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To the Members and Friends of Concordia:



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord!

I must admit....."It sure felt good!" That's how I felt on Thursday, May 9th, just before lunch. Somebody had dropped off rummage for the annual Concordia Sale. In their pile they left a guinea pig in its cage. They had filled up the water bottle and the feeding bowl. Somebody said good-bye. I'm sure they hoped "Fred" (I named him Fred) would find sanctuary in the House of the Lord. Little did Fred know that he was left, orphaned, at a church rummage sale.

I called the pet supply store, Mooses' Ark. I figured that an Ark would certainly have room for one more "pig." Much to my dismay, the Ark was full. Noah did not have a license to handle guinea pigs. I called the animal shelter. They said they had room. They even had guinea pig food. Just last week somebody else had dropped off another pig. They were all set.

Fred found a temporary home. They said they have good leads for placement. You see, classrooms of little kids love to have pigs.

It was just a small deed. As a matter of fact...it was very "matter of fact." But the simple truth of it all caught my attention. The House of the Lord is a sanctuary. It is a place for the discarded and no longer wanted. It is a place where simple care can be given. It is a place where a new home can be found.

The line from the hymn..."redeemed, restored, forgiven" comes to mind. Redeemed means "bought back." What better line to hang over the basement drop spot for the annual rummage sale.

Thanks Fred. I hope your new classroom of kids will love you and be amazed that God could have created such a funny looking little creature that we call a "guinea pig."



# BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE

**AUGUST 6-7-8** 

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm Concordia Lutheran Church 755 Concordia Lane Ages 4 thru 6th Grade



This three day experience of reliving Bibletimes events, occupations, and relationships will acquaint children with their Christian heritage. They will come to know Christianity was a living relationship with God in the days when Jesus was teaching.

Through involvement of the marketplace and living in small family clusters, they will grow in their relationship with God and learn some of the Jewish customs of Bibletimes. As they respond to the street theater dramas of the Bible, the children will be helped to understand the Bible is about real people.

Thursday evening at 7 pm will climax the total experience and it will be very important for you to share this with them. You will be glad you did, also.

Please provide a sack lunch each day. Drinks will be furnished. A rest time is planned after lunch.

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Space is limited. Children, age 4 through 6th grade, must be pre-registered by Sunday, August 4. For more information please call 870-8040, 879-2442 or 879-3863.

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# News for families

#### Unlocking the Mystery of Fatherhood

by William Lehmann, Ph.D.

Many men enter fatherhood with little understanding or preparation for it. These seven secrets dads need to know will help clarify the role.

#### Responsibility

Our heavenly Father holds dads responsible for His children entrusted to them. Among other responsibilities, fathers have the privilege of cherishing their wives and thanking God for them.

#### Family Celebrations

While bragging about your child's accomplishments in the work-

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place may send your friends scattering, make your family a place where children's special moments are cherished and celebrated. As each of my children earned their first paycheck, working outside the home, they sat at the place of honor at the dinner table.

## What You Give and Get

It's easy to become obsessed with how much children cost in time and money. But in the situations that matter, children give the most. Children love their dad—the most important man in their life, their model for what their heavenly Father is like—with their whole heart, trusting him implicitly.

#### Sometimes Childhood Hurts

It's easy to hurt your kids in subtle ways, by impatience, insensitivity, public embarrassment, and absence at important times in their

young lives. Children, longing for their dads to be proud of them, hurt when their dads absent themselves from their triumph moments.

#### Overreacting

It's easy for dads to overreact to early appearances of disobedience. Encountering disobedience at age 3, dads may fear their child's baptism failed and try desperately to drive the demons out! Firmness goes hand-inhand with forgiveness and acceptance.

#### Reconciliation

As the years extend, memories of past faults and conflict can fester beneath the surface of an apparently healthy relationship. Dads need to take the first step in resolving conflict beyond forgiveness to total reconciliation. We are forgiven and reconciled with our heavenly Father through His Son's redeeming work on the cross. Dads can reassure their families

often with the words "Thank you for being my child." "Thank you for being my wife."

#### Measuring Success

Evaluate your performance as a dad by how much you love your children and by how understanding of their failings and your own failings you are. You share with your children the love of their Lord Jesus Christ and they give His love back to you in an infinite number of little ways.



# **Newsletter Nuggets**

#### Lutheran Brotherhood's Scripture Quiz

- 1) In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul writes that God shows (demonstrates) his love for people in this way:
- (A) By creating the world (B) By Christ dying for us while we were still sinners
- (C) By instituting marriage
- 2) This woman was Moses' sister:
- (A) Sarah (B) Ruth (C) Miriam
- 3) According to Psalm 103:14, the Lord knows our frame (how we are formed), and remembers that we are this:
- (A) Holy (B) Human (C) Dust

Answers: (1) B; Romans 5:8. (2) C; Numbers 28:59. (3) C; Psalm 103:14.

