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**CHRISTOGRAM**

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS OF  
 CONCORDIA LUTHERAN  
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I have recently been appointed to be the new treasurer of the congregation (the position having been vacated by Larry Pearson's acceptance of new employment in Denver) and, as such, feel compelled to bring to your attention our church's financial status now, as opposed to waiting for the regular September meeting.

SIMPLY PUT, WHILE WE ARE SPENDING WITHIN OUR BUDGET, OUR OFFERINGS HAVE NOT KEPT PACE AND WE ARE IN THE HOLE. Please take some time to review the Treasurer's Report enclosed (on the back of the calendar) and you will see what I mean.

By nature, I am not a fund-raiser type of person, but as an experienced sinner, I would like to suggest what may be some of the symptoms of our collective giving patterns-- as I have been guilty, at one time or another, of all of them:

- 1) Vacations or weekend adventures preclude our attending Concordia and another week's offering gets overlooked.
- 2) Forgot the checkbook this morning... "Oh well, I'll double up next week!" ?????
- 3) Got to retrofit the woodburning stove, paint the house, escape during mud season...and so on...all of which affect our giving patterns.

The church is our refuge and strength, our present, and some day, eternal place of rest. We worship, meet, study, work, collect at the coffee pot and chat, and yes, party, all within its walls...As much a residence to us as our homes. The challenge set before us is attainable; we are not that far away from meeting our needs if we react now. But under the present situation, every week that ticks by without action puts us into a deeper dilemma. Please consider your own financial situation...Are you meeting the goal made to yourself and the Lord at pledge time? Are you able to make a greater commitment? ...All questions requiring your prayer and consideration.

In His Name,  
 Greg Fritz, Treasurer

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GREETERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES...



"Good morning, it's nice to have you visit with us," said a greeter as he/she offered a gentle handshake. These words are so welcoming to a visitor at a worship service.

In our congregation, we are concerned about meeting and greeting the guests at our worship services. God loves them, and Christ died for them that they might have the joy of eternal life! As Christians, we want to take every opportunity to share that Good News with those around us. One way is to make the guests feel welcome by visiting with them, getting their names and addresses, and inviting them back. In order to do this, we wish to have greeters at Sunday worship services.

If you would like to be a greeter, we will be organizing the greeters in September. Contact Pastor Norm or Alma Baldwin by September 20--and have a friend call, too!

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The congregation is invited to the wedding of Marty Jo Boomgarden and William Lepper on September 5th, at 1:30 p.m., at church. A reception will follow at The Gallery, Storm Meadows.

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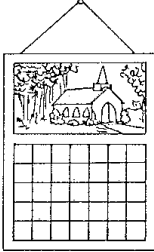


# CHOIR NEWS

ted to join in the fun. Bring a dish to pass and a big appetite. Direct all questions to Jan Fritz or Dianne Weber.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES...



Summer Sunday School was very well attended. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially Kathy Deepe for leading the children in "His Love, Our Response" for six Sundays.

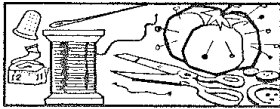
For our Mission project, the students brought health care items which the High School class will assemble and send to Lutheran World Relief.

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 13, begins our new year. Everyone is invited to join us in the basement at 10:15 for a film, singing, fellowship, and a chance to meet our teachers.

Members of the staff attended a Rocky Mountain District Sunday School Convention at St. John Lutheran Church in Denver, August 29th.

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## BAZAAR NOVEMBER 21...



Watch your Sunday bulletins for workshop times and places. If you can't attend, please stop by to pick up a craft to work on at home, or call Elaine Stroncek (-2442) or Doris Riewe (-7356) and they will be glad to give you something to do. Also, if you are working on crafts of your own, let us know what you have and how many.

Let's make this a great Bazaar on November 21st!

(We plan to have the Cookie Caper again, so start looking for new and different cookie recipes. And don't forget to save your coffee cans!)

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nic was enjoyed by 70 adults and children; and the August 9th "Sun City Day" luncheon hosted about 45 adults and children. We want to thank everyone whose help went into these events.

