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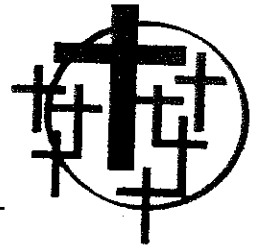
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# CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

As I read through the appointed verses for All Saints' Day, I am struck with two thoughts. Once again another year is quickly coming to a close. The month of November is the final month of the current church year and a new church year begins with the first Sunday in Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup>. As is always the practice, the readings for the final four weeks of the church year focus on the second coming of our Lord and the importance of our being ready and prepared for His return. And, of course, four short weeks after the beginning of a new church year, a new calendar year begins. With the coming new year comes new opportunities, new starts, new challenges, and prayerfully, new brothers and sisters in Christ. New Year's Eve is traditionally the time of planning for the coming year through remembrances and resolutions. Thankfully, the Lord has already revealed to us His plan of salvation and His plan for eternity.

*In that day (the Day of our Lord's Return) this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.*

Isaiah 26:1-4

Unfortunately, the plan for 2003 and all the time beyond that we still have here while we anxiously await and work towards our Lord's return is not so clear. The big picture is known: Win souls for the Lord by sharing His gracious Word of love and forgiveness with all in the world.

*In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.*

Isaiah 26:8-9

The details of exactly what that means for Concordia Lutheran Church are maybe not as clear. The picture of how the body of believers at Concordia Lutheran Church in Steamboat Springs, Colorado are to carry out God's will may still be a little foggy, but God is ready and waiting to reveal the parts of the picture to us.

*O Lord, you will ordain peace for us; you have done for us all our works. O Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we bring to remembrance.*

Isaiah 26:12-13

What we are to do is to earnestly seek the Lord's will and plan for our lives as individual Christians and as a body of believers. C. S. Lewis once said: "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither." What we can do is to begin to plan and set a vision before each other so that we may faithfully move as one as we seek to share the grace of God in Christ.

*Where there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint, But blessed is he who keeps the Law.*

Proverbs 29:18

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The Lord's will and plan for the world is made clear in His Word. That plan is eternal life in, with and through His one and only Son.

*Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.*

Isaiah 26:19

*Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. . . And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God give it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. . . But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Revelation 21:9-11, 22-23, 27

How we fulfill our part in His plan is up to us to discover as we grow closer to Him through His Word. God has blessed us here at Concordia and has used us to be a blessing for this community the whole time we have been part of this small piece of His creation here in Steamboat. He will continue to bless and use us as long as we willingly and openly seek Him and plan to do His will in the future. Author Bob Barnes has some words of wisdom along these lines in his book, *Walking Together in Wisdom*.

*It's a fact of life that your future won't go exactly as you planned. But it's also a fact of life that if you don't plan, your future isn't likely to go anywhere. If you have no goals, no vision, you'll probably be tossed to and fro by things that happen to you and by your own appetites. Without a sense of purpose, it's hard to know what to do next. That's why you need the big picture that the process of goal setting and planning offers you. You also need the stability that comes from following God's plan as outlined in his Word. God has the big picture on the universe and his plans will always—in his timing—work out. And that's the ultimate fact of life.*

As we faithfully walk together through the month of November, let us give thanks to our good and gracious God for all that we have in this life and for all we have waiting for us in the next life. As we faithfully walk together through the month of December, let us look back to the day of the most gracious gift ever given to the world, the birth of the Savior; and let us look forward to the day of the fulfillment of our Savior's purpose in coming, eternal life with Him. Then, as we faithfully walk together into the year of our Lord 2003, let us see God's vision, and plan to use all He has given to us to reach the goals of His vision. May God's comfort, peace, strength, guidance, and most especially His grace lift us up and empower us in the months and the years to come.

In Christ's Service  
Pastor Scott

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

### My Two Cents on Youth.

The condition of Youth Group has been weighing on my mind for many months, so I'm going to take this opportunity to express some concerns.

Our youth board has been struggling with the dilemma of how to improve the Youth Group here at Concordia. Since the New Orleans trip, except for a couple kids, participation has been almost non-existent. It's frustrating. There are not enough participants to setup any activities or events that make it fun for the kids, that create energy and excitement, or provide a forum to experience Christian fellowship.

