

The Christogram is a 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: 8:00 and 10:30 am

FEELING DEFEATED?

Turn to Scripture to see what God's Word says when you feel this way.

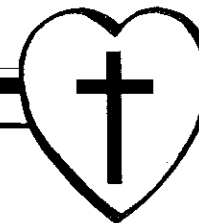
Deuteronomy 1:17	Isaiah 51:12
2 Kings 6:16	Matthew 5:3
Psalms 9:12	Matthew 10:28
Psalms 27	Luke 1:52
Psalms 42:5	Romans 8:31-39
Psalms 121:1-2	1 Corinthians 10:13
Psalms 138:6	2 Corinthians 4:8-18
Psalms 147:3	James 4:6
Proverbs 28:1	2 Peter 2:9

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A Time for Reconciliation

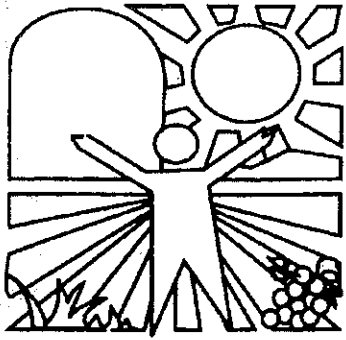
A man was separated from his wife and living in a different town for a number of years. On a business trip he stopped to visit the grave of his son. While standing there reflecting on his former relationship with his wife and the home they had made for their son, he heard steps behind him. Turning, he saw his wife, who also had come to visit the grave. His first impulse, because of the hostility that had built up between them, was to leave. But something about standing by the grave of their son held him, and he stayed and began to talk. Slowly the enmity and bitterness emptied out of his heart as they talked about their son.

You and I come in faith to stand at the grave of the Son of God, to see Him laid there and rise out of it with new life. Now is the time for us to be reconciled - to God and to other people.

When is the time of reconciliation? Now is the time! Reconciliation does not mean approval of broken and misguided behavior. It does not mean a continuation in broken and sinful ways. Reconciliation is recognition of God having paid the price for our sin... and Him having set us free to love in new ways.

Now is the time.

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NEW MEMBERS

On May 18th during the second service the following people were welcomed into membership at Concordia Lutheran:

Vince Hooper and daughter Jennifer; Blaine & Nancy Hvamsal and their sons Jace and Ty and daughter Callie; Greg & Leslie Gregory and daughter Liana; Don Moraites; and John & Suzanne Wilcox and their two children.

Please give these new members a warm welcome! We are so fortunate to have them join our congregation! Concordia is truly blessed by their presence.



The Speed of Lies

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."

- Mark Twain

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND NEEDS YOU!

The Rocky Mountain District needs new investors. Today the Rocky Mountain District's churches have borrowed \$33 million to build new and expand existing churches and schools. The District's depositors have only invested \$28 million, meaning that the district has to borrow from other districts at a higher rate.

Several things happen when YOU become an investor in LCEF.

1. YOU earn a rate of interest higher than what you can get at a local bank. Pass book 2.8%, 6 month CD 5.25%, 1 year 5.5%, 3 years 5.75%, and 5 years 6%.

2. YOU help supply funds so that Lutheran Churches and Schools can be built and expanded.

3. YOU help maintain funds against which YOUR or any church YOU designate can borrow at a lower rate.

The LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND provides YOU with a means to practice good stewardship. Become an investor TODAY!

Applications and information are in the rack in the Narthex or contact your congregational representative Clair Erickson at 879-5867 or 879-4419 at home.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

Saturday, June 7, 1997 at Concordia Lutheran Church

A wonderful way to end the school year and begin the summer. Next year's High School Youth Group as well as this year's graduating seniors are invited. The Saturday evening begins at 6:00 with a meal and ends with breakfast and services at the church on Sunday morning. It should be a great time. Check the schedule below.

