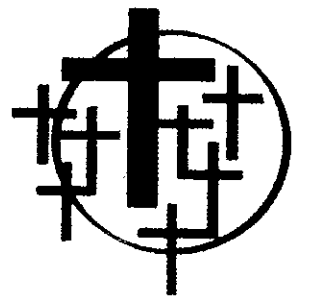


# CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

JULY, 2000

*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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## A Note From the Pastor...

*Greeting in the Name of our Risen Lord!*

Dear Members and Friends of Concordia,

The following words come from a song entitled, "There is a Friend" by the musical group River.

*There is a friend closer than a brother  
Who will be there every step you take.  
Through every trial through every tribulation  
His faithfulness will be your strength  
His faithfulness will be your strength*

Transitions are exciting and difficult at the same time. Our family will be making a major transition soon. This will be both exciting and difficult. Concordia Lutheran Church will be making major transitions soon. Beautiful

Savior Lutheran Church in Spokane will be making transitions soon. This will be both exciting and difficult.

*I will rest knowing God's faithfulness will be my strength.*

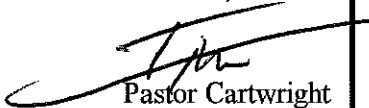
As your Pastor, I would like for you to know what will be my strength in the coming time of transition. I will rest knowing God's faithfulness will be my strength. I will rest knowing that I have a friend closer than a brother. I will take every step knowing He (Jesus) will be there. I will rest knowing His presence will be there through every trial and tribulation.

I will take time in the coming weeks to thank God for all His gifts. You are among those gifts. I will pray. I will

worship. I will attend the Lord's Table. I will read God's good Word. I will rest knowing that God is present. I will work at not fretting. I will recognize that God does not abandon His people.

Trials teach us about God's strength. Times of transition can teach us about God's faithfulness in a very real and unique way. Do not attempt the journey in the coming months on your own strength. Trust that God's faithfulness will be with you every step of the way.

In Christ,

  
Pastor Cartwright



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## 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

Registration forms are included in this newsletter and may be turned in today (to office or brown box under mailboxes)



## WELCOME!

We welcome 50 high school students from Minneapolis to help us open the first night of Vacation Bible School on August 1st. VBS closing will be August 3rd, Thursday night at 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

Coming This Fall . . .

"DINER'S CLUB"

Watch for details in the August newsletter!

## "Scoop from the Sup . . ."



We are well on our journey with Joshua into the promised land! We have dug up a few things that Joshua needed to lead God's people, such as good advise, sound guidance, and courage.

One of the things that we are proposing to do is hide God's word in our hearts. Even the leaders (that means me!). This week the verse we are memorizing is from Deuteronomy 31:6, "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.*"

For some quirky reason, as I have been working on this verse, I keep saying... "Don't be discouraged..." instead of, "Be strong and courageous." I looked up the meaning of discouraged and it is defined as being deprived of courage. What robs us of our courage? Fear! In II Timothy 1:7, we are reminded that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline. As a church we are heading into a period of unknowns which naturally can cause fear. Let's be strong and courageous! Let's remember Pentecost, when God gave us His Spirit, a spirit of power, love and self-discipline.

We do not have to be afraid because GOD GOES WITH US. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE US NOR FORSAKE US.

## Thoughts from the DCE - Marlys Cartwright

### WHY I GO TO CHURCH

**A**nne LaMott, in her book, *Traveling Mercies*, tells why she makes her little boy, Sam, go to church even though none of his friends attend. Jokingly, she first says, "I make him, because I can. I outweigh him by 75 pounds."

"But that is only a part of it. The main reason is that I want to give him what I found. Most of the people who have what I want - which is to say, purpose, heart, balance, gratitude, joy - are people of faith, people in community. A human life is like a single letter of the alphabet. It can be meaningless. Or it can be part of a great meaning. Our little church is filled with people working together in the name of Christ."

Anne goes on to write, "When I was at the end of my rope, the people of St. Andrews became my home in the old meaning of **home** - that it's where, when you show up, they let you in. They even said, 'you come back now!'"



Church is home to me and my family. Never was that illustrated so beautifully as the Sunday morning 3 years ago when David Kelley, a toddler, went to the Lord's Table with his family. I noticed his joyful grin when he received the blessing. During the hymns he was up there again and again even amongst strangers to receive "numerous blessings." Finally, he joined our family, with a great big hug! David gave me a blessing that day - he "lived out" the JOY it is to receive generous blessings from God through Jesus.

It is my prayer that church will continue to be that place of joy and "home" as we gather together to encourage and strengthen each other and take it back into our worlds to share God's GOOD WORD with others. May we see, with our eyes of faith, the same welcoming arms of Jesus that David Kelley saw and then open the door for others to encounter that place of newness and forgiveness we love so well!