The Fellowship Committee, the Women's Guild, and the Kitchen Committee will be planning a September Fellowship Dinner and Kitchen Shower. Plans will be forthcoming-- watch for them!

A Fellowship Committee suggestion box will be placed in the narthex for any suggestions you might have on fellowship events for the future. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts and ideas.

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The Choir will kick off the year with a picnic on Monday, August 31, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fritz home. All families of prospective choir members are invi-

## GUILD MEETING...



The Guild will meet at the home of Elaine Stroncek, 850 Aspen Street, on Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will begin the new year, so we hope to see you all there! New members and visitors are welcome. Remember your mites!

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## FALL ZONE RALLY...

The LWML Zone Rally will be held in Montrose at Hope Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 19th. Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call our Guild President, Lynn Worrell (879-1018 or 879-2442).



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## A MISSION GOAL...

Please take notice of the oversized mite box in the narthex. Your "pocket change" will go to the various mission projects our Lutheran Women's Missionary League supports. A mission goal of \$1 million dollars was adopted for the next two years, with \$780,000 designated for mission project grants, and \$220,000 for the League's work program. Individual mite boxes which you can fill at home are also available in the narthex.

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## FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE...



### What's Cooking

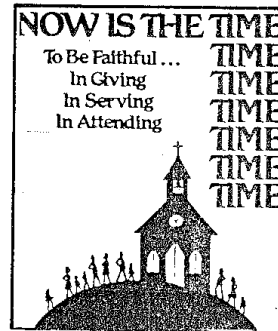
The Fellowship Committee organized three summer events...The June "Sing- spiration" was postponed; the July pic- nique was postponed; the August 9th "Sun City Day" luncheon hosted about 45 adults and children. We want to thank everyone whose help went into these events.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?...

That's not a bad question to ask as we come to the end of summer and make our preparations for the fall. If you sense that the tempo of activities and opportunities is picking up, you are not alone. Many people make their plans in different areas and then fit the Lord and His Church in where they have some open spots. Shouldn't it be the other way around, as Jesus reminds us to seek God's kingdom and righteousness FIRST in our lives (Matt. 6:33)? To help with your planning, let's think about WHAT'S HAPPENING:



+ WORSHIP -- Weekly worship and frequent reception of Holy Communion are desired and commanded by God. "Many of the baptized in today's church do not appreciate the importance of weekly, public worship...From the Third Commandment, to Jesus' example of a regular worship life, to the practice of the early church, to the statement in Hebrews, 'Do not forsake the gathering of yourselves together...', it is abundantly clear that weekly worship was always one of the important aspects of the Christian's life." (Reaching the Inactive Member, John Krahn, p.4) You have the privilege of gathering with your fellow Christians every Sunday at 9 a.m. to bring your praise to God and to be filled through His Word and Sacrament.

+ BIBLE STUDY -- Since the Word of God is a prime motivator in the Christian's life, its benefit is missed when God's people do not read and discuss it. To help us grow in the WORD, we offer the following opportunities and contact people:

- SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 2 - adult--10:15-11:15 a.m. (Elaine Stroneck)
- MORNING BIBLE STUDY at church--Tuesdays at 6 a.m. (Walt Taylor)
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY in homes--Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (Doris Riewe)
- CROSSWAYS! at church--Thursdays at 7 p.m. (Pastor Norm)
- CONFIRMATION CLASS at church --Mondays at 4 p.m. (Pastor Norm)
- ADULT INFORMATION CLASS --schedule varies (Pastor Norm)

+ FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE -- We celebrate our relationships in Jesus and join hands to serve Him and to reach out with His love:

- CONCORDIA WOMEN'S GUILD in homes--3rd Wednesday (Lynn Worrell)
- CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP --monthly (Mary Ann Campbell)
- YOUTH GROUP for confirmed youth (Carrells and Haveners)
- ALTAR GUILD to prepare God's house for worship (Jean Upham)
- CHURCH CLEANING --volunteer schedule (Cert Farrell)
- USHERS for worship (Dennis Scheiwe)
- CHOIR to sing praises to God (Jan Fritz)
- WORK PROJECTS to complete the building and landscaping (Steve Witte)
- NEWSLETTER production and assembly (Rosemary Schmoock and Mary Kay Witte)

This and much more is happening at Concordia. The Lord Jesus invites you to use your time, abilities and money to support His kingdom, to be involved in His work, and to know the joy of growing and serving in Christ! What's happening with you??

