

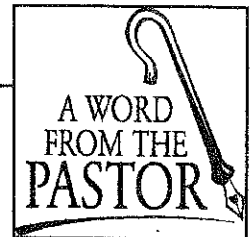
Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRISTOGRAM

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Thoughts from the Pastor



But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

1 Timothy 6:6-7

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:4b-8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Thanksgiving is drawing near. The day we pause our busy lives to remember as St. Paul reminds us in his first letter to Timothy that as we have clothing, food, and shelter we are truly blessed by our Father in heaven. He encourages us with the knowledge of knowing that we have the greatest gain we could ever have in the world; godliness and contentment. We are truly the holy ones of God because of Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who gave His perfect life in exchange for our broken lives so that not only do we have much to thank Him for on Thanksgiving Day as well as each and every day of our lives, but we have eternity to look forward to with our God.

St. John leaves no doubt as to who deserves all the credit and thanks for our salvation. By the grace of our Father in heaven, through faith in His Son Jesus Christ and His life-giving sacrifice, we are a *kingdom and priests* called to serve God in the spread of His Word. It is the eternal God, Jesus Christ, *the Alpha and the Omega. . . who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty*, who is soon to return to bring His own home to himself forever.

One of the best ways to thank God for all his goodness and mercy to us is to do what we can to help feed and clothe and shelter those who are less fortunate than us. We can do so by setting an extra place at our table and inviting an extra person to share in our blessings. Another way is to make a special donation of time, talent and/or treasures to Lift Up or to our church which can be used to help spread the Gospel message. We can call a family member or a friend who we haven't talked to in a while and share the love of Christ with him or her. So many ways to thank our Lord and to spread His grace. So many ways to love and to forgive. So many ways to bring Christ to the nations and the nations to the Church as is the calling of the Lutheran Hour Ministries. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you always, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Matt

Words from Ellie Bach

Hello Members of Concordia,

November '03

This past week I was reading a devotion by Ken Gire that talked about the things we say with our lives. It got me thinking about what message my life was giving. Am I showing people Christ? Do the things I say and do reflect God's love even when I'm not trying to? Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Where ever you go preach Christ. And if you have to, use words." I love that. I want to share this devotion with you because I think it is important for us to be conscience of what we tell people with our lifestyle. God calls us to be holy and righteous, to be perfect and blameless. We cannot do this on our own, but we have Christ. He makes us righteous in God's sight—praise God! I challenge you this month to take a look at your life and figure out what you're saying. And then live in the knowledge that though our efforts toward perfection fall short, Christ carries us the rest of the way. And know that God uses us to witness to others despite our shortcomings.

The devotion starts with the story of Lot's wife:

"...In that backward glance of longing for the life she left behind, Lot's wife passed from the realm of the living to the realm of parable. Though she is dead, the message of her life lives on.

Stories of people like Lot's wife make the theoretical practical. They put flesh and blood on bare-bones principles. They incarnate the Word so that it may dwell among us. To be seen and heard. To be touched and understood.

In the winding and sometime precarious road we travel on our spiritual journey, other people's lives serve as signposts, showing us the way or the way to avoid.

The rich man and Lazarus. The tax collector and the Pharisee. The Pharisee and the prostitute.

Each points us either in the direction we should go or in the direction we shouldn't.

Of all the people's lives that have become parables, none is so instructive, so inspiring, as the life of the Savior.

He etched in our minds an image of tenderness when He invited the children to come to Him. He showed us a picture of compassion when He raised the widow of Nain's son. He silhouetted a profile of courage when He stood against the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. He sketched a mural of meekness when He rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey. He sculpted the form of a servant when He washed the feet of His disciples. He drew a portrait of a friend when He surrendered His life for us. He showed us with graphic realism what it meant to love our enemies when, impaled on a Roman cross, He asked the Father to forgive those who had put Him there.

He was a walking parable. Showing us how to love, how to live, and how to die. Giving us pictures that pointed the way.

