



Concordia Lutheran Church

# CHRISTOGRAM

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## Auction

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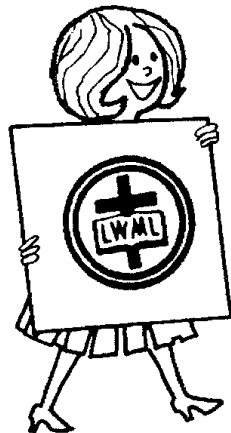
### Silence is Golden

The Concordia Youth Group will be sponsoring a silent auction in September. There will be a variety of services available to bid on beginning September 15th. Church members can help in two ways. First, you can donate a service or a commodity to be auctioned off. Second, you can bid on the various services and commodities. The money generated from this silent auction will be used to help finance the youth group trip to New Orleans.

Please contact Terry & Sandy Fomes or Dennis & Sher Scheiwe if you have questions or a donation to make.



Many thanks to JoAnne Boomgarden and Sher Scheiwe who organized and ran Concordia's "Kid's Night Out". The children who participated had a wonderful time and brought home some precious items from the treasure hunt. The parent's of the children involved enjoyed their own night out. Again, thank you JoAnne and Sher!



### Women's News - ¡ Ole!

There will be a LWML meeting on September 18th, 6:30 pm, at JoAnne Boomgarden's home at 40410 Yampa Riverside. The meeting will include a Mexican Fiesta Dinner. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Come prepared for "un bien tiempo" (a good time).



### Golf Tournament

The second annual church golf tournament was held on August 25th. The 9 hole best ball tournament was won by the team of Scott Havener, Jerry Thornton, Greg Fritz and Thelma Haines. The winning foursome shot even par (35) due to the strength of Thelma's play. Walt Taylor, whose team did not win, is quite sure the winners were "sandbagging". Twenty one people entered the tournament and all had a wonderful time. Plan to play in next years third annual tournament.

### Bazaar Craft Meetings

Time is running short & your help is needed to complete several projects. If you prefer to work at home, see Sher Scheiwe, Sandy Fomes or Elaine Stroneck to get the materials. There will be workshops every other Wednesday from now until Bazaar-time. September dates are as follows:

Sept. 11th 1-3:30 pm  
7-9:00 pm

Sept. 25th 1-3:30 pm  
7-9:00 pm

Come any hours that you can & enjoy good fellowship while we craft.

### Cottage Meetings

The call committee is hosting cottage meetings to get your input on the call process. The meetings will be held on the 4th and 5th of September. The topics to be discussed will include what strengths in a pastor do we consider vital, what weaknesses can we live with and what salary should we pay to the new pastor. Your input is needed so please plan to attend one of the meetings. The call committee will meet Monday September 9th and again Monday September 16th.

## Editor's Corner

### Moving Mountains

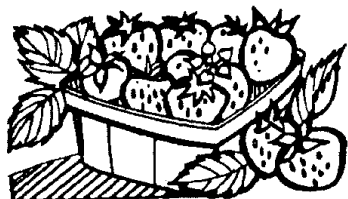
Jesus said "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:22-24. When Jesus told the pharisees to tear down the temple and He would rebuild it in three days, he was talking about the spiritual temple of His body. Similarly, in this passage He is probably not talking about literal mountains, but spiritual mountains. Most physical mountains seem to be fairly well situated, especially Mt. Werner (please do NOT pray that Mt. Werner be cast into the sea).

This past week a very large mountain indeed was cast into the sea. For over seventy years the communist regime in the Soviet Union has opposed the Church and persecuted Christians. Millions have suffered terribly for their faith there, many unto death. Five years ago this Marxist government looked as strong and imposing as Mt Everest. They had the largest military the world has ever seen. Last Monday it looked as if the beginnings of freedom were about to be crushed. But as the coup failed, the totalitarian regime collapsed. We must applaud the brave people that stood up to the hard-line communists and it is not to take any credit from them to say that this event was truly miraculous. Totalitarian regimes do not just fade away. The fall of Marxism in Russia did not take place without Divine intervention. Religious persecution has probably not completely ended in the Soviet Union, but God has heard the prayers of three generations of believers and is beginning to deliver them in a dramatic way. The Russian people and the people of the other Soviet states will have more and more freedom to worship God and to preach the gospel as the implications of this week's events are worked out.

