

Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRISTOGRAM

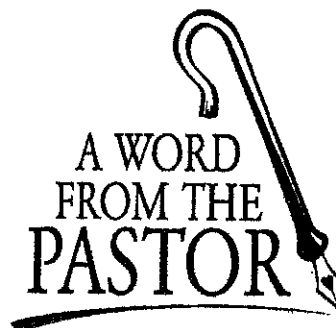
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Thoughts from the Pastor

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Colossians 1:15-17



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

It is not about us. It is all about God; His plan of salvation for us; and His desire and purposes for our lives in this world as His children. By this time, we are almost one full week into *40 Days of Purpose*, and this message, hopefully, has become very clear. This campaign is not about earning any kind of favor, place, grace, or love from God. It is all about responding to the free gift of grace and mercy we have been given solely out of our creator God's love for us and solely through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His One and Only Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is all about what the Bible has to say to us as God's redeemed, blood-bought children. This is how the book, *The Purpose Driven Life* begins:

It's not about you.

The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born *by* his purpose and *for* his purpose. (*Purpose Driven Life* pg. 17)

The answer to the question "What on earth am I here for?" begins and ends with God. We have been created by God in His image: "*So God created man in His own image, in*

the image of God He created him, male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27). We have been redeemed by God and saved from the punishment for our sins by His grace.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). And finally, we have been created and called by God to do good works in glory, honor and praise of Him.

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).

Therefore, as we continue in this journey, let us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, cast off all doubts and misgivings, so that, already guaranteed eternal life by the grace of God alone, we may be opened and directed by God’s Word down His will for our lives. A will that involves exclusively the sharing of the Gospel message that salvation is found in faith in Jesus Christ alone. So, as His children, we may be used by God as He saves the lost and furthers the reach of His eternal kingdom through our sharing the Good News with the world. SOLI DEO GLORIA! To God alone by the glory, forever and ever. Amen

In Christ's Service
Pastor Scott

Celebration Sunday!

On June 8th our 40 Days of Purpose will conclude with a marvelous celebration of God's goodness!! We will have one service at 9:30 AM followed by fellowship, food & fun beginning at 11 AM. Be sure not to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to look back at the awesome things God has done over the past 40 Days and what He is preparing Concordia Lutheran Church to do next.

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

Who's Idea Was This Forty Days of Purpose?

Concordia Lutheran Church is now involved in the 40 DAYS OF PURPOSE campaign. Did you know that Jesus started the first forty days of purpose campaign almost 2,000 years ago?

After Jesus rose from the dead, he stayed on earth for 40 days until his ascension into Heaven. He didn't just hang out with his friends during that time basking in his glory. He had a purpose. His purpose was multifaceted. Jesus declared his victory over sin, death and the devil. He revealed himself and his risen body to his followers. And he commissioned his followers to spread the gospel and establish his church throughout the world.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19,20

After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, the disciples were given the gift of the Holy Spirit and the power to do God's work. The 40 Days Of Purpose campaign can be an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to the Great Commission. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can be moved by the free gift of faith to live a "purpose driven life".

Yours in Christ,

Dennis Scheiwe
Elder

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

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A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

Come discover God's 5 purposes for creating us: Worship, fellowship,
discipleship, service & missions.

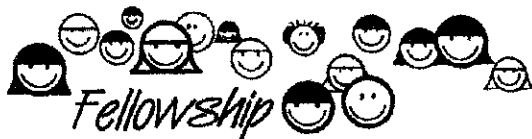
CAMPAIGN BEGAN APRIL 20th

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



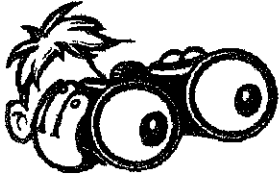
MAY 25TH: SERVICE/ MINISTRY FAIR
"GET IN THE GAME"

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
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



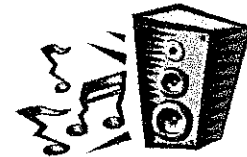
be interested or you have
any questions, please feel
free to contact Tina Tape at
879-7012.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

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

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

Thanks!!!!



