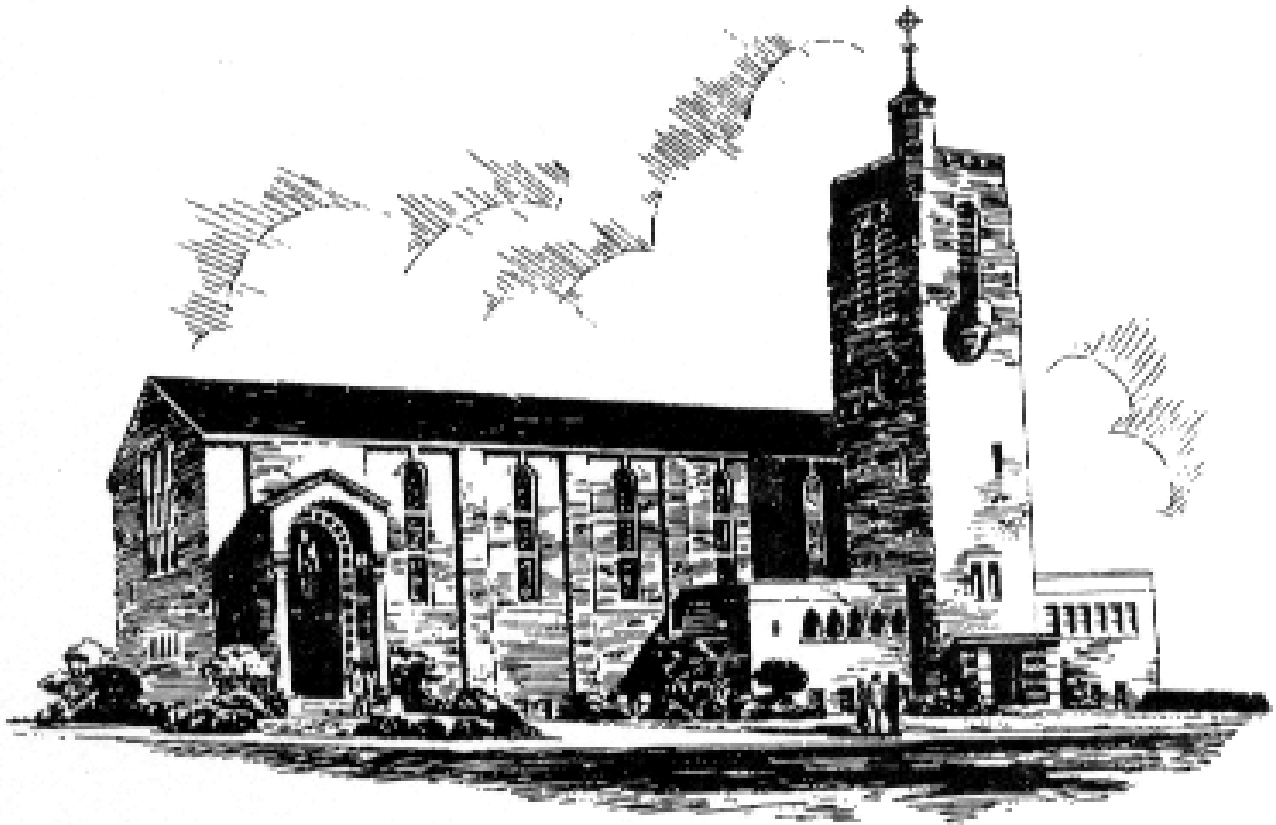


# Concordia Lutheran Church

“A Christian family who cares for one another”

June 15, 2008 – 10:00 AM



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*Our Mission: “To be united in Word and Sacrament through the regular worship of the Triune God and the study of His Word, we at Concordia Lutheran Church, Maplewood, Missouri are called to reach out in love and service to this community with the message of free grace, love and salvation found only in Christ Jesus.”*

### **To our Guests...Regarding Holy Communion**

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The apostle Paul encourages us: *“Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”* 1 Cor. 11:28

Participation in the Lord’s Supper at our altar is an expression of the faith confessed at our altar. We ask that those who plan to partake of our Lord’s body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith be:

- Baptized Christians;
- Who have received instruction in the Biblical teaching of the Lord’s Supper as taught by the Lutheran church;
- Who are truly sorry for their sins, and believe that the true body and blood of Christ are received with the bread and the wine, according to Christ’s plain words.

Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and subscribes to the confession of faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church recorded in the Book of Concord of 1580.

For those who doubt, or are unsure of their confession of faith, we ask that you refrain from participation until you have spoken with the pastor, who is eager to talk with you.

