



CHRISTOGRAM

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FOUR YOUTH CONFIRMED...

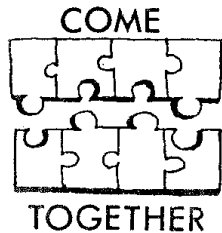


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Four of Concordia's young people will affirm their baptismal relationship with the Triune God and be confirmed in their Christian faith on Sunday, May 6th. We pray that the Lord will richly bless Heather Carrell, Sara Cundell, Trina Fornes, and Kari Rostvedt in their life of discipleship and service. Take the opportunity to pray for these sisters in Christ and encourage them in their lives of faith.



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WHAT DIRECTION SHOULD WE TAKE?

Since the proposed Constitution and By-laws were not adopted at the April Voters' meeting (the vote--19 for, 16 against--was not the required 2/3 needed for approval), all of us at Concordia need to asses where we want this congregation to go in the future. The current Constitution served the congregation well in the past when our membership numbers were smaller and Steamboat Springs was a less mobile community. The lack of organizational structure in the current Constitution, however, may not be what we need now or in the future. The ability of the pastor and the current officers to accomplish all areas of ministry with a growing and changing membership is limited. All too frequently, visitors and new members don't get the attention they deserve from the congregation because we have no structured plan for fellowship and evangelism. All too often, people who go ahead and do things that need doing are subject to criticism because there are no mutually agreed upon guidelines for them to follow. All too often, stewardship, education, and evangelism activities are neglected because there is no specifically defined board or committee to take responsibility for these areas. Members who do volunteer sometimes find themselves trapped in jobs that appear to never end because there is no way to pass the duty on through regularly scheduled elections.

If we continue down this path, we run the risk of becoming a congregation of one-hour-a-week "Christians". If we want to try a different path that helps more members become involved with the mission and ministry of Concordia, we must give ourselves the tools to do the job: a Constitution and By-laws which define responsibilities and jobs to be done. If, in love, we pull together and communicate, we can correct the perceived problem areas in the proposed Constitution. If you need a copy of the proposed and/or current Constitution, please let me know. If any group would like to have a discussion session, I would be glad to help.

In His Service,
Bill Baldwin

MAY CLEAN-UP MONTH...



In an effort to get as many people as possible involved, but at the same time, not forcing anyone to give up a Saturday, we are changing from a clean-up day to a clean-up month at Concordia this year. The Trustees and Cleaning Chairman have identified areas inside and outside the church and parsonage that need some attention during the month of May. Areas where help is needed include:

Inside:

- Clean carpet
- Spot paint
- Clean windows
- Clean light fixtures

Outside:

- Seed parsonage lawn
- Backfill retain-walls
- Watering
- Plant annuals
- Lawn mowing
- Plant trees

Bert Svendsen, Doug Warner, and Gert Farrell will be coordinating efforts. Please sign up in the entry area at church!



Because of the Rummage Sale, there is no Concordia Guild meeting during the month of May. However, plans are being made for the end-of-the-year luncheon, to be held on June 9th at the Yacht Club. All women of the congregation are invited to this fun event! Watch for more details in coming weeks.

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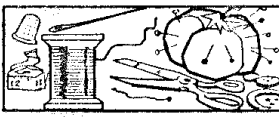
Thank you to all who donated items to the layettes for World Relief. 6 layettes were completed!

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A SPECIAL TUPPERWARE EVENT WILL BE SPONSORED AT OUR CHURCH, WITH PROCEEDS (15% of profits) GOING TOWARD VBS EXPENSES. TUPPERWARE CATALOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MAY 13 AND MAY 20, AND CAN BE TAKEN HOME OR GIVEN TO FRIENDS. ELAINE STRONCEK AND JAN FRITZ ARE SPONSORING THE EVENT AND CAN BE CONTACTED FOR ORDERS. SO, CHECK YOUR CUPBOARDS AND SEE WHAT YOU COULD USE!

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BAZAAR WORKSHOPS...



