

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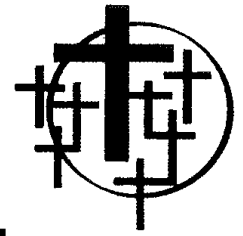
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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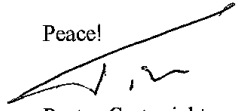
CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

MAY, 2000



A Note From the Pastor...

<p>To The Members and Friends of Concordia</p>	<p>..preach...whisper...shout...communicate...chew-the-fat...proclaim...etc.</p>	<p>freeing power associated with the truth of God's redeeming acts of love in Christ Jesus. If you choose not to worship or study with other Christians, perhaps you might ask yourself why?</p>
<p><i>Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!</i></p>	<p><i>If you have not shared the life-giving Gospel with another person, you might ask yourself why?</i></p>	<p>Your congregation is in place to help you become more strengthened in your faith so that you might tell others about this good news. The simple truth is that the Good News renews. It saves now and it saves eternally.</p>
<p>One Mercedes Benz TV commercial shows their car colliding with a cement wall during a safety test. Someone then asks the company spokesman why they do not enforce their patent on the Mercedes Benz's energy absorbing car body, a design evidently copied by other companies because of its success. He replies matter-of-factly, "Because some things in life are too important NOT to share."</p>	<p>A person does not have to be a Pastor or Theologian in order to talk about the "eternal, life-giving" news of the Gospel. There are children in our own families who are unaware of this news that Jesus Christ is real. There are friends that do not know the Gospel.</p>	<p>Come to your worship home and be refreshed by the Good News. Set it as a priority in your week to encounter the unspeakable power of a kind and gentle God. He loves you! He wants you to share His love with others. It is indeed a life-saving message.</p>
<p>Jesus invites us to "Go, therefore and teach." I like to replace the word teach with a whole spectrum of other words: Go therefore and tell..talk about...share...converse...instruct.</p>	<p>Your congregation is here in order that you might become better equipped to tell others the news that is too important NOT to share. If you have not shared the life-giving Gospel with another person...you might ask yourself why? Perhaps you have somehow missed the</p>	<p>Peace!</p>  <p>Pastor Cartwright</p>

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inside... "Who Brought You?" "A Mother's Day Prayer" "CONGRATULATIONS - Concordia Men's Basketball Team"

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

He has Risen! What wonderful words those are as we end our Lenten Journey. I began to think about the Lenten Journey back in January. At one of our Elder's meetings, Gene Carrell gave a devotion that he called "What Did You Get For Christmas?" It made me think of God's great gift to us: His only Son. He came to be our Savior and to teach us how to face all types of hardships and trials. He came not as the earthly king the people expected, but as our Heavenly King and Savior.

During Lent we have had worship or Bible studies on self-control, gentleness, patience, faithfulness, goodness, peace, kindness and love. Yes, we can have all those blessings from self-control to love if we just listen to and lean on Him.

What a wonderful gift God gave us. How are we using it?

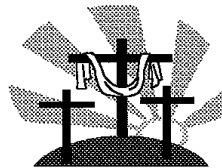
He went to His death on the cross for us. He rose and now sits at the right hand of God to intervene for us. The cross is now empty but stands as a reminder to us of what our Lord did, because of His great love for us.

Matthew 7:7-8 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Jesus opened that door for us. The cross is empty. He has Risen! Thank the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Walt Taylor
Elder



"JOIN HANDS DAY" - Sponsored by AAL and Concordia!
JUNE 17TH - A great day for volunteering together - youth, adults, and children - working on servant-events together (morning or afternoon).
Don't miss this day of FUN and CARING!

FROM YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT . . .

"Scoop From the Sup."

Who will teach the children, guide them on their way? We heard these words sung on Confirmation Sunday. Do you hear them ringing in your ears?