*We offer Communion wine in either the individual cup or the chalice at every Communion service. Nonalcoholic wine fills the cups in the middle of each tray. If you wish to drink from the chalice (common cup), please do not take an individual cup, which comes first. The chalice will follow.*

*Please note: If you are suffering physical limitations, please come forward to the first pew on either side of the sanctuary and The Lord’s Supper will be served there.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 15, 2008

10:00 AM

*(Worship Service with Holy Communion – page 178)*

### TOLLING OF THE BELL

### GREETING AND WELCOME

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

“O God, Forsake Me Not” 372 LW

*Please stand.*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*As we make confession, we may remain standing, sit or kneel. In preparation for our confession, we silently reflect on God’s Word and take this opportunity for self-examination.*

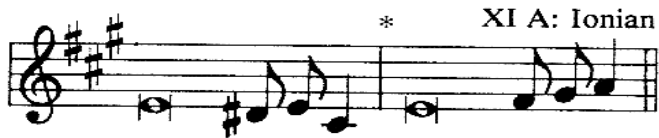
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**INTROIT OF THE DAY** *All stand and join in chanting the Introit.*



The Lord is my light and my salvation— \*  
whom shall I fear?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I  
seek: \*

that I may dwell in the house of the  
Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me  
safe in his dwelling; \*

he will hide me in the shelter of his  
tabernacle and set me high upon a  
rock.

Then my head will be exalted  
above the enemies who surround me; \*

at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with  
shouts of joy; I will sing and make  
music to the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son \*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Lord is my light and my salvation— \*  
whom shall I fear?

*(Antiphon, Ps. 27:1a;  
Ps. 27:4-6)*

**KYRIE** (*chanted page 179*)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*page 182*)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the  
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand  
of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with  
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *(spoken)*

People: **And also with you.** *(sung)*

Pastor: We now join together in praying the collect for the day. Let us pray...

People: **O Lord, whose gracious presence never fails to guide and govern those whom you have nurtured in your steadfast love and worship, make us ever revere and adore your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *Please sit.*

Lector: **THE FIRST READING** for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Jeremiah, verses 7-13.

*O LORD, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: **THE SECOND READING** is from the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans, verses 12-15.

*Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.** *Please stand.*

**VERSE** *(sung – page 184)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: **THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to St. Matthew. The 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter, verses 24-33.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*“A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! “So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.*”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please sit.*

Pastor: We now join in singing “How Firm a Foundation” 411 LW.

**SERMON**

“Do Not Be Afraid” Matthew 10:24-33

**NICENE CREED** (*Stand – page 185*)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Pastor: Lord in Your Mercy...

**People: Hear our prayer.** (*respond after each prayer*)

Pastor: Into your hands, o Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.** *Please sit.*

## RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS (*page 188*)

*(As the plates are carried forward, stand and sing.)*

**What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## PREFACE (*spoken – page 189*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

*(sung)* **God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you**

**AGNUS DEI** (*Sung by all – page 191*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. *Sit***

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*(The distribution hymns have printed for your convenience, feel free to bring your bulletin with you so you may sing along, as you wait on line for your turn at the communion rail.)*

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light,  
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord,  
 4 Grant that I on - ly you may love

And let my heart and soul be bright,  
 And cleanse all my im - pu - ri - ty  
 That glad - ly I o - bey your Word.  
 And seek those things which are a - bove

Il - lu - mined with the light of grace  
 That I may have the strength and will  
 Let what you will be my de - sire,  
 Till I be - hold you face to face,

That is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
 Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
 And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

1 “Come, fol - low me,” said Christ, the Lord, “All in my way a -  
 2 “I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly life dis -  
 3 “My heart is rich in low - li - ness; My soul with love is  
 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s sal -

bid - ing; Your self - ish - ness throw o - ver - board, O -  
 play - ing; I help you walk as in the day; I  
 glow - ing; My lips the words of grace ex - press, Their  
 va - tion; Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free, From

bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear your cross - es,  
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 tones all gen - tly flow - ing. My heart, my mind, my  
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge

and con - fide In my ex - am - ple as your guide.  
 well I show How you should jour - ney here be - low.  
 strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
 And take the cross appointed  
 And, firmly clinging to his word,  
 In suff’ring be undaunted.  
 For those who bear the battle’s strain  
 The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

## **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** (*Stand – page 192*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let ev'ryone who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray...

