



Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRISTOGRAM

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Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School, "Marketplace 29 A.D." was enjoyed by 90 children ages 4 through the 6th grade and a staff of about 25 to 30 people. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun learning experience for these children. Thanks to those who cut pieces for the carpenters, musicians, ect. Thanks to those who loaned tents, and to those who worked in the kitchen and to those who helped in so many other ways: God bless -

In His Service,

Dianne Weber, Elaine Stroneck, Lori Beverlin

Editor's note: A special thanks to Dianne, Elaine, and Lori for all the hard work and a job well done!



Women's Guild

Concordia Women's Guild has received \$450.00 in matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Co.. The money was raised through the Rummage Sale and will be donated to the Youth Group towards their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer.



Youth Group News

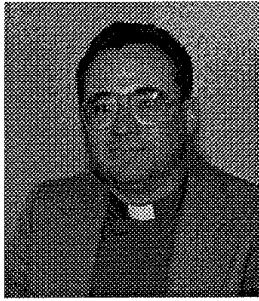
The Youth Group is selling gift certificates for City Market. The certificates can be given away or used just like cash. They are sold in \$20 increments. The youth group receives a small percentage of what they sell. They will be doing this for most of the summer. If you shop at City Market please support the youth group by buying the certificates.

The youth group is also having a car wash and bake sale on July 6th at City Market. See you there!

Extended Care Center

The church will be continuing our service at the Extended Care Center on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please plan to volunteer to serve at one or more of these services during the year. Meet in the Sunshine Room at the ECC at 12:45 pm, sing a few hymns with the residents, have a short message (by the Pastor), sing a couple more hymns and end by greeting the residents personally. Until you experience this, you cannot know the joy you yourself will experience. So join us Sunday, July 28th!

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS



When St. Paul wrote his first letter to the church in Corinth, the congregation was divided. Factions within the group were following different pastors who had served them. Paul wrote, "My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1:11-13).

Later he wrote, "What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (3:5-7).

There are so many things that can be said after ten years of ministry. The Lord has been good; and he has blessed what we have done together. It is God who has made things grow! We praise him for his blessings. Now, as my family and I follow the Lord's leading to New Orleans, the ministry of this congregation will continue. The Christians in this place will be busy doing the work of ministry and eventually the Lord of the Church will provide the gift of another pastor.

My point in referring to Corinth is not to say that Concordia is divided. It is not, and my prayer is that it will not be divided in the future. Satan would like nothing better, and he will try to use the pastoral vacancy and the calling process to accomplish his goals. My point, rather, is to remind you that as the Lord has provided pastors in the past, he will provide pastors in the future just as he gave Paul, Apollos and Cephas (Peter) to Corinth. Each pastor, with his own mix of gifts and strengths, is used by God to accomplish the things that he wants done. But it is important that both pastor and people always keep their eyes on Jesus!

My family and I thank you for your love shown to us in many ways through the years. And now, as my personal prayer at the end of our time together, I share with you the words recorded in the Letter to the Hebrews, "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Heb. 13:21).

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Norm



Church Librarian Alma Baldwin



Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will be held Sunday, July 14th, at 3:30 PM at the Community Center (by the Library). This will also be your opportunity to say farewell to the Schmoocks. Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks & paper plates will be provided. Picnic partakers should bring a dish (or two) to share and maybe a lawn chair. A sign up list is at the church for food items to bring. Singles & couples should sign-up for one dish, families for two. Fun and fellowship will be had by all!

Editor's Corner

The Fourth of July

As we celebrate our independence on the Fourth of July, it is important to remember that the Christian Faith was central to the founding of our country. Although not all of the founding fathers were Christian, many were as was much of the population. The concept of a limited government flowed from faith in a Sovereign God. If God is Sovereign then the state derives its authority from God and is subject to and limited by His laws and commandments.

The French revolution was patterned after the American revolution and had a similar constitution. The French revolution, lacking the Christian influence of the American revolution, produced a different result. Instead of the freedom of a limited government, the French replaced their monarchy with a brutal and bloody tyranny.

