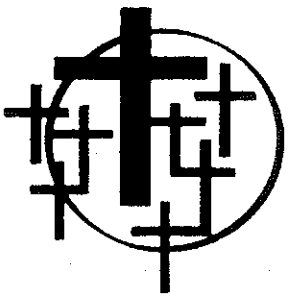


CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

JULY, 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...

To The Members and Friends of Concordia;

Greetings in the name of our Good God!

There is, perhaps, no more appropriate thought for this Fourth of July than the one already inscribed on the Statue of Liberty:

THE NEW COLOSSUS

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here, at our sea-washed sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch,
whose flame is the imprisoned lightning.

And her name "Mother of Exiles."
From her beacon-hand
glows world-wide welcome!
Her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that

*Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free.*

twin cities frame.
'Keep your ancient lands,
your storied pomp!' cries she with silent lips.
'Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tost to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!'

-Emma Lazarus



In Christ,

Pastor Cartwright

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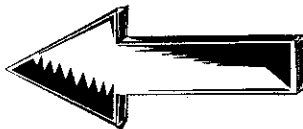
inside...

"Two Ways to help your Youth Group"
"Vacation Bible School, August 2-4, 1999"
"Summer Sweetheart Social!"

Strengthening The Bond . . .



JOIN US!!!



"Summer Sweetheart Social"
A Strengthening The Bond Event

Saturday, July 17, 1999, 4:00 to 7:00 pm
at Stehley Park (Logan and North Park Road)

A light dinner and ice cream social is planned; along with some fun and inspiration!
(child care provided at church)

Tickets may be purchased in advance only; July 4th and July 11th between services
\$5 per person

(Notification by phone of location change should the weather be bad)

P.S. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please call Nancy Kounovsky 879-2532 or Ellyn Myller 871-1860. We are having a meeting at 7 pm, Monday, July 12th at church.

LWML News . . .

A brief business meeting was held at the June LWML gathering in order that the approximately 15-18 ladies could enjoy fellowship and a wonderful selection of salads and desserts served in the home of Lynn Worrell, 43515 RCR 44 on Wednesday, June 9, 1999 at 7:00 pm



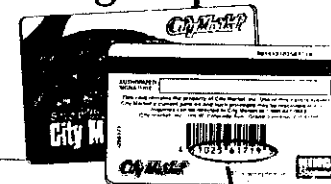
Please fill in., cut out and return to youth table or church office:

CITY MARKET CARES PROGRAM



City Market CARES
ELECTRONIC FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Value Card Sign-Up Card



Organization Name _____

Date ____/____/____

Record these 10 digits in the Value Card column

Name _____

Value Card Number _____

1910 Mt. Werner Rd. #101
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
970-879-4270

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____

Authorized Signature _____

By signing, I am indicating that I do wish to receive special offers by mail

2 WAYS TO HELP YOUR YOUTH GROUP

1. Fill out the above Sign-Up card and return it to the church office or the youth group table on Sunday. Remember, here how it works: Each time you use your value card at City Market, the Concordia Youth Group will be credited with the total of your purchases. You still receive your discounts. Each quarter City Market prorates funds based on total sales to groups enrolled in the program. You may only designate one organization as your recipient and we hope you will choose your Youth Group. (If you have already signed up, there is no need to sign again. We hope to get a majority of the congregation to sign up in our name.)

2. Dos Amigos & Bill Cropper have initiated another fund raiser for our Youth. By cutting out and using the coupons in this newsletter, 20% of your total food bill will be returned to our Concordia Youth Group when you eat at Dos Amigos, located in Ski Time Square. When eating at Dos Amigos, simply give your waiter/waitress one of the attached coupons and 20% of the **food bill** for you and your entire table will be donated to the Youth Group by Dos Amigos and its owners. This offer does not apply when used with other promotions. Remember this is not 20% off your food bill, rather, 20% of your food bill will be returned to the Youth Group. This promotion applies to only Concordia Lutheran Youth Group.

