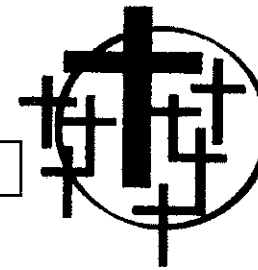


# CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

October, 2000

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## A Note From The Pastor . . .

### *The Growing of Churches . . .*

**T**his coming weekend of October 1, Ruth and I won't be with you in Steamboat Springs. We will be in Hickory, North Carolina with the good folk of Christ Lutheran Church. We served them as Pastor and wife more than 30 years ago. The congregation is having a 100th Anniversary celebration all this year. They are inviting all the "old guys" back for a weekend. There are five former pastors still vertical.

I am reminded of the many people who contribute to the life of a Christian Church. I am reminded of that also when I read the history of Concordia here in Steamboat Springs. I recently read the first 50 years anyway, which was put together in 1986. It is amazing to me how many different

Pastors, wives, lay men and lay women, staff people it takes to keep a church going down through the years of their history! Truly a gift of God.

Of course, part of the reason for writing about this is to help ya'll (practicing for NC) trust this process of calling a new Pastor for Concordia. God is in this process. We can truly call it a "Divine" call. Our behavior and our attitude and our conversation need to reflect that truth.

Sure, the committee will do the best job they can to find out who these men are and whether they seem like a good "fit." They are supposed to do that—talk to people—get as much information as they can—use the best of their human judgment. I am convinced that God uses those kinds of processes to get His will done.

I also encourage each of you to do what St Paul urged his readers to do in the Epistle

Lesson from last Sunday, "Pray for me...that I may fearlessly declare the mystery of the Gospel...as I should."



Prayer should be the frequent activity of all the leaders and the members of Concordia.

See you soon.  
God's Peace!

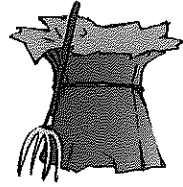
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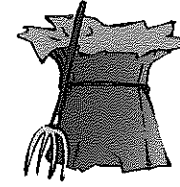
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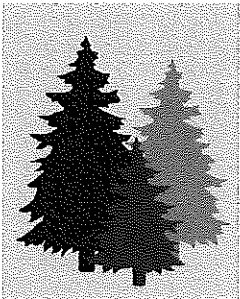
**D**ear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the most oft heard words around Concordia these days is "call." How is the "call" process going. Is the "call" committee meeting? Has the church "called" a pastor yet? How does this "call" thing work? There are many questions on the "call," as there should be. Let me assure you that the call process is going forward. The congregational self-evaluation is complete. The call committee is meeting. Names of prospective pastors have been submitted and more will be forthcoming. It is a common prayer concern that is on the hearts of most of our members and this gives us confidence. We are confident that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God will provide us with a good and faithful pastor. We don't know, at this point, who will be called to serve. We only know that God is present and active in our midst.

Each one of us has also received a "call." We have been called through the Gospel, as Paul states in Thessalonians 2:14, *We are the children of God, called by God.* The words of Ephesians 4:4-5 unites us. *There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* This makes us a community of faith, a family of faith. This makes us a congregation. This congregation, called Concordia, has been called to a mission, as have each one of us. That mission is the proclamation of the Gospel through which we have been called. Each with different gifts and service as God has called us. We pray together with joy, for your partnership in the Gospel. Philippians 6 Thanks be to God!

Your brother in Christ,

Luther Berntson  
Elder



### NAME TAGS ARE COMING!!!

The Outreach Board has been getting feedback that we should have nametags every Sunday. There were several responses on the congregational survey saying the same thing.

In response to this feedback, the Board members are preparing permanent nametags for regular members of Concordia. The challenge to us all will be;

- a) to remember to put them on when arriving, and
- b) to remember to leave them in our mailboxes upon leaving!

