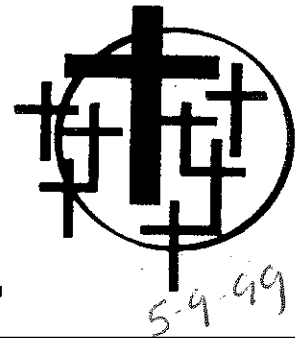


CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

May, 1999

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

A Note From the Pastor...

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

"If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection."
(Romans 6:5)

Certainty is a word that intrigues me. I wonder just how often we are absolutely certain and sure of a particular situation or set of circumstances. We go through training in order to become more certain of how to do something. An E.M.T. trains in order to be certain about medical quick response techniques. Debate teams spend time learning speaking styles that will enable them to be certain as they speak. Athletic teams spend hours practicing plays and shooting in order to be certain during a game. I can only imagine that those who farm have to have a certain amount of certainty in

order to be bold enough to step into the fields in the spring. Business owners must evaluate and plan properly in order to be as certain as possible as plans for the future are made.

Even those who appear certain, struggle with doubt and unsureness.

I once went to a livestock auction. I saw many people who appeared certain as they made quick appraisals of animals, nodded their heads, waved their hands and bought animal after animal. I imagine that it took a certain amount of certainty to purchase an animal at first glance. I would imagine that one gets certain after many hours of observation.

Certainty is never 100% certain! Even the best get caught making mistakes. Even

those who appear certain, struggle with doubt and unsureness. Some just act certain. A cool exterior often is betrayed by an interior that is filled with a lack of confidence. The Scriptures tell us of one thing that is for certain. If we have been united with Jesus in his death, we will certainly be united with Him in His resurrection! Easter is all about certainty. Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

In Certain Hope!

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Pastor Cartwright



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"Dealing With the Trauma of High School Violence"
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Dealing With The Trauma of High School Violence

1. Remember, most people are not violent. Things are not hopeless. Accent the good.
2. Your grief is real. Your concern is real. You may feel a bit of fear and uncertainty. Talk about these things with friends and family.
3. It is very difficult to explain chaos. Random violence is hard to explain. "Why?" may never be fully answered. You may be able only to explain parts of it.
4. Take care of your friendships! Friends are very valuable. Reach out to others. Risk kindness beyond your own circle of friends.
5. Do not return violence and hatred with violence and hatred. Be a part of breaking the cycle. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "To repay violence with violence is to darken the sky in such a way that stars no longer shine." (paraphrased)
6. Be aware that you can choose ways other than permanent solutions for temporary problems.

LIFT-UP ROUTT COUNTY 1998 STATISTICS

Thank You For Your Ongoing Support!

Lift-Up Assisted 1,764 People and Provided \$277,081 in Community Services



The Lift Up Food Bank helped 1,546 people and gave out 3,999 bags of food, paper products and personal hygiene products. The Food Bank provided a total \$86,771 in services to families and individuals this year.

The Community Garden volunteers built 24 raised beds, a children's garden, provided benches for visitors at the garden, and supplied the Food Bank with fresh produce during the summer months.

South Routt County Outreach provided \$3,750 in food, paper and personal products to families living in Oak Creek and the South Routt area.

The Lift-Up Community Thrift Store provided \$186,560 in services to our community and helped 193 families (at no cost) with clothing, household items, furniture and miscellaneous items.

April Statistics

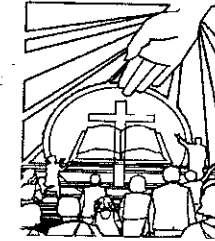
April Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	131
*1992.....	141 (Easter)
*1993.....	218 (Easter)
*1994.....	245 (Easter)
*1995.....	270 (Easter)
*1996.....	249 (Easter)
1997.....	211
*1998.....	311 (Easter)
*1999.....	300 (Easter)

*Easter Sunday came during April of these years.

