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Weekly Word • 1 Thessalonians 5:8-9

New This Week

LATINA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IRVINE

Concordia University Irvine (CUI) will be hosting its third annual Latina Leadership Conference on **Saturday, October 13**. Designed to inspire Latina students from local high schools and community colleges--along with one parent--the free half-day conference inspires attendees to navigate the road to college. Successful first-generation Hispanic professionals will share their journeys, while students can choose from breakout sessions featuring Concordia's top majors and how these first-gen role models did college, and how today they apply their degrees. A campus tour, lunch, and an Information Fair--that includes CUI majors as well as community colleges--wraps up the day. Online registration is required at cui.edu/latinas. Space is limited; we regret that we cannot accommodate walk-ins.

SPANISH INTERPRETERS NEEDED

If you speak Spanish fluently and would like to minister to Hispanic families in Irvine for a day, Concordia University Irvine (CUI) needs your help. Since 2016, the Latina Leadership Conference at CUI has inspired Hispanic girls in high school and community colleges--along with one parent--to navigate the road to college. For attendees who are more comfortable listening to presenters in Spanish, CUI offers designated seating in each session where audience members can sit and listen to a Spanish interpreter. Each interpreter serves about six audience members; head sets are not used. We also need interpreters at registration tables, and to help with campus directions. The conference runs from 8:00 am-1:30 pm on **Sunday, October 13** and volunteers are welcome to stay for a free lunch, and we encourage you to sit with families. If your church would like to send interpreters, contact conference event manager Sarah Martini at Sarah.Martini@cui.edu today to reserve your spot. To learn more visit cui.edu/latinas. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for partnering with Concordia Irvine in serving these families.

END OF LIFE DECISIONS WORKSHOP

Rev. Dr. James Lamb, serving with the Sanctity of Human Life Committee for the LCMS and Former Director for Lutherans for Life will present at workshop on **Saturday, September 15**, 4:00-5:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach. The workshop will present the basics of Advance Directives for Christians; ventilators, feeding tubes and other end of life issues; the important of designating Durable Power of Attorney; and hands on guidance for completing advanced directives and living wills.

FAMILY FEST

Family Fest, hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley is a Christian community event free for families being held on **Saturday, October 6**, 10:00 am—2:00 pm. There will be Octoberfest food; fun for kids; musical entertainment; and a chance to reconnect and make new friends. For more information, contact Trinity Lutheran at 928-772-8845.

OCTOBER CONCERTS

St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange invites you to join us for our next two concerts in October; on **Sunday, October 7** at 7:00 pm we are pleased to bring back our Bach Cantata Vespers, "Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich (BMV150). St. John's Cathedral Singers will be performing along with soloists and orchestra. Our second concert will feature the Gary Bonner Singers on **Sunday, October 28** at 4:00 pm. You will love the sound of this 60-voice choir. There is not charge for these concert, but a freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under age 5. For more information, please call 714-288-4431

Previously Posted

HEALTH MINISTRY FOCUS: BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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Blood Cancer Awareness Month provides the opportunity to educate and engage the public about the blood cancers – leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma - which are the third leading cause of cancer deaths among Americans. Nearly 1.3 million people in the U.S. live with, or are in remission from, leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma and other blood cancers. Cancer is not a one-size-fits-all disease. More than one-third of blood cancer patients still do not survive five years after their diagnosis. For more information on Blood Cancer Awareness click [here](#). For additional information beyond this article visit LLS.org or allbloodcancers.org/about-lrf.

ONE MINUTE: YOU'LL GET THROUGH THIS

Rev. Ron Rehner, Counselor for Church Workers, 949-433.-182; ron@ronrehner.com

Ever face a situation that seems like the end of the world? There is no hope. There is no answer. Perhaps you have been diagnosed with cancer or some other horrible disease. Or you have lost a loved one and you don't know how you can survive. Or you have lost your job (or ministry) and can't see a future. Life plays hardball with us sometimes. As a Christian, you may wonder why God has allowed these things to happen to you or to your family. You begin to doubt you will get through this. Why does God seem so silent? Why doesn't He do something to pull me out of the pit?

In Max Lucado's encouraging book, "You'll Get Through This", he tells the story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50) who is placed into the pit and sold down the river (down into Egypt). He chronicles the challenges in Joseph's life (losing his family, losing his identity, stripped of all his possessions, sold into slavery, put into prison, etc). Lucado draws parallels to our own lives. He tells us our own stories "from the pit." He discusses loss of faith or hope and gives us insights into what God is up to.

