

*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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# Concordia Lutheran *CHRISTOGRAM* September 1997

Greetings to the members and Friends of Concordia;

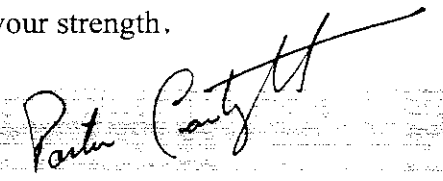
Martin Luther was once asked what he thought was the first step in a life of faith. Luther replied: "Humility." What is the second? "Humility." What is the third? "Humility."

- There is nothing inherently wrong with wealth, unless wealth is only used for self and it has not humility as its companion.
- There is nothing inherently wrong with learning, unless learning is only used for self and it has not humility as its teacher.
- There is nothing inherently wrong with strength, unless strength is only used for self and it has not humility as its buffer.
- There is nothing inherently wrong with beauty, unless beauty is only used for self and it has not humility as its instructor.
- There is nothing inherently wrong with power, unless power is only used for self and it has not humility as its guide.

Wealth, learning, strength, beauty, and power need the assistance of humility. Even more so, our place before God needs the characteristic of humility as our guide. Who better to teach humility than the very son of God, Jesus, our wonderful Lord and Savior. He humbled Himself to the point of death on Calvary's cross. The borrowed grave could not hold this humble servant.

Self needs the help of humility. Without humility we all become the worshippers of false gods, self being the chief idol.

Lord Jesus, show me your humility...show me your strength.



**BENEFITS MULTIPLIED - September**  
***"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord."*** - 2 Peter 1:2

The month of September is a month of change in many places. School begins in a month of still-hot days and cool nights. September is a graceful month, a transitional time. It's a good time to reflect on the graciousness of God. How fitting to begin with this verse. Children the world over are learning multiplication tables. Peter pronounces a beautiful blessing to the saints of his time, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." This is a blessing we can give to ourselves and to others. It is a blessing we can receive when we embark on a new program of study. If you are not already doing so, consider beginning a regular Bible study and prayer time. Watch yourself grow.

from "In Search of the Blessing"

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**CONCORDIA AUGUST  
STATISTICS**

**Avg. Sunday Attendance**

1991 - 108  
1992 - 151  
1993 - 193  
1994 - 208  
1995 - 231  
1996 - 210

**August 1997 Sunday Attendance**

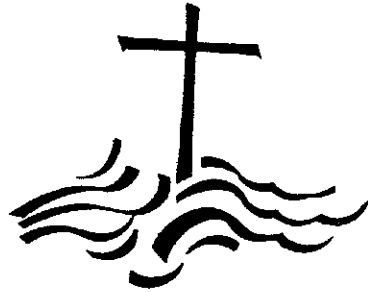
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**You're Undeniably Lutheran  
When...**

- ...you hear something really funny and smile as loud as you can.
- ...doughnuts are part of the official church budget.
- ...you have an uncontrollable urge to sit at the back of any room.
- ...you sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" sitting down.
- ...you think hotdish is one of the major food groups.

From Lutheran Brotherhood's web site at  
<http://www.luthbro.com/potluck/index.html>

**Fear Not**



There is so much of my life I cannot predict or control that I am afraid, dear Lord. I fear the known past and the unknown future.

I often feel like a sitting target.  
My limitations seem so obvious.

Support me, Father, in this hour, and convince me of Your power to save. When I hide from You in fear, help me see Your overpowering grace. Enable me to accept Your love that throws fear aside.

Assure me that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate me from Your love.

Speak to me with the "Fear Not!" that confronts doubt and makes faith possible again through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

**Quiet Times for Parents**

by H. Norman Wright...A Daily Devotional

*After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it (Luke 2:43).*

**H**ave you ever left your child somewhere, thinking all the time that he or she was with your spouse? It happened to Jesus' parents.

Imagine not being able to find your child for three or four days. What would go through your mind? Would you feel panic, anxiety, worry, blame, or guilt? You wouldn't be able to sleep and eventually soon you would imagine the worst.

Jesus' parents were just like you. You see, Jesus was a child like other children. And the scene described above is a common one for parents.

Then they found Him. He was sitting in the temple teaching the teachers. When Jesus was confronted by His parents, He simply said, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (verse 49).

Jesus our Savior started out as a baby much

like all other babies. But He was different as a boy. When He sat and talked with some of the brightest minds of the day in the temple, they were amazed. And His parents were astonished. It seems as if a new side of their son was revealed that day.

That's the way it is when you're a parent. Your baby becomes a child, then a teenager, and finally an adult. Each stage brings you the opportunity to be astonished.

