

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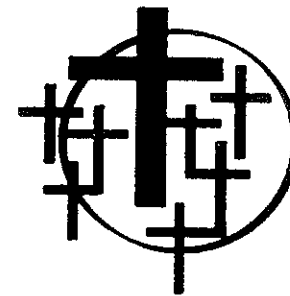
**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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# CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

October 1998



## A Note From the Pastor

To the Members and Friends of Concordia;

Greetings in the name of our Good God!

*"Former Kansas City Royals reliever, Dan Quisenberry (three time All-Star and World Series pitcher), who had brain tumors removed this year, was admitted to a hospital Tuesday. According to his family, the 45-year old is 'resting in God's peace'. They asked that the public not send cards or flowers, but said they would appreciate prayers. He and his family own a home in Steamboat Springs." (From the Associated Press as printed in the Steamboat Today', Sept 23, 1998).*

Dan Quisenberry was a Royal reliever. Most importantly, Dan Quisenberry knows "the" Royal Reliever, Jesus Christ. The Quisenberry family would worship here at Concordia when they were in the area. On occasion, they attended our Wednesday evening Discovery Bible Study. They are humble people. He never introduced himself as a famous pitcher.

He only identified himself as a novice author. Recently, we have been studying the Gospel of Mark on Wednesday evenings. It has been a wonderful journey that is open to one and all. The conversation is gentle and kind. The insights from around the table are truly faith strengthening.

*They awoke Jesus and asked if He was aware of their fright and storm. Jesus, (the Royal Reliever), who was resting, caused the sea and storm to rest.*

As we completed the fourth chapter of Mark, we were discussing the impact of Jesus being "in the boat" with His disciples amidst a growing and turbulent storm. Jesus was asleep. The disciples were awake and frightened. They awoke Jesus and asked if He was aware of their fright and storm. Jesus (the Royal Reliever), who was resting, caused the sea and storm to rest.

Dan Quisenberry is "resting in God's peace". He perhaps is facing his last hours. He knows that

Jesus is in his boat. Or should it be better stated that Dan is in Jesus' boat.

Jesus Christ stilled the storm of sin. Jesus relieved the storm of God's wrath and judgement against sin. Jesus calmed the storm of death. Jesus did this for Dan, you and me. What a wonderful message we have to tell the world. *Jesus Christ is in our boat!*

God bless you Dan, the relief pitcher. Jesus has come in to relieve you. I will . . . we will pray for you and your family.

 In Christ,  
Pastor Cartwright

P.S. On September 30, 1998, Dan Quisenberry passed away. He is "eternally resting in God's peace."



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## “Substitution”

Some years ago a war raged in India between the English and a native monarch, Tipoo Saib. One one occasion, several English officers were taken prisoners, among them one named Baird. One day a native officer brought in fetters to be put on each of the prisoners, the wounded not excepted. Baird had been severely wounded, and was suffering from pain and weakness. A grey-haired officer said to the native official, “You do not think of putting chains upon that wounded man?” “There are just as many pairs of fetters as there are captives,” was the answer, “and every pair must be worn” “Then,” said the officer, “put two pairs on me; I will wear his as well as my own.” Baird lived to regain his freedom, lived to take that very city, but the generous friend died in prison.

-Gray-

### Fall Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

October 23 , 9-5  
October 24, 9-noon

Get ready for the event of the year!! - **the Fall Rummage Sale**  
Please wait to bring your rummage to the church until October 17, as we are short of storage space.

Along with the rummage sale, we will also have the bake sale. Anyone intersted in bringing items for the bake sale, have them at the church by Thursday evening or early Friday morning. If you have questions regarding the bake sale, call Billee Harris, 879-0460. If you have questions regarding the rummage sale, contact the office, or Sandra Hogrefe and Lisa Koch.

## WHY BUILD?

## WHY PLEDGE?

1. Congregation has doubled
2. Need more worship space
3. Care of Vacation Bible School
4. Larger fellowship hall
5. Sunday School space
6. Handicap accessible
7. Second primary entrance/exit
8. Larger and efficient chancel
9. Imroved sound system
10. More efficient space for weddings/funerals
11. Clean/organized parking lot
12. Classroom/ministry spacefor highschool/jr high
13. Etc.