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO OUR MAY CELEBRANTS

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

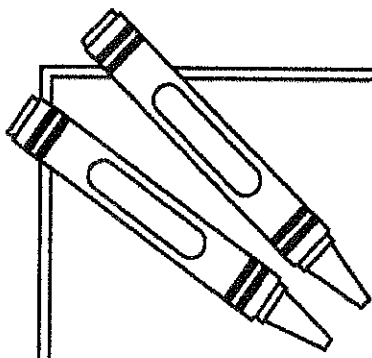
May 3 - Greta Sue Thurston
May 6 - Lesley Myller
May 7 - Olivia Gorr
May 8 - Helen Berntson
May 12-Jake Jarvis
May 13-Heather Ryan
May 16-Amaris Duryea
May 17-Randall Nelson

May 20-Justin Falk
May 25-Leo Starbuck
May 26-Michael VanDahl
May 26-Ryan McConnell

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

May 12 - Adele Dombrowski
May 12 - Jake Dombrowski
May 16 - Justin DelValle
May 21 - Heather Ryan
May 26 - Amaris Duryea



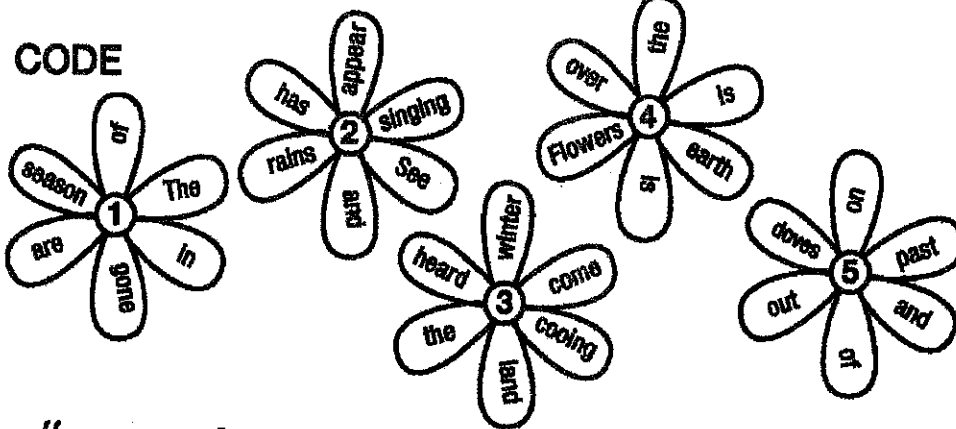


Just for KIDS

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Find the beautiful springtime words from Song of Solomon. Use the flower code to fill in the blanks.

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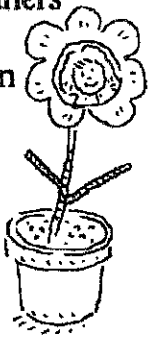
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Make a Photo Flower

for someone you love

You will need:

- ✿ colored construction paper
- ✿ 2 green pipe cleaners
- ✿ small flower pot
- ✿ green florist foam (to fit in pot)
- ✿ scissors
- ✿ tape
- ✿ glue
- ✿ a photo of you!



How to make it:

- ✿ Cut out your face from the photo. Make it a circle about 1-1/2" round.
- ✿ Fold a piece of colored paper in half and cut out 2 flower shapes.
- ✿ Glue your round photo in the center of one flower.
- ✿ Make a stem by folding a pipe cleaner in half and twisting it to make it stronger.
- ✿ Glue or tape the “stem” to the back of the flower that has your picture.
- ✿ Glue the other flower to the back of the first one. Make sure the “stem” is in between and sticks out from the bottom.
- ✿ Cut the other pipe cleaner in half to make leaves and then attach them to the “stem.”
- ✿ Put the green foam in the pot.
- ✿ Plant your flower in the foam.
- ✿ Give the flower pot to someone you love.

Answer: “See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.”

LWML (Women's Guild) News...

Thanks go out to Ann Gilbertson and the Columbine Choral Choir for putting together a fun April meeting. There will be no May meeting so that we may all attend our 40 Days of Purpose small group Bible studies.

Rummage Sale weekend is May 16th & 17th. You may drop off clean, items in good condition downstairs starting May 11th. We can not accept tires, appliances, or computers. We will need help sorting throughout the week

prior to the sale. Thanks in advance to all you dedicated rummage sorters.

