



Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRISTOGRAM

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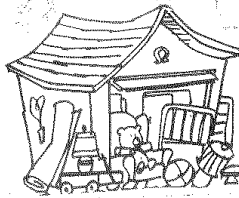
Three of Concordia's young people will affirm their baptismal relationship with the Triune God and be confirmed in their Christian faith on the Festival of Pentecost, May 19. We pray the Lord's rich blessings upon Deanna Kammerer, Joseph Panepinto and Kevin Sherrod as they live for him and serve others in his love. Please take the opportunity to pray for these friends in Christ and to encourage them in their lives of faith.

A special reception for the confirmands, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, will be held following the worship service on May 19. Everyone is invited to attend.

You are also invited to look at the special projects the confirmands completed as part of their confirmation program. They will be posted on the bulletin board.

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RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE



It's Spring Rummage Sale time, so clean out those closets, basements, and garages and bring it all to the church. The Women's Guild will be holding the sale May 17 (9 a.m.- 6 p.m.) and May 18 (9 a.m. - noon).

The proceeds will be divided among several mission projects both here and in other countries.

The help of many hands is needed for this project, so please

respond willingly. Call 879-8327 or 879-1054 to have rummage picked up.

In addition, there will be a Bake Sale with the Rummage Sale. This is a chance to use those special recipes (pies and cinnamon rolls are always favorites). Bring your baked goods to the church on Thursday evening or on Friday morning before 9 a.m. Call Thelma Haines (879-1108) for details.



Marketplace - 29 A.D. "A Bible-times Experience"

Concordia has a unique experience in store for the children in the community. The program is for children ages four thru the 6th grade. On June 17, 18, and 19 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, a typical Bible-times Market Place will be set up in the church parking lot. Children will re-live events, occupations, and relationships from Biblical times.

Watch for more exciting information in the June newsletter. Lots of help will be needed so please contact Dianne Weber or Elaine Stroncek to volunteer your talents.

FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS

Mark your calendars for these coming events:

May 12: Recognition Sunday for the Adult Choir and the Sunday School Staff, with a special fellowship time following the service.

May 19: Reception for the Confirmands following the service.

June 9: Clean-up day at the church following the morning worship service. A pot-luck lunch will be part of the schedule.

June 15: Adult party evening

Sunday School Notes



The decorations on the downstairs bulletin board for May were done by the Junior High Class (grades 6 through 8), taught by Dianne Weber and Walt Taylor. This class includes this month's confirmands!

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who helped with the recent Sunday School activities: the Easter Service on April 14th and the singing at ECC.

The last Sunday School day for '90-'91 will be May 26th. Watch for summer congregational education activities!

Fellowship Committee Recognition Reception

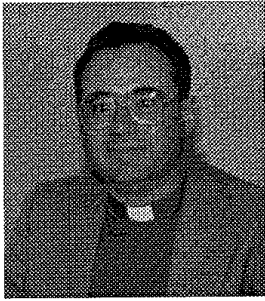
"...if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8

On May 12, join together in a reception downstairs following the church service, to honor the excellence and dedication of individuals within our brotherhood. This is in celebration of the time and talents so many members give to serve our congregation.

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Hebrews 10:24

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

On the Festival of Pentecost (May 19) three young people from our congregation will be confirmed in their Christian faith. This is Holy Spirit stuff, and so it is fitting to celebrate it on the day we think about the Holy Spirit's energizing power in the life of the Church.

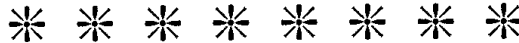


Our faith in Jesus is the result of the Spirit's work in our lives, for "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:3). The Church of Jesus Christ is also the product of the Spirit's work as he brings people together in Jesus and makes them part of the Body of Christ.

The Rite of Confirmation is not another baptism; nor is it being "born again"; nor is it a means of grace. It is the opportunity to affirm the faith relationship with Jesus that was started in Holy Baptism by the power of the Spirit working through the Word. The Spirit unites us with Jesus in Baptism and makes us his person. Confirmation is the opportunity to affirm that relationship, confess one's faith in Jesus, and proclaim the desire to continue to walk the path of life with God in Jesus Christ.

