize *feeling* over what I would call the "objective." They point to what you feel rather than what is. Historic Christianity stands in radical opposition to that kind of thing (or perhaps I should call it "feeling").

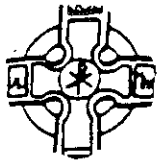
Take the events of Easter, for example: Christ's death and resurrection. Our feeling about such things has nothing whatsoever to do with what these two events have accomplished for us. Our feeling does not in the least affect our salvation. What Christ did on the cross and what His resurrection means lie completely outside of our feelings. Our feelings had nothing to do with these events occurring.

Our feelings do not validate our faith, no matter what some people might say. Christ's death on the cross has earned forgiveness for the world, whether the world believes it or not, whether the world accepts it or not. It is an objective fact! Christ's resurrection from the dead on the third day has nothing whatsoever to do with what I feel. He rose, independent of what or how I feel about it.

There is much comfort to be derived from these facts. First, our salvation doesn't depend on us, least of all, our feelings. There are days when I simply don't feel forgiven or like God's child; sometimes I don't feel like the saint that I am by virtue of Christ's work; and the day-to-day grind can get me down so that I forget the fact that heaven is assured by my Lord's resurrection. Thus, I can be happy that my faith doesn't rest upon my feelings, but upon the bedrock of Christ's death and resurrection—two objective facts. That's also why Christians can be called "an Easter people," because we really are raised up—even when our feelings betray us.

So, I can get pretty emotional about emotional religion. I don't like it when I hear that feelings are more important than facts. But I'll take quiet satisfaction in knowing that our faith rests upon Christ and Christ alone.





SUNDAY MORNING-9:15AM
IN THE WORSHIP AREA

CONCORDIA PRAYER CHAIN

Concordia Congregation has a prayer chain in place for the use of all our members. It is a network of members who have volunteered to pray for the needs, concerns or joys of fellow Christians who would like our prayers whether it be for sickness, surgery, or times when we are emotionally down. Also, the prayer chain can be a time of celebrating with one another.

If you would like to be on the prayer chain and participate in praying for others please fill in the information below and place it in the box below the mailboxes marked "Prayer Chain."

If you ever have prayer concerns, sorrow or joy, please call Rebecca Duryea at 879-6854, Marlys Cartwright at 879-8455, Joanne Boomgarden at 879-8327, or the church office at 879-0175.

We here at Concordia would like to support our fellow Christians with prayer to our almighty, all-powerful, and merciful God. God bless you all.

Yes, I would like to be on Concordia's "Prayer Chain":

Name: _____

REBECCA DURYEA

- ADULT BIBLE CLASS TOPICS:
- NOV.5...LEGION OF DEMONS...(MARK 5)
 - NOV.12...JONAH...(JONAH)
 - NOV.19...RUTH...(RUTH)
 - NOV.26...THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
 - DEC.3...NEBUCHADNEZZAR...(2 KINGS 24)
 - DEC.10...MOSES' BIRTH...(EXODUS 2)
 - DEC.17...DEBORAH...(JUDGES 4)
 - DEC.24...CHRISTMAS EVE
 - DEC.31...NEW YEAR'S EVE-FREINDSHIP
 - JAN.7...JOSEPH...(GENESIS 37)
 - JAN.14...FIERY FURNACE...(DANIEL 1)
 - JAN.21...LION'S DEN...(DANIEL 6)
 - JAN.28...SHIPWRECK ON MALTA (ACTS 28)
 - FEB.4...HAGGAI...(HAGGAI)

Adult Bible Class is a great opportunity to take an in-depth look at God's Word. The class is designed to expand the comfort zone of the student. There are no exams, no pop tests, no questions that are asked of individuals. All effort is made to seek a safe environment for you to explore. You can come, listen, and learn without uttering a word. Come and give this class a try. I think you will find it helpful and very relevant.