Come and work as long as you are able. It's a great way to get better acquainted with your sisters in Christ! Dates for coming workshops are:

- Wed., May 2--1 p.m.
- Wed., May 9--7 p.m.
- Wed., May 16--NO WORKSHOP
- Wed., May 13--1 p.m.
- Wed., May 30--7 p.m.

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will discover God's love as shown in Jesus Christ and learn to show His love to others. Each day includes: life-changing Bible story, games, crafts, recreation, and lively songs all centered on the theme of God's love. And the island theme provides an exciting atmosphere for learning these important truths.

A special addition to the VBS this year will be the participation of a team from the singing group "Captive Free". So, if you think that you can in any way with the VBS give Elaine a call! It should be a fun week!

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE...

The annual Spring Sale will be held May 18 and 19 from 9-6 on Friday and 9-2 on Saturday. Help is needed both days so choose your time and sign up on the sheet provided in the entry.

If possible, save your rummage until the week of the sale as storage space is full. Joanne Boomgarden and Sue Warner are co-chairpersons and can be called if you have questions.

Thelma Haines is chairing the Bake Sale and she says the pies, cinnamon rolls, and homemade bread are very popular items. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used toward Vacation Bible School expenses.

Let's make this a big success!

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER...

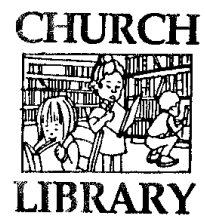
Friends of Concordia: the Sunday School has made very good use of the Library these past eight months. Adults have also found some topic, videos, and books helpful or entertaining to them.

Our Library will be open with an attendant to help during the month of May. There will not be any scheduled visits of the Sunday School during the summer months, but the Library will be open for anyone to browse and to do a self checkout.

It will be appreciated if all the books checked out at this time would be returned as soon as possible so they won't be lost during your vacation.

Alma Baldwin,
Librarian

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We're excited about Concordia's Vacation Bible School, to be held June 18-22. This year's theme is "Island in the Son--Living in the Warmth of God's Love." Coordinating this year's VBS is Elaine Stroncek.

Principles from I Corinthians 13 will be taught using stories of Bible characters. Children

JESUS LIVES!



U.S. News & World Report (April 16, 1990) did a cover story on "The Last Days of Jesus." The article points out that some believe the term "resurrection" to be a metaphor used by early Christians for whom Jesus' resurrection had occurred "in their hearts and minds." In other words, Jesus did not physically come back to life.

But then the article says, "Yet even the most skeptical Biblical scholars concede that something extraordinary happened in Jerusalem after Good Friday to account for the radical change in the behavior of the disciples, who at Jesus' arrest had fled to their own homes in fear. Could Jesus' resurrection account for the fact that within a few weeks they were boldly preaching their message to the very people who had sought to crush them?"

We would respond, "Indeed it could!" Where do we find our confidence for living and serving? Our wisdom and skills only take us a short way. Our "good" intentions (planted in us by God) only take us so far. Our confidence for living and serving comes from the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

When Ed Marinaro was a rookie with the Minnesota Vikings, he was asked if it felt good learning to play fullback behind the great Bill Brown. With confidence he answered in the affirmative, "Between Bill Brown and me we have twenty-one years of experience in the National Football League."

Where do we find the confidence to fulfill our calling as God's people to love and serve him by loving and serving those around us? The risen Christ is in us, and we are living by his power. He isn't just risen "in our hearts and minds," but he is physically alive and running this universe on behalf of his people. We serve a living Savior! And we can be sure that between us and our Savior, we have the ability and the confidence to be faithful to our calling and faithful to our Lord.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm

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FROM THE TREASURER...



(through March)

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| 1990 Budget: | \$90,310 |
| Required Weekly: | 1,738 |
| 1990 Average Weekly: | 1,932 |
| 1990 Average Weekly
Excluding LCEF | |
| Interest Rebate: | 1,712 |

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BITS & PIECES...

We share our Easter hope and faith with JERRY DALTON, whose grandmother joined the saints in heaven during Holy Week. Jesus is the resurrection and the life!



