

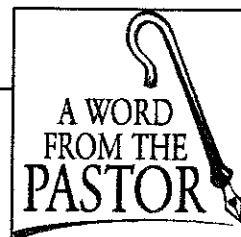
Concordia Lutheran Church

# CHRISTOGRAM

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## Thoughts from the Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am excited about what God is doing in our midst and will continue to do. The Lord provides many opportunities for growth and I am looking forward to having Bob Marette, with The Financial Health Fair, provide a workshop entitled **"How To Get Out of Debt in 5-7 Years, Including Your Mortgage, With the Money You Already Make"**. Bob is a noted financial advisor in the Denver area. He has spoken at many churches around the country, and has been featured on TV and radio. His daily radio program, "Out of Debt with Bob Marette" can be heard along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. **His heart is to get the Body of Christ out of financial bondage.**

**This is not a Financial Seminar, How to Get Rich Quick or How to Cut Your Taxes seminar. It does not involve Insurance, Securities, or Debt Consolidation.** It is a straight-line approach to eliminate debt with a biblical perspective. Won't it be thrilling to see how God's Word has practical advice for our lives.

Please join me on Saturday, September 6th, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Be sure to register in advance and pick up a reservation packet. **Then bring a list of your debts and a calculator.** Child Care and a Continental Breakfast will be provided. You will leave knowing when **you** will be debt free and how much you can look forward to having at retirement. This is an excellent opportunity to reach out to friends and loved ones. I look forward to being blessed along with you. **Call the church at 970-879-0175 to register in advance and pick up a reservation packet.**

In Christ's Service  
Pastor Scott

# Ellie Is Coming!

Our DCE intern is on her way. Her name is (Elinor) Ellie Bach. Her current address & phone is: 1309 Prairie Ave., Beloit, WI 53511/ (608) 362-5915. She's 23 years old and comes from a family of six. She has an older brother Eric, who got married this summer, an older sister Elizabeth and a younger sister Emily. Ellie enjoys music: singing and piano, almost any sport, crocheting, art: drawing & painting. She has been involved with a praise band, choirs, Concordia Youth Ministry, Bible studies, musicals and music lessons. She has taught VBS for 5 years and Senior High Sunday morning Bible study & Wednesday night Bible study for 2 years. She will be arriving around August 18th. Her service of induction will be on August 31st at our final summer service at 9:15 AM. Please mark your calendars and plan on welcoming Ellie to our community of faith here at Concordia. Keep her and her family in your prayers. Her father, Chuck, is battling cancer.



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

Peace and God's blessings be to you all.

It is a tremendous blessing to be able to live in this community. I would like to take a moment to thank the members of Concordia for making me feel part of a family. Where else could I go and after 3 years be asked to assume the role of Big Brother / Guardian.

It is a humbling and daunting responsibility of which I constatly ask "Am I the right person for this job?" The answer is usually "No". Followed by other questions and a prayer that God give me wisdom.

One aspect of being in the position of Elder let alone head Elder, you have to work to become what is necessary. Not just put on the costume, but be what the position demands. It is trial and error at times.

I suppose almost any position of responsibility is similar. In order to truly succeed it has to become a part of you.

This begs the question (at least in this column) "Is your position in this church a part of you?" Is it a lifestyle? Or is it simply an obligation that has been reduced to one hour a week schedule permitting?

Lutherans and other denominations as well have developed the belief that a one hour church service fulfills any responsibility we have to God. Excuse me, but does one hour of work at our jobs justify what we make a week in wages, benefits, etc.?

Look my friends, God paid for our lives with blood, not cash or a check, then he blessed us also with the beauty of the land, warmth, freedom and anything else you can name. If giving more than a token of time or resources to glorify God is asking too much, than there is a serious problem here. And its not God's problem.

Brian

Pray about it!

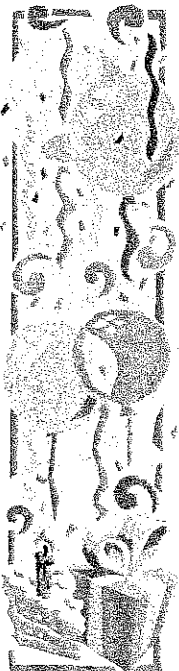
## Message from the President

No not HIM! It's  
Bart Kounovsky.