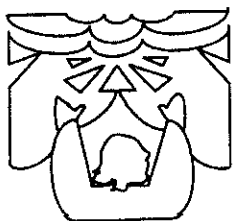
Tenets, Tidbits and Trails . . . the Elder's report

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Have we realized what has happened in Christ's Church here? "Praise Him" for the addition to our building; "Praise Him" for the finances to be there; "Praise Him" for the 500+ members; "Praise Him" for the weddings and the baptisms; "Praise Him" for the fifteen possible new members in July; and especially "Praise Him" for the thirty some different ministries going on with the hope of adding at least ten more.

We need to seriously look at the growth, all the different ministries, and future outreach with additional staffing. Growth of a church brings additional staffing and we are at that point. If we are to be of service to this church, we need the people in place to make it happen. As in Acts 6:1-7, the church was growing so much they acquired additional help full of the love of God and His Spirit. Our responsibility is to bring such a person into our staff.

In the July voters meeting, an important decision of hiring such a person is going to be made. Your voice is important, so please be there. If we want to continue to serve each other and be a productive church for His Glory, we have no choice. Come join in this God-given decision and praise Jesus that we are at that place in our church.

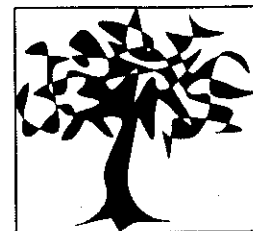
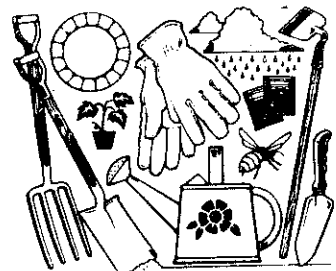


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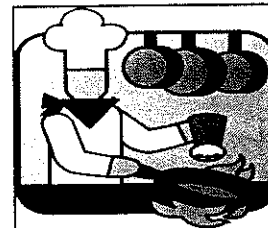
Gene Carrell
Elder

THE LAST WORKDAY!?! (could it be?)

Help get ready for "Dedication Sunday"!!
All-Church Workday, Saturday, July 10, 1999, 8 am - noon
Refreshments Served! Bring brooms, shovels, rakes, vacuums, cleaning supplies, etc.



Parent Support Group
July 9, 1999
6-8 PM
Begin with a potluck
Special time for kids
Special topic for parents



Men's Breakfast
Saturday
July 10, 1999
7:00 am
followed by
CHURCH WORKDAY



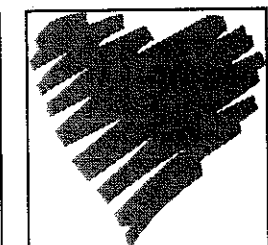
Discovery Bible Study
Wednesdays - 7 PM
at the Church
(Childcare Provided)



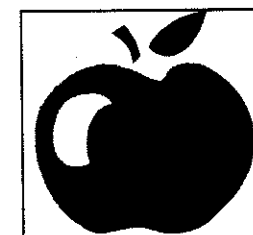
Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
at the Church
6:30 - 7:30 AM
Bring a Friend!



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



Strengthening
The Bond
Saturday, July 17, 1999
4-7 pm
at Stehley Park
(Logan & N Park Rd)



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



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

POWER IN UNITY

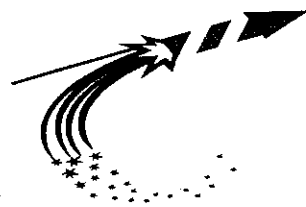
At a county fair in a horse-pulling contest, the winning horse pulled 4,500 pounds. The runner-up pulled 4,000 pounds. Then they were teamed together and they pulled 12,000 pounds. Together they pulled 3,500 pounds more than when they pulled individually. There is no limit to the power of unity in God's work.

- Croft Pentz

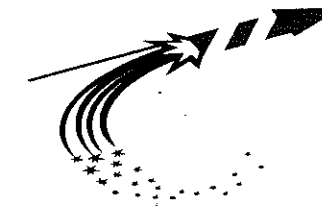
The Lausten family invites you to a BBQ celebrating LaVerne's 80th birthday on Thursday, July 22, 1999, at 5:00 pm at the Little Toot's Park. They are creating a "memory book" so if you have any photos or special stories involving LaVerne, please send them to Terry Lausten, 5319 99th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. RSVP if you are able to attend to Billee Harris at 879-0460. (no gifts please)

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!"



