

Concordia Lutheran Church

# CHRISTOGRAM

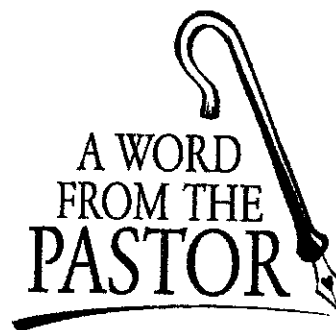
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## Thoughts from the Pastor

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:19-22



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Standing firm in the promises of God, that are fulfilled in Jesus and brought to the world through us, may God's grace, mercy and peace strengthen, protect and inspire you as you journey through the season of Lent in preparation for the most joyous celebration in all of Christendom, the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the past several months, much discussion has occurred concerning worship services; including style, content, music, etc. Recently, the question of 'What is worship?' has been asked and discussed. Maybe, before we attempt to answer that question, we should address the question, 'What is church?' According to the bible verses above, church is the whole body of believers, being built up together by the chief cornerstone Himself, Jesus Christ, to become the dwelling of God's Spirit. In other words, 'church' is not brick and mortar, it is not a particular style, music or manmade content, it is you and me, together in spirit, around the things that God says are 'church'. What are those things? Article VII of the Augsburg Confession gives us a guide. It says:

*It is also taught among us that one holy Christian church will be and remain forever. This is the assembly of all believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel. For it is sufficient for the true unity of the Christian Church that the Gospel be preached in conformity with a pure understanding of it and that the sacraments be administered in accordance with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that ceremonies, instituted by men, should be observed uniformly in all places. It is as Paul says in Ephesians 4:4-5, "There is one body and one Spirit, just*

*as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism."*

The Word and the sacraments are, and always will be, the focal points of our worship services. They are the divine power of God and His workings in our midst for the purpose of bringing people to Himself and for building us up to be His children, serving and loving each other and all we come in contact with. Yet, sometimes, we don't feel like the one unified body of Christ we are meant to be. Sometimes, even though we have all been freely given the one and the same Spirit of God, even though we all have the same Lord and Savior in our lives, there seems to be differing spirits in our midst. Jesus says:

***Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:23-24***

Worshiping in spirit and in truth is the goal of all believers. Joining together as one body, bringing songs and confessions of praise and thanksgiving to God is the desire of the heart that is the dwelling place of God's Spirit. It is what we all desire. To this end, God is leading us to seek unity in Him and to put aside the things that divide us in order that He then will use us to speak His true Word to the community of Steamboat Springs and beyond. The first step will occur during Lent.

Lent is a time of reflection and confession. It is a time to return to God in humble repentance. It is a time to let go of all that has hindered unity in our midst and to open up to His resurrection work in our lives. During the Sundays of Lent, in the sermons, we will look to see what God's Word has to say about worship. The messages during the midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays will also assist us in reflection and repentance. Then, after the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, we will embark on a spiritual renewal and awakening called '40 Days of Purpose'.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I encourage you to prayerfully submit yourself to the Spirit of God during upcoming weeks, asking our Father in heaven to cleanse, renew, strengthen and build in our lives so that we may be restored to unity of spirit and empowered to be God's witnesses. Jesus says in Revelation 22, ***Yes, I am coming soon.*** May our response in word and deed be: *Amen. Come Lord Jesus.*

In Christ's Service  
Pastor Scott

## Christianity 101

New Bible Studies will begin on March 16th during the Education hour on Sunday mornings. Christianity 101 will meet in the Chapel and be led by Pastor Scott. This will be the study of the basic teachings and doctrine of Christianity and will be ongoing. A second Bible study will also be offered at that time in the sanctuary. It will be the study of a book of the Bible and will be led by one of our elders. Come join us as we DIG into God's Word.

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

As some of you already know, my house is on the market and we will be moving from Steamboat Springs when it sells. After a lifetime in Steamboat, my family and I are moving to Seward, Nebraska to finish my Bachelor's Degree, and then we will be moving to St. Louis to attend Concordia Seminary. The decision to become a parish pastor came after many years of being built up by people like you. God works and speaks through people, and the affirmation I have received from the body of believers at Concordia Lutheran Church has been awesome.

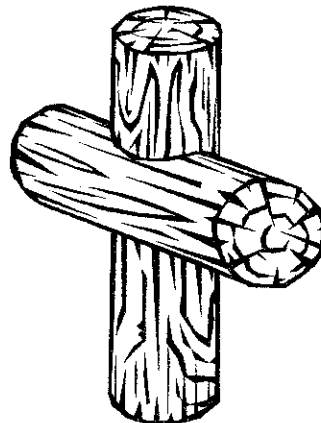
When I think about the mountain in front of me, I rest in the peace that only God can give. Jesus said, "...My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9) and I must always cling to this reality. The doubts, fear, and lack of faith are all weaknesses that emphasize my desperate need for Jesus. I thank God every day that I don't have to be perfect to carry out His work; I just need to be willing.