Just a brief note to let everyone know that nominations are just around the corner. The nominating committee will be making contacts to people for positions that are or will be vacant in 2004. Please be prayerfully considering if the Lord is calling you into a position of leadership at Concordia. The Lord has great things in store for this congregation in 2004 and just needs a few leaders to accomplish those things.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration. Bart K.

## "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO OUR AUGUST CELEBRANTS



"Happy Birthday to ....."

Baptism Birthdays

Aug 7 - Logan Banning  
 Aug 9 - David Kelley  
 Aug 12- Matt Warner  
 Aug 14- Clint Hanson  
 Aug 15- Kaitlin Schoewe  
 Aug 16- Kelly Hanson  
 Aug 17- Graham Hogrefe  
 Aug 18- Peter Myller  
 Aug 19- Stephanie Kammerer  
 Aug 20- Tucker Smalley  
 Aug 25- Keenan Starbuck  
 Aug 26- William McConnell

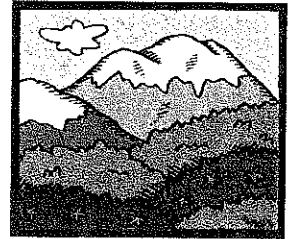
Aug 3 - Charlie Beurskens  
 Aug 8 - Antonio Ranieri  
 Aug 8 - Chloe Ranieri  
 Aug 8 - Ellie Ranieri  
 Aug 8 - Wilbur Ranieri  
 Aug 17- Ava Scarborough

## Heavenly Hikers!

The (Concordia) **Heavenly Hikers**  
are climbing another "14er" !!!

We plan to Hike Castle Peak (near Aspen).

We will leave the church parking lot on August 17th at approximately 1 PM. We will hike early Monday August 18th and return by Monday evening. ?s call Kris Tratiak 879-1510



