

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

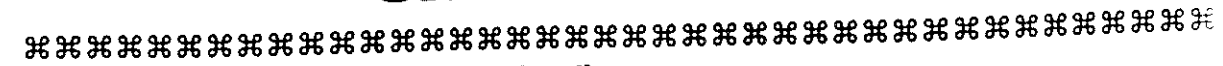
## CHRISTOGRAM

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Greetings in the name of our risen Lord!

The process is called "Free Association." Give someone a word and then they will tell you the first thing that pops into their mind. This is supposed to tell you something about that particular person's emotional make-up and well-being. Let's do some "free association" with the word "Easter."

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Springtime...               | 11. Flowers...              |
| 2. Sunshine...                 | 12. Resurrection...         |
| 3. Confirmation...             | 13. Celebration...          |
| 4. Church pancake breakfast... | 14. Trumpets & Brass...     |
| 5. Eggs...                     | 15. Great Music...          |
| 6. Chocolate...                | 16. Family...               |
| 7. Light...                    | 17. Forgiveness...          |
| 8. "He is Risen"               | 18. "He is Risen, Indeed!"  |
| 9. Hope...                     | 19. Help for the hurting... |
| 10. Empty grave...             | 20. The night is over!      |



Jesus made a "free association" with a broken creation that was mortally injured because of sin. Jesus freely took sin to Calvary's cross. There He paid the ultimate sacrifice. He gave his life for humankind. He stepped free from the grave. He was God. Only God could freely associate with sin and death and come out the victor. This was done because of love! Easter is love!

Let us "freely associate" with this good and gracious God. May your hearts be encouraged by the free gift of eternal life found in Christ alone!

Easter blessings!

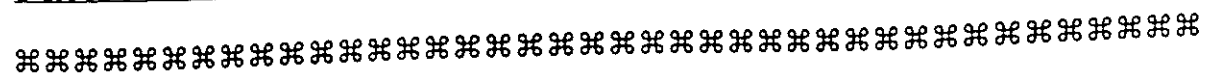
*Pastor*

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.

Editor: Pastor Cartwright and Marlys Cartwright.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00AM AND 10:30AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15AM



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# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN (Holy Week.....Easter Schedule)

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## MAUNDY/THURSDAY....April 4th.....7:00pm

Jesus establishes the Christian practice of Holy Communion at Passover.

## GOOD FRIDAY....April 5th.....7:00pm

The Christian community ponders the Messiah's (Jesus) crucifixion.

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES (April 7th)

Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

**SUNRISE SERVICE.....6:30am**

**EARLY SERVICE.....8:00am**

**LATE SERVICE.....10:00am**

(Pancake breakfast served from 7:30am to 9:30am)



"Make plans to worship this Holy Week...You are welcome at Concordia! We are located on the corner corner of Amythest and Maple/Syring Creek.....879-0175"

\*Remember to turn your clocks forward on Easter weekend!



### Heartbreaking Ground Breaking

Six-year-old Suzy tried to explain the disappointing results of her congregation's ground-breaking ceremonies to her four-year-old brother, Billy. "We dug for a new church, Billy, but I guess Pastor Smith and the church council just weren't able to find it."

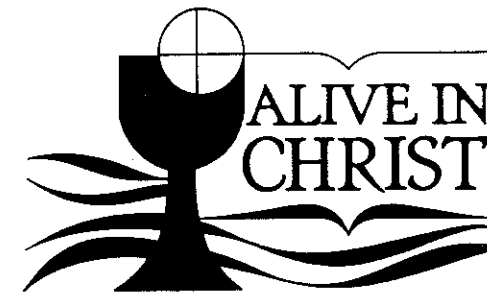
# Newsletter Nuggets

## Raising Healthy Youth

When it comes to raising healthy children, promoting prosocial behavior is as important as preventing antisocial or health-compromising behavior. Acts of compassion help develop social competencies, positive values and a sense of purpose in life. Students who engage in helping behavior on a weekly basis are shown to be less likely than non-helpers to report risky behaviors. According to a survey of more than 46,000 students in grades six through 12, 53% reported that during the last 12 months, they had not spent any time helping people who are poor, hungry, sick, or unable to care for themselves; 37% reported helping needy people one to four times; and 10% said they had helped needy people five times or more in the past 12 months.

## For Fitness, Take a Hike!

Walking may be the closest thing there is to the "perfect" exercise. Walking offers plenty of variety and flexibility. It also provides a lifelong form of exercise, affords less risk of injury, improves cardiovascular fitness, burns calories for weight loss, and, best of all, is relatively easy. Here are some tips for a successful walking program: (1) Wear comfortable shoes; (2) Walk with a friend; (3) Incorporate walking into your daily routine; (4) Explore new routes; (5) Have a back-up plan for bad weather; (6) Pick up the pace as your program progresses; and, (7) Stick with it! -- From Lutheran Brotherhood's *Ways Toward Wellness*



## How Many People Do You Know in Your Congregation?

A recent survey of 1,280 active Lutherans found that 21% say they personally know 100 or more people in their congregation. Another 20% personally know 50 to 99 people, and 24% know 25 to 49 people personally. Twenty-two percent of respondents said they know 10 to 24 people in their congregation, and just 13% said they personally know fewer than 10 people. Those age 65 or more were most likely to know 100 or more people in their congregation, while those under the age of 30 were most apt to know fewer than 10 people.

