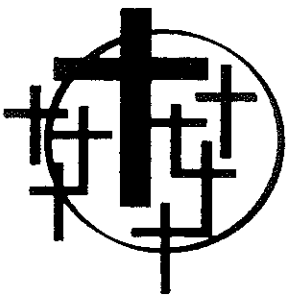


CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

JUNE, 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.

Editors: Pastor Cartwright, Marlys Cartwright and Cindy Svendsen

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...

"For this is what the Lord says: 'I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream.'"

Isaiah 66:12

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD!

Recently, at a Jack Daniels' Distillery in Tennessee a crack developed in one of the holding tanks of whiskey. Fourteen thousand gallons of whiskey flooded into a local stream. The estimated loss to the company . . \$700,000.00. A wasted use of grain to make whiskey . . . whiskey wasted away in a stream . . a wasted use of wealth!

Often alcohol provides a false sense of peace . .

temporary peace at best . . . short lived. Tragedy more often than not accompanies its use and abuse. Triumph seems fleeting.

(His) mercy flows to all who receive the gift of salvation and rescue.

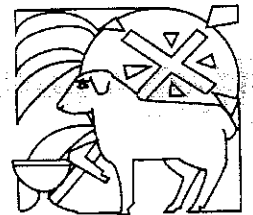
Jesus offers us water . . . living water . . . the wealth of a river of His love. His mercy has been made real to us on the cross and in the open tomb where He conquered all sin and the power of Satan. This mercy flows to all who receive the gift of salvation and rescue. Peace, true peace, not in a bottle, is ours.

Whether our struggle is with whiskey or other areas

of life that are peaceless, the words of Isaiah ring true. The blood of our Savior floods into those areas of spiritual waste that we all have! He then makes us wealthy by the riches He gives. He floods us with His peace . . . based upon His life, death and resurrection.

In Christ,

Tim
Pastor Cartwright



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Concordia Lutheran Church **CHRISTOGRAM**

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CONGRATULATIONS! CLASS OF 1999
"Stephen's Ministry
New Member's Classes

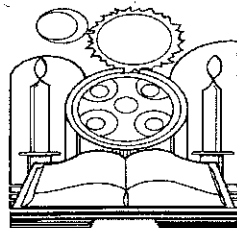
POST-CHRISTIAN ERA . . .

The United States is one of the only nations on earth where Christianity is on the decline. Most of today's young people are not being raised in the faith. They don't know the unconditional love of Jesus. As a result, 67% of young people believe that being good enough will earn them a place in heaven. They are trusting in their own efforts and good deeds for salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."*

Young people **NEED** to hear the Gospel!

Everyday in America . . .

- 7,742 students become sexually active
- 437 students are arrested for drunk driving
- 135,000 students bring handguns to school
- 1,512 students drop out of school
- 1,849 students are abused or neglected
- 1,800 students attempt suicide



LWML News . . .

Sixteen ladies met at the home of Debbie Scott on May 19, 1999. Barb Gibson gave the devotion and Sandra Hogrefe presented the program. The by-laws were ratified by the group. Debbie Scott was elected Treasurer to fill that vacancy. We are still recruiting for someone to fill the vacancy of President. Updates were given by Elaine for the Bazaar, and the Cookbook Committee has extended their deadline for recipes until the end of May. Yampatika will hold a one-time only spring rummage sale (to replace Concordia's) and donate 10% of proceeds back to Concordia. Beth Walsh will check into purchasing more dishes for the new kitchen. The next meeting will be the much-anticipated (and final gathering of the year) salad supper to be held at Lynn Worrell's, 43515 RCR 44, 879-3932 (plan to carpool from church, maps will be on the church door).



STEPHEN'S MINISTRY

The Stephen's Ministers who are being trained will be commissioned on the 1st Sunday in December and will begin their various "ministries" in January, 2000.

Others in the congregation are welcome to attend Special Stephen's Ministry "themes" once a month during Bible Class Hour.