We should be greatly encouraged by the events of this past week, because if we pray patiently and believe we can cast mountains into the sea! There are many mountains in our own country that need casting into the sea. There are mountains of unbelief, and mountains of evil. Abortion, for example, is a mountain that could use casting into the sea. There are mountains of sin in our lives that also need casting into the sea.

Jesus uses the imagery of casting mountains into the sea to encourage us to pray for big things. As Christians we are to be part of the building of His Kingdom, and in some mysterious way, our prayers are a part of the building of His Kingdom (see Revelations 5:8). Naturally, we need to pray about ourselves, the people, and the things that are close to our lives, but we should not be afraid to pray about large global mountains. We are called to participate in the advancement of the gospel both locally and in the rest of the world.

- Don Patterson - August 25, 1991



### Steamboat Youth Group

Steamboat Youth Group will have their first meeting for the new school year Wednesday September 11th at 6:15 pm. The meeting includes a progressive dinner and is for all youth in grades 6 through 12. The dinner will start at the Methodist church (736 Oak St.). It will end at Concordia Lutheran Church. The youth should arrange to be picked up between 8:15 and 8:30 pm at Concordia. Transportation between churches will be provided.



### Friendship Sunday

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you, Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other." John 15:12-17.

On September 22nd you each shall have a chance to fulfill God's will of being fruitful. How (you may ask) can I be Fruitful?

If we love our friends in the way our Lord wants us to, we will also be concerned about their spiritual walk with our Lord and Savior. God has called us all to be a witness to Him. we can be just that by inviting a friend or a family to come to church with us September 22nd. This is friendship day at Concordia.

After church there will be special refreshments downstairs. After refreshments, kids should have their friends come to Sunday school and adults should invite their friends to adult Bible study.

Yours in Christ,  
the Evangelism Committee



### Sunday School

Sunday School will begin with Rally Day, September 8, 1991. Special activities are being planned for this day. Classes will be available for 2 year olds through adults. The Sunday School staff has adopted the theme "We've Got the Joy" for 1991-92. The staff would like all members to help celebrate the gift of Jesus and demonstrate the joyous power of His love in our lives.

In addition to the above goal, two other goals were established:

- 1) To increase family involvement in Christian Education
- 2) To provide more opportunities for children's involvement in service to the Lord.

The Sunday School Staff for 1991-92 includes the following:

Terry Denton	-	Toddlers
Lisa Koch &		
Jerry Thornton	-	Preschool & Kindergarten
Lori Beverlin &		
Sandra Hogrefe	-	1st Grade
Cindy Svendsen &		
Dianna Rimel	-	2nd & 3rd Grades
Suzi Warner	-	4th & 5th Grades
Dave Beverlin &		
Dianne Weber	-	Jr. High
Gene Carrell &		
Dan Schlie	-	High School
Jan Fritz,		
Caroline Sabin, &		
Kathy Deepe	-	Music
Jeri Taylor	-	Secretary
JoAnne Boomgarden	-	Assistant Superintendent
Sher Sheiwe	-	Superintendent



Nancy Adkins and her son Dustin are moving to the Denver area. Nancy has accepted a position with Lockheed. We will miss them. We wish God's blessing on them.

### Lost Book

A book on "The New Age Movement" was circulated when the adult class was studying that subject. If you have it, please return it to Elaine Stroncek.

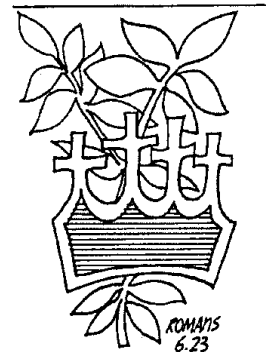
### Holiness Film Series

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a film series by Dr. R.C. Sproul on Holiness. The video films will be shown Sunday mornings at 10:30 am for the Adult Education class. The series will last for six weeks, and will begin on Rally Day, September 8th. Chuck Colson said that after viewing the series "he was driven to his knees in awe of the majesty of God". It has been translated into Spanish and has been distributed world wide. The first video lecture is titled "The Importance of Holiness".

R.C. Sproul has a BA in Philosophy, BD from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and several doctorate degrees from the Free University of Amsterdam. He is the resident theologian of Ligoneer Ministries in Pennsylvania and is a professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary.

Several years ago I had the privilege of attending several lectures by Dr. Sproul. His gifted and entertaining delivery is exceeded by the depth and profoundness of his messages. R.C. Sproul is quite a fan and scholar of Martin Luther and the fourth session of the series is about Luther. I promise that the series will be worth the time; please plan on attending.

- Don Patterson



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