

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTOGRAM OCTOBER 1994

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

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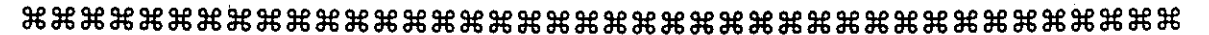
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00am and 7:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30am

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What are some traits of listeners?

Doug Murren, in his October 1993 issue of "Boomerang Fax," lists some traits of today's listeners that may help some of us rethink how we communicate in witnessing, preaching and teaching:

- They are committed to relativity. They have no concept of final authority in ethics or personal behavior.
- Their basic world view reflects an Eastern slant.
- They are hyper-individualistic.
- They are syncretic—taking a bit of truth from a variety of sources and creating their own truth.
- They are hyper-skeptical.
- They are emotionally broken and therefore have difficulty listening logically. They tend to listen very irrationally.
- They are multi-sensory learners.
- They respond to music as a primary avenue of communicating attitude,

mood, commitment and decision-making.

- They are hyper-segmented, thinking of themselves in terms of types of lifestyles, locations, races, economic strata or in terms of generations.
- They listen based on their needs rather than listen simply for contents sake.
- They are overstimulated.
- They resist commitment.
- They are guilt-resistant.
- They frequently possess addictive behaviors that make listening dysfunctional because the ability to hear is both physically and emotionally impossible. This amounts to a sort of demonic oppression that keeps one from the truth. Skilled communicators, particularly in an outreach church setting, will be aware of this phenomenon. To hear, listeners need to feel a sense of love.

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'You should come to my church'



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New members assimilated at Twin Falls church

The present Evangelism Committee of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Twin Falls, Idaho, has been in place for about four years. Most of our efforts have been directed in the areas of assimilation: making visitors feel welcome at our church and helping to integrate new members into the church so that person feels a part of the congregation. We use a number of different programs to accomplish these goals:

1. Our committee either contacts (by phone or postcard) or personally calls on individuals who visit our church;
2. We are beginning a program where a member drops off a baked goods item at the visitor's home as a welcoming gesture;
3. New members are paired with established members in our Host Family/ New Family program; the host family

befriends the new family, invites them to their home, remembers special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries of members of the new family, introduces them to other congregation members, etc.;

4. In the Suppers 8 program, groups of eight are formed—some of whom are couples. Each member or couple takes turns inviting the rest of the group over for dinner. The host member or couple provides the main course while the other members of the group bring the rest of the food.

These programs are more involved with preventing new members from "falling through the cracks." Our members are reserved, so our committee felt it was necessary to begin these programs as a way to counteract the coldness sometimes felt in church.

BRIEF DEVOTIONAL HELPS:

Read the following brief illustration. Then take your Bible and look up the passages that follow the illustration. Perhaps you will want to underline the passages after you read them. Also, have a short prayer after you read the Word of God. Ask God to bless your devotional time.

Joy for the Afflicted. An English officer once told this story: "In Belgium I met a converted Brahmin, whose confession of Christ, as I knew, had cost him everything. No sooner had he been baptized than his possessions were taken from him, and his friends deserted him. 'Are you able to bear your troubles?' I asked him. 'Many ask me that,' he answered, 'but they never ask me whether I am able to bear my joys; for I enjoy a happiness in my heart since I know that Christ has forgiven me that nobody has been able to take from me.'" *References:* Acts 5:41; Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 6:10; 12:9; Col. 1:24; Heb. 10:34; 1 Peter 4:12-13.

The man who writes and draws the comic strip "Archie" had the privilege of seeing his father come to faith as an adult. This gave him an entirely new outlook on life. His father was the late Senator Fred A. Hartley Jr., coauthor of the Taft-Hartley Act. The cartoonist's new outlook became dramatically evident when his father became sick and for months was paralyzed in a hospital bed. He was unable to do a single thing for himself and knew that slowly he was coming nearer to the time of his death. In that condition he could say to his son, "I am very happy." *References:* Rom. 8:31-39; 2 Cor. 6:10; Phil. 4:4-7; 1 Peter 1:3-7; 4:12-13.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN 1994-1995 JUNIOR CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

SEPT. 11.....	ORIENTATION (Parents).....	5:00pm
SEPT. 18.....	FORGIVENESS & GRACE.....	4:30pm
SEPT. 25.....	FORGIVENESS & GRACE.....	10:30am
OCT. 2.....	OUTING.....	4:30pm
OCT. 16.....	10 COMMANDMENTS.....	4:30pm
OCT. 23.....	10 COMMANDMENTS.....	10:30am
OCT. 30.....	APOSTLES' CREED.....	4:30pm
NOV. 13.....	APOSTLES' CREED.....	4:30pm
NOV. 20.....	APOSTLES' CREED.....	10:30am
DEC. 4.....	LORD'S PRAYER.....	4:30pm
DEC. 11.....	LORD'S PRAYER.....	10:30am
DEC. 14.....	SEXUALITY/PARENTS.....	7:00pm
JAN. 8.....	BAPTISM.....	4:30am
JAN. 15.....	BAPTISM.....	4:30am
JAN. 29.....	BAPTISM.....	10:30am
FEB. 5.....	OUTING.....	4:30pm
FEB. 12.....	LORD'S SUPPER.....	4:30pm
FEB. 19.....	LORD'S SUPPER.....	10:30am
MARCH 5.....	WORSHIP/DEVOTION.....	4:30pm
MARCH 12....	WORSHIP/DEVOTION.....	4:30pm
MARCH 15....	CHEMICALS/PARENTS.....	7:00pm
MARCH 26....	REVIEW.....	4:30pm
APRIL 2.....	MEAL/SHARING/PARENTS.....	4:30pm
APRIL 9.....	CONFIRMATION.....	9:00am