Rummage Sale

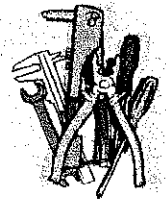
Trustees Report

The "Sign-Up" board is in the narthex with various items still needed for the parsonage bathroom remodel. Please check out the board and see if there's any-

thing you'd like to sign up for or provide. The project will begin after June 8th. Many hands make light work. Let us know if you can help out in

any way.

In Christ's Service,
Dave Anderson

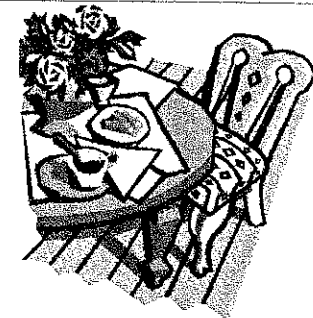


Diner's Club

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Anyone wishing to join the Concordia Lutheran Church Diners' Club should contact Sue Dreska

(879-4273 or SEDRE-SKI@aol.com) no later than 4/30 in order to be included in the next session commencing May 2003.



If anyone desires to drop out of the group, please let Sue know no later than 4/30 also!

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.



Thanks go out to the Catholic Youth group for including us at CHS gym in April. Everyone who came had a great time.

Upcoming Event:

- May 11th Reception for the graduating Seniors between services. Come wish our seniors well as they head off to college. We have 15 young adults moving on to the next stage of life. God's blessings on them all.



Graduation

Jason Bartosh, Tony Cesolini, Keith Denton, Steve Denton, Abigail Fritz, Jake Hammerslag, Prairie Handyside, Christian Hogrefe, Tyler Link, Ian Noyer, Julia Patterson, Spencer Roos, Gunnar Sorensen, Keegan Thompson, & Jeremy Youngs.

CONCERT OF PRAYER

May Concert of Prayer is on Friday the 2nd 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 7

“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”

Steps 6 and 7 overlap in emphasizing the significance of God's intervention in addressing our character defects. While Step 6 focuses on our willingness to yield these flaws to God, Step 7 centers on the humility with which we should approach Him. It is very important that we not confuse humility with humiliation. God does not want to mortify us. He does want us to submit to Him.

We need humility for three reasons:

- 1) So that we can recognize the severity of our character defects. One aspect of our addictions is that we tend to deny and minimize the pain they inflict. Therefore, as we try to assess our character defects, we may, unless we take a very humble approach, underestimate their severity.
- 2) So that we can acknowledge the limits of human power in addressing these character defects. We cannot do it on our own. We cannot do it by sheer willpower. We cannot do it by our own intellect and reasoning.
- 3) So that we can appreciate the enormity of God's power to transform lives.

The invitation to humility is not an invitation to low self-esteem or a negative self-image. In fact, quite the reverse is true. Poor self-esteem may be camouflaged by a superficial sense of false pride and by a resistance to God's intervention. In contrast, if we have healthy self-esteem, we are freed to come out from behind our haughty masks and to receive and appreciate God's greatness. When our self-esteem has been restored to a proper state of balance, we are able to comfortably humble ourselves before him.

In order for us to experience life-changing humility, however, we must be aware that 1) what we accomplish, amass, or achieve materially will never bring us true contentment or the satisfaction of our innermost spiritual hunger: and 2) surrender to God's leadership cannot occur until we acknowledge our own limitations and need for His guidance. We must surrender the leadership role to God.

Although Step 7 is the shortest step in terms of wording and is perhaps the least discussed in recovery groups, it is probably the most potent of the twelve. It embodies the Miracle of transformation as we turn over to God our broken, defective personalities in order that He might mold them into healthy, effective instruments of His will. A.A.'s Seventh Step Prayer words this commitment as follows:

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character, which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. AMEN.