How have your children astonished you? Have you written that down? Have you shared that with anyone? Be sure you save your memories because someday they will be very important to you.

There's a beautiful response from Mary about what she learned that day when she found Jesus: "His mother treasured all these things in her heart" (verse 51). Children provide us with experiences to treasure. What do you treasure right now? If you've noticed something to be treasured, why not let your child know?



**"You cannot use your time to better advantage than by serving well the young people of the congregation."**

-C.F.W. Walther, First President  
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

## A Word from the DCE

Recently I read the book by Philip Yancey Finding God in Unexpected Places. In one story, he described a visit he and his wife made to Yellowstone. They watched the geyser's powerful display from the Old Faithful Inn dining room. As the tourists oohed and aahed and clicked cameras, the waiters and busboys finished their chores. Not one of them looked out the huge windows. Old Faithful, grown entirely too familiar, had lost its power to impress them.

Fortunately for us, when we reach those places in our lives where we become unaware of God's awesome love, he intervenes and pursues us in His Word, in the sacraments, and in His people. As a new school year begins, take advantage of the opportunities at Concordia to renew and refresh, whether it's in Worship, Bible Class, music groups, the Women's Retreat, weekly Bible studies, Youth Ministry, confirmation... It's a great way to "Wake up" to the good gifts God has to give!

## SATURDAY PLAY GROUP



Thanks to Barb Gibson for organizing a successful "parents of young children" support group. We will be continuing this group at Concordia this fall. Stay tuned for more information in September. The format will continue to be play time for kids and talk time for parents.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

A huge thank you to Sandra Hogrefe and Pam Patterson for being our Sunday School superintendents this year. We begin with a Sunday School teachers meeting Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 PM.

We're looking forward to an exciting year with the students ages 3 through high school beginning September 7 at 9:15 AM.

We welcome volunteers - people to help teach, serve as substitutes, donate supplies, and bring refreshments. Join us in praying for a year of growth in Faith.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### A Return from Bolivia

Thanks for all the prayers, encouragement and support from friends at Concordia!

From July 17 - August 10, my adventure to Bolivia was tremendously blessed.

I'm looking forward to sharing a "picture" of the ministry in Bolivia, and what I learned from the Christians there.

In Christ, Katie Cartwright



## STEWARDSHIP

### "Complaining About Giving"

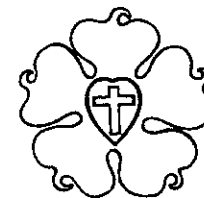
Two members of the same congregation were leaving a church service one Sunday morning. As they started walking away from God's house, the one lifted up his voice in bitter complaint. "Well," he said, "we heard it again this morning. We're supposed to give willingly, give regularly, give generously. Give, give, give! When are all these appeals for money going to stop?"

His friend turned to him and said, "Bill, you remember my son Jim, don't you? When Jim came into the world he cost me quite a tidy sum. I had to pay the doctor bill and the hospital charges, buy a crib for the little fellow, and the like. Moreover, money had to be spent for medicine, food, clothing, and other such items. As Jim began to grow up, expenses increased. When he started school, additional money was required for transportation, books, and certain school activities. In due time we were told that he should have braces on his teeth. That was a rather expensive undertaking. He entered high school, and it took more money to support him. And then he went away to college. You can well imagine what that cost! Well, as you may remember, just a few weeks before he was to graduate he became critically ill. We did everything we could for him, but the good Lord was pleased to call Jim home to heaven. Bill, since we buried our boy, he hasn't cost us a single additional cent. No, not one cent!"

## Flood Relief News



As of July 15, Lutheran Brotherhood-sponsored support for flood relief of this spring's upper Midwest flooding totaled \$4.1 million. Included is \$2.8 million through the Lutheran Brotherhood Challenge Flood Fund, and \$1.3 million in various branch and congregational matching funds and projects. Lutheran Brotherhood thanks all volunteers and contributors for giving generously on behalf of flood victims.



## You Shall Call His Name Jesus

To an **Artist**, he is One altogether lovely.  
 To an **Architect**, he is the Chief Cornerstone  
 To an **Astronomer**, he is the Sun of Righteousness  
 To a **Baker**, he is the Living Bread  
 To a **Banker**, he is Hidden Treasure  
 To a **Biologist**, he is life.  
 To a **Carpenter**, he is the Sure Foundation  
 To a **Doctor**, he is the Great Physician  
 To an **Educator**, he is the Great Teacher  
 To a **Farmer**, he is the Sower and Lord of the harvest.  
 To a **Florist**, he is the Lily of the valley and Rose of Sharon.  
 To a **Geologist**, he is the Rock of Ages  
 To a **Jeweler**, he is the Pearl of Great Price  
 To a **Philosopher**, he is the Wisdom of God  
 To a **Christian**, he is the Son of the Living God, the Savior and Lord.

