



Christogram

Thoughts from the Pastor

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"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished." 1 Chronicles 28:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As you know, Janis and I have accepted our Lord's call to us through Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas to serve them as their shepherd. We are convinced that this is the right decision for us, for Trinity-Dallas, and for Concordia-Steamboat Springs. We believe that God is faithful to us all, as His Word tells us, and He is already at work readying His choice for the next pastor of Concordia. In the mean time, His Word brings both comfort and a reminder. As King David was passing on to his son, Solomon, the plans for the building of the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, he shared words of encouragement and comfort with Solomon. They are words that reminded Solomon, and us, of the importance of continuing in God's work in His Kingdom and in not letting anything derail the work of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a lost world. I pray these words encourage all of you as well. I am sure Solomon was overcome with the awesomeness of the job that lay ahead in building the temple. I am sure he had moments of doubt, wondering whether the work would ever be possible to complete. As this is now the second time you will be in the call process in the last five years, there may be some doubt, maybe some overwhelming feelings, as to what lie ahead for Concordia. Be assured, just as Solomon was, that the Lord will not ever leave you nor forsake you and that He is right here with all of you as you move forward in your growth as a congregation, in the work of finding your next shepherd, and in your witnessing to the community of Steamboat Springs. Also, be reassured that nothing happens in this life outside of our Lord's control and will. He is not the author of evil, discord, strife or disunity; but none of this happens without his knowledge or consent either. Therefore, we all must recognize that God has lessons for us to learn through the events of the past years; that He has areas for us all to grow in as we have been brought through what has happened. Believe that God has been with us always and will continue to be with us, that His good and perfect will is what is most important. Know that, as the Bible says, the Lord is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Know that, as the Bible says, His church will prevail until His return to bring us all home to eternity. Know that the Lord is with you always to the very end of the age. Know that you are His and His alone. Know that you are loved.

In Christ's Service
Pastor Scott

Words from Ellie Bach

"David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished."

1 Chronicles 28:20

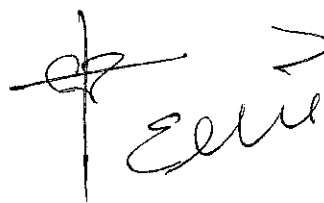
Hello friends,

Change. I have undergone a lot of change in the past year. So much of my life has completely changed directions or headed down paths I had not foreseen. Some change has been hard and some has been wonderful. But all of the change has done the same thing to me. It has brought me back to the only place I can find consistency—at the feet of God. I love the verses in the Bible that tell me to be courageous because God will never leave me and He will never fail me. Those are some of my favorite words. Because of these promises I can say to life: bring it on!

Soon our congregational family will be undergoing a huge change. God has called Pastor Scott, our faithful shepherd, to serve Him in Texas. There will be many changes in our lives here at Concordia. What happens when he's gone? What are we left with? Some may feel that the answer is next to nothing. But I do not. God speaks to us through the voice of David. Just as his words encouraged his son Solomon to trust God and do what He commanded (build the temple), we too must step out in faith and trust in God. Although the future is unclear, it is very much certain. God is with us. He will not fail us. And He has given us the work of His kingdom to be doing. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can press on and lift up Jesus Christ in every thing we do here at Concordia. We can reach out to the lost. We can reach inward to the struggling. And we can embrace each other, despite the differences, with the love Christ has placed in us.

Unlike Solomon's temple, the work of the LORD is never finished. We are called to live our lives—our entire lives—to the glory of God. And He has given us the faith, the strength, and even the courage to do so, if we depend solely on Him and His grace. I pray that as our congregation changes, we may grow—not in numbers, but in fervent love toward one another. May we regain our focus on the Savior and be united as one body in Christ Jesus.

You, as part of my church family, are in my prayers. God is present and active in this place. May we remove ourselves as stumbling blocks and allow God to use us as His instruments. What beautiful music He makes with willing hearts!



LORD Jesus,

Make us Your holy instruments. Play the symphony of Your love so all the world can hear. We give our lives back to You, LORD. Use this church. Use us to reach out to those that need You. We love You, LORD. In Your holy Name we pray, Amen.

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

Elder Report,

Most have heard the news by now, Pastor Scott has accepted the call from Faith Lutheran church in Dallas Tx. Pray for all connected with this transition. This is the start of a new chapter in the life of our congregation. A call committee will be formed to research candidates and recommend a new pastor to lead our flock. This is a strenuous and time consuming task.

Like pastor Scott mentioned Sunday, there will be debate as to why this happened. We have to remember that God had and has a purpose in all that take place, even at our little church here in Steamboat Springs.

