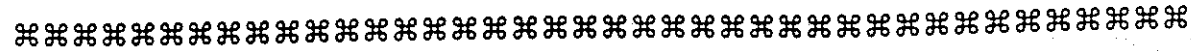


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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15AM



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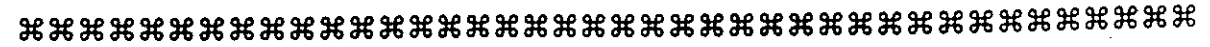
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## "CHRISTOGRAM"



TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CONCORDIA:

Greetings in the name of our risen lord!

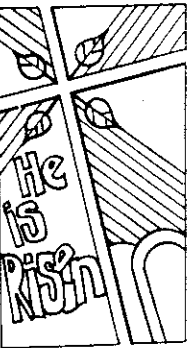
As I was leaving the church building today I noticed the first of Spring's offerings. It was a small little yellow flower. It looked to be a crocus...I'll have to ask Helen Sherrod. The flower is nestled up next to the church. The sunshine has been working very hard to rid the ground of its winter jacket of snow. The ground is warm in that particular location. Many thanks to the person who, in years past, planted those returning flowers.

Easter is a time of renewal and resurrection. I have often thought that Easter is a more appropriate time for "resolutions." We make them on New Years Day. Perhaps, the power of the resurrection could empower us beyond the traditional "three weeks" of sticking to our new commitments.

Easter is always associated with Spring for me for very obvious reasons. That little yellow flower is a great symbol. The ground is warming. The sun is more intense. The flower bed has protection from the northwesterly breezes. The flower bed has the additional solar collectors..the rocks of the church.

Let us each make a resolution of sorts this Easter/Spring season. Let us draw near to the "Rock" of the Church...Jesus. Let us be warmed by the forgiving light and love of the "Son." Let us stand in the protective windbreak of God's Word. Let us feel the warmth of God mercy and grace. Let us be guided by the King and Creator of Spring...and all the seasons.

Easter is resurrection. It is not a season. It is a lifestyle. Easter is new life. Easter is Jesus Christ, manger born, climbing from the tomb. Easter is God's resolution to the reality of sin and death. Look for those little yellow flowers to dare to break winter's silence. Sit back and be warmed by spring.



Tim

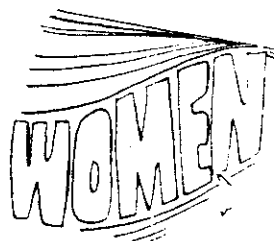
## CONCORDIA STATISTICS

### March 1995 Worship Numbers:

Week #1...88(E) 128(L).....216  
 Week #2...126(E) 106(L)...232  
 Week #3...78(E) 62(L).....140  
 Week #4...95(E) 93(L).....188

### March Average Worship Attendance:

1991.....155  
 1992.....113  
 1993.....180  
 1994.....199  
 1995.....194



## LWML NEWS

Our march meeting was held at the home of Pam Patterson with thirteen in attendance. We put together 15 layettes for Lutheran World Relief to start our evening off. After a lively meeting we enjoyed a program on Mary and Martha led by Joanne Boomgarden and Judy Plumb.

Our April 19th meeting has been changed to Alma Baldwin's home. She suggested that we carpool from the church (and/or the library) due to limited parking space at her home.

In Christ  
 Pam Patterson

## "VISION 2000"

Our community of faith here at Concordia will be engaging in a planning process that will help our congregation look toward the year 2,000 and beyond. We need to do the work that will enable us to "glance to the future" together.

On April 22 (Saturday evening-6:30pm) the leadership of the congregation will gather together to ponder and pray about our future shared "vision." Any other interested members of our congregation are welcome to attend that meeting.

Each area of ministry at Concordia will be doing "homework" in preparation for that session.

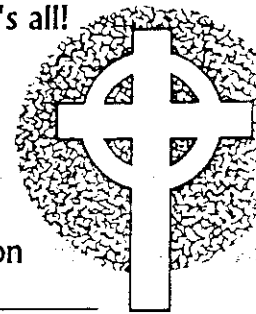
This is an exciting time in the life of our Lutheran, Word and Sacrament, Christ-centered ministry. God has given us this congregation to care for. What a joy it is to work together as we look to the year 2,000 and beyond.



## CARING FOR YOUR LIFE OF FAITH

## CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY OF FAITH

I would like to put in front of the people of our Congregation a "Questionnaire" of sorts. No tricks, no gimmicks, no strings attached. I only ask that you ponder the questions...Try to answer the questions ....and speak to those closest to you about the questions. That's all!



### WORSHIP

How many Sundays out of a 52 week calendar, will you plan on worshipping with your family of faith here at Concordia? \_\_\_\_\_

How many Sundays a month will you seek involvement in worship and fellowship with your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you ever attend any mid-week special services, such as Lent or Advent services? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

When you vacation do you make worship at another congregation a priority for your trip? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of things do you do in order to prepare for a given Sunday morning worship service? (i.e., pray for the Pastor; pray for the spiritually hurting; read the lessons on a Saturday night; etc.)

Do you ever use the Sunday bulletin for a weekly devotion/prayer aid? Do you ever re-read the lessons? Cut out a prayer? Make a note of special events? Pray for upcoming events listed in the Weekly news?

Is sleep or recreation more important than worship for you and/or your family members? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Look at actual behavior)

## BIBLE STUDY

Do you have a time of personal/private Bible reading?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you consistently committed to any of the following Bible Study opportunities here at Concordia?

