

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.

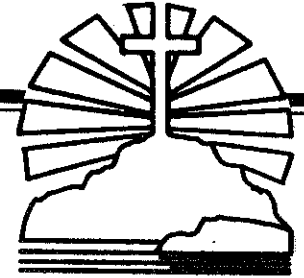
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The Weekly Bulletin is printed on Thursday mornings. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9:00 am on Thursdays.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

Concordia Lutheran *Christogram*

MAY 1998



To the Members and Friends of Concordia;

Greetings in the name of *our* Risen Lord!

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “yes” in Christ. And so through Him the “Amen” is spoken by *us* to the glory of God.”
(I Cor. 1:20)

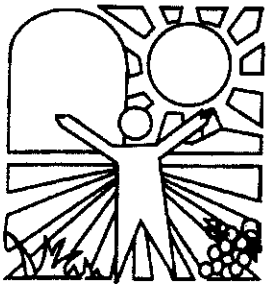
The time has come for *us* to say Amen. In the last year of Concordia’s ministry and work many decisions regarding *our* shared future have been made. The time has come for *us* to say Amen. *We* have shared *our* input. *We* have collaborated. *We* have discussed in open meetings all the decisions and facts. *We* have voted. The time has come for *us* to say Amen.

Our collective Amen ends one phase of *our* decision making and begins another phase of action. *We* have a wonderful year (Easter to Easter) in front of *us*. The time has come for *us* to say Amen. *We* must join heart, hand, mind, and resources to move ahead.

Our Amen is accompanied by God’s Yes. He set Jesus free from the grave. He said Yes to forgiveness, life and salvation. God has said Yes to *our* shared work here at Concordia. It is a ministry with a future. It is a ministry of God’s Yes. The time has come for *us* to say Amen.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
for kids ages 3 - “going into” 6th grade

JUNE 9-10-11 from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
at Concordia Lutheran Church
(Dinner served at 5:30 PM)



“SHINE JESUS SHINE”

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pathway Lutheran Ministries

"Enhancing Concordia's Congregational Work"

Our congregation has contracted with *Pathway Lutheran Ministries*. *Pathway* is a consulting group which aids a congregation as they strive to improve the internal workings of its membership. Improved pastoral care, member participation in worship and Bible study, development of devotional & prayer life, volunteerism, and financial support of shared present and future ministry goals all will be addressed in the next 6 months.

Summer Pathway Dates:

1. May 7, 5:15 PM: "Leadership Definition"
2. June 5-6: "Leadership Retreat"
3. June 7: Pastor Mark Degner preaches
4. July 12: Ron Schirmer "Testimony of Faith"
5. August 16: Rev. Charles Katurakat

Additional dates and events are scheduled through November 1998. As construction begins on the external building project, *Pathway* will assist us with the internal development of our congregation.

Message from the DCE

Henri Nouwen writes in his book Our Greatest Gift about his dying friend, Moe, who had Downs Syndrome. "Among things I remember most about Moe are his generous hugs. Often he would walk up to me with both hands stretched out and ready for a Big embrace. As he held me, he would whisper in my ear, "Amazing Grace," his cue for me to sing & dance his favorite song with him." - Nouwen goes on to write, "What do we finally see?" Do we see a person who has lost important human abilities, and has become a burden for everyone - or do we see a person who is a Child of God, a strong instrument of Grace. I cannot help but think about the countless times Moe looked me in the eyes and said Amazing Grace! Often I would say, "Next time, Moe." Now that Moe is gone, I keep hearing his persistent reminders "Amazing Grace, Amazing Grace" - as God's way of announcing to me what's most important of all!

On May 13-14 our youth our privileged to go and help and cheer on the Special Olympics track meet of the Western Slope. My hope is that we too continue to discover our Biggest purpose on this earth, to share the Joy of God's Amazing Grace!

In closing I would like to thank Sandra Hogrefe and Pam Patterson and all the Sunday School teachers for making this school-year of Sunday School, a joy-filled

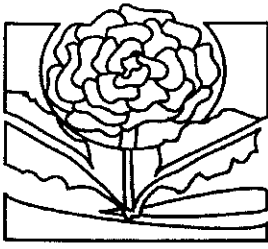
adventure into God's word! We will have a special Sunday School Celebration on May 17th to mark the transition from classroom Sunday School - to large group summer Sunday School beginning May 24. Be sure to read the rest of the newsletter to discover many other big events coming this month: Youth BBQ, Atlanta meetings, Rummage Sale, Bible Studies, and Parentnight!

