

*The Christogram* is a monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for newsletter items is the third Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles. You can email us your contribution at [concordia@steamboatlutheran.org](mailto:concordia@steamboatlutheran.org)

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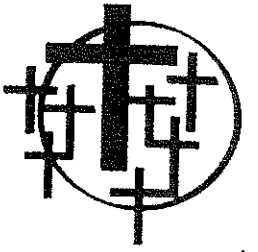
**The Weekly Bulletin** is printed on Thursday mornings. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9:00 am on Thursdays.

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**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 and 10:45 AM **Education Hour:** 9:30 AM

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# CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 2002

*The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:*

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

*"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."*

Numbers 6:22-27

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

God's grace, mercy, and peace be with all of you in the name of our risen, ascended, and soon to return Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Summer is over. Fall is just around the corner. I have noticed that some of the leaves on the trees are starting to turn already. A few mornings the last week or so have had a distinctive fall nip in the air. School has started again. Football is here. Baseball is almost over. We are beginning to see many summer travelers back in town and in church. Soon, visitors will be in town for the start of another ski season. God is good!

As Moses was setting up the place of worship for the Israelites, the Tabernacle, he was given instructions from Yahweh as to how to tell Aaron and his sons, the priests of the people, to bless the people. In doing the blessing in this way, Yahweh God's name would be put on the people and they would then go out from the worship event with the name of God on and in them. As we all look to begin our fall/winter routines, as we go to work, school, etc., we go with the name of God on and in us as we go as Christians. This is a great comfort and a source of strength. The Israelites were living in a new land with new people surrounding them. I am sure this is why Yahweh told Aaron and his sons to dismiss the people in such a way. So that as they go, they are comforted and strengthened in knowing that Yahweh God is always with them; teaching, consoling, guiding, carrying, healing, forgiving, renewing, preparing for life eternal. So also we go, each and every week, with the name of God on us and in us; giving us all we need to do and say all things in His name and to His glory. He is with us no matter where we go. Praise be to God!

Pastor Scott

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;*

*The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

*Amen*

Beginning September 8th the sermons and Adult Bible study will be on stewardship. Please come and join us for STEWARDSHIP month.

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

In October of 1997 over one million men assembled on the mall in Washington, DC to make their presence known. It was peaceful gathering with the usual speeches but these were speeches about accountability, the lack of leadership and the need for prayer.

This wasn't the million man march, this was "Stand in the Gap" organized by Promise Keepers. The only real anger that could be seen was from men angry at themselves for failing their wives and families. There were more tears than anything else.

I was there. My marriage had already broken apart and I had started to understand the extent of my responsibility in the reasons for its failure. God tells us to marry and as part of a man's responsibility as head of the household he is to put his wife before himself. He is to do whatever is necessary in a Christian context to understand and take care of her. He is to be a Little Christ to the family with all the love and sacrifices that entails.

I failed to do that! Instead, like many men, I put my wife in the situation where she had to do what I wasn't. Bless her and thank the Lord for women who stand forward when men fail to take on the mantle God has given them. But isn't it time for men to quit putting women in this position. The responsibilities of leadership in the family, in church, in the community is a yoke/gift that men need to take very seriously. Women seem more willing to serve than men. Why? Jesus washed his disciples feet! That is a pretty good example of service. Surely we don't consider ourselves better than Jesus.

Men, take good look at your priorities if its not 1. God 2. family 3. work than you need a change in perspective.

I encourage any man reading this who feels he could be a better man in Christ to attend a Promise Keepers event. Unless you're afraid to be changed.

In Christ,  
Brian Weerts, Elder

Promisekeepers.org Denver rally September 13-14, 2002

The Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper These are the "standing orders" for men of integrity who have joined forces with PK!

1. A Promise Keeper is committed to honoring Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and obedience to God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. A Promise Keeper is committed to pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises.
3. A Promise Keeper is committed to practicing spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.
  4. A Promise Keeper is committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection, and biblical values.
  5. A Promise Keeper is committed to supporting the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving his time and resources.
  6. A Promise Keeper is committed to reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity.
  7. A Promise Keeper is committed to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) and the great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).



