Dear Pastor and congregation,

Summer is here and with it brings Concordia’s heritage event. The 144th Annual Concordia Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, July 27 from 12:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the Lund Care Center Backyard on the Cabot campus.** There’s much to be thankful for and we invite you to join us once again for our outdoor affair and see firsthand the lifestyle of our residents.

Here are seven reasons why we hope you circle the date: **1. Everyone loves free** – this event has free admission, free parking, free entertainment, free kids activities and even free food vouchers for those 12 and under! **2.** Our summer theme will be displayed in our menu for the day. Our chefs have created a special menu of picnic fare like rotisserie-style Chicken, smoked brisket, pulled pork Bar-BQ and blueberry cobbler. **3. Live music** – The ever-popular Chuck Blasko and The Vogues from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. **4. The kids WILL be entertained** – We don’t even know where to begin with the Kids’ activities! Fishing contest (noon to 3 p.m.), Bounce House, Face painting, crafts and games, Rockwall climbing, Caricature Artist (12:30 to 4:30 p.m.) **5.** **Car Cruise** weather permitting (12:30 – 3 p.m.) **6.** **Open House** tours at Haven I**. 7. The tradition and guest preacher** – The traditional worship service, held at 4 p.m., has been a part of the Concordia Summer Festival since it started over 130 years ago! This year we are honored to host **Rev. John L. Pingel**, Eastern District President.

I take this opportunity to personally invite you to join us. Concordia has been the recipient of countless blessings over this past century. In remembrance of such bountiful gifts, this service will be the focus of the day.

The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus under the direction of Ruth Molkenthin Miller will sing .”

Please contact me if you have any questions at 412/480-9933 or e-mail me at sfreyer@concordialm.org. Attached find flyers for the Festival. Thank you for including information about this event in your bulletins and newsletters.

Peace to you,



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