Man needs order in his life, and if there is no God the universe is chaotic and without reason or order. Therefore the unbeliever will find order in an absolute state. As Christianity is central to our freedom, so atheism is central to Marxism. In order for the Marxist government to claim total and unlimited authority it had to wage war on religion. The brutal repression of religion in the Soviet Union, China and other Marxist countries was not accidental. The current breakdown of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union has been attributed to economic collapse or the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev. It is more likely due to the failure of the Marxist government to destroy its chief rival, the Christian Faith.

The Fourth of July is considered to be a secular holiday but the historically unprecedented freedoms that we enjoy are the gift of God. Jesus said "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). Although the primary meaning of this passage is freedom from the bondage of sin, the out-workings of faith also produce political freedom. For the Christians of our country the Fourth of July should be a celebration of freedom but also a celebration of the faith and courage of our forefathers and the grace of God which gave us that freedom.

-Don Patterson

Calling a Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the next several weeks we will be starting the call process to select a new pastor for our congregation. Several steps will be involved:

- 1) The District President, Pastor John Petersen will meet with church members on July 11, at 7:00 pm to confer with us about the call process. At this meeting he will:
 - a) Help us select a vacancy pastor.
 - b) Advise us on the steps to be taken and the limits of our options relative to the calling of a pastor.
 - c) Ask for our input on the goals and needs of our congregation so that he can develop a list of candidates that he feels could meet these needs and goals.
- 2) Some of you will be asked to serve on a call committee. The charge of this committee will be to:
 - a) Cooperate with the District President and Concordia members in defining the goals and needs of the congregation.
 - b) Develop background information on the candidate list.
 - c) Present the list to the voters at a regular or specially called voter's meeting with any recommendation that the committee feels is appropriate.

Our constitution reserves the right and **responsibility** of calling a pastor for the voters assembly. Please plan to attend regular and special voter's meetings so you can be involved in the call process. Calling a pastor is an important time requiring our time-talent-stewardship. We should all dedicate ourselves to this in the coming months.

In His Service,

Bill Baldwin, President



BITS AND PIECES

God has blessed TIM and WENDY McCONNELL with the gift of a son. We praise him for his love and goodness.

New life in Christ was recently given through the washing of Holy Baptism to BARRY and SARAH GROSS, children of BARRY and ANITA GROSS; to CHARLES MARSH, son of CHARLES and DEBRA MARSH; and to RYAN McCONNELL, son of TIM and WENDY McCONNELL.

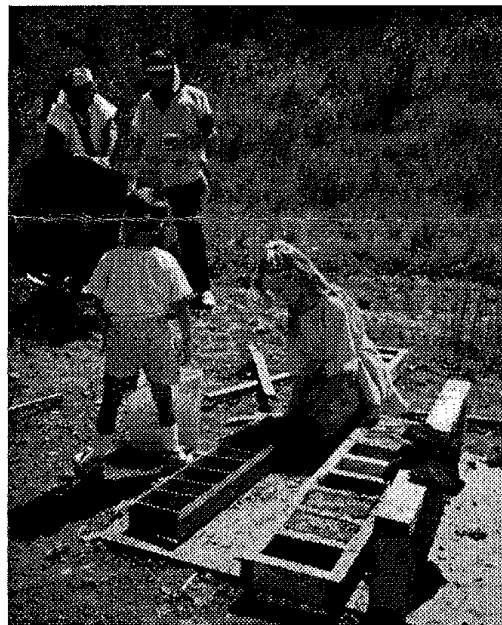
The following members have been hospitalized or have undergone surgery in the recent past: CHET COOPER, ELAINE GEHRMAN, MICHELLE HARRIS, BETSY LEIN, EARL MAZE, HANK STRONCEK, and FLORENCE VOLBERDING. We pray that God will bless each of them with his healing strength.

We share our Christian sympathy with JERI TAYLOR and her family, as Jeri's mother died last month. Our risen Savior comforts us with his never-ending love.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL provided an exciting opportunity for 90 children to grow in their Christian faith and understanding. We thank ELAINE STRONCEK and DIANNE WEBER for coordinating the effort. We also thank everyone who helped in any way to make the VBS the success that it was.