We have a future when we work together.

### September Worship Statistics

Average September  
Sunday Worship Attendance:

1991 . . . . . 123  
1992 . . . . . 163  
1993 . . . . . 184  
1994 . . . . . 228  
1995 . . . . . 212  
1996 . . . . . 212  
1997 . . . . . 262  
1998 . . . . . 239

September 1998  
Worship Attendance

Week 1  
106 (E) . . 81(L) . . 187 (Labor Day)

Week 2  
138 (E) . . 159(L) . . 297 (Rally Day)

Week 3  
152 (E) . . 121 (L) . . 273

Week 4  
89 (E) . . 110 (L) . . 199 (Pathway)

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressable comfort of feeling safe with a person;  
Having neither to weigh thought nor measure words  
But pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together;  
Certian that a faithful hand will take and sift them;  
Keep what is worth keeping, and, with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

# News from the DCE - Marlys Cartwright

In a book by Sol Gordon entitled, "Is There Anything I Can Do?" he talks in his introduction about friendship.

In a nationwide gallup poll, nearly half the respondents complained that they do not have time for their friends. Indeed, friendship has become the most neglected relationship of our busy and anxious times.

Friendship is a rather ordinary word, but it carries extraordinary significance in our lives. We hear about it so often, that it is easy to take friendship for granted.

Erma Bombeck told a class of graduating seniors, "Most of you are going to be ordinary; you are not going to the moon. You'll be lucky to find the keys to your car in the back parking lot. But some of you are going to be great things to yourselves. You are going to be the Best Friend some-

one has ever had . . . True friends make us feel fortunate to be alive, especially during our blackest periods. Indeed, without them, we might be lost."

*Friendship is a rather ordinary word, but it carries extraordinary significance in our lives.*

If friendship is an ordinary word, then perhaps we need to revise the word "ordinary".

In Bible class we have been examining God's fondness for the ordinary in various stories - and especially as He chose to reveal Himself in Bethlehem, at the cross, in Baptism and at the Lord's table.

In light of our recent study, I can truly say that whatever our culture defines as "extra-ordinary", dims beside the "ordinary and familiar" gifts of God's love in Christ, good friends, marriage and family.

Through Concordia's home

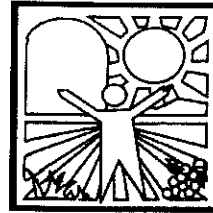
visits and surveys, a wonderful truth has been discovered. Most respondents have taken time to enjoy God's friendship deeply in worship and ministry; and as a result, have also made it a priority to be good friends to each other.

I am so proud to be a part of this church, and thankful that our extra-ordinary God has blessed us with His familiar, daily, "not so ordinary" love, forgiveness, and hope for the future

*Marlys*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**  
10:00 AM at Mary Dombey's Home - 775 Amethyst  
(Childcare is provided.)



**OCTOBER 9TH**  
**Parenting Support Group**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Begins with a potluck at 6 PM.  
Special time for the kids - special topic for the parents.



**DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY**  
Wednesdays - 7 PM  
at the Church  
(Childcare is provided.)



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
Resumes October 13th  
Tuesdays at the Church  
6:30 - 7:30 AM  
Bring a Friend!



**OCTOBER 10TH**  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
7 AM-8:30 PM  
Bring a friend!



**MONDAY AM MOMS**  
10:00 - 12:00 AM  
Meet in the church basement  
(Childcare provided during Book Study)



### PATHWAY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES UPDATE



**ALL CHURCH DINNER:** As part of our Grace Overflowing campaign, members of Concordia Lutheran Church are invited to celebrate together for an evening of (free!!) food, fellowship and entertainment. This dinner is for everyone, including children 7th grade on up. Our dinner will be held on October 18, from 6-8 PM, at the Steamboat Airport on RCR 129. Food will be provided by the Steamboat Smokehouse. A vegetarian alternative will be provided for those who do not eat meat. A party will be held at the church from 5:30 - 8:30 PM for younger children. Please put this on your calendar and, of course, casual dress is appropriate.