## 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.

## Summer Sunday School Schedule 2003

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

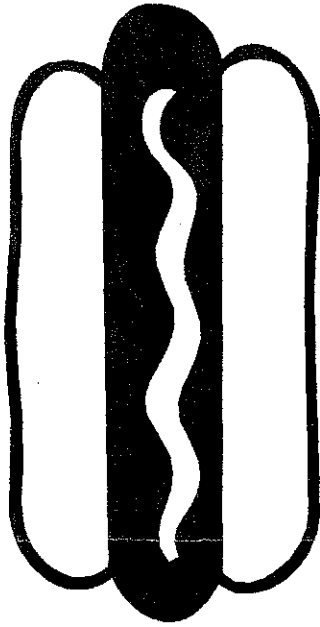
August 24 - Shine Like Stars

August 31 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL -

Come help welcome our new DCE intern Ellie Bach

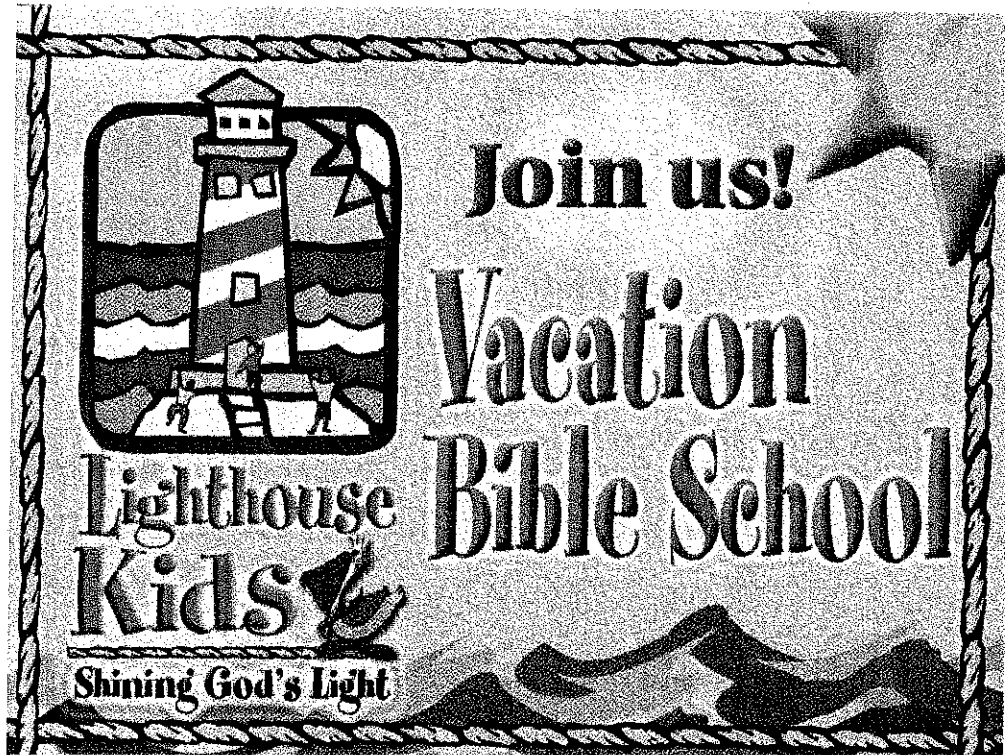
SEPTEMBER 7 - RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
2003-2004 "THE WORD OF GOD"

# Holy Hotdog Fellowship



**Wednesday  
August 13th  
from 5:30 PM-  
7:00 PM is our  
LAST Summer  
Outing 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!!!**



# FREE

Date: August 4-7

Place: Concordia Lutheran Church  
755 Concordia Lane

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Ages: 3 yrs - 5th grade

For more information call 879-0175

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

### Attention, Women

**KICK OFF!** *There will be no meeting in August. Our Fall Kick-off is Tuesday, September 16th at 7 pm at the Herberts, 579 Grand, Old Town.*

*Mark your calendars: LWML Fall Zone Rally, Saturday, September 6th, Faith Lutheran Church in Craig. Theme: "For God So Loved the World" based on John 3:16. We will carpool from the church - watch for more details.*



*We welcome our newest board members - Sara Lindsey and Judy Anderson, who will be serving as our Christian Growth chairpersons. Our returning board is Lynn Worrell, Pres., Dianne Weber, V.P., Helen Berntson, Secretary, and Tammy Ryan, Treasurer.*

*Our Sunshine person for July, August, and September is Lynn Worrell 879-3932.*

**THANK YOU!**

*ABIG Thank You to Dianne Weber for hosting our annual June Salad Supper. 20 ladies were present for a special evening of wonderful food and fellowship.*



## Youth Group News

The Youth group had an awesome time at the Wojtowicz's home on July 20. It was wonderful to welcome the new confirmands into the youth group.

We will be having a Food Drive for Ellie before her arrival. There is a list posted in the narthex with items to purchase. Please check it out and let's fill up Ellie's cupboards to give her a great big welcoming. August 31st is Ellie's induction service and there will be a brunch following that service.



We will also be having our HIGHWAY CLEAN UP DAY. A date and time will be announced in the bulletin. This is always a fun time to do our community service together.

### REMINDER:

The National Youth Gathering -- July 2004  
Registration will be due in October 2003  
More information will follow regarding  
registration, fund raisers, etc.

## CONCERT OF PRAYER

August Concert of Prayer is on Friday the 1st from 4:30 - 6:00PM.

Come 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 10

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

Steps 10, 11, and 12 are sometimes called the maintenance steps. They repeat many of the points outlined in previous steps, but they emphasize the value of continuing to “work the steps” on a day-to-day basis.