1. Sunday morning Bible class? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_



2. Tuesday morning Study? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3. Wednesday Evening "Discovery Study?" Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4. Thursday Morning Women's Study? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

5. Thursday Evening Recovery Bible Study? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

6. Monthly Men's Breakfast Fellowship? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7. Do your children regularly participate in Youth Group activities?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Do your children participate in extra-curricular school activities? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_)

8. Do your children participate in Confirmation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

9. Do your children participate in Sunday School/VBS?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## FINANCIAL CARE OF CONGREGATION

Do you presently give an offering? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

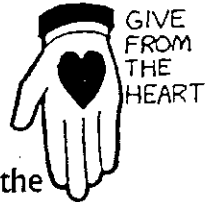
Have you ever considered the reality that the only source of finances that our congregation has to work with comes from the people who worship and are willing to give? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Did you know that 20% of the people of Concordia take care of 80% of the financial burden? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you set down with your personal and/or family finances and pre-determined (perhaps a percentage) how much you will budget for the support of your congregation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever considered that everything you have ultimately comes from God? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have you ever thought about the "giving back to God" needs to be the first thing you do upon the reception of your monthly salary/wage/income (verses giving from what is left over)?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_



Do you recognize that our \$130,000.00 annual budget is the responsibility of our 340 baptized members (approximately 120 households)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## AREAS OF SERVICE

A congregation, and the volunteer details that accompany any congregation, must be assumed by the membership of a congregation. What areas have you chosen as your volunteer areas? (Check those that apply)

1. Ushering \_\_\_

3. Sunday School \_\_\_

5. Elders \_\_\_

7. Outreach \_\_\_

9. Worship/Music \_\_\_

11. Office \_\_\_

2. Altar Guild \_\_\_

4. Trustees (care of physical plant) \_\_\_

6. Church government \_\_\_

8. Financial/Accounting \_\_\_

10. Teaching/Youth \_\_\_

12. Other \_\_\_\_\_



A PASTORAL NOTE:

People regularly expect that a Pastor and congregation be in place for weddings, baptisms, funerals, times of crisis, special seasonal worship services, homeless concerns, etc. In order for a congregation to be solvent and ready for the above needs, as well as the regular day-to-day ministry concerns, God has called a group of people together to make a ministry possible. As a part of this group (congregation) you are invited to make this ministry possible.

The support of Concordia requires sacrifice and support from its members. Nobody else will make this work possible...nobody. You are the source. As you evaluate your participation in this local Body of Christ, ask yourself if you have thought your commitment through to its logical conclusion. Have you committed yourself to the ministry here at Concordia? Do not compare yourself to others.

Many people today support a congregation as long as it meets "their" needs. To a certain degree that reasoning is valid. However, one must also seek a less self-centered approach. We support a congregation because God would have us do so. Also, we make a ministry possible because "others" benefit. Tourists, the unchurched, the hurting, the single people, the children, the married couples, the hospitalized, the grieving, etc., all benefit from our shared care of Concordia.

God bless your membership. God bless your time of introspection regarding your participation in the life of our congregation. Please, put into action your decisions made as a result of this "Questionnaire."

Concordia needs the support of its members. What a great place to invest time, talents and treasures!

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV)

In Christ  
*Tim*  
Pastor Cartwright

# HOLY WEEK /EASTER SCHEDULE

## 1) PALM SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION.....APRIL 9TH

- Early Service.....8:00am
- Confirmation reception and photo opportunity...9:30am
- Confirmation Service....10:30am

## 2) MAUNDY/THURSDAY WORSHIP.....APRIL 13TH

- Worship Time 7:00pm (Communion Service)
- First Communion for newly Confirmed

## 3) GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP.....APRIL 14TH

- Worship Time 7:00pm



## 4) EASTER MORNING SERVICES.....APRIL 16TH

- Sunrise Service.....6:30am
- Early Service.....8:00am
- Late Service.....10:00am

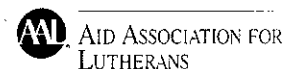


\*Holy Communion will be offered at all three services.

-A special Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:30am to 9:30am. Make plans to share a Easter meal with your family of faith here at Concordia.

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Compliments of your District Representative



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 5th Sunday in Lent WORSHIP...8/10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL...9:15am WEDDING...1:30pm CONFIRMATION...4:30pm (Parent/Student meal)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> BIBLE STUDY-6:30am CHOIR...6:15pm COMMITTEES...7:15pm	<b>5</b> YOUTH PIZZA-5:30pm YOUTH CONCERT AT HOWELSON HILL 6:30pm  DISCOVERY STUDY 7:00pm	<b>6</b> WOMEN'S STUDY 10am   RECOVERY STUDY 7:15pm	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>      <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday WORSHIP...8/10:30am CONFIRMATION...10:30am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> BIBLE STUDY 6:30am CHOIR...6:15pm VOTERS.....7:30pm	<b>12</b>   DISCOVERY STUDY 7:00pm	<b>13</b> Maundy Thursday WOMEN'S STUDY 10am WORSHIP...7:00pm	<b>14</b> Good Friday WORSHIP...7:00pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday EASTER SERVICES: 6:00am.....Sunrise Service 8:00am.....Early Service 10:00am....Late Service From 7am to 9:30am Easter Basement Breakfast	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> BIBLE STUDY-6:30am CALLERS-7:00pm	<b>19</b>   DISCOVERY STUDY 7:00pm	<b>20</b> WOMEN'S STUDY 10am RECOVERY STUDY 7:15pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>   MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...7-9am HOLIDAY Inn
<b>23</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter National Volunteer Week WORSHIP...8/10:30am Sunday School...9:15am E.C.C.....12:45pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> St. Mark, Evangelist BIBLE STUDY-6:30am CALLERS-7:00pm	<b>26</b>   DISCOVERY STUDY 7:00pm	<b>27</b> WOMEN'S STUDY 10am RECOVERY STUDY 7:15pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

**30** 3rd Sunday of Easter  
 WORSHIP...8/10:30am  
 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

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