In His love,

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "SHINE JESUS SHINE" June 9-10-11

The excitement is running high! Teachers are preparing! Supper menus are being planned. Cookies are being baked! We can't wait! Be sure to register early. Invite your friends or 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 a part of the fun call the church at 879-0175 to register or volunteer. It's not too late! All who are making cookies or donating lemonade can bring them to the kitchen Sunday, June 7 or Monday, June 8.



**MERRY MONTH OF MAY MINISTRY MOMENTS
IN FULL BLOOM**

Each Year the LWML has three primary fund raisers: the **Spring and Fall Rummage Sales** and the **Christmas Cupboard**. Last year these were the main events responsible for raising nearly \$12,000 given to various needs in our community and throughout the world. But fund raising isn't our only function, we can always be counted on to support other groups such as our Youth Group, the confirmands, and the Parent Support Group and retreats. Listed below are opportunities for you to be part of this worthy ministry.

Christmas Cupboard Crafting Workshops Return and the first this year will be Monday, May 7, 7:00-9:00 PM at the home of Elaine Stroncek (850 Aspen, 879-2442) and two weeks later on Monday, May 18, 7:00-9:00 PM at Judy Plumb's home (365 N. Steamboat Blvd., 870-8040). Even if you think you have no artistic ability, Elaine Stroncek and Ellyn Myller and other gifted crafters will find something for you to do and you'll be surprised how your little effort combined with the efforts of others is transformed into a real work of art. Come and see for yourself. Oh, yes, and there is always a yummy dessert!

This month the LWML is sponsoring the **Parent Support Group meeting at 6-8 PM on Friday, May 8.** It is held at the church beginning with a potluck followed by a time to discuss various parenting issues. This is a real opportunity for us with older children or grandchildren or even no children at all to carry and cuddle, interact and have a great time with these precious gifts from God. The two hours are fun and speed by with various activities planned to entertain the children during the parent discussion time. This is only a two hour commitment. The time with these little ones (infants to second grade) is great fun. Please call Marlys Cartwright at 879-8455 if you would like to help.

The **Spring Rummage Sale will be held Friday, May 15 through Saturday, May 16. Sorting will begin on Monday, May 11.** Come to the basement of the church, spend an hour or two emptying boxes and folding clothes. It's easy, fun and you can come in your grubbies. We look forward to the chance to get to know you better and you'll feel good knowing you are helping others. Call Barb Gibson at 879-3714 with any questions, or just drop by any evening from 6-9 PM. A sign-up sheet for helping with the actual Rummage Sale will be in the narthex, be sure and look for it! Also, those of you that bake, the **High School Youth Group will be holding a Bake Sale** during the Rummage Sale and would truly appreciate your help. Proceeds with matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood will go toward their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Atlanta in July.

SCHEDULE OF MAY EVENTS SPONSORED BY LWML

- MAY 4, 7-9 PM CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD CRAFTING WORKSHOP at Elaine Stroncek's (850 Aspen, 879-2442)
- MAY 8, 6-8 PM ENTERTAIN THE CHILDREN DURING THIS MONTH'S PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (Church Basement)
- MAY 11-14, 6-9 PM SET-UP & SORT CLOTHING FOR THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE (Church Basement)
- MAY 15-16, TBA SPRING RUMMAGE SALE (Church Basement)
- MAY 18, 7-9 PM CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD CRAFTING WORKSHOP at Judy Plumb's (365 N Steamboat Blvd., 870-8040)
- MAY 20, 7-9 PM LWML MEETING at DANA TREDWAY'S HOME (715 Amethyst Drive - the log home on the right hand corner as you enter the church driveway).

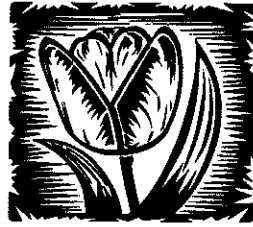
COMING LWML EVENTS

- JUNE 3, TBA SALAD SUPPER at BARB GIBSON'S HOME (Grouse Creek) This is the last event of the year, recess for summer and resume new LWML year in September. Time and more information to follow.