## Scoop from the Sup . . .



Scoop from the Sup...

Here we go again...S.S. Rally day is right around the corner (September 8th), the final touches are being put on the rooms, teachers are getting their lessons together, prayer is being lifted up on behalf of the ministry and the kids. We are about to share a few of "The Greatest Stories Ever Told". It is going to be an exciting year in Sunday School!!

We are also going to go on a quest for identity. What does that mean? We are going to discover what it means to be a Christian.

Throughout the lives of the real people, of the stories that we are going to tell, they "struggled to lay claim to [their] identity as the chosen ones of God. [Their] stories have given the people of faith strength and courage to hear the stories of [men and women] much like us, flawed, and yet called by God to do the work of God in this world."

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That's it!! We are chosen, flawed, called with a purpose - to do the work of God in this world. I hope that you will **accept a challenge** this year to discover what that means for you.

Here are a few things to help you on your way:

-Attend Worship and partake in the hearing of God's Word and Holy Communion regularly

-Get to Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

-Get involved in a Small Group Bible study

-Attend a "Network" seminar to discover how God uniquely created you and what He has given you to do His work  
(a passion all your own, spiritual gifts/enablements and a personality style)

If none of that suites you, hey come on down stairs, be a kid again and come to Sunday school. Check out how we are doing on our quest.

**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!**

Our theme song for the year is, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Verse - ..."Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

With great anticipation and JOY!!!

Ellyn

September 8 - Sunday School Rally Day/Teacher's Commissioning (Early Service)  
September 15 - Bible Presentation to 2nd and 3rd Graders (Early Service)  
September 15, 22, 29 - Rotation 1 Jacob and Esau  
Virtue Focus - Honesty

Our committee would like to thank those of you who participated in completing the worship service questionnaire, sharing your thoughts, concerns, and comments. The first issue addressed was meeting the suggested needs of the congregation in Sunday worship services. Monthly services will

# Worship

be the following.

**First Sunday - all liturgical / Second Sunday - contemporary / Third & Fourth Sunday - a blended worship service.**

The committee will continue to address those issues that are important to you. If you have further comments, suggestions or concerns please place them in the Worship Committee mailbox across from the church offices.

**In Christ's Fellowship Together  
Ann Gilbertson, Chair**



## LWML (Women's Guild)

The LWML board is busy planning for the upcoming year and we are excited to meet with all of you again. We have chosen the following theme for the 2002/03 get togethers: "Weave us together in Unity and Love". Our chosen verse is from Romans 15:5: *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity amount yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.*

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th, at 7:00 pm at Pam Patterson's home in Elk River Valley. Pam's mother, Barb Foles, will be leading us in a weaving project.

We still have some spots open in our calendar for monthly hostesses, program and devotional leaders. If you'd like to help out with any of these, please let Mary Beth Bradfield or Lynn Worrell know.

See you in September!

Our Colorado Western Zone Fall Rally is on September 7 in Grand Junction. Call Lynn Worrell for more information if you are interested in attending. 879-3932



### Share a Meal with Pastor Scott

Starting in September, and continuing through the Advent season, twice a month, Pastor Scott will be sharing a meal with families of the Congregation in a small group setting. The goal is to have a small manageable setting where the Congregation and Pastor Scott can get to know each other better. The meal will be

provided by Concordia, with the meals to be held on the second Monday and third Tuesday of each month. It is known that in this short pre-Christmas time frame not all families will be able to participate, but after the first of the year, these meetings will be continued. Rebecca will handle the coordination of the schedule, by making phone calls to invite families on a specific date. If you have questions contact the office. 879-0175



What's the Buzz all about??



## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES!!



What's that? An opportunity to make new friends and study the Bible together. Small group members foster spiritual growth and become an anchor of support in your day to day life.





Please pick up a yellow interest form in the narthex or contact any one on the Board of Christian Education: Elyn Myller, Debbie Scott, Jim or Michelle Sprengle, Pastor Scott or Janis Herbert, Gene or Bettiann Carrell.