Time	Location	Activity
6:00 PM	Church	*Dinner and Icebreakers (*HS Youth Budget will provide main dish and drinks. Youth need to bring: Last name A-L salad, M-Z dessert. Incoming freshmen do not need to bring any food for dinner.)
approx. 7:30 PM	SS	Scavenger Hunt (Instructions to be given at church.)
approx. 9:00 PM	SSMS	Basketball, Volleyball, etc.
approx. 10:00 PM	Church	Games, movies, fellowship, snacks, etc.
7:00 AM	Church	Breakfast by Jo & Bert
8:00 AM	Church	Church service: Captive Free

What should you bring?

- Sleeping bag (Yes, we're sleeping in the church basement.)
- Pillow & air mattress if you have one.
- A snack to share during late evening (Ex: bag of candy, chips, cookies, etc.)
- Tooth brush and toothpaste.
- Jammies
- Your church clothes for the next day.
- Some money (for emergency late night pizza delivery maybe)
- A fun attitude

NOTE: An activity to keep in mind as you schedule your summer. We are planning a day trip (6 am -10 pm) to Elitches on Saturday, June 14. We will have an opportunity to participate in Habitat for Humanity the week of July 12-20 (a day or two at a time.) Looks like a fun summer.



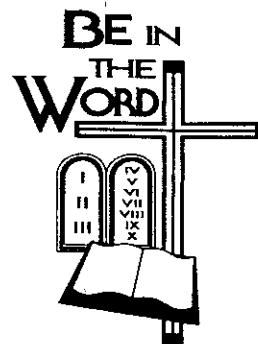
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JUNE 1997

Tuesday Bible Study:
Meet and study the Word of God prior to work. This study begins at 6:30am and is done promptly at 7:30am. The format is one of discussion and reflection on God's Word. A good cup of coffee or tea is ready for you upon arrival. Give this study a try!

Wednesday Discovery Bible Study: This Wednesday evening study opportunity has been put into place for a midweek spot of spiritual refreshment. A person can come once a month, twice a month, or every week. It is a relaxed atmosphere for learning, discussion and fellowship. Please, come and enjoy some great "Discovery!"



Thursday Recovery:
Concordia Lutheran congregation has made a commitment to open its doors to the special needs surrounding those individuals, couples, and families who are dealing with the reality of addiction and recovery. Each Thursday night at 7:00pm a group of people meet in the basement of the church for devotions and support. This meeting is designed to aid the recovering person in the quest for a stronger spiritual life.

Sunday Extended Care Center Worship (ECC)
On the fourth Sunday of each month our congregation is responsible for the care of the worship service at the ECC. The Pastor leads this service with congregational volunteers. There is a need to visit with the residents at the ECC. It is a great way to learn compassion and service. The residents always appreciate a kind contact from visitors.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8/10:30 am Education Hr. 9:15 am	2 Women's AA 7 pm	3 Committees 7 pm	4 Discovery 7 pm Ladies Salad Supper at Barb Gibson's home 6:30 pm (meet at church at 6 to carpool)	5 Recovery 7 pm	6	7 Men's Breakfast 7 am YOUTH LOCK-IN
8 Worship 8/10:30 am with Captive Free Education Hr. 9:15 am High School Youth Group 5:30 pm	9 VBS 9-11:45 am with CAPTIVE FREE Women's AA 7 pm	10 VBS 9-11:45 am with CAPTIVE FREE Church Council 7:30 pm Youth Beach Party	11 VBS 9-11:45 am with CAPTIVE FREE VBS Closing Program 7 pm	12 Recovery 7 pm District LCMS	13 Convention; Golden	14 Youth go to Elitches Colorado
15 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 10 AM PICNIC 11 AM at High School Amphitheater	16 Women's AA 7 pm	17 Callers 7 pm	18 Discovery 7 pm	19 Recovery 7 pm	20	21 Wedding
22 Worship 8/10:30 am Education Hr. 9:15 am ECC 12:45	23** Women's AA 7 pm	24** Elder's Meeting 6:30 pm	25** Discovery 7 pm	26** Recovery 7 pm	27**	28**
29** Worship 8/10:30 am Education Hr. 9:15 am	30** Women's AA 7 pm		**Pastor on Vacation			