It should be made clear that this journey is not about a reward, because that is already yours and mine by faith in Christ. As a good friend once said, "We are all equals at the foot of the cross." This journey is about a call from God to fill a need. I got a second chance. I want to minister to people who need that second chance, and build up those who are aware of the gift they have been given.





The Holy Christian Church has a need. It is not up to the other guy who seems to know what they are doing. It is not up to employees of the church. It is not up to clergy, elders, or active laypeople. It is up to the entire body of believers. Please think about ways you can become an active participant in the Church. Without active participation at Concordia, I may have never known God's call in my life. God bless each of you as our Lord reveals the "...good works which [He] prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph. 2:10)

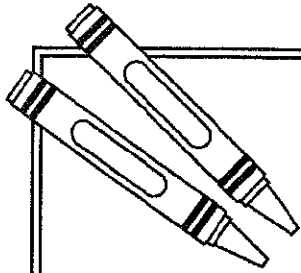
Your Friend in Christ,

Jim Sprengle  
Elder



# March 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
2 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> Confirmation 4 - 5:30 PM 	3 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>	4 <i>Western Slope Pastor's Conf.</i> 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>Trustees 6:00 PM</i> <i>Elder's 6:00 PM</i> VOTER'S MEETING 7:00 PM	5 <i>Youth Choir 3:30 PM</i> <i>Soup Supper 5:30PM</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Service 7 PM</i>	6 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM <i>Bells 7 PM</i> <i>Stephen Ministry</i> 8 PM 	7 <i>Prayer Vigil</i> 4:30-6:00 PM	8 <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 7AM <i>Journey practice</i> 10 - noon <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
9 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> <i>Youth Sledding Party 3PM</i> Confirmation 4 - 5:30 	10 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>	11 <i>Worship Committee</i> 5:30 PM <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>Church Council</i> 7:00 PM	12 <i>Late Start Blkt 9AM</i> <i>Youth Choir 3:30PM</i> <i>Soup Supper 5:30 PM</i> <i>Lenten Service</i> 7:00 PM	13 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7 PM</i>	14	15 <i>CLEAN DAY 10 AM</i> <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
16 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> Confirmation 4 - 5:30 PM	17 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>  -----	18 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>LWML 7:00 PM</i>  <b>Pastor in</b>	19 <i>Youth Choir 3:30PM</i> <i>Soup Supper</i> 5:30 PM <i>Lenten Service 7PM</i> <b>Minnesota</b>	20 <i>Women's Bible Study 9 AM</i> <i>Choir 6 PM / Bells 7 PM</i> <i>Network Consultations</i> 6-7:30 PM <b>At Hazeldon</b>	21  -----	22 <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 7AM <i>Network Consultations</i> 5-6:30 PM <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
23 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> <i>DWCC - 1:00 PM</i> Confirmation 4 - 5:30 	24 <i>Tools for Living 6 PM</i> <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>  -----	25 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>Youth Board 6:00 PM</i> <i>Board of Education</i> 6 PM <b>Rolla, MO</b>	26 <i>Youth Choir 3:30PM</i> <i>Soup Supper</i> 5:30 PM <i>Lenten Service 7:00 PM</i> <b>Youth Group</b>	27 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7 PM</i> <b>Ski Trip</b>	28  -----	29 <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
30 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> Confirmation 4 - 5:30 PM	31 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>					



# Just for KIDS

## How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

CODE:



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& Birthdays  
Anniversaries

### March Birthdays

1st - Liana Gregory

11th-Hannah McCreight

19th-Grace Wilkie

20th-Matthia Duryea

25th-Morgan Sprengle

29th-Sophie Myller

30th-Lance Vitek

### March Anniversary

Nina & Clint Hanson

March 12th

Sarah Kammerer February Birthday

Happy Belated

Birthday to Nina  
Hanson on February 6.

Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

## LWML (Women's Guild) News...

The March LWML get together will be at Mary Beth Bradfield's home (285 Blue Sage Circle) at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening, March 18th. We will have a special guest

speaker, *Sister Faith Hanson*. She will lead a discussion on how we are all united in Christ. Come with a friend, don't miss it!

Thanks go out to Lynn

Worrell and the LWML board for a lovely winter's day retreat. We enjoyed our snow shoeing and our time together at the Worrell cabin.

## Trustees Report

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday, February 4, with all members present. Our next meeting will be March 4 at 6:15.