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1997

*Sun*                      *Mon*                      *Tue*                      *Wed*                      *Thu*                      *Fri*                      *Sat*

	<b>1</b> Labor Day No School Women's AA 7 PM	<b>2</b> Bible Study 6:30 AM Choir 6:15 PM Committees 7 PM	<b>3</b> Discovery 7 PM	<b>4</b> Women's Bible Study 10 AM Recovery 7 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 Sunday School Begins Confirmation Orientation 4:30 PM	<b>8</b> Girl Scouts 3:30 PM Women's AA 7 PM Craft Night 7 PM Place to be announced.	<b>9</b> Bible Study 6:30 AM Choir 6:15 PM Church Council 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> Discovery 7 PM	<b>11</b> Women's Bible Study 10 AM Recovery 7 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Men's Breakfast 7 AM
<b>14</b> Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 Youth Group CAPTIVE FREE CONCERT 7 PM	<b>15</b> Girl Scouts 3:30 PM Women's AA 7 PM Craft Night 7 PM Elaine Stroncek's (850 Aspen)	<b>16</b> Bible Study 6:30 AM Choir 6:15 PM Callers 7 PM	<b>17</b> Discovery 7 PM LWML 7 PM (Meeting place to be announced.)	<b>18</b> Women's Bible Study 10 AM Recovery 7 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 Concordia Cares 11:30 Confirmation 4:30=6 PM	<b>22</b> Girl Scouts 3:30 PM Women's AA 7 PM Craft Night 7 PM Judy Plumb's (365 N Stmbt. Blvd)	<b>23</b> Bible Study 6:30 AM Choir 6:15 PM Callers 7 PM	<b>24</b> Discovery 7 PM	<b>25</b> Women's Bible Study 10 AM Recovery 7 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 Confirmation 9:15 ECC 12:45 PM	<b>29</b> Girl Scouts 3:30 PM Women's AA 7 PM Craft Night 7 PM (Place to be announced.)	<b>30</b> Bible Study 6:30 AM Choir 6:15 PM Callers 7 PM				

**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.



**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!"

## FAMILY ISSUES

Can you outline a step-by-step set of instructions that will help me discipline my kids correctly?

**1. Define the boundaries before they are enforced.** The most important step in any disciplinary procedure is to establish reasonable expectations and boundaries in advance. The child should know what is and what is not acceptable behavior before he is held responsible for those rules. This precondition will eliminate the overwhelming sense of injustice that a youngster feels when punished. If you haven't defined it - don't enforce it!

**2. When defiantly challenged, respond with confident decisiveness.** Once a child understands what is expected, he should then be held accountable for behaving accordingly. When that nose-to-nose confrontation occurs between generations, it is extremely important for the adult to win decisively and confidently. The child has made it clear that he's looking for a fight, and his parents would be wise not to disappoint him!

**3. Distinguish between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility.** Childish irresponsibility is very different from willful defiance and it should be handled more patiently. Be gentle as you teach him to do better. If he fails to respond to your patient instruction, it then becomes appropriate to

administer some well defined consequences (he may have to pay for the item he abused or be deprived of its use, etc.)

**4. Reassure and teach after the confrontation is over.** After a time of conflict during which the parent has demonstrated his right to lead (particularly if it resulted in tears for the child), the youngster between 2 and 7 (or older) may want to be loved and reassured. By all means, open your arms and let him come! Hold him close and tell him of your love. Rock him gently and let him know, again, why he was punished and how he can avoid the trouble next time.

It is also extremely important to pray with the child at that time, admitting to God that we have all sinned and no one is perfect. Divine forgiveness is a marvelous experience, even for a very young child.

**5. Avoid impossible demands. Be absolutely sure that your child is capable of delivering what you require.** Never punish him for wetting the bed involuntarily or for not becoming potty trained by 1 year of age or for doing poorly in school when he is incapable of academic success. These impossible demands put the child in an unresolvable conflict; there is no way out.

**6. Let love be your guide!** A relationship that is characterized by genuine love and affection is likely to be a healthy one, even though some parental mistakes and errors are inevitable.