A STATISTICAL PROFILE OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

150 HOUSEHOLDS
400 BAPTIZED MEMBERS
297 CONFIRMED MEMBERS (9th grade and up)
272 ADULT MEMBERS (18 years old and up)
75 CHILDREN (6th grade and under)
25 STUDENTS IN JUNIOR HIGH CONFIRMATION
25 STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL
83 HOUSEHOLDS NEW WITHIN LAST FIVE YEARS (Out of 150)
34 HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER AGE FIVE
24 HOUSEHOLDS DEALING OPENLY WITH ADDICTION/RECOVERY ISSUES
8 HOUSEHOLDS OF RETIREMENT AGE
82 INDIVIDUAL ADULTS (18+) ARE IN REGULAR BIBLE STUDY
40 HOUSEHOLDS ARE ON THE "PROSPECTIVE MEMBER/CONTACT" LIST
(This totals 90 individuals-newborn to adult)
12 HOUSEHOLDS OF CONCORDIA'S MEMBERSHIP ARE INACTIVE HOMES
(This totals 22 individuals-newborn to adult)
220 AVERAGE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
120 ANNUAL WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
9 ONGOING STUDY/SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES
12 AVE. RECOVERY STUDY PARTICIPANTS
10 AVE. DISCOVERY STUDY PARTICIPANTS
20 AVE. MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST PARTICIPANTS
20 AVE. LWML PARTICIPANTS
10 AVE. TUESDAY STUDY PARTICIPANTS
10 AVE. THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY
40 AVE. SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS PARTICIPANTS
40 AVE. SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS (6th grade and down)
25 JUNIOR HIGH CONFIRMATION
25 SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
20 INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN MUSIC MINISTRY
15 HOUSEHOLDS DIVORCED AND NOT REMARRIED
25 HOUSEHOLDS SINGLE OR SINGLE PARENTS
5 HOUSEHOLDS LOST SPOUSE DUE TO DEATH
17 HOUSEHOLDS WORSHIP WITHOUT SPOUSE

\$140,000.00 ANNUAL BUDGET

\$200,000.00 DEBT LOAD

\$20,000.00 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL "MISSION/CHARITABLE" GIVING

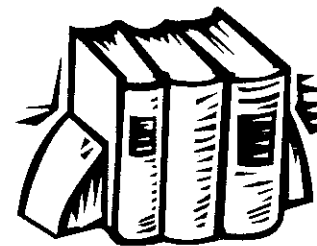
(Includes all giving opportunities-Budget, LWML, Special)

HOW TO DO A WORD STUDY

An easy method to help you interpret

Scripture correctly by Kent Wilson from

Discipleship Journal magazine.



"The finest words in the world are only vain sounds, if you cannot comprehend them," wrote French author Anatole France. Words, even in Scripture, can be "sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psalm 119:103), or they can be "things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort" (2 Peter 3:16).

Though words are the simplest of building blocks for language and communication, they can be perplexing with their shades of meaning and usage. The study of Scripture must eventually involve the study of words.

The basic purpose for a word study is to discover the most appropriate meaning of a particular word and to understand how that meaning affects a passage as a whole. The encouraging part about doing word studies is this: they can be as elementary or as involved as the Bible student desires.

The basic steps

There are only three basic steps in every form of a word study. The depth to which these steps are carried out and the study resources used determine the complexity of the study.

Step 1: Determine various meanings and uses of the word.

Decide what word by looking for key words within the passage or words whose meanings are unknown or confusing.

Try to find other possible meanings of the selected word. It may be used differently in other parts of the passage or the Bible. Or you can refer to dictionaries, concordances, or other resources for differing meanings of the word. A good, all-around resource for conducting word studies is W.E. Vines *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, or the *Expository Dictionary of Bible Words* by Lawrence Richards. Both are inexpensive resources that are based on the English text yet give Greek and cultural information that is understandable to anyone.

Step 2: Discover the best meaning in the study passage.

