



CONCORDIA CORNERSTONE

February 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, January 31st was **Time & Talent Sunday** here at Concordia. At both worship services, surveys were distributed to you all, giving you the opportunity to prayerfully offer your assistance with a variety of service opportunities.

Concordia is blessed with so many people who have so many talents. Take some time in the next week or two, to consider what it is that you would like to participate in.

Will you consider stepping forward and helping in some capacity? We have needs ... and we need you ☺!

If you are unsure about something in any way or want to talk with me first, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Please look for a copy of the survey in this newsletter.

God bless you all through Christ Jesus, our Lord, who taught us the true meaning of servanthood.

Pastor Patterson

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” “Ah, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 1:5-8)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

Finance

Concordia Lutheran Church's Financial Health – December 31, 2009					
	This Month		Fiscal Year-to-Date		Net Difference
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Offerings	\$17,025	\$25,713	\$119,175	\$130,359	\$11,184
School/Rental/Misc.	\$ 9,467	\$ 9,867	\$66,667	\$66,928	\$261
Total Income	\$26,492	\$35,580	\$185,842	\$197,287	\$11,445
Expenses	\$25,716	\$18,652	\$180,015	\$168,447	-\$11,568
Income less Expenses		\$16,928		\$28,840	

For the 7 months of this fiscal year, we have operated “**in the black**” (+\$28,840) ... and our congregation continues to share God’s blessing by supporting the financial obligations of Concordia. We continue to build our “nest egg” which will be required as we make some costly, but required, improvements and repairs to our campus facilities in early 2010. **Thank you**, Concordia Family, for everyone doing your part to maintain a financially-healthy congregation that serves to the Glory of our Lord!!

Keith Malison, Financial Director

The 72

THE 72 (formerly known as The “Harvesters For Christ”) partner with congregations to accomplish specific evangelism goals that the congregation has identified. Congregations then commit themselves to be in Bible study with the team, to support them in prayer both publically and privately, and to support their work in both word and deed while the team is on-site serving them. The 72 team members are trained evangelism volunteers available to congregations to serve on location to assist them to either begin, revitalize, or expand their outreach ministry to help them to reach the lost--a mission we share with Jesus, who came to seek and save people who are lost (Luke 19:10).

The 72 are partnering with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in February. Some of the workshops during weekday evenings are: *Touching Friends with the Gospel*, *Welcoming Church as Home*, *People Friendly Church*. Please contact St. Paul’s (305-271-3171) to enroll.

CONCORDIA CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 7 BLOOD DRIVE AT CONCORDIA 10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 14 LWML BAKE SALE BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 17 ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 19 JAM (JESUS AND ME) 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 24 MID-WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & SERVICE 6:30 PM

February 2010						
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28						

TIME & TALENT SURVEY

If you missed **Time & Talent Sunday**, don't worry! We are including a "Time & Talent" survey in this newsletter. There many areas listed on the survey where you may be able to serve. However, Concordia does have an immediate need for the following: **ushers** (including a head usher), **greeters** and/or **church trustees**. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these roles. If you need any further information, please contact the church office (305-235-6123), or our Head Trustee, Serjio Ruiz (786-299-1542).

Throughout the year, every year, there is a constant need to maintain the buildings and grounds of our church campus. If you have skills related to construction, plumbing, carpentry, landscaping, etc., please prayerfully consider joining our Saturday **Work Party**. This is time Concordians can spend time fixing, cleaning up and improving the church.

MEMORIAL FUND UPDATE

The following projects were funded from Concordia's Memorial Account:

- Reupholster and refurbish twenty-one wooden chairs used in nave and narthex: \$525.00
- Purchase of a portable LCD projector: \$559.98

A total of \$1,084.98 was drawn from the Bertha Cruz Memorial Fund (\$350) and from the Richard Berndt Memorial Fund (\$734.98) for these improvements. Thank you!

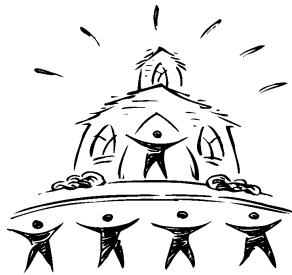
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Concordia needs a director for the summer 2010 VBS program. Please contact **Thane Malison** at 305-513-4636 or keithane@bellsouth.net, with questions or to volunteer.

BLOOD DRIVE



Community Blood Centers will send the Bloodmobile to Concordia on Sunday, February 7th, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.



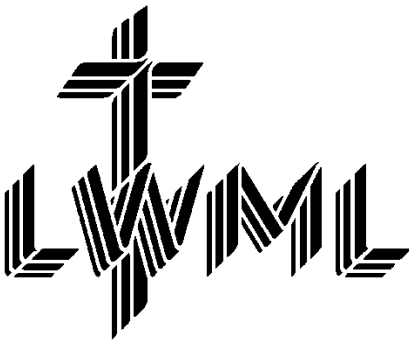
**Welcome
to Our
Church
Family**

Concordia Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome the following members through Holy Baptism and/or Re-Affirmation of Faith:

FRAN LENDMAN

JOCELYN NELSON

MORDECAI TUCKER



“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

*Information From and About the Lutheran Women’s
Missionary League*

Our next **LWML meeting** will be held on Thursday, February 11th—all ladies are invited. Please bring your scissors for two projects we are doing for the school and LWML Sunday. We are also contributing to Ingrid Linnemeier’s granddaughter who is training for mission work through Light Ministries and preparing for a trip to Bosnia in March.