The new nametags will be in everyone's mailboxes on Sunday, October 8th, for use. Persons without mailboxes, either regular or first-time visitors, will be asked to fill out the self-stick nametags by the greeters each Sunday. This will provide a special opportunity, since the visitor's will have a different kind of tag, it will make it even easier for us to greet those who are newer to CLC!

**SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVE AS GREETERS ON THE CARE TEAMS:** Self-stick nametags and markers are kept in the "Outreach" box next to the restrooms. Please remember at each service to get them out and ask people without mailboxes to fill one out.

### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped clean up and paint the parsonage. Without the help of volunteers, the project would have taken much longer and would have been a cost to the congregation. Thank you once again.

On Saturday, October 14th, from 9:00 AM to noon, there will be a workday at the church. Some of the tasks we would like to accomplish that day are: clean-up storage rooms, church yard, kitchen, and paint some unfinished trim. This is a great project for our youth to participate in. It helps promote a sense of teamwork and helping others.

Any amount of time you could contribute would be much appreciated. If you can't help on that day but would like to at another time, please contact Cindy and she will forward the message to the trustees. For instance, if you would like to help paint the trim, we will be sure materials are available for the time that works best for you. Thank you in advance for your help!

### PARENTS OF TEENS

"Parenting teenagers is a piece of cake!"  
"We've never had any problems with our kids—they're always responsible and respectful!"



If you agree with these statements, maybe you don't need to attend the Parent of Teens group led every 2 weeks by licensed family therapist, Ruth Koenig. Then again, please do attend, and share your wisdom with the rest of us! Join parents of Confirmation and High School age Youth as we discuss the many facets of parenthood. Our first meeting was a great blend of inspiration, information and humor. See ya' at 4:30 on October 15th in the Chapel!

## SCOOP FROM THE SUP . . .

Things just ain't what they used to be . . .

Sunday School is FUN and educational! I've even heard some adults saying "I want to go to Sunday School! If you haven't made your way downstairs, come and check it out!

The Bethlehem Bijou has been showing "Creation" and serving popcorn. Creation's Corner has been creating creations collages. The Coliseum Theatre is featuring the dramatic talent of Sarah Beurskens and her friends, Stewart and Harry. Aquila and Pricilla have moved their tent making business to the basement of the church and Aquila is doing an awesome job telling our kids about creation and Jesus! It has been a great change!



Our next rotation theme is the Apostle's Creed. I believe . . .

What do we believe? It is so plainly put in the words of the creed, but how many of us have slowly digested every word of it? As I have been preparing to teach this, I am challenged to care for the words I recite each week in worship through the way I live. Take time in October to look at the words, not just say them. Think on them.

*I believe in God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.*

What do you believe about creation and how the world was made?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord.* What does it mean to have Christ as Lord of your life?

I believe in the Holy Spirit . . .

How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

*...the holy Christian church and the communion of saints... What connection and contribution have you made to it?*

*...the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting.* Have you experienced the freedom and joy that comes with believing this? Have you shared it with others?

This faith we share, this "I believe" is a gift that we can open each day and it holds miracles of grace in every moment of our lives. I pray that the richness of these words will come alive in us and our community.

Believing,

Ellyn

We (the Koenig's) want to thank the people of Concordia for their efforts in preparing the parsonage for our use on the weekends we are with you. Like Ruth said, "it is like a timeshare." Everything necessary is provided, including furniture, sheets, towels, and occasionally, fresh flowers even! And that is after a full paint job, carpet cleaning, some new windows and carpet coming. Loretta Hammerslag had so much to do with that, as did Mike Beyer. They had a willing crew. We appreciate it so much.

Pastor Wayne, Ruth and Kristen



## EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, NOBODY

There is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done in the church and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody would do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## LWML (Women's Guild)

The Women's Guild had a wonderful retreat in September. Many thanks to all the women who attended and to those that made the retreat happen.