I hear some kids are attending groups at other churches. This is fine, but if our kids are participating elsewhere it reduces the ability of Concordia's Youth Group to function or build any momentum. We would like to build an engaging youth program where kids from other congregations want to join ours.

Our youth group is in a rebuilding mode. Recently we have been seeing better participation on Sunday but there is more progress to be made. Some social activities for our young people are in the organizational stage but adult volunteers are needed to assist with these events to make them become reality. It would be a great blessing to see the youth group have increased participation. It's good for the youth and good for the church to have our kids participating with other Christians in social or educational activities and learning about the word of God. Learning about the salvation that God promises for us, and how to cope with the obstacles that come up on our path to that salvation.

Something we can all do to witness for our faith is to ensure that our kids go out into the world with a strong faith and connection to the word of God. During their high school years they are making life choices and choosing the paths they will follow based on the influences they have in their life. High school and college provide all kinds of influences, some good, some bad, almost all provide nothing to strengthen a persons faith. Youth Group can. Think about it; other than yourself, who would you want teaching your kids how to deal with life's challenges, what's right, what's wrong? Their friends at school? That's like sending lettuce with a rabbit.

The most effective way to create better participation in Youth Group activities is through parental encouragement to attend activities. I don't want to be negative but kids generally are not going to decide to go to Youth Group on their own, at first. They need prompting from their guardians.

A strong youth program at Concordia can provide a strong foundation in faith and balance out the influences of High School culture. We can realize a solid Youth program if we can have regular participation from a larger number of our young people, and adults/parents. The energy that develops between these kids when they get together is amazing and a gift that will act as a catalyst for the group to flourish and provide the excitement for good Christian fellowship. This energy will change their decision to attend from one parents make to one the kids make for themselves.

Please pray for our Youth and for their group to flourish, to enable continued growth in, and knowledge of, their faith and God's love, and to strengthen their bond to our Christian community.

All according to God's will.  
Jake

# Scoop from the Sup . . .

SHHHHHH....



Ellyn Myller

Imagine this...I get a phone call from Regis  
He says, "Do you want to be a millionaire?"  
They put me on the show and I win with two lifelines to spare.  
Now picture this...I act like nothing ever happened  
And bury all the money in a coffee can  
Well, I've been given more than Regis ever gave away  
I was a dead man that was called to come out of the grave  
And I think it's time for makin' some noise

Wake the neighbors get the word out - Come on..crank up the music..  
**CLIMB A MOUNTAIN AND SHOUT**  
This is life we've been given made to be LIVED OUT  
So lalalala - LIVE OUT LOUD

**NOW THINK ABOUT THIS...**  
If we really have been given the GIFT OF LIFE THAT WILL NEVER END  
And if we have been FILLED WITH THE LIVING HOPE WE'RE GONNA OVER FLOW  
And if God's love is burning in our hearts WE'RE GONNA GLOW  
There's just no way to keep it in!!

Come on everybody - LIVE OUT LOUD!! from Steven Curtis Chapman - DECLARATION

Our virtue focus in Sunday school this month is INTEGRITY.  
It looks like this, people acting on their convictions and standing up for their beliefs. Standing up for what we believe in, has always sounded confrontational to me. I like how SC Chapman puts it better, "LIVE OUT LOUD!" Practice integrity this month and really live it loud!!

Practical application: Write down three things that you believe being a Christian means to you and find ways to live them out, so that the people around you can hear it with theirs eyes (or ears).

*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17*

## LOOKING FOR A GOOD TIME??? I'M NOT KIDDING AROUND!!

*Just a reminder, it is never too late to join in the fun of the Sunday School Ministry. We have some "short-term" opportunities after the first of the year where you can plug in. Call Ellyn Myller 871-1860 for details.*

## LWML (Women's Guild)

You are invited to the next LWML get together.

Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 7:00 pm

Helen Berntson's home (30 Alpine Dr. - off of Fish Crk. Falls Rd.)  
Ellyn Myller will lead us with an inspirational moment on encouragement,  
Then we'll share a little dessert & fellowship afterwards.

We'll carpool from the church at 6:45 pm.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard on our fall rummage sale. We raised \$2450.00 to support our mission projects. Concordia Lutheran Church is applying for matching funds (up to \$450) from Lutheran Brotherhood's Northern Colorado Branch, #8717. Also, our bake sale raised \$257.00 for Sunday School - thanks to all of you who baked.

