

Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRISTOGRAM

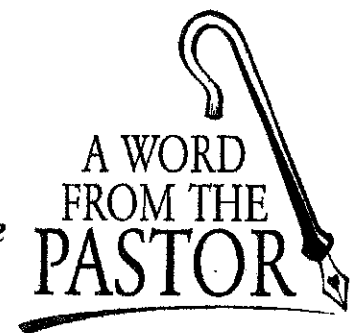
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Thoughts from the Pastor

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him . . .

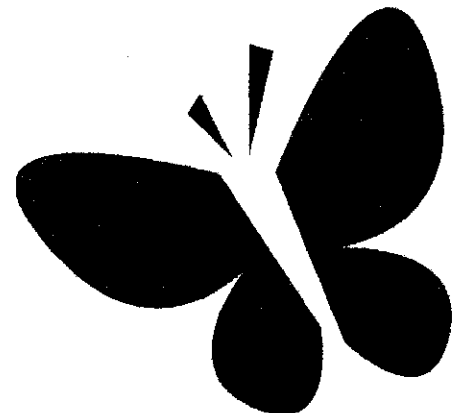
Psalm 37:3-7a



Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Saturday, April 12th is fast approaching. At 5:00 PM that evening, we will begin 40 Days of Purpose with the National Kickoff. I want to ask everyone to make this Campaign a priority. Mark it on your calendar and refuse to allow anything to interfere. Please find a way to set aside all other obligations in order that you can make yourself available for the weekend services, participate in the Sunday School class and/or a small group, and dedicate yourself to studying the daily devotionals. Let us commit our way to the Lord and to trust Him to make our righteousness shine like the dawn so that others may come to know the Lord through us; all to the glory, honor and praise of God alone.

*In Christ's Service
Pastor Scott*



A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN

Come for the inspirational kickoff event for the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign!

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Fellowship & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.

Message at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

(childcare provided)

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE NATIONAL KICKOFF

Comments from Kickoff participants, Fall, 2002:

- "This Kickoff has generated so much excitement and energy!"
- "In 41 years I have never been so moved by a teaching as I was today."
- "We will never be the same!"

- **Hear Rick Warren's motivational life message**
- **Receive your free copy of *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren**



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

Happy Spring Everyone!

Pastor made some good analogies in his sermon several weeks ago that got me thinking (a dangerous thing). He compared our life to a race. This is used quite often in sermons and lectures and other lessons and usually focuses our attention on "time". But as I pondered the idea several other angles developed.

This race we are in is a very unique race.

We are on a huge team (the Christian team from all over the world). Unfortunately it's not the biggest team (yet) It's absolutely the best team. We know the goal will never change and will always be there. If we keep working toward the goal, we will score, everyone of us, absolutely. If you asked the World, they would say it's cheating, Our coach makes the Rules... and He is the goal. (that thought gave me chills).

The rule book has been around forever and there isn't a committee that changes it every couple seasons.

The team can have as many members as want to join, there is no limit.

Everyone gets to play as much as they want.

The only soul that matters in the race is you. You are the only one you have to be concerned about. Your opinion regarding other people and circumstances, other than "love" for others, makes no difference to the coach, our God. He knows the true intentions, the heart, of every player.

During the race our coach is ultimately forgiving, he will keep helping us work on our mistakes, our game as long as we keep trying and loving him.

We are all running our own race. Our coach has given us all the advice we need to win our race. How we use that coaching, train and execute the game plan is up to us (free will).

There are only two results, win the race or not finish.

What a wonderful situation. Such a vast team to support our mission and the perfect coach, simple rules (Faith, Hope, Love, and a little discipline) and the ultimate prize.

Everyone on the team has the ability to come in first.

I like that kind of race. Go... Team!

God Bless you in your race.



Jake

PS: Consider participating in "40 days of Purpose" as a way to make you a better player in your race.

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW



KICKOFF: April 12th 5:00 p.m.

CAMPAIGN BEGINS APRIL 20th
SMALL GROUPS MEET ONCE A WEEK THROUGH JUNE
8TH

WEEKLY THEMES

APRIL 27TH: WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

MAY 4TH: WORSHIP

MAY 11TH: FELLOWSHIP

MAY 18TH: DISCIPLESHIP



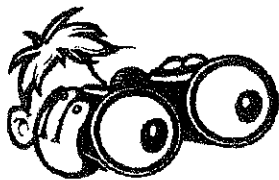
MAY 25TH: SERVICE/ MINISTRY FAIR

JUNE 1ST: MISSIONS

JUNE 8TH: CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!!!



Check Out The Host Homes



Look who's hosting small groups!