Regular Wednesday evening meeting will start this month. The October meeting will be held October 18th at 7:00 PM at Mary Beth Bradfield's home, 285 Blue Sage Circle. Are you wondering what we do at these meetings? Well, we always start with a little chit-chat, followed by an opening prayer, a special devotion, and then some sort of program or reading that has to do with our yearly theme. Our theme this year is "A Living Faith" and we're going to talk about how our faith enriches each aspect of our lives; family, work, play, etc. We always end our evening with dessert and conversation. And somewhere in between we make time for our "LWML business." We always come away renewed in His word and enriched by the fellowship of the wonderful women in our church. So please join us for a few hours this month and find out for yourself what LWML is all about!

Fall Rummage Sale: This year's Fall Rummage Sale will be October 20th & 21st (Fri, Sat). We will need your gently worn (but not worn out) clothing, furniture, household items, etc. You can drop them off at the church beginning Oct 8th (no sooner, please!). There will be an enclosed trailer to place them in from Oct 8th thru 15th. After that they may be brought directly into the church. We will also need lots of volunteer for sorting the week of October 15th thru October 19th, and volunteers to staff the sale and clean-up afterwards. Come and join us and find out how much fun sorting rummage can truly be! Call Lynn Worrell, 879-3932 or Joanne Boomgarden, 879-8327 for more information.

### Craft Nights for October will be:

Monday, October 2nd, 7:00 PM at Elaine Stoncek's, 850 Aspen, 879-2442

Monday, October 9th, 7:00 PM at Cindy Svendsen's, 671 Amethyst Dr, 879-7028

Monday, October 16th, no crafts—please consider helping sort rummage!

Monday, October 23rd, 7:00 PM at Joanne Boomgarden's, 2866 Riverside Dr, 879-8327

Monday, October 30th, 7:00 PM at Joanne Boomgarden's, 2866 Riverside Dr, 879-8327

### Congregational Potluck

October 15th, Sunday, at 6:00 PM

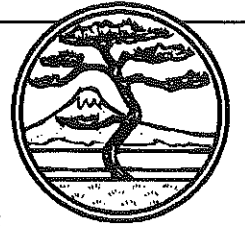
Come and welcome Pastor Wayne, Ruth and Kristen to Steamboat!

If you last name begins with-

A thru H please bring a dessert

I thru R please bring a main dish

S thru Z please bring a salad



**STEPHEN'S  
MINISTERS**  
All Stephen's  
Ministers will meet  
on Wednesday,  
October 11th  
at 8:00 PM

# Friendship . . .

**D**ear Friends at Concordia,

An elegant sign-off comes from Stephen Dietz, playwright. "What do we affect during our lifetime? What, ultimately, is our legacy? I believe, in most cases, our legacy is our friends. We write our history on them, and they walk with us through our days like time capsules, filled with our mutual past... They get the very best, and are stuck with the absolute worst we have to offer. Our friends get our rough drafts. Over time, they both open our eyes, and in farewells, they break our hearts."

Emerson wrote, "Make yourself necessary to someone. In a chaotic world, friendship is the most lasting way to be useful. We are, each one of us, a living testament to our friends' compassion and tolerance, humor and wisdom, patience and grit."

We have been at Beautiful Savior, Spokane, for one month. The girls have experienced lock-down drills at their school in preparedness for being gunned down. I

have had my car vandalized in a shopping center, we have been to the graveside service of a 20 year old member who died of cystic fibrosis, and both the sewer system and the furnace broke down at the church in the first weeks of our arrival.

But, in the midst of it all, your postcards of friendship come almost everyday—encouragement, hope and comfort in the midst of our transition.

Jesus said in John 15, "You are my friends. Greater love has no other than this that He laid down His life for His friends. My command is this, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'"

We are grateful for the 8+ years of friendship. Your farewell gifts to us were more than kind. The \$1,000 gift to our family, the necklaces for the girls, the wonderful music video, and the picture of Steamboat warmed our hearts and gave us inspiration to go out with good courage to serve where God has called us to serve.