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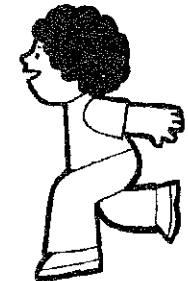


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM	2 Women's AA-7 PM  <i>Labor Day</i>	3 Trustees 5:45 PM Elders 6 PM Fellowship 7 PM	4 Discovery 7 PM	5 Women's Bible Study 9AM Recovery 5:30 PM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM Stephen Min. 8 PM	6 Prayer Vigil 3-8 PM	7 Worship 5:30 PM  Women's AA 2-8 PM
8 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM  RALLY SUNDAY	9 Women's AA-7 PM Craft Night- 7 PM	10 Church Coun 7PM Circuit Conference - Grand Junction	11 Confirmation Meeting at 5:30 PM  Discovery 7 PM	12 Women's Bible Study 9AM Recovery 5:30 PM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM	13	14 Worship 5:30 PM Men's Breakfast 7 AM
15 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM	16 Women's AA-7 PM Craft Night- 7 PM	17 LWML 7:00 PM	18  Confirmation 5:30 - 7:00 PM Discovery 7 PM	19 Women's Bible Study 9AM Recovery 5:30 PM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM	20	21 Worship 5:30 PM  Wedding 4:30 PM Prince/Flynn 
22 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM DWCC - 1:00 PM	23 Tools for Living 6 PM Women's AA-7 PM Craft Night- 7 PM	24 Board of Education 6:00 PM	25 Confirmation 5:30 - 7:00 PM Network 6:30-8:30 PM Sessions I & II Discovery 7 PM	26 Women's Bible Study 9AM Recovery 5:30 PM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM Strategic Planning Com 7 PM	27	28 Worship 5:30 PM
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# HAVE YOU Heard?



Rally Sunday  
September 8th



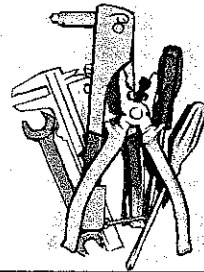
### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees meeting was scheduled for Tuesday August 6, 2002, but only one member was present. Since the budget of the church is a little stressed, I would like to have you, members of Concordia, prayerfully consider donating some of the building supply cost to this project. The downstairs bathroom is in desperate need of remodel. If you have questions, you may call me at 879-8220.

The light bulbs were broken in the socket on the motion light outside of the door. The bulbs have been removed and replaced.

The next meeting date is September 3, 2002.

In Service of our Lord,  
Dave Anderson



**David and Debbie Freseman** received word this week that a perfect match donor has been found for Debbie. The bone marrow transplant is

scheduled for mid-October in Seattle, Washington. Her hospital stay will be 3-4 months. Let's raise our prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord and continue to keep Debbie and David in your prayers.

*peace*  
*i leave with you;*  
*My peace i give you*  
*John 14:27*



The flower chart still has a few open spots. The month of October needs quite a few spots with no one signed up. There's one stop in September and 3 in December. The flowers cost \$12.50 and can be taken home after late service. Take a peek at the calendar!



The youth group is planning a group mission trip next summer. They will be having their big kick off on October 6th. Keep watching for more information on upcoming events.

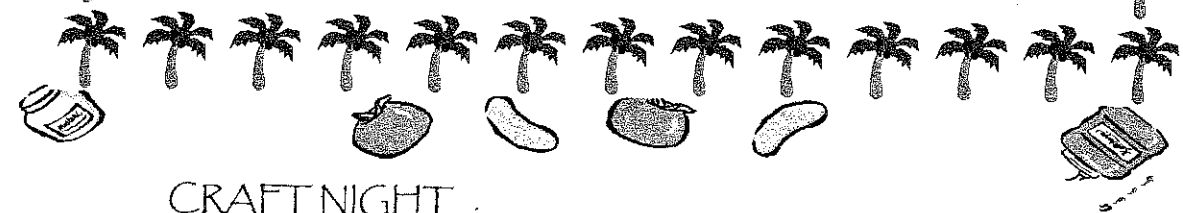


### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Several meetings were held this summer because of the church picnic and the farewell luau dinner for Jean Smith.

