



# CONCORDIA CORNERSTONE

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## JULY 2009

GREETINGS IN CHRIST, DEAR CONCORDIANS.

AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF NEWS → A NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT HAS BEEN ELECTED: REV. GREGORY WALTON. PORTIONS OF HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH ARE REPRINTED BELOW. (FOR THE FULL MESSAGE, PLEASE SEE: [HTTP://WWW.FLGA-LCMS.ORG/2009CONVENTION/CONVENTION4.HTM.](http://www.flga-lcms.org/2009convention/convention4.htm))  
*PASTOR CHRIS PATTERSON*

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I approached this convention, my only prayer was that God's will be done... God has now called me to a position that, frankly, I feel overwhelmed and humbled to accept... It's an awesome and scary office for any parish pastor, but I know, with God's grace and your encouragement and support, that God will continue to do great things in the Florida-Georgia District...

What does it mean to be a District President? I guess over the next three years we'll be on a journey together, and I will discover exactly what that means...

A District President is a servant, he's a pastor, he's a man, he's a theologian... In addition to all that, this District President is a husband and a father... A District President is at the same time a saint and sinner, just like you—one who has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, but one who constantly needs to live in that forgiveness and grace...

I tried to think of an appropriate Scripture verse to sum up my feelings about this... I thought of the Gospel of John, where Jesus said, "You didn't choose Me, but I chose You and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last..."

By God's grace, and your graciousness, I have been chosen to fill this role, which, right now, in my mind, seems unimaginable... I know we have

very exciting days ahead of us. In fact, while I don't know what the future holds, I know who holds the future, and He is good, and He has great plans for this District, and if I can in some small way further that plan and bring honor and glory to Jesus, then that's what I want to do.

Let me close with a challenge, and hopefully a direction as we start this new journey together, from one of my favorite verses, Hebrews 12:2, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." May we, together, fix our eyes on Jesus... May that challenge continually fill our minds and hearts, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus...

My prayer, and my hope, as we begin this new journey together, is that each of you, gathered in convention, will take back this message of Christ's compelling love, and plant it as a seed, and water it, and nurture it, so that it grows and prospers and our District continues to thrive with a missionary spirit... God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. Through your vote, God's call has become clear, and I am confident that He will equip me. As I accept this position of District President today, may we together achieve great things for the name of Jesus, as we work together in the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod...

To God be all glory. Amen.

*Rev. Gregory S. Walton, President  
Florida-Georgia District, LCMS*

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

\*\*\* SATURDAYS \*\*\*

**6:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE**

\*\*\* SUNDAYS \*\*\*

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

### WEDNESDAYS

7:30 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL

7/5 & 7/12 SR. CONFIRMATION CLASS 11:15 AM

7/9 LWML MEETING 10 AM

7/14 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 7 PM

ELDER'S MEETING 7:30 PM

7/21 CHAMP MEETING 10 AM

COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM

7/25 JAM (JESUS AND ME) 2 PM

### BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

#### *Birthdays*

1 – May Nemelc

1 – Mike Schur

11 – Mary Avalos

12 – Paula Ruiz

14 – Charlotte Gibson

15 – Emily Gomez

16 – Nikki Fisher

16 – Thelma Schaffer

18 – John Nemelc

19 – Leo Welch

20 – Martha Glaeser

21 – Alena Avalos

22 – Glenn Ziegenfuss

23 – Jackie Nelson

25 – Margaret Fonseca

26 – Sara Dittmar

26 – Tristan Welch

27 – Michele Freeman

#### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Paul & Nikki Fisher 7/1/2006

Mike & Jan Schur 7/3/1976

Glenn & Gerry Ziegenfuss 7/11/1975

Ken & Michele Freeman 7/12/1980

Richard & Gabriele Meyers 7/13/1991

Keith & Thane Malison 7/17/1971

David & Paola Mendez 7/21/2007

Chuck & Kathy Ward 7/27/1986

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

7/5 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Paul Streb, Mary Avalos, Andrea Avalos (10:00 AM); **Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13** Ushers: Leticia Godoy, Susan Leamon, May Nemelc, Jackie Miles