Gene & Bettiann Carrell
Jim & Michele Sprengle
Scott & Janis Herbert
Scott & Ellyn Myller
Hugh & Debbie Scott
Greg & Ann Gilbertson
Albert & Kathy Deepe
Marvin & Sara Lindsey
Dave Luchtenburg
Doug & Mary Dombey
Bob & Billee Harris
Dale & LeeAnn Beshears
Steve & Deborah Thomas
Dennis & Sher Schiewe
Chuck & Patti MacArthur



Sign up at Grand Central to join a small group located in your area or that meets on a day that works for you.

Attention Walkers, Runners, Hikers or Crawlers!"

Mark your calendars,
please....

Concordia's 4th Annual "Relay for Life" event will be June 13, 2003. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. This event is an 18 hour relay to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. There will be more info in the coming months, so please stay tuned. If you think you may



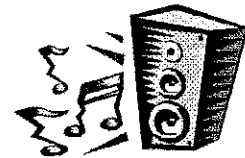
be interested or you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tina Tape at 879-7012.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

All the equipment has been ordered for the new sound system. It will be installed in the next couple of weeks. We will need some volunteers to help with installation.

Please call Jake Weber at 879-3863 or the church office at 879-0175 if you can volunteer some time to this project.

Thanks!!!!



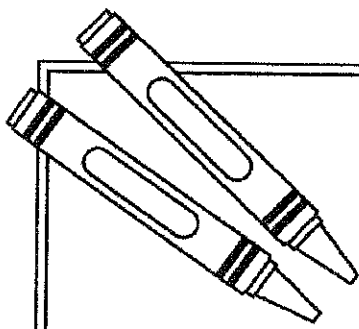
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO OUR APRIL CELEBRANTS

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

April 12 - Emily Craig
April 18 - Alexa Sprengle
April 21 - Michael Davis

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS










April 5th - Matthia Duryea
April 12 - Michael VanDahl
Eryn Rinck
Jonathan Rinck
April 24 - Morgan Sprengle
Grace Wilkie
April 28 - Carter Kounovsky



Just for KIDS

An Easter Message

Mary went to the tomb and found it empty! Find the words that an angel spoke to her. Write the name of each picture on the lines. Transfer the letters to the other spaces to find the verse.

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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27						
	28	29	30		42	43	44						

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 42 10 24 19 ; 42 28 42 36 5 24 25 5 27 23 !"

Luke 24:5

Color Easter Eggs the Natural Way

Here's a fun way to color Easter eggs using all natural ingredients. The longer the eggs are in the coloring the darker they will become.

(NOTE: Some of these colors need to be heated on a stove or in a microwave oven. Be sure to get an adult to help you.)

Golden Brown

Simmer the brown outer skins of onions for 5-10 minutes. The more skins you use, the darker the color.

Blue

Mash blueberries - fresh, frozen or canned - in a pan with a little water. Simmer 5-10 minutes.

Lilac

Dip eggs in cold grape juice. For a darker shade simmer the juice for 5-10 minutes.

Pale Green

Chop and simmer the green tops of carrots.

Chocolate-colored

Dip eggs in hot coffee straight from the coffeepot.

Answers: cross; butterfly; flower; sunrise; egg; duck; man; vine; hat. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

LWML (Women's Guild) News...

The April LWML get together will be a bit different and a lot of fun this month. We going to watch the Columbine Choral perform at the High School Auditorium and then go to Ann Gilbertson's home for fellowship and dessert af-

terwards. The event is on Tuesday evening, April 15th, at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the high school lobby at 6:45 pm and we'll all sit together. (There is a \$5 charge for the performance.) We can carpool from the high school to Ann's

house afterwards.

Our Spring rummage sale will take place on May 16th & 17th. There will be no May LWML meeting. More news on the rummage sale will be posted soon.

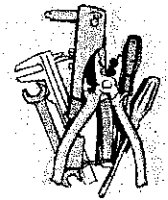
Trustees Report

Watch for a "Sign-Up" board that will be placed in the narthex with various items still needed for the parsonage bathroom remodel.

A BIG THANK YOU to the people who came to our Clean Day on March 15. We had 9 people come clean and we appreciate all that was accom-

plished.

In Christ's Service,
Dave Anderson



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is planning for Celebration Sunday, June 8th! This is the big party at the end of our 40 Days of Purpose!

If you are in to parties give me a call. We are looking forward to

the biggest party this church has ever seen.

In His Service,
Judy Anderson

**Celebration
Sunday!**

Youth Group News

A big "Thank you" to all our past donut underwriters. We appreciate all your support. We have run out of underwriters. If you would be like to underwrite a week of donuts they cost approximately \$25 a week. You can sign up on the form located by the donuts each Sunday.