Remember Him.

Remember Lot's wife.

And remember that one day you will be remembered too. By someone struggling along life's path. By someone groping to find the way. By someone for whom your life has become a parable.

**Taken from "Moments with the Savior" Ken Gire*

Blessings to you all this month. God's peace in your heart.



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

October Reflections

The falling leaves, the honking of geese and frost in mornings brings seasonal thoughts that reoccur every October. Thoughts of hunting, the World Series, mounting snow tires, garage cleaning, the rummage sale, the Reformation and Martin Luther are on the list.

I confess that thoughts of hunting sometimes get more attention than thoughts of the church. But I guess I had better share some thoughts about Martin Luther and the Reformation, since this is a church newsletter and not an outdoor sports magazine.

Our church celebrates the Reformation in late October. Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door on October 31st (the Eve Of All Hallows) because he knew that many people would see these as they came to church the next day for the observance of All Saints Day. His theses along with his outspokenness against the un-biblical actions of the Church at that time spawned a reformation among Christians. Because of this, we are no longer separated from God by the church and we can speak to Him directly. We now know that the Church does not have the power to withhold forgiveness from truly repentant people in order to extort monetary indulgence. We can celebrate All Saints Day merely for the remembrance of the believers who have gone before us instead of having to purchase the souls of our dead relatives out of purgatory. We know that no act of penance earns our salvation as all have fallen short, but we are saved by faith in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Besides the Reformation, Martin Luther also gave us many good things to help us in our relationship with God. He translated the Bible into the language of common people so that we are not dependant on priests to dole out the Word to us. He encouraged all believers to be diligent in their study of the Word. Luther believed that parents should share the responsibility with the church of educating their children in Christianity. He gave us the catechism (a collection and explanation of Bible verses) so that parents could instruct their children at home in matters of faith. Luther wrote volumes of material to help us understand the importance of the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion and how to practice them with the acknowledgement that God is truly present in them. And Martin Luther wrote many of the hymns that we love to sing such as *From Heaven Above, We All Believe In One True God, Savior Of The Nations, Come, and A Mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er-taken.*

Thanks be to God!

Dennis Scheiwe, Elder

November Happenings



Mark your calendars:

Rocky Mountain District President Randall Golter will be us on November 11 & 12. Please watch you mail for more details about his visit. If you have any questions call Pastor or the church office for details 879-0175.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO OUR OCTOBER CELEBRANTS



"Happy Birthday
to....."

Nov 4 - Shelly Dunlop
Nov 5 - Jack Craig
Nov 5 - Janel Kammerer
Nov 6 - Ben Lepper
Nov 14 - Cory McConnell
Nov 17 - Greg Kammerer
Nov 19 - Laura Bradfield
Nov 25 - Daniel Atkins
Nov 28 - Sherry Kammerer

"Happy Anniversary
to....."

Nov 29 - Luther & Helen
Berntson

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ARE WE GOOD STEWARDS OF RELATIONSHIPS

I have been a lousy Stewardship Chairman. I doubt that I convinced any of you to contribute more to the Lord's work. There is no firm plan to link people with time and talent to share with jobs to be done. I have no excuse for my poor performance. The need for a Stewardship Chairman however would cease to exist if we were all good stewards of relationships.

A successful long enduring business, marriage, family or church family all has one thing in common. Those involved are good stewards of relationships. Being a good steward of relationships is simple in concept but is most difficult to employ. Do we love our neighbor as well as we love ourselves? Are we able to extend grace and forgiveness to others? Do we proactively attempt to resolve problems and misunderstandings? If we could all do these three things in most situations, could we call ourselves good stewards of relationships?

If a church family is unable to heal internal relationships how can it expect to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the community?