7/12 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mike Fitts, Dave Dittmar, Eliza Fitts (10:00 AM) **Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29** Ushers: Manny & Mary Pendas, Mike Schur, Juanita Bell

7/19 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Hon Yu, Manny Pendas, Isaac Okon (10:00 AM) **Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44** Ushers: Martin & Martha Glaeser, Anietie & Mercy Okon

7/26 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mike Fitts, Pat Rakow, Christopher Schur (10:00 AM) **Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56** Ushers: Leticia Godoy, Susan Leamon, May Nemelc, Jackie Miles

### Council Members 2009-2010

At the May 31<sup>st</sup> Voter's Meeting, the following people were elected to serve as Council Members for 2009/2010:

President – **Kris Dittmar**

Vice-President – **Trudy Petkovich**

Secretary – **Erika Cortes**

School Board – **Dave Dittmar**

Finance – **Keith Malison**

Parish Education – **Thane Malison**

Parish Ministry – **Karen Riege**

Head Trustee – **Serjio Ruiz**

*(Mike Fitts, as new Head Elder, will also serve on Council.)*

At the same meeting, **Doug Timmons** was ratified as Concordia's newest Elder.

***From Pastor –***

*Have a blessed and safe July, in your travels, your vacations, your business trips. I look forward to seeing you again upon your return home.*

*In Christ's service,  
Pastor Patterson*

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***Financial Report***

<b>Concordia Lutheran Church's Financial Health – May 31, 2009</b>					
	<b>This Month</b>		<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>		<b>Net Difference</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$18,584</b>	<b>\$14,706</b>	<b>\$223,000</b>	<b>\$207,469</b>	<b>-\$15,531</b>
<b>School/Rental/Misc.</b>	<b>\$ 9,150</b>	<b>\$ 8,500</b>	<b>\$109,800</b>	<b>\$107,408</b>	<b>-\$ 2,392</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$27,734</b>	<b>\$23,206</b>	<b>\$332,800</b>	<b>\$314,877</b>	<b>-\$17,923</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,569</b>	<b>\$26,844</b>	<b>\$330,800</b>	<b>\$304,086</b>	<b>\$26,714</b>
<b>Income less Expenses</b>		<b>-\$3,638</b>		<b>\$10,791</b>	

May 31<sup>st</sup> ended the Church's 2008-2009 Fiscal Year! How did our congregation do financially last year?

Offerings and Other Income were \$17,923 below our budget while Operating Expenses were \$26,714 less than budget. Therefore, year-to-date, we operated above the "break-even" level (income was \$10,791 more than expenses) which is good! CONGRATULATIONS CONCORDIA MEMBERS!

Those who attended the Congregational Meeting on May 31, heard me discuss the Church's 2008-2009 Financial Objective:

*Improve the Financial Health of the Concordia Lutheran Church by May 31, 2009 as measured by an improved financial balance (Current Assets vs. Current Liabilities).*

On June 1, 2008, the church's financial balance (nest egg) was \$39,053.93. On May 31, 2009, the church's financial balance (nest egg) was \$45,954.05. We did it ... we achieved our objective for an improved financial balance!!

Before we celebrate too much, we need to look to the future. Our 2009-2010 Expense Budget is \$308,000 (down 2% from last year's) while our Income Budget is \$317,900 (about the same as last year's). Each and every week, our members' offerings need to average \$3,950 to support and maintain our congregation's mission, employees, and activities. Unfortunately, there are less "giving units" in our congregation this year versus last year (more about that in the August issue of *Cornerstone*)! Therefore, we count on everyone's financial help from now until June 2010.

We appreciate your continued and increased financial support to the Lord's Work at Concordia Lutheran Church.

*Keith Malison, Financial Director*

## 2010 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING SET FOR NEW ORLEANS SUMMER 2010

Concordia's Youth has attended the last 7 NATIONAL Youth Gathering  
For those interested there will be an informational meeting this summer.