April 1999 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....	75 (Sunrise)	185 (E)	244 (L).....	504
Week #2.....	(Middle School).....	255		
Week #3.....	(Middle School).....	237		
Week #4.....	(Middle School).....	203		



Dear Fellow Parents in Christ,

When tragedy hits like the one at Columbine High, we all pause to reflect on the important issues of life. As I have thought about Cassie Bernell, I am even more committed to taking every opportunity to share with my children the HOPE we have in Christ; and to make sure that I do my part to ensure their confidence is in Christ, so that they can respond "Yes, I believe in God", even in the face of death.

I am renewing my commitment to two things:

1. To **KNOW** my children, to have courage to step into their world at whatever age and talk to them about what is going on in their hearts.
2. To have the guts to say "NO" to the cultural norms and influences of our time. It's time for us to raise the standard - to be the minority, to have conviction, know what that conviction is, and stand together as Christian parents supporting each other in that conviction.

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 INTO PRACTICE. And the God of Peace will be with (us) Phillipians 4:8-9

Will you join me?

Ellyn Myller



PARENT
TO
PARENT

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

by Mary Rita Schilke Korzan

When you thought I wasn't looking you hung my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking you fed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking you baked a birthday cake just for me, and I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking you said a prayer, and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking you kissed me good-night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt - but that it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking you smiled, and it made me want to look that pretty, too.

When you thought I wasn't looking you cared, and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking - I looked . . . and wanted to say thanks for all those things you did when you thought I wasn't looking.

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Sunday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times.

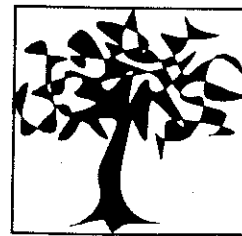
Finally, he took out his card, wrote on the back "Revelation 3:20" and stuck it in the door.

The next day, as he was counting the offering he found his card in the collection plate.

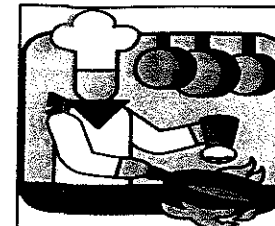
Below his message was a notation "Genesis 3:10"

Revelation 3:20 reads: *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he will with me."*

Genesis 3:10 reads: *"And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked."*



Parent Support Group
May 7, 1999
6-8 PM at Health & Rec
Pizza & Swimming
Call Rebecca Duryea
for details 879-6854



Men's Breakfast
Saturday
May 8, 1999
7 - 8:30 AM
at Village Inn



Discovery Bible Study
Wednesdays - 7 PM
at the Church
(Childcare Provided)



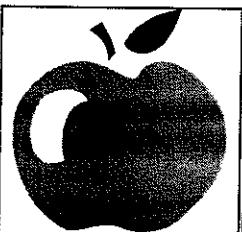
Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
at the Church
6:30 - 7:30 AM
Bring a Friend!



Monday Morning Moms
10 - 12 AM
Meet at Little Toot's Park
starting May 10th
until further notice



Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study
10 AM at Mary Dombey's
775 Amethyst Dr
(Childcare Provided)



Recovery Study
Thursdays 7 PM
at the Church
Invite a Friend!



LWML Meeting
Wednesday
May 19, 1999
7 PM
at Debbie Scott's
1851 Hunters Court

REMINDER:



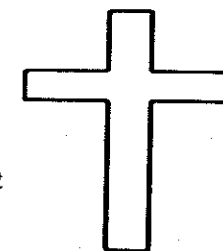
Anyone interested in attending the 10-day trip that departs to the Holy Land on February 5, 2000, should contact David Freseman (879-8192) for details.

Dear Members of AAL,

Thank you so much for the beautiful cross. I hung it above my bed when I got home on Sunday. It was nice of you to think of me on Confirmation Sunday.

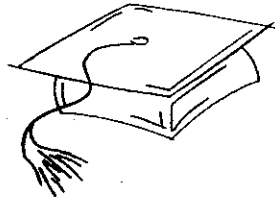
Sincerely,

A Concordia Confirmand

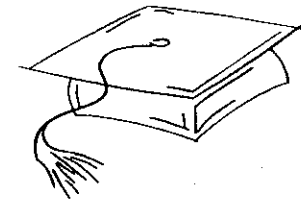


Tuesday Bible Study: Meet and study the Word of God prior to work. This study begins at 6:30am and is done promptly at 7:30am. The format is one of discussion and reflection on God's Word. A good cup of coffee or tea is ready for you upon arrival. Give this study a try!