-- From *Lutheran Brotherhood's Survey of Lutheran Beliefs and Practices*

# April



## CONCORDIA MARCH STATISTICS:

Average Sunday Worship Attendance:

1991.....	155
1992.....	113
1993.....	180
1994.....	198
1995.....	195
1996.....	200

Worship Attendance for March 1996:

Week #1.....	116(E) 97(L).....	213
Week #2.....	125(E) 66(L).....	191
Week #3.....	95(E) 88(L).....	183
Week #4.....	103(E) 90(L).....	193
Week #5.....	(N/A at printing deadline)	

Let us continue to be regular in our worship here at Concordia. God has given us a marvelous congregation. God has given us a marvelous ministry. As each household grows stronger in faith it makes the congregation stronger.

Be sure to participate in the worship opportunities that are available during Holy Week, March 31st through April 7th.



## World Mission

## WOMENS RETREAT

Concordia's women will be having a retreat on April 13 beginning at 1PM out at the Dutch Creek Guest Ranch. If you ever asked the question "Why did God let this happen?" This retreat is for you, based on the book "Disappointment with God" by Philip Yancey. Retreat ends after breakfast on April 14.

## APRIL WOMENS GUILD

Don't miss our April meeting on Wednesday April 17 at Ann Matlage's home with devotions by Debbie Martens at 7pm

### 1996 Mission Projects

\$1,500	Good Sheperd Lutheran Home of the West
200	Lutherans For Life
300	Centro Christiano DeYsleta
500	Heifer Project International
500	L.A.M.P.
200	Concordia Tract Mission
50	Concordia Lutheran Tract Mission
250	Lutheran Bible Translators-Judy Olson
700	LCMS World Mission
	\$300 - Compassion Vitnam
	\$400 - Steve & Julie Lutz
300	American Bible Society-Concordia Gospel Outreach
200	Wheatridge
200	Morningstar Victim Center
300	Navajo Mission
100	Colorado Christian Home
200	Dakota Boys Ranch
300	C.E.M. - Marva Dawn
200	Steamboat Hospice
200	The Haven (Hayden) Sr Citizen Living
500	Local Emergency Mission Fund
450	Discovery Learning Center Scholarship Fund
100	Yampa Valley Pregnancy Center
100	Paper Peace Corp
200	Sunshine Fund
500	Christmas Bazaar
750	General Treasury
400	Tables - Church Basement
\$9,200	Total

## Sunday School News

The Class for the month of March was the Jr. High Class (also known as the Confirmation Kids). With 25 kids total, they meet here, there, and everywhere! It takes a lot of energy to keep up with this lively bunch, and Marlys Cartwright certainly has her work cut out for her! Check out their Bulletin Board display downstairs.

There will be NO Sunday School classes on March 31 (Confirmation Day) or April 7 (Easter). Thanks, Lori Beverlin, Sunday School Superintendent.

## A Child brought up in Sunday School is seldom brought up in Court

Judge Fossett of Brooklyn sentenced some 2700 young people to the reformatory during a five year period. Not one of the entire 2700 was a member of any Sunday School. Lee Baxton was a business man who served a city Mayor for two years. During this time he made a standing offer to pay the court costs of any person convicted of a criminal offense if that person had been regular in Sunday School attendance during that year. There were many who said they used to attend or "I plan to go when I'm released" but not once in 2400 cases did he have to pay anyone's fine. While Sunday School may not be a cure-all, there can be no doubt that the influence of regular church and Sunday School attendance is a great factor in keeping down crime. How long since YOU attended church & Sunday School with your family regularly? Dan Flournoy



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS '96

- Cheryl Stine- Deena Schuelke
- Barb Guest- Lindsay Kole
- Judy Plumb- Kia Cartwright
- Tim Cartwright- Christy Warner
- Mariys Cartwright- Kristin & Sara Stine
- Albert & Kathy Deepe- Nathan Plumb
- Dan & Cindy Schlie- Garrett Anderson
- Gene Carrell- Joe Cesolini
- Linda Riele- Ryan Wattles
- Greg & Sherry Kammerer- R. Thompson
- Jan Fritz- Baille Thornton
- Peggy Haas- Stephanie Kammerer
- Jane Hallman- Jade Hansen
- Bart & Nancy Kounovsky- Steward Beall
- Mike Beyers- Nathan Deepe
- Pam Parker- Whitney Eggleston
- Sandy Craker- Jessica Fritz
- Jerry Taylor- Alex Hynes
- Jerry Thornton- Blake Julian
- Dianne Weber- Gavin Noyer
- Dave & Lori Beverlin- Taylor Patterson
- Jim & Michelle Sprengle- Kyle Svendsen
- Mike & Sarah Buerskens- Danny Weber
- Lori Joens- Suzanne Zimmerer