**CHILDREN'S PARTY:** (ages 2-12) you are invited for an evening of great fun, food, and entertainment with "Jelly Bean", the clown! This event will take place at Concordia Lutheran Church, 755 Concordia Lane on Sunday, October 18 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM with the program to follow. The menu will be pizza, fruit drinks and cookies! (provided for adults to attend All Church Banquet)

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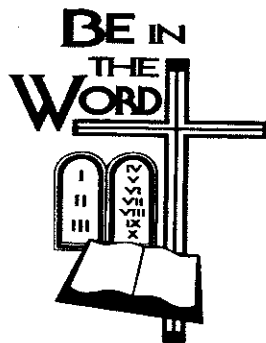
**Tuesday Bible Study:** Meet and study the Word of God prior to work. This study begins at 6:30am and is done promptly at 7:30am. The format is one of discussion and reflection on God's Word. A good cup of coffee or tea is ready for you upon arrival. Give this study a try!

**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!"

**Friday Parent Support Group** (Usually the first Friday of each month from 6-8 PM.) Concordia Lutheran has a support group for Parents with young children 2nd grade to newborn. If you have older siblings they are welcome to come. This will provide a time for parents to make friendships within the church and the studies will help you find strength, direction and hope as you fulfill God's calling in your life as a parent. The evening begins with a simple potluck. After dinner, childcare will be provided and parents can get together for a video and discussion or a Bible study which focuses on parenting issues.

**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.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Women's Bible St. 10 AM Choir 6:00 PM Bells 7:00 PM	2 Koffee Klatsch 12:15 PM	3 Loveland Youth "Assets" Conference
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## Assurance - God's

I remember, many years ago, a little boy on a trundle bed, having just retired for the night. Before going to sleep, he turned in the direction of the large bed on which his father lay, and said, "Father, are you there?" and the answer came back, "Yes, my son." I remember that that boy turned over and went to sleep without a thought of harm. Tonight that kittle boy is an old man of seventy, and every night before going to sleep, he looks up into the face of His Heavenly Father and says, "Father, are you there?" and the answer comes back, "Yes, my son." And then he asks in childish faith, "Will you take care of me tonight?" and the answer comes back, clear and strong, "Yes, my son." Whom need we fear, if God our Father be with us?

-Henry Clay Trumbull-

Dear Reverend Cartwright,

Thank you so very much for leading our prayer breakfast. Even for a group so closely associated with pain and suffering, your personal experiences were truly inspirational.

Thanks again.

Cordially,

W. George Shanks, MD, FACS  
President  
Colorado Medical Society

Dear Marlys and VBS at  
Concordia Lutheran,

Your "Courage Kits" are wonderful. They are such a nice gift that represents so much love and support from other kids. I have given them to the children in the hospital. Everyone who sees them comments about what wonderful gifts they are. We are all very impressed with the kids at Concordia Lutheran Church. Thanks again for your support and love

- The Childrens Hospital



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Sun., Nov. 15th

*"It is by grace you are  
saved through faith"*  
(Ephesians 2)



The Tuesday Morning Bible  
Study will resume on  
October 13th at 6:30 AM.

Please join us for an informal  
Bible study and discussion of  
God's word.

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ready when you arrive.

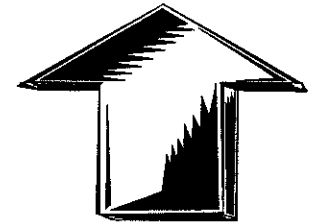
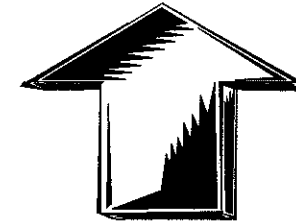
We adjourn at 7:30 AM, in  
plenty of time for you to get  
to work.

See you Tuesday!

## Youth Group News . . .

The Youth are still raising funds for their ministry by selling City Market and Safeway certificates between services. Remember, for every \$100 of certificates you purchase, the Youth Group earns \$5! Please consider purchasing your grocery certificates through the Concordia Youth Group.

