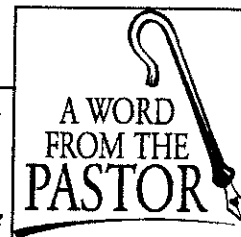


# CHRISTOGRAM

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July 2003

## Thoughts from the Pastor



*"Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me."*

*"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but He will heal us; He has injured us but He will bind up our wounds. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will restore us that we may live in His presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."*

Hosea 5:15-6:3

*"If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."*

2 Chronicles 7:14-16

*"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? . . . God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."*

1 Corinthians 3:16 & 17b

*". . . For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"*

2 Corinthians 6:16b

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

As our country prepares to celebrate another birthday, I believe we need to join together in prayer for our national leaders, for the people of this country, and most especially, for our Christian leaders as well as each other. For awhile now, we, as a society, have been steadily turning away from God and from His leadership and guidance for our country. In the verses above, God promises to first, always listen to and answer our prayers and second, to forgive our sins and heal our land. In the Hosea and 2 Chronicles passages, God promises to always be with us, to always be in the temple that He has chosen and consecrated and that His Name and heart will be there forever. In the 1&2 Corinthians passages, God, through St. Paul, reminds us that because of the cross of Jesus Christ and the presence of the promised Holy Spirit in our lives, that we are *"the temple of the living God"* and that we are God's people forever. Therefore, let us lift up our President, our country and all of our fellow Americans in prayer, seeking God's face in repentance and receiving once again His forgiveness and blessings. This is the greatest country that has ever existed in the history of the world by the grace of God alone. It will continue to be great and continue to be a blessing to the rest of the world, only by the grace of God alone. Praise be to God. Amen

In Christ's Service  
Pastor Scott

# STEWARDSHIP

## A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

We have just finished 40 days of training on how to manage our lives to God's glory and the continuous building of His kingdom. Have we as individuals improved our life management by 10%, 20% or more? If so we should be able to see an effect on the whole church family at Concordia. Are we more patient and less judgmental? Are we repairing injured relationships? Are we seeking ways to serve? Are we spending more time in fellowship with our church family? I see some positive signs. I hope and pray we all see positive signs that our lives are becoming more purpose driven.

Stewardship is another word that can be used to describe a purpose driven life. Stewardship is how we manage all of our time, talent and treasure in the life we have given over to Christ.

Now to the purpose that drives my life right now. It's back to where it always ends up with the Stewardship chairperson at Concordia. It's always some moldy old guy like me trying to panhandle the rest of you into dedicating more of your treasure to the needs of our Church. I can restate all the standard clichés and quote the appropriate Bible verses over the next weeks and months if I have to, but a more direct approach may work better.

1. Just because you go vacationing, golfing, camping or working instead of attending church doesn't cause the expenses at Concordia to stop any more than it causes your household expenses to stop. Your normal contribution to Concordia should continue.
2. A DCE staff person is coming in August. She is an intern and will be here for one year. This person has not been included in the year to date budget figures reported in the bulletin. The cost increase will be about \$450 to \$550 per week. This is a 10% increase in your personal level of giving. Concordia supplies salary plus housing for the DCE intern.

In the Service of our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ  
He is the Good Shepherd!!!

Bill Baldwin  
Stewardship

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

I have noticed over the past few years and in particular recent months it has become increasingly popular to be rude, uncaring of others feelings, place self above all else and to be just plain mean. Examples of this are increasingly evident in our everyday lives. The political pundits state their positions on talk shows by calling the opposing party stupid, uncaring and only out for themselves. Sports talk show hosts state in no uncertain terms how poorly the players and managers are doing their jobs without thought of how those people and their families may feel. Unfortunately this is not only a national trend but a local one as is evidenced in our local editorials, conversations about our schools and civic leaders or just good old local gossip about our friends and neighbors. It can also be seen in our church when we snipe, and point fingers. It can also be seen in how we treat others when we disagree on the business of the church. I believe that it is time for us as a congregation, local and nation community to heed the words of Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you". Wouldn't the world be a better place if we could just follow those words?

In Christ,  
Doug Dombey

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

*Eph. 4:32*

## Trustees Report

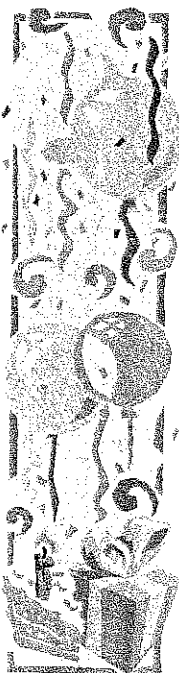
Have you noticed all the beautiful yard work that has been done? A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to the small group from Hayden: Alma & Bill Baldwin, the Hornstein family, the Deepe family, & the Wilkie family and to the Berntson's who so faithfully take care of the planter by the entrance. Thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to help. If you would like to help out a week or more this summer give Luther a call 870-9675 or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

We are still working on the parsonage bathroom remodel. More material is needed. If everyone signed up for one thing it would all be taken care of. Take a peek at the items still needed. Thanks for your help in advance.