The Christmas Cupboard is November 16th from 9:00 - 12:00. Our Cookie Caper is a big part of this too. See dates for cookie baking below. (And if you have a *specialty gift* item that you can make and donate to the event, please call Nancy Kounovsky and let her know - 879-2532.)

### COOKIE CAPER 2002



COME HELP US BAKE COOKIES FOR OUR LWML MISSION FUND RAISER IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS: **NOV. 8TH, 12TH & 13TH.** WE WILL START AT 9:00 AM. COME ANY TIME YOU CAN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, CALL JANIS HERBERT AT 879-8455. IF YOU CAN'T COME TO THE CHURCH FEEL FREE TO BAKE YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS COOKIE AT HOME AND BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH.

### We need VOLUNTEERS

Archy's Christian Book Fair  
Is Coming

Set up is on Friday Nov. 15 from 2-4pm

The Book Fair Dates & Times are:

Saturday Nov. 16th 8:00AM-12:30PM & 5:00-7:00PM

Sunday Nov. 17th 7:30AM-12 noon

Saturday Nov. 23rd 5:00PM-7:00PM

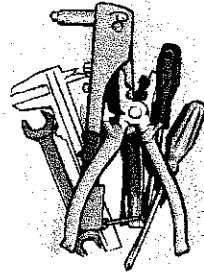
Sunday Nov. 24th 7:30 AM-12 noon

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please let us know when you can help!

You can also go ON-LINE at  
<http://bookfairs.cph.org>  
Find our church name with our bookfair dates and they will credit us with your sale.

## TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

The job at the parsonage is still in the works, but we need contributions! Please consider donating a few 2x4's, drywall, a faucet or two, \$ for a mirror, or towards tile, or even consider purchasing a cabinet. We already have two vanities that were purchased with the kitchen remodel, and we just need to add a few (that match) to complete this job. We already have two sinks, a bath tub, and we think a toilet. If we would all work together, we can complete this job for Pastor Scott and Janis. Please, even with all of your holiday spending coming up, consider this additional gift.



One of the light fixtures in the Chapel had to be taken down and fixed, but other than that, things worked pretty well this month. We're still waiting for the other bid for the sidearm hot water heater for the kitchen, and as soon as we receive that, it will be installed.

In Service of our Lord,  
David R. Anderson

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee met and discussed the upcoming Advent Soup Suppers that will be held December 4 - 11 - and 18. There is a service the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 27th for all the area churches, and there will also be a soup supper that night. Be sure to come for wonderful soup and even better fellowship with our church family for Advent, and the families of other churches on the 27th.

The Reformation Day German Dinner may become a tradition at Concordia as it was met with great success. Thank you to those that prepared, set up, and served, cleaned up, and came to make it a success. God is smiling at you!

Respectively submitted,  
Judy Anderson



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

## CRAFT NITE AT CONCORDIA

Well, it's done. Not all the projects, but our Monday nights are coming to a close. We will be tagging and pricing things on the next two Mondays, and then the Christmas Cupboard is on the 16th. Be sure to come for it, the Cookie Caper, the brunch, and all the delicious and beautiful specialty foods. This is a wonderful day even though its a lot of hard work. Every hour is worth the effort as lots of money is raised to help others that are in need.

To those of you were so faithful week after week after week all year long, well you have my thanks and love. I will miss all the fun and fellowship we shared for the next (very) few months before we start in again. To those of you that missed out, please consider coming next year. It's not possible for such a few people to make all this stuff and have enough for a successful bazaar. I have concerns that we'll have enough this year, but we're going with what we have. Please consider doing some things at home to contribute even still.

Judy Anderson, Chair



The Youth Group will be going shopping for Lift-up on November 10th at 4PM. Please meet at the church. We will then be going to Michael Herbert's house at 5:30PM for dinner and games. Please bring items for the college students "Care Packages" to Michael's. If you have any questions call Joanne Boomgarden at 879-8327.

A huge THANK YOU to the Patterson's and the Hammerslag's for the wonderful dinner in October.





Don't forget the late start breakfast on November 13th. Guy makes a mean breakfast. Don't miss out.