SEPTEMBER RETREAT EXTENDS IT'S REACH BEYOND CONCORDIA

This year the Women's Retreat sponsored by the LWML will be held in scenic Strawberry Park at the Euzoa Christian Center and will be combined with a LWML Zone Rally. You are probably asking, "What's a Zone Rally?" The various LWML societies have been divided into districts and then to smaller areas called zones. Our zone includes the societies in Craig, Delta, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Gunnison, Montrose, Paonia, Rangely, Rifle, and Vernal. This is a once a year event designed to encourage (rally) each other by studying His Word, singing songs of praise, fellowshiping and conducting some business. Because Steamboat is so far to come and it is such a place of scenic beauty and our congregation so joyously celebrates God's grace, we decided to combine our Women's Retreat with the Zone Rally and invite our "zone" sisters-in-Christ. Marlys Cartwright will be the main speaker and the theme is "Amazing Grace". You won't want to miss this so mark your calendar now for the week-end starting Friday evening, September 15 culminating with the 8 AM worship service September 18. More information to follow.



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 1998



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

					1 CMC Graduation 7:30 PM	2 Youth Fundraiser Discovery Center 10-2 PM
3 Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 AM Youth Group Atlanta Mtg. 7 PM	4 Playgroup 9:30 AM Insight 2 PM GS:3:30 PM Women's AA 7 PM Elders 7 PM	5 Bible Study 6:30 AM Choir 6:30 PM Committees 7:30 PM	6 Discovery 7 PM	7 Women's Bible Study 10 AM Pathways 5:15 PM	8 Parent's Support Group 6-8 PM	9 Men's Breakfast 7 AM New Member's Class 7 PM
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24 Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 AM ECC 12:45 PM	25 Playgroup 9:30 AM Women's AA 7 PM NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	26 Bible Study 6:30 AM Insight 2 PM Choir 6:30 PM VBS Staff Mtg. 7 PM	27 Discovery 7 PM	28 Recovery 7 PM Women's Bible Study 10 AM	29	30 Journey 10-12 Noon High School Graduation 2 PM Baccalaureate 1 PM
31 "Jouney" Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 AM New Members 10:30 Service						

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. On the third Thursday evening of each month at 6:30 PM a group of people meet in the basement of the church for a meal, devotions, speakers, and support. We are done by 8:15 PM.

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!"



YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

Saturday, June 6, 1998 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 6:30 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
6:30 PM	Church	Dinner (HS Youth Budget will provide main dish and drinks. Youth need to bring: Last namd A-L salad, M-Z dessert. Incoming freshmen do not need to bring any food for dinner.)
approx 7:15 PM	SS	Icebreakers and games (Instructions to be given at church.)
approx 8 PM	SSMS	Basketball, Volleyball, Climbing Wall, etc.
approx 9:30 PM	Church	Youth Worship
10 PM	Church	Games, movies, fellowship, snacks
7 AM	Church	Breakfast
8 AM	Church	Church Service: Guest Pastor, Mark Degner



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.); toothbrush & toothpaste; jammies; your church clothes for the next day; some money (for emergency late night pizza delivery maybe); and a fun attitude.

IMPORTANT YOUTH NEWS!

- 1. Mandatory Atlanta Meeting on Sunday, May 3, at 7 PM.** We will discuss: fundraiser dates; t-shirt design; Atlanta Servant Event options; calendar of gathering events and speakers; transportation; hotel dances; Six Flags Over Georgia; medical release forms
- 2. There will be 3 Atlanta group meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month:** May 19 at 7 PM; June 16 at 7 PM; and July 21st BBQ starting at 6 PM for parents and kids (covenant signing). All meetings are mandatory! Get your Atlanta Gathering binder on Sunday, May 3rd.
- 3. Bake Sale May 15 & 16.** Want to raise \$450.00 in donations and sales. Please Help!
- 4. We need Vacation Bible School helpers and teachers June 9-11,** (Tuesday-Thursday) from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. Dinner is included.
- 5. Youth Servant Event May 13-14 - Special Olympics Track Meet in Grand Junction.**