This is a realistic book. Lucado gives many examples of how life is not easy, and it is often painful. Yet he asserts that no matter what you face, you will get through it. It won't be without pain and it may be messy. But God will use this mess for good. Sometimes we cannot see any good reason for our suffering and circumstances. But Joseph's story gives us hope for getting through it, whatever "it" is that forms your pit.

Divorce, illness, losses, disasters, tragedies, accidents, and a host of other life events cause us to "go down into the pit". This book shows how God in Jesus Christ is with us all along the way. What has happened to us God uses for good. Using the power of the Scriptures, you will find hope and solace in the renewal of your faith. You will find many Biblical passages to anchor your trust in God. In Hebrews 13:5, God promises "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you". David prayed in Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I will trust in you".

You will get through this because God has not abandoned you and His son, Jesus, loves you and He himself suffered and came through the pit. God will use this mess for good.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Pastor Richard A. Dannenbring is retiring from pastoral ministry after over 45 years of faithful, energetic, and loving service of our Risen Lord and Savior. His last preaching day at Christ Lutheran Church, Brea will be **Sunday, September 16**. Pastor Dan will be preaching all four worship services that day: 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, and 6:00 pm. The church family at Christ Lutheran would be blessed by the attendance of any of our brothers and sisters in Christ that would like to hear our beloved Pastor Dan preach one last time. We are located at 820 W. Imperial Highway, 1 mile west of the 57 Freeway in Brea.

VISIT WITH CONCORDIA SEMINARY ADMISSIONS OFFICER

You are invited to meet with Rev. Jaime Nava, Admissions Officer at Concordia Seminary, to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Please contact Rev. Nava at 314-505-7224 or navaj@csl.edu to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Monday, September 24, 8:00 am—4:00 pm, Concordia University Irvine

Tuesday, September 25, 8:00 am—12:00 pm, Concordia University Irvine

Wednesday, September 26, Morning—Call to make appointment, Las Vegas area

Wednesday, September 26, 3:00 pm—7:00 pm, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas

Thursday, September 27, Morning—Call to make appointment, Phoenix area

Thursday, September 27, 3:00 pm—8:00 pm, Christ's Greenfield Lutheran Church, Gilbert

WHY THE CHURCH NEEDS MASCULINE MEN

Dr. Scott Keith will be teaching at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Anaheim on **Saturday, October 6**, 9:00-10:30 am. The topic will be Why the Church needs Masculine Men. The event is open to all men - please RSVP for a breakfast at 8:30 am. Contact Prince of Peace at 714-774-0993.

ALCM/CONCORDIA CHURCH MUSIC CONFERNECE & HYMN FESTIVAL

On **Saturday, October 6**, Concordia University Irvine will host a one-day church music conference and hymn festival under the leadership of Michael Burkhardt. Church music professionals, volunteers, and enthusiasts are invited to join us for worship, workshops, reading sessions, and two plenary sessions on the theme "Hole-ly, Wholly and Holy: Worship and the Arts in the 21st Century." A schedule and registration options may be accessed at alcm.org/event/irvine-ca/. The registration fee of \$45 (\$20 for students) includes lunch, an afternoon reception, and a ticket to the closing hymn festival. Parking at Concordia University is complimentary. Additional hymn festival tickets available through the Concordia University box office. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Mueller at tom.mueller@cui.edu or 949-214-3651.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY EAGLE GOLF CLASSIC

You are invited to participate in Concordia University Irvine's annual Eagle Golf Classic on Monday, **October 8**, at the beautiful Strawberry Farms Golf Club in Irvine. Win one of three spectacular hole-in-one prizes: Trip for two to the 2019 Masters, \$25,000 cash split, or a car from Villa Ford of Orange. There will be lunch stops throughout the course and a delicious buffet dinner and award presentations. You can also take home some great gift baskets. Registration opens at 9:00 am with a shotgun start at 11:00 am. Go to cui.edu/golf for more details and to register as a player or sponsor. All proceeds go to the Concordia Fund and athletic programs. Questions? Grace.Saldana@cui.edu or 949-214-3183.

WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST: CHURCH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT GRANTS

Are you a newly called church worker in the first three years of your first call? If that's you and you need assistance in paying off your student loan debt, then this is for you. Funds are available for both commissioned and ordained workers. To apply or get more information lutheranchurchworkers.org/resources. **Complete applications are due by October 15, 2018** to church.work@psd-lcms.org. Grant recipients will be notified in November.

JUMP START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

On **Saturday, October 27** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Vista will be hosting a community event and craft fair. Want to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping? Come shop for unique handmade gifts. Entertainment, food, community services. LOTS OF FUN!! Questions, contact Nicola at ChristmasinJulyatVista@gmail.com or church office 760-724-7700. Free admission.