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Norm

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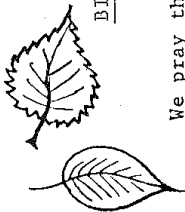
VBS THANKS...

Another week of VBS has come and gone--and what a week it was! The attendance was the best ever, with a total of 70 registered.

Through lessons, crafts, music, worship, games, and snacks, everyone worked together to develop the theme: "Serve the Lord". Many thanks to all the kids who came; to the staff; to the people who prayed for our VBS; to those who brought refreshments, provided moral support, and otherwise worked behind the scenes. Together, the work of the Lord was done!



AN ADULT INFORMATION CLASS, LED BY PASTOR NORM, WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 14th, at 7:30 p.m. AT THE CHURCH. THE CLASS CAN LEAD TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OR CAN BE A REVIEW FOR MEMBERS.



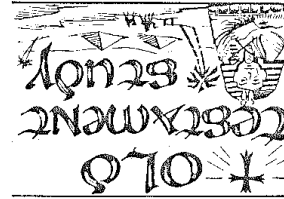
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We pray the Lord's healing mercies on Robert Brege, father of Rosemary Schmoock; Melvin Honebein, father of Jan Honebein; and Gary Rogers, brother of Jeri Taylor; and Jake Riggi....We reluctantly bid farewell to the Carbaugh family, as they move back to Nebraska....We welcome our newest member, Gary Grasmick....Greg Fritz has assumed the job as congregational treasurer, since Larry Pearson moved to Denver....Former member John Miller died in Montrose in August....There will be a congregational planning workshop on September 12th, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., for all who are interested in helping our congregation set goals for future ministry. ...Kitchen work is progressing! Thank you to Hank Stroneck and Jeff Rimel for putting up the drywall in August....Don't forget to bring items for the Food Bank during the next month!....Have you checked the Lost and Found box lately??...Our own co-ed Softball Team finished first in regular season play. Congratulations! ...Karl and Ann Mattlage celebrate 25 years of marriage on September 1st!.... Thank you to Steve Nelson for the use of his computer in compiling the church directory and church records....Have you signed up for the in-depth Bible Study course CROSSWAYS! yet? Don't miss this great chance to really learn about the Word of God! Classes begin on September 10th at 7 p.m. Sign up on the entry-way bulletin board now.

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CROSSWAYS! begins  
 September 10th.  
 Have you signed  
 up?

The Christogram is a monthly publication of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for articles is the fourth Sunday of the month. Layout and typing done this month by Rosemary Schmoock.

The weekly bulletin is printed on Thursdays. News items for the bulletin should be given to Pastor by Thursday morning.