# November 2002



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Circuit Meeting in Rifle</i>			<i>1 Bake Day 9-3 Prayer Vigil 2-7PM</i>	<i>2 New Member Class 8:30 - 3PM  Worship 5:30 PM</i>
<i>3 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM  </i>	<i>4 Women's AA-7 PM Craft Night- 7 PM</i>	<i>5 PUBLIC VOTE 7AM-7PM Trustees 5:15PM Elders 6PM Al-Ateen 6PM Fellowship 7PM</i>	<i>6 Confirmation  6:30-8:00 PM Discovery 7 PM</i>	<i>7 Women's Bible Study 9AM  Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM Stephen Ministry 8PM</i>	<i>8 Bake Day 9-3</i>	<i>9 Men's Breakfast 7 AM Journey 10AM-12  Worship 5:30 PM</i>
<i>10 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM  </i>	<i>11 Pizza With Pastor 6:30-8:00PM Women's AA-7 PM Craft Night- 7 PM</i>	<i>12 Bake Day 9-3PM Al-Ateen 6:00PM Church Council 7PM</i>	<i>13 Late Start Breakfast Bake Day 10-3PM Confirmation 6:30 - 8:00 PM Discovery 7 PM</i>	<i>14 Women's Bible Study 9AM Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM</i>	<i>15 Christmas Cupboard Set-Up All Day</i>	<i>16 Christmas Cupboard 9AM-12PM  Worship 5:30 PM Book Fair</i>
<i>17 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM Book Fair  Greeter's Meeting 5PM</i>	<i>18 Pizza W/Pastor 6:30 Women's AA-7 PM</i>	<i>19 Al-Ateen 6:00 PM Pizza W/Pastor 6:30PM Voter's meeting 7PM</i>	<i>20 Confirmation 6:30 - 8:00 PM Discovery 7 PM</i>	<i>21 Women's Bible Study 9AM  Choir 6 PM Bells 7PM</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 Worship 5:30 PM Book Fair</i>
<i>24 Worship-8:00 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM Worship-10:45 AM Book Fair DWCC - 1:00 PM</i>	<i>25 Tools for Living 6PM Women's AA-7 PM</i>	<i>26 Youth Board 6PM Board of Education 6PM Al-Ateen 6PM</i>	<i>27 Soup Supper 5:30PM Community Service 7PM</i>	<i>28  THANKSGIVING DAY</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30 Worship 5:30 PM</i>

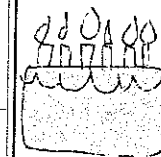
## November Birthdays



to these November birthday celebrants:

- 4 - Shelly Dunlop
- 5 - Jack Craig
- 5 - Janel Kammerer
- 6 - Will Beurskens
- 6 - Sherwood Dunlop
- 14 - Cory McConnell
- 18 - Jessica Bertrand
- 19 - Laura Bradfield
- 25 - Daniel Atkins
- 26 - Michael & Ashley Herbert

Do you have a birthday in November but you're not on the list? Please call the office and let us know. We'd love to say Happy Birthday to all our members.



Do you have an anniversary in the month of November? We don't have anybody on record yet. Somebody has to have an anniversary in November! How about December? Call the office and let us know.

## A Thank you From Jean Smith

Dear friends,  
There is a popular saying that says, "out of sight, out of mind." As there has been this long silence on my part in writing to you, you may think that this has been the case for me. On the contrary, I think of you daily, and I have missed the people of Concordia more than I can say. And that's the problem. The more than I can say part. I have put aside writing this letter because I always think that soon I'll have more time to spend on writing a letter which will adequately expresses my gratitude for all that you have done for me. I have finally come to realize that no amount of time could produce that letter.

I am sincerely grateful for all the avenues you opened up for me at Concordia. I had the privilege of working in a family of faith where I felt loved and cared for. You let me try new and crazy things. You put your trust in me, and that is a wonderful gift. I miss my work there and it seems so

strange to walk into a church and not really know anyone. Being on the other side of the coin really gives one pause to see the extreme importance of outreach and assimilation. People are longing to be made a part of a family. I have that longing here and keep thinking of the family I have left in Steamboat.

The send off you gave me was beyond belief. You are a creative and gracious congregation. I appreciate your financial support of my tuition, the monetary gifts which purchased all my books this semester, and the works of Martin Luther on CD will get heavy use in the years to come. I must tell you that Martin hangs above my desk at home as an encouragement, and the pictures of Steamboat remind me of the beauty of Colorado and the wonderful congregation I have left behind.

