

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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Our "First" Note from the Pastor...

Our "first" message from Pastor Tim came in the July Newsletter in 1992. His message is still appropriate for us now as we transition once again. God's work continues at Concordia and at Beautiful Savior. God has 'surprises' in store for all of us.

To the Members and Friends of Concordia:

Greetings in the name of our gracious Lord and King!

"Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (II Corinthians 4:16)

Do you recognize the telephone number, 879-2400? It was a very critical number for our family to be aware of as we made the move to this Steamboat community. In just a few lines I will tell you "who" you will reach when you ring that number (if you haven't already guessed it.)

Marlys and I and the kids have sorted through all of our personal items in the last few weeks of our lives. Moving has forced us to evaluate our priorities. It has compelled us to look at our "stuff" with a most critical eye. Some of our belongings we packed ever so carefully. Some items did

not need careful packing. Some items we just tossed into boxes... leaving them for future discovery... like mini-Christmas packages. However, some items we gave away. Some items were discarded. Some items headed for the dumpster, to be hauled by MacIntyre Sanitation of Burley, Idaho.

Believe it or not, when we arrived on this end, we still had "stuff" to toss. We actually packed junk. Boy, were we in need of "waste disposal" when we arrived! 879-2400 is the number of Rocky Mountain Waste Disposal. I spied the number on the side of a truck as it crawled through our neighborhood. Needless to say, I gave them a call. One can't let that garbage accumulate!

We may have "dumpstered" certain household items as we made the move. Yet, we did not discard the friends in Christ that God gave us in Eden, Idaho. We treasure those memories and relationships. It will now be "friendship at a distance."

Outwardly, it seemed, we were wasting away. "Things" were falling apart. We had to take apart beds, barbeques, chairs, sewing machines, toys, mowers, etc. One got the feeling that life was indeed temporary. We had to leave our cat, Shalom, in Idaho. The heart

hurt.

Nevertheless, God is indeed gracious! The promise is that we will be renewed...day by day. God has given us a new home. He has provided new friends. He has been with us in the transition. He is with us day by day. We are looking forward to digging into the "surprises" that God has in store for us here in Steamboat.

879-2400 will get your "waste" disposed of here in Steamboat. It is a service you must pay for by the month. However, God has graciously taken our "waste" and brokenness upon himself through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of sin, we are outwardly wasting away. Yet, because of Jesus, we do not lose heart. We do not lose heart because we are being renewed day by day. This renewal starts with Baptism. This renewal is strengthened by the Lord's Supper. This renewal is encouraged by the sure Word of God. We lift our hearts of prayer and praise to God for His gifts. We thank Him for graciously taking our waste.

In Christ,

Pastor Cartwright

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

It's wonderful to see how God works. He brought to Concordia a pastor and his family, inspiring us to know that God's love is real. Their energy and excitement is something we should bottle and preserve for those special moments. Pastor Tim Cartwright and his family have given so much to the church and community that it is hard to know where to begin thanking them. One way would be to respond to the same kindness and respect that they have always shown us, to appreciate the efforts and talents of everyone within the church, to reach out to those in need, and to give a little of your time and money.

God does work in mysterious ways and I know He will bless this church again with a wonderful pastor; a pastor that will be inspired by this congregation's love of Jesus Christ as our Savior; a pastor that will see the generosity and kindness of this congregation; a pastor that will be encouraged by the presence of a caring congregation. For you see, a pastor can be only as good as the people within the church and our congregation is fantastic.

I'd be lying if I said I wouldn't miss Pastor Tim and his family. I will, because I love them all very much and I'll miss them even more. The tears that I shed while writing this are filled with happiness and sorrow. Happy to know that God's love will spread throughout Spokane, Washington - sorrow to know that a great family will be terribly missed in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Take care, Pastor Tim, Marlys, Katie, Kia and Kelly. For God's love will always be with you and so will ours.



Go in peace and serve the Lord,

*Guy Wojtowicz
Elder*

MORE YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS . . .

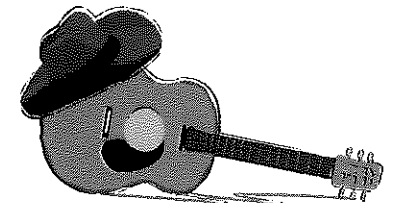
"AFTERNOON AT THE LAKE!"

After church on **Sunday, August 6th**, everybody at Concordia is welcome to join the Youth for a day at Steamboat Lake. Invite your friends. Bring your own picnic lunch(es) - we'll eat together about 4:00 PM. Plan to go boating, fishing, hiking, swimming, sunning, all kinds of water fun! Call Loretta Hammerslag, 879-2527 for details and if you have a boat to use. Fun for the whole family! Don't miss out!