In Christ's Service,

Dave Anderson

## "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO OUR JULY CELEBRANTS



"Happy Birthday to ....."

July 3 - Sam Scully  
 July 6 - Amanda Schoewe  
 July 7 - Gabriel Hart  
 July 9 - Brian Bertrand  
 July 9 - Jade Hanson  
 July 15 - Debbie Scott  
 July 18 - Jake Dombrowski  
 July 20 - Jerad Bussell  
 July 20 - Garrett Anderson  
 July 22 - Charlie Beurskens  
 July 23 - Spencer Roos  
 July 26 - Dana Schoewe  
 July 28 - Erik Svendsen

Baptism Birthdays

July 3 - Kailee Duryea  
 July 11 - Ben Bradfield  
 July 16 - Hannah McCreight  
 July 16 - Gavin Scully  
 July 17 - Sophie Myller  
 July 18 - Gabriel Hart  
 July 21 - Lesley Myller  
 July 21 - Madison Knutson  
 July 23 - Daniel Atkins



Mark your calendar for these awesome July events:

ChristAid is back: July 13th -- We need help singing, fixing food and providing transportation for Winnie on Friday, the 11th. Call the office if you can help out. 879-0175

HOLY HOT DOGS: See page 6

Dr. Louis Brighton, St. Louis Seminary Professor to visit Steamboat and give a seminar on Revelation Saturday, July 26th and preach Saturday night and Sunday July 27th.

DON'T MISS IT!



There are still many ministries in need of helping hands. If you have some time to give in service call Ellyn (871-1860) or the office (879-0175) and we'll let you know the opportunities that are available.

### Summer Sunday School Schedule 2003

July 6 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 13 - Christmas in JULY

"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" Servant Event

July 20 - Jesus Answers the Canaanite Women's Prayer

July 27 - Aquila and Priscilla Teach the Good News

August 3 - Special Guest - from Arvada, CO - PEACE PUPPETEERS

"LIGHT HOUSE KIDS - Shining God's Light"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 4-6, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

August 10 - Offerings for the Lord

August 17 - God Sent Jesus to Be Our Servant

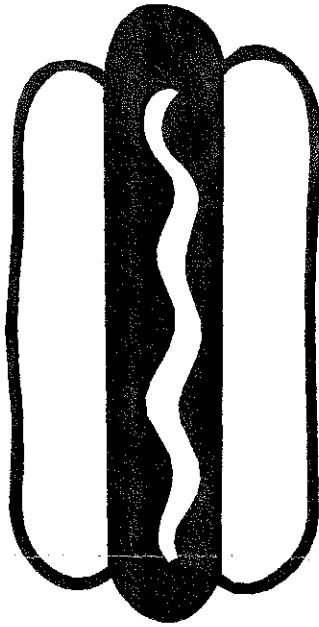
August 24 - Shine Like Stars

August 31 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 7 - RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

2003-2004 "THE WORD OF GOD"

# Holy Hotdog Fellowship



**Wednesdays  
July 2nd, 16th,  
& 30th  
from 5:30 PM-  
7:00 PM**

**At Elk Park**

**Come bring your family and  
friends for fun, food, and  
fellowship. Bring a side dish  
to share if you can.  
See you there!!!**

# Youth ENCOUNTER

Youth Encounter is please to announce that Lisa Warner has accepted a Letter of Call to serve the church as a member of a relational ministry band, Captive Free.

Their letter is posted on the bulletin board.

## "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin"  
I'm whispering "I was lost",  
Now I'm found and forgiven.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
And need CHRIST to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need HIS strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are far too visible  
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain,  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner  
Who received God's good grace,  
somehow.

## TREASURE'S REPORT

*What a glorious summer we're enjoying here at Concordia Lutheran! I think I can speak for all of us when I say that it's truly a blessing from God that our congregation's had the wonderful opportunity to share and grow with one another through the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign which just came to a powerful conclusion. We have the pleasure of welcoming Ellie Bach to our spiritual family as our DCE intern. Ellie hails from Wisconsin, and will be a great addition to our church family.*

*As a church, part of our responsibility is to be fiscally responsible for everything that occurs in our midst. We have fallen short of our financial goals this year, and rather than wait until we fall further behind, I felt it necessary to share with all of you that while we're off the mark, we can tighten our collective belts and meet the challenge ahead of us.*

*In my 6 or so years at Concordia I've seen our church rise to every challenge we've faced. The reason we've risen to the occasion was because we were educated as to the challenge we faced. Now is the time to meet this challenge before it becomes too big to ignore. I expect all of my fellow members to pledge to me \$5 a week in order to cover the expense of the DCE intern (Ellie Bach) which we've prayed about as a congregation, argued about as a congregation, praised God about as a congregation, and now have to pay for as a congregation.*

*In the Lord's Business section of the weekly bulletin we've been giving you a snapshot of our budget vs. contributions. These numbers have intentionally left our DCE intern's expense out since we didn't have that expense. Now we will be adding that number which will show all of us just where we stand financially! Help me, but more importantly, help your family, and your church. (which are one in the same)*