Moving was a shock to the system. New community, new life, no friends, and lots of demands. To be

honest, I was probably in serious need of a Stephen Minister. Transitions are difficult, and missing you all so much continues to be difficult. However, I feel so fortunate to be able to devote this time in my life to study and to the pursuit of discerning God's call for me. My classes are interesting and challenging (especially the crash course in Greek), and I feel fortunate to have professors who are engaging and impart their knowledge with a passion.

Words are not adequate to express how much you mean to me. Thank you for all your kindness and encouragement. I truly appreciate everything you have done for me. I am grateful that even though I am miles away, I can still claim you as my family in faith. May God bless all of you and the ministry that you are all a part of at Concordia.

Love, Jean

(This letter was received in the church office from Joel and Iantha Scheiwe)

Dear Members of Concordia:

As fall begins, I have been reflecting on a number of recent changes in my life. Seminary classes have started once again, Iantha and I visited a mission in Guatemala City, and we now have a new daughter.

Our daughter, Eliada Hope, came to us by adoption on August 30, 2002. I am sure that Eliada's grandparents have been showing her picture around church, and you probably know all about her by now. She has really brightened our life over the past month, and taught us a lot. She was born July 16, 2002 in St. Louis. We presented her for baptism at our local field church, Chapel of the Cross, on September 8, 2002. You can imagine all the changes in our daily schedule. Iantha has been able to take 6 weeks of leave from her work to spend full time with Eliada. I took an extra load of classes during that period so that I can have an easier quarter once Iantha returns to work. Our church here and the Seminary community have both been very supportive and have shared in the joy Eliada brings to our lives.

In early August, Iantha and I spent two weeks visiting a mission in Guatemala. It was the Servant's Heart Mission at the dump of Guatemala City. The mission serves the people who make their living sorting the garbage at the dump and bringing them the gospel of forgiveness in Jesus Christ. We had a wonderfully educational and spiritual experience.

I want to include a short story of our first visit to the squatters' settlement next to the mission. The 250 households that live in the settlement call their neighborhood La Libertad (Freedom). We walked down into La Libertad in the morning to invite everyone up to the Mission's health clinic that afternoon. La Libertad had been built in the dump. Actually, the government had bulldozed most of the garbage away before the shacks were built, but there remained some trash, an old car, a large pile of paper in plastic bags, and the smell. There were about 250 houses in La Libertad. Houses is not the right word, but even "shack" does not accurately describe them. Some of these shacks had cardboard walls. Some of the nicer ones had wood planks. They all had either plastic or metal sheeting for roofs. They were built up attached to each other with walkways about 4 feet wide in between the rows. The neighborhood leaders had managed to tap into the city's water pipes (illegally), so there were some faucets scattered around the neighborhood. There were two pit toilets for the whole neighborhood. All of the walkways had a little trench cut along the side that was used for sewage.

We walked down one corridor to a dead end, and Carla, the mission director,

spoke with a lady who invited us into one house. Actually, only about 6 of us were able to enter. The house was about 8'X10'. We never figured out the number of people who lived there, but it seemed to be about 5. There was one bed. The mattress was a large piece of dirty foam that had come from the dump. There was a broken dresser, a small table, two wooden chairs, and a metal "grill" in which they could burn wood to cook. There were two ladies in the house at the time, sisters-in-law, and three children all under the age of three. One of the kids was very sick with a cold.

Carla asked me to pray since I was inside next to the child. In Spanish I prayed for health for the house. I prayed for the Spirit to be poured onto the people and bring them faith. I prayed thanksgiving for Jesus and his forgiveness. The heat and the dust and the flies got to my voice so that I could not finish. Fortunately, God did not send me alone. I asked another student to finish the prayer, which he did in English with his booming voice. He also prayed that the people in that house might know that they are not alone. Amid the oppressive heat, dust, and garbage, they could know that Jesus entered their homes to be eternally among them.

The experience of this mission trip was personally very enriching. It has brought a greater sense of urgency to my studies at the seminary. After coming face to face with some of the eternal consequences of what I am studying, I have a renewed desire to learn the most I can during my time here. This quarter I have two Bible classes, one on the prophets and one on the Gospels, a class on modern church history, a counseling class, and a systematics class studying Christ and salvation. I also greatly value the additional time I have at the field education church to develop better relationships with the members.