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE

June 27	4-8 pm	Sunday
July 11	4-8 pm	Sunday
July 18	6-8 pm	Sunday
Sept 10-11	7pm-3 pm	Friday, Saturday
Sept 19	7-9:30 pm	Sunday
Sept 26	7-9:30 pm	Sunday
Oct 10	7-9:30 pm	Sunday
Oct 17	7-9:30 pm	Sunday
Oct 24	7-9:30 pm	Sunday
Oct 31	7-9:30 pm	Sunday

Final Retreat:

Nov 12-13 7 pm-3 pm Friday, Saturday

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the following Concordia graduates:

High School

Angela Carrell	Katie Cartwright	Rob Marten
Dalton Poole	Danielle Schuelke	Nick Weber
Laura Zimmerer		

8th Grade

Jason Beshears	Kelly Cartwright	Tony Cesolini
Keith Denton	Steve Denton	Abigail Fritz
Jake Hammerslag	Prairie Handyside	Christian Hogrefe
Maggie McNamara	Ian Noyer	Julia Patterson
Spencer Roos	Gunnar Sorensen	Keegan Thompson
Jeremy Youngs	Will Zimmerer	



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

The Light is on!

In our house, the light wakes us up early and we race the waning light to put Charlie down at night. The light lets us work in the evenings and helps our valley turn a wonderful green. I love the new light well in the front of the church. It gives me a wonderful reminder of who God is.

The giver of light: Genesis 1:3 *"Let there be light . . ."*

He leads us with light: Exodus 13:21 *"By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light . . ."*

He is The Light: John 8:12 *"I am the light of the world . . ."*

I hope, as you flip on a light switch, turn on the car lights, enjoy a sunrise or sunset, be reminded of God's love and commitment to you because He is the light of the world.



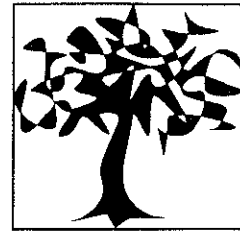
Mike Beurskens
Board of Elders

A Child Shall Lead . . .

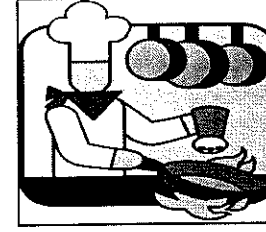
During a children's sermon based on Jesus saying, "I am the way." I used a map to show them how to find their way from one town to another. Then I asked if anything could show us the way to heaven. Someone answered, "The Bible." When I asked how, a girl replied, "There's a map inside the back cover."

Otto Zwanziger
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

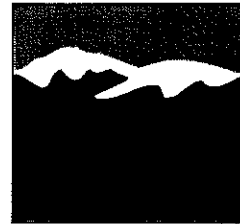
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★ Be On The Lookout For Our ★
★ Next "Strengthening The ★
★ Bond" Event!! ★
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★ **Coming Soon!!** ★
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★ to a church near you ★
★ (Concordia) ★
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Parent Support Group
June 4, 1999
6-8 PM
Begin with a potluck
Special time for kids
Special topic for parents



Men's Breakfast
Saturday
June 12, 1999
7 - 8:30 AM



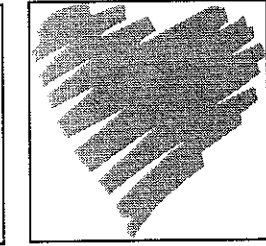
Discovery Bible Study
Wednesdays - 7 PM
at the Church
(Childcare Provided)



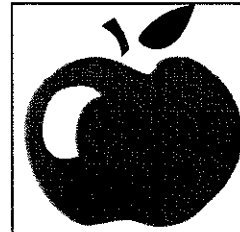
Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
at the Church
6:30 - 7:30 AM
Bring a Friend!



Monday Morning Moms
10 - 12 AM
Meet at Little Toot's Park
during June and
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!

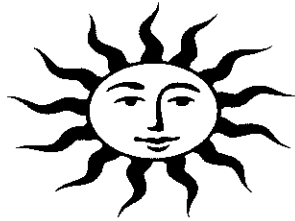


LWML Salad Supper
Wednesday
June 9, 1999
7 PM
at Lynn Worrell's
43515 RCR 44

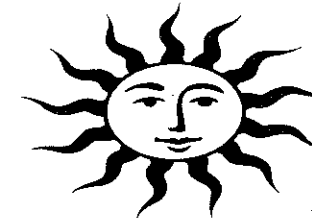
Almost one-third of America's adult population is "unchurched," according to a study by the Barna Research Group. "Unchurched" is classified as a person who has not attended a Christian church service in the last six months, other than a special event such as a wedding, funeral or holiday service. The total is an increase from 27 percent 18 months earlier, with the majority of the increase coming from men, non-white adults and "baby busters."