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!"



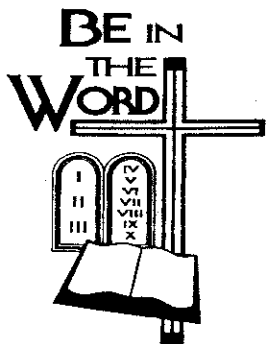
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Youth Group at Jean Smith's - 7 PM
2 Worship - 9:00 AM @ Middle School	3 Playgroup - 10 AM Womens AA - 7 PM Girl Scouts - 3:30 PM	4 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Elders - 7 PM	5 Discovery - 7 PM	6 Womens Study - 10 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	7 Parent Support Group 6-8 Pm @ Health & Rec	8 Journey - 10 AM Men's Breakfast - 7 AM @ Village Inn Youth Group - Craig
9 Worship - 9:00AM @ Middle School	10 Playgroup - 10 AM Womens AA - 7 PM	11 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Church Council - 7:30 PM	12 Discovery - 7 PM	13 Womens Study - 10 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	14	15 Youth Group - Elitch's
16 Worship - 8/10:30 AM Education Hr-9:15 AM Care Team Meeting - 9:15 AM	17 Playgroup - 10 AM Womens AA - 7 PM Girl Scouts - 3:30 PM	18 Bible Study - 6:30 AM	19 Discovery 7 PM LWML - 7 PM @ Debbie Scott's, 1851 Hunters Ct	20 Womens Study - 10 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	21	22
23 Worship - 8/10:30 AM Education Hr-9:15 AM ECC - 12:45 PM	24 Playgroup - 10 AM Womens AA - 7 PM	25 Bible Study - 6:30 AM	26 Discovery - 7 PM	27 Womens Study - 10 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	28	29
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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.



"Christ Jesus . . . abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (II Timothy 1:10)

"Take God's Power and Use It"

Tennessee Williams was one of America's greatest playwrights, but he was a lonely, and sometimes a frightened man. His plays presented a world of shattered hopes and failed visions. While he loved his characters, they, like him, struggled against the frightening blankness of their lives. However, in his later works, Tennessee Williams was writing about "the power of violets cracking the rocks."

St. Paul would have liked that image. Nothing is tougher than the love of God. When everything else fades away, His love will not be diminished one bit. God's love is the most powerful force in all the world, and nothing can separate us from that love.

Paul witnessed to Timothy about the "power of violets cracking the rocks." *God did not give us a spirit of fear, but . . . of power and love.* ITimothy 1:7

As we celebrate graduation this month, remember the resources of God. Paul says in Galatians *"For freedom, Christ has set you free."* We are then free from the sins that burden us down, free from meaninglessness, guilt and the threat of death - set loose to become the unique sons and daughters God created us to be.

One summer, not long ago, nine people stood atop the snow-capped summit of Mt Rainier. Five of the mountain climbers were blind, one had an artificial leg, one had epilepsy, and two were deaf.

For the climbers, it was a quiet victory. They had no cheering crowds. They were sustained by the knowledge that they had overcome almost impossible obstacles and by the support they gave one another.

God overcame the most impossible obstacle. He abolished death and it's power and gave us His abundant life.

Katie, Laura, Angela, Robbie, Nick, Dalton and all you college graduates - as you leave, take God's Power and use it - and know how very much we love you!

Marlys

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"The Joy of the Lord is my Strength"
 August 2-4, 1999
 Monday - Wednesday
 at Concordia Lutheran Church
 9:00 - 11:30 am
Stories:
 1-The lame man healed
 2-The lost coin,the lost sheep
 3-Heaven-the place God has prepared for us

HELP REACH OUT!!!

The newly functioning Outreach and Assimilation Board is requesting help from members of the congregation for two very important friendship ministries.