"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! (Anyone wishing to help underwrite the cost of the band contact the office, 879-0175)

LWML (Women's Guild)

Looking Ahead . . . The Women's Guild will not meet again until September. We will open with a retreat on September 22nd and 23rd. Mark your calendars now and look for more information to follow. The guild still has openings for service in our various meeting and events for the upcoming year. Ellyn may be calling you to see if God has asked you to serve in some way.

Lynn Worrell is the Sunshine Chairman for the months of July, August and September. Please let either her or Cindy know if you have a need for a meal due to sickness, bereavement, etc. Have a fun and blessed summer ladies - see you at the retreat in September!

Craft Nights for August will be:

- Monday, August 7th at Cindy Svendsen's, 671 Amethyst Drive, 879-7028
- Monday, August 14th at Elaine Stroncek's, 850 Aspen, 879-2442
- Monday, August 21st at Helen Berntson's, 30 Alpine Drive, 870-9675
- Monday, August 28th at Helen Berntson's, 30 Alpine Drive, 870-9675



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“2000 Ark Avenue”

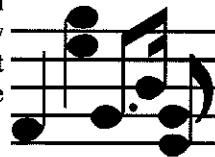
Vacation Bible School will be held from Tuesday thru Thursday, August 1st thru 3rd, 5:30 to 8:00 PM (meal provided)

Registration is \$5 per child. Forms for sign-up are included in this newsletter and may be turned in today (to the office or brown box under mailboxes) Everyone is invited to attend the closing service on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM.



WELCOME!

We welcome 30 high school students from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, Minnesota who will provide special music for our one Worship Service, 10:00 AM on Sunday, July 30th (Annual Church Picnic) and they will help us open the first night of Vacation Bible School on August 1st.



“Scoop from the Sup . . .”



With a shout the walls of Jericho came down! Read about it in Joshua 5:13-6:20.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Yes, the walls came tumbling down! Joshua put his trust in God, he remembered all the ways God had been faithful to him and the Israelites. God had brought them out of slavery in Egypt, parted the Red Sea, provided food and water for them in the dessert, held back the raging waters of the Jordan so that they could pass into Canaan, the Promised Land. Joshua knew he could trust God to do whatever He said He would do. Joshua had to be careful not to lean on his own understanding. We must be careful, too. God's perspective on things is a whole lot clearer than ours. Let us remember to acknowledge Him as our guide as we walk the path that is before us. Let us be reminded of all the ways that God has been faithful to each of us individually and to this family of faith called Concordia Lutheran. Let us spur one another on in our faith through the memories of God's faithfulness to us. Share your experience with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Encourage one another to TRUST GOD!

This letter appeared in our May 1992 Christogram. How we have appreciated the sharing of the Good News by this gracious family! The Easter Words Tim and Marlys have spoken here still echo in our hearts, “He is Risen!” “Because He lives, no defeat is more than transitory, no disappointment is conclusive. There is absolutely nothing in life of death that will ever come between us and the love of God.”



To the Members of Concordia and Pastor Dave,

For all your hospitality during our “Spring Break” visit, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We recently completed a marvelous Passion Week and Easter celebration here at Trinity Lutheran in Eden, Idaho. The farewells are now underway as we prepare for our new ministry with you at Concordia. The message of Good Friday accompanies us as we reflect on a new beginning—and new friendships. When God wished to tell the world “I am in it with you,” He chose a manger; but when God wished to tell the world, “I am in it with you, regardless!”, He chose the cross! We have a wonderful future together with you under that cross.

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We look forward to serving our Risen Lord with all of you in the near future. God bless your Easter Season!

Love in Christ,
The Cartwright family
Tim, Marlys, Katie, Kia and Kelly

“This week at Concordia:” A word from your Parish Administrator

**We're All Welcomed.
We're Each Important.
We're Not Alone.**

These are three promises of God we will be learning about in Vacation Bible School next week. They are as important for us as adults as they will be for our children to hear again and again.

Through the story of God saving Noah and making a covenant to all people *we discover the promise: we're all welcomed.* On day two we will learn about the good shepherd and how Jesus looks for the lost sheep and *we discover the promise: we're each important.* And on the final day the story of Daniel's amazing life and his rescue from the lions' den will be shared. *We discover the promise: we're not alone.*

Do we reflect these promises of God in our congregation? Do we encourage the people around us with this wonderful Good News?

