

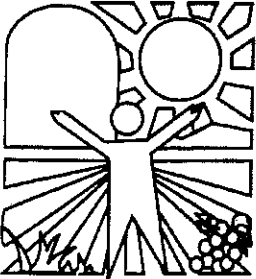
The Christogram is a monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for newsletter items is the fourth Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles.

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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)



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Concordia Lutheran *CHRISTOGRAM*



June, 1998

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!



"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. . . .a time to search and a time to give up."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1&16)

Have you ever stirred in the middle of the night? Have you ever broken a good night's sleep for no apparent reason? Have you ever slipped from beneath the nice comfort of a warm bed? Have you ever looked into a dark "mid" night sky and looked deep into the universe?

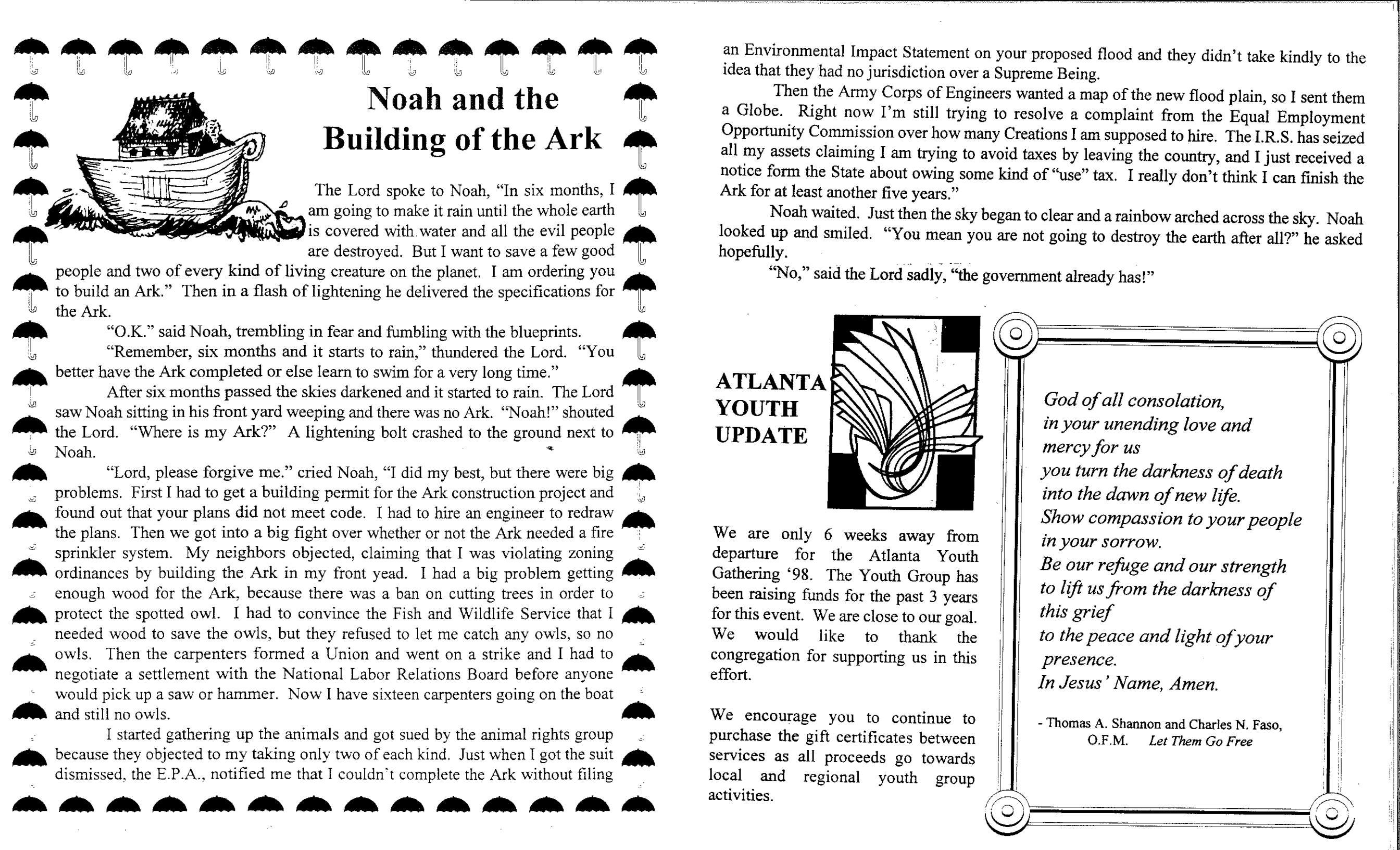
Whenever my night's rest is broken, and I find myself searching the heavens and my soul, it often is a time that I reflect upon the "bigness" of God and the "smallness" of man.