TREASURER'S REPORT (ESTIMATED) AS OF AUGUST 31, 1987

| CATEGORY                            | ACTUAL                  | ACTUAL                | OVER                  |            |                |               |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|                                     | BILLS PAID YEAR TO DATE | BILLS RECEIVED UNPAID | EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE | YTD BUDGET | (UNDER) BUDGET | ANNUAL BUDGET | MONTHLY BUDGET |
| <b>SALARIES:</b>                    |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| PASTOR                              | 12858.31                | 1203.33               | 14461.64              | 14466.64   | -5.00          | 21700.00      | 1808.33        |
| VISITING CLERGY                     | 345.00                  |                       | 345.00                | 200.00     | 145.00         | 300.00        | 25.00          |
| ORGANISTS                           | 250.66                  | 30.00                 | 280.66                | 400.00     | -119.34        | 600.00        | 50.00          |
| F.I.C.A.                            | 42.21                   |                       | 42.21                 | 28.64      | 13.57          | 43.00         | 3.58           |
| <b>MISSIONS:</b>                    |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| DISTRICT & SYNOD                    | 430.84                  |                       | 430.84                | 1723.36    | -1292.52       | 2585.00       | 215.42         |
| LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES            |                         | 150.00                | 150.00                | 100.00     | 50.00          | 150.00        | 12.50          |
| COMMUNITY CARE FUND                 |                         | 250.00                | 250.00                | 166.64     | 83.36          | 250.00        | 20.83          |
| <b>MINISTRY AT HOME:</b>            |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL                       | 252.15                  |                       | 252.15                | 533.36     | -281.21        | 800.00        | 66.67          |
| VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL               | 157.65                  |                       | 157.65                | 133.36     | 24.29          | 200.00        | 16.67          |
| OTHER EDUCATION                     | 17.60                   |                       | 17.60                 | 66.64      | -49.04         | 100.00        | 8.33           |
| HIS LOVE - OUR RESPONSE             | 49.50                   | 150.00                | 199.50                | 300.00     | -100.50        | 450.00        | 37.50          |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES                     | 341.43                  | 226.70                | 568.13                | 366.64     | 201.49         | 550.00        | 45.83          |
| WORSHIP SUPPLIES                    | 261.19                  | 230.53                | 491.72                | 400.00     | 91.72          | 600.00        | 50.00          |
| CHOIR MUSIC                         |                         |                       | 0.00                  | 33.36      | -33.36         | 50.00         | 4.17           |
| ORGAN MUSIC                         |                         |                       | 0.00                  | 33.36      | -33.36         | 50.00         | 4.17           |
| YOUTH MINISTRY                      | 19.50                   |                       | 19.50                 | 200.00     | -180.50        | 300.00        | 25.00          |
| INSURANCE                           | 1767.50                 |                       | 1767.50               | 922.00     | 845.50         | 1383.00       | 115.25         |
| <b>PROPERTY &amp; MAINTENANCE:</b>  |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| LOAN PAYMENT                        | 20696.12                | 2592.84               | 23288.96              | 22917.65   | 371.31         | 33086.00      | 2542.00        |
| UTILITIES - CHURCH                  | 1746.27                 | 204.47                | 1950.74               | 1866.72    | 84.02          | 2800.00       | 233.34         |
| UTILITIES - PARSONAGE               | 1462.41                 | 237.68                | 1700.09               | 1466.72    | 233.37         | 2200.00       | 183.34         |
| REPAIRS - CHURCH                    | 294.69                  | 30.58                 | 325.27                | 266.64     | 58.63          | 400.00        | 33.33          |
| REPAIRS - PARSONAGE                 |                         |                       | 0.00                  | 200.00     | -200.00        | 300.00        | 25.00          |
| FURNITURE & EQUIP (COPIER)          | 622.86                  |                       | 622.86                | 680.00     | -57.14         | 1020.00       | 85.00          |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:</b>        |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| HEALTH & PENSION                    | 4395.15                 | 166.38                | 4561.53               | 4062.64    | 498.89         | 6094.00       | 507.83         |
| HOUSING EQUITY ALLOWANCE            | 137.85                  | 500.00                | 637.85                | 800.00     | -162.15        | 1200.00       | 100.00         |
| CAR ALLOWANCE                       | 1458.31                 | 208.33                | 1666.64               | 1666.64    | 0.00           | 2500.00       | 208.33         |
| SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOWANCE           | 814.31                  | 116.33                | 930.64                | 930.64     | 0.00           | 1396.00       | 116.33         |
| CONFERENCE FEES                     | 279.87                  |                       | 279.87                | 233.36     | 46.51          | 350.00        | 29.17          |
| MISCELLANEOUS                       | 314.74                  | 240.81                | 555.55                | 400.00     | 155.55         | 600.00        | 50.00          |
| SNOW PLOWING                        |                         |                       | 0.00                  | 333.36     | -333.36        | 500.00        | 41.67          |
|                                     | 48816.12                | 7137.98               | 55954.10              | 55898.37   | 55.73          | 82557.00      | 6664.59        |
| =====                               |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| CASH ON HAND                        |                         | 2097.19               |                       |            |                |               |                |
| SHORTAGE YEAR TO DATE               |                         | 5040.79               |                       |            |                |               |                |
| =====                               |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY NEEDS PER BUDGET     |                         | 1587.63               |                       |            |                |               |                |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERINGS (33 WEEKS) |                         | 1394.46               |                       |            |                |               |                |
| =====                               |                         |                       |                       |            |                |               |                |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY SHORTFALL            |                         | 193.17                |                       |            |                |               |                |
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\* NOTE - THE MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENT DROPPED FROM \$3058.33 PER MONTH TO \$2542.00 PER MONTH IN JUNE OF 1987