Then you won't want to miss coming to church on May 14th or 21st. These will be your opportunities to sign up to serve in next year's Sunday School ministry. If you haven't heard what we are doing, check your church box. It's NEW, its DIFFERENT, its EXCITING...its PASSING ON THE FAITH! We need you!!!

Ellyn Myller



PARENTS OF TEENS:

Our Parents of Teens Forum meets once a month to encourage one another in the parenting process. It is a gathering of God's people where we share our strengths and weaknesses, our insights and our needs, among brothers and sisters in faith who are involved in common parenting experiences. Don't miss our next meeting where we watch a video on discussing "hot topics" with the goal centered on improving communications - May 14th, 5:30 PM - dinner, 6:00 PM - discussion.

BOOK CLUB

Check your boxes for book reviews on the next 3 Book Club meetings:

May 1st - Into The Forest at Jean Smith's home, 40519 Steamboat Drive

June 5th - Encouraging Hands, Encouraging Hearts at Luther & Helen Berntson's home, 30 Alpine Drive

July 3rd - The Idiot at Brian & Jerry Thornton's home, 32885 McKinnis Way

***Always at 7:00 PM, Don't miss these wonderful evenings

LWML (Women's Guild) NEWS

The April meeting was held at church as part of our Lenten season services. The Elders gave us some beautiful reflections on the Spirit's gift of "Peace."

The annual spring Rummage Sale will be held on May 12th and 13th. We will need lots of help sorting the rummage and working the sale as well as cleaning up afterwards. You can bring in any outgrown (not outworn though please) rummage between April 24th and May 11th. Please sign up on the poster which will be hung in the narthex.

The May monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17th, at Pam Patterson's new home at 42225 Deer Rd, at 7:00 PM. Plan to carpool from church at 6:40 (Pam has very limited parking). Elections for a new President and Christian Growth Leader will be held at this meeting.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20th. The Women's Guild (LWML) will have a one-day retreat at the church entitled, "Faith is the Yes of the Heart." A basket will be placed in the narthex soon with registration information. We hope all the women of Concordia will attend.



PARENT TO PARENT

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 5th at 6:00 PM. Join us for our family potluck and a time of fellowship and games.

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY

Group II meets May 7th and 21st discussing "ministry to those who are dying" and "the small-step approach."

Group I meets May 14th and 21st to discuss ministry with the inactive! (check calendar for times)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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This year Vacation Bible School will be held from Tuesday, August 1st thru Thursday, August 3rd, 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Congratulations!

To Concordia's Men's Basketball Team which won FIRST PLACE in the city league tournament held in April. Members of the team are:

Bart Kounovsky	Steve Jones
Mike Beurskens	Hugh Scott
Mike Campbell	Nick Schoewe
Bruce Gorr	Danny
Chris Duryea	Jimmy



PROMISE KIDS

Ministering to those 3' and under.

Do you need a nursery?? Well, it is now available at the late service! Fully staffed with kind volunteers from your family of faith. Snack time, stories, coloring, play-time, cuddles, and diaper changes all available for the low price of FREE (just like God's grace.)!

TRUSTEES REPORT

We had 5 people at our workday on April 15th. We washed windows, cleaned screens and put them up, and put up FRP boards on the kitchen walls - this project is not quite finished yet. Thank you to those of you who were there to help.

Our next workday is tentatively scheduled for May 27th. Please make an effort to join us.

The Trustees,

Mike Beyer, Clair Erickson, Loretta Hammerslag, Frank Baird, Scott Myller, Bert Svendsen



Notes from the DCE - Marlys Cartwright

In May, we celebrate the National Day of Prayer - so in this newsletter you will find a mother's prayer in honor of Mother's Day and a congregational prayer in honor of Friendship Sunday.



In my article this month I have included some prayers for your use this month: Martin Luther's favorite Old Testament verse was Isaiah 30:15, "In quietness and confidence shall your strength be." Prayer is the place we begin to find those moments of quiet and confidence in God.

C. S. Lewis said, "The real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first

job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind."

