



# Pittsburgh Lutheran

October 2006

## Three in One Celebration at Concordia One You Won't Want to Miss This Year

On October 7, 2006, Concordia Lutheran Ministries welcomes you to our 125th Anniversary celebration and annual Oktoberfest festival! This year, we're not only celebrating our 125th year of faithful service to the community, we're also dedicating our newly expanded Lund Care Center soon to become one of the area's prime facilities for physical, occupational, speech, and other therapies. Concordia's additional capabilities, including the Good Samaritan Hospice 10-bed inpatient and respite unit, will enable us to serve more age groups and markets, putting us squarely in the forefront of rehabilitation care in western Pennsylvania.

So join us for a day of food, entertainment, and fun for the whole family. Stroll the grounds and listen to music. Kids will love the petting zoo with baby goats, lambs, ponies and more. Savor the tastes of hot sausage, spaetzle and cabbage, and many other delights. At the end of the day, you'll see why, at Concordia, we always say, "We Put Our Faith in Caring."

### Dedicating a new place for healing

The official dedication of Concordia's newly-expanded Lund Care Center represents a milestone in bringing a more comprehensive range of rehabilitation services, as well as the Good Samaritan Hospice 10-bed inpatient and respite unit, to the entire western Pennsylvania area. The dedication will be led by Chaplain Jack Hartman, Keith Frndak, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Concordia's Board of Directors, accompanied by the Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus and the Haven Chorale Group. Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the Lund backyard in front of the new lake, to witness this momentous event.

### A place for music!

Concordia's Oktoberfest will make you want to sing — or maybe just hum

along with some familiar tunes. And there's a symphony of musical entertainment to choose from today!

- The Little German Band (German music)
- Dom Garda (accordionist)
- North Star Kids (choral)
- The New Addition (traditional tunes)
- The Allegheny Brass Band (35-piece band)

### A place for kids to have fun!

What Oktoberfest would be complete without kids' activities? Not ours, that's for sure. So we've planned lots of things for children to do and see from 3 until 6 p.m.

- Petting Zoo
- Pony Rides
- Caricature Artist
- Hayrides
- Spinning Demonstration
- Big Bouncer Recreation

### A place for Zambelli fireworks!

At 7:50 p.m., Zambelli Fireworks Internationale will provide a spectacular 20-minute display of pyrotechnical

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## Concordia History Published

Concordia Lutheran Ministries is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, and to further commemorate this milestone, we have compiled our history into a perfect-bound book that will be available for purchase. "The Story of Concordia" will be hot off the presses on October 7th but can be ordered now for \$10. Please contact the Concordia public relations office at 724.352.1571, ext. 8298 to reserve your edition.

## Mercy of Reformation Theme of Rally Message

SHARPSBURG—Plans are proceeding for the festival worship service at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sharpsburg beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday October 29.

Rev. Matthew Harrison, national director for Lutheran World Relief will be the guest preacher, speaking on "Mercy in the Reformation". LWR is the LCMS human care/relief organization that has been mightily active in the wakes of the Asian Tsunami and Katrina and other hurricanes, domestically, along with other Gospel and relief they have offered in other emergencies. Rev. Barry Keurulainen will give the children's message. Clergy are asked to vest in red stole if participating in processional.



At First Ev. Lutheran, our work goal is to have an additional restroom remodeled in the basement of the narthex of the church by that date.

All attendees are invited to a dinner immediately following the service. The cost of the meal is underwritten by Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Cabot. This meal will feature German cooking by Betty Bernhardt, and the accompanying live entertainment will have a distinct German ethnic theme. After a video presentation by Concordia Lutheran Ministries, local ethnic dance troupe, D'Lustigen Esartaler, will dance on stage, and an accordionist will also perform for the guests.

The sanctuary is handicap accessible from the Altmeyer St. entrance

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## Rev. Hardy Assists in Installation of Sudanese Bishop

MT. LEBANON—When Rev. Andrew Mbugo Elisa visited Pittsburgh in January 2005 he was a guest on the Sunday night *Let's Talk About Jesus* radio program on WORD-FM, hosted by Rev. Don Matzat. Pittsburgh Lutherans (and other radio listeners) were introduced to Rev. Elisa's challenges as a pastor in a primarily Muslim country. He returned in October 2005 to say thank you to the Concordia Board of Directors, and most specifically, to Providence Pharmacy, for the gift of three mobile medical units to his mission in the Sudan, Africa. Very few people have cars and often need to walk up to 70 miles for health care, where the Muslim health facilities often require the Christians to convert before they can be treated.

This summer Rev. Jamison Hardy, Our Savior Lutheran Church, made a trip to Africa to participate in Rev. Elisa's installation as Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Sudan. While there, Rev. Hardy evaluated the medical mission project with Concordia Board member Milton Scott.



Above, preparing for Bishop Elisa's installation service is Rev. Russ Somerfeld, Nebraska District President, Rev. Hardy and Claude Hogde, Missionary LCMS World Missions-East Africa.



Rev. Hardy also handed out shirts collected at Redeemer Lutheran Sunday school program to the Bagooga Lutheran school children. Also, pictured below is the Mobil Clinic with Board member Milton Scott and Bishop Elisa.



## New Lutheran Hymnal Ready to be Introduced; Workshops Planned at Two Area Churches

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is introducing a new hymnal, Lutheran Service Book (LSB). As part of that introductory process, the Commission on Worship and Concordia Publishing House are hosting workshops to give individual a firsthand look at the many exciting features in the LSB.

Rev. Arthur Litke attended an informational workshop in St. Louis regarding the new "purple" hymnal and will be making presentations to pass on what he has learned about the new hymnal and to allow people to see and review the hymnal for themselves. The workshops are intended for anyone in the congregation, including pastors, church musicians, elders, those in other leadership positions and anyone who enjoys singing.

Workshops in the Pittsburgh area are scheduled on two Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as follows:

October 7—Good Shepherd, Whitehall

October 21—St. Luke's, Cabot

The cost of the workshop is \$20 per person, which includes a copy of the new hymnal and a guide of 100+ pages of information. Register online at <http://lsb.cph.org> or contact either Good Shepherd (412.884.3232) or St. Luke's (724.352.2777).

### PALM News

## Delegates Annual Meeting Sparsely Attended

OAKLAND—Less than 35 attended the annual delegates' meeting of the Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries on Sunday, September 17. That figure even included two guests, Yan Shi (an International student at the University of Pittsburgh) and his wife, Hong Zhang.

Delegates elected Carol Schumacher to the position of Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Schools director and ratified the board appointment of Mark Shields as Mission Director, filling a vacancy, until September 2007.

PALM president Rev. Jerome Panzgrau presented the 2006 financial report and noted that over 76% of this year's funds were donated by Concordia Lutheran Ministries, while congregational donations amounted to less than 20% of the funding. Gifts from area congregations decreased nearly 40% from 2005.

To help stop the trend of funding reliance on Concordia Lutheran Ministries, the Board and Concordia Lutheran Ministries proposed a matching grant challenge for 2007. Delegates requested that the PALM Board develop a program to communicate this information and obtain financial commitments.

A similar resolution was passed in regards to the building of a new \$200,000 structure for the Unity Lutheran Community Mission After-school Program. Concordia Lutheran Ministries had pledged 50% of the cost if area congregations would donate the balance over a two-year period. The Board was directed to develop a program to raise matching funds and communicate it to the area churches.



