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The Concordian

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Concordia's Purpose Statement: To know Christ and to make Him known to others.

Carl's Corner

I'm torn between two landscapes. Make that among three.

The first is where I live, at the base of the foothills separating my town, Los Banos, from the Bay Area. This time of year, February, the grass is greening, replacing the golden hills whose profile marches closer or farther away as the sun rises and sets. I like the looks of the puffy clouds that inhabit these enchanting surroundings in the early spring and, what can I say, it's the time of year when the wind doesn't blow and it's not hotter than Bakersfield.

Then there's sweet Kingsburg. Oh, those mountains, big ones, stark, snow-covered and imposing, reigning over the town like a crown. This time of year, yes, I remember it was just a year ago I came here. Before that, I'd never been in Kingsburg. A year later I fondly remember the blossoms that complete Nirvana in February.

Finally, the memories barely fade from Lake Galilee, particularly my favorite spot overlooking the place where our Lord delivered the Sermon on the Mount. There, there is an Italian-built church that has peep-hole windows where you can look out and see the location of many of Christ's miracles. I'm imagining even now how it might appear drenched in green rather than the brown grass of November when I was there.

When I walked up the path leading to the church in Galilee, I noted stone monuments, small headstone-type rocks, lining the way. On each of the stones was one of the Beatitudes. I remember saying to myself, if the occasion arises, I think the Lord would have me do a series of sermons and teachings on the Beatitudes. (He also made me aware of one in particular that has meant much to me in the events since visiting the site.)

So, during Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17, we're going to tackle those pesky little Beatitudes. I hope you'll participate. Details will be available soon, so watch your bulletin and listen for the announcements.



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Mary/Martha Circle

Mary/Martha Circle meets on February 9th at 7:00p.m. at the home of Betty Ruegge, 2528 15th Ave. Please bring paper products for our KCAPS offering. If you need directions, call Betty at 897-7292.



We want to let all of you know about a phone call we had from one of our Christmas families that live in a single wide travel trailer. Mom told us how much they appreciated Concordia's generosity this Christmas. She knew her little ones would not understand why Santa didn't come to their home this year. Concordia made it possible for their children to have and enjoy Christmas and continue to believe.

Thanks again!
Juanita Singh

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Concordia Lutheran Church will be training another class of Stephen Ministers soon. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry. If you think you might be interested, talk with George Webb.

We Need More New Recruits!!!!!! IMMEDIATELY!!!

You will work undercover, spreading God's word. The FBI (Foam-filled Bible Interpreters) Puppet Squad is now training new agents (8+ years of age) on **Monday Nights at 7pm** in the Concordia Lutheran Church basement. You can be a prop, puppeteer, costumer, or provide much needed arm support. If you are interested in being a part of our team, please call me (Rose Brandt — 897-2642). I look forward to working with you.



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is in the final stages of interviewing candidates and making a recommendation. You can anticipate an announcement soon regarding the committee's recommendation. Calling a pastor will be by two-thirds vote of Voting Members at a Special Congregational Meeting.

Please continue to pray for us as we move toward the important decisions ahead of us.

Patty Anderson, Laurie Bolton, Chad Cotton, Pat Henning, Carl Jobe, June Moran, Claudette Reiser, Frank Singh, Gary Starr, Braden Warren

LENT



Lent begins early this year with Ash Wednesday on February 17. There will be an Ash Wednesday service that night with communion and the imposition of ashes. On the remaining Wednesday evenings until Easter (April 4), the Wednesday evening service will feature the Holden Evening Prayer service with a guest soloist.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion Class for children in the fifth and sixth grades will be held during the season of Lent with a First Communion Service included with the Maundy Thursday celebration April 1. Please contact Pastor Carl if you wish to have your child included in the instruction. Details of time and place will be available after talking to the children and parents involved in the instruction.