While you are purchasing your grocery certificates, also consider purchasing a t-shirt (\$10), or a polo shirt (\$15) with the "Behold Grace Overflowing" logo on it. There is a wide array of colors to choose from!



## LWML Update

The women of Concordia held their LWML Kickoff Dinner at Judy Plumb's home on September 2 with 27 ladies present. This year's theme is "Gifted by God".

Rebecca Wattles won the all-expense paid trip to attend the zone rally!

LWML donated \$300 to Advocates Against Battering and Abuse.

The ladies are still "crafting" on Monday nights thru Oct. Watch for time and place in the

bulletins.

The LWML Western Zone Rally was a huge success, thanks to all the ladies who put in many long hours of preparation., especially Judy Plumb and Marlys Cartwright.

The next meeting will be at Ann Matlage's home, 31685 Inca Way, on October 21, at 7 PM.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE**  
The Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24

# LCEF Information

*LCEF - What is it?*

*The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is a unique savings program where Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod members can invest their funds and earn interest. In turn, these funds provide a source of low-cost loans for church sites and facilities.*

*Is My Money Safe in This Fund?*

*LCEF has assets of more than \$900 million. We maintain a strong capital position to support the Fund, operations and to protect the investor; LCEF operating expenses are 1 percent of assets. Since the fund began in 1902, no one has ever lost a penny.*

*What are the current interest rates?*

*LCEF offers several types of investments: dedicated savings certificates, growth certificates, fixed and floating-rate term notes and IRA's. For current rates, call 1-800-843-5233. You'll find the LCEF rates are reasonably competitive. Loan rates are tied to the rates paid to investors.*

*How Can I get my money out of an LCEF account?*

*For partial withdrawal from a dedicated savings certificate, you mail in a withdrawal slip.*

*Easier still, you can request partial withdrawals by phone. If you call before noon, your check will be mailed the next day.*

*When you open an LCEF account, you receive a certificate. For fixed, floating, dedicated and growth accounts, simply sign the back of the certificate and write the words "for redemption" and return it to the St Louis office.*

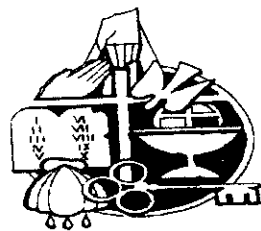
*If you have questions about accumulated interest on term notes or IRA distributions, please call our office. We'll be happy to tell you more.*

*Sounds Good. How do I invest?*

*Call and LCEF Investor Representative, toll-free, at 1-800-843-5233 for complete information on any LCEF investment opportunity. We'll be happy to send you the materials you need, including the current Offering Circular.*

*Local Contact:*

*Clair Erickson  
Concordia's Representative  
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## Who's Hurting reprinted from 9-25-98 issue of Steamboat Today

**D**emographics related to 10 recent suicides have been tracked by the Routt County Coroner's Office. Although they demonstrate a wide spectrum of personal circumstances, local suicide victims have been mostly male and mostly long-time Routt County residents. A majority of them had just suffered the break-up of a relationship and ingested some substance, alcohol or drugs, at the time of death.

Gender: 8 men  
2 women

Residence: 1 non-resident  
2 recently moved here  
7 long term

Ages: 23-87  
Average Age - 42  
4 in their 20's  
4 in their 40's

Substance Use: 3 none  
1 unknown  
6 alcohol, marijuana,  
cocaine or  
barbiturates involved

Marital Status: 5 single  
4 married, including  
2 separated  
1 widowed

## Quiet Times for Parents by H. Norman Wright

**M**others and fathers need strength. Lots of it. Your exhaustion will come from too little time for too much to do, restless nights, demands unmatched with your resources, and sudden traumatic events that no one could possibly ever prepare for.

There is a well that never runs dry and will give you the strength of heart and mind that you need. When one of "those days" hits and you feel like you're trying to guide a plow through rocky ground with no one around to help shoulder the load, go to the Scripture. Stop, sit down, take a breath, and read. Silently or out loud. Let the words soak through and saturate you.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2)

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? Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27: 1,14)

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me for you are my rock and my fortress. (Psalm 71:3)

My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. (Psalm 119:28)

He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak . . . but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40: 29,31)