JOEL SCHEIWE is spending six weeks "south of the border" in the heart of Mexico. He should have some interesting tales to tell when he returns home!

Don't forget the CHURCH PICNIC on Sunday, July 14th, at 3:30 p.m.



Brick making at Vacation Bible School

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod met for its 42nd Convention at the School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, on June 13-16. Delegates from the 170 congregations of our District meet together every three years. Albert Deepe and Pastor Schmoock were the voting delegates from Concordia, and the following is their report.

The theme of the convention was "Telling Everyone Is Our Mission." Individual Christians, congregations, districts and church bodies all have the wonderful responsibility and privilege of sharing the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus, our Savior. We were called to this task when we were made his people in Holy Baptism.

The worship and fellowship at conventions is always very uplifting and exciting. Conventions provide opportunities to make new friends in Jesus, and to renew existing relationships.

The Synodical representative at the convention was the Synod's President, Dr. Ralph Bothman, who reported on many of the things happening in the Synod. Dr. Wil Sohus, former President of the Wyoming District, presented the convention essay which dealt with the Call. The essay reminded everyone that the Call to serve in the pastoral office of a congregation is a divine Call. God calls pastors into ministry even though the Christians in a given congregation deliberate and actually send the Call. The congregation does not "hire" a pastor. God provides a pastor for a congregation through the calling process. And, while the pastor assumes a posture of service and ministry in his office as pastor, the congregation should give the pastor honor and respect. These are important things to remember as Concordia is getting ready to enter into the calling process. The Lord of the Church will provide the gift of a pastor to serve this congregation of believers. (The entire essay will be available to the congregation in printed form.)

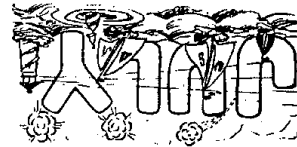
As voters meetings carry on the work of the congregation, so conventions carry on the District's work. One part of the business was to elect those who will serve among us for the next three years. The Rev. John Petersen was reelected as District President. The Revs. Roger Krause, Gerald Harms, Merlyn Wagner, and Orville Krohn were elected as the regional Vice-Presidents of the District. The Rev. Allen Anderson of Glenwood Springs was elected Circuit Counselor for our circuit. A list of all the other elections for boards and committees is available upon request.

A number of resolutions were considered which affect our work together in the District. Among those that were passed include resolutions to: withdraw all District financial support from Lutheran Family Services (although congregations were encouraged to support LFS individually); support Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, and encourage young people to consider this as a college option; reaffirm a strong pro-life position and emphasize the sanctity of human life; reaffirm Synod's practice of close communion; make a number of changes in the District's bylaws. In addition, the delegates voted to give the offerings from the convention's worship services to Salt Lake Lutheran High School. The school needs \$300,000 by August in order to purchase land to build a new facility. The high school presently meets at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salt Lake, but the facilities are inadequate.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6:30am B STUDY 7:30pm COMMITTEES MEET	3 7:00am PRAYER	4	5	6 CLEAN: ADKINS-VIGIL/RIEWE
7 9:00am COMMUNION ACOLYTE: PANEPINTO ELDER: DEEPE GREETERS: BOOMGARDENS	8	9 6:30am B STUDY 7:30pm VOTERS MEETING	10 7:00am PRAYER	11 7:00pm MEETING WITH PRES. PETERSEN	12	13 CLEAN: PATTERSON/CARELL
14 9:00am WORSHIP 3:30pm CHURCH PICNIC ACOLYTE: JARVIS GREETERS: ERICKSON/ HAVENER	15	16 6:30am B STUDY	17 7:00am PRAYER 7:30pm WOMEN'S GUILD	18	19	20 CLEAN: THORNTON/NELSON
21 9:00am COMMUNION ACOLYTE: SHERROD ELDER: THORNTON FLOWERS: PATTERSON GREETERS: MADSEN	22	23 6:30am B STUDY	24 7:00am PRAYER	25	26	27 CLEAN: BEVERLIN/WEBER
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