Many activities of modern man seem to center on man himself. Our attention is focused on life and the many challenges we face. Life itself often times compels us to tend to family, health, finances, farm, school, career, sports, friends, marriage, graduation, vacation, hunting, funerals, success, achievement, failure, children, friends, cars, pets, clothing, meals, etc.

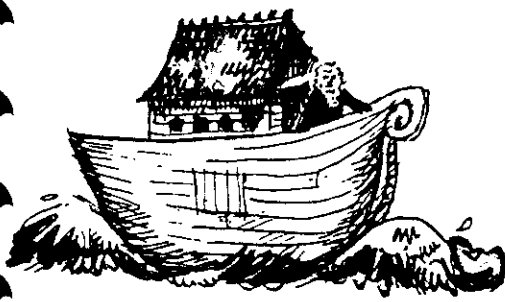
When Jesus ascended back to His rightful place in the Trinity, He said directly to His disciples (and to us) . . ."Lo, I will be with you always." At Pentecost the Holy Spirit appeared as a "thousand points of light" on the heads of people. The part of the Holy Trinity called the "Holy Spirit" was sent to remind us that God is present in our lives. Even in the middle of the night, our God is present.

"There is a time for everything." Now is the time that God invites us to know that he is with us. Now is the time for you and I to walk in the power of our Baptismal covenant that shouts to us (even in the middle of our personal nights) that God is here. He made Himself known in Jesus, a part of the Triune God.

Tim



Noah and the Building of the Ark



The Lord spoke to Noah, "In six months, I am going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people and two of every kind of living creature on the planet. I am ordering you to build an Ark." Then in a flash of lightening he delivered the specifications for the Ark.

"O.K." said Noah, trembling in fear and fumbling with the blueprints.

"Remember, six months and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "You better have the Ark completed or else learn to swim for a very long time."

After six months passed the skies darkened and it started to rain. The Lord saw Noah sitting in his front yard weeping and there was no Ark. "Noah!" shouted the Lord. "Where is my Ark?" A lightening bolt crashed to the ground next to Noah.

"Lord, please forgive me." cried Noah, "I did my best, but there were big problems. First I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project and found out that your plans did not meet code. I had to hire an engineer to redraw the plans. Then we got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system. My neighbors objected, claiming that I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard. I had a big problem getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees in order to protect the spotted owl. I had to convince the Fish and Wildlife Service that I needed wood to save the owls, but they refused to let me catch any owls, so no owls. Then the carpenters formed a Union and went on a strike and I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now I have sixteen carpenters going on the boat and still no owls.

I started gathering up the animals and got sued by the animal rights group because they objected to my taking only two of each kind. Just when I got the suit dismissed, the E.P.A., notified me that I couldn't complete the Ark without filing

an Environmental Impact Statement on your proposed flood and they didn't take kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over a Supreme Being.

Then the Army Corps of Engineers wanted a map of the new flood plain, so I sent them a Globe. Right now I'm still trying to resolve a complaint from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over how many Creations I am supposed to hire. The I.R.S. has seized all my assets claiming I am trying to avoid taxes by leaving the country, and I just received a notice from the State about owing some kind of "use" tax. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for at least another five years."

Noah waited. Just then the sky began to clear and a rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up and smiled. "You mean you are not going to destroy the earth after all?" he asked hopefully.

"No," said the Lord sadly, "the government already has!"

ATLANTA YOUTH UPDATE



We are only 6 weeks away from departure for the Atlanta Youth Gathering '98. The Youth Group has been raising funds for the past 3 years for this event. We are close to our goal. We would like to thank the congregation for supporting us in this effort.

