CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



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VBS HELP NEEDED ...

Concordia's 1989 Vacation Bible School is being planned for June. Coordinator Jan McKay is in need of teachers and helpers; if you can help in any way, please talk to her as soon as possible.



AAL BRANCH ACTIVITY ...



On April 23, immediately following the church service, your local AAL branch officers are sponsoring a coffee. This is an opportunity for anyone to learn more about the local AAL branch. Please plan to attend and visit the display booth. If you have any questions, please call Sher Scheiwe (879-3922) in the evenings.

AAL branch meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the church library.

YOUR VOTE NEEDED ...



The Interior Committee has prepared a display featuring the flooring options for the basement. (Money for covering the basement floor has been donated by the Women's Guild from last year's Bazaar proceeds.)

All members are asked to check out the options and then to vote for one of the options by Sunday, April 16. Majority vote will decide what type of flooring will be installed -- so don't forget to add your vote!

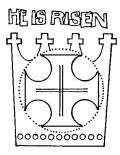
"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO AND WALK THERE YOURSELF ONCE IN A WHILE."

--Josh Billings

COMING APRIL 16...



Be sure you don't miss Concordia's first Rummage Sale Fashion Show and Fellowship dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your biggest smile. This one should be loads of fun! Don't miss it! See you on Sunday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m., at Fashion Central (also known as the church basement).





Concordia Women's Guild/LWML will meet this month on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Ann Mattlage (1370 Delta Queen).

Because she was ill last month, Donna Anderson was unable to discuss her work with the Mental Health Center; she will do that at this month's meeting. All women are again reminded to bring some kind of art supply (crayons, markers, pencils, pads, coloring books, etc.) to the meeting for use by Donna in her work with child-ren.

Mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend!



The 1989 Bazaar Committee is being formed now. If you are interested in serving on the committee, sign up on the entry-way bulletin board!



The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 18-20. Help is still needed--sign up on the entry-way bulletin board if you can help.



Children who had perfect attendance in Sunday School for the month of March are:

Teri Dawn Bourdette; Abigail and Jessica Fritz; Ian and Gavin Noyer; Kyle Svendsen; Kendra Bull; Carrie Schmoock; Nathan and Andrea Deepe; and Angela and Josh Carrell.



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS...

A new topic of study--"Great Pray-ers of the Bible"--will begin on Tuesday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. All women are invited to come and learn more about prayer and pray-ers.

HELP WANTED: JOBS FOR JESUS

If you feel that your talents can be used in the following ways in our congregational ministry, please talk to Pastor Norm in the near future. Each position is open to both men and women.



1) SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERIN-TENDENT

This position requires a person who believes that the Christian education of children and adults is important! S/he must be able to help in the recruitment of teachers, organize the program and schedule, lead the staff meetings, and be on the scene on Sunday mornings to oversee the operation of the Sunday School.

2) SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

The Secretary should be present on Sundays to help with enrollment and attendance records, materials, and other organizational needs. S/he must work closely with the Superintendent, and will help to produce notes and mailings which are sent home with the students.

3) CHURCH LIBRARIAN

The Librarian will be responsible for overseeing the church library. This will involve purchasing and cataloguing books and materials, overseeing the audiovisual equipment, keeping good records of borrowed books, and scheduling helpers and volunteers.

"BEFORE THE GATES OF EXCELLENCE LIES ALWAYS THE HIGH ROAD OF SWEAT."



Dr. Paul Maier, author of <u>The First Easter</u>, shares some of the explanations given over the centuries by people who deny the resurrection of Jesus. They include:

--The stolen-body theory: Jesus' body was removed by the disciples so that they could hatch the myth of a risen Christ.

--The wrong-tomb theory: The women of Easter morning got mixed up and went to the wrong grave.

- --The lettuce theory: A gardener in the tomb area got angry at curiosity-seekers trampling over lettuce seedlings he had planted, so he removed the body of Jesus and reburied it elsewhere. (This is one of the oldest theories, recorded by the church father Tertullian.)
- --The swoon theory: Jesus never died. He only appeared to die, and then recovered in the cool of the tomb and went his way.
- --The hallucination theory: The followers of Jesus saw visions of him through "wish fulfillment." He wasn't actually there.
- --The twin-brother theory: Jesus had an exact twin brother who stayed out of sight. When Jesus died, his twin brother took his place.

For the first five centuries, no enemies of Jesus tried to disprove his resurrection by claiming that his tomb was not empty. The hostile sources agreed that the tomb was empty! An empty tomb does not prove the resurrection, but a resurrection would require an empty tomb as its first piece of evidence.

The evidence of faith and history points to a risen Jesus! With St. Paul we can say, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ... Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Let us rejoice together as we live the victorious life in Jesus!

Peace and Joy, Pastor Norm

(Dr. Maier's book, The First Easter, is available in our church library if you would like to read more about it!)



BITS & PIECES...

Our prayers continue to be with FLORENCE VOLBERDING as she recovers from a stroke in the Extended Care Center.

Many thanks to the FELLOWSHIP and WORSHIP COMMITTEES for sponsoring the soup suppers during the Lenten season; and to the MEN OF THE CONGREGATION for putting on the Easter breakfast.



CONTEMPLATION

I get so tied up in my own little world, I can easily forget about the millions of people who are not as lucky as I am.

Lord, help me to see the conditions in which my brothers and sisters

Help me to hear the cry of the anguished, the whisper of the hopeless, and the plea of the forgotten.

Help me to recognize what poverty is.

Help me to understand what I can do for those who are sick and

When friends are depressed and down, let my own joy of living bring happiness back into their lives.

Fr. Bill Modystack

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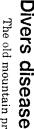
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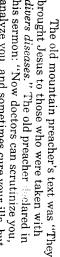
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Some dive for the TV set during prayer time.

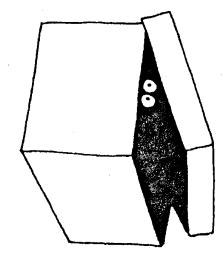
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fault-finding every time the Church takes on a





Some dive for the back door when a church representative comes around to ask for a pledge. regular epidemic of divers diseases among us. Lord can cure you. And brethren, there is a when you have divers diseases, then only the analyze you, and sometimes cure your ills, but his sermon: "Now doctors can scrutinize you, divers diseases." The old preacher disclared in



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