Photo displays were set up by Sonsine Kitchen, above with director Barbara Stuffer, and by St. Matthew's Christian Academy, All Saints Lutheran Church International Student Ministry, and First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church International Student Ministry and Campus Ministry.

## Northwest Pittsburgh Circuit Sponsors Worship Seminar

PITTSBURGH—On Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 the Northwest Pittsburgh Circuit of the Eastern District will be hosting a worship seminar at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8227 Peebles Road, McCandless. Rev. Michael Zehnder of the Mission Institute, at Concordia University—Irvine (CA), will present the workshop.

The Circuit is working to keep the cost to non-circuit congregations at under \$20 for the Friday night, Saturday day event. If interested in more details and for registration information e-mail Rev. Paul Meseke at Pastormeseke@verizon.net. You may also reach Rev. Meseke at 814.677.4484 at Christ Lutheran Church, Oil City, PA.



Rev. Mike Zehnder is called as the National Worship Consultant to the Center for United States Missions, a partnership of Concordia University—Irvine, LCMS World Mis-

sion & North America Mission Executives. He provides diverse worship consultations, resources and training for synod, districts and their congregations. The goal of this ministry is to encourage congregations toward authentic, biblical and diverse worship of the living Triune God, expressed in Spirit and truth and with cultural relevance. This in turn prepares, energizes and fuels congregations toward greater missional passion and effectiveness.

From the dual-faceted perspective of one who is both pastor and musician, Mike compiled and edited the 253-song worship collection "The Best of the Best in Contemporary Praise & Worship," published in six editions by Fellowship Ministries and distributed by Maranatha and is also the creator of *Worship Alive Plus*, a unique, weekly multi-style worship planning resource packet based on the three-year lectionary. He has ministered in 16 countries on five continents and is an associate instructor for Walk Thru the Bible Seminars and Lutheran Bible Ministries.

## Sonshine Kitchen Holds 2nd Annual Open House/Dinner

MCKEESPORT—The Board of Directors of Associated Lutheran Missions, Inc. and the Sonshine Kitchen will be holding its Second Annual Open House and Dinner on Thursday October 19, 2006 6 p.m. at the Sonshine Kitchen in McKeesport.

We will review past accomplishments, highlight existing ministries, and present future opportunities.

It was well attended last year by representatives from various organizations and churches in the area.

We will be mailing invitations out to the churches. If you have never had a chance to visit the Sonshine Kitchen, this would be a wonderful opportunity to do so. RSVP by October 2nd if you are able to attend. Contact Barb Stuffer at Babs58@prodigy.net or call 412.672.6711 (office) or 724.523.6411 (home).

Barbara Stuffer, Administrator  
Website: [sonshinekitchen.org](http://sonshinekitchen.org)

## Rally and Dinner Focus on Lutheran Heritage



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(behind the building.) All activities are provided on the building's first floor, and space is provided for wheelchair seating in the sanctuary.

Attendees with special needs (such as sign language or braille) should contact Rev. Mark Ruppert at 412.782.2272 so special language provisions can be arranged.

Additional volunteer servers are needed for the meal, planned for 300 people. Contact Betty Bernhardt, who is preparing the meal, at 412.822.7276.

A brass choir is preparing special music for the service, including a piece with several variations on A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. Although the group has begun practices, this is an open group, and those interested in coming to practices please contact Ed Kitzki at 412.821.3707.

Last year's attendance at the service was 350.

Several guest choirs are being contacted to sing and play during the worship service.

By Rev. Mark Ruppert



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**Campus Ministry**

**What Does “Christianity” Mean?**

OAKLAND—Yan and Hong, recently arrived from China, are brand-new to Christianity and the Bible. I recently sent an e-mail invitation to them and others to join the catechesis class (adult instruction). The following Sunday, Yan proceeded to ask about a particular word in the e-mail. He showed the printed e-mail to one of our elders. Jonathan Ward, a recent graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), had befriended him. Yan pointed at a word and asked, “What does this mean?” The word was “Christianity!”

When I asked Yan why he and his wife Hong first came to First Trinity, and why they have continued to return to worship, catechesis, and other events, Yan told this story. “I was walking by the church one day on my way to CVS [pharmacy] and I heard bells and very serious singing. I thought, ‘This must be something important.’ So I decided to go in and see what it was.” I believe that Yan was hearing the Words of Institution being chanted by Rev. Douglas Spittel, First Trinity’s parish pastor. “Now I have seen that

the people here are like a family, and I want to be a part of that family. Maybe when I learn the Bible and then return to China, I can teach my friends and family about this.” God be praised!

Please continue to support this vital, vibrant mission with your prayers and gifts. Checks can be made out to First Trinity, with “Campus Ministry” on the memo line. For contact information, see below.

*The Rev. Eric R. Andrae*

LCMS Campus Ministry at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 535 N. Neville, Pittsburgh, PA, 15213, 412.683.4121, [www.LSFPgh.com](http://www.LSFPgh.com), [www.FirstTrinity.net](http://www.FirstTrinity.net)



The Catechesis class, from left to right, standing: Randi Smith (soph. at CMU), John Skutlin (sr. at the Univ. of Pittsburgh [Pitt]), Jessica Gibbons (recent graduate of CMU), Todd Hoffmann (jr. at CMU); seated: Queen Tian (graduate student at Pitt from China), Yan Shi (Pitt), Hong Zhang, Ashlee Hoffmann (soph. at CMU). Each of these students has their own unique, wonderful story, and I am blessed to be their catechist/instructor!

**Plan to Attend 31st Annual Christian Art Show**

MURRYSVILLE—The 31st Annual Christian Art Show is Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5 in the lower level Fellowship Hall at Calvary Lutheran Church, Old Wm Penn Highway & School Road in Murrysville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Food will be available at The Gallery Café by the Calvary Child Development Center as a fundraiser for the Center. Erny Papay will provide music during the show on Sunday.

Along with the judged exhibit by local Christians there will be an exhibit of watercolors by this year’s feature artist, Barbara Jewell of Export. There will also be an exhibit of artwork by students of the Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Schools (PALS).

Entry forms for the judged exhibit are available by calling the Calvary Church office (724.327.2898), Patti Orlic (724.468.5792) or Sandy Denholm at (72.327.4628). Reservation deadline for the show is Monday, October 23rd.

On Saturday there will also be a Bake Sale and Craft Fair to raise money for a charity to be designated and a Book Sale fundraiser for Calvary’s Child Development Center.

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## College Connections

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of you have college-aged students in/from your congregation who began classes at a Pittsburgh area school as freshmen, transfers, or graduate students this fall. Even if your students (will) still perhaps attend Sunday worship at their home congregation, they are very welcome to and, I believe, would benefit greatly from interaction within our student community of faith in Bible study, social events, service projects, etc. Also, Luther House, our student center, is always available for their use and recreation (full kitchen, couches, TV/DVD/VCR, ping-pong, foosball, pool, private study carrel, etc.). Please send me their contact information. The college years are a key time in spiritual formation and retention! Thank you!

*Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Andrae*

For colleges and universities in the Pittsburgh area (e.g., Univ. of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon, Chatham, Carlow, Duquesne, Robert Morris, CCAC, et al), contact Rev. Eric R. Andrae; LCMS Campus Ministry at First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church, 535 N. Neville, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland/Shadyside) 412.683.4121; ERA@FirstTrinity.net; www.FirstTrinity.net

The following people serve near universities or in campus ministries in our area and would like to welcome students to worship, invite them to participate in campus ministries, and keep in touch with them while they are attending college. Pastors, please pass along the names of your college students to these people so that connections can be made.

**University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Chatham College, among others:** Rev. Eric Andrae, First Trinity, Oakland; 412.683.4121; era@firsttrinity.net

**Penn State University:** Rev. Bryan Spang, Good Shepherd, State College; 814.234.8177; nittanylutheran1@netzero.net

**Clarion University:** Rev. Paul Meseke, Christ Lutheran, Oil City; 814.677.4484; plmeseke@usachoice.net

**Slippery Rock University:** Rev. Michael Scheer, All Saints, Slippery Rock; 724.794.4334; ReverendScheer@aol.com

## New Director of Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind

OAKLAND—Meet Sherri Crum, the new director of the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind. A former systems analyst for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Sherri was led to First Trinity and the Center when she met former director Robert Mates on a bus. She had just finished graduate school and was searching for a church home. Little did she know that God was leading her toward a new job.



This year the Center offered a Braille class for the first time, teaching two individuals how to write uncontracted Braille and coaching another person how to read Braille more rapidly.

Nine new guests are attending the monthly meals, which begins its eighth season. Ethnic themed meals are being planned for the nearly 40 who attend. The cost is \$100 for the meal and financial donations are always appreciated!

Sherri was a guest speaker at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind's annual convention recently.

### Hobby Night

FOREST HILLS—Friday, October 20, 2006, 7 p.m. will be Hobby Night, sponsored by Thrivent at Christ Lutheran Church and School, 400 Barclay Avenue, Forest Hills. All are invited to bring their hobbies and collections to share that evening and a light supper will also be available. Let us know if you will be participating so that adequate space will be available. Call 412.271.7173.



**Oct. 1** — Grace 75th Anniversary Celebration, Penn Hills, 10:15 a.m.

**Oct. 7** — Concordia Ministries Oktoberfest and Grand Opening

**Oct. 7** — Pre-Cana, St. Luke Lutheran, Cabot; call Norma Shirey, 724.335.6715.

**Oct. 14** — Schramm's Farm YAPA event; 412.825.0535

**Oct. 20** — Hobby Night, Christ, Forest Hills, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 21** — Celebrate Kids Dinner Auction, Churchill Country Club

**Oct. 22** — Trombone Recital, Zion, Lawrenceville, 4 p.m. and annual Oktoberfest Dinner, 5 p.m.

**Oct. 29** — Reformation Rally, First Lutheran, Sharpsburg, 3 p.m.

**Nov. 3** — YAPA Bowling, 412.825.0535

**Nov. 4-5** — Annual Christian Art Show / Bake Sale / Craft Fair, Calvary, Murrysville

**Nov. 12** — Concordia Ministries Annual Meeting

**Nov. 17** — YAPA Mystery Dinner, 412.825.0535

## Leadership Conference Postponed Until Spring 2007

Greetings in the name of Christ. The leadership conference that was scheduled to take place here in Pittsburgh has been moved to the Spring of 2007 due to several factors. First, I received no response from any of the congregations expressing an interest in the event. Second, because the event will be bigger and slightly more involved than our previous congregational meetings, it was decided that we should take a little more time to plan for such an exciting event. This will give us time to prepare to address the needs of all in attendance.

At present, there are five individuals who are working with the Eastern District to plan the event, and we have topics that we feel would be relevant to the group.

*By Tim Bradford*

## Congregation News

# Food and Fellowship: From Jambalaya to Sauerbraten,

## Ascension, McCandless

Flea market proceeds to benefit Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Schools scholarship fund. After-service Steeler tailgate planned for October 8; stop by for hamburgers, hot dogs and hot wings, noon to 2 p.m.

## Bethel, Glenshaw

Six confirmands from Bethel attended a weekend retreat to start the school year. They learned about what confirmation is and isn't, and were introduced to Lutheran doctrine. Confirmation serves as a "basic training" that prepares one to be a "soldier in the Lord's army." They are all eager to learn about Lutheran doctrine and to serve God fully in the years ahead!

We are planning a Narrative Service for Sunday October 15th. In lieu of a sermon, Pastor Litke will explain each part of the liturgy as the service progresses. This is a great opportunity to introduce non-members to the liturgy and for members to better understand the worship service. Please feel free to invite a friend and join us!

The annual Bethel Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Over the years this event has helped to provide St. Matthew's School with thousands of dollars to help children on the North Side receive a quality education at an affordable price. Please join us as we serve delicious homemade German food in order to help raise funds for the school. We'll have bratwurst, spaetzle, sauerkraut, apple strudel and plenty of fellowship, with oompah music for atmosphere! Bring your family! Bring a friend or two! Ein Prosit!

Nar-Anon meetings continue at Bethel on Monday nights at 7 p.m.

*Submitted by Gary Swanson*

## Calvary, Murrysville

Members do a lot of walking for benefits! The 12th Annual Buddy Walk (for Down's Syndrome) included Chris Holzman and his "buddy", his mother. The Hoener Team is selling Entertainment books for the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; Kathy Hoener is a leukemia survivor whose disease is in remission.

## Christ, Forest Hills

Vacancy pastor is Rev. Reholma McCants; services will be led by David Mozeik, commissioned lay minister

and former member (now at Immanuel, Braddock). Welcome to new members Peter, Monica and Oban McElwain; Jaime Cuhna, and Kathy Hanley. Congratulations to Julie Kuehm, Grade 6 teacher, who will be included in the 2007 *Who's Who in America*, an honor that goes to "the country's most accomplished men and women from across all fields of endeavor."

## Concordia, Brentwood

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Ubinger on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

## Epiphany, Penn Hills

Adult Bible Class at Epiphany is beginning its study of How to Become a Contagious Christian which is Christians equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to communicate our faith.

Friends, family and congregation helped Rev. John and wife Sharen celebrate his 35 years shepherding in the ministry with a reception following worship September 10. The Rev. Dr. John G. Brunner preached the sermon for the day. Rev. Weldon was presented with a plaque and a gift certificate and lots of blessings from the congregation.



## Good Shepherd, Whitehall

Welcome back to Justin Novi, who has returned safely from a tour of duty. As a Marine serving in Iraq, Justin saw extensive combat as a rifleman in the Sunni Triangle.

## Grace, Penn Hills

A 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Offering will benefit both of the Synod's seminar-

ies and needs at Grace. The celebratory worship service was held October 1, with banquet following. Rev. Dr. John Brunner, Eastern District president, was the guest preacher.

## Hope, Upper St. Clair

On Sunday, September 24th, the members of Hope came to church for a "Worship and Work" day. That Sunday morning began with the worship service, a light meal was provided and then the members stayed to help with some work and cleanup that needed to be done in and around God's house. Everyone was home in time to watch the Steelers game. Members even wore their work clothes to church that day.

On October 14th, Hope Lutheran will have their 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Dinner. It will be a progressive meal. Members will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church for appetizers, then, proceed to various members' homes for the meal courses. The members of Our Savior Lutheran Church are invited to this event, too.

