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# The Concordian

A monthly newsletter from Concordia Lutheran Church

## March 2010

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

### Carl's Corner

It's a little hard to write this for several reasons.

First, at the time I'm putting this together to meet the deadline, the Special Meeting to Call A Pastor has not happened yet. However, you'll receive the newsletter after the Call meeting on February 28.

Second, I'm anticipating this to be my final Carl's Corner, a farewell of sorts, after testing your patience for over a year now. If the Call is approved, the expectation is that the new pastor of Concordia will be here on Easter Sunday, meaning that the next column would appropriately be introducing him.

I'm excited about where Concordia is headed, and about fulfilling my mission to LEAVE! At the same time, during the past year I have been abundantly blessed by co-workers who were wonderful people to work with, acceptance of my shortcomings, and friendships that will last beyond a lifetime into the life to come.

This is also a little difficult to say, but I hope you'll understand. Because it is important not to interfere with the ministry of the permanent, full-time pastor, it is expected that the Interim Pastor not return to church functions after he leaves unless he receives a specific invitation, at least for the first year after departure. Joan and I appreciate your comments regarding welcome, and we hope you are not offended by our adherence to normal practice regarding Interim Pastors.

This past year was filled with unexpected events that challenged all of us and required decisions I did not anticipate having to make. Through it all Concordia remains a place of welcome, close friendships, energetic vision and vibrant faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anticipating that the new, full-time pastor will be called soon, I thank you for your faithfulness and acceptance during these months.

If an unexpected glitch takes place – the pastor we call could say “no,” for example – you might be stuck with me for a little while. Better pray.

Carl



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## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY 2010

Envelope offering received	2009	2010	Difference	2010 Amount needed to meet budget	2010 Monthly budget surplus/ deficit
<b>January</b>					
1st week	\$3,373.00	\$2,193.00	(\$1,180.00)	\$3,612.13	(\$1,419.13)
2nd week	\$2,841.00	\$4,239.00	\$1,398.00	\$3,612.13	\$626.87
3rd week	\$2,593.00	\$2,297.00	(\$296.00)	\$3,612.13	(\$1,315.13)
4th week	\$2,403.00	\$2,317.00	(\$86.00)	\$3,612.13	(\$1,295.13)
5th week		\$3,671.00	\$3,671.00	\$3,612.13	\$58.87
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,210.00</b>	<b>\$14,717.00</b>	<b>\$3,507.00</b>	<b>\$18,060.65</b>	<b>(\$3,343.65)</b>

God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with.  
 We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.  
 Billy Graham

## Praise Service

Concordia Lutheran is inviting everyone to attend a Praise Service to be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 7th at 7:00pm. Come enjoy the accompaniment of our own praise team. Look forward to seeing you all there!

## March 2010

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES GROUP

	7	14	21	28
<b>Greeters</b>	Melissa Looney	Leigh Waite	Jon & Chrissy Carlson	Betty Ruegge
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jon Carlson	Jim Moore	Lennis Scheline	Joseph Baeta
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Lennis Scheline		Kathy Anderson, Karen Stout & Jim Moore	

## Adopt a Shelf

Concordia's Women's Ministries Group has decided to participate in the "Adopt a Shelf" program at KCAPS. We will be stocking the Pasta & Pasta Sauce shelf each month. Donations of pasta may be brought to circle meetings each month. We are asking that church members bring pasta donations to church on the first Sunday of each month. They may be left in the box in the Narthex. The Women's group will purchase the Pasta Sauce in bulk for donation. Thank you for helping us to help others.



**Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 14th. Don't forget to move all your clocks ahead one hour (particularly your alarm clock!) before going to bed on Saturday eve.**

# Mary/Martha Circle

Mary/Martha Circle meets on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00p.m. at the home of Chrissy Carlson located at 2624 Sandell St. Please bring a personal item for our KCAPS offering. Please join us even if you have not been to our circle meetings in a while, we would love to see you. Come and bring a friend.

## 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.



**The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.**

## Youth News

Thanks to everyone who helped out at Shrove Tuesday, as well as those that joined us for the meal. It was a great success this year.

The first Sunday in March is the youth group's Agape Feast where the youth are asked to bring someone who is not currently involved in church to join us for a meal. Afterwards, we would like to have a Sunday night service with the praise team leading us in some fun worship songs with a short Gospel message to follow.

Also, the adult class is still going through the series on— To Save a Life— as are the youth. If you are a parent and you are not going to these adult classes, then you are missing out. As I spoke a few weeks ago, we as adults need to set the example. If we expect our kids to be involved in youth group or Sunday School then we need to be involved in Adult Sunday School.

Your servant in Christ,  
Braden Warren

## ACOLYTES NEEDED!

Any youth (sixth grade and up) are invited to become an acolyte for the Second Service. Confirmation students, especially, are highly encouraged to participate – even if it's once every-other month. Please contact Donna Webb at 897-9648 if interested.

### Acolytes for March

**Wednesday, March 3:** Marissa Baker (Lenten Service)

**Sunday, March 7:** Spencer Gunland

**Wednesday, March 10:** Spencer Gunland (Lenten Service)

**Sunday, March 14:** Marissa Baker

**Wednesday, March 17:** Marissa Baker (Lenten Service)

**Sunday, March 21:** Thorbjorn Moore

**Wednesday, March 24:** Thorbjorn Moore (Lenten Service)

**Sunday, March 28:** Spencer Gunland