Thank you very much for your prayers. Thank you also for allowing me to share some of the joys in my life with you.

Christ's Peace,

Joel Scheiwe  
Joshua 1:9

(The original letter and picture that was enclosed will be posted on the bulletin board by the office.)



**David & Debbie Freseman** have journeyed to Washington. Keep them in your prayers.

**Be sure and visit their web page** where updates are being posted on Debbie's condition. <http://geocities.com/dfreseman> You can sign their guest book to let them know your thinking about them. Their mailing address for cards etc. is: 139 26th Ave East Seattle, WA 98112

### Al-Ateen? What's Al-Ateen?

Al-Ateen is a group that has been started much like AA and Al-Anon. This group is focused on young people and teenagers, 6-19 years of age, who are trying to cope with the effects of having someone in their lives that is dealing with an addiction to alcohol - it might be a parent, a sibling, any relative or a friend. The group will be meeting on Tuesdays, starting on November 5th at 6 pm in the youth room here at Concordia.



### THURSDAY EVENING RECOVERY GROUP

Recovery will no longer meet on Thursday evenings because of a lack of interest. If you are interested but a different day/time would be better please give Lori Joens a call at 879-7120. We would love continue this ministry!

### The Plant Pro Sue Bockelman



The church office received a letter from Sue, who is a Christian here in the Yampa Valley. She is selling Christmas Decorations. (ie. wreaths, boughs, pine cones, poinsettias, cactus, etc.) If you would like to see what she has available let me know. I can put a copy in your box, or stop in the office and take a look.

### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We want to keep everyone up to date on the call process for the DCO. As most of you know we extended a call to Mr. Scott Brown at the end of August. He and his wife, Tammy, visited with us in September and after they returned to Minnesota they were led to continue with their call there. The committee is continuing their process and at the last voter's meeting the congregation gave approval for the committee to consider non-commissioned members of Concordia for the position as well as the candidates that are synodically trained. If you have any questions please call Doug Bradfield 879-4181.



# TOOLS FOR LIVING

We admitted we were powerless over our dependencies-  
that our lives had become unmanageable.

Admitting powerlessness runs contrary to many of our cultural messages that say, "Be strong! Be the master of your own destiny!" The admission of powerlessness also conflicts with the addictive message, because the addiction itself will tell us, "You have high tolerance! Use more of me! You can handle it!"

Nevertheless, the central paradox of Step 1 is that the admission of complete defeat permits a life-transforming victory through recovery. The admission of powerlessness over an addiction actually becomes the foundation for the strength to eventually overcome the dependency.

Admitting powerlessness is absolutely essential to breaking the addiction cycle, which is made up of five points:

- 1) Pain  
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- 2) Reaching out to an addictive agent, such as work, food, sex, alcohol, or dependent relationships to salve our pain.  
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- 3) Temporary anaesthesia  
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- 4) Negative consequences  
↓
- 5) Shame and guilt, which result in more pain or low self-esteem

For example, the workaholic who has low self-esteem (pain) begins to overwork (addictive agent), which results in praise, success, and achievement (relief). However, as a rule, family relationships and his personal relationship with God suffer terribly because of preoccupation with work (negative consequences.) The result is an even greater sense of shame and guilt because of inadequacies, both real and imagined, which brings him back to point 1 in the addiction cycle. Now the workaholic feels compelled to work harder to overcome his guilt.

Understanding the addiction cycle is important because it helps explain why the admission of powerlessness is the first step to recovery. Otherwise, we remain caught. If we rely on willpower alone, then the only thing we know to do is to escalate our addiction to get out of the pain. Step 1 calls us to do less-- to yield, TO LET GO.

To help you understand what the Scriptures say about admitting the unmanageability of our lives, see the recovery meditations on the following passages:

Matthew 9:36   Romans 7:18-20   Psalms 6:2-4   Psalms 31:9, 10   Psalms 44:15, 16

From: Serenty A Companion for Twelve Step Recovery  
Dr. Robert Hemfelt and Dr. Richard Fowler



## Confirmation

Meets every  
Wednesday 6:30-8:00  
PM



## YOUTH GROUP

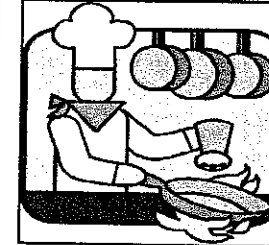
November 10th  
Shopping for Lift-Up  
4PM  
Dinner and Games at  
Michael Herbert's  
5:30 PM



## STEPHEN MINISTERS

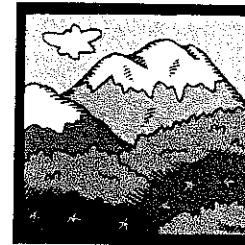
"A friend who has developed gifts for bringing Christ's healing to hurting places."

