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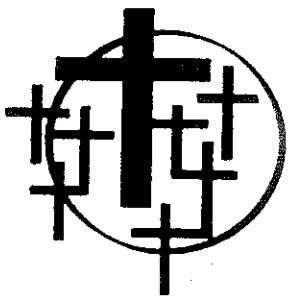
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

AUGUST, 1999



A Note From the Pastor...

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD!

"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with Him and His disciples.

Jesus eats with the broken. He dines with those who have failed. He sits at the table with those who do not have a pretty, perfect past. Does He eat at your table? Better yet, do you eat at His table?

Our worship facility, our new church building, is a fine new restaurant. Jesus is the chef, the waiter, the manager. He invites all to come and share in the banquet feast of mercy and forgiveness.

It is not true that because Jesus eats with sinners, He therefore condones sin. Quite the opposite! After the meal of mercy and forgiveness, He says to each one of us . . . "Go, and sin no more!" It remains true . . . Jesus came to those who are hungry and in need of "Good News" meal.

All Invited!

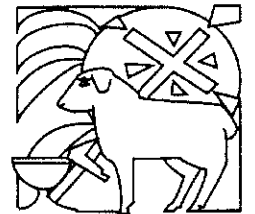
This passage needs to be the "baseline" verse of any ministry. We are invited to be the banquet-hall for our community. We must be willing to look at our programs, services, and ministry directions and shape them for the needs of

the starved in our community. The Christian's table is not a private table. Are we willing to invite, care and serve the meals of mercy to our community?

Remember, we all would "starve to death" without our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.

Good Dining,

Tim
Pastor Cartwright



AUGUST, 1999

Concordia Lutheran Church **CHRISTOGRAM**

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"Cream Can Social and Hoe-Down"
"Tenets, Tidbits, and Trails"
"A Blessing in 'NO' "

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

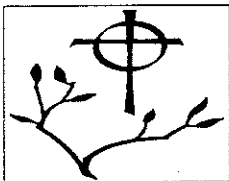
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ene Carrell gave an inspirational devotion at our Elder's meeting. He made us rethink the purpose of why God sent His only Son to die for our sins. It wasn't just a matter of sacrificing His life so ours can be saved, but to give us a mission to go out and tell others of this wonderful news.

There are too many lost souls who have not discovered salvation through the love of Jesus Christ. Days go by when we miss chances of reaching out to ones in need, because we become preoccupied with other things. In Mark 16:15, Jesus says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." We, as children of God, are committed to reaching out into this community and telling them the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our strength at Concordia is outreach, with many members willing to do what Jesus has commanded. Jean Smith is one of them. She is blessed with talents that can do many things for the church, congregation and community. I thank God for her and what she can bring to Concordia. As this church grows, Jean will be an inspiration, keeping the light shining for others to see the glorious works of Jesus Christ.

Take some time in the days ahead to reflect on your own outreach and pray for both the physical and spiritual structures of Concordia. Be inspired to reach out to others who need the good news of eternal salvation and the love God has for all of us.



Go in peace and serve the Lord!

Guy Wojtowicz
Elder

Cream Can Social & Hoe-down



It's time to dust off your hat and polish your boots.

You can't miss this evening of good food
and toe tapping square dancing fun.

Come as a couple, single and maybe invite a friend to
Concordia's Cream Can Social & Hoe-down.

It's a wonderful opportunity to
"swing your partner", "form a star"
and "promenade" through a wonderful evening of Christian
fellowship.

The western roundup of activities features:

Cream Can Social 5:30-7:00

Hoe-down (Squaredancing) 7:00-9:00

We have a caller coming!

Homemade pie & icecream

Served after the Hoe-down

Saturday, August 23th

at the home of Guy and Jody Wojtowicz

\$ 10.00 per person (Tickets will be available August 3th)

R.S.V.P. by August 22nd to Lianne Hass~371-1506

Ya'll come!



Monday Morning Moms
(Playgroup) will meet at
Strawberry Park Elementary
playground during the
month of August

LWML UPDATES . . .

If you would like to request
prayers for someone you
know, please call one of our
5 group leaders to start the
"Prayer Chain."

Days:

Rebecca Duryea, 879-6854

Marlys Cartwright, 879-8455

Evenings:

Joanne Boomgarden, 879-
8327

Pam Patterson, 879-3297

Jeri Taylor, 879-1081



Lynn Worrell is the
"sunshine chairperson" for
July, Aug, & Sept.

If you know of someone from
Concordia who is in need of a
home-cooked meal because
someone is in the hospital,
new parents, grieving a loss
from death, etc. please con-
tact Lynn, 879-3932.



News from the DCE - Marlys Cartwright

A TIME FOR JOY!