We are looking for people who would be willing to serve as Outreach Visitors. Expectations would include:

- 1) Attend orientation gathering
- 2)Phone call a new visitor to CLC to set up a friendship visit with them
- 3) Be willing to make one such friendship visit per month for a minimum of six months
- 4) Fill out a brief information form following each visit

The other area the Board is looking for volunteers to assist with is Outreach Sponsors. Expectations would include:

- 1) Attend an orientation gathering
- 2)Make one contact with new

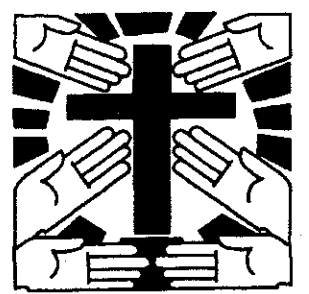
- member household shortly before they are received as members
- 3) Attend their service of membership reception and fellowship meal following
- 4) For six months, help introduce new members to others
- 5) In any ways possible, take new member household "under your wing" for six months
- 6) Make some kind of intentional contact once a month (for 6 months)
- 7) Keep new member household well informed of church activities

If you have not already signed up, and would like to consider helping with either one or both of these ministries, please leave your name and number with Cindy at the church office, or call one of the following board members: David Freseman, Greg or Leslie Gregory, Brooks or Jill Rice, or Susie Warner. We hope to hold the orientation in May or early June.

In addition to planning these orientations and organizing the visitors and sponsors programs,

the Outreach Board is working on a new plan for New Member Packets for folks joining the church, so that each new member will have all the information they need about their new church home.

OUTREACH IS EVERY MEMBER'S MISSION!!!



Tenets, Tidbits and Trails . . . the Elder's report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By Wisdom a house is built, and through understanding, it is established. Proverbs 24:3

Our "House" is being built. Every time I stop in at the church, I'm surprised to see how much is getting done. We will soon be able to worship once again in our building. However, what a wonderful opportunity we have had this past month in the Middle School. Everyone in one place at the same time! It is really great to be able to worship with people you only see once-in-a-while. One service has made that possible.

I know that many of us were so pleased to see 16 Junior High Youth being confirmed. If we ever needed proof that our church is alive and well, just look at that group of teenagers.

Yes, our "House" is being built, and it is being filled with love and youth and caring. Our house is just a building, but the spirit within is real and alive. Thanks be to God!



Yours in Christ,

Walt Taylor, Elder

LWML News . . .

Ten ladies met at the home of Joanne Boomgarden on April 21st. Sally Marshall opened with a devotion and Billee Harris gave the program about the LWML Pledge. Updates from all the standing committees were given. The Cookbook Committee is still in need of lots of recipes. The Craft Workshops are meeting each week on Mondays from 7-9 at various homes. It seems the LWML Historian Scrapbook has been misplaced, so all ladies are on the "lookout" for it. The next meeting will be on May 19th at Debbie Scott's home, 1851 Hunters Court. We will have election of officers at the May meeting.



* HEADLINES, ANNOYANCES, and CRACKERS *

by Gerald Perschbacher

You don't have to be an editor to recognize poorly written headlines that border on the ridiculous:

"Local High School Drop Outs Cut in Half"

"Stolen Painting Found by Tree"

"Kids Make Nutritious Snacks"

"Iraqi Head Seeks Arms"

According to the world, the most ridiculous headline could be:

"Jesus is Risen."

Yet it carries an everlasting message.

Little things annoy:

Who left the garage door open?

Who left a Kleenex in their pocket when the clothes were washed?

Who forgot to put the 1/2 inch socket in the toolbox?

Who used the last ice cube and didn't fill the tray?

Who left the chocolate bar on the dashboard?

People may annoy us, but remember:

God is the only one in a position to look down on others.

Be more concerned with serving God here than singing His praise in the hereafter.

In spite of annoyances, give thanks for each day. You'll never get to live it over again.

A young boy pulled each animal cracker out of his box, examined it, and laid it in a bowl. He looked worried. His mother asked, "What are you doing?" The

boy replied, "The box says you shouldn't eat the crackers if the seal is broken. I'm looking for the seal." -

Of all the seals that were ever broken, the one on Christ's tomb was the most important. It was broken by God's intervention in raising His Son from the dead. We've just celebrated that glorious resurrection on Easter. But let's not forget that the Easter season continues. In fact, it never really ends.