Concordia's Confirmation classes meet at the following times during the year:

Sunday afternoon.....	4:30pm
Sunday morning.....	10:30am
Wednesday evening.....	7:00pm

LWML NEWS (WOMEN'S GUILD)

LWML was kicked off this year at Cindy Svendsen's home with 26 women present. Delicious decadent desserts were served. Tammy Bracken & Lynn Worrell had the topic and kicked off the theme for this year "Women made Bold by the Spirit".

We welcome all women to the meetings! Our next meeting will be October 19. Location to be announced in the bulletin. Come join us for spiritual growth & fun!

The bazaar will be held Nov. 19.

Congratulations to Bettiann Carrell who was elected Mission Services chairman for the LWML Zone Rally in Craig. Thanks also to Pastor & Marlys Cartwright who led topics for the Zone Rally.

RUMMAGE SALE & BAKE SALE OCTOBER 14 & 15

Is it a cookie? Is it a brownie? No it's one of Elaine Stroncek's Heavenly Dream Bars! Yes, it's time again bake your best selling goodies to sell in conjunction with our infamous rummage sale. Please have your items to the church by Thursday eve. Oct 13. (however we will accept baked goods until Saturday morning Oct. 15.) A schedule for sorting rummage will be posted in the Narthex.

CAMPBELLS LABELS

Our congregation is still collecting Campbells labels for the Good Shepherd Office. Please leave the labels flat and place them in the red checkered box above the mailboxes. Questions? Contact Bettiann Carrell.



Don't Miss the Oct. 14,15 Rummage Sale

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

Matching funds will also be given from AAL up to \$355. Please support our rummage sale as all proceeds go to wonderful Mission Projects, Local and Otherwise.

AAL NEWS

AAL was started in 1902 by 9 incorporators. They represented 600 members all in Wisconsin. Today 16 board members represent 1.6 million members in 50 states. These members work hard each year to raise money for worthy service projects.

THANK YOU FROM CHARLOTTE

It has been great being part of Concordia. Thank you for everything! I will miss you. Keep up the Good Work. God Bless You all! With Love, Charlotte Riggi (address: 3312 Sundisk Ct. Ft. Collins, CO. 80526)

GOOD SHEPHERD HOME

The facility in Littleton was sold Aug. 1. The residents (except for 12 who have to be out by Nov. 1) have been placed in 11 Denver area group homes and one in Fort Collins. Volunteers were responsible for much of the renovation, gov't paperwork, and actual transportation of residents & belongings.

Unfortunately, there will no longer be a thrift shop due to overhead, competition and lack of steady volunteer employment. This shop was a major benefactor of our spring and fall rummage sales, so the Women's Guild is presently looking for new sources for our "leftovers."

Please keep the Good Shepherd Homes its dedicated staff, volunteers and residents in your prayers during these government ordered changing times. May you find fulfillment in helping this cause.



Youth News

A Big Thank you to the youth and Parents and everyone who made the Silent Auction a Big Success. We raised nearly 1900 dollars through the bidding. If you won certain categories please give your checks to the Concordia Youth Group.

In September we had a potluck and planned our parent assistants for the year of 1994-95. We have between 13-15 youth planning to attend the youth gathering in San Antonio, Texas this summer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The class of the month for October is the 3rd & 4th grade class taught by Kathy Deepe. They average 15 students per Sunday. Their classroom is decorated with a vine & branch theme. Stop by and take a look. Also don't forget to see their October bulletin board display downstairs. Nice Job!

CONFIRMATION & JR HIGH NEWS

A Strong Confirmation and Jr. High Sunday School year is underway. We welcome Ellie Slocum and Nathan Plumb. Our average attendance Sunday morning for September was 15 students. We thank Debbie Marten for opening her home to us on Sept. 25 for Confirmation at 10:30am.

We have adopted a student through Compassion International from Latin America. Each month we will be raising money for this project and also making crosses for the visitors at church. Our outing/recreation day will be Sunday Oct. 2nd.