At Concordia we have some work to do on relationships. There is no point in pretending that problems do not exist in this church family. The District President will visit Concordia in November to help resolve these problems. If we take advantage of his assistance and council, we should be able to go into the advent season, the celebration of our Savior's birth, and the new year on a very positive note. People will give more than enough to meet the needs of Concordia's mission. Communications will improve to the point that needs for time and talent are automatically filled with willing volunteers.

How is that for getting rid of the Stewardship Chairman?

In His Service,
Bill Baldwin

LWML (Women's Guild) News...

The November Guild meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm and hosted by Linda White. Her address is: 43905 RCR 46. In case of SNOW (yeah!) the meeting will be held at the church. Otherwise meet at the church to carpool at 6:40 pm. Billee Harris will be doing the program for us.

Rummage Sale



A big Thank you to our Rummage Sale chairpersons, Sandra Hofrege and Tammy Ryan. We couldn't do it without you. Also thank you to all the helpers and donars. All proceeds will help support missions locally and worldwide.

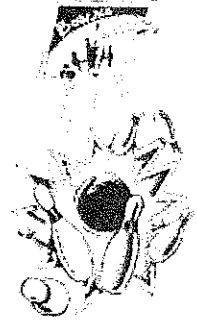
Mark your calendars. The annual Christmas Cupboard will be held on Saturday November 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the church. There will be many wonderful handcrafted items and specialty food items for sale. The ladies will also be serving a delicious Brunch and you can buy your

Christmas cookies by the pound at the famous Cookie Caper. The LWML ladies have worked long and hard on this project. Your support will be greatly appreciated and all proceeds go to missions locally & worldwide. You can help out with the Cookie Caper by coming to the church on Nov. 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20. We begin baking cookies at 9:00 am. Come when you can. You can also bake fancy cookies at home and bring them to the church on Friday, November 21st. We are also in need of cash donations. You can leave your donations in Janis Herbert or Sherry Kammerer's boxes or in the church office. Last but certainly not least please pray for the workers and for those whom we reach through this wonderful mission!

Youth News

Junior High:

Thanks to all those who came to bowling last month. We had a blast! Keep watching your mail for the November event. See you there!



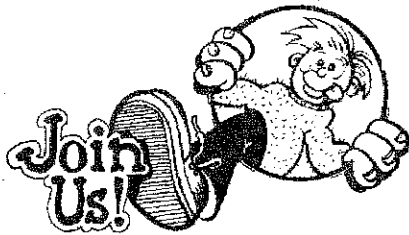
Senior High:

Woe man, way to go on the scavenger hunt! Good times had by all.

Our baking for the bake sale was fun and went well. And we didn't even burn the church down!!! ☺

The bon fire at the end of the month was also well attended and a ton of fun. How great it is to sit under the magnificent starry sky and know we are in the presence of the Almighty!

Here are our plans for the month of November. Hope to see you all there!



11-09-03: Bowling and dinner—Since so many of you were *begging* to go bowling, we're going. We'll just see how good your skills really are!

11-23-09: Volleyball tournament (fundraiser)—The details of this event are still in the making. But the plan is to hold a city wide tournament for several of the churches in our area. There will be a fee for each team, which is how we will make our money. It will be a great day of physical activity and fellowship. I'll give you more details as they get settled. Watch your mail!

Don't forget, we meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the youth room. Come hang out, ask questions about stuff on your mind, and know that you'll get an answer grounded in faith. We welcome any and all, so bring a friend!

I hope that all of you are doing well in school and realizing God's active presence in your lives. Know He is with you and will never leave you, no matter where you go. Represent Him wherever you are. Peace out, homies—

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

---1 Corinthians 10:31

Thank You

THANKS TO THE CONCORDIA HABITAT CREW

Many thanks to the twelve people who generously gave of their time, talent and muscle by working on the

Habitat for Humanity house on September 27.

The Concordia crew consisted of Ellie Bach, Luther Berntson, Chris Duryea, Rebecca Duryea, David Freseman, Clint Hanson, Nina Hanson, Belinda Hart, Michael Herbert, Pastor Scott Herbert, Sherry Kammerer, and Chuck MacArthur.