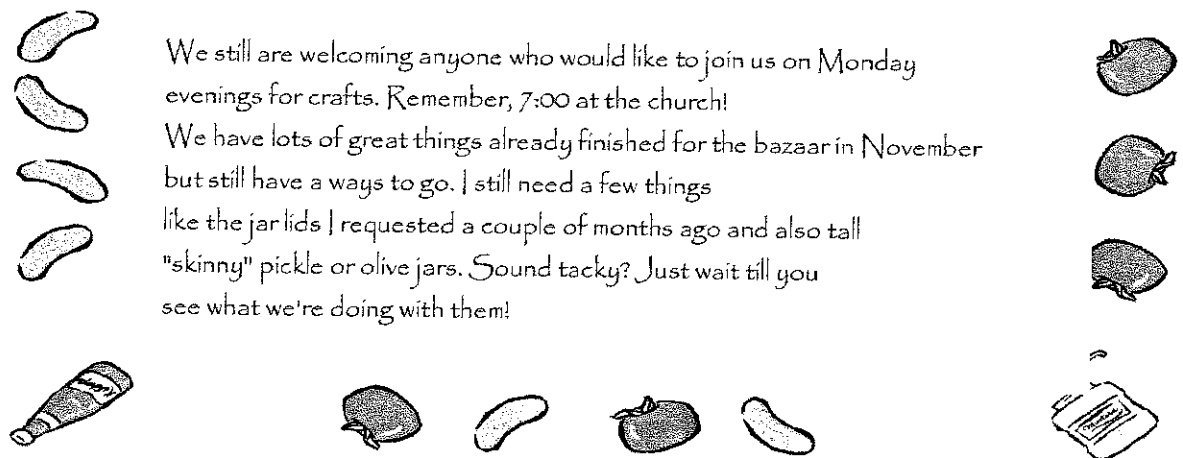
Even though the day was very hot for the church picnic, we were pleased to see so many willing to share the day together. We also served the choir that was visiting here from Fort Collins.

The dinner for Jean was very successful. The Pastor's sermon that morning was especially appreciated as one of the lessons read was that of the five loaves of bread and 2 fish since we planned for 75 people and had nearly 150 people come! We appreciate Pio and Becca Utu's help with the fried rice and sweet and sour sauce, and especially thank the Fellowship Committee for a lot of hard work and many hours of their time. There were also others that spent lots of extra time helping with the party that ere not on the committee and I thank them as well. Those of you who were called on to be part of our



### CRAFT NIGHT

We still are welcoming anyone who would like to join us on Monday evenings for crafts. Remember, 7:00 at the church! We have lots of great things already finished for the bazaar in November but still have a ways to go. I still need a few things like the jar lids I requested a couple of months ago and also tall "skinny" pickle or olive jars. Sound tacky? Just wait till you see what we're doing with them!





# TOOLS FOR LIVING

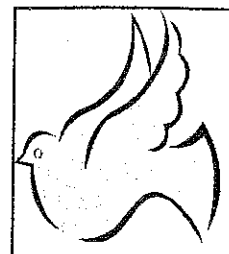
WELCOME, WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Those are words all of us love to hear, aren't they. A feeling of warmth, acceptance and value are imparted with just those six little words. That's how I was made to feel when I attended my first ADAD (Alcohol Drug Abuse Department) Conference in Pueblo.

Why were they so welcoming? Well, it's simple. Alcohol and drug abuse affects every facet of American life. It lowers our productivity; it harms us physically and emotionally. Studies show that one in four children have a parent who drinks too much. Our children model and learn from us and so the pattern repeats itself. But this disease can be thwarted and faith based communities are important allies in this battle. Why?