Orientation for Outreach Visitors

will be held on
June 14, 1999
at 7:00 pm
at church



June 1999



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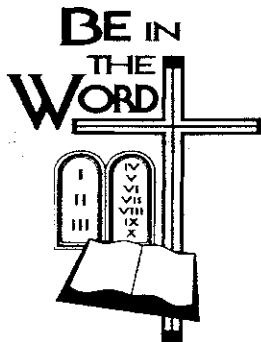
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		Bible Study-6:30 am Elders Mtg - 7 pm	Discovery - 7 pm	Womens Study-10 am Recovery - 7 pm Choir practice-6:15 pm	Parent Support Group - 6 pm	
6 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr 9:15 am Baptism	7 Womens AA - 7 pm Outreach & Assimilation-6:30 pm	8 Bible Study - 6:30 am Church Council-7:30	9 Discovery - 7 pm LWML - 7 pm at Lynn Worrell's 43515 RCR 44	10 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery - 7 pm	11	12 Men's Breakfast - 7-8 am at church followed by workday 8 am-noon Bell practice - 9 am
13 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr 9:15 am Youth Group-5:30 pm	14 Womens AA - 7 pm Orientation for Outreach Visitors-7 pm Youth Board - 7 pm	15 Bible Study - 6:30 am	16 Discovery - 7 pm	17 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery - 7 pm	18	19 Baptism Wedding Journey practice-10 am
20 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr 9:15 am Care Team Mtg-9:15	21 Womens AA - 7 pm	22 Bible Study - 6:30 am	23 Discovery - 7 pm	24 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery - 7 pm	25	26 Wedding - 5 pm Wedding - 7:30 pm
27 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr 9:15 am ECC - 12:45 pm Stephen's Ministry Training- 4-8 pm	28 Womens AA - 7 pm	29 Bible Study - 6:30 am	30 Discovery - 7 pm			

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.

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!"



News from the DCE - Marlys Cartwright

TIME TO MAKE A STAND (And I Don't Mean One Night. . .)

There's no doubt about it, the evening sit-coms make one-night stands sound exciting. What is it about the notion of a one-night stand that sells? Perhaps it's the simplistic idea that a relationship can be condensed, start to finish, in a 24 hour rendezvous, free from complications or further maintenance.

Maybe it's the sense of challenge in the face of risk or danger. The term "stand" almost conjures up a military image, there's a conquest to be made, a mission to accomplish. One-night stands are obviously about exploitation, about illusion, about something far less than love.

On the other hand, married love seems to be a largely taboo subject. And perhaps it shouldn't be easy to discuss married love, (what it is like to be seen, and seen through, and forgiven by another human being, and to see and see through and forgive him or her). But why don't we tell our society about the richness inherent in loving someone not for a

one-night stand, but 8,000 nights and days strung together? The problem may be that too many of us are not quite convinced or have forgotten that the presence of Christ in marriage makes love deepen, makes us new again everyday, and allows for adventures far beyond self-centeredness.

This month, Tim and I celebrate our 20th anniversary. If you asked me why I like being married, it's because I like being married to my husband (the details on that answer would take up entirely too much room). However, I thought it might be fun to share some answers other Christians gave to that question in *Marriage Partnership* magazine:

"Recently I was diagnosed as having cancer. I was devastated at the loss of my hair. My husband gave me a while to mourn; then with a kiss and a grin he said, "You know, bald is sort of sexy." B. Bierbaum Enterprise, Alabama

"Marriage invests each moment and action with significance. Everything I do and say matters to someone else (my wife)." John Grotto, New York City

"Being married is like when you were a kid and had your

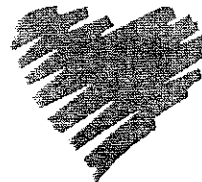
best friend over for a sleepover, but it's every night, only better!" Emma Lee, Philadelphia

"Being married forces me to evaluate myself, and inspires me to give a hoot. I know there will be at least one person at my funeral someday who will be thankful for my life and truly grieved at my death." David Decker, Stockbridge, Georgia

"I value commitment; commitment to a man I think is the best in the world. Marriage has shown me who I really am, and that is both good and a bit scary! In marriage we love freely and fully, and this is liberating." C. Machamer, Prospect Heights, Illinois

Hopefully, these thoughts on marriage can shed some light on the gift God meant for it to be. Mostly, it can be a glimpse of how faithfully and passionately God, Himself loves each one of us. Oh, and one more thing . . . "Happy Anniversary, Tim!" (7,300 days and many more . . .) Love, Marlys.