Upcoming LWML Projects, Events:

- LWML Bake Sale** will be held on Sunday, **February 14th** between worship services. Get your home baked goods and support our organization at the same time (a 2-for-1 special!).
- Pot-luck Lunch** Tuesday, **February 16th** The ladies are meeting at Mary Anne O’Keefe’s for a pot-luck lunch and to work on the school and LWML Sunday projects.
- “Purses of Prayer” Get-Together** Saturday, **February 27th** We will meet at church to carpool to Marathon for fellowship, prayer and Bible study with the LWML ladies of the Keys. We are planning to leave Miami approx. 8:00 AM for a 10:00 AM arrival at Martin Luther Chapel. *RSVP lunch reservations to Annie Mann, Zone President (305-253-2389, or grannyak@bellsouth.net)*. All Concordia ladies are invited.
- 2009 Christmas Stockings** Last call to hand in your 2009 Christmas stockings.
- Haiti Earthquake Relief** For ways you can help, please visit the FL/GA District, LCMS website at www.flga-lcms.org.

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Here is a summary of the major items discussed by the Church Council at the January 19th meeting:

- Church **pew refurbishing and padding** funded by Memorial funds will be completed by January 24th. Thanks to Thane Malison for spearheading this effort.
- **Portable LCD projector** has been purchased using Memorial funds
- Pre-school rebuilding moving along with the hope of moving back within the next week or two.

A *Time and Talent survey* will be taken on January 31st. This effort has been coordinated by the Elders in conjunction with the Church Council. For more information, ask a Church Council member.

Submitted by Kris Dittmar, Church Council President



CHURCH COUNCIL 2009-2010

PRESIDENT	Kris Dittmar
VICE-PRESIDENT	Trudy Petkovich
SECRETARY	Erika Cortes
ELDERS	Mike Fitts
PARISH EDUCATION	Thane Malison
FINANCE	Keith Malison
TRUSTEES	Serjio Ruiz
SCHOOL BOARD	Dave Dittmar
PARISH MINISTRY	Karen Riege



LENTEN CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 7:30 PM (*Imposition of Ashes & Communion*)

1st Sunday in Lent, Feb. 21st, 8:30 & 11:00 AM (*11:00 Baptism*)

Midweek 2, Feb. 24th, 6:30 PM

2nd Sunday in Lent, Feb. 28th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Midweek 3, March 3rd, 6:30 PM

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 7th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Midweek 4, March 10th, 6:30 PM

4th Sunday in Lent, March 14th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Midweek 5, March 17th, 6:30 PM

5th Sunday in Lent, March 21st, 8:30 & 11:00 AM (*Confirmands' examination between services*)

Midweek 6, March 24th, 6:30 PM

Palm Sunday, March 28th, 8:30 & 11:00 AM (*Confirmation Sunday*)

Maundy Thursday, April 1st, 7:30 PM (*Communion*)

Good Friday, April 2nd, 7:30 PM (*No Communion*)

Easter Sunrise Service, April 4th, 6:30 AM (*Communion*)

Easter Celebration Service, April 4th, 10:00 AM (*No Communion*)

Happy
Birthday 

1—Marsha Rummel
2—Michelle Atherton
2—Ekaete Ikpeinyang
6—Amanda Bautista
6—Gerry Ziegenfuss
8—Gigi Stevens
9—Simeon Welch
14—Jairo Flor
22—Becky Van Wagner

24—Roland Rakow
26—Inae Griffith
26—Nina Woessner
27—Rebecca Fonseca
27—Jennifer Lauture
28—Katherine Petkovich

Happy 
Anniversary

Joel & Leihina Rivera 2/24/2007

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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Talent Survey

Name _____ Date _____

I have time and talents which I would like to share in the following ways: *Please check all choices that apply*

AT WORSHIP SERVICE: read scripture present children's message worship assistant head usher
 usher read in skit or drama sound system technician assistant head usher serve as greeter
(bulletins) serve as door greeter

MUSIC: sing in church choir direct or coach choir play organ sing with worship team
 play electric keyboard play my instrument, specify _____

ALTAR: serve on Altar Guild clean communion ware help with seasonal decorations
 make banners

CALLING AND VISITATION: visit inactive or missed members for returning to church assist pastor or
elder visits as requested prayer chain e-prayer chain

CHAMP (CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE MINISTRY PROGRAM): join as a volunteer serve on
Senior Events telephone chain home visits health related matters prepare a meal for families in
times of emergency or funeral light house-cleaning provide transportation to worship or church functions

YOUTH MINISTRY: serve on youth board lead devotions at youth meetings participate in joint
activities with youth (progressive dinner, etc.) assist at youth meetings other _____

EDUCATION: VBS Director Sunday School Superintendent teach a SS/VBS class specify age group
(if any) _____ substitute for SS/VBS teacher assist SS/VBS teacher assist SS/VBS crafts assist
SS/VBS music assist SS/VBS games assist serving VBS refreshments provide snacks for VBS
 teach adult class serve as school board member lead small group study librarian

MISSIONS: contribute food/pantry supplies plan food pantry supplies assist with service project

EVANGELISM: make evangelism calls participate in live nativity

FELLOWSHIP: prepare coffee clean coffee pot assist with congregational dinners
 assist with mid-week meals

FINANCE: serve as a money counter

TRUSTEES: help with special clean-ups serve on board serve as Head of Trustees
 give my time/labor with my special skill, specify (painting, plumbing, carpentry, woodworking, art-
decorating, etc.) _____

CHURCH COUNCIL: President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Financial Secretary
 Chairman of a Board member of a Board Specify the board(s) you are interested in serving, check all
that apply: Education Elder Evangelism Fellowship Missions School Stewardship
 Trustees Youth

LWML (LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE): lead devotions support missions make crafts
 participate in LWML rallies serve as officers in LWML

OTHER _____