**All:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” 756 WOV (printed on following page)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the Word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

*keyran*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

**Let's Pray This Week for:**

**Our world and nation:** Lord make us unafraid... Give each of us the courage to witness to the world about the Savior who has come among His people. We pray for world peace and that the love of our Lord Jesus Christ might prevail. Lord help us to focus on your great gifts of grace and mercy that we have received through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for all government - that they would serve well. We pray for our soldiers and their families... Fill their hearts with the full confidence of your grace and mercy. We pray that our faith would be strengthened and that we would be led to support the missionaries of the LCMS. Accept our prayers for all the Churches of the LCMS, Lutheran Blind Mission, and the Paul family and for the mission of the Hoech's to the Dungan people. Amen.

**People in need of hope and healing:** Donna L... PJ L... Matthew S...

**Flowers** are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the fathers of the congregation, by the YMPS (Ye Merry Peoples Society).

**Serving in God's House This Day**

Preacher:	Rev. Lew Ensor
Organist:	Russ Henkhaus
Altar Guild:	Denise W
Lay Reader:	Jackie V
Greeter:	Anna M, Gladys G & Carol E
Ushers:	Andy W, Charles V & Don J

**Attention Kids** Weekly Bulletins are especially prepared for you and are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. There are two formats, one for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12. Pick up a copy for yourself each Sunday.

**Our Church Staff** need your continual prayers for them and their families. Remember them in your daily prayers. They are: Pastor Lew Ensor... organist, Russ Henkhaus... secretary, Tina Milcic... custodian, Zach H...

**Our Responses To God's Love Last Week**

**Sunday Worship 10:00AM 47 Communed 44**

**Sunday School – 0 & Adult Bible Class – 8**

**New Church Website Launched!** We have a new website at [www.concordiamaplewood.org](http://www.concordiamaplewood.org). It includes some basic information about the church. Also, the bulletins and the newsletters are available for viewing and printing. We have removed all private phone numbers and last names to protect privacy. It is a work in progress and you will see changes on a regular basis. We hope it will be a great benefit to the life of the church. Any questions? Contact Deborah Lee or the church office at (314) 647-1215.

**Choir will rehearse** on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on June 17 & 24 for preparation of singing for Pastor John Rhoads' last with us, which will be Sunday, June 27, 2008.

Following are the various events hosted by our church in the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to attend these activities and we hope you'll attend. If you need more information or have questions, please call the contact numbers listed with each activity or call the church office at (314) 647-1215.

### This Week at Concordia

- Today:** *Father's Day*  
8:45 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
**10:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion**  
*July Newsletter Deadline*
- Monday:** 9:30 AM – Pastor Lew @ Circuit Pastor's meeting
- Tuesday:** 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 12:30 PM – Staff meeting
- Sunday:** *Apple of His Eye Mission Sunday*  
8:45 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
**10:00 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**What is "Prayer"?** Have you ever wanted to sit down and have a talk with God? That's exactly what prayer is for! God promises to hear and answer us when we pray to Him. When we pray we may close our eyes, fold our hands, and bow our heads so that we are not distracted by the things around us. You don't have to do all that, though. Some people pray while they're driving their car. You can pray anywhere and at any time. What should we pray for? In prayer, we not only ask God for what we need, but we praise and thank Him for what we already have. If you want to, you can pray to God just to talk to Him. We pray especially that God would keep us strong in our faith, and that He might bring others to faith too. Are there different types of prayer? There are many different types of prayer. As a matter of fact, most of our worship is made up of prayers. Some examples are the Confession, the Agnus Dei, and the Post-Communion Collects. Maybe you can write your own prayer using one of these as a model.

**Pictorial Directory** The church Council would like to know how many members would be willing to participate in a new pictorial directory. If you are interested in having your portrait taken, please sign-up in the back of church, if we have a large enough response, we will schedule dates to have a new pictorial directory prepared.

**Our VBS** will be held Sunday, July 13 through Thursday, July 17, 2008, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This year's theme is "Friendship Trek". There are many positions still to fill. We need: group leaders (these leaders guide their small group of kids from one activity to the next), kitchen helpers (to prepare the nightly snack), recreation helpers and craft helpers. Interested in serving? Contact Tina Milcic at 314-703-2131. Your support is appreciated. Do you know of a child in your neighborhood, or maybe even your family that could benefit from hearing God's Word? Invite them to attend VBS this July. Use the registration form attached on the following page.

# Register me for VBS 2008



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food allergies Yes  No  (List:) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical concerns Yes  No  (Explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Church membership at \_\_\_\_\_  
 People who may pick up the child \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation needed? Yes  No

For VBS Staff  
use only

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday

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