

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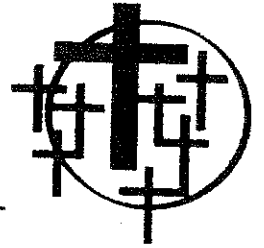
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**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 and 10:45 AM **Education Hour:** 9:30 AM

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# CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

OCTOBER 2002

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.*

**Colossians 3:1-5a**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Earlier today Janis and I drove up to Buffalo Pass to take pictures of the beautiful picture God is painting on the landscape of His creation here in Routt County, Colorado. The fall colors had us in awe and admiration as we praised God for allowing us to see His display of beauty. However, the fall colors also remind us of how the trees will soon look dead, even though they aren't, and of how the whiten beauty of winter is just around the corner. As we enter October, we near the beginning of the holiday season, which for many begins with Halloween. I would like to take this time to offer an alternative to the traditionally American celebration.

The name Halloween comes from a combining of the words 'All Hallows Eve', the evening before All Hallows or All Saints' Day, which is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. All Saints' Day is observed by Catholic and Protestant Christians alike, to honor all who have died in the faith the previous 12 months, known or unknown. What is to be celebrated is that because they died in faith, they are now enjoying the blessing of being in God's presence forever. Also, remembering the examples set through their lives here, Christians are encouraged and empowered to be living examples of the love of Christ in us and for the world.

Unfortunately, Halloween in America has become interwoven with images and suggestions of demons, devils, witches and death. The symbolism connected with the secular celebration of Halloween all are derived from these connections. There is much argument today as to why these connections have been made. Many maintain that this has its origins in the ancient Celtic people who lived about 2000 years ago in what is now the British Isles and northern France and there religious celebrations connected with the end of summer. Whether or not this is true is immaterial, what is disturbingly important is that these demonic ideas are connected with the celebration of Halloween today.

In light of the passage from Colossians quoted above, we might consider foregoing the secular celebration of Halloween in order to instead focus on what God's church has suggested should be used to give praise, honor and glory to God and to our Lord Jesus Christ. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, All Hallows Eve, let us be inspired to praise God, knowing that all who have left this life in faith are now with Christ in eternity. Let us remember the faithful lives of those who lived among us, and be encouraged and empowered to live witnessing lives as well. Let us celebrate the fact that we have died in Christ and have been given a new life in Him. Let us have our homes and businesses reflect the love of Christ and the hope that all find through believing in Him. Our Christian journey through this life is one of growth and strengthening in our relationship with our Lord and Savior.

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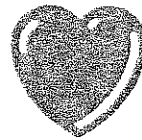
- Pizza with Pastor
- Twelve Steps to Freedom

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

*Glory* to God in the Highest! The Lord has blessed us with so many wonderful people in this congregation. Ellyn Myller and the many teachers in Sunday school have started a brand new year in leading our children to the knowledge of Christ and His grace. What an incredible blessing! Pastor Scott is teaching us about stewardship and the gifts each of us has to offer the Body of Christ. Fellowship, Outreach, Worship Committee, and all the other ministries are really getting some things done too! I want to encourage all of you who have not taken Network to sign up now for these sessions. Network will help and guide you to the best place you can be in the Body of Christ.



During the Promise Keepers event I attended a couple of weeks ago, I was struck by a profound occurrence. There was a man in the crowd who lost consciousness. He was a husband and a father of three little girls. He died. I could not help but think, what if this was my last day on earth? Have I been a godly man, a man of integrity, a man for Christ? Have I lived every moment for Him? Have I done everything in my power to be an example, a beacon of light for those who do not know Him? Have I spoken a kind word, dropped by to see a person who might be lonely, or called up someone who is struggling? Have I reached out to those in need, using all of the gifts God planned for me before I was born? Have I told the people close to me, "I love you"?