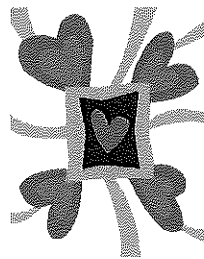
The best gift you gave, however, was friendship. Never giving up on us

when we were tempted to give up on ourselves—pointing us to the words, "He Is Risen Indeed," in our darkest moments, and taking the joy of Sunday worship into the weekdays.

We thank you for the gift of friendship and fun. We keep you in our hearts and prayers.

We miss you,

Tim, Marlys, Katie, Kia, Kelly



## "Don't just do something. . ." A word from your Parish Administrator

How many times have you heard, "Don't just *sit* there! *Do* something!" No doubt my children have heard this phrase on more than one occasion when the 'wrath' of a single mother oversees the chaos at the home front. Why do teenagers seem oblivious to the piles of junk, dust and collected debris?

These words have echoed in my head over a span of thirty years from various sources. This is not a new phrase. It perhaps, is a call to guilt, a call to arms, and a command of exasperation. Even Jesus was reprimanded for sitting still. Shouldn't he have been 'doing' something? Weren't there poor to clothe and feed? Weren't there people who needed to be taught about God and His plan for humanity?

We are not a society who looks at sitting still as having value. Doing has value. 'Being' does not. For a culture who measures the success of people by what they 'do', it is not easy for us to follow God's advice to "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Just last week I heard this phrase from someone: "Don't just *do* something! *Sit* there."

That's an about face. But if I 'sit' there, I'm liable to start thinking about things; I'm apt to feel some of those emotions I've been burying by keeping busy. I may have to confront painful feelings. I may discover hidden tears. Who has time for contemplation and tears when one keeps very busy? God knows that there are appropriate times for sitting still. How does one listen for the voice of God, which comes in a whisper, if the racket of 'business' prevails? If I have so much to 'do' and my agenda is so long—can one really afford to take the time to 'sit still'?

Can one afford 'not' to take the time? God knows that we require still waters and times of rest and contemplation. Sometimes it is best to sit and listen. The story of Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus readily comes to mind. Martha thought she was being lazy—sitting still at the feet of Jesus while she, the active one, was busy taking care of all the details.

*"As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the*

*preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"*

*"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)*

Call me Martha—complaining about who is 'not' doing the deal. Pray that I learn to be Mary—and sit at the feet of Jesus—listening to His word. I have been worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. As I grow in faith and maturity may I pray for discernment of what is needed. May my prayers not be laments asking for help to do the details, but a time of quiet listening so that I can hear God's voice.

Take some sound advice from our Lord updated and paraphrased: "Don't just do something. Sit there, at my feet, and listen."

*Jeau*

## DINER'S CLUB

Diner's Club is up and running. There are about 10 groups meeting monthly with 7 to 8 members per group. If you have any questions or concerns about your group, please contact Kim Truong, 879-2481 or Kathy Bertrand, 870-8922.



## MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 8:45 AM at Concordia. MOPS is a program designed for mothers with children under school age, that share the same desire—to be the best mothers they can be. Please join us! For more information call 870-9418 or 870-9047.

## Notes from Noah and the Promise Kids Nursery

I was surprised to see so many comments from the surveys that went out about the nursery. It almost appeared that some are not aware that we do have a staffed nursery during the 10:30 service. It is available to children 0-3 years of age. We have had between 3-7 kids in our nursery on a Sunday. There has been very little trouble getting people willing to help in this area of ministry. We only ask volunteers to serve one Sunday per year, that means only 52 people need to say "yes" to caring for some terrific tots! This hour of care has been a peaceful time of ministry. The parents served are so appreciative.