Excerpt from "Dr. Dobson answers your questions"

## THE ONE MINUTE BIBLE

John R. Kohllenberger III, Editor

### I Am: *The Bread of Life*

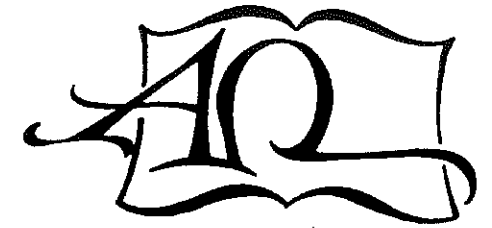
So the people asked Jesus, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."

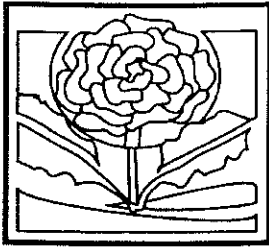
Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." *John 6:30-40*

**Related texts:** Psalm 27:1; John 1:1-14; 3:19-22; 12:44-46; and 1 John 1:1-7



### JR. CONFIRMATION 1997-98 CALENDAR

SEPT 7.....	Orientation 4:30-5:30 PM (SUN)
SEPT 14.....	CAPTIVE FREE CONCERT 7 PM
SEPT 21.....	10 Commandments 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
SEPT 28.....	10 Commandments 9:15AM (SUN)
OCT 5.....	Bowling Outing/Pizza 2:00 PM (SUN)
OCT 19.....	Creed 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
NOV 2.....	Creed 9:15 AM (SUN)
NOV 9.....	Guest Speakers 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
NOV 23.....	ECC 12:45 PM (SUN)
DEC 7.....	Office of the Keys 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
DEC 10.....	Advent Worship 7:00 PM (WED)
DEC 14.....	Dinner/Party 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
JAN 4.....	Office of the Keys 9:15 AM (SUN)
JAN 11.....	Lord's Prayer 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
JAN 18.....	Lord's Prayer 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
FEB 1.....	Outing 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
FEB 8.....	Baptism 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
FEB 22.....	Baptism 9:15 AM (SUN)
FEB 25.....	Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM (WED)
MAR 8.....	Lord's Supper 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
MAR 22.....	Lord's Supper 9:15 AM (SUN)
MAR 29.....	Meal/Review 4:30-6:00 PM (SUN)
APRIL 5.....	CONFIRMATION 10:30 AM (SUN)
APRIL 9.....	Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women's Thursday Bible Study

**SEPT 4:** We meet at the church at 9 AM to travel to Dawn Moon's Ranch for lunch & exploring. Bring your sack lunch. We plan to return by 3 PM to Concordia.

**SEPT 11:** We begin our new season of bible studies. We will meet at Mary Dombey's at 10 AM. All children will be in the church basement with our new babysitter Minna. We conclude at 11:30 AM.



**OCT 3-4:** Women's Retreat material will be in your mailboxes soon!  
The theme: CELEBRATE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST! Bible studies, music, fun, crafts, fellowship, nature walks, food and late movies and games!

### **The Third Article** from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian church,

the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

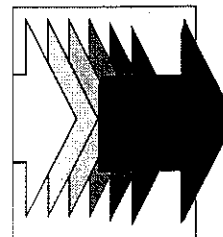
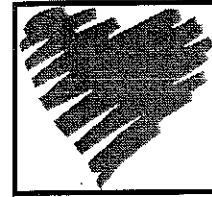
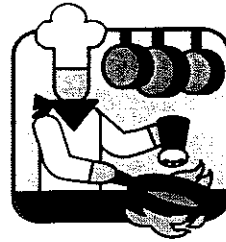
But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church day after day He fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**  
SATURDAY, September 13th 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM  
JOIN US! BRING A FRIEND!

### **CONCORDIA COMMUNITY CARES**

September 21st (11:30 am): Meeting for September and October teams.  
If you have any questions or comments please call Ellyn Myller (871-1860).

**"CAPTIVE FREE" CONCERT**  
Sunday, September 14 at 7 PM

**"Continental Breakfast Benefit for Kia Cartwright"**  
(to go towards medical expenses)  
Sunday, September 14 (Between Services)  
Free will donation - checks payable to Concordia Lutheran Church

### **Christmas Cupboard Craft Dates**

Join us for these fun and productive meetings on  
Monday Evenings at 7:00 PM

September 8 (meeting place to be announced); September 15 (Elaine Stroncek's -850 Aspen); September 22 (Judy Plumb's-365 N. Steamboat Blvd.); and September 29 (meeting place to be announced).

**LWML Women's Retreat at Dutch Creek Ranch**  
Friday and Saturday, October 3-4

All women of the church are invited to attend. The fee is \$35. We had a wonderful time last year. Please join us.  
Please contact Marlys Cartwright for more details, or to sign up.