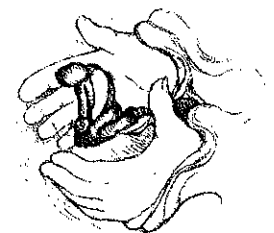


No, I have failed miserably. I must kneel at the foot of the cross and ask for mercy. There is little room for perfection in my humanity, except for the perfection of Jesus Christ, our glorious Redeemer. I pray that my every step might be a step closer to Him, that my every action might glorify Him. What is the solution? Just do it. Pick up the phone, stop by, say it, do it, read it, live it... BE IT. Do not let another twenty-four hours go by without taking action in the name of Jesus.

"...Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." Luke 5:16. I also wanted to touch on the aim of prayer in our church. I happened across the study done back in the early 1980's where coronary patients in San Francisco were prayed for, while others in the same hospital were not. Those who were prayed for had significantly higher rates of recovery, used less medicine and had less procedures done than the patients who were not being prayed for. Prayer is a godly, powerful and effective means to get results. On Friday, October 4, we will have our monthly prayer vigil at the church from 2-7 PM. Please come by, even for five minutes, and pray for those in need, the country, the direction of our congregation, or anything that God leads. Prayer does matter, and we can change lives with its power.

Your Friend in Christ,

Jim Sprengle



Saint Paul gives us other words of guidance and encouragement in Colossians.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*


*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ.*

Colossians 2:6-9


As we are all alive in Christ, let us all live for Him and give witness to the world of the hope and peace and life that is found by believing in Jesus. To God alone be the glory, honor and praise.

In Christ's Service

Pastor Scott





**Youth NEWS**




**KICK OFF!**

The youth group will be doing a kick-off dinner on Sunday October 6th at 5:30pm. We will be discussing plans for the upcoming year. We will also be reviewing a video and plans for the Group servant Event for the summer of 2003. **A SUMMER YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!**

These events are done throughout the United States. We will also be discussing the Late Start Breakfasts-every 2nd Wednesday of the month. The first one will be on October 9th. Guy Wojtowicz has volunteered to fix the food so come on out. It'll be great! See you there.



### Pizza with Pastor

Pastor Scott is 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 October 14 & 21 and November 11 & 19. We might also have one in December on the 9th if there are families interested. 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

# Scoop from the Sup . . .



Ellyn Myller

Have you seen the latest add for the campaign against drugs? It depicts a tough, joyless faced girl. I keep staring at her; it's an expression I pray that I never see on the face of one of my children...the add reads:

"GET OFF (Okay, it may seem like I hate my parents, but I'm really demonstrating what a therapist would call "asserting my identity," so I can grow up to be a well-adjusted individual. Sure, I say I want freedom, but without parental supervision, I'm much more likely to smoke pot and stuff. I hope my parents don't try to act like my friends. What I really need is parents.) MY BACK."

TALK. KNOW. ASK. PARENTS. THE ANTI-DRUG.

I understand that substance abuse is greater and beginning earlier for kids than when I was growing up. I count it a blessing never to have gotten involved in that stuff. I wonder though, will my kids be faced with having to make choices about things that I never was faced with and how will they/ deal with that? We need to help each other!

As Christian parents, we can support one another by personally connecting our faith and it's POWER to protect our children! We can be the Anti-Drug in a way the world would never consider, not only by knowledge, but by our faith...what we believe in.

We must commit to KNOW - TELL - SHOW our kids what it means to live in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's be the parents that our kids need, by being parents that place a priority on that which can protect and save.

In Sunday school we are going to be emphasizing that the Bible gives us great guidance for our lives (Psalm 119:105 Your Word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.) through the stories it tells about others experiences with the hope that the they will show the kids how to live their lives and make choices (Psalm 119:30 "I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws.") that will spare them trouble and pain (Psalm 119:133 Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.).

TALK to your kids this week about these verses. KNOW more in your life of the power of God and his Word. ASK if you don't know - it's Okay to ask! PARENTS. THE ANTI-DRUG.

Remember, that when they/we make mistakes that God's net of grace is always there to catch us and the Spirit will help us get back on the journey.

In JOY,

Do you know that here at Concordia we have a ministry that deals with substance abuse - Tools for Living - CHECK IT OUT!

