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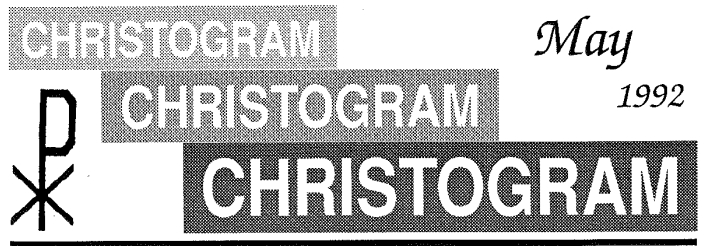
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Rummage and Bake Sale

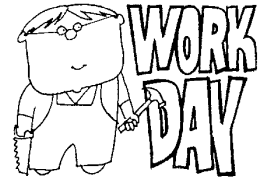
Concordia Women's Guild will be holding it's 17th annual Spring Rummage & Bake Sale on Friday May 8, 9am to 6pm and Saturday May 9, 9am to noon, at the church.

Good clean rummage will be accepted up until sale time. Call 879-3932 to have items picked up.

All ladies of the church are asked to contribute one item (or more) for the Bake Sale. Bring them before 9am on Friday, if possible.

Congregational Matching Funds up to \$450 are being applied for through Northern Colorado Branch, Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8717.

Your help with sorting will be appreciated Monday through Thursday evenings at 7pm the week of the sale, come as many nights as possible. Thanks for your help!



Clean-Up Day

The Trustees and Fellowship Committee request the honor of your presence at the Annual Church Clean-Up Day to be held at Concordia Lutheran Church on the 17th day of May in the year of our Lord, 1992. Activities are scheduled to begin by 10:30 am and continue through the day. Chores include spring cleaning on the inside, and sprucing up the outside, as well as working on the adopt-a-highway program. A potluck dinner will commence at noon. Please bring your favorite entree, your table service and yourselves. Bring buckets and rags, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, weed eaters, work gloves and sun block.

WHAT AM I DESCRIBING?



It will be friendly, if I am. It will be full, if I help to fill it. It will do great things, if I work. It will support many wonderful causes, if I give generously. It will bring people together, if I encourage some to come. It will be filled with loyalty and love, fearlessness and faith and it will have a noble spirit, if I am filled with these things.

You got it, right? Of course you knew it was your church. But there is more, one sentence more. Therefore, with God's help I will strive to be all of the things I want my church to be. Your church, any church, is a larger picture of what its people are.

What was just described about the church has a name, it's called STEWARDSHIP. Stewardship is more than money. Of all the things talked about in the first paragraph, money was only a part. Of course money is an important part of our ministry, we probably couldn't get along without it, but it's only a part. Using our time and talents for the Lord is just as important and often they out-weigh money in importance.

WHO AM I DESCRIBING?

"Who am I, Lord, to do this kind of thing, to carry out your plan? I think you have picked the wrong guy. The people won't follow my leadership. Those who oppose me are too strong and too smart. You have a wonderful idea, but this isn't the right time for it. What you want me to do will take money and you know how poor the people are. You need someone who can speak plainly and forcefully. A salesman who can sell your plan to them. I can only stumble and stammer."

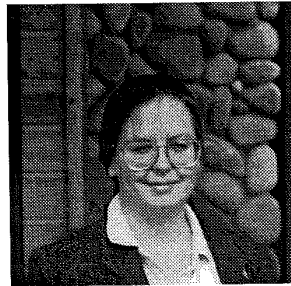
The language isn't right out of the Bible, but it covers the story of Moses talking to God at the burning bush. What did Moses have that God wanted him to carry out his plan? What do you have that God has chosen you to be one of his people and to carry out his plan? You have your life and you have your ability, the ability that God has given to you so that you can carry out his plan. God has chosen you to carry out a part of his plan and, like Moses, God has given you the unique ability that is needed to complete your part of his plan. God's calling you right now. Maybe he isn't calling to you out of a burning bush, but, never-the-less, he IS calling. Are you listening?