*Participants will gather under the theme "We Believe"*

**ST. LOUIS**—The theme for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) 2010 National Youth Gathering is "We Believe," based on John 20:31, "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (ESV).

About this theme, Rev. Terry Dittmer, director, LCMS District and Congregational Services-Youth Ministry, notes, "One of the things that youth always say about the Gathering is how much it means to encounter other students who 'believe like I do.' 'We Believe' is a wonderful, corporate expression of our faith in Jesus Christ, especially as we focus on the creed and our confession as we take that faith to the New Orleans community in Word, celebration, service, witness, and fellowship."

"We Believe", the 11<sup>th</sup> triennial National LCMS Youth Gathering, will be held **July 17-21, 2010**, in New Orleans, La. This will be the event's third visit to New Orleans.

Along with the return to New Orleans, some changes have been made to Gathering participant guidelines. For the first time in its history, 14-year old participants will be invited to attend. "Our goal is to provide opportunities for incoming freshman to experience the Gathering," says Rev. Mark Kiessling, program director for the 2010 event.

To be eligible to attend the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering, youth participants must be at least 14 years old at the time of the Gathering, entering freshman year in high school at the time of the Gathering, or 2010 high school graduates who have not turned 21 by the time of the Gathering.

The Gathering Web site, [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com), offers information about the host city and provides parents and adult leaders the opportunity to interact with representatives from the city of New Orleans and members of the LCMS Southern District office, with whom Gathering planners are closely working to develop the event.

Registration for "We Believe," the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering, will open in the fall of 2009. For more information, contact LCMS District and Congregational Services-Youth Ministry at 800-248-1930, Ext. 1155.

Concordia's Contact is Gail Timmons

## THANK YOU!

*Kids Hope United and the many foster children under their care would like to thank Concordia Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women for their donations of socks. Sometimes it is the smallest items like socks, that we take for granted that the children have, and they don't. Please know how very much these are appreciated, as well as all the other things Concordia has done and continues to do for foster children in South Dade.*

*Barbara Moss  
Executive Director of Kids Hope United*

## JAM (JESUS AND ME)

On Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM just before service, JAM will be hosting a family **Chili Cook-Off Dinner!** There will be *two* winners selected: Children's Choice and Chili Champ.

JAM will provide the chips, crackers and drinks. Also we will be having an adults vs. kids' soccer game. Oh! Did I mention Chili Champ will get a special parking spot? Please look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or call the church office 305-235-6123.

## LWML NEWS

**Christmas in July?** No - just a reminder that it's *seven dimes for July - and soon your stocking will be full.*

**Mite Boxes** are due the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to fill them with your spare change.

**FL/GA District LWML Fall Retreat** will be held Sept 25-27 @ the Sirata Beach Resort on beautiful St. Petersburg beach. The theme is "Feed My Lambs". Early registration fee: \$95 before August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Project** We are working on our Fall project (napkin holders, special Christmas holiday service invitations) for the school. Helpers always welcome. Next meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 12 NOON.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Summer Sunday School for all ages beginning at 9 AM.*

**MISSION FRIENDS** is our Summer Sunday School program for kids in K-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We'll travel the globe to visit different countries and cultures where the Good News of Jesus Christ is being shared! Be part of God's plan to spread the Gospel through prayer, stories, crafts, projects, new foods, and games Call Judy Patterson (305-378-6728) to sign up!

## CHURCH NURSERY

Sunday morning church nursery will be staffed from 8:45 AM to 11:15 AM through August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## SENIOR'S EVENT

The Senior's Event will be succumbing to the doldrums of summer heat and will not meet in July. Next meeting scheduled for August.

## USHERS NEEDED

If you are considering serving as a church usher, please contact Kathy Ward at 786-281-4244. *However we serve the needs of our church, no matter how big or small, the rewards are un-measurable.*

## IMPORTANT! LSB HYMNAL CARE

A reminder for everyone using our worship resources: we are noticing more of our LSB hymnals are missing their ribbon markers, and a few of the hymnals have been *marked up with pen*. These resources are for everybody's use. Let's all help to keep them in good shape.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### ***Eureka!***

God's Always Doing Great and Exciting Things  
(GADGET)!