Hope Lutheran Youth will be having a pumpkin painting and board game party on Friday, October 27th! They will meet at Simmons farm in the early evening to pick out their pumpkins and then continue an evening of painting, board games, and a pizza dinner!

*Submitted by Kathy Stanis*

## Inmanuel, Braddock

Congratulations to Frieda Azinger, who will celebrate 100 years of living on October 14. Monthly Bible adventure takes families "back to Bethlehem" one Saturday each month through December. Congratulations to Bob Jazwinski, who will be an intern coach for the Susquehanna University football team, assisting in coaching the defensive line. Immanuel's Thrivent group receives grants to assist Unity Lutheran Community Mission for school supplies and to stock food pantry, and to assist in a community project painting rooms at the Braddock Carnegie Library. Senior Luncheon was awarded a \$3,800 LWML grant to be received in 2007.

## Redeemer, Oakmont

*Woman to Woman* begins third season of activities; Cheryl Naumann to lead two sessions each Friday (9:15-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-1:45 p.m.). New *Chapel and Chat* to be held on

**Congregation News Continued**

**Meeting and Eating Part of Lutheran Heritage**

Wednesdays 8:15-9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday school classes collected children's t-shirts for one of the Lutheran schools in Kenya, Africa.

**St. John's, Millvale**

*Myth or Faith?* adult Bible study held at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Potluck dinner and square dance scheduled for October 1 at 4:30 p.m.

**St. John's, Morrisdale**

Rally Day celebration extended for month of September; adults encouraged to attend Sunday school openings to model what it means to remain in the Word. Rally Day events included worship in the outdoor pavilion, voters' assembly, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jambalaya Feast, prepared by new pastor Rev. James Kusko. Three women attended annual Eastern District LWML retreat at Camp Pioneer in late September. Annual Blanket Appeal held for Lutheran World Relief. Eastern District Pittsburgh Zone LWML Fall Rally to be held at St. John's on October 1. LWML Sunday will be observed October 8 at 10:30 a.m.

**St. John's the Cove, Accident, MD**

Friendship Sunday held in September. Annual congregational picnic held on Rally Day. September Sunday school offerings to benefit Lutheran Bible Translators. Annual Mission Festival planned for October 22. Costume party planned for Reformation Sunday, October 29.

**St. Luke's, Cabot**

Kids Club to begin in November on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. through mid-March; evening activities will include dinner, dramas, songs, crafts and devotions. Mission Fair & Celebration project included gathering of clothing and personal hygiene items for Orphan Grain Train.

**St. Matthew's, Pittsburgh**

Welcome to Mi-Kyoung Yun, Duquesne University student of Organ Studies, and new church organist. Congratulations to Ralph and Delores Hauser on their July 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**St. Paul's, New Kensington**

Rev. Jack Hartman is vacancy pastor.

**Unity Lutheran, Homewood**

Saturday, October 28th, the

women of Unity will hold a fundraiser "Chicken Wing-Ding-Fling" from Noon to 6 p.m. The monies raised will be used to provide assistance to a Haitian student who will be attending Concordia College in Selma, AL in January 2007.

**Trinity of the Deaf, Swissvale**

Congratulations to James and June Paul on their 55th wedding anniversary!

**Zion, Accident**

Annual Fall Bazaar will be held Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served the entire time. Arts and crafts, comforters, woven rugs, holiday items, baked goods, homemade soup and homemade sauerkraut will be on sale. Parking is available behind the church and handicapped accessible entrances are located in front of the church.

Youth group fundraisers include concession stand at an estate auction; a French Toast breakfast, a Reformation party, to raise money for the 2007 Youth Gathering in Orlando, FL. LWML plans fall bazaar October 21.

Below, attending Rev. Keith M. Clow's installation July 23 were (Row 1:) Rev. Dr. John Brunner, Rev. Doug Kabell, Rev. Keith Clow, Rev. Alan Scott, Rev. Reholma McCants, Rev. David Lewis and (Row 2:) Rev. Paul Yanke, Rev. Mark Ruppert, Rev. Ed. Keinath, Rev. David Weeks, Rev. Kenneth Hoener, Rev. Ken Stottlemeyer, Rev. Eric Ruble, and Rev. James Oester.

**Zion, Bridgeville**

Welcome to new members Loren, Kimberly, Leif, Leah and Lawson (baptized Sept. 3) Luedeman, and Jay and

Kim Anderson (below).



Sunday school and Early Childhood staff installed (below): Carrie Lemonovich, Larry Armbruster, Katie Gielarowski, Janet Hickey, Barb Oechslein, Carole Davis, Paula Gardner. Staff not picture includes Margaret Cohen, Kim Lewandowski, Tracey Harris, Jennifer Smith, Sherry Hixenbaugh and Susan Vasalani.



Church picnic held September 10; children and adults enjoyed games. Barb Oechslein and Augie Bishop fill water balloons for the toss.



## Bonhoeffer Centennial Workshop Set for October 8

OAKLAND—Everybody loves Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Everybody hates Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Evangelicals, Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, the Eastern Orthodox, liberals, moderates, conservatives love him. Evangelicals, Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, the Eastern Orthodox, liberals, moderates, conservatives hate him.

Everybody knows and understands Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Nobody knows and understands Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Evangelicals, Lutherans, Anglicans, Roman Catholics, the Eastern Orthodox, liberals, moderates, conservatives know and understand him. Evangelicals, Lutherans, Anglicans, Roman Catholics, the Eastern Orthodox, liberals, moderates, conservatives do not know him or understand him. Will the real Dietrich Bonhoeffer please stand up?

In the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), most have generally ignored him. As an anecdotal example: At the recent LCMS Eastern District Convention there were two booksellers: Concordia Publishing House of the LCMS and a local “evangelical” bookstore. The former had no works by or about Bonhoeffer, while the latter had a significant number. An exception has been a certain weekly hailing from New Haven, Missouri, which has not ignored him, but has labeled him as a heretic, false teacher, and simply an unbeliever! And that was just in one paragraph in one recent article.

However, in this, his centennial year, he is in point of fact not being ignored in the LCMS at large either. Both seminaries have had conferences devoted to examining aspects of his life and thought: Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne held its “Dietrich Bonhoeffer Conference” on the day preceding and of his centennial, February 4, while Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, in conjunction with the Bonhoeffer Centennial Committee of America, held a conference entitled “Will the Real Dietrich Bonhoeffer Please Stand Up?” July 19-21.

In his commencement address at the Missouri Synod’s Concordia University in Wisconsin in May 2004, President George W. Bush mentioned only two Lutheran theologians. It is no accident and no coincidence that he spoke of Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. These two, certainly the



former, have become perhaps the most recognized and quoted, and also often the most misunderstood and misapplied, Lutheran theologians today. No evidence for Luther’s position needs to be given. The oft-cited fact that more has been written about Luther than anyone but Christ, suffices. As for Bonhoeffer, the promotional brochure for the St. Louis conference stated, “Bonhoeffer may well be the most widely admired and respected Christian theologian among Christian pastors and theologians in the USA. The scope of his appeal is exceptionally broad, spanning across virtually all Christian denominations and across perspectives ranging from the traditional to the liberal. ... [He is] perhaps the most important Lutheran theologian since Martin Luther...”. Meanwhile, the *Concordia Journal* has simply posited that Bonhoeffer is “the most influential Lutheran theologian of the twentieth century” (October 2004: 409). The full-page spread that his centennial received in a February 2006 issue of *The USA Today* certainly supports these opinions. As such, Uwe Siemon-Netto of Concordia Seminary advocates reclaiming Bonhoeffer for confessional Lutheranism. In the February 2006 edition of *The Lutheran Witness* the German scholar claims that Bonhoeffer has been misinterpreted, misrepresented, and hijacked for decades by the unorthodoxologies of the “God is dead” movement of the 1960s, the left-wing, the

liberationists, the radicals, the postmodernists, and “other weird admirers.” Siemon-Netto tells them to “step back and hand [Bonhoeffer] over to us,” to his true “home.”