STEWARDSHIP

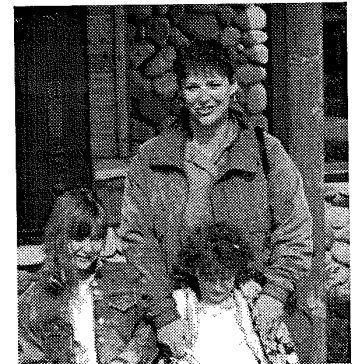
Stewardship is one word that seems to make most people want to duck for cover. People seem to think that if someone is talking about stewardship that means they want money. The truth is, they probably just want you to do what you said you would do when you joined the church, nothing more and nothing less. Besides that, stewardship has gotten a bum rap, a bad name and it shouldn't be that way at all. Stewardship is a lot of fun; you get to see your money actually doing the Lord's work, you get to spend your time with some really fun and friendly people, and you get to use your special skills on the work for which they were intended. AIN'T IT GREAT???? Where else can you be guaranteed those kind of results?

Keep up the good work,
Pastor Dave

Introducing recent new members to Concordia



Cindy Culver



DeAnne Rogers & daughters Megan & Amanda



Barbara Guest

True Prophet or Pillow Prophet?

A few weeks ago in the Tuesday morning Bible study, the topic of prophets came up. It was questioned whether or not we have such prophets today. Ezekial's name came to mind for an immediate comparison, since he called people to humility and repentance through his radical approach in the Old Testament. Today, however, we seem to be inundated with those preachers whom some have termed as "pillow prophets". This lot of preachers concentrates on talking around sin, makes no demands on their followers, chooses not to preach the cross, holiness, or separation from the world. They lead us to only lay back on our pillows and enjoy life, thinking pleasant thoughts, but then we eventually end up as lukewarm Christians. Is this not strikingly similar to the early Laodicean spirit that we were warned about?

A true prophet of God does not salt the Scriptures with his own soothing messages, but rather, delivers what the Holy Spirit lays on his heart. Secondly, a true prophet teaches self-denial and instructs us to take up our cross (Matthew 16:24). Self-denial is sometimes a foreign sounding concept in this day of self-pampering and ease.

Thirdly, a true prophet of God has a holy boldness against sin; he never white-washes sin. His one true desire is to turn believers from any evil thoughts, desires, or actions that would cause any separation from God's Holy Word (Jeremiah 25:4-5).

Yes there are modern day prophets that are anointed by God. Such examples are men like David Wilkerson and Gary Greenwald. They are men that through God convict us, point a finger in our faces and are not afraid to say, "Thou art the one." They truly love us and are concerned with our souls. There are other true prophets today, and if it is the desire of your heart to learn of such men, I would be happy to share some materials with you.

In Christ,
Gene K. Carrell

Editor's Note: All though there are prophetic voices today, a distinction must be made between them and the prophets of scripture. The Apostle John is quite clear at the end of Revelations that the canon of scripture is closed (Revelation 22:18,19). Modern prophets speak from the Bible, with the aid of the Holy Spirit. They cannot claim inerrancy, and any one doing so is a false prophet and a heretic.

-Don Patterson

From the Congregation President

April 27, 1992

We rejoice and praise God for sending us a new Pastor in the Reverend Timothy Cartwright. Pastor Tim, his wife Marlys, and three daughters, Katie, Kiandra, and Kelly, will be arriving in Steamboat on May 21st, a half a day or so in front of the moving van. After getting their new household situated, the Cartwrights will be away from Steamboat for a short while visiting friends and family. Pastor Cartwright's installation is scheduled for the afternoon of June 7th, and will be followed by a banquet at church. A steering committee is being formed, the nucleus of which will be comprised of the Elders, and the worship and fellowship committees ... volunteers are always welcome!

In our day to day activities, we often come in contact with fellow members of Concordia, some of whom may have drifted away from active participation in the congregation. Relating the facts about Pastor Cartwright's installation and ministry is a great way to invite these folks back to church. And while we're at it, let's not fail to mention the six Sunday's (through June 7th) which we have available to benefit from Pastor Johnson's ministry with us. Remember Pastor Dave in your prayers, that he may soon find that permanent ministry for which he has been called. He has indeed been a blessing to Concordia.