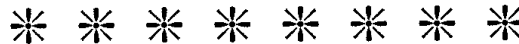
As the Spirit brings us to faith in Jesus, he also keeps us in that faith, enabling us to trust in Jesus and live as his people day by day. He empowers us through the Means of Grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. It is absolutely crucial that each Christian, including you and I, continues to grow in the Word and draw on the blessings and power of the Sacraments. Then each day is a Holy Spirit celebration as we live in the joy of our salvation and reach out to as many people as we can with the love of Jesus.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Norm



Christmas Seals

It's Christmas in May and throughout the year — thanks to your Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals gifts. Families experiencing difficulty will have a hope-filled future — because of three new congregationally-based pastoral counseling centers serving folks in need in the mountains of West Virginia. Your gifts to Wheat Ridge bring hope, in Jesus' name!



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will meet May 8th at 7:30 pm at the church with Ro Schmoock hostess. The Christian Growth Committee will be in charge of the devotions and programs.

Important business will be planning for the Rummage and Bake Sale, the summer work for our Christmas Bazaar and the election of officers.

Every lady is invited to a special evening with your Concordia sisters and friends.

See you May 8th!



Library Corner

The newest books and videos for our library were on display Sunday April 20th. Come to the library to check out a book or video. The new titles are: Solomon's Song, Answers to Your Family's Financial Questions, Quiet Times With Active Preschoolers - adult, Corrie Ten Boom, Zannan and Jesus - ages 8-15; The Prodigal Wolf, A Scary Night at the Zoo, and What Happens When We Die? - ages 7-15; Jesus Was a Child Like You - primary, and many more.

An Invitation from Steamboat Church of Christ

Event:	Family Seminar
Speaker:	Dr. Tom Milholland, Ph.D. Chairman, Department of Marriage and Family Director, Marriage and Family Institute Abilene Christian University
Biography:	Husband, Father, Elder, Editor, Author, Marriage and Family Therapist, active presenter of papers at various conferences including 1988 Christian Scholars Conference, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the Texas association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the National Council on Family Relations.
Theme:	"Will Our Children Have Faith?"
Date:	Saturday, May 18th
Time:	9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Place:	Steamboat Community Center
Questions:	Dick McGinn 879-6670 or 879-6226

We should go to Two Services

Fellow Concordians,

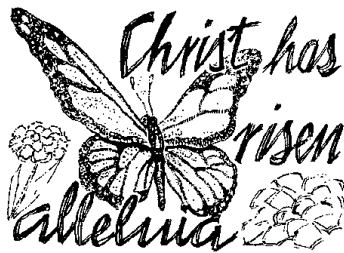
The Board of Elders presented a resolution that will be voted on at our May voters meeting to change our current worship schedule. If adopted we would offer two worship services on Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30 am. The Sunday School and adult classes would be from 9:15 am until 10:15. As an Elder let me first say that an appreciable amount of prayer, thought and time over the years has lead to this decision to recommend a change in our present worship schedule. We carefully analyzed numerous examples in national studies that indicate the potential growth in moving from one to two worship services. I won't go into all of them in this writing, but I refer you to the hand-out from the April Voter's Meeting.

Change: it has been said "The only thing constant is Change". Something that effects all of us throughout our lives is change. Yes, it's very true that if Concordia does change to a second worship service schedule it will affect all of our church lives. But what about the dramatic effect it could make in the lives of people who at this time don't know our Savior Jesus Christ. Let's forget for a moment some of our other concerns like parking and seating in our worship area. Let's forget also for a brief interval of time some of our other concerns like who will usher, or who will sing in the choir. Instead let us look to our primary objective in life. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt 28:19-20). This is our mandated objective left to us by Jesus himself. I heartfully support this resolution and ask that all my brothers and sisters in Christ here at Concordia give it prayerful consideration. as stated in Mark 11:24 "When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given whatever you ask for". I also ask that you would please attend the May 7th voters meeting 7:30 pm at the church and let your vote be counted.