It was a beautiful fall day, and much was accomplished. Most of the work focused on doing plywood on the exterior walls, top plates, on interior walls, and beams and trusses in preparation for the second floor. A special thank you to Debbie Freseman for providing the chili and cornbread lunch and cookies for the whole crew.

All involved had a great feeling about this special outreach in our community. If any of the above crew or anyone else in Concordia would be willing to do another day on the house, please call David Freseman at 879-8192 to coordinate a date.

Thanks to All Who Participated in the "Crop Walk"



The community "Crop Walk" was a big success. We, here at Concordia, raised approximately \$1500. We have contacted Thrivent Financial and they may be able to give us \$800 of matching funds. There were 22 walkers: Luther Berntson, Brian & Jeri Thornton, Belinda & Gabriel Hart, Rebecca, Matthia, Kailee, Amaris & Raya Duryea, Sherry Kammerer, Deanna Carter, Dennis & Sher Scheiwe, David & Debbie Freseman, Bart & Nancy, Kyle & Carter Kounovsky, Taylor Anderson, Michael VanDahl. Pastor and Janis Herbert came out to see us off on our way. Thanks to all the sponsors as well. Overall, the "Crop Walk" raised over \$14,000.

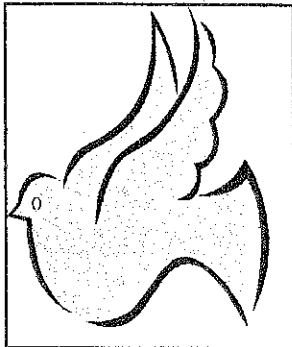
Bob & Sue Krohn were also among the walkers. Many many thanks!

CONCERT OF



November Concert of Prayer is on Friday the 7th from 4:30- 6:00PM.

Come join us when you and encouraged to come together to pray for our church and our community and share any personal prayer requests. Church council will be here at 5:30 pm.



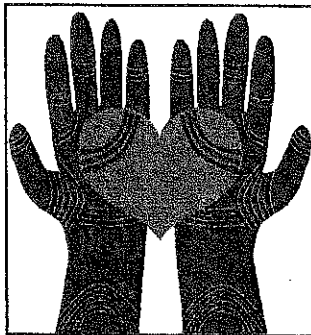
Confirmation

Is meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. 5/6 First year in the Chapel, 7/8 Second year in the old youth room!



YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Youth Room. Come have a lot of fun with Ellie & Josh.



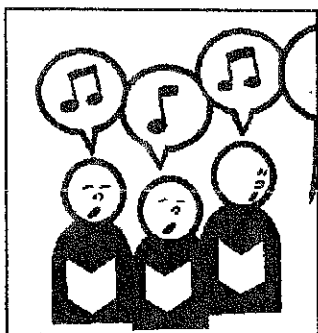
STEPHEN MINISTERS

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



Men’s Breakfast

Saturday November 8, 7:00 - 8:15AM in Fellowship Hall Invite A Friend!



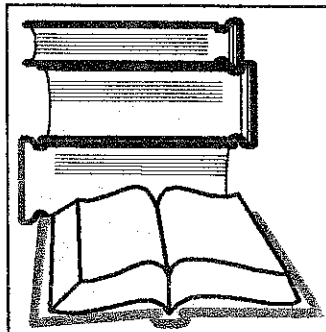
YOUTH CHOIR

Meets every Wednesday right after school from 3:30-4:30 pm. Join us for a lot of praise & fun!



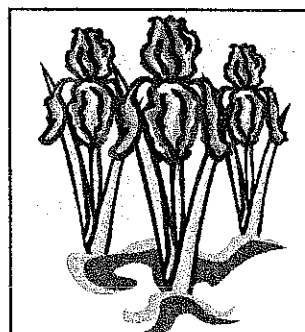
Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study

NEW DAY same time: 9-10:30 AM Come water your faith seeds. We’re studying Romans.