Upcoming Events: April 6th 5:30 pm - the Catholic youth group has rented the gym at Christian Heritage School and has invited our Youth Group to join them.

- April 12th Kick-Off to the 40 Days of Purpose. 5 PM at the church
- April 13th from 6-9 pm Youth are meeting for a movie night. Bring a snack of your choice.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Living Rocks is the Rocky Mountain District Youth Gathering in Salt Lake City, UT July 20-23, 2003.
- Orlando, Florida Youth National Convention 2004

CONCERT OF PRAYER

April Concert of Prayer is on Friday the 4th 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 6

"We're entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

A major question that arises at this point is, "Are we genuinely willing to ask God to remove all of our addictions and dependencies?" We may be forced into recovery by the sheer pain of a primary addiction, such as alcoholism, and we may genuinely desire freedom from that addiction. However, we may have other more subtle dependencies that, in a way, we still enjoy and want to cling to. For example, an alcoholic may ask God to remove his addiction to alcohol, but remain in denial about his compulsive overeating. Perhaps his eating has not yet cast him into much trouble, and so he is reluctant to surrender that compulsion. In fact, he may lean on it even more heavily in the absence of the alcohol. So this is the real struggle in Step 6: Are we entirely ready to ask God to remove all of our defects, even the ones to which we cling tenaciously?

It is important to realize that we may be blind to some of our flaws. The ones that have forced us into recovery are probably obvious, but we may have to search to recognize others. Therefore, we must be sensitive to God's guidance and to feedback from significant people around us. Are they seeing certain patterns in our lives that we cannot see? Looking back at the relationship inventory we conducted in Step 4 for recurrent patterns may be helpful in identifying history, do we realize that in every important, intimate relationship, we "had to" be the passive, subservient partner? A pattern that surfaces over and over again hints at a character defect. This defect may be either or both of the relationship extremes of passivity or aggression. We should also examine the boundaries we set between ourselves and other persons. Are the boundaries too fragile? Can people spill into our lives in destructive ways? Or are our boundaries too thick? Are we too well defended? Do we keep people too far away? Finally, do we see and respect the boundaries of others?

We must be specific in our identification of individual defects of character, and we must be specific about the changes required to recover from them. One cure does not fit all! The approach for addressing one addiction may not work at all for another. For instance, the rage-a-holic may need to reduce anger expression. Conversely, the anger phobic person, who has no permission to feel or experience anger, may need to mobilize anger expression and assertiveness. The treatment has to be very specifically tailored to the defect and to the person.

As a rule, most defects of character involve some imbalance in the expression of and the experience of our most basic human needs. For example, sexuality and ambition are not bad unless our experiences of those drive are imbalanced or codependent. If we are addicted to sex or driven by ambition to the point of workaholicism, these expressions have become defects we must address. Our sixth step prayers would not be "Make me asexual" or "Take away my ambition." Rather, we might pray, "Grant me a healthy expression of my sexuality" or "Channel my ambition into enhancing my private life as well as my work life."

As we hold known defects of character up to God, we must avoid self-shaming and self-condemnation. The goal here is spiritual release, not spiritual self-punishment. For most of us, this process is ongoing. We will not be healed and sent forward immediately; rather, recovery will be a daily effort to evaluate, balance, and adjust the healthy expression of all of our God-given needs.

RECOVERY MEDITATIONS

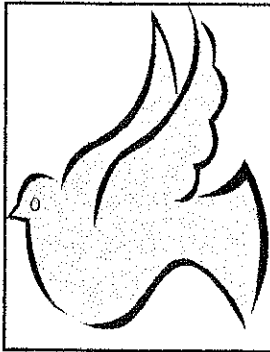
(To help you understand what the Scriptures say about surrendering your will and life to God.)

Romans 6:11,12
1 Peter 1:13-16
Psalm 119:28-40

Ephesians 4:17-23
1 John 4:18

Colossians 3:5-8
Revelation 3:19,20

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.)



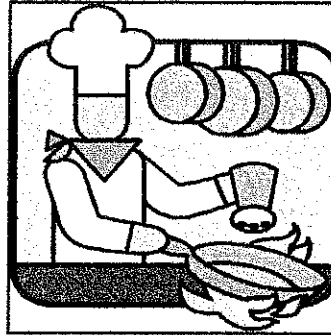
Confirmation
Will meet on
Sundays 4:00-5:30
PM during Lent.
No confirmation on
Easter Sunday.