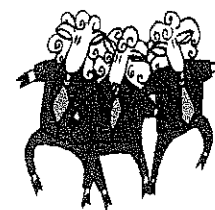
Studies have shown that 1) faith is one of the most important influences in the lives of 8 out of ten people, providing comfort and peace; 2) spirituality is an important part of recovery for many people; 3) teens who are frequent religious service attendees have a lower than average risk for drug and alcohol problems; 4) social support from friends and outside influence can moderate the effects of a family history of drug and alcohol problems; 5) children who coped effectively with the trauma of growing up in families affected by alcoholism often relied on the support of nonalcoholic parent, stepparent, grandparent, teacher or others when they were growing up; 6) a student's ability to resist drugs include positive peer affiliations, bonding/involvement in school activities, relationships with caring adults, opportunities for school success and responsible behavior, and the availability of drug-free activities. So communities of faith are being asked to join in this effort. But this isn't new to Concordia. For years we have not only shared the Good News of Christ's atoning grace, but we have also share practical advice, and provided support for those seeking release from the bondage of addiction through our own ministry called Tools for Living and our Thursday evening 5:30 p.m. meeting called the Recovery Room where we share our experience, strength and hope.

But with all the evidence that drug and alcohol abuse is a problem why don't more people seek help? According to the ADAD newsletter "The stigma surrounding drug and alcohol addiction has created a tremendous barrier for millions of individuals who need treatment, but who do not get it. Stigma is identified as the most firmly entrenched obstacle for faith communities to overcome." All of us have friends, and family members who drink or abuse other drugs. Perhaps it's a problem in your own home. If it is a problem within your home, or a home of a friend don't let the stigma keep you from getting the help you need. Let go of your pride or fear and let us help. It's confidential, it's inspiring and you are always **welcome, we are so glad you came.** September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Please pray for our recovery ministry here at Concordia and for those you know who need the Good News of God's grace and a friend to welcome them to a life free from the bondage of addiction.



## Confirmation

Will meet every Wednesday  
5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Our first meeting is  
September 11th at 5:30 PM



## YOUTH GROUP

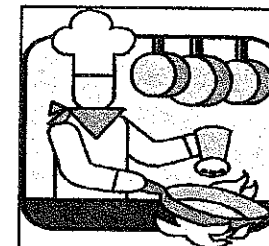
Big Rally Day kick off for the High School Youth on September 8. Come for some great food. Watch for details on upcoming events in October.



## STEPHEN MINISTERS

"A friend who has developed gifts for bringing Christ's healing to hurting places."

Monthly meeting  
September 5 at 8 PM



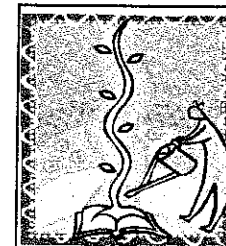
## Men's Breakfast

Saturday  
September 14th  
7:00 - 8:15AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
**Invite A Friend!**



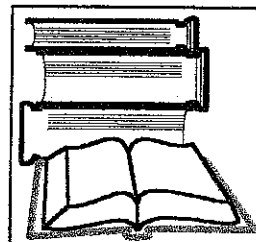
## Recovery Room

5:30 PM Thursdays  
in the Youth Room.



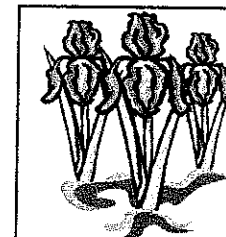
## Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets every Thursday morning 9-11 AM  
Come water your faith seeds.



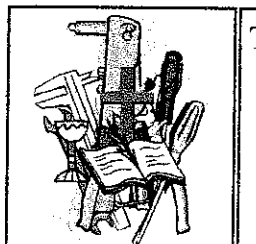
## Discovery Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Library



## LWML

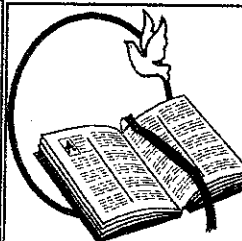
(Women's Guild)  
Women's Guild will meet on September 17th at Pam Patterson's house.



## TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery, addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on  
Sept. 23rd 6-7 PM



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings 9:30 in the Chapel.  
Join Pastor for a study on Stewardship