We often hear about the 30+ areas of ministry going on at Concordia from Pastor Tim. As Martin Luther would say, *“What does this mean?”*

When the newsletter deadline comes around, Cindy and the staff try to get the calendar right. The squares are filled in with the meetings and events which are a part of these 30+ ministries at our church. When the weekly insert states what's going on 'This

week at Concordia:' it is just a sign of what really takes place. If I were to explain what really goes on here during the week it would never fit into a square or a bullet list. It would require several chapters, a whole newsletter—perhaps a book. I would hope and pray that Concordia's calendar reflects the promises of God—Promises which will be shared with your children and your community next week.

Through Bible Studies and Elders' Meetings, Education Hours and Craft Nights, I would hope that we are sharing and learning these truths: we are not alone, we are



each important, and we are all welcome to share in this wonderful gift of God's saving grace and mercy.

Craft night might sound like a night of gluing and cutting. Talented people gather together at someone's home to ultimately share in a mission effort—the giving away of thousands of dollars to ensure that others who have not heard the Good News learn of these promises. And I am certain there is not just the crafting of projects which goes on, but a crafting of relationships as well. It is a time to gather in fellowship with one another, to share in the weeks joys and sorrows; to laugh with abandon, or share in the shedding of tears. We

learn of God's love through the care and love of others.

Encourage one another with these promises. Join fellow members in one of those 'signs' of ministry on the calendar—Choir, Discovery Bible Study, Worship, Education Hour, Craft Night, or the Prayer Concerns of the Church at 6:30 PM on a Wednesday. God is at work in our calendar of events.

Craft relationships. Pray with one another. Share the promises of God with the kids or adults in Sunday School or at a Youth Group activity.

“Our God is a great God, providing for all our needs, giving us daily bread and supplies for our every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. Our response to God's love is the focus of our lives. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are daughters and sons of God. We minister to one another. Praise God for the daily provision of our every need.”

Sound familiar? Martin Luther would say, *“This is most certainly true.”* Therefore, share the promises. Jesus death and resurrection has set us free to live in victory. Minister to one another. Praise God from whom *all blessings* flow.

This Week at Concordia:
Reflecting the promises of God.

JULY STATISTICS

July Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	103
1992.....	141
1993.....	155
1994.....	135
1995.....	179
1996.....	153
1997.....	236
1998.....	267
1999.....	221
2000.....	254

July 2000 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....	19 (Sat).....	91 (E).....	128 (L).....	238 (T)
Week #2.....	38 (Sat).....	112 (E).....	105 (L).....	255 (T)
Week #3.....	27 (Sat).....	120 (E).....	139 (L).....	286 (T)
Week #4.....	12 (Sat).....	92 (E).....	134 (L).....	238 (T)
Week #5.....	NA	NA	NA	



Concordia's Wish List

The following is a list of several items that Concordia is in need of, but have not been budgeted for. If anyone is interested in helping out with the purchase of or would like to donate an item from the list (in good condition), please contact the office:

- Help underwrite the cost of the band, “Sundog”, for the August 5th Barn Dance.
- Digital camera
- Special Music
- VCR
- Color TV (19" or larger)
- Pleated shades for Sunday School rooms



Cartwright's Celebration

A time for the entire community and Concordia to say “goodbye” to the Cartwright family before their journey to Spokane, Washington will be at both worship services on Sunday, August 13th. There will be refreshments following both services (8:00 AM and 10:30 AM).



A Congregational Dinner will be held this same evening, (August 13th) for members and friends of Concordia at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite or “special” side dish (along with the recipe on a card to give to Cartwright's). Meat, beverages and dessert provided. Program and video to follow. RSVP to the office, 879-0175 or Sher Scheiwe, 879-8990.

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

Saturday, August 5th,
**Stephen's Retreat for
Stephen's II**
8:30 AM to Noon

Wednesday, August 9th,
8:15 PM (Stephens I & II)

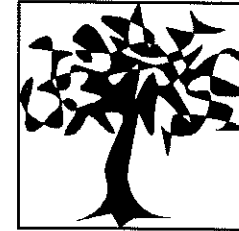
Wednesday, August, 23rd,
8:15 PM (Stephens I & II)

PROMISE KIDS

Thank you to all the wonderful caregivers who have helped in the Promise Kids' Nursery. We are gradually making some changes to our nursery environment to help in keeping our toddlers happy and safe. Please come down and check it out, or better yet, volunteer one Sunday this year to give some TLC to a toddler. Call Ellyn, 871-1860.