We are still looking for a volunteer (individual or group) to organize a float for the Fourth of July Parade down Lincoln Avenue. Please let me know if interested.

In Jesus Name,
Greg Fritz



Women's Guild News

The April meeting was held at the home of Sher Schiewe with 13 members attending. Joanne Boomgarden reported on the upcoming Rummage Sale, May 8, & 9 (see the separate article).

The Bazaar Committee will start holding workshops. Watch the Sunday bulletins for dates and times. Susie Warner, Pam Patterson, and Caroline Sabin are in charge.

Sher presented a program on the Orient.

The May meeting will be held at the home of Susan Rostvedt on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30 pm. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.



Bulletin Deadline Reminder

Please remember the bulletin deadline is 9:00 am Thursday mornings. Any announcements for the bulletin need to be in the bulletin box in the Narthex or call Caroline Sabin (879-6418). Thank you.

Lutheran Witness

Are you interested in subscribing to the Lutheran Witness magazine? Please contact Caroline Sabin. Current subscribers also need to confirm their subscription.

Help Wanted

The Christmas Bazaar Committee is organizing for the 1992 Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar has become a community favorite and we look forward to another successful year. If you are interested in helping in any capacity please contact Pam Patterson at 879-3297, Caroline Sabin 879-6418 or Susie Warner at 879-1054. Craft workshops will be scheduled both during day and evening hours. Times are to be announced.

Bazaar Workshops

Are you known for your bazaar behavior? Then come join the rest of us! Workshops for crafting bazaar creations will be starting soon. More details will be available after the organizational meeting, so watch for workshop announcements.





To the Members of Concordia & Pastor Dave,
For all your hospitality during our "Spring Break" visit - we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

We recently completed a marvelous Passion Week and Easter celebration here at Trinity, Eden, Idaho. The farewells are now underway as we prepare for our new ministry with you at Concordia.

The message of Good Friday accompanies us as we reflect on a new beginning - and new friendships. When God wished to tell the world "I am in it with you" He chose a manger, but when God wished to tell the world "I am in it with you, regardless!", He chose the cross! We have a wonderful future together with you under that cross.

The Easter words echo in our hearts "He is Risen". Because He lives, no defeat is more than transitory, no disappointment is conclusive. There is absolutely nothing in life or death that will ever come between us and the love of God.

We look forward to serving our Risen Lord with all of you in the near future. God Bless your Easter Season!

Love in Christ,
The Cartwright family,
Tim, Marlys, Katie, Kia, and Kelly



The theme of Concordia's Vacation Bible School will be: Together in Jesus' Name. A Sunday worship service with the seven members of Captive Free will begin the week. Monday through Thursday, June 15th to 18th, the classes will be held from 9:00 am to noon. The Bible School will be at Concordia Church. Children age three through High School Youth will have activities, songs and Bible study. Pre-registration forms will be available soon. Contact Dianne Weber, Jan Fritz or Elaine Stroncek for further details.



Mark your Calendars

- June 11-13 District Convention "Celebrate: Be Glad - Luke 15:32"
- August 7-9 Retreat-Camp Cedaredge (Plan ahead - it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark!)
- October 3 Zone Fall Rally Glenwood Springs "Celebrate! Jesus is the answer"

Summer Inspiration

Information is now available on summer camps, retreats, passion plays and more! These present a chance to get back to nature and learn more about your Maker. Check with Caroline Sabin for brochures.



Sunday School

The year is quickly coming to a close, because of Memorial Day on the 24th and Confirmation on May 31st, the last day of Sunday School will be May 17th. Students will be visiting the incentive store on this day as well as some other activities. I would like to thank all of the Sunday School staff for their dedication throughout this past year. It has been a pleasure working with such wonderful individuals.

- Sher Scheiwe

Secret Sisters

Have you remembered your secret sister lately? Don't forget the purpose of being a secret sister is to focus on each other as members of God's family. Share your favorite recipe, a thought, prayer, or a small gift on special days.



Lost your secret sister list? Ask Elaine Stroncek for another one.

May 1992

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