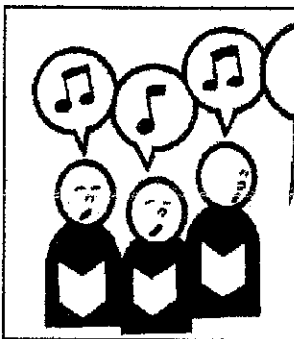
YOUTH GROUP
Meets every Sunday at 9:30 in the
Youth Room
Late start Breakfast
April 9th at 9AM
Monthly activity the 2nd Sunday of
each month.



STEPHEN MINISTERS
"A friend who has de-
veloped gifts for bring-
ing Christ's healing to
hurting places."



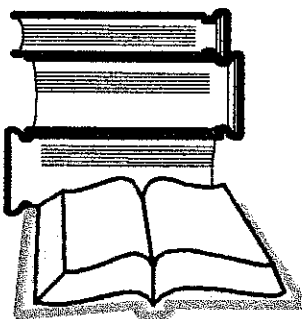
Men's Breakfast
Saturday April 12th
7:00 - 8:30AM
in Fellowship Hall
Invite A Friend!



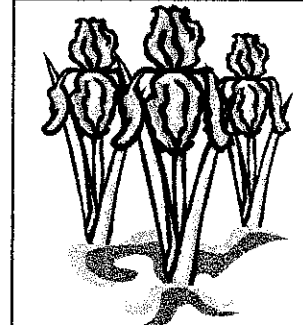
YOUTH CHOIR
Meets on
Wednesdays after
school from
3:30 to 4:30PM.
Come sing with us.



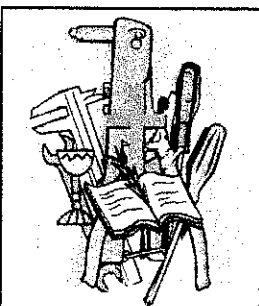
**Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study**
Meets every Thursday
morning 9-10:30 AM
Come water your faith
seeds. We're studying
Romans.



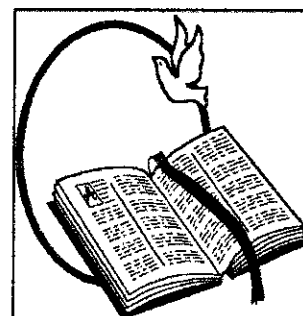
Discovery Bible Study
We will not meet during Lent.
Please join us at church for our
Lenten soup supper and service
each Wednesday.
Through the 40 Days of
Purpose we will not meet.
Please join a small group
during that time.



LWML
We are having a special
program this month on
Tuesday, April 15th at 7 PM
at the high school gym. We
will go to Ann Gilbertson's
house afterwards.



TOOLS FOR LIVING:
Ministry team for recovery,
addiction & prevention
Monthly meeting on
April 28th 6-7 PM



ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Christianity 101 is meeting in
the Chapel. Our second Bible
study is meeting in the
sanctuary. We are studying
1 Peter.
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

Editors: Pastor Scott Herbert and Rebecca Duryea

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>Trustees 6:00 PM</i> <i>Elder's 6:00 PM</i>	2 <i>Youth Choir 3:30PM</i> <i>Soup Supper 5:30 PM</i> <i>Lenten Service 7:00 PM</i>	3 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7 PM</i> <i>Stephen Ministry 8 PM</i>	4 <i>Concert of Prayer</i> 4:30-6:00 PM	5 <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
6 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> <i>Confirmation 4 - 5:30</i>	7 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i> 	8 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>Church Council</i> 7:00 PM	9 <i>Late Start Bkft 9AM</i> <i>Youth Choir 3:30 PM</i> <i>Soup Supper 5:30 PM</i> <i>Lenten Service 7:00 PM</i>	10 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7 PM</i>	11	12 <i>Men's Breakfast 7AM</i> <i>Journey practice 10 -12</i> 40 DAYS OF PURPOSE <i>KICK-OFF 5 - 7:30 PM</i>
13 PALM SUNDAY <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i> <i>Confirmation 4 - 5:30 PM</i>	14 <i>Women's AA 7 PM</i>	15 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>LWML 7:00 PM</i>	16	17 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Service 7 PM</i>	18 GOOD FRIDAY <i>SERVICE 7PM</i>	19 <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
20 EASTER SUNDAY <i>Worship - 6:30, 8:00,</i> <i>& 10:45 AM</i> EASTER BREAKFAST SERVED FROM 7:30- 10:30 AM	21 <i>Women's AA 7 PM</i>	22 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> SPRING	23	24 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 9 AM BREAK	25	26 <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
27 <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> <i>Confirmation 4 - 5:30</i>	28 <i>Tools for Living 6 PM</i> <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>	29 <i>Al-Ateen 6:00 PM</i> <i>Youth Board 6:00 PM</i>	30 <i>Youth Choir 3:30PM</i>			