We encourage you to continue to purchase the gift certificates between services as all proceeds go towards local and regional youth group activities.

*God of all consolation,
in your unending love and
mercy for us
you turn the darkness of death
into the dawn of new life.
Show compassion to your people
in your sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength
to lift us from the darkness of
this grief
to the peace and light of your
presence.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

- Thomas A. Shannon and Charles N. Faso,
O.F.M. *Let Them Go Free*

Message from the DCE



What are we waiting for?
Hebrews 12:1-2

I will be leading a conference in Orange County, California this November based on the theme "What are we waiting for?" The purpose is to help us distance ourselves from those things which would hinder us, or hold us back from a vibrant life of faith and ministry.

Picture, if you will, a group of runners terrified to run even after the starting gun has fired. What are we waiting for? Like the runners, we have been given the "go ahead" by our Gracious God to live a life of Easter Joy and courage. But often we become tangled in anxieties, distractions, discouragements and resentments.

I have been blessed to work with wonderful Christian friends at this church who keep me on track, and cheer me on when I become stuck or entangled. They urge me on with words "God is with us in Christ, with all the Hope, Joy, Strength, Courage and Peace we will ever need.

Let me tell you about some of these friends:

My husband and daughters, who inspire me with their love & faith everyday.

The youth who went to the Special Olympics and fueled my faith with their enthusiasm & laughter!

The Thursday Women's Bible Study, and LWML women who put vitality into all the work they do, and buoy me up with their Big hearts - they know how to put faith into action.

The Recovery once a month supper group who know the true definition of courage, Joy, and New life.

The Young Parents Group who spell family with an "f" for fun, faith and fearlessly tackling the tough issues.

The Vacation Bible School and Sunday School staff who thrive on teaching the Joy of Jesus to young students, and help with huge projects like 100 prayer pillows and 100 courage kits for Children's Hospital.

The Elders of our church, who pray for us all.

The Wednesday Bible Study group, who dig for the treasures in God's word and live it out.

AND last but not least, each one of you who bring so much extraordinary energy and creativity to daily ordinary tasks, that you make life full and rich.

What are we waiting for...God is with us, and He has given us each other and LOTS to do!

In Christ, Marlys



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafter Carpenter Shop, Nazareth
FR: Jordan Management Consultants, Jerusalem

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have selected for management positions in your new organization. They have all taken our battery of tests: we have not only analyzed the results using sophisticated quantitative measures, but have also arranged personal interviews for each candidate with our psychologists and vocational aptitude consultants. The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully. As part of our service and for your guidance, we provide some general comments, much as an auditor attaches general statements to a financial report. This is given as a result of staff consultation and comes to you without any additional fees.

It is the staff's opinion that the majority of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not understand the team concept. We recommend that you continue your search for persons with significant managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew exhibits absolutely no leadership qualities. The two brothers, James and John, sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would undermine morale. We feel it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been black-listed by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, son of Aopheus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings, and both registered high on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All other profiles are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours. . .



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 1998



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>1 Playgroup 9:30 AM Insight 2 PM Women's AA 7 PM Elders 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Bible Study 6:30 AM</p>	<p>3 Discovery 7 PM LWML Salad Supper Carpool from Church at 5:45 PM</p>	<p>4 Women's Bible Study 10 AM MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION 7 PM</p>	<p>5 Pathway's Retreat 6:30-10:30 PM</p>	<p>6 Pathway's Retreat 7:30-2:30 PM Youth Group Lock-In 6:30 PM</p>
<p>7 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 AM</p>	<p>8 Playgroup 9:30 AM Women's AA 7 PM</p>	<p>9 Bible Study 6:30 AM Church Council 7:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8 PM</p>	<p>10 Parent's Support Night topic: 7-7:45 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8 PM</p>	<p>11 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Men's Breakfast 7 AM</p>
<p>14 Outdoor Worship at 10 AM & Picnic at 11 AM (One Service Only at Strawberry Park Middle School.)</p>	<p>15 Playgroup 9:30 AM Women's AA 7 PM</p>	<p>16 Bible Study 6:30 AM Atlanta Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p>17 Discovery 7 PM</p>	<p>18 Women's Bible Study 10 AM Recovery Potluck 6:30-8 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Journey 10-12 Noon</p>
<p>21 Worship 8/10:30 AM Education Hr. 9:15 AM Concordia Community Cares 11:30 AM</p>	<p>22 Playgroup 9:30 AM Women's AA 7 PM</p>	<p>23 Bible Study 6:30 AM</p>	<p>24 Discovery 7 PM</p>	<p>25 Women's Bible Study 10 AM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Journey 10-12 Noon</p>
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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. 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.