Bible Study Helps

HOW TO RELATE TO THE CHURCH

1. **Understand What the Church Is**

Those who believe in Jesus Christ	Ephesians 2:17-18
The believers are "the family of God"	Ephesians 2:19
The believers are a temple of God	Ephesians 2:20-22
The believers are a body which belongs to Christ	1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Christ is the head of the church	Colossians 1:18-19
The church built by the Holy Spirit	Acts 9:31

2. **Know What Jesus Does for His Church**

He loves it and gave his life	Ephesians 5:25
He builds it and preserves it	Matthew 16:18
He gives gifts of leaders to care for it and teach it	Acts 20:28
	1 Corinthians 12:28-30
He prays that they be one	John 17:20-23
He gives gifts for its good	Romans 12:3-8

3. **Participate in What the Church Does**

Join in the fellowship of believers	Acts 2:43-47
Meet together for worship	Hebrews 10:25
Pray with the believers	Matthew 18:18
Help each other in Christian love	Hebrews 10:26
Practice Christian virtues	Colossians 3:12-15
Teach and instruct one another	Colossians 3:16-17
	Matthew 28:20
Share in the Lord's Supper	Matthew 26:26-29
	1 Corinthians 11:23-29



SYNODICAL VISION STATEMENT

1. **STRONG IN THE WORD:** We need to feed deeply on God's Word if we are going to be effective in evangelism. You cannot give away what you don't have.
2. **PEOPLE CENTERED AND PEOPLE SENSITIVE:** As we care about people and grow in our compassion for the lost, we will seek to build relationships with them and communicate with them in ways that clearly communicate the Gospel to them.
3. **REACH OUT BOLDLY WITH THE GOSPEL:** People cannot come to faith unless the Holy Spirit calls them by the Gospel. Our ministry is to reach beyond our current membership, to reach out boldly with that Gospel. Evangelism is the call of the Lord on the Church and its ministry.
4. **FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS:** We are Lutheran Christians. We understand that people don't "decide" for Jesus. All our evangelism is a speaking of the Gospel so the Holy Spirit can be at work. We don't manipulate or sell or coerce. We share the Gospel. The Holy Spirit brings faith. In all we do, we need the integrity to uphold the Scriptures and the Confessions.
5. **MARKED BY PEACE AND UNITY:** As our congregations and our entire church body treats one another with respect, consideration and love, we will enhance the witness to the world that we are claimed by the Prince of Peace. A church in turmoil will not be effective in sharing the unconditional love of God.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

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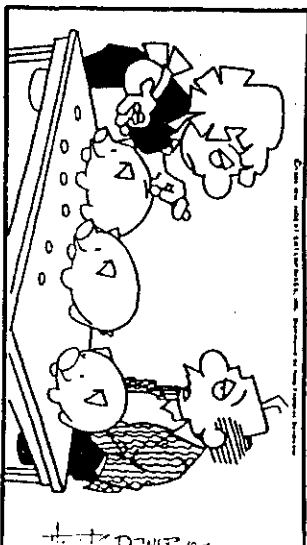
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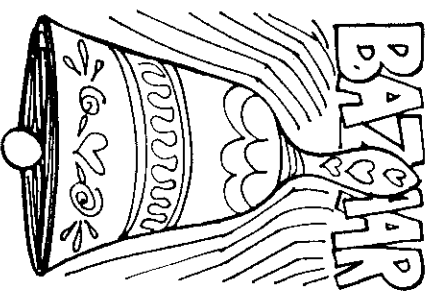


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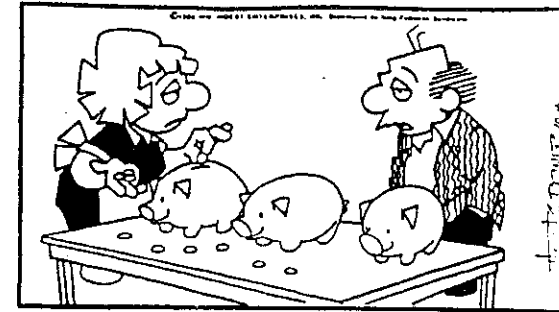
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AT CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



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