This fall Rev. Eric R. Andrae will lead a workshop at First Trinity Church on Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945). A fine documentary will be viewed, and ample time will be spent looking at themes in his language, life, and death: suffering, prayer, action, etc. Discussion will focus on the contributions of this Lutheran pastor, as well as the appropriateness of his participation in assassination plots against Adolf Hitler, for which he was ultimately executed. Rev. Andrae is the founding member of the Bonhoeffer Centennial Committee of America. His lecture will be published in a forthcoming volume from Concordia Seminary.

The film, lecture, and discussion, co-sponsored by the Augsburg Academy and Lutheran Student Fellowship of Pittsburgh, will take place in the afternoon of Sunday, October 8, beginning at 1 p.m. with the film, followed by a break, and then, at approximately 3:30 p.m., lecture & discussion. Contact Rev. Andrae for more information:

First Trinity Lutheran Church  
535 N. Neville St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412.683.4121  
ERA@FirstTrinity.net

## Holy Land Tour Planned for November

BRIDGEVILLE—A 10-day trip to Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, led by Rev. Donald Matzat, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville, is being planned for November 6-15, 2006. The trip begins with a New York to Tel Aviv flight. Travelers will have an option to extend the trip into Egypt for four days.

The 10-day trip follows the steps of Jesus, from birth to death. The 4-day side trip to Egypt includes Cairo.

The cost of the trip is \$1959 per person from New York and the Egyptian option is an additional \$599.

For more information, call the church office at Zion (412.221.4776).

## Weeks Installed, Hoener Honored at Calvary

MURRYSVILLE—Rev. David L. Weeks (right in photo) was installed as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Murrysville, on September 10 by Rev. Dr. John Brunner, Eastern District president (left in photo). In his message Rev. Brunner used the Letter to Philemon to highlight the roles of Rev. Weeks and the Calvary members in the ministry and mission of the Calvary congregation going forward. Lectors included Rev. Reholma McCants, Circuit Counselor; James Brese, Eastern District Treasurer and Congregation Ministry Facilitator; Robert Foster, Superintendent of Schools and Congregation Ministry Facilitator.

Rev. Weeks is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He served as pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, McKeesport, from 1980 to 2001. Most recently he has served the Eastern District as Assistant to the President / Mission-Ministry Facilitator.

At one point in the installation service Rev. Brunner presented Rev. Weeks with a gift in remembrance of his service to the Eastern District. During the informal dinner that followed the service, each attendee had the opportunity to sign a banner welcoming Rev. Weeks to Calvary. There were family members, friends and 16 pastors from other area churches. The Praise Choir, Chancel Choir and Children's Choir sang; Mary Ann Shoenthal sang two solos.

### Sponsor a Radio Sermon Today



If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, send your donation to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 420 Fifth Street, Braddock, PA 15104 (note Radio Ministry on your check) and include a note about the reason for the sponsorship (memorial, birthday, etc.) Full broadcasts cost \$150, but any donation is appreciated!



In celebration of Rev. Kenneth Hoener's 50th anniversary in the ministry Calvary held a special service on August 27, 2006. Rev. David Weeks officiated with a "message of style and grace". There were many former members and friends in attendance. Rev. Hoener was ordained on June 17, 1964 and installed at Calvary on October 18, 1964. He has confirmed 250 and married 110 couples. Rev. Hoener retired from Calvary in 1993. He continued to serve as Circuit Counselor, Volunteered at Forbes Hospital, and served as director on the Board of Concordia. He still conducts worship services on Sunday at area churches. After the service there was a luncheon at Lakeview Restaurant with entertainment by "Chootz" as well as some of Calvary's very talented people.

*Submitted by Bob Kemper and Audrey McVeigh*

## Two Congregations Celebrate Milestone Anniversaries

ARNOLD—On October 1, 2006, John Huss Evangelical Lutheran Church of Arnold celebrated its 90th anniversary. Rev. Carl Krueger, president of the SELC District, was the guest preacher for the anniversary vespers. The theme for this anniversary service was "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." A banquet followed at Hill Crest Country Club in Lower Burrell.

PENN HILLS—On October 1, 2006 Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Universal (Penn Hills) celebrated 75 years of God's continued blessings. Dr. John Brunner, president of the Eastern District, was the guest preacher for the anniversary service.

The theme for this special day was *Joyfully Remembering - Joyfully Anticipating*. A catered banquet followed. "Younger" members created a DVD highlighting some of the history of the congregation and its continued ministry.

## Christ, Forest Hills Offers Activities for All Interests

Meadowcroft Village: The Outing Group of members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church recently visited the restored 1800s village of Meadowcroft near Avella, PA. The group also enjoyed seeing the site called the Rockshelter where people may have lived about 1000 years ago. Our next outing will be in October to see some of the area's covered bridges as well as enjoy the fall color. Please join us if you can. Call the CLC office at 412.271.7173.

Bingo: The men and women from Christ Lutheran traveled to Cabot on Aug. 21 to help the residents of Concordia Home play some bingo. The residents always seem to enjoy the prizes that our group brings with them as well as our companionship during the games

Kickoff Dinner: The Woman's Service Guild of CLC held their first meeting on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> with a potluck dinner followed by a hands-on mission night. We clipped stamps for Bibles, made quilts for the Lutheran World Relief, organized photos for the Guild scrapbook, and maintained the nursery toys. Many hands make light work!

Sonshine Kitchen: The ladies from CLC served about 180 people ham bar-b-que on August 28<sup>th</sup>. They are seeking monetary donations for food purchases for the next meal planned for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Ladies will leave from CLC at 2 p.m. to help serve.

Braille: The men and women from CLC traveled to Prince of Peace Church in Freedom, PA on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to spend the day helping to bring the Light of God's Word to those who cannot see by working on Braille materials for the blind.

Super Weekend: The Woman's Guild at Christ Lutheran spent the weekend of Sept. 22-24 offering a free clothing swap and give away to the community of Forest Hills. Also available were a flea market to help the Concordia Lutheran Home in Cabot as well as a freewill car wash to benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade school trip, the youth, and the young adult groups at Christ Lutheran. This is a bi-yearly event that was begun about seven years ago.

*Submitted by Gloria Sterns*

**Bethel Preschool, Glenshaw**

Bethel Preschool started the year with about 24 students registered. There are still some openings!

**Calvary Child Development Center, Murrysville**

Pancake breakfast held October 1 for school fundraiser.

**Christ, Forest Hills**

Adults invited to join the 7th and 8th grade trip to Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown, VA in May 2007 for 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of Jamestown. Celebrate Kids! Dinner Auction to be October 21 at Churchill Valley Country Club; fundraiser goal is \$20,000.