#### Perspective on Prayer

"The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." -- F.B. Meyer

#### Have You Extended an Invitation?

A recent survey of 1,672 Lutherans found that within the last year, 35% invited someone who was not a member of their congregation to attend their congregation. Households where both spouses are Lutheran were 14 percent more likely to invite a non-member to church than those where one of the spouses was non-Lutheran (40% versus 26%).

-- From Lutheran Brotherhood's Survey of Lutheran Beliefs and Practices

#### **Wonderfully Made**

"The oxygen and nutrients transported in the bloodstream and delivered with each beat of the heart nourish 300 trillion cells." -- From Yale University School of Medicine Heart Book

#### **Benefits of Service Learning**

Experts agree that service learning—helping teenagers learn new skills, ideas, and perspectives by doing things for others—impacts young people and their communities in positive ways. These benefits include: (1) Building skills; (2) Enhancing self-esteem and personal responsibility; (3) Promoting positive values; (4) Helping others; (5) Building bridges across barriers; and, (6) Reducing risky behavior. For a free copy of Lutheran Brotherhood's Building Bridges: Teens in Community Service brochure, contact RespecTeen at: 1-800-888-3820.



# WATER

- ... over an infant
- ... over a child
- ... over an adult

#### An Accurate Acronym?

G.O.L.F. = Great Opportunity to Look Foolish

A Sleepless Night...

A recent national Lutheran Brotherhood/Louis Harris poll of 1,000 heads of household found that nearly one third of Americans say they always or sometimes have trouble sleeping or relaxing due to anxiety about their finances. More women (36 percent) than men (26 percent) reported that money worries kept them awake at night. If you count yourself among the financially anxious, consider three "p's" for help: prayer, perspective, and planning.

#### Heard on the Street

Old Postmasters never die. They just lose their ZIP!

Five Tips for a Financially Fit Kid

Children aren't born with the ability to save, budget or comparison shop. Parents can help prepare their children for real life by teaching them money management skills. The following tips from Lutheran Brotherhood's "Parents, Kids & Money" seminar may help parents in this task: (1) Before talking to your children about money, take time to think through your own values about money. (2) Be up front with kids about your family's finances. Let them know what the family can and cannot afford. (3) Encourage kids' entrepreneurial spirit. Let them come up with their own ideas for earning money around the house and in the community. (4) Teach children the importance of delayed gratification by talking to them about the importance of saving for long-term goals. (5) Most importantly, set a good example as a thoughtful money manager. Your child may not remember your words, but he or she will certainly remember your example.

# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT CONCORDIA



(June, July and August)

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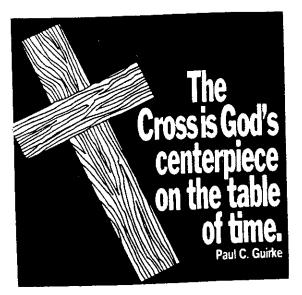
# BEGINNING JUNE 2, SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIME AT CONCORDIA WILL BE:

9:00AM

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A WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY & FELLOWSHIP/WORSHIP TIME IS SCHEDULED FOR:

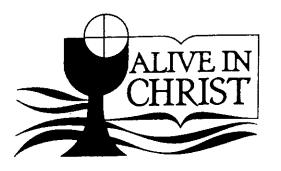
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Concordia presently is worshipping 210 people per Sunday for the first third of 1996. We thank God for the opportunity to serve our community with the freeing news of the Gospel message.

Concordia has presently met its financial obligations for the first third of the year. Our annual total ministry budget is approximately \$130,000.00. Our giving up to this point in 1996 has met the \$43,000.00 (one third of the year) need. We can thank God for this reality.

Please remember, in order for our shared ministry here at Concordia to remain solvent, the financial offerings of members and guests is crucial. Concordia has no outside income sources. We succeed in ministry financially by the giving and gifts that come through Sunday morning offerings.



#### **WOMEN'S SALAD SUPPER**

Don't miss our Year end "wrap-up" the annual Salad Supper. This year's Salad Supper will be held at Barb Gibson's home on Wed. June 5th at 6:30pm. Leave the church at 6pm.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Lori Beverlin Superintendent, Dave Beverlin High School, Marlys Cartwright Jr. High, Peggy Haas & Jan Fritz 5-6th grade, Kathy Deepe 3-4th grade, Cyndy Simms & Judy Plumb 1-2nd grade, K-garten Lisa Koch and Jane Hallman, Pre school Wendy McConnell & Sandra Hogrefe, Pam Patterson Librarian. Thanks once again for a great year, join us again in August!

# SUMMER WORSHIP: ONE SUNDAY SERVICE 9AM

#### 3 STATEMENTS

- Your response to God's call is carried out in daily life.
- Serving God in daily life deserves full-time attention.
- The beliefs you feel most strongly about are likely to be challenged the most.

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