Here are some prayers to start your day:

For Home:

"Bless our home, Father, that we cherish the bread before there is none, discover each other before we leave, and enjoy each other for what we are, while we have time." -Hawaiian prayer

For Help:

"Living Christ, I'm in over my head. This situation is getting beyond me. Take over, take over all the way. Fill this room, this place, and all of us who are in it with your empowered presence. I give all this to you. I thank you that you are here and that your light and love are enfolding us at this very moment. In your name, in your word, in your power. Amen. -Flora Slosson Wuellner

For Friendship (old and new):

For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your

fire, we praise you, O God. For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own, we praise you, O God.

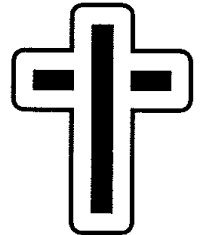
-Janet Morley England

This month we have many opportunities to celebrate our Risen Lord. I look forward to seeing you and your friends on Friendship Sunday. And for the women - don't miss the May 20th Saturday Retreat on "Faith, the Yes of the Heart."

This month my prayer for you - that you may have a taste, some inkling, of the JOY that God has prepared for you.

He Is Risen!

Marlys



“We had hoped.”

A word from your Parish Administrator

We are post-resurrection Christians. For the Christians who witnessed our Lord and Savior's death on the cross, however, there was a time of great despair. A time of hiding. A time of saying, "what now?" For them, it was a time of post-crucifixion. Post-death.

I was at a study this summer where the pastor, Dan Erlander, talked about the loss of hope among the early Christians. He asked, "What are the three most despairing words in the Bible?" They are found (at least, in Erlander's opinion) in Luke 24:13-35. These passages tell the story of Jesus meeting two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. As they walk along they discuss the death of Jesus. Jesus asks, them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to

be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but *we had hoped* that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel."

We had hoped. Words of despair for the followers of Jesus. Their redemption was riding on Jesus but, alas, he was crucified. He died. He was buried. They believed someone had stolen his body from the tomb. Their hopes were dashed. This is not true for Christians today. We know the rest of the story. It took Jesus' followers longer to recognize that He was alive and walking alongside them; that Jesus had risen and conquered death.

"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Have you thought the worst only to receive incredibly good news? Imagine Cleopas' despair turning to joy at the meal Jesus shared with he and his companion in Emmaus. The *hopeless* followers realize that their hope has been fulfilled - Jesus, their Redeemer

has saved all of God's people from their sins. As their hearts burned within them, our hearts should burn within us as well. We no longer have to live in a world of second guessing our hopes. We do not have to place our bets on the saving power of God. Death and sin do not have the final word. Our hope in Christ as our Savior never has to enter the past tense of 'we had hoped.' Our hope in Christ's saving grace is a certainty.

It is because of this certain hope Paul is able to say in Philippians 4:11-13 "- I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Everything through him who gives us a hope and a future. This world no longer defines us. Our God does. His grace does. Remember this wonderful good news as you go through your daily lives. We hope with certainty.

Jean

APRIL STATISTICS

April 2000 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....	36 (Sat).....	117 (E).....	94 (L).....	247 (T)
Week #2.....	29 (Sat).....	189 (9AM-one service).....	218 (T)	Voting Assembly
Week #3.....	46 (Sat).....	153 (E).....	255 (L).....	454 (T) Confirmation
Week #4.....	89 (Sunrise).....	168 (E).....	189 (L).....	446 (T) Easter
Week #5.....	Not available at printing			



WHO BROUGHT YOU?

One time I was attending a spirituality retreat and the leader asked, "Who was responsible for bringing you into the faith?" There were various answers, ranging from parents, to spouse, to best friends, etc.

Someone needs to take the first step in bringing people to Christ and the Church, especially those who are on the outside looking in.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY is a great opportunity for you to be at least one person in someone's life willing to take a step in bringing someone to the Faith.