In studying a specific word, only one meaning may arise. That makes your job easy. But if a number of possible meanings surface, then you have to decide which meaning best fits the particular passage and context. Try each potential meaning within the passage. Which meaning best fits and is consistent with the context? Which meaning is compatible with other passages of Scripture?

Step 3: State the resulting meaning of the passage.

Word studies are only useful when the word is studied in the context and illuminates the meaning of a selected passage. When the word's specific meaning is applied to the passage, the meaning of the passage can be determined.

Perspective...

"To me, forcing your mind into 'sunshine thoughts' when you're going through a time of depression is like standing in the rain and denying there's a storm. Faith is not denying the weather that sweeps over your life. It's believing that behind the clouds and beyond the storms waits a faithful God."

- Dave Dravecky, former San Francisco Giants pitcher, cancer victim and amputee in *When you Can't Come Back*

LIFT-UP CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

Lift-Up of Routt County Food Bank and Referral Service just completed one year of service to the community. Over \$51,000.00 in food and services has been given out. The need was far greater than expected and the response from the community has been wonderful. Lift-Up thanks Concordia Lutheran Church for its monthly support and various food drives. BUT THE NEED IS STILL GREAT! In fact, the late spring and summer months can be the most demanding. So, please keep Lift-Up in your prayers and be sure to put non-perishable goods in the containers at City Market, Safeway or in our **narthex**. P.S. VBS will be sponsoring a food drive again this year. The children are so generous and really enjoy helping others in this way.

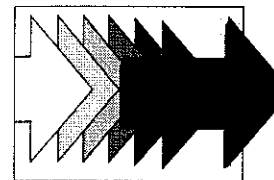
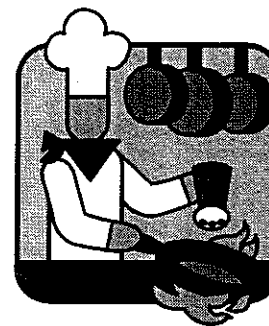
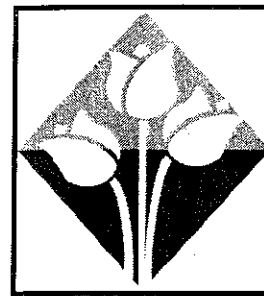
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "ADVENTURE FAIR" - JUNE 9, 10, 11, 9-11:45 AM

The excitement is running high! Teachers are preparing! The "Captive Free" musical team is on their way! Cookies are being baked! Lemonade getting iced! We can't wait! Be sure to register early. Invite your friends and neighbors. No one will want to miss out.

We are very grateful for all the volunteers willing to staff our great adventure. Thanks to all our staff. We are well prepared and eager to start. If you want to be part of the fun call the church or Judy Plumb at 870-8040 to register or to volunteer. It's still not too late! **All who are making cookies and donating lemonade can bring them to the kitchen Sunday, June 8 or Monday, June 9.**

NURSERY ALERT!

All who have a vested interest in young children are invited to come to a short meeting following the 10:30 service on June 8th. We will be discussing guidelines for our nursery and asking for input on nursery issues. If you can't come but have input please call Rebecca Duryea at 879-6854.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LADIES SALAD SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH AT 6:30 PM**

At Barbara Gibson's Home (Phone: 879-3714)
Meet at 6 pm at the church to carpool to Barbara's home. Bring a salad or just bring yourself! Babysitting will be provided. The Women's Guild invites all ladies, especially new members, to this casual and friendly evening. Come fellowship!

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
JOIN US! BRING A FRIEND!**

**YOUTH LOCK-IN SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
YOUTH GO TO ELITCHES ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH**

**JUNE 15TH 10:00 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE
11:00 AM PICNIC at High School Amphitheater.**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and iced tea will be provided. We would like everyone to bring their own place setting and a dish able to feed 12 to share. Those with last names beginning with A-R please bring a salad or side dish; those S-Z please bring a dessert.

Invite your friends to this fun time of fellowship.

CONCORDIA COMMUNITY CARES

June 22nd (11:30 am): Meeting for June and July teams. If you have any questions or comments please call Ellyn Myller (871-1860).