New Addresses

Jeff & Diana Rimel
112 Squawbush Ct.
Grants, NM 87020

Doug & Lebbie Martin
Rt. 1 Box 1156 B
Paul, Idaho 83347

Earl & Bettye Maze
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Los Alamos, NM
87544-3621

Doug & Gay Hagemann
5411 W. 96th Terrace
Overland Park, Ks. 66207

David & Naomi Barnett
3163 N. 13th
Couer d'Alene, Idaho 83814

Terry & Sandi Fomes
2508 Bedford Ct.
Ft. Collins, Co. 80526

Wes & Doris Riewe
1536 Collier
Longmont, CO 80501
(as of Sept. 25)

Charlotte Riggi
3312 Sundisk Ct.
Ft. Collins, CO 80526

Ernie & Ivy Nelson
7855 Everett Way
Arvada, Colorado 80005

CONCORDIA STATISTICS:

(For the month of September)

Week #1.....190(M) 11(E)...201
Week #2.....240(M) 26(E)...266
Week #3.....217(M) 13(E)...230
Week #4.....191(M) 26(E)...217

Average Weekly Attendance.....229

SEPTEMBER AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:

1991.....123
1992.....163
1993.....184
1994.....229

What a great opportunity God has given us here at Concordia for caring for new individuals and families. Our Sunday worship statistics reflect this opportunity.

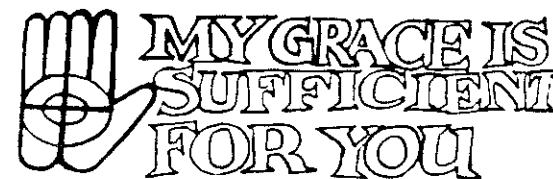
We have much work in front of us a congregation to keep these new members as well as our established members. We must all work diligently in the assimilation of these people. We must help new families get caught in the web of friendship here at Concordia.

It has been said by those who study the patterns of new people in congregations that if a person is not successful in establishing six new friendships within a year of their entry into a congregation they are at a greater risk of leaving that congregation. Let's make new friends.

A FUTURE ORIENTED QUESTIONNAIRE: "VISION 2,000"

1. How important is it to you that Concordia be here in the year 2,000?
2. Do you want to see continued numerical growth in our congregation?
3. When is it time to add a second morning service?
4. How do you propose to handle the need for more parking on Sunday morning?
5. At what point in time will it be necessary to hire a full time secretary?
6. When should Concordia add another full time worker (DCE, Pastor, etc.)?
7. How important is it for you to participate in a small group Bible study?
8. Is it fair that 20% of our congregation takes care of 80% of our needs?
9. When should we address the educational/fellowship "space" needs?
10. Should Concordia establish a pre-school or day-care program?
11. What should our long term goals be?
12. How can your household increase the support of our shared ministry?
13. What type of Pastoral leadership is necessary here at Concordia?
14. How does the "resort" community impact upon our ministry priorities?
15. Is it necessary to advertise our ministry with tourists in mind?
16. When should our congregation purchase a new organ and sound system?

We at Concordia need to develop a common vision for the future of our ministry here in Steamboat. By answering the above questions we can take some initial steps to do just that. VISION 2,000 can help us do some valuable long term thinking. These are exciting days here at Concordia. May the Lord guide our efforts.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 19th Sunday after Pentecost LWML SUNDAY WORSHIP.....9:00am 7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am CONFIRMATION....4:30pm	3	4 STUDY....6:30am COMMITTEES...7:00 CHOIR.....6:30pm FALL.....	5 CONCORDIA CALLING 7:00pm PASTORAL.....	6 WOMEN'S STUDY...10am SCOUTS...3:15pm RECOVERY STUDY 7:15pm TRUSTEES...7:00pm ...CONFERENCE	7	1 BABCOCK/BRIGGS WEDDING...6:00pm 8
9 20th Sunday after Pentecost WORSHIP.....9:00am 7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL....10:30am	10 ASSIMILATION MTG. 7:00pm	11 STUDY.....6:30am ELDER.....7:00pm CHOIR.....6:30pm	12 Columbus Day CONCORDIA CALLING 7:00pm	13 WOMEN'S STUDY...10am RECOVERY STUDY 7:15pm	14 FALL RUMMAGE SALE...	15 RUMMAGE SALE
16 21st Sunday after Pentecost WORSHIP.....9:00am 7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am CONFIRMATION...4:30pm	17	18 St. Luke, Evangelist STUDY....6:30am CHOIR....6:30pm	19 concordia calling 7:00pm	20 WOMEN'S STUDY....10am GIRL SCOUTS... 3:15pm RECOVERY STUDY 7:15pm	21	22
23 22nd Sunday after Pentecost WORSHIP.....9:00am 7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am E.C.C.....12:45pm CONFIRMATION....10:30am	24	25 STUDY.....6:30am CHOIR.....6:30pm	26 CONCORDIA CALLING 7:00pm	27	28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles	29
30 23rd Sunday after Pentecost WORSHIP....9:00am/7:00pm SUNDAY SCHOOL...10:30am CONFIRMATION....4:30pm FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY	31 Reformation Day					