Marlys



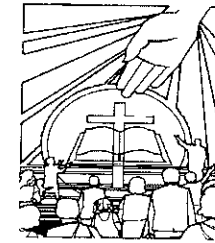
MAY STATISTICS

May Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	145
1992.....	117
1993.....	198
1994.....	203
1995.....	218
1996.....	219
1997.....	250
1998.....	255
1999.....	271

May 1999 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....(Middle School).....	220
Week #2.....(Middle School).....	323
Week #3.....116 (E).....168 (L).....	284
Week #4.....110 (E).....147 (L).....	257
Week #5.....(not available at printing)	



"Youth Board"

Members who are already signed up for the June 14th meeting are:

Guy Wojtowicz
Doug Dombey
Jean Smith
Tina Tape
Marlys Cartwright
Spencer Roos
Kelsey Patterson
Gretchen Vandecarr
Jane Hallman

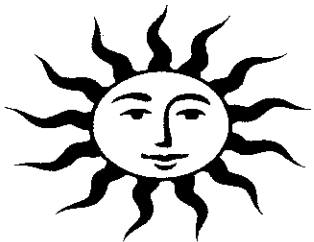
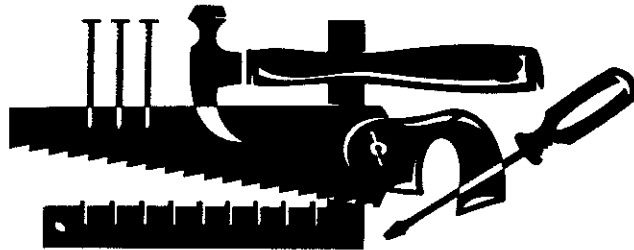


If you are a youth member between 6th grade and 12th grade and are interested in helping plan for the 1999-2000 youth activities, please call Cindy at the office at 879-0175. Thank you!

BUILDER OR WRECKER

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town;
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.
I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled?
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed -
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken years to do."
And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can -
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town
Content with the labor of tearing down?

-Author Unknown



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

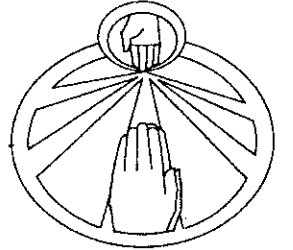
2-The lost coin, the lost
sheep

3-Heaven-the place God
has prepared for us

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CONCORDIA . . .

My Congregation

O God, You know the needs of the church in every place;
work mercifully and obviously in my congregation. Stir up our
members to see the urgency of its voice in our community and
the day-by-day importance of its witness to all people.



Enable Your people to worship honestly and reverently. Lead
us to desire the nourishment of Your Word. Impress us with the power of the
sacraments. Increase our faith and deepen our response through stewardship and
evangelism in all of life. Show us the blessing of our individual differences and the
power of our oneness in Your Son.

God our Father, bless the families of our parish; strengthen the faithful; relieve the
sick; be near the lonely; arouse those who don't care; comfort those who are emotionally
disturbed; lead those who do not yet understand to Your mercy, which forgives while we
are still sinners.

Fill us with love for one another and all people through the power of Your Spirit in
Christian education. May our schools and organizations for children, youth and adults
be a wholesome disturbance to the easiness of our lives that we may grow up in all
things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

NEW MEMBER CLASS

June 6.....9:15 am (Uniquely Christian)
June 13.....9:15 am (Uniquely Lutheran)
June 20.....9:15 am (Uniquely Sacramental)
June 27.....9:15 am (Uniquely Concordia)



Adult Education

(Classes meet in Sanctuary. Concordia will welcome new members on July 11th at
our 10:30 am service.)