# SEPTEMBER 1987

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Compliments of Your District Representative Aid Association for Lutherans

Appleton, Wisconsin 54919

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY            | THURSDAY             | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Concordia Lutheran Church<br>755 Concordia Lane<br>Steamboat Springs, CO |  | 1 6-Bible Study  |                      | 3                    | 4<br>Pastor's family day            | 5<br>UP: Harris<br>DN: Fritz<br>1:30 Boomgarden wedding |
| Norman W. Schmoock, Pastor<br>Office: 879-0175<br>Home: 879-7542         |  |  |                      |                      |                                     |   |
| 6 13th Sunday after Pentecost  | 7 Labor Day                                | 8 6-Bible study  | 9                    | 10                   | 11                                  | 12  |
| 9:00 Communion (Rimel)<br>Elder: Taylor                                  |  | 9:30 Women's Bible Study                                   |                      |                      | Pastor's family day                 | 8:30 Planning Workshop                                  |
| 10:15 Sunday School<br>Flowers: Gehrman/Warner                           |  | 6:30 Choir<br>7:30 VOTERS Mtg                              |                      | 7-Crossways!         |                                     | UP: Panepinto<br>DN: Scheiwe                            |
| 13 14th Sunday after Pentecost<br>Grandparent's Day                      | 14 Holy Cross Day                          | 15 6-Bible Study   | 16                   | 17 Citizenship Day   | 18                                  | 19  |
| 9:00 Rally Day Worship   |  | 9:30 WBS   |                      |                      | Pastor's family day                 | UP: Stroncek/<br>Jurischk<br>DN: Taylor                 |
| 10:15 Sunday School<br>Flowers: Matlage/Panepinto                        | 4-Conf. Class<br>7:30 Adult Information Cl | 6:30 Choir   | 7:30 Concordia Guild |                      |                                     |   |
| 20 15th Sunday after Pentecost   | 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist     | 22   | 23                   | 24                   | 25                                  | 26  |
| 9:00 Communion (Jurischk)<br>Elder: Upham                                |  | 6 Bible Study<br>9:30 WBS                                  |                      |                      | Pastor's family day                 | UP: Wattles<br>DN: Boomgarden                           |
| 10:15 Sunday School<br>Flowers: Jurischk/McConnell                       | 4 Conf. Class<br>7:30 AIC                  | 6:30 Choir<br>7:30 Fell Comm                               |                      | 7-Crossways!         |                                     |   |
| 27 16th Sunday after Pentecost   | 28   | 29 St. Michael and All Angels<br>6 Bible Study<br>9:30 WBS | 30                   | Serving in September |                                     |   |
| 9:00 Worship (Baldwin)   |  |  |                      |                      | Ushers: Albert Deepe<br>Ed Jurischk |   |
| 10:15 Sunday School<br>Flowers: Baldwin/Svendsen                         | 4 Conf. Class<br>7:30 AIC                  | 6:30 Choir   | 7:30 Elders          |                      |                                     |   |
| 12:30 Nursing Home Service   |  |  |                      |                      |                                     |   |
| 5:30 SUPPER/KITCHEN SHOWER   |  |  |                      |                      |                                     |   |