## LWML (Women's Guild)

The women's guild opened it's 2002/03 season with a get together at Pam Patterson's home in September. Pam's mom gave us a presentation on weaving which was a fitting kick off as our new theme is "weave us together in unity and love." The next get together will be at Susan Dreska's home (3432 Hiawatha Ct.), at 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, October 15th. We will be watching a short video entitled, A Patchwork of Love and as always, we'll share a little desert and fellowship afterwards. We'll carpool from the church at 6:45 pm - please join us!



It's already time for the fall Clean out your closets and come join the fun of sorting, stacking, and selling some of Steamboat's best stuff! The sale will be held Fri., and Sat., Oct. 18th, and 19th. We'll be sorting the week prior so we'll start taking donations on Oct. 13th. Tammy Ryan and Sandra Hogrefe are chairing this popular fundraiser.



LWML Sunday is October 20th. Women from the guild will be ushering, reading, and singing a special song during worship services. There will be a booth set up in the narthex so that you can learn a little more about LWML.



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: Ellyn Myller, Debbie Scott, Jim or Michelle Sprengle, Pastor Scott or Janis Herbert, Gene or Bettianne Carrell.





# October 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Trustees 5:15 PM Elders 6 PM Fellowship 7 PM	2 Confirmation 6:30-8:00 Network 6:30-8:30 Discovery 7 PM  FALL	3 Women's Bible Study 9AM Recovery 5:30 PM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM Stephen Min. 8 PM —PASTOR'S—	4 Prayer Vigil 2-7 PM  CONFERENCE	5 Network 8AM-12 Michel Redeker 9-12 Worship 5:30 PM
6 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM 	7 Women's AA-7 PM Craft Night- 7 PM	8 Outreach and Assimilation 5:15PM Church Council 7PM	9 Late Start Breakfast Confirmation 6:30-8:00 PM Network 6:30-8:30PM Discovery 7 PM	10 Women's Bible Study 9AM Recovery 5:30 PM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM	11 Family Fun Movie Night in the Chapel 7PM  SPECIAL FILM	12 Men's Breakfast 7 AM Network 8AM-12PM Journey 10AM-12 Worship 5:30 PM
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## Forgiven and Set Free a Post-Abortion Bible Study by Linda Cochrane

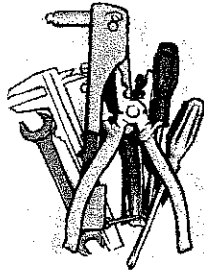
If you have had an abortion and are experiencing ANY of the following Symptoms:

- Guilt or Anxiety
- Depression and/or Suicidal Thoughts
- Psychological Numbing
- Increased Alcohol or Drug Use
- Promiscuity
- Preoccupation with or Anxiety about Pregnancy, Fertility, Childbirth and/or Babies
- Avoidance of Sexual Intimacy
- Inability to Bond with other children and/or your husband
- Eating Disorders
- Self-Punishing or Self-Degrading Behavior
- Re-Experiencing the Abortion or Anniversary Memories

You could be suffering from Post-Abortion Syndrome. Steamboat Springs Pregnancy Resource Center is offering this study Thursday evenings this Fall. Call 871-1307 for more information.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2002 with 3 members present. We discussed the parsonage remodel project, the plumbing problems, and the lawn care.



Scott Myller has drawn up plans and done an estimate for the parsonage project. The estimated cost of the project is \$5500.00. We are beginning a Fund Raising campaign to raise this money, so please prayerfully consider contributing to the cost of this project. We already have several items purchased; the sinks, stool, and some cabinets. We will also be asking for donated labor. We are planning on completing the project in a very short time so Pastor Scott and Janis will not be inconvenienced for too long a time. Please call with any questions or offers of funds at 879-8220. There will be a drawing of the project posted here at the church.

As many of you know, the hot water situation, especially for the kitchen dishwasher, leaves us cold most of the time, so a side arm hot water heater will be purchased.

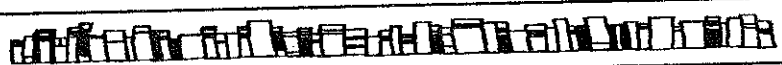
We continue to have problems with the sacristy sink plugging, and after many attempts to clear it, we had to call in a professional plumber.