We will be moving ahead with the parsonage bathroom remodel and donations are needed!

The sidearm heater for the kitchen has been installed, and should provide us with plenty of hot water for the dishwasher.

You may have noticed a "hole" in the wall downstairs by the bathrooms. We are creating a

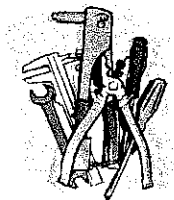
new storage area under the stairway and had to move the heater. We are doing that to relieve the other storage space of so much stuff. Please, people, **DO NOT BRING YOUR RUMMAGE THINGS TO THE CHURCH UNTIL TIME OF THE SALE!!!** We cannot stress enough the danger of all those things in that storage closet blocking the fire panel. If we were to be inspected by the Fire Marshall we would be found in violation of code.

We have lost the person removing the snow from our side-

walks, so if anyone is interested or has ideas, please contact one of the trustees or the church office.

Work Day on March 15, at 10:00 a.m. There are some areas in the church that need attention like the light fixtures, windows and so on, so please consider coming to work that morning.

In Christ's Service,  
Dave Anderson



## Fellowship Committee

Soup suppers are coming up for Advent, so groups at Concordia, please call to volunteer a Wednesday evening for making and serving soup.

The committee helped Linda White at the open house for the library on Sunday, February 23rd. Thanks to Ellyn for her help.

Judy Anderson



## Youth Group News

The High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday, March 9th for a sledding party. Meet at the church at 3 PM. We will return to the church for dinner afterwards.

We have special events scheduled in April and May on the second Sunday of the month. On April 13th we will have a Movie Night at the church. On May 11th there is a special SURPRISE event scheduled. Mark your calendars. We are looking forward to reconnecting with YOU, the YOUTH GROUP members. Please join us for fun & fellowship.



## Prayer Chain & Good Shepherd Mission

We are updating our prayer chain list. If you would like to be included on list of members who are contacted to pray for people, please fill out the form that is in your mailbox and return it to Billee Harris. All are welcome both male & female.

There is also a form for the Good Shepherd Ministry. A \$5 donation is all they are looking for. This ministry helps people with developmental disabilities. It is a wonderful organization and they could use our help. If you can give \$5 or more please fill out the form and give it to Billee Harris.

## PRAYER VIGIL

March Prayer Vigil is on Friday the 7th from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. Come after school with your kids or join us when you can. All are welcome and encouraged to come together to pray for our church and our community and share any personal prayer requests.



# TOOLS FOR LIVING

## STEP 5

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

This may be one of the most challenging steps we face in our recovery process, but it can also be one of the most fulfilling in terms of removing us from our isolation. In order to accomplish Step 5, the three-part sharing it endorses must take place. That is, all of what we discovered about ourselves in our Step 4 inventory is to be freely admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being.

There are basically five types of wrongs we should share:

- 1) We need to acknowledge all of our addictions.
- 2) We need to acknowledge what went wrong in our families of origin to initiate our codependent love hungers.
- 3) We need to acknowledge the multi-generational wrongs that may have led to our family of origin situations. We need to understand and be compassionate toward the families our parents emerged from.
- 4) We need to acknowledge the wrongs that have occurred in all major relationships in our lives.
- 5) We need to acknowledge the specific ways in which we have wronged others by the practice of our addictions.

Because these areas are so sensitive and so very personal, it is important to exercise care in choosing the person or persons with whom we formally share our fifth step. Such individuals should be trustworthy and somewhat detached from the situations about which we will share. For example, one would not usually call on a spouse or immediate family member to hear this confession. In fact, it is quite common to choose a therapist or pastoral counselor for this purpose. Also, such individuals should be compassionate, not condemning.

Four very positive things happen in Step 5 sharing:

- 1) Our shame is reduced through confession. We know that confession is an ancient tradition in Christianity and that it is an indispensable ingredient in the healing and renewal process.
- 2) Step 5 sharing allows us to express our grief-to expel the resentments, the anger, the fears that eat away at us and keep us from living life to the fullest.
- 3) We take a major step toward honesty. Perhaps the single greatest barrier to recovery is the inability to be honest. In Step 5 sharing, maybe for the first time in our lives, we open on deepest, darkest secrets and most private hurts to another human being.
- 4) Addictions, by their very nature, isolate us from other people and from God. Step 5 sharing breaks down the barriers we have erected through our addictions.

Step 5 sharing is the beginning of the end of our isolation.

### RECOVERY MEDITATIONS

(To help you understand what the Scriptures say about surrendering your will and life to God.)