10 WAYS TO A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE by Michele Hatty

TEENS:

1. Find a mentor. Ask an adult you admire to meet every other week to chat. You'll gain from his or her wisdom and have someone to turn to with problems.

2. Manners matter - so get some. You'll be more comfortable in social situations. Examples: Invited to a party? Offer to bring something. Afterward? Send a thank-you note. Check out *Social Savvy*, by Judith Re.

3. Learn how to fend for yourself. Can you change a tire? Do laundry without turning everything gray? By learning skills, you'll feel empowered to tackle everyday challenges.

4. Volunteer. You'll not only feel good about helping others, but you'll also get a bigger picture of the world around you - and be reminded of how good you have it.

5. Explore your talents. Try a variety of activities, such as choir, the student newspaper or a new sport. Finding a hobby you enjoy or unearthing a new talent will boost your self-identity and help you make friends with similar interests.

6. Be media-savvy. Forget gushy teen mags. Try *JUMP*, which focuses on fitness and self-assurance, or *blue jean magazine*, an issues-oriented mag written and produced by girls, for girls.

PARENTS:

1. Teach teens to cook. Nearly half of American teens say they shop for groceries and cook for their family each week, a new study shows. That's good news for parents - and not just because they need help. Teens should be in charge of making dinner once a week because they'll learn a vital skill, feel they have accomplished something and appreciate the "official" family cook even more.

2. Hang out with your teen's friends. Mother-daughter book clubs have sprung up, and for good reason: Spending time with teens and their friends while getting to know other parents will help build positive relationships. Dads, plan a monthly "Men's Night Out" for fathers and sons. And make sure your teens know their friends are always welcome at your house.

3. Take a walk in the dark with your teenager. You're more likely to have a great conversation in a situation that allows the teen to avoid eye contact.

4. Learn from the experts. *Daughters*, a newsletter out of Nashville, is rich with advice for talking with, learning from and caring for girls 8 to 18. Recent articles have touched on boy obsessions, sibling squabbles and friendships. Even better: It includes further resources (\$25.00 for eight issues; 1-800-829-1088). In June, look for *A Fine Young Man* by psychotherapist and educator Michael Gurian (\$24.95, Tarcher/Putnam).