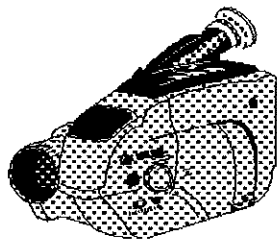
**STEPHEN'S MINISTRY  
(For July)  
Groups I & II**

Wednesday, July 12th,  
8:15 PM

Thursday, July 20th,  
7:00 PM

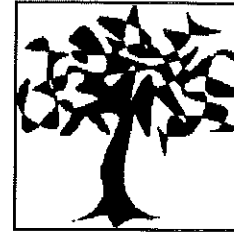
**CONCORDIA VIDEO**

Thong Truong has generously volunteered to put together a video of Concordia past and present, along with cameos of anyone interested in participating, to give to the Cartwright's before they leave for Spokane. If you have any pictures (past or present) please get them to Thong by July 16th! Also, if you are interested in a cameo appearance on the video, contact Thong by July 16th!



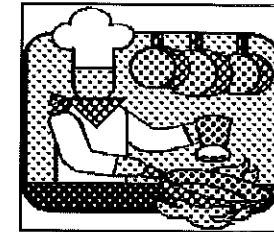
**ENCOURAGING THE FAITHFUL  
(10 suggestions)**

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.

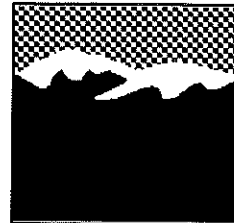


**Parent To Parent Group**

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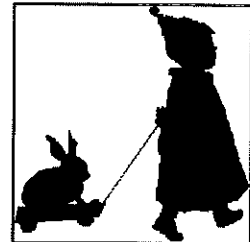
**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday  
July 8, 2000  
7:00 - 8:00AM  
**in Fellowship Hall**  
Invite A Friend!



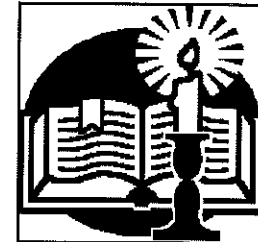
**Discovery Bible Study**  
Wednesdays - 7:00 PM  
at the Church  
(3rd/4th grade classroom)  
Prayers - 6:30 PM  
(childcare provided)



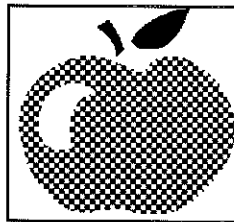
**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
at the Church (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 - 7:30 AM  
All are welcome!



**Monday Mom's Playgroup**  
will not meet during July.  
(Playgroup will resume in August on Fridays from 10:00 AM to noon at Ellyn's, 652 Ruby Sq)



**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

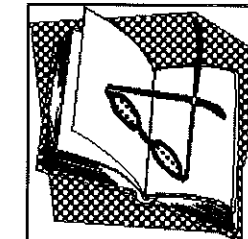


LWML will not meet again until September.  
The next LWML gathering will be the retreat on September 22nd and 23rd.



**PARENTS OF TEENS**

will not meet during the summer. Watch for details for upcoming meetings starting in September.



**BOOK CLUB**  
will meet on July 17th at 7:00 PM at the Thornton's home, 32885 McKinnis Way  
This month's book:  
"The Idiot"

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**"BARN DANCE"**

Sponsored by the Youth Group for the entire congregation on Saturday, August 5th, 6:00 PM at "The Wojtowicz Ranch"! Come for supper and enjoy the music of Randy Kelley's Band! The \$10 ticket (per adult) will go to support the thirty-plus kids who are attending the New Orleans Youth Gathering next summer. We hope to have a HUGE turn-out from the entire congregation! So put this one on your calendar!

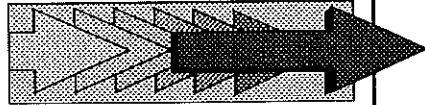


MORE YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ...

**"AFTERNOON AT THE LAKE!"**



After church on Sunday, August 6th, everybody at Concordia is welcome to join the Youth for a day at Steamboat Lake. Bring your friends. We'll picnic for supper, go boating, fishing, hiking, swimming, sunning, all kinds of water fun! If you have a boat to share, call Loretta Hammerslag, 879-2527 or Marlys Cartwright, 879-0175. Fun for the whole family! Don't miss out!



**JOIN HANDS DAY!**

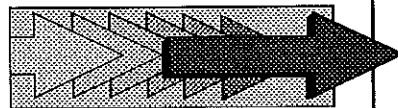
*Some thoughts on "working together"...*

We began the day with prayer in the name of Jesus, and asked blessings on the work of 46 people, and the monetary donations of 25+ more folks, leaving the total involved at 71!

The biggest joy of the day were the kids working with the adults of all ages on each project! We sent thank you's to each individual and family. The projects accomplished included: Relay For Life - raising money for cancer research. House-painting & Roof repair - 13 folks involved. Church Workday - painting parking lines, cleaning, planting, preparing for sod, sprinkler, etc. Cleaning our Highway - picking up trash. Cleaning & Sorting - clothes at Lift-Up.

This day was a highlight of the month of June!

Thanks,  
Mariys



**JOINHANDSDAY**  
it starts with us