July 1999



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery - 7 pm Choir - 6:15 pm	2	3 Wedding - 1 pm Wedding - 5:30 pm
4 Worship 8/10:30 am Ed Hr 9:15 am	5 Womens AA - 7 pm	6 Bibel Study - 6:30 am Elder's Mtg - 7 pm	7 Discovery - 7 pm	8 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery - 7 pm	9 Parent-Support Group 6-8 pm	10 Men;s Breakfast-7 am All-church Workday 8am -noon Bell practice - 9 am
11 Worship 10 am only "Dedication Sunday" Youth Group Stephen's Min- 4-8 pm	12 Womens AA - 7 pm Summer Social Mtg 7 pm	13 Bible Studt - 6:30 am Chruch Council - 7:30 pm	14 Discovery - 7 pm	15 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery Potluck - 6:30 pm	16	17 Journey - 10 am Summer Sweetheart Social - 4-7 pm
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25 Worship 8/10:30 am Ed Hr 9:15 am ECC - 12:45 pm	26 Womens AA - 7 pm	27 Bible Study - 6:30 am	28 Discovery - 7 pm	29 Womens Study - 10 am Recovery - 7 pm	30	31

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.

Help your Youth Group by cutting out a coupon and eating out at Dos Amigos in Ski Time Square.

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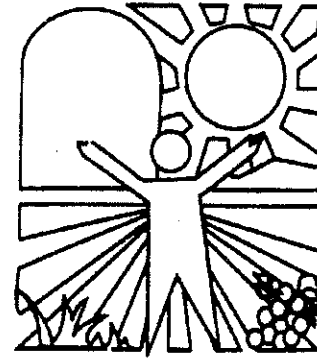
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VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday - Wednesday

August 2 - 4 from 9:00 - 11:30 am

at Concordia Lutheran Church

For ages 3 "going into" 6th Grade

**"THE JOY OF THE LORD
IS MY STRENGTH"**

Yes, summer is fast approaching, the birds are chirping, the chipmunks are scurrying to and fro and we are once again preparing for the exciting opportunity God has given to us to share the Good News of God's great love for us with the children of Steamboat Springs. Come be part of the great celebration. Who knows, you may be part of changing a child's life now and for eternity! Just fill out the form below and be part of this year's Vacation Bible School.

Please put these sheets in the special box under the mailboxes or call Concordia Lutheran Church at 879-0175.

Name _____ Phone _____

I will: (check where appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for this year's VBS | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach a class | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a teacher's aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with outdoor play |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a nursery caregiver
and baby-sitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with supper &
refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a kitchen helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate lemonade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a craft helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Help, wherever I can |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help gather supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Give a \$ gift for expenses |

News from the DCE - Marlys Cartwright

"ON HIGHER GROUND" is the theme for the 2001 New Orleans Youth Gathering (Reflecting the Higher Ground of Calvary). We are planning some fund raisers for this summer, and we thank Dos Amigos for their help.

The Youth Group has donated \$30 toward Dedication Day landscaping. We also have a new youth newsletter editor, Anya Smith. Guy Wojtowicz is our Youth Board President, Mary Dombey is our Treasurer and Jean Smith is our Secretary. Kia Cartwright is our Youth Representative to Church Council.

We had 17 in attendance at our youth barbeque. Thanks go to Mary Hood for door prizes, Elitches for discount passes and Pastor Tim for devotions. We hope to go tubing and camping/backpacking for our outings in July and August.

A mission trip is in the works for Spring 2000.

In other news, I will be leaving July 1-6 for mission training to go to New Guinea in 2000 for a week of encouraging our medical-missionary team - Steve and Julie Lutz.

Stephen's Ministry is going full force with trainees: Jean Smith, Mary Beth Bradfield, Gene Carrell, Deb Freseman, Jan Fritz (leader) and Marlys Cartwright (leader). We have 7 more taking training in early 2000.

Other events coming soon:

Exciting Dedication Day - July 11th

Parent-Support Group - July 9th

Strengthening The Bond - July 17th

VBS - August 2-4: "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength"

Thanks to all of you who make Concordia a place to come be renewed and

strengthened in faith!