Be sure to spiritually prepare during the week of May 1st with the flyer that was in your mailbox on Easter Sunday. As the flyer suggests, prayerfully make that invitation to attend on May 7th!



Yours in Faith and Outreach,

David R. Freseman

April Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	131
1992.....	141 (E)
1993.....	218 (E)
1994.....	245 (E)
1995.....	270 (E)
1996.....	249 (E)
1997.....	211
1998.....	311 (E)
1999.....	300 (E)
2000.....	339 (E)

(E) - Easter Sunday fell during this month in this year

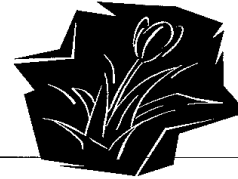
Concordia's Theme 2000

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are."
I Thessalonians 5:11



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Playgroup - 1:00 PM Womens AA - 7 PM Book Club - 7:00 PM at Jean Smith's	2 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM Elders Mtg - 7 PM	3 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery Bible Study - 7PM	4 Womens Study - 9 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	5 AA Group - 6 PM Parent To Parent - 6:00 to 8:00 PM	6 Worship - 5:30 PM
7 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr - 9:15 AM "Friendship Sunday" Outreach 4:30 PM Stephen's II - 7 PM	8 Playgroup - 1:00 PM Womens AA - 7 PM	9 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM Church Council - 7:30 PM	10 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery Bible Study - 7PM	11 Womens Study - 9 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	12 AA Group - 6 PM 9 AM - 7 PM ← Rummage	13 Worship - 5:30 PM 9 AM - Noon Sale →
14 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr - 9:15 AM Youth Group - 5:30 PM Parents/Teens - 5:30 PM Stephen's I - 8:00 PM	15 Playgroup - 1:00 PM Womens AA - 7 PM	16 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM	17 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery Bible Study - 7PM LWML - 7 PM at Pam Patterson's Youth Breakfast - 8:30 AM	18 Womens Study - 9 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	19 AA Group - 6 PM	20 Worship - 5:30 PM Men's Breakfast, 7-8 AM Women's Retreat 9AM - 5 PM
21 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr - 9:15 AM "Senior High Gradua- tion Recognition" Stephen's I/II - 7 PM Concordia Singles' Ministry	22 Playgroup - 1:00 PM Womens AA - 7 PM	23 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM	24 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery Bible Study & Potluck - 6 PM	25 Womens Study - 9 AM Choir - 6 PM Bells - 7 PM Recovery - 7 PM	26 AA Group - 6 PM	27 Worship - 5:30 PM Journey - 10 AM Workday, 9-noon (tentative)
28 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr - 9:15 AM E.C.C. - 12:45 PM	29 MEMORIAL DAY Womens AA - 7 PM	30 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM	31 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery Bible Study - 7 PM			

ENCOURAGING THE FAITHFUL (10 suggestions)

1. Challenge "Steamboat Time" by arriving on time for worship services and ministry events.
2. Make sure you use the restroom prior to the beginning of worship services.
3. Take young children to the restroom prior to worship. Help reduce the number of trips necessary during worship hour.
4. If you smoke, please smoke outside the facility. Please take care of your "butts" after smoking.
5. Teach young children the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Invocation, and the Benediction at home. When these are spoken during worship be sure to highlight them to link children with worship service. Help your child participate.
6. Use the narthex (entrance area-mailbox area) as a "buffer" zone. The narthex has always been used as a place to get ready for worship. The narthex is a place to "calm down" and transition.
7. Please be careful with coffee and juices in the sanctuary.
8. Take a moment to clean up the pew in which you sat as you leave worship.
9. Please take all "lost" or forgotten items from the coat room in the entrance area of the church.
10. When you enter the sanctuary be mindful that some individuals are taking time to pray and meditate prior to worship. Please respond accordingly.

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You won't win a million dollars answering the following questions, but you may get a chuckle or two after reading the answers.

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
 Answer: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
 Answer: God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a *Fury*.
 David's *Triumph* was heard throughout the land.
 Honda...because the apostles were all in one *Accord*.