We pray that the Lord will sustain JULIE RABBIT during the coming weeks, as she is confined to bed for the duration of her pregnancy.

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE: The last day of regular Sunday School will be May 27. The awards for attendance and memory work for the year will be given out on June 10. Special education events will be held once a month during the summer--watch for details in next month's newsletter!

The CLASS OF THE MONTH this month is the two-year old class, taught by Jane Hallman and Terry Denton. Their "Happy Hippo" bulletin board display is up for you to view. Though they are the youngest members of the Sunday School, they are among the most faithful--Shannon Bourdette and Patrick Weber have missed only four or five Sundays this year!

The following brothers and sisters in Christ were baptized into his death and resurrection on Easter morning: CHARLES MARSH, DEBRA MARSH, CHRISTINA BERMUDEZ, DUSTIN BERMUDEZ, LEBANON MARTIN, AND TRAVIS LANGWAY. May they always know the joy of serving the risen Lord!

With great joy we received the following new members into our fellowship of faith on Easter: DAVID AND NAOMI BARNETT, SHAWNA AND SHANE; JERRY AND ELLEN FRAGMENT; SCOTT LAIDIG; CHARLES AND DEBRA MARSH, CHRISTINA AND DUSTIN; LARRY AND SALLY MARSHALL; LEBANON MARTIN AND TRAVIS. Their addresses and phone numbers are in the updated membership list available at the church.

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For most of us church is a place, a building. But church is also people. And that's where the trouble starts: with people. It's true in the church, at home, on the job, and in the community. It's not all the people nor all the time. Really, it's people when they say and do things that come between us, cut us off, turn us against one another.

This is the way it was among the disciples when they gathered for Passover during Holy Week. Then it came out: what they thought of themselves and what they expected for themselves. In fact, they wouldn't have been there if Jesus had not been there and if they had not believed Jesus was a way of getting what they wanted.

Jesus gave them what they needed: loving water for dirty feet and forgiveness for dirty hearts.

Jesus is still among us when we "do this": the sacrament. Forgiveness brings us together with Him and one another. This is God's power to bring us all together again.

REJOICE IN HIS MERCY!

May 1990

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-----------|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | 1
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY
6:15pm CHOIR | 2
7:00am PRAYER
1:00pm CRAFT
WORKSHOP
7:30pm SS STAFF | 3
7:15pm DIVINE
DRAMA | 4
PASTOR'S FAMILY
DAY | 5
SVENDSEN/GOLDBIE |
| 6
9:00am COMMUNION
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACOLYTE: PANEPINTO
ELDER: MATTLAGE
FLOWERS: ROSTVEDT
GREETERS: MAZE | 7 | 8
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY
6:15pm CHOIR
7:30pm VOTERS
MEETING | 9
7:00am PRAYER
7:30pm BD OF
ELBERS | 10 | 11
PASTOR'S FAMILY
DAY | 12
FORMES/SCHLIE |
| 13
9:00am WORSHIP
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACOLYTE: SHERROD
FLOWERS: BULLERICKSON
GREETERS: TAYLOR | 14 | 15
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY
6:15pm CHOIR | 16
7:00am PRAYER | 17 | 18
PASTOR'S FAMILY
DAY | 19
BEVERLIN'S NELSON |
| | | | | | RUMMAGE SALE | |
| 20
9:00am COMMUNION
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:45am DIVINE DRAMA
LUNCH
ACOLYTE: FORMES
ELDER: MATTLAGE
FLOWERS: LAUSTEN/UPHAM
GREETERS: NELSON | 21 | 22
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY
6:15pm CHOIR | 23
7:00am PRAYER | 24 | 25
PASTOR'S FAMILY
DAY | 26
FRITZ/HARRIS |
| 27
9:00am WORSHIP
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:30pm NURSING HOME
SERVISE
ACOLYTE: PANEPINTO
GREETERS: LAUSTEN/
OBERNDORFER
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 28 | 29
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY
6:15pm CHOIR | 30
7:00am PRAYER | 31 | | |