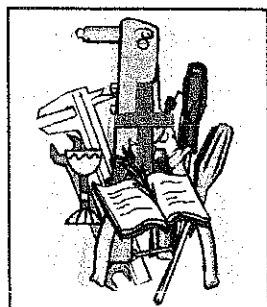
Small Group Bible Studies

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



LWML

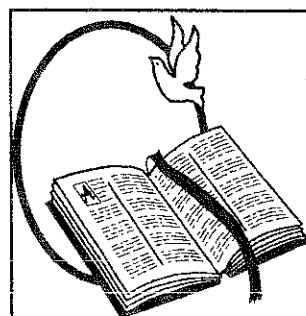
Our November meeting will be at Linda White’s home, 43905 RCR 46. Carpool from the church at 6:40 pm. In case of snow we will meet at the church.



TOOLS FOR LIVING:

Ministry team for recovery, addiction & prevention

Next Meeting TBA



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Christianity 101 is meeting in the library. Our second Bible study is meeting 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

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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.

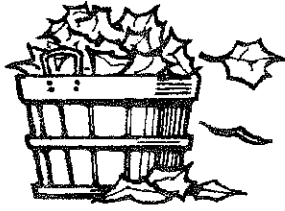
Saturday Worship: 5:30 PM

Sunday Worship: 8 & 10:45 AM Education Hour: 9:15 AM

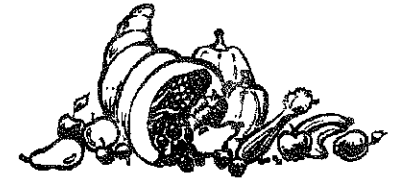
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2 <i>Worship - 8:00 AM</i> <i>Educ Hr - 9:30 AM</i> <i>Worship - 10:45 AM</i>	3 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>	4 <i>Worship Comm 4:30 pm</i> <i>Trustees 5:30 PM</i>	5 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> <i>9 AM</i> 	6 <i>O & A 5:15 PM</i> <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7PM</i>	7 <i>Concert of Pra</i> <i>4:30-6:00 PM</i> 	8 <i>Men's Breakfast 7AM</i> <i>Journey practice 10 -noon</i> <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>Senior High: Bowling</i> <i>& Dinner</i>	10 <i>Women's AA 7 PM</i>	11 <i>Elder's Meeting 5:30PM</i> <i>Church Council 6:30PM</i> <i>Open Forum 7:30 PM</i> <i>with President Golter</i>	12 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> <i>9 AM</i> <i>President Golter</i> <i>available for visits</i>	13 <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7PM</i>	14 <i>7-8th Graders</i> <i>4:00-7:00ish</i> <i>"Lefse for the Lord"</i> <i>Peel/Rice potatoes, select a</i> <i>mission, pizza \$2</i>	15 <i>7-8th Graders</i> <i>10:30am-when we are</i> <i>done "Lefse for the</i> <i>Lord"</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>	17 <i>Women's AA 7 PM</i>	18 <i>Youth Board 6:00 PM</i> <i>LWML 7 PM</i> <i>at Linda White's Home</i>	19 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> <i>9 AM</i> <i>Ministerial Association</i> <i>11AM</i>	20 <i>Choir 6 PM</i> <i>Bells 7PM</i>	21	22 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Cupboard 9am-1pm</i> <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>7-8th Brunch</i> <i>after class & on to</i> <i>DWCC at 1PM</i> <i>Youth Group</i> <i>Volleyball Tournament</i>	24 <i>Women's AA 7:00 PM</i>	25 <i>Board of Christian Ed 6 PM</i>	26 <i>WBS 9 AM</i> <i>Soup Supper 5:30 PM</i> <i>Thanksgiving Eve Service</i> <i>7PM</i>	27 <i>Happy</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28 <i>Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	29 <i>Worship 5:30 PM</i>
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