**Good Shepherd Preschool, Whitehall**

Pumpkins to be sold for fundraiser. Six classes offered for ages 2 to pre-K. Teachers made visits to each child's home before school began.

**Hope Preschool, Upper St. Clair**

Little Lambs of Hope is trying to carve out a slightly different niche in the community since new programs have come into the area, making enrollment smaller this year. While con-

tinuing its excellent Christian kindergarten-readiness program, it may offer parents flexible scheduling, making it possible for them to choose their days. They are considering options that would turn adversity into opportunity for growth.

**Inmanuel Christian Preschool, Braddock**

10-15 children enrolled; room for up to 18 children.

**Redeemer, Oakmont**

Welcome to new teacher Ruth Panuccio (music) and Jean Wilshire (administrative assistant). New room for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students constructed over the summer. School continues to support Southern District educators and schools hit by Hurricane Katrina through chapel offerings. Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for October 6 and Ladies' Luncheon on November 5 at Oakmont Country Club to benefit school.

On August 27th, as the teachers were installed for the new school year, Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrated the beginning of Gail Holzer's 20th year of teaching at Redeemer Lutheran School. Gail was presented with a laptop briefcase and a scrapbook, displaying 20 years of teaching and leading at Redeemer's school. Gail was also presented with a cake during the school's open house, brown bag lunch that followed the Worship service. Redeemer is truly blessed to have Gail as principal and teacher of our school. She began as a preschool teacher in 1986 and has been instrumental in seeing the school grow to a preschool through 8th grade. We thank her for her leadership, and the care and effort she puts into our school each day. God continues to bless our ministry.

*Submitted by Jean Wilshire*

**St. John's Preschool, Morrisdale**

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of preschool will be recognized in year-long events. Classes held Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week at 9 a.m.

**St. Luke, Cabot**

Our first month has just flown by! Everyone has settled comfortably into their new schedules, while adjusting to some exciting changes this our 141st year. We now offer all-day kindergarten as well as half-day, with the majority of students taking advantage of the extra enrichment time. Since two of our teachers moved out of the



area last spring, we have been blessed in hiring Diane Beckstead to instruct K-8 music classes, and Lili Byrer to teach science in grades 6, 7, & 8. This summer work was completed on a kid-sized soccer field/running track, which should be ready to use for the spring season (we're waiting for the grass to grow...).

Under the year-long theme of "A Heart Just Like Jesus", the students are studying the Fruits of the Spirit, one fruit per month. For September, the spiritual fruit was Self-Control. Each classroom developed a button around the theme of Self-Control. Students then voted on their favorite buttons. The Kindergarten button won the most votes for K-4 and Seventh Grade captured first place among the upper grades.

October's fruit, Gentleness, will be celebrated with an All-School Collage. "Let your gentleness be evident to all." Philippians 4:5

We are gearing up for our Third Annual Fund Drive. The funds assist students whose families cannot afford the full cost of tuition. Our theme for this drive, "Today, Tomorrow & Forever", uses three Bible verses as our basis:

**Today**—"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

**Tomorrow**—"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds." 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

**Forever**—"Now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32

*Submitted by Sharon Ambrose*

**St. Matthew Christian Academy, Pittsburgh**

The challenge of school ministry at St. Matthew is ever increasing, as three-fourths of all families now re-

**PALS Scholarship Fund**

**Goal: \$50,000+**  
**\$1,000 buys an "apple" for a student!**

**Apples as of September 2006:**  
**\$12,790**

quire student tuition assistance, up from two-thirds last year.

School children are learning the Morning Prayer service from the new hymnal in their chapel service every Wednesday morning, led by Pastor Michael Schumacher. Enrollment is primarily in kindergarten through third grade. Kindergarten and first grade are combined in the homelike setting of the annex, which used to be the St. Matthew parsonage. Intensive training in the Saxon Phonics program means that most of the kindergarten students will be reading by the end of the year, and first-graders will have superior proficiency. Cheryl Haberman is the able teacher, enjoying the opportunity to be in a Lutheran school again.

The students in the upper-grade class, taught by principal Mark Shields, are enjoying playing the Star Game, a jumbo bulletin-board game. The board features several spaces marked "Chance"; landing on these spaces entitles participants to answer a question from the Brain Quest deck. A correct answer earns a reward. Construction of a new time line is in progress, to give students a sense of their place in history. Various computer programs help them drill on math basic facts. There are a number of avid chess players from second grade on up, and competition is intense!

Literary pursuits begin with the oral reading of "The Magician's Nephew," by C. S. Lewis. This book explains how all the comings and goings between our world and Narnia first began. Older students are reading the book to the younger ones. Pu-



pils in second and third grades are having extended DEAR time to read chapter books, focusing on the words rather than pictures. A story brought to life will be the performance, on October 10, of "Beauty and the Beast" by the Windy City Players. Studies in Latin continue, beginning with learning the cardinal numbers and the "Solas" of the Reformation: Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Sola Scriptura, and Soli Deo Gloria.

More Mileposters rides have followed the second trip to Washington, DC in June and the 82-mile record-breaker in July. The first ride on the Mohican Valley Trail in eastern Ohio has taken place. A feature of this trail is the Bridge of Dreams (pictured), longest covered bridge in the state of Ohio. The horse-drawn buggies of the Amish are frequent users of the trail. Connecting to the Mohican Valley Trail in Danville is the Kokosing Gap Trail, location of several rides this summer—14 miles of smooth asphalt pavement. The first summer trip resulted in the trailside discovery of the unusual plant called horsetail, or scrubbing rush, which pioneers used to scrub their dirty pots. Points of interest along the trail include a quarry, dairy farms, horse paddocks, corn fields, and the facilities of Kenyon College, which is located in the town of Gambier.

St. Matthew students are looking forward to a joint activity with those from other PALS schools in November. The first quarter of the school year will close with the Harvest Party on October 28.

**St. Paul, New Kensington**

Preschool enrollees up to 18 as of mid August. Classes began with shorter days to allow children to transition from home setting to school setting.

**Zion Nursery School, Accident**

School resumed on Sept. 14, from 9:30—noon, with Kay Howard and JoAnn Kociolek as directors.

**15 Minutes, Make that 15 Seconds, of Fame**

UPPER ST. CLAIR—The name Hope Lutheran Church was finally on a sign—or rather the big screen—at Falconi baseball field in Washington, PA. Names of the groups attending the baseball game on Saturday, August 26th appeared on the Jumbo-tron and Hope attendees cheered loudly when our name was announced.

Of the 46 tickets sold, 39 actually attended the Wild Things Baseball game and picnic. The Youth Group's fundraising fund covered the cost for the young people to go. They even had a pool party prior to the game!

The threat of rain held off for the entire evening. The picnic area was just a short walk from the parking lot and was supplied with comfy lawn chairs and tables and shade overhead. We enjoyed an "all-you-can-eat" delicious meal. Our seating for the game was right next to the picnic area and instead of bleachers, was actually comfortable seats with backs and arm rests. There was entertainment between innings, including a T-shirt toss, a Karaoke contest, golf-chipping contest, human bowling ball challenge, sumo wrestling contest and a race with the Wild Things mascot. We saw our local athletes win by a run in the last inning over the Kalamazoo Panthers and, pardon the cliché, but I think that "a good time was had by all".