Concordia Worship Statistics

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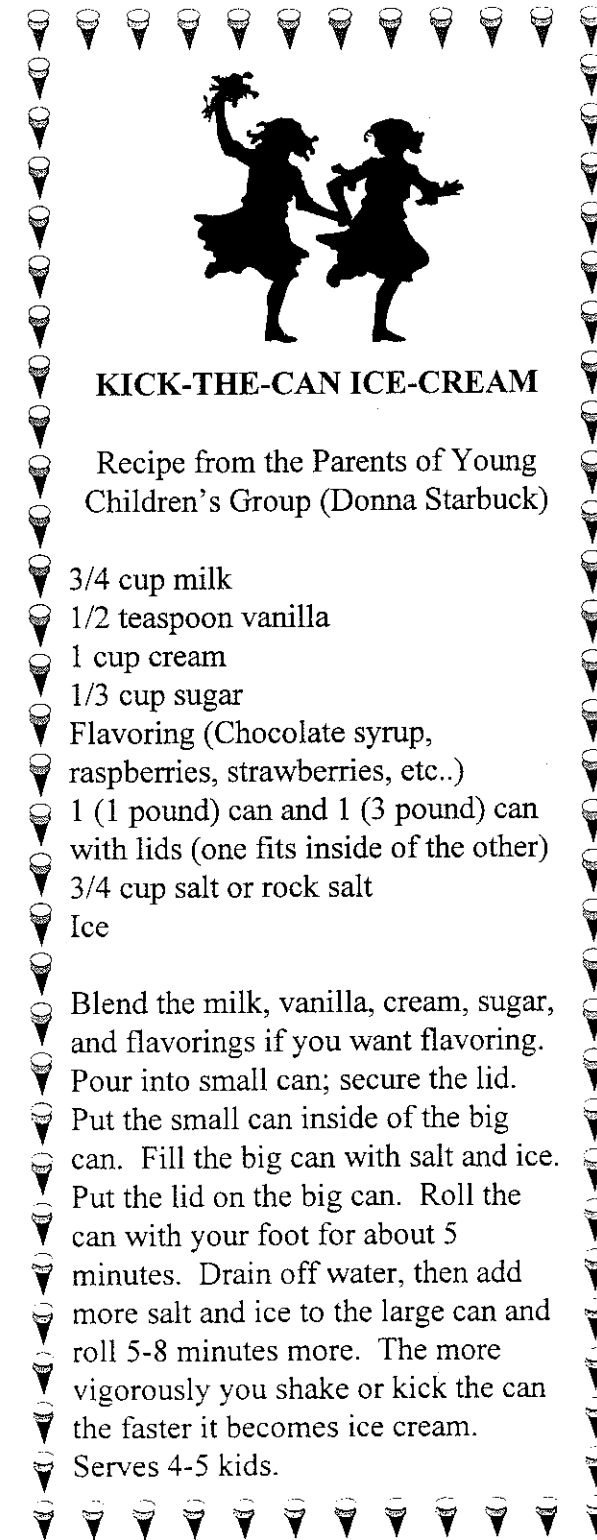
Average Sunday Attendance:

1991	145
1992	118
1993	198
1994	203
1995	219
1996	219
1997	253

May 1998 Sunday Attendance

wk. #1 - (E) 109	(L) 119	<u>228</u>
wk. #2 - (E) 107	(L) 195	<u>302</u>
wk. #3 - (E) 110	(L) 120	<u>230</u>
wk. #4 - (E) 128	(L) 84	<u>212</u>
wk. #5 -	Not available at time of printing.	

They caught so many fish that their nets began to break.



KICK-THE-CAN ICE-CREAM

Recipe from the Parents of Young Children's Group (Donna Starbuck)

3/4 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup cream
1/3 cup sugar
Flavoring (Chocolate syrup, raspberries, strawberries, etc.)
1 (1 pound) can and 1 (3 pound) can with lids (one fits inside of the other)
3/4 cup salt or rock salt
Ice

Blend the milk, vanilla, cream, sugar, and flavorings if you want flavoring. Pour into small can; secure the lid. Put the small can inside of the big can. Fill the big can with salt and ice. Put the lid on the big can. Roll the can with your foot for about 5 minutes. Drain off water, then add more salt and ice to the large can and roll 5-8 minutes more. The more vigorously you shake or kick the can the faster it becomes ice cream.
Serves 4-5 kids.

NEWS FOR FAMILIES

from the Young Parents' Support Group

We here at Concordia believe it is essential to encourage caring marriages and strong families built on the foundation of Christ. To that end, we have a partial list of ideas compiled to lend itself to some creative ways of sharing the faith at home.

- ◆ Let the whole family do a special servant event, helping with the church rummage sale, church work day, ECC service or other service projects.
- ◆ Have a family memory night, review photo albums together and thank God for special memories. (Build new memories: the world's largest banana split, family camp out in the living room, and a moonlight walk at midnight, etc.)
- ◆ Have a MOM is MARVELOUS NIGHT. . . each member does something special for mom each day of the week.
- ◆ Have a SUPER DAD NIGHT. . .
- ◆ Every once in a while play a Christian game after a meal (101 Bible word searches, Bible Pictionary, Bible Trivia, Life Stories, etc.,) and give prizes to all.
- ◆ Talk about taking care of God's creation, have a trash pick up in the neighborhood one evening as you walk and talk.
- ◆ Read Bible verses about the joy of giving and then give flowers etc. to special friends and neighbors.
- ◆ Pray each night before bedtime together - keep a prayer journal.
- ◆ Have individual time together with each child once a month at a restaurant or favorite place to listen to his/her concerns and joys.