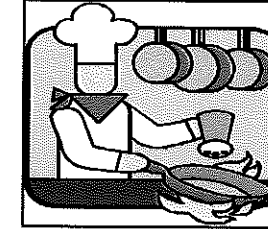


Nursery is always available during the 10:30 worship service.

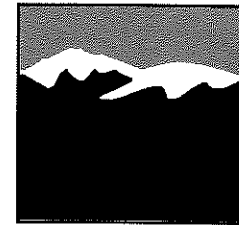


Parent To Parent Group

will not meet in August.
(Please plan to attend the "Barn Dance" on Saturday, August 5th at 6:30 PM)



Men's Breakfast
Saturday
August 12, 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!

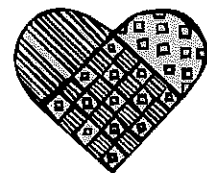
Coming soon! Concordia Diners' Club

The Fellowship Board is starting up a "Diners' Club" at Concordia to encourage new friendships. This is how it works: Sign-up as a couple or single adult and say, "Yes! I want to get to know more people at Concordia." Beginning in September and for the next three months members will gather at someone's home once a month in a group of 8. The host home will prepare the meal. Can't cook? No big deal. Stouffers makes an awesome lasagna and you can find it in your freezer section. Pizza works. Gourmet cook? Hey, have at it! BUT the whole point is to gather around a meal with fellow Christians and share in some conversation. Friendships are the goal. At the end of four months your group changes.



Fellowship Adventures in Dining

Sign up on the sheets underneath the mailboxes during the month of August. Questions? Call the office or see someone on the Fellowship Committee: Sher Scheiwe, Kim & Thong Truong, David Luchtenburg, Kathy Bertrand or Barbara Youngs.



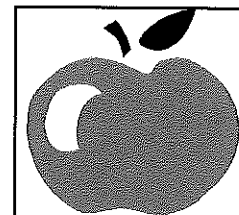
Share a meal—"Encourage one another."



Monday Mom's Playgroup
will meet on Fridays in August from 10:00 to noon at Ellyn Myller'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

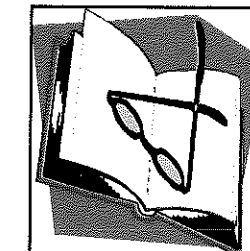


LWML will not meet again until September. The next LWML gathering will be the retreat on September 22nd and 23rd. Mark your calendars.



PARENTS OF TEENS

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



BOOK CLUB
will meet on Monday, August 7th at 7:00 PM at Jean Smith's home, 40519 Steamboat Drive.
This month's book: "The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe"



August



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Elders Mtg - 7 PM	2 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery - 7 PM VBS (5:30 - 8:00)	3 Women's Study—9 AM Recovery - 7 PM VBS Closing Program 7:30 PM	4 AA Group—6 PM	5 Stephens II Retreat— 8:30 AM to Noon Worship—5:30 PM BARN DANCE—6:30 PM at Wojtowicz'
6 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr—9:15 AM Stnbt Lake Day 1:00 PM Outreach—4:30 PM	7 Women's AA - 7 PM Book Club - 7 PM at Jean Smith's Crafts - 7 PM at Cindy Svendsen's	8 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg—8:30 AM Church Council - 7 PM	9 Prayers 6:30 PM Discovery - 7 PM Stephen's I&II—8:15 PM	10 Women's Study - 9 AM Choir—6 PM Bells—7:30 PM Recovery—7 PM	11 AA Group—6 PM	12 Worship—5:30 PM Men's Breakfast—7 AM Church Workday— 9 to noon
13 Worship 8/10:30 AM (Stephen Ministers commissioned at 8) Educ Hr - 9:15 AM Cartwright's Celebra- tion—6:00 PM	14 Women's AA - 7 PM WORM—7 PM (Creation Rotation) Crafts - 7 PM at Elaine Stroncek's	15 Bible Study - 6:30 AM	16 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery - 7 PM	17 Women's Study - 9 AM Bells—7 PM Recovery—7 PM	18 AA Group—6 PM	19 Worship—5:30 PM
20 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr - 9:15 AM	21 Women's AA - 7 PM Crafts - 7 PM at Helen Berntson's	22 Bible Study - 6:30 AM	23 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery - 7 PM Stephen's I&II—8:15 PM	24 Women's Study—9 AM Recovery—7 PM	25 AA Group—6 PM	26 Worship—5:30 PM Journey—10 AM
27 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr—9:15 AM E.C.C.—12:45 PM	28 Women's AA - 7 PM Crafts - 7 PM at Helen Berntson's	29 Bible Study - 6:30 AM	30 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery - 7 PM	31 Women's Study—9 AM Recovery—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.