*Submitted by Kathy Stanis*

**Celebrate Kids Dinner Auction October 21**

The second annual "Celebrate Kids" Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, October 21 at the Churchill Valley Country Club.

The silent auction will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and dinner will follow. The live auction will occur after dinner.

Send in your reservations now! If you haven't received an invitation please pick one up at the school office. NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE AUCTION. Thank you and we appreciate your continued support. Contact the school office at 412.271.7173.

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The United Way has kicked off its annual fundraising campaign for non-profit organizations. Consider making Concordia Lutheran Ministries an option for you. Obtain a donor option form from your employer. This is a convenient method of payroll deduction without the hassle of writing a check and putting it in the mail.

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By supporting Concordia and the residents we serve through this program, you help to continue our mission "to serve our aging community with the highest quality of services through a continuum of caregiving option provided in a Christian environment, and to serve those with limited funds to the best of our ability."

## Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Dedicate Home

BUTLER—Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have accomplished what they set out to do nine months ago—build a home with a family in urgent need of one. On September 22 volunteers, Habitat for Humanity representatives, Thrivent Financial representatives, Thrivent Financial Manager of Lutheran Community Service, and, of course, the excited partner family gathered at 300 McCargo St., New Kensington, PA to celebrate the hard work, the generous financial backing and the community support that made this home possible. Homebuyer Joyce Leonard, and her family, are more than just a little eager to move into their new home. They have completed 500 hours of "sweat equity" helping to build the home, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. They will repay the no-profit mortgage over a period of twenty years, illustrating Habitat for Humanity's objective to give families a "hand up" rather than a "hand out." "It's a blessing," says Leonard.

The new home is a result of the recent alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Called **Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity**, the alliance is a four-year, \$105 million commitment by Thrivent

Financial that includes plans to construct up to an additional 500 homes across the country each year, to engage 500,000 volunteers in Habitat for Humanity builds, to promote short-term volunteer home building trips abroad, to provide large grants to measurably improve substandard housing in specific neighborhoods, and to supplement gifts from Thrivent Financials nearly three million members to Habitat for Humanity International.

"This is an exciting opportunity for local Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members and Lutheran congregations to team up with the Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity to make an impact in our communities and build new hope and a bright future for families," says Dino Capestrani, Manager of Lutheran Community Services for Thrivent Financial.

## Trombone Recital and Oktoberfest Dinner

LAWRENCEVILLE—On Sunday, October 22, 2006, Zion will sponsor a Trombone Recital by Pittsburgh area performer Richard Porter III at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Porter has been playing trombone for the majority of his life. He currently performs with the Washington Swing Orchestra and has also participated in the Washington Symphony, East Winds Symphonic Band, the Ritz Big Band, South Hills Community Band, and Pittsburgh Savoyards Orchestra. He currently sings with the choir at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in McKees Rocks.

Accompanists include Rev. Father Thomas Soroka, Ruth Molkenthin Miller (member of Zion and director of the Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus), and Alicia Giove.

Following the performance, Zion will host its annual Oktoberfest Dinner at 5 p.m. A free will offering will be collected. All proceeds will be donated to Concordia Lutheran Ministries' Lund Care Center Expansion Project Capital Campaign, "A Time To Build ...". If you are interested in attending the dinner, please contact Zion at 412.621.2720 by October 15th. Zion is located at 237 37<sup>th</sup> Street in Lawrenceville.

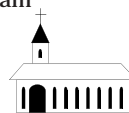
### Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings Held at Bethel

GLENSHAW—Family members of persons with substance abuse problems support each other and get education about how best to help their loved ones. The Nar-Anon Family Group at Bethel meetings are held on Mondays at **7 p.m.** Call the church office for more information (412.486.5777).

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## The Mission: To Seek and Save the Lost

*"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

Isn't it amazing to think that the angels throw a party in heaven every time a sinner repents and turns to Christ as the only way of salvation? This is what the resurrection of our Lord has done. Sin, death and the devil has no power over us. They have been defeated. We are free from the bondage of sin. We get to live the rest of our days on the earth as kids of the King.

The very heart and mission of God is concentrated on "seeking and saving the lost," to give people meaning and purpose to life. Many have gone astray by the deceptiveness of the world. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Satan will continue to try to distract the saints and cause many to abandon His mission.

I am so thankful to be a part of a



### Freda Azinger's 100th Birthday

BRADDOCK—Freda Bentz Azinger, a resident of Concordia Oertel Center, will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 14, 2006. Freda was the second of three children of Eva and Joseph Bentz and sister to four children of Eva Bentz Gaal and Michael Gaal.

Freda was married to Walter Azinger for 62 years before his death in 1991. They had two sons. Raymond and his wife Joan live in Oregon and have three children and two grandchildren. Norman and his wife JoAnn live in Braddock Hills and have four children and six grandchildren.

Freda was baptized at Immanuel, Braddock and is still a member there. A celebration of her 100th birthday will take place on October 15 at Concordia's Netzel Hall, with family and friends.

church whose desire is to be an instrument by which God will build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. Sharing and living the gospel in our homes, our church, our community and our world – spiritual growth, unity, worship, fellowship and compassionate service is all supernatural. Starting a new mission is the same. Only God changes hearts and reveals Himself. Many of us have loved ones who are not living according to God's design for them and it grieves us. We have to remember that God is infinitely more concerned about them than we are. We do have to concern ourselves about His mission. What is our role? Each person should ask God to show them how they can be involved in bringing the "lost" to Christ. God will give you wisdom.

The enemy does not want this mission to succeed. He has and will try to divide and conquer. We ask for your prayers for protection, wisdom and insight.

### White Fields Foundation & Uncommon Grounds Café

Jesus states "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months then comes the harvest?'" "I tell you, 'Lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.'"

The idea of Uncommon Grounds Café...a non-threatening place to gather people from all walks of life and build relationships with the intentions to share Christ's love...to be a mission outpost.

Uncommon Grounds Gourmet Cafe is scheduled to open sometime in August 2007. The ministry will focus mainly to: 1. Provide a revenue source for future ministry. 2. Provide a place of gathering and a place to connect to the community by serving the disenfranchised and reach the post-modern. 3. To form a new worshipping community.

I am looking for partners who believe in the mission and want to get involved. Another donor is offering to give \$50,000 in a matching grant; we have until the end of October. We are so grateful to all who have served to get us to this point. We would appreciate your prayers. If you are interested or want more information, please call me (412.364.5636) or email [bgaertner@verizon.net](mailto:bgaertner@verizon.net).

*God's Grace and Peace,*

*SDG*

*Rev. Brennan Gaertner*

## Three in One Event...

*(Continued from page 1.)*

wizardry, custom-designed in celebration of Concordia's 125th Anniversary! If you've never seen a Zambelli display up close like this, you owe the kids (and yourself) the treat. It's the perfect way to end a day of fun and celebration.

### Find your place at the table

Oktoberfest means food, and some of the best of our German culinary heritage – along with traditional American favorites — are on the menu.