Monthly meeting  
November 7 at 8 PM



## Men's Breakfast

Saturday  
November 9  
7:00 - 8:30AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
Invite A Friend!



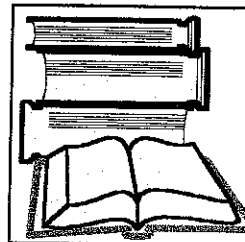
## Recovery Room

No meetings scheduled.  
Call Lori Joens at  
879-7120 if you would  
like to meet again.



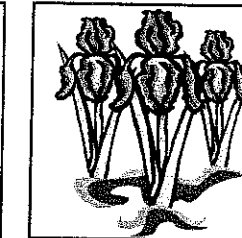
## Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

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



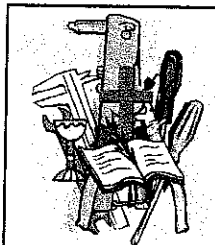
## Discovery Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday  
at 7:00 PM  
in the Library



## LWML

Women's Guild will meet  
on November 19th 7:00PM  
at Helen Berntson's home



## TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery,  
addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on  
November 25th 6-7 PM



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings 9:30 in  
the Chapel.  
We're studying Mark.  
Come join us.



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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To: All Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus  
From: The Worship Committee

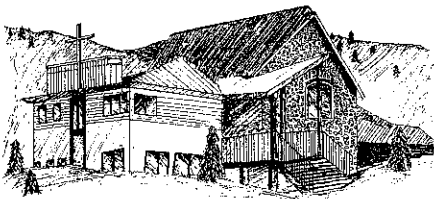
God's grace, mercy and peace be with all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.  
For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*  
**Psalm 30:4-5**

With the words of Psalm 30, King David leads the dedication of the temple in glory, honor, and praise to God. God's house is place of worship. It is a place of rejoicing. It is a place of song and of joyful hearts singing praises to their Lord and Savior. It is a place of prayer and forgiveness. It is the place where God comes to us in power to equip us for our calling as His children. God's house is Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

In an effort to discover how to best glorify God in this place, many suggestions have been given to the Worship Committee. One of the major points is the need to upgrade our sound system so as to better glorify God. To this end, suggestions have been sought from some in the sound business as to how best equip the sanctuary and other facets of the facilities in order to glorify God and best serve each other in worship. The suggestions have been brought to the Church Council and they have approved the go-ahead to raise funds for the upgrade and expansion of the sound system. The cost of phase one of the upgrade is approximately \$15,000, which will cover the needed initial work in the sanctuary itself, with the cost of the entire project to be around \$30,000. Enclosed you will find a detailed list of what will be involved for both the first phase and the entire project.

The Worship Committee is asking that first and foremost we all lift up this need to our Lord in prayer. Scripture tells us that nothing is worthwhile if it is done without the Lord and also that all things are possible with His help, guidance, and power. Therefore, we on the committee are asking all members of Concordia Lutheran Church to consider how the Lord would lead you to aid in the sound system improvements. Once the funds for phase one are gathered the work will begin immediately, with work continuing throughout the church as the Lord blesses. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Pastor Scott or anyone on the Worship Committee. Thank you and God's blessings to you all.



In Service to our Lord  
The Worship Committee

*"It is by grace you are saved through faith" (Ephesians 2)*

## **CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM**

### **Concordia Lutheran Church**

The primary objective of this exercise is to improve the quality of the sound system in the Sanctuary. The following is an outline of the audio and video requirements for the entire church facility. It was put together to communicate our needs to sound system contractors to assist them in preparing cost estimates as well as help interested individuals in the church to understand the media needs within the facility. It is also believed that by defining the requirements of the entire facility we can provide a solution to the sound problems in the Sanctuary that will coordinate with other future systems.