- ◆ Declare a quiet day in your life once a week/month (no TV, no meetings, etc.) and use it to reflect on God's word, to refresh your prayer life, and renew your resolve to live as God's forgiven child.
- ◆ Use one month to make a thank list, add to it each night and see how long it is by the end of the month. Post it on a door or refrigerator.
- ◆ Pick family or congregation family members to pray for. Pray for that one person for a whole week.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS: Place a Prayer Box on the table; consistent church & Sunday School attendance; half-birthday celebrations; say grace together with friends at restaurants or in others homes; make kick-the-can icecream (see recipe in newsletter) etc. . .



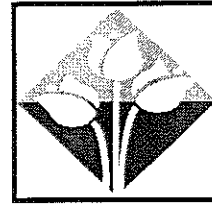
YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

Saturday, June 6, 6:30 PM at Concordia Lutheran Church

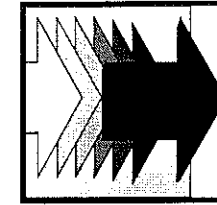
A wonderful way to end the school year and begin the summer. The new Confirmands as well as this year's graduating seniors are invited to join the Youth Group. The Saturday evening begins at 6:30 PM with a meal and ends with breakfast and services at the church on Sunday morning.

It should be a great time!
See you there!

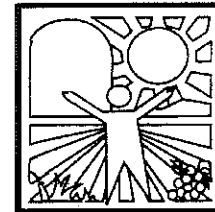
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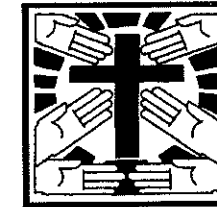
JUNE 3
Women's Guild - LWML
SALAD SUPPER
at Barb Gibson's home
Carpool from the church at
5:45 PM



JUNE 6
YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN
6:30 PM at the church until
8 AM Sunday morning



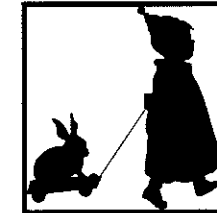
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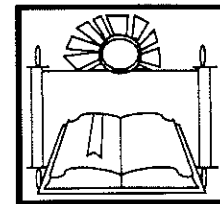
JUNE 7
FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY
Bring a friend to worship and
come inbetween services for a
special time of fellowship.



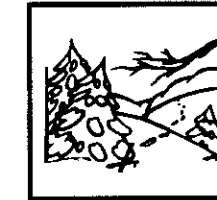
JUNE 5-6
PATHWAYS RETREAT
Friday 6:30-10:30 PM
Saturday 7:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Ski Town Inn



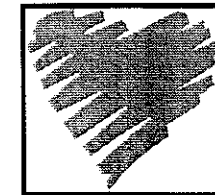
JUNE 10
Parenting Support Group
During Vacation Bible School On
Wednesday Evening. Join us for
dinner at 5:30 PM or come for the
topic from
7:00 - 7:45 PM



Thursday Morning Women's
Bible Study
10 AM at Mary Dombey's -
775 Amethyst



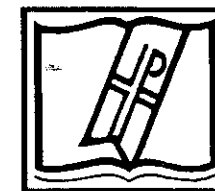
JUNE 14
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
SERVICE 10 AM
CHURCH PICNIC 11 AM
(One service only this day.)
Held at Strawberry Park Middle
School.



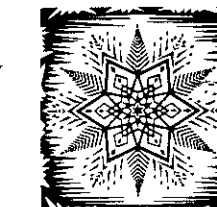
SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST
Concordia Community Cares
Meeting for June & July Teams
Sunday, 11:30 AM



JUNE 18TH - THURSDAY
Recovery Study Potluck
Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
"Special Speaker"
Invite a Friend!



Wednesday Evening
DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY
7 PM at the Church
(Childcare is provided.)
Will not be held on June 10th.



CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD
CRAFT DATES:
Every Monday evening in June
except June 8th. Held at Judy
Plumb's (365 N Strmbt. Blvd.)
870-8040