Marlys



ADD A LITTLE MORE

We recall a kind old grocer.
 When the sugar he would pour,
 How he'd tip the scales to balance.
 Then he'd add a little more.
 And his business, how it prospered.
 Folks were always in his store.
 For he gave an honest measure
 And he'd add a little more.
 So it is with life, my brother.
 We would write a better score
 When we've done what is expected,
 If we'd add a little more.

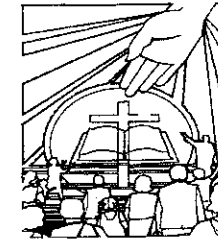
JUNE WORSHIP STATISTICS

June Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	103
1992.....	141
1993.....	155
1994.....	135
1995.....	179
1996.....	153
1997.....	236
1998.....	267
1999.....	221

June 1999 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....	100 (E).....	108 (L).....	208
Week #2.....	127 (E).....	95 (L).....	216
Week #3.....	109 (E).....	110 (L).....	219
Week #4.....	94 (E).....	139 (L).....	233



Vietnam breaks up Bible Study

(RNS) Vietnamese police on May 7 raided a Hanoi hotel and detained 20 evangelical Christians gathered for a Bible study, sources close to those arrested said May 14.

The members of the unofficial Vietnam Assemblies of God Church had gathered for a three-day spiritual retreat and Bible study - considered by Vietnamese officials as an "illegal religious event."

"We were raided, harassed and interrogated. Our religious books were confiscated, one of our women evangelists was slapped around by the police and our preacher is still detained," the Christians said in a written appeal. "We appeal to our government to help us realize our simple aspiration to have freedom to live and practice our faith."

Sources who declined to be identified told Reuters that 18 of the 20 people were released two days after their arrest. But, they added, they do not know the whereabouts of a man identified as Lo Van Hen. They also said that the group's leader, Rev. Tran Dihn Ai, remained under arrest.

In the past, Hen and Ai have been imprisoned for activities related to their faith.

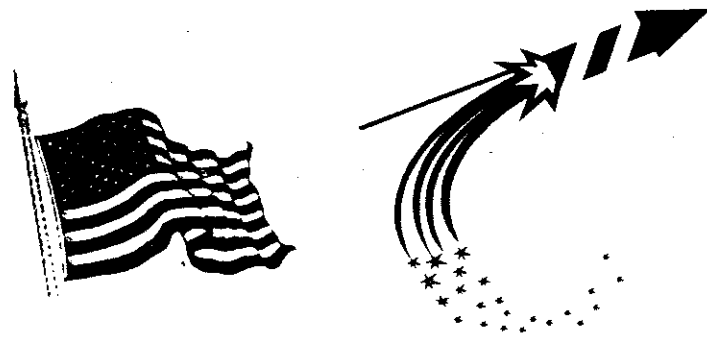
PARENT TO PARENT

If you don't know what you're aiming for, you're going to miss the TARGET!

Hey, check it out! We have a bulletin board for parents of young children. (It's the one with the bullseye)

Please take some time this summer, maybe on that road trip with the family, or on your hikes and camp-outs to talk about what values you want to pass on to your children. WRITE THEM DOWN and pin them up on our bullseye. We'll be compiling them to pass out at our September Parent-Support Night.

Next Parent-Support Group Night is July 9th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm



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

(see insert for details and registration forms)

Question:

What does

Stephen Ministry

Have to do with

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Answer:

Naomi . . .

- Had lost her mate.
- Had lost her children.
- Had to move her home.
- Had two widowed daughters-in-law of another religion.
- Was bitter at her life.
- Felt God's affliction on her.
- Suggested her name should be Marah ("bitter").

Ruth . . .

- Stayed with Naomi in her bitterness.
- Did not give up on Naomi.
- Showed care.
- Showed love to a woman broken by life.

Stephen Ministers here at **CONCORDIA** pledge themselves to those other members who are broken by life. These trained lay people are already actively involved in ministering to folk within the congregation.

Feeling a little or a lot like Naomi? Call 879-0175 for details about becoming a friend with one of our Stephen Ministers. These members have been trained and equipped to show care and love to any who want or need it.