The lawn care (watering) continues to be a problem. It's just not getting done. Next year we would like to set up a volunteer system to see to the watering of the church lawn.

The next meeting will be held on October 1 at 5:15 at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Anderson



Linda White has graciously volunteered to organize our church library. If you are interested in helping in the library please call her at 871-1937 evenings.

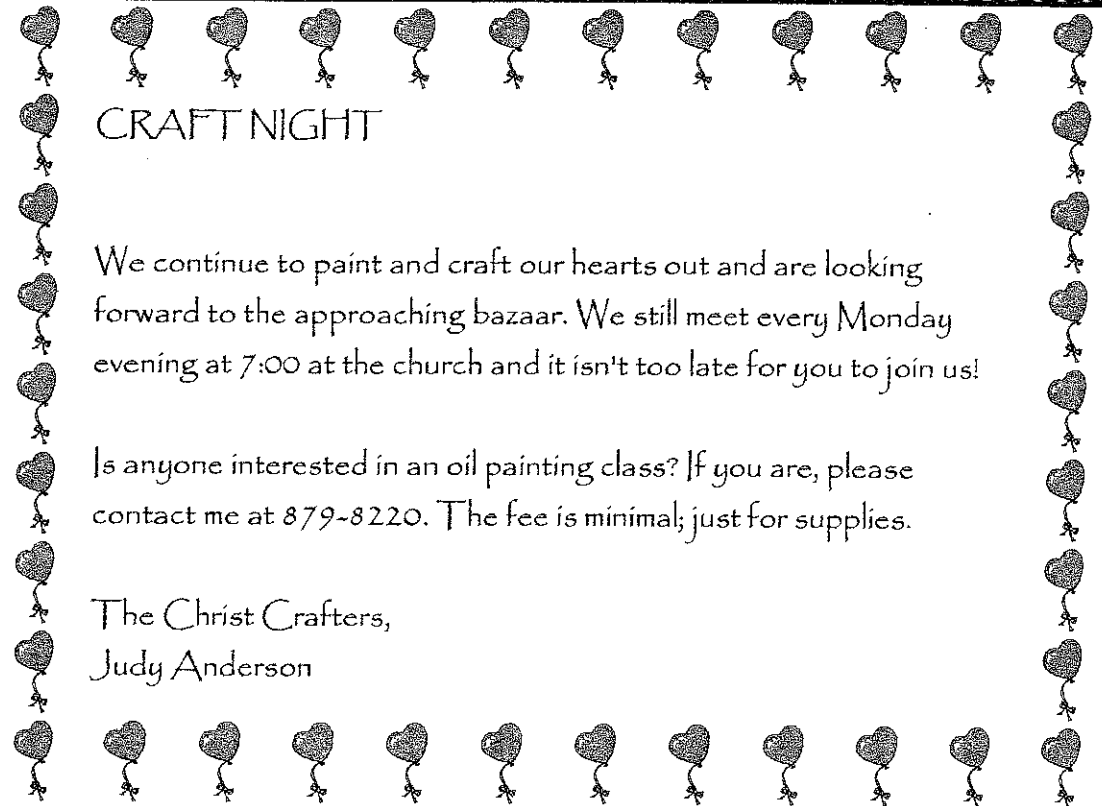
### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Although no formal meeting was held, there are several things that are coming up that need attention from us all.

Advent will be upon us before we know it, and there will be soup suppers that need to be planned. If you are part of a group that would be willing to make and serve soup for one of the Advent suppers, please call me at 879-8220.

The next meeting will be held October 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

In Service of our Lord,  
Judy Anderson



### CRAFT NIGHT

We continue to paint and craft our hearts out and are looking forward to the approaching bazaar. We still meet every Monday evening at 7:00 at the church and it isn't too late for you to join us!

Is anyone interested in an oil painting class? If you are, please contact me at 879-8220. The fee is minimal; just for supplies.