Well, another VBS has come and gone, and the kids had a great time. Thanks to all the wonderful helpers this year that helped make our VBS so much fun and be a safe place for children to hear about Jesus. Thanks also to Roland Rakow for the music CDs for each child to take home. The excitement was very contagious just to see them light up with the knowledge of His saving Grace.

Thank you to:

Susan and Cheryl Leamon  
Jenna Cardona  
Susan and Brandon Fraser  
Pastor and Judy Patterson  
Doug, Gail, Laura, and Erin Timmons  
Kirsten Glaeser  
Leslie Mc Conachie  
Inae Griffith  
Jackie Miles  
Mary Avalos  
Mike Fitts  
Jordan Freeman  
Seth Ruiz  
Christopher Pendas

I would like to add to "thank you" list Erika Glaeser, Judy Welsh and Anna Brewer for their help with the children at snack, music and in making sure they moved between classes safely. With an extra thank you to all who provided the great donations of food for the evening snack. ("Gadget's Garage is a catchy little tune that gets stuck in your head!" one adult reported! And the children were asking if we are doing this again next week? Is anyone up to the challenge?) Our mission outreach for this year was Teaching Tools for India Schools, LCMS World Mission. We collected a total of \$106.60 which will help provide computers for the hearing impaired and blind children to learn about Jesus.

*A blessed week was had by all,*  
Jan Schur, VBS Director

## CHAMP

### **CONGREGATIONAL HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE MINISTRY PROGRAM**

May has been a busy month for CHAMP and thanks to the teams and Team Leaders, everything ran well. We are still in need of a Team Leader for transportation and are looking for help with the Bereavement Program which will begin soon. Please make a note on your calendar that CHAMP is moving their meeting time. The time is the only change, meetings will still be the third Tuesday of the month, but will be at 10:00 AM. We will meet in the breezeway. Please join us; I know you too will think that your time, in this ministry, is well spent.

We finished our collections from the Health Fair/Flea Market with the deposit of the matching funds from Thrivent. Thanks again for your support and donations. CHAMP is a ministry that helps in the community as well as our Congregation here at Concordia. This year we decided to use some of the money from our fundraising, in the form of a scholarship in the Healthcare field. The recipient is a Concordia congregation member.

We do have several upcoming events that you will need to watch the bulletin for the exact dates: (1) We will be having another Nutritional Luncheon; (2) We would like to present a Fall Prevention Program and (3) We are selecting educational material as inserts for the Sunday worship bulletin.

We have had requests for seminars on Mental Health and Alzheimer's. I will try to have dates for them in the Fall. All the seminars are free and also earn educational credits.

If you or someone that you know needs the help of CHAMP please call Pastor Paterson, the church office or one of the Team Leaders:


<i>Mary Ann O'Keefe</i>	305-998-0791
<i>Susan Leamon</i>	305-258-0251
<i>Charlotte Gibson</i>	305-386-1915
<i>Emily Gomez</i>	305-388-4225

Yours in Christ  
Emily J. Gomez

# July 2009

## Concordia Events Calendar

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# Sweet Tuesday

*...time spent with friends is sweet...*

**The first Tuesday of every month**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**The Patterson's  
8791 SW 124<sup>th</sup> St.**

## Summer Fun Continues!

- ❖ **July 7, 2009**      **"Guinea Pig" Dinner:** No, we won't be eating guinea pigs! Prepare a recipe that you've been wanting to try. Bring it for all of us to sample and we will be your "guinea pigs". We will let you know if the recipe is a "keeper" or not.
- ❖ **Aug. 4, 2009**      **Pajama Party:** Wear your favorite jammies (seriously) and we'll spend the evening swapping beauty tips.

**Sweet Tuesday is a social event for women. All women are welcome!  
No RSVP's. Please bring a friend or two...  
Questions? Call Judy Patterson (305) 378-6728**