In the service of our Lord,

Brian Thornton

Elder, Concordia Lutheran Church



Single Adults Conference

The 12th International Lutheran Single Adults Conference will be held in Minnesota, July 4-7, 1991 on the campus of Bethel College in St. Paul.

The conference will bring together singles for fellowship, workshops, Bible study, prayer, and praise. Reverend Terry Dittmer, keynote speaker, will explore the theme "This is Love" based upon 1 John 4:10.

Contact Barb Oberndorfer for pre-registration forms.

We should stay with One Service

Wes and I feel the decision of whether to go to two services or stay with one, demands prayer and deep concern from all of us.

In recently published stewardship material, distributed to all of us, was a list of all the people and services required for just one service. It's too bad that we don't know in advance how many un-churched and unattending people, if any, would be able to attend church at 8:00 instead of 9:00. Are we at Concordia ready for a double commitment of organists, altar committee, greeters, and acolytes, etc.? Will we raise Pastor Norm's salary on an already stressed treasury or just expect him to do the extra work on his present salary?

Since we have the new hymnal, the voice volume is low. If the service is split and there are fewer people this won't improve!

What will two services do to the choir? They produce a beautiful asset to the service as it is.

If we go outside the church for organists, is it fair not to pay our own organist a similar fee? Can the treasury stand the change? Our dedicated organists have given us a wonderful service at a tiny price. Is there talent among us not being used?

Are we ready to split our church family fellowship? We see 80% full as a blessing and would not mind seeing chairs set up or extra services scheduled at times when high attendance is expected like Easter.

A vote for two services carries with it a commitment to help provide the necessary people power and monetary support to make it work.

-Wes & Doris Riewe

BITS AND PIECES

JIM CHARLTON and MARISSA RIMEL were recently hospitalized at our local hospital. We pray that the Lord will grant both of them continued strength and healing.

We praise God for blessing JERRY and ELLEN FRAMENT with the gift of a son, and look forward to celebrating with them his new birth in Holy Baptism.



With joy we welcome the newest members of our Concordia family, JOHN and CAROLINE SABIN and their children, JANEL, JARED and LUKE. They came to us by transfer from Nebraska, but Caroline grew up at Concordia. She is the daughter of BILL and ALMA BALDWIN.

The names of ALL GRADUATES (from high school and college) should be given to Pastor Norm as soon as possible.

CHURCH CLEANERS: There is a new vacuum cleaner for upstairs use! It is kept in the cupboard in the Altar Guild room (the working sacristy). If you have questions call ELAINE (879-2442) or ALMA (879-3952).

A large number of people have been enjoying the videotape "HIDDEN KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" being shown in the Adult Bible Class on Sundays. Come and join the fun, and learn some things that will help your relationships flourish.

Our present CHURCH BUILDING WAS DEDICATED on May 4, 1986. The Rev. John Petersen, president of the Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, was the preacher. May God help us to rededicate ourselves and our work to him every day.

The Christogram is the monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for news items is the Fourth Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles.

Editor: Don Patterson

The weekly bulletin is printed on Thursday mornings by Pastor Norm. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9 a.m. on Thursdays.



OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

As we look towards growth for our congregation, we tend to have some right ideas, but not necessarily the purest motives. It is easy to look to our own desires, but sometimes harder to listen to what the Lord would have us do. The Evangelism Committee realizes that the decision concerning two church services is not an easy one. Yet, we are called to be evangelists in our own way and need to seek his desires as to where he would want us to go, not just what would be most convenient to us.

Acts 2:42-47 states that the early Church came together daily giving thanks, and God added to their number daily those who should be saved. There is a lesson in this. We do need to thank and praise him for his many blessings thus far and pray for guidance concerning this situation. We would ask that we all follow his command to deny self, seek his face both as individuals and as a congregation, and let His leading direct our path.

Remember, our primary concern on this earth is to teach and preach the Gospel to our fellow man. This decision should be based on what we really perceive to be the Lord's will, not our own.

In Christ,

The Evangelism Committee

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