The Christ Crafters,  
Judy Anderson



# TOOLS FOR LIVING

## Twelve Steps to Freedom

Many of you have heard about twelve step programs, but did you know they are based on a Lutheran pastor's experience back in the early 1900's? It all began when Dr. Frank Buchman attended a convention in England in 1908. Buchman had an experience that changed his life. Having a number of resentments and feelings of ill will toward the board of a hospice he had established and he had resigned from because of differences with those board members, he entered a little church in Cumberland. His pride and anger had prevented his serving as a Christian minister should. Suddenly, in that church, through a woman's talk about the Power of Christ's redemption, he envisioned the suffering face of the crucified Christ. In that moment, he realized what a distance his resentments had placed between himself and God's unconditional love. Spiritually transformed, he was filled with an intense feeling of life as he surrendered his will and willfulness to God. The Oxford principles of surrender, restitution, and sharing were founded on his personal spiritual experience.

Later, Dr. Buchman worked with the YMCA in Pennsylvania and conducted evangelistic work in China. He gained some following through a series of revivals at Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Williams, Smith, and Vassar, and kindred groups arose in Oxford and in other schools in England. Although Dr. Buchman and his following were later banned from Princeton and some of the other campuses, the Group continued to reach out to the suffering through house meetings, which included testimonies, personal witness, Bible study, and informal talks. (Sounds kind of like small groups, huh?) Members were encouraged to find and work with persons who suffered from problems similar to their own; for example, recovering alcoholics were encouraged to minister to others who suffered from alcohol dependencies. The use of attention-getting, easy-to-remember, easy-to-repeat slogans also became common in group circles. Here was the beginning of what we now call twelve step programs.

How many times have we shut God out of our lives because we feel that we can handle it? It is not always as easy as looking up to the sky and saying, "God, take away my difficulties!!" Reality shows us that we must do something to get out. God is always there, but we have choices that must be made.

The twelve steps are a simple way to regain that which is lost. The lost thing in one's life may be sobriety, peace, God's will, love, or anything that prevents you from being of service to Christ. Over the next several months, Tools For Living will be writing an article in the Christogram about each step and how we can relate it to our Christian walk. Problems or not, each of us can learn from the insight and meaning of the twelve steps, so read up next month and see what you get...

Your Friend in Christ,  
Jim Sprengle



## Confirmation

Meets every  
Wednesday 6:30-8:00  
PM



## YOUTH GROUP

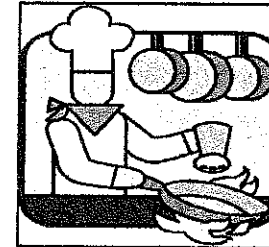
Kick off dinner  
Sunday October 6th  
5:30PM  
Come 1 come All!



## STEPHEN MINISTERS

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

Monthly meeting  
October 3 at 8 PM



## Men's Breakfast

Saturday  
October 12  
7:00 - 8:30AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
Invite A Friend!



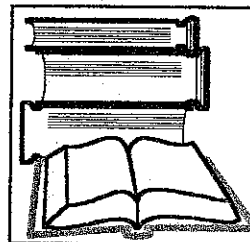
## Recovery Room

5:30 PM Thursdays  
in the Youth Room.



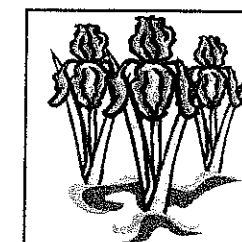
## Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Meets every Thursday  
morning 9-10:30 AM  
Come water your faith seeds.



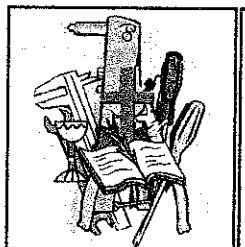
## Discovery Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday  
at 7:00 PM  
in the Library



## LWML

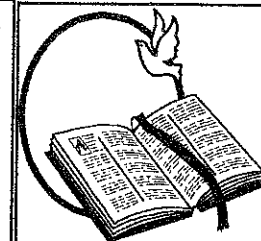
(Women's Guild)  
Women's Guild will meet  
on October 15th at Susan  
Dreska's house.



## TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery,  
addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on  
Oct. 28th 6-7 PM



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings 9:30 in  
the Chapel.  
Pastor leads this study.  
Come join us.