◇ **Areas:**

- Sanctuary (voice, sermon, group productions, solo singers, electric piano, organ)
- Chapel (speakers with volume control, CD, tape, TV sound amplifier)
- Narthex (speakers with volume control, possible TV for overflow)
- Cry room (speakers with volume control)
- Nursery (basement – speakers with volume control)
- Fellowship Hall (basement – speakers, voice, music repro, audio/video, possible separate system)
- Library (speakers with volume control)
- Outside patios (exterior speakers, separate volume)
  - basement
  - upstairs

◇ **Reuse existing equipment as much as possible.**

◇ **Sanctuary:** sound reproduction items/issues (worship & large groups)

- Sermon – use wireless mike or lectern hard wire mike
- Record services for shut-ins
- Altar
- Lectern(s)
- Lessons – lay people read from lecterns
- Other – fixed wire mike outlets (communion rail, side(s))
- Solo single – need better quality speakers, front, mid or left and back – need to mix in electric piano, organ, separate instruments, guitar, flute, etc.
- Group performance: choir, cantada, journey, kids productions, mike group singers, with soloists – mike some instruments – electric piano direct into sound – mix in CD or tape source – electric piano has a midi – boom stands
- Microphones – broad pickup type for kids, directional for soloists, wireless for group meetings and flexibility, record lapel mike (for shut-ins)
- Organ – isolate speaker wire to reduce interference
- Image projection – songs, words to prayers
- Visiting groups – speakers, mix board, wires to back, table set-up, maintain fire access
- Get rid of feedback, SSSHHH, radio comes through old system
- Be able to plug in CD or tape to sound – need remote control
- Small satellite speakers with subwoofer? – good for solo voice and a couple of instruments.
- Separate speakers for larger productions
- Connect wireless mics to fixed wire mics to speakers
- Possible move amp/control box to Sanctuary

- ◇ **Narthex**
  - Speakers with volume control – handle all (voice, music, PA)
  - Possible TV for overflow
- ◇ **Cry Room** – speakers with volume control
- ◇ **Chapel Area** – (overflow, bible study class, meetings, wedding, funeral)
  - Speakers – repro same as Narthex
  - Repro TV/Video sound – possible separate system for TV for classes, special presentations
  - don't really need a mike for that room alone.
- ◇ **Library** – speakers with volume control
- ◇ **Nursery** – speakers with volume control for general sound
- ◇ **Fellowship Hall**
  - Repro sound from worship
  - Separate music repro for fellowship programs
    - Group productions
    - Audio/Video/CD presentations – TV or projection screen
  - Voice microphone
    - Fixed (several plug locations or wireless if no static or feedback)
    - Local volume control
    - Connect/control to patio microphones
- ◇ **Outside patio(s)** – (basement and upstairs side)
  - Voice, music
  - Local volume control
  - Microphone for programs or ceremonies
  - Possible remote plug-in for PA speakers
- ◇ **General**
  - PA system – announcements, Sunday school class starting,
  - Turn speaker zones on and off
  - Wiring diagram – operator manual for uneducated, seldom used
  - Record from system – sermons other for shut-ins – mixer – input volume control
  - Consider central CD/Video player with coax to rooms for TV
  - Possible mobile PA speakers for outside area, (take to offsite services or events)

Minimum System to improve Sanctuary sound;

4	speakers	6,200	
1	subwoofer	1,550	try one to start
1	24 chan mixer	1,550	
3	Crown Amplifiers	2,400	
1	6 speaker selector	200	
1	selector mount panel	45	
1	wires, cable, plugs	800	
1	Raxess rail	70	
1	Rack power distribution and light	240	
1	Installation (propated, w/ church support)	<u>2,500</u>	
	SUBTOTAL	\$15,555	

Additional cost for 5 pairs of speakers in other rooms (Chapel, Narthex, Cry room, library, fellowship)

5 pr	speakers	1,500	
5	volume controls	200	
1	amplifier	<u>800</u>	
	SUBTOTAL	\$2,500	

These are the items needed for the initial phase of the project.

Additional items needed for future phases include:

2	cordless microphones	1,500	
3	corded microphones	600	
1	additional amplifiers	800	
12	channel mixer for basement events	450	
	Portable PA for outdoor events	800	
1	additional subwoofer if needed	<u>1,500</u>	
		\$5,700	

There has also been talk of video capabilities but we don't have pricing on that yet.