Step 10 encourages the taking of a personal inventory, which, for recovering persons, should be a daily process. Here are five components of this ongoing inventory:

- 1) What are our needs? These include basic needs, such as the need for love, acceptance, and security. Do we recognize those needs? Are they being met in some reasonable fashion?
- 2) What are our feelings? Especially we need to allow grief feelings to surface and be expressed. We also need to watch out for deep feelings of resentment, because resentment covers anger, anger covers hurt, hurt usually covers fear, and again, the deepest fear is that our basic human needs are not going to be met. In relationships we fear being rejected or abandoned.
- 3) What counterfeit, codependent, and addictive means are we using in trying to meet our needs? Are we manipulating others? Are we over controlling others? Are we being perfectionistic or compulsive with others or ourselves? Are we attempting to win acceptance by playing the martyr or the victim role in relationships? Are we compulsively rescuing or enabling others? All of these are trigger questions to help us assess whether we are using bogus means to meet our needs.
- 4) What is our relationship with our own boundaries and with the boundaries of others? It is very important to know we can set appropriate interpersonal boundaries that are neither too rigid nor too fragile. Can we keep people out as we need to? Can we allow people in as we need to? Are we capable of saying yes to other persons, and are we capable of saying no as necessary? Also, do we respect the boundaries of others? Do we hear and honor the yeses and no's they give us regarding their boundaries?
- 5) If we are aware of violating our own boundaries or the boundaries of others, are we able to reestablish new, proper boundaries? Are we able to make amends to those who have been harmed by our violation of their boundaries?
- 6) Do we admit our wrongs promptly? Unless we admit them promptly, we will store these wrongs, which can be rationalized into “wrongs against us.” They may then become resentments, which sabotage our recovery.

Our daily inventory certainly also needs to assess the status of our relationship with God. Are we still yielding our wills to Him? Bill Wilson emphasized how crucial this evaluation is, especially for addictive personalities, which tend to be willful. Our need to surrender ourselves to God on a daily basis will go on throughout our lives, and we shall explore the means of that continuing spiritual surrender in Step 11.

### RECOVERY MEDITATIONS

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

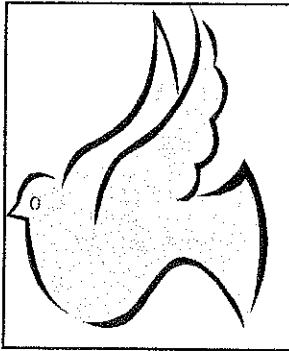
Mark 14:38  
Hebrews 2:1-35

Romans 12:3  
1 Peter 2:11

1 Thessalonians 5:17-22  
Psalm 85:8,9

Psalm 103:8-18

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.)



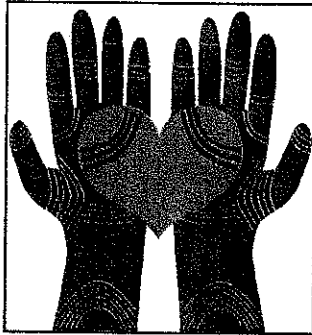
### Confirmation

Summer break!  
Classes resume in the  
fall.



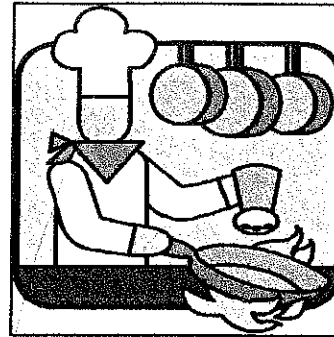
### YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Sunday morning  
at 8:00 in the Youth Room.  
**BIG WELCOME FOR  
ELLIE BACH ON AUGUST  
31ST. WATCH FOR MORE  
DETAILS**



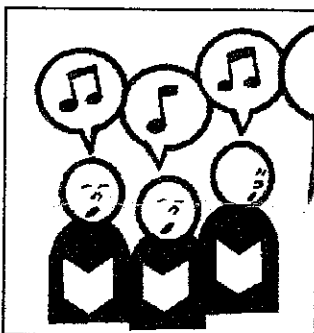
### STEPHEN MINISTERS

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



### Men’s Breakfast

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



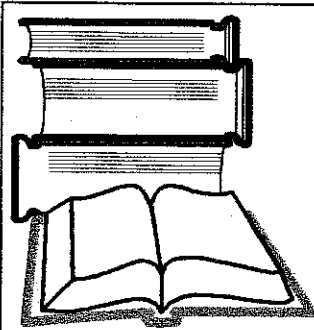
### YOUTH CHOIR

Summer break! We'll  
resume in the fall.  
We're thinking about  
doing a musical. Let  
us know if you're  
interested.