**Haven 3 Dining Room 3 - 6:30 p.m.**

- Grilled Lamb (compliments of Carol Schuler)
- Kielbasa & Sauerkraut
- Marinated Pulled Roast Beef Sandwich on Kaiser Roll
- Hot Dogs with or w/o Sauerkraut
- German Potato Salad
- Slow-Cooked Baked Beans
- Spaetzle & Cabbage
- Corn on the Cob
- Apple Dumplings w/Warm Cinnamon Sauce
- Warm Apple Cider w/Cinnamon Stick

**Haven 3 Ground Floor Lobby 3 - 6:30 p.m.**

Bake Sale coordinated by Haven III resident, Peggy Stark and including homemade noodles from John Huss Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arnold, and homemade vegetable soup made by Concordia's Assisted Living Residents

**Quick Food Tent 6:30 - 9 p.m.**

- Hot Dogs
- Drinks
- Anniversary Cupcakes

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## Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Takes a Twist — Concordia Lutheran Ministries “Concordia Serving Concordia” Annual Meeting Re-Scheduled

CABOT—Each year for many, friends and family of Concordia have been generously donating food items for our residents. In this, our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it has been decided that as a thank you from Concordia to all of our “family” who have been so faithful throughout decades of harvest,

### Lund Care Center Expansion Public Open House Scheduled

CABOT—Please join Keith E. Frndak, President & CEO and the family of Concordia Lutheran Ministries on Sunday, October 29 from 1 - 3 p.m. for the Grand Opening Tour of our new Lund Care Center featuring

- ◆ Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation Services including an aquatic therapy pool
- ◆ Good Samaritan hospice 10-bed inpatient and respite unit
- ◆ Country kitchens
- ◆ Four seasons room
- ◆ Assisted living and skilled nursing private accommodations
- ◆ Diagnostic and laboratory outpatient offices provided through a partnership with Butler Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Physicians specialty office suite affiliated with Alle-Kiski Medical Center and Butler Memorial Hospital.

Enter at Entrance #4, 134 Marwood Road. Parking available in the front lot.

### News from Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus

The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus concert schedule includes the Reformation Service on Sunday, October 29th at First in Sharpsburg. Open concert dates for the Christmas series are December 3, 10, 17 and January 7. Scheduling can be made by calling Choir Director Ruth Molkenthin Miller at 412.486.6738. Performance time is flexible and can be afternoon or evening. Why not include the chorus for a special event or a fundraiser for your congregation?

Concordia will again conduct the Food Drive and donate it back to one of our missions.

Last month's issue of *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* called for partnerships with the Sunshine Kitchen in McKeesport. It seemed like the perfect opportunity to share our blessings at the time of Thanksgiving. Sunshine Kitchen was founded in 1983 through the efforts of Concordia Lutheran Church in McKeesport. Five years ago, when the congregation elected to close, Barbara Stuffer, one of the members, was moved to try and continue the ministry despite the fact that she had no experience in managing this kind of project. Since then, through her leadership and the efforts of community and congregational volunteerism, the Sunshine Kitchen distributes nearly 300 food bags during holiday months and more than 200 on a usual monthly basis in addition to emergency food bags. Monday's Devotion/worship time followed by dinner and distribution of clothing continues. A Vacation Bible School and a weekly tutoring mentoring program is also part of the outreach program, thanks to the help of local residents and churches. Barb, currently a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Murrysville, is always on the lookout for volunteers...so Concordia can collect those, along with the food and donations that together we provide.

Examples of food items include flour, sugar, rice, macaroni and cheese and cereals or any non-perishable items of any size canned goods including large, commercial size cans of fruits, vegetables and soups. The following churches have agreed to serve as pick up locations - Our Savior, Mt. Lebanon; Calvary, Murrysville, and Bethel, Glenshaw. All donations will be picked up on Monday, December 6 by members of the Concordia Board. Monetary donations should be sent to Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Development Office, 148 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 with a notation for Sunshine Kitchen.

To all of you who remember this mission at harvest time, we thank you in advance for adhering to Scripture for you have not forgotten to do good and share with others. We are pleased and Hebrews 12:16 says, “for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

CABOT—The Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting will be moved to Sunday, November 5, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served following the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m. Tours of the new Lund Care Center will be available from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. prior to registration.

Each of our 38 member congregations are entitled to representation by three delegates at all meetings of the members. The delegates shall be the pastor of the member congregation and two lay members of the congregation who are appointed in the manner determined by the congregation. Proof of appointment as delegate shall be submitted prior to the commencement of the meeting. Each delegate present at a meeting of the members shall be entitled to one vote. Directors are not eligible to serve as lay delegates.

Delegates are valuable assets to Concordia Lutheran Ministries in their role as ambassadors to our congregations. Their attendance at this once-a-year meeting helps to ensure that Concordia's mission and ministry continues under God's guidance. The meeting agenda will include committee reports, service line updates and long range planning discussion. The major purpose of this meeting is to elect Directors for the organization. Each Director may serve up to two consecutive terms of three years each.

As Concordia grows the responsibility of the delegate expands. Keith E. Frndak, President and CEO would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge these 114 lay and clergy who put their trust in Concordia Lutheran Ministries and work on its behalf. Please keep them and all of us at Concordia in your prayers.

NOTE: The Delegate meeting has traditionally been held on the second Sunday of November. This year, however, with the opening of our new expansion, Concordia has chosen to host these very important persons a week earlier.

## Happenings at Concordia

Haven Bon Fire - Friday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup> behind Haven I, nearly 100 residents enjoyed toasting marshmallows and hot dogs as nostalgia permeated the smell of embers and fall.



September's Special Party - Monday, September 11 at Haven I



Evening Entertainment - Tuesday, September 12 at Haven I featured Harold Schnaible, a resident there.



Summer Carnival - This fun-filled event was held in the Lund activity room August 31<sup>st</sup> as 63 residents enjoyed fresh popcorn, funnel cakes, and freshly squeezed lemonade. There was a beanbag toss game and residents watched the activity staff break a clown piñata.



Trip to Rosebrook - A group of Assisted Living residents visited Rosebrook in Sarver to say hello to former Concordia resident Violet Burd. AL resident Agnes Smith's sister was also there as an added surprise.



Haven II Beach Party on August 24<sup>th</sup>, Haven II residents, friends, and some employees gathered for a fun night of food and fellowship.



Haven II Anniversary - Haven II residents and employees celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the building's opening on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Building Coordinator, Roxie Nicol read proclamations from Keith Frndak naming August 25<sup>th</sup> as Haven II Day and from the Butler County Commissioners congratulating Concordia for providing senior living. Doughnuts were served and resident Sara Jane Bier was recognized as having the longest tenure in Haven II.



## Concordia Lutheran Ministries Receipts August 18, 2006 through September 14, 2006

### General Donations

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### Capital Campaign Fund

Haven II Residents - Marlen Lang - Perry & Lois Martin - Harry & Lois Shindledecker - Peg Mann - Edie Waltenbaugh - Howard Hofer - Emogene Blair. In memory of Gayle Obbink by: Emil & Julia Dananay. In memory of Harold & Mabel Tompsett by: M. Margaret Tompsett. In memory of Will Schelien by: Margaret Schelien. A special commemoration of: Jonathan Goerss, Miriam King and Betty Fischer by Ruth Goerss. In memory of Leota Boltz by: Gabriella & Merle Mikesell - Harriet Hunter - Robert & Nita King - Ruth Brewer - Frank Fowler - Harry & Lois Shindledecker - Joseph & Donna Reitingner - Ruth Rhein. In memory of Gus Kania by: Anna Kania. In memory of Robert Fischer by: Charles & Marjorie Johnston.

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