# HE IS RISEN!

## **Faith**

A friend tells of overhearing two little girls, playmates, who were counting over their pennies together. One said, "I have five cents." The other said, "I have ten cents." "No," said the first little girl, "you have just five cents, the same that I have;" but the second child quickly replied, "My papa said that when he came home to-night he would give me five cents, and so I have ten cents." The child's faith gave her proof of that which she did not as yet see, and she counted it as being already hers because it had been promised by her father. So are we to trust the promises of our Heavenly Father, and we, too, can count among our possessions the thing which he has promised to give us.

## **Influence—Unconscious**

Josiah Wedgwood, the famous potter, invented the beautiful Wedgwood ware that is so much admired. Josiah lived about a hundred years ago, and besides being a celebrated potter he was a thoroughly good man and a splendid Christian.

One day a nobleman came to the factory, and Mr. Wedgwood asked a lad of fifteen to take the visitor over the works and explain how things were done.

Now the nobleman was smart and clever, but he was not a God-fearing man. As he went on his round he began to use bad language and to make light of sacred things. At first the boy was shocked, but by and by he began to laugh at the smart remarks. Mr. Wedgwood, who was following, was hotly indignant.

When the nobleman returned to the office the potter picked out a vase of rare workmanship and began to point out its beauties and to describe how carefully and wonderfully it had been made. The nobleman was charmed and held out his hand to receive the vase, but as Mr. Wedgwood was handing it to the visitor he let it fall, and it lay shattered in a hundred pieces.

The nobleman was very angry. He reproached his host for having destroyed the beautiful vase which he had so much wished to possess, but the potter replied, "My lord, there are things more precious than any vase—things which once ruined can never be restored. I can make another vase like this for you, but you can never give back to the boy who has just left us the pure heart which you have destroyed by making light of sacred things, and by using impure words."—James Hastings.

## Confirmation

March 31, 1996

Garrett Anderson Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by Grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Joe Cesolini Romans 8:37 "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

JESUS

Lindsay Kole Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble."

Loves You!

Nathan Plumb Romans 8:39 "Nothing will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Deena Schuelke Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"

Kristin Stine John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting Life."

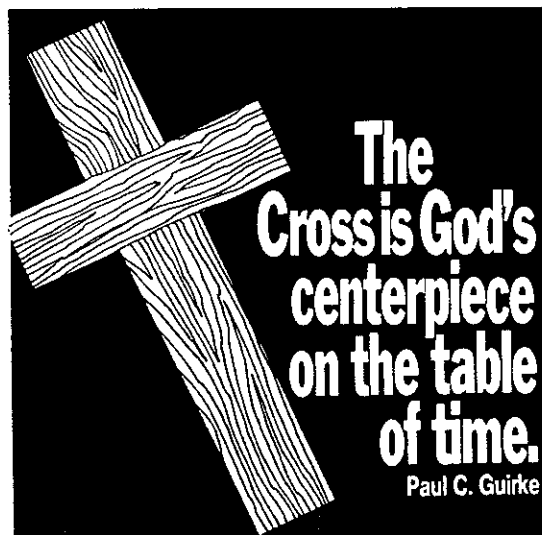
Sara Stine John 11:25 "Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me will live even though he dies."

Christy Warner Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

## Youth and the Future

"You cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

-- Franklin Roosevelt, cited in *The Executive Speechwriter Newsletter*



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Girl Scouts 3:30-5pm	2 Bible Study 6:30am Choir 6:15pm Committees 7	3	4 Passover 6pm Meal Worship 7pm  Maundy Thursday	5 Good Friday Worship 7pm  Good Friday	6
7 Easter worship 6:30am 8am 10:30am Breakfast 7:30-9:30am	8 Girl Scouts 3:30-5pm	9 Bible Study 6:30am Choir 6:15pm	10 Discovery Study 7pm	11 Women's Bible Study 9:30am  Recovery Study 7pm	12	13 Womens Retreat 1pm
14 Worship 8,10:30am SS 9:15am Voters 9:15am Youth 5:30pm First Sunday of Easter	15 Girl Scout 3:30-5pm  PASTORS	16 Bible Study 6:30am  CONFERENCE IN Choir 6:15pm	17 LWML 7pm Bible Study 7pm DELTA, COLORADO	18 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Re- covery Study 7pm	19 Girl Scouts 6:30-8pm	20
21 Worship 8/10:30am SS 9:15am  Second Sunday of Easter	22	23 Bible Study 6:30am Choir 6:15pm	24 Discovery Bible Study 7pm	25 Recovery Bible Study 7pm	26	27
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