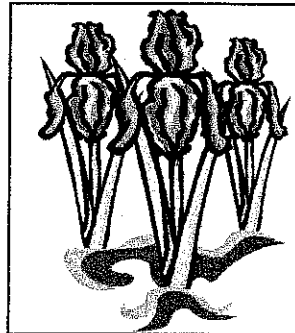


### Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study

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

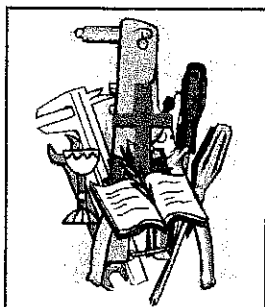


Small Group Bible  
Studies are meeting at  
various homes. Check  
the board in the narthex  
for Bible study  
opportunities.



### LWML

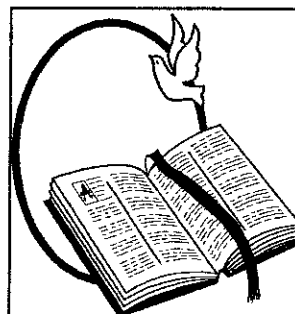
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Fall kick-off is  
September 16th, 7 PM at  
the Herberts.



### TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery,  
addiction & prevention

Monthly meeting on  
August 29th 7-8 PM



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Christianity 101 is meeting in  
the library. Our second Bible  
study is meeting in the  
Chapel. We are studying  
II 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](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**

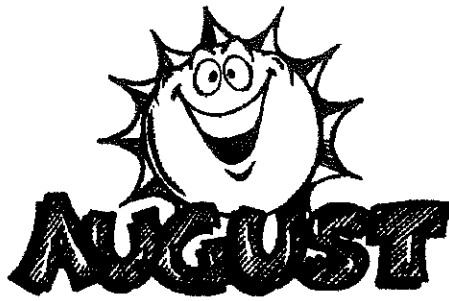
**Beginning June 15th through August 31st:**

**Sunday Worship: 9:15 AM Education Hour: 8:00 AM**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Concert of Prayer 4:30-6:00 PM 	2 Worship 5:30 PM
3 Educ Hr - 8:00 AM PEACE PUPPETEERS Friendship Sunday Worship - 9:15 AM Meal at 11 AM	4 Women's AA 7:00 PM Crafts 7:00 PM  ---VACATION--- 9 AM - 11:30 AM	5 Trustees 5:15 PM O & A 5:15 PM Elder's Meeting 6PM  ---BIBLE--- 9 AM - 11:30 AM	6  ---SCHOOL--- 9 AM - 11:30 AM	7 Women's Bible Study 9 AM  Bells 6 PM  VBS & Closing 7PM 9 AM - 11:30 AM	8	9 Men's Breakfast 7AM Journey practice 10-12 Worship 5:30 PM
10 Educ Hr - 8:00 AM Worship - 9:15 AM	11 Women's AA 7 PM Crafts 7:00 PM	12 Church Council 7PM	13 HOLY HOTDOGS 5:30 - 7:00 PM ELK PARK	14 Women's Bible Study 9 AM Bells 6 PM	15	16 Worship 5:30 PM
17 Educ Hr - 8:00 AM Worship - 9:15 AM	18 Women's AA 7 PM Crafts 7:00 PM	19 Youth Board 6:00 PM	20	21 Women's Bible Study 9 AM Choir 6 PM	22	23 Worship 5:30 PM
24 Educ Hr - 8:00 AM Worship - 9:15 AM DWCC - 1:00 PM	25 Tools for Living 6 PM Women's AA 7:00 PM Crafts 7:00 PM	26 Board of Christian Ed 6 PM	27	28 Women's Bible Study 9 AM	29	30 Worship 5:30 PM
31 No Sunday School Ellie's Induction 9:15 Brunch following						