TOUR TO ISRAEL

Join Rev. Toby Joeckel for an educational tour to Israel! 10 days, **November 27 to December 6, 2018!** Cost from New York is \$3,399 .00 or meet us there for \$2,699, including first class hotels and 2 meals/day. This will be Pastor Joeckel's 4th trip. For information email pastortoby@outlook.com.

LWML CRUISE

Post the National LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, the LWML is pleased to offer a cruise on the Carnival Fantasy for FUN from **June 24- 29, 2019**. Well-deserved rest and relaxation with proceeds which benefit the mission projects of the LWML. Would you like to take part in this fun getaway while benefiting LWML? McGehee Cruise & Vacation Inc. will assist with all reservations for the cruise. Registration is now open: Please follow this [secure link](#) for further information and questions.

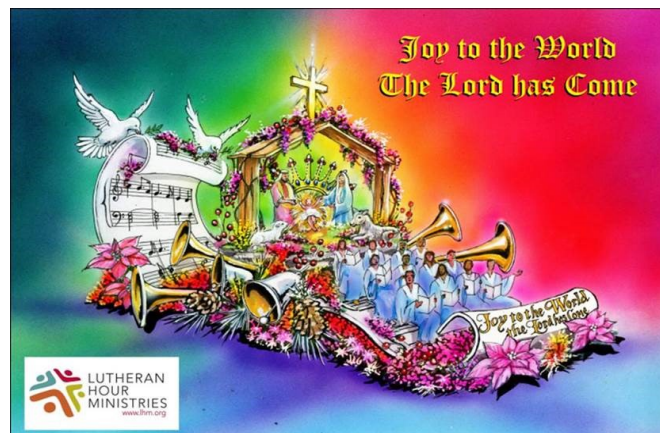
Rose Parade News

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

2019 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

VOLUNTEER TO DECORATE

Joy to the World the Lord has Come is the theme of the 2019 LHM Tournament of Roses Parade Float. Want to help decorate next year's float? Mark your calendars for August and visit the LHM Petal Pushers' [website](#). Everyone 13 and older is WELCOME!



COLORING CONTEST

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee is sponsoring our 9th annual Coloring Contest. You have the permission of the LHMFC to make copies of the [coloring page](#) and use it for school, Sunday School or individuals. Questions, contact Dick Gast at chairman@petalpushers.org. Please send and completed entries to: Lutheran Hour Float Committee, PO Box 20044, River side, CA 92516. The Coloring Contest is open to all students Preschool through 8th grade. Entries must be postmarked by November 1, 2018.

OUTREACH BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Again this year, Petal Pusher® Outreach Booth volunteers will distribute materials and share the meaning of Joy to the World, the Lord is Come! - the title of our 2019 Lutheran Hour Ministries Rose Parade float. As opportunity presents itself, they will discuss how: this hymn proclaims the greatest of life's melodies; in the birth of Jesus prominently portrayed in the center of the float, we meet the Promised One of God; the coming of Christ marks the great step of fulfillment leading to His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection for our salvation. It will be possible to do this in areas where: decorating is taking place; floats are staged on the morning of the parade; floats are viewed by the public after the parade. Please go to share.petalpushers.org/ and sign up now for the times you'll be able to serve.

Prayer & Praise

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at
kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org

Praise Reports

First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Las Vegas will dedicate their new All Nations mural on **Sunday, October 14** after the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!



Ordinations & Installations

Dr. Jack Brouwer has accepted the call from Faith Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, to serve as their Associate Pastor for Outreach. His Ordination and Installation will take place at Faith Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach on **Sunday, September 30** at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow the service. All are invited to join us as we rejoice and give thanks and praise to God for blessing Jack and his family as well as Faith Congregation in this tremendous way. Clergy are invited to participate in the worship service. Please wear your red stoles.

Rev. Collin P. Duling answered the Call of the Saints at Our Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool, Westchester to serve as their Pastor. His Installation will take place at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westchester CA on **Sunday, October 7** at 3:00 pm with refreshments following the Service. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at 310-670-7272 or by e-mail at oursav@sbcglobal.net.

Continued Prayers

We pray for all congregations and schools currently in the calling process.

John Ahrens - on hospice care

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues

Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer

Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

Rev. Roy Gesch – macular degeneration and dementia

David Hendry – suffering from dementia

Kim Ingwersen - battling ALS

Rev. Paul Jacobs - recovering from surgery

Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease and cancer

Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer

Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer

Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes

Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine

Phillip Taylor - fighting cancer

Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer

Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer

Karina von Hindenburg - fighting breast cancer

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