This month starts out with a joy-filled celebration of Vacation Bible School. I want to thank some special people for volunteering their time -

Barb Gibson, Becca Utu, Lia Utu, Cindy Klein, Judy Plumb, Donna Starbuck, Cindy Svendsen, Marilyn Meline, Lynn Jones, Janel Kammerer, Terry Denton, Julia Patterson, Taylor Patterson,

son, Taylor Patterson, Kelsey Patterson, Ellyn Myller, Jenna Hammerslag, Mary Beth Bradford, Suzanne Zimmerer, Kia Cartwright, Kelly Cartwright, Lianne Hass, Jody Wojtowicz, Rebecca Duryea, Michelle Wilkie, Abby Fritz, Pastor Cartwright, and all the members who donated cookies and the others who offered their prayers, time and talents.

We always have fun at Vacation Bible School - and this one will be no exception as we hear and sing about Jesus - the giver

and sing about Jesus - the giver of unstoppable joy!

Don't miss the program on Wednesday night, August 4th at 7:00 pm

Marlys



YOUTH BOARD NEWS



Coming up in September - a new Youth Newsletter edited by our own Anya Smith.

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Mark your calendars for August 20-21-22 for camping Friday night and backpacking with Gretchen Vandecarr. Call the church to reserve your spot. Equipment will be provided. Questions? - call 879-0175.

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We thank Dos Amigos and City Market for their fundraising partnership. We are looking forward to a Mission Trip 2000 and new furnishings for our new Youth Room!

-Marlys

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY NEWS . . .

We are one-fifth of the way through our training. As we learn, we would like to share our resources with all of you in the "Stephen's Ministry" section of our library. This is a partial list of books:

"Why Am I Afraid To Love?" (Overcoming Rejection)

"Bible Readings For Caregivers"

"The Promise of Hope - Coping When Life Caves In"

"Self-Care For Caregivers"

"Formerly A Wife-Survival Guide For Women Facing The Pain & Disruption of Divorce"

"Joy Comes In The Morning (The Power of Christian Encouragement)

"A Letter On Peace & Good Health"

"Caring Criticism - Building Bridges Instead of Walls"

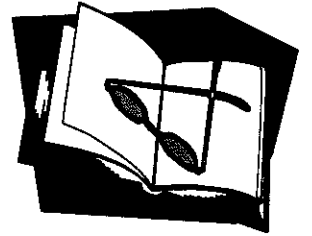
"Bedside Manners - Guide To Visiting The Ill"

"I'm Thinking of You - Spiritual Letters of Hope & Healing"

"The Lonely House - Strength For Times of Loss"

"Like Dew Your Youth - Growing Up with Your Teenager"

"How To Build a Step-Family That Really Works"



- PARENT TO PARENT -

Parent-Support Group meets August 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

We are having a BBQ at Wayne & Julie Ranieri's home, 1836 Alexander Way (Upper Huckleberry), 879-1997 or call Ellyn Myller at 871-1860.

Bring your own "grillables" and something to share. Beverages and paper goods will be provided. *SEE YOU THERE!*

Next Parent-Support Group meets September 3rd at the Church!

Potluck at 6:00 PM

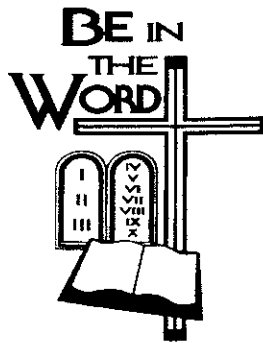
7:00 PM - "The Values We Share"

(Child Care Provided)

(REMINDER: We are collecting "The Values" you are passing on to your children on the "bullseye" in the narthex - only one month left!)

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!"



August 1999



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr - 9:15 am Youth Brd Mtg-9:15am VBS Staff Mtg-7 pm	2 Playgroup - 10 am at Strawberry Pk Elem Womens AA - 7 pm Outreach - 6:30 pm Crafts - 7 pm @ Harris	3 Bible Study - 6:30 am Elder's Mtg - 7 pm VBS, 9:00 - 11:30 am	4 VBS Program - 7 pm	5 Recovery - 7 pm	6 Parent-support group - 6-8 pm	7 Men's Breakfast - 7 am Bells - 9 am
8 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr - 9:15 am Baptism - (E) Baptism (L)	9 Playgroup - 10 am at Strawberry Pk Elem Womens AA - 7 pm Crafts - 7 pm	10 Bible Study - 6:30 am Church Council - 7:30 pm	11 Discovery - 7 pm	12 Recovery - 7 pm	13	14 Journey - 10 am
15 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr - 9:15 am Care team mtg - 9:15 a Prayer Vigil - 6-9 pm	16 Playgroup - 10 am at Strawberry Pk Elem Womens AA - 7 pm Crafts - 7 pm	17 Bible Study - 6:30 am	18 Discovery - 7 pm	19 Recovery - 7 pm	20	21
22 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr - 9:15 am ECC - 12:45 pm	23 Playgroup - 10 am at Strawberry Pk Elem Womens AA - 7 pm Crafts - 7 pm	24 Bible Study - 6:30 am	25 Discovery - 7 pm	26 Recovery - 7 pm	27	28 Cream Can Social & Hoe-Down - 5:30 pm @ Wojtowicz'
29 Worship 8/10:30 am Educ Hr - 9:15 am	30 Playgroup - 10 am at Strawberry Pk Elem Womens AA - 7 pm Crafts - 7 pm	31 Bible Study - 6:30 am				

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.