*I thank God and our leadership for finding Ellie, and I thank God for Ellie! Help me to welcome her by making sure we have the means to handle the commitment we've made to her.*

*In Christ,*

*Hugh Scott  
Treasurer*



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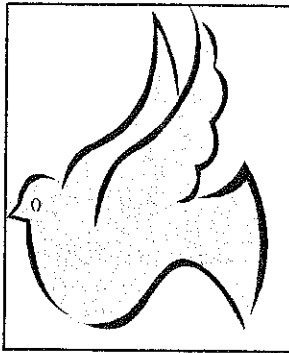
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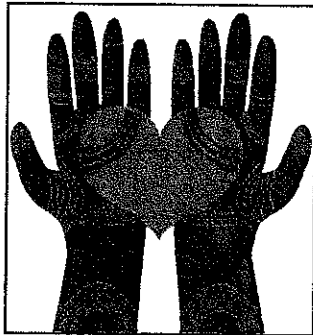
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Classes resume in the fall.



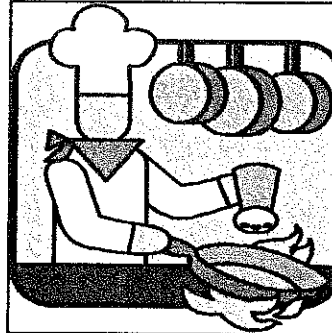
### YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Youth Room.  
**BIG WELCOME FOR ELLIE BACH ON AUGUST 31ST. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS**



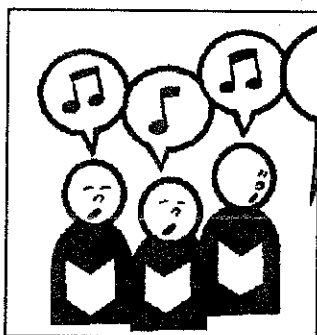
### STEPHEN MINISTERS

“A friend who has developed gifts for bringing Christ’s healing to hurting places.”



### Men’s Breakfast

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



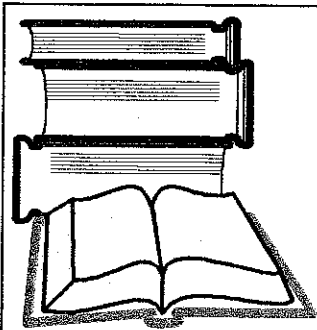
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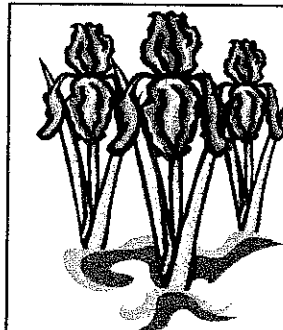


### Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study

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Come water your faith seeds. We're studying Romans.

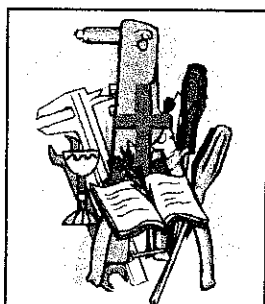


Small Group Bible Studies are meeting at various homes. Check the board in the narthex for Bible study opportunities.



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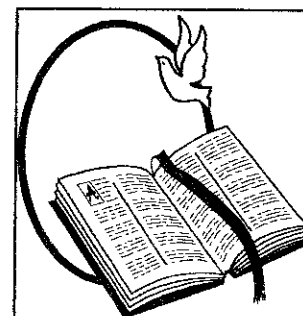
No meetings in July & August. Fall kick-off is September 16 7 PM at the Herberts.



### TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery, addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on June 28th 6-7 PM



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Christianity 101 is meeting in the library. Our second Bible study is meeting in the Chapel. We are studying 1 Peter.  
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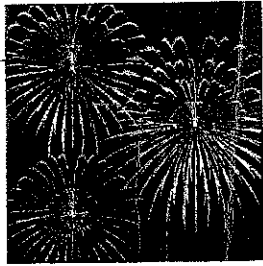
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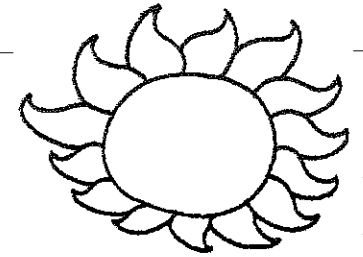
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		1 Trustees 5:15 PM O & A 5:15 PM Elder's Meeting 6PM	2 HOLY HOTDOGS 5:30 - 7:00 PM ELK PARK	3 Women's Bible Study 9 AM 	4 Concert of Prayer 4:30-6:00 PM 	5 Journey practice 10 -12 Worship 5:30 PM
6 Educ Hr - 8:00 AM No Children's SS Worship - 9:15 AM 	7 Worship Committee noon Women's AA 7:00 PM	8 Church Council 7PM	9	10 Women's Bible Study 9 AM Bells 6 PM	11	12 Men's Breakfast 7AM Worship 5:30 PM
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