WAYS TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY STRESS

- ◆ Remember nobody is perfect, including you
- ◆ Don't rely on your memory; write it down
- ◆ Enjoy the moment
- ◆ Accept people for the way *they* are, not the way *you* are
- ◆ Get up fifteen minutes earlier
- ◆ Keep things simple and uncomplicated
- ◆ Recognize what you can't control and let it go
- ◆ Talk less and listen more
- ◆ Avoid negative people
- ◆ Know your limitations and say "no" more often
- ◆ Have duplicate keys made
- ◆ Stop thinking tomorrow will be a better day
- ◆ Believe that good happens
- ◆ Realize that some things just are
- ◆ Separate the trivial from the significant
- ◆ Recognize the importance of unconditional love
- ◆ Laugh, daydream, and take time to pray

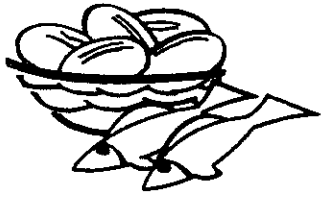


SCRIPTURAL STRESS ELIMINATOR ...

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4:4-9



Concordia Worship Statistics
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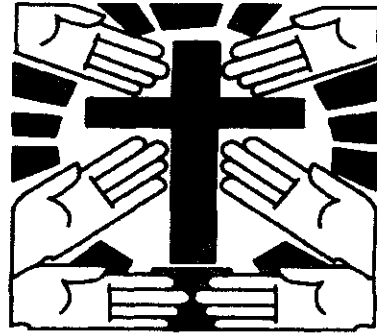
Average Sunday Attendance:

1991	105	
1992	141	(Easter)*
1993	218	(Easter)*
1994	245	(Easter)*
1995	270	(Easter)*
1996	260	(Easter)*
1997	211	
1998	311	(Easter)*

(*Easter fell in April these years.)

April 1998 Sunday Attendance

wk. #1 - (E) 83	(L) 239	<u>322</u>
(Confirmation & Palm Sunday)		
Maundy Thursday - 110 <u>110</u>		
Good Friday (E) 20 (L) 130 <u>150</u>		
wk. #2 - Easter Sunday		
(SR) 135 (E) 196	(L) 230	<u>561</u>
wk. #3 - (E) 83 (L) 75 <u>158</u>		
wk. #4 - (E) 95 (L) 110 <u>205</u>		



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Hospitality Committee, which is chaired by members of the LWML, provides meals to families who are dealing with illness and times of crisis.

Their job is to put meals together in order to give families a break from taking care of everyday details.

If you can help prepare a salad, maindish, or dessert for the Hospitality Committee please call Sandra Hogrefe (879-4884) if you would like to help out with this effort.

Many members of the congregation are not aware that Concordia Lutheran provides this type of service.

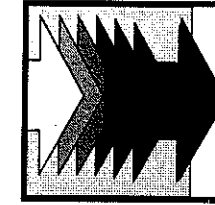
Please consider supporting this important part of caring for members of our congregation.



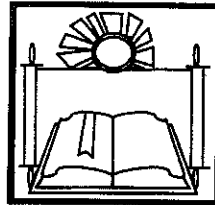
ANNOUNCEMENTS



MAY 6TH
Wednesday Evening
Bible Study
& Dessert 7 PM



MAY 17TH
Youth BBQ-Sunday at 5:30 PM
Event to honor our graduating seniors and welcome new freshmen.



MAY 7TH
Thursday Morning Women's
Bible Study
Mary Dombey's 10 AM



MAY 17TH
Concordia Community Cares
Meeting for May & June Teams
Sunday, 11:30 AM



MAY 7TH
PATHWAYS Leadership
Event
5:15 PM with
Pastor Mark Degner



MAY 20TH
Women's Guild - LWML
at Dana Tredway's (715 Amethyst)
Wednesday evening at 7 PM



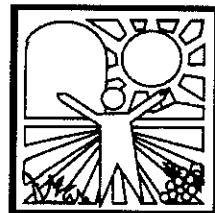
MAY 8TH
Parenting Support Group
Friday night from 6-8 PM.
Potluck dinner, Fun Bible Story
Time and child care for kids.
Support, Study & Topic for
parents.



MAY 21ST
Recovery Study Potluck
Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
"Special Speaker"
Invite a Friend!



MAY 15-16
SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
AND BAKE SALE
Proceeds to benefit local
mission projects & Youth
9-5 PM Friday



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