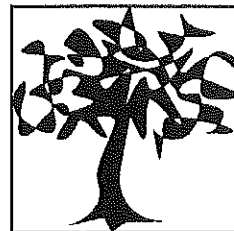
We will never turn away any child, regardless of age. However, we encourage parents to work with their kids when they reach the age of 4 to worship with them as a family. There may be Sundays when you feel like you don't know why you even came. At those times we must remember it's not about what we get out of worship; worship is about giving back to God and at this stage of our children's lives, we give to Him by giving our children the opportunity to experience worship consistently.

It will only get harder to help them see the value of worship if we wait until they are older.

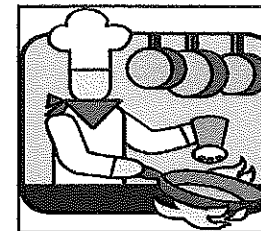
A few suggestions for this training time:

1. Talk with your children about what you expect from them during church before you get there.
2. Bring a well-stocked "quiet" activity bag. Include things like a tablet of paper, crayons, bible storybooks, a magna-doodle, marshmallows.
3. If you're at the beginning of this training time, do a little transitioning. Keep your child with you through the first half of worship, then bring them down to the nursery during the sermon. You may do this for a few weeks. Work your way up to having your child with you through the whole service.
4. Use the cry room. Have your child sit and listen in this more relaxed environment, rather than play around. Be careful, though, that your child doesn't manipulate you into going somewhere that "they" want to be.
5. Be positive when you talk about worship and tell your kids why it's important to you.
6. BE PATIENT!

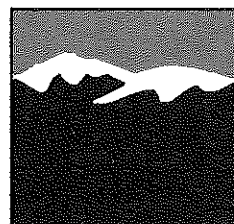
Please, if you have need of the nursery, use it! There is someone there to care for your kids. If you wish to care for kids, we have need of you! Call Ellyn Myller at 871-1860



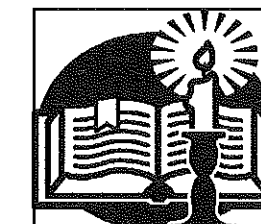
**Parent To Parent Group** is meeting every other month. Next meeting date is November 3rd. Watch for details



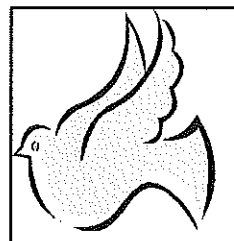
**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday  
October 11, 2000  
7:00 - 8:00AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
Invite A Friend!



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

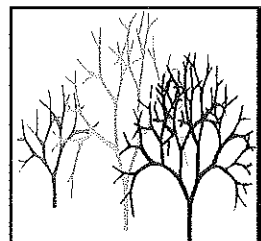


**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
at the Church (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 - 7:30 AM  
All are welcome!

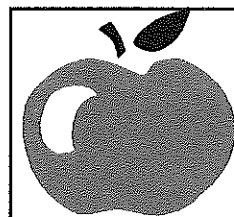


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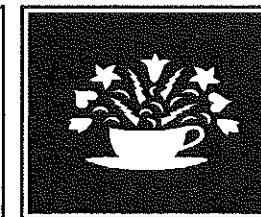
Will meet on Sundays, October 1st and 15th at 4:30 PM. The meeting on October 1st will be followed by a dinner for the class and their parents.



**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study:**  
"Smart Choices: Making Your Way Through Life"  
9:00 AM in the church library  
(Childcare Provided)



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

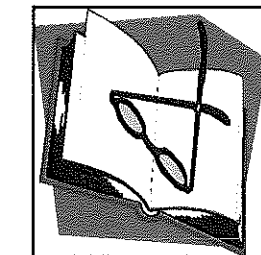


**LWML (Women's Guild)** will meet at Mary Beth Bradfield's home, 285 Blue Sage Circle, on October 18th at 7:00 PM



### YOUTH GROUP

Will meet on Sundays, October 1st & 15th at 4:30 PM. The October 1st meeting will be followed by a dinner for all youth and their parents.



**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM at Sher Scheiwe's home, 1771 Brome Drive. This month's book is entitled: "Wild Swans"