RECOVERY MEDITATIONS

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

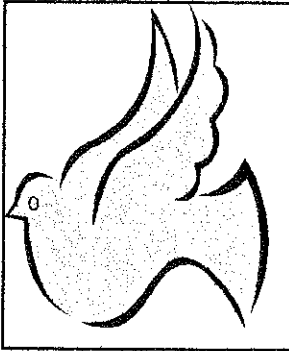
Matthew 18:4
1 John 5:14-15

Acts 3:19
Psalm 32:6-8

Hebrews 12:5-11
Psalm 37:23-24

1 Peter 5:6-7

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

Meets on Wednesdays
6:00-8:00 PM.
Make-Up on Sundays
from 4:30-6:00 PM



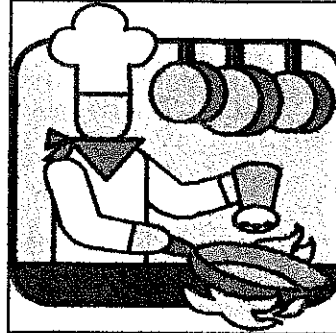
YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Sunday at 9:30 in
the Youth Room
Late start Breakfast
May 14th at 9AM



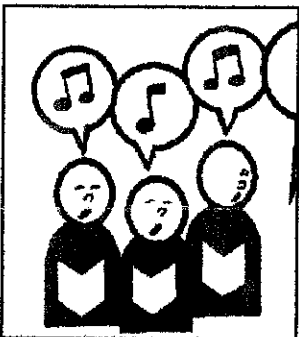
STEPHEN MINISTERS

“A friend who has de-
veloped gifts for bring-
ing Christ’s healing to
hurting places.”



Men’s Breakfast

Saturday May 10th
7:00 - 8:30AM
in Fellowship Hall
Invite A Friend!



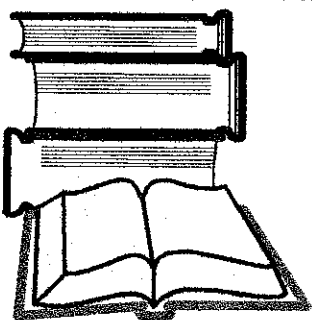
YOUTH CHOIR

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



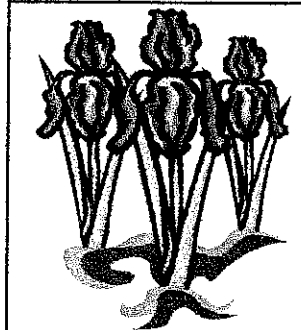
Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study

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



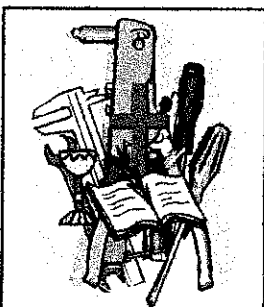
Discovery Bible Study

Through the 40 Days of
Purpose we will not meet.
Please join a small group
during that time. We will
begin meeting again in June.



LWML

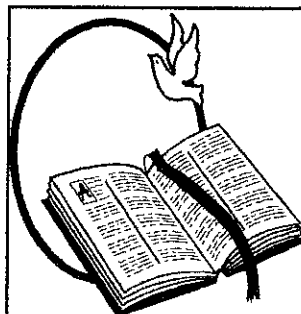
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May 16th & 17th
Come help us sort
the week prior. Drop off
donations beginning
May 11th.



TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery,
addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on
May 26th 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
			<i>National Day of Prayer on May 1st Breakfast 7AM Howelsen Hill Court House Lawn Noon</i>	1 Women's Bible Study 9 AM Choir 6 PM Bells 7 PM Stephen Ministry 8 PM	2 Concert of Prayer 4:30-6:00 PM	3 Worship 5:30 PM
4 Worship - 8:00 AM Educ Hr - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM Confirmation 4 - 5:30 PM	5 Women's AA 7:00 PM	6 Al-Ateen 6:00 PM	7 Youth Choir 3:30PM Confirmation 6:30 - 8:00 PM	8 Women's Bible Study 9 AM Bells 7 PM	9	10 Men's Breakfast 7AM Journey practice 10-12 Worship 5:30 PM
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25 Worship - 8:00 AM Educ Hr - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM DWCC - 1:00 PM Confirmation 4 - 5:30	26 Tools for Living 6 PM Women's AA 7:00 PM	27 Al-Ateen 6:00 PM Youth Board 6:00 PM	28 Youth Choir 3:30PM Confirmation 6:30 - 8:00 PM	29 Women's Bible Study 9 AM	30	31 Worship 5:30 PM