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?
 Answer: When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
 Answer: Samson. He brought the house down.

PRAYER FOR FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

From "Grant Us Your Peace" by David Grant

Psalm 147:1-11,20c

We praise you, our God.

Is a song of praise fitting in our congregation? Have we recognized your graciousness? Do we see the evidence of your building up our fellowship? And whose task is it to build up the fellowship? We think it may partly be our responsibility.

Where are the outcasts, the brokenhearted, the wounded? Are they gathered, healed enfolded?

Lord God, make us true to your calling, to draw together outcasts in congregation, to nourish the broken in the assembly, to bind wounds in communion.

So that each may reach stardom, and our praise dazzle you in brightness against the backdrop of dark death.

For you are the God who orders stars and seasons, and energizes seed, and provides; you are the God who builds the church with the downtrodden, the ostracized, the lonely the isolated.

Your vote is for them, transforming them into welcome companions, neighbors, forgers of the family circle; and neither the power of political force, not the personality of the beautiful people, receive your vote.

So, we, the ordinary, who become extraordinary by your presence, we praise you today and always.

In the name of the One who proclaims the gospel. Amen

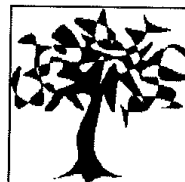


A Mother's Prayer on Mother's Day

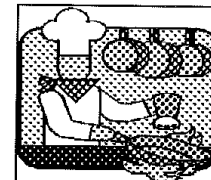
Lord, as once the mothers of Israel brought their children to you that you might bless them, so now we come to you bringing with us in our hearts those children who are especially dear to each one of us. Kneeling in the shadow of your great love for them, your most glorious and perfect prayer to the Father for them, we say their names in your presence . . .

You alone know what awaits them in life, and the special needs of each one of them, and we humbly trust them to your never-failing mercy and almighty love. We ask only that you will keep them close to you now and forever.

-Elizabeth Goudge, England (1900-1984)



Parent To Parent Group meets this month on Friday, May 5, 2000 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall (Potluck-childcare provided)



Men's Breakfast Saturday May 20, 2000 7:00 - 8:00AM in Fellowship Hall Invite A Friend!



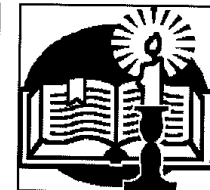
Discovery Bible Study Wednesdays - 7:00 PM at the Church (3rd/4th grade classroom) Prayers - 6:30 PM (childcare provided)



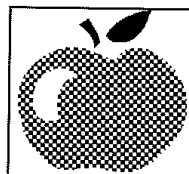
Tuesday Morning Bible Study at the Church (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 - 7:30 AM All are welcome!



Monday Mom's Playgroup 1:00 to 3:00 PM meet at Lil Toot's Park (bad weather? - back at Elyn's, 652 Ruby Sq) -no meeting May 29th-



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM at the church library (Childcare Provided)



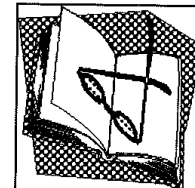
Recovery Room Thursdays 7:00 PM at the Church in the Library



The next LWML gathering will be May 17, 2000 at 7:00 PM at Pam Patterson's, 42225 Deer Rd (carpool from church at 6:40)



PARENTS OF TEENS Sunday, May 14, 2000 Meet at 5:30 PM for dinner followed by a special topic in the chapel



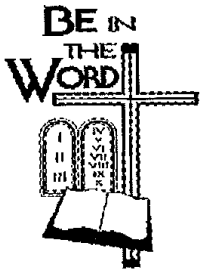
BOOK CLUB will meet at 7:00 PM at Jean Smith's home, 40519 Steamboat Drive This month's Book: "Into The Forest"

Tuesday Bible Study:

Meet and study the Word of God prior to work. This study begins at 6:30 am and is done promptly at 7:30 am. 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.