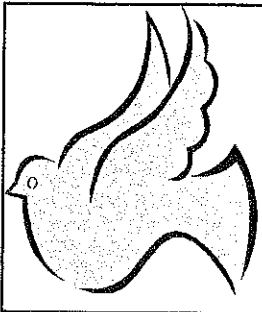
Acts 19:18  
2 Corinthians 10:3-5  
Proverbs 28:13, 14

Luke 11:17-20  
James 5:16

Hebrews 4:12-16  
1 John 1:8-9

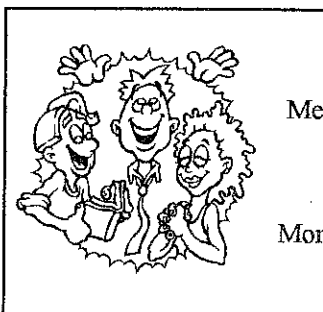
From “SERENITY – A Companion for Twelve Step Recovery” by Dr. Robert Hemfelt & Dr. Richard Fowler  
(Visit Concordia’s library for more inspirational readings—Tools for Living section.)





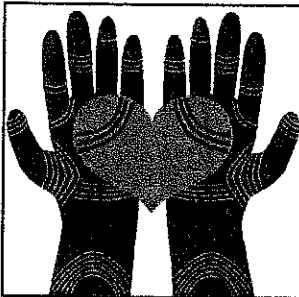
**Confirmation**

Will meet on  
Sundays 4:00-5:30  
PM during Lent



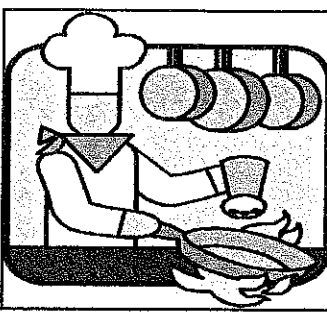
**YOUTH GROUP**

Meets every Sunday at 9:30 in the  
Youth Room  
Late start Breakfast  
March 12 at 9AM  
Monthly activity the 2nd Sunday of  
each month.



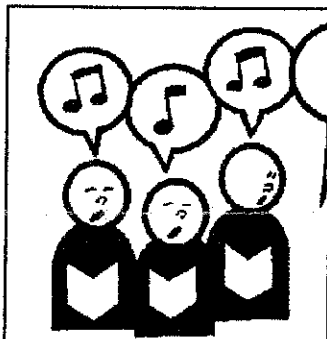
**STEPHEN MINISTERS**

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



**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday Mar 8th  
7:00 - 8:30AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
**Invite A Friend!**  
On March 22 we will meet at a  
restaurant in town. Details to  
follow.



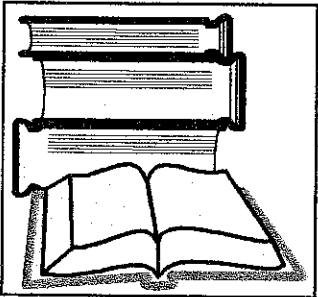
**YOUTH CHOIR**

Meets on Wednesdays  
after school from  
3:30 to 4:30PM.  
Come sing with us.



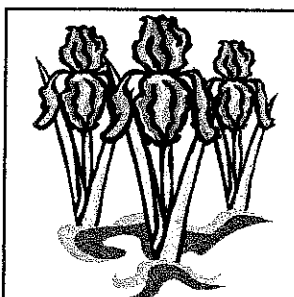
**Thursday Morning Women's  
Bible Study**

Meets every Thursday morning  
9-10:30 AM  
Come water your faith seeds.  
We're studying Acts.



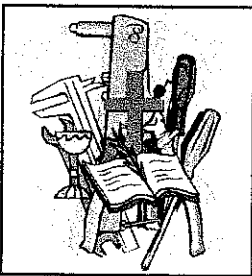
**Discovery Bible Study**

We will not meet during Lent.  
Please join us to church for our  
Lenten soup supper and  
service each Wednesday.



**LWML**

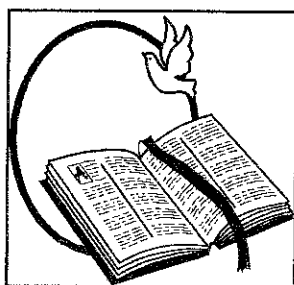
Tuesday, March 18th at 7 PM we  
will meet at Mary Beth  
Bradfield's home  
(285 Blue Sage Circle)  
Call 879-4181 for directions or  
meet at church at 6:45PM to  
carpool



**TOOLS FOR LIVING:**

Ministry team for recovery,  
addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on  
March 24th 6-7 PM



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning March 16th  
Christianity 101 will meet in the  
Chapel. A second Bible study  
will meet in the sanctuary.  
Come join us.

**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.

**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 PM

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

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