LIBRARY NEWS . . .

Did you know we have a new room? It is upstairs in our new addition! We also have a great selection of books for sale from Concordia Publishing House and they are displayed in our library. We have books for the summers' "I haven't got anything to do-o-o." people. Also, we have many other delightful choices for all other readers.

We are in the process of reorganizing the books by topics to make them more *user-friendly*.

We'd like to have a reading corner in the library and are looking for a bean bag chair (for the kids) and a nice comfy chair for adults. Do you have any extras that are looking for a new home? (If so, contact Pam 879-3297 if you are able to donate these items) A cassette player with earphones would be a useful addition, also.

Please come and check out the books that are for sale (they are on the shelves that are encircled in green tape). If you wish to purchase one (or more), please make a check payable to CPH and place in my mailbox. Prices are marked on the books and there is also a price list on the table.

A suggestion list for purchasing books for our library is also on the table in that room. What would *you* like to see on our shelves?

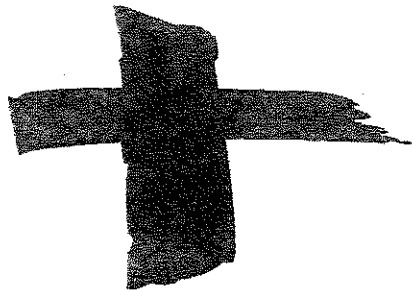


In His Holy Name,

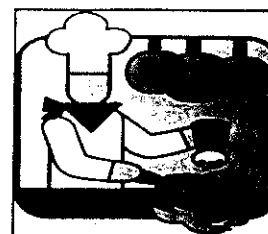
Pam Patterson
Librarian



Later, most folks would recall it as the last time they sang "Just as I Am" in the early service.



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



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



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



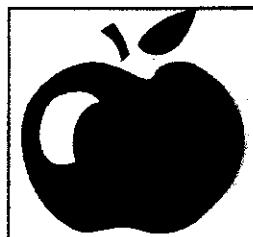
Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
at the Church
6:30 - 7:30 AM
Bring a Friend!



Monday Morning Moms
10 - 12 AM
Meet at Strawberry Park
Elementary
during August



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 will resume monthly
meetings in September.
Watch for details

LWML CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS

Ellyn and I thank the Concordia LWML for supporting us in our attending the LWML Convention in Minneapolis! The speakers and mission opportunities were inspiring. I also add my thanks to our women's guild for helping me with my "sister to sister" mission assignment to New Guinea in 2000 - visiting Julie and Steve Lutz, medical missionaries in that country.

-Marlys

A BLESSING IN "NO"

- I asked God to take away my pride. God said, "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."
- I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, "No. His spirit was whole, his body is only temporary."
- I asked God to grant me patience. God said, "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned."
- I asked God to give me happiness. God said, "No". I give you blessings, happiness is up to you."
- I asked God to spare me pain. God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."
- I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."
- I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, "No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."
- I ask God to help me *LOVE* others, as much as he loves me. God said . . . "Ahhh, finally you have the idea!"



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

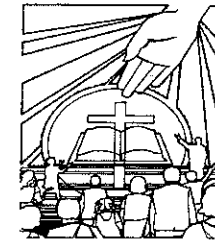
JULY STATISTICS

July Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	115
1992.....	137
1993.....	153
1994.....	194
1995.....	170
1996.....	184
1997.....	226
1998.....	209
1999.....	232

July 1999 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....	157 (E).....	45 (L).....	202 (T)
Week #2.....	(Dedication).....		261 (T)
Week #3.....	99 (E).....	112 (L).....	211 (T)
Week #4.....	117 (E).....	135 (L).....	252 (T)



Sudan Bulldozes Churches, Schools

(RNS) Four Episcopal Church of Sudan bishops visited a shanty town outside the Sudanese capital of Khartoum on May 21 to comfort residents there after government bulldozers leveled a school and a Christian church.

Bishop Gabriel Roric, who is also an official in the Islamic-led government, told the mostly Christian residents of Hay Baraka that the bishops would meet with top officials and demand compensation, alternative land and guarantees against similar incidents.

A government official said the buildings had been illegally built on "unzoned" land. The demolition occurred May 17.

The school, which served 1200 mostly Christian children, had been built in the shanty town created by Christians fleeing the fighting in Sudan's protracted civil war.

"This is barbarism. It is discrimination," said Solomon Ateng Amos, a community leader, pointing to the demolished buildings. Mosques and Koranic schools had remained untouched.

Earlier demolitions included a Presbyterian-owned church and school. Four Catholic schools in the region have been given demolition notices.