There were some lessons to be learned from the events that occurred during Scotts' time in our family. Our faith and Christian attitudes were tested in debating members concerns. I know that my faith has been expanded and my understanding of the word has increased through the examination and debate that has taken place in elder meetings because of the issues, questions and concerns raised over the last year and a half.

We have to look to the future, move forward to our everlasting life with God and while we are working on that, continue to build our church and congregation into the kind of worship place where people in Steamboat Spgs as well as visitors of all types, will want to come to know Jesus, pray, study Gods word, and enjoy fellowship.

How will we live and act according to God's word while our congregational family travels through the next several months, or years. We have a challenge ahead of us, again, maintaining all of the ministries, administrative and support groups that function in our congregation. It will take extra effort from all of us. Pray that we, as

individuals, find the energy and time to contribute to the tasks that will be necessary to keep our church strong and alive. We have a great family at Concordia and this is a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy our Christian bond while we work through this call process.

Please give some extra attention to the opportunities that arise and think of what you can do to support Concordia's ministries during our call process time. Remember the leadership of the congregation will be doing their best to make the transition a smooth one but it will take a little effort from everyone to make it work. A little effort from many will keep the burden from becoming overbearing for a few. Again, pray about this and don't be afraid to jump in. The Lord will be with you always.

Be encouraged, Psalms 66 says:

⁸O bless our God, ye people, and sound his praise abroad, ⁹ Who keeps us in life, and does not allow our feet to slip. ¹⁰ For thou, hast tried us, O God: thou hast refined us, as silver is refined. ¹¹ Thou didst bring us into the net; thou didst lay an oppressive burden upon our loins. ¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: Yet thou didst bring us out into a place of abundance..... ²⁰ Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, nor his lovingkindness from me.

Pray for patience, perseverance, strength and enlightenment for those that accept the positions on the call committee and our incoming officers. They will need our support and tolerance.

Peace in Jesus name,
Jake

Sunday School News. . . .

Hey parents – be sure to ask your kids what they're doing in Sunday school. 1st – 4th graders will be bringing home a canvas bag with their journal and Bible each week. Please let them read their memory verse to you. Our son is reading his with the dinner time prayer – you could make a game of it and try to learn it as well – each night a different member of the family could try and say the verse from memory at the table. The kids will be earning stickers in their journals for reciting their memory verses and for attending S. S. Please try and have them attend as often as possible and encourage them to bring a friend. We want them to start sharing Christ with others now.

Our Sunday school team would like to welcome Joni Moss. Joni is a retired schoolteacher who brings lots of enthusiasm and experience into the classroom. Joni and her husband, Dave, live in Clark. Joni and Bonnie are teaming up for a year of fun teaching the love of God to Preschoolers and Kindergartners.



"PRAYER & PRAISE"



Join us on October 6th for a time to lift your hearts and voices in praise to God. Our theme this month is "Rejoicing in God". Come sing and pray with us on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. This is an awesome opportunity to come together and support, encourage and lift one another up.



Fellowship Committee



Join us on the first Wednesday of each month. We will be enjoying the time prior to "Prayer & Praise" to dine. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. Our next get together is October 6th.

In His Service,
Paul & Vicki Draper

LWML Guild News

The LWML met September 21 at the home of Tammy Ryan with 10 women present. This year th guild will be participating in a monthly Bible study entitled "A Woman After God's Own Heart", by Elizabeth George.

Start planning for our Annual Fall Rummage Sale on October 8th & 9th. We are accepting donations for the sale and will be needing helpers to set up, sell and clean up. Sandra Hogrefe & Tammy Ryan have graciously offered to chair this important community service and fundraiser that helps support missions locally and world wide.

This year we will be hosting "Concordia's Taste of Christmas" to be held in early November. It will include the "Cookie Caper", homemade Christmas food items, a brunch, and simple crafts that can be made in your home. Please check your box for more information on how you can help make "Concordia's Taste of Christmas" a great success this year. All proceeds go to support many important Christian missions worldwide. We really need your help and ideas. If everyone pitches in, as you have in the past, we will have another successful fundraiser. If you have questions call Billee Harris 879-0460.

This year we will be celebrating LWML Sunday on October 3rd at both services. The theme is "If the Truth Be Told".

The next LWML meeting will be October 19th at the home of Mary Beth Bradfield. Car pool from the church at 6:45pm.

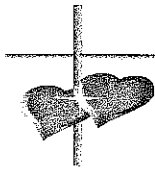
Fall Rummage Sale



It's **Rummage Sale Time!!** LWML (Women's Guild)'s annual fall rummage sale will be on Fri., Oct. 8th, from 9:00am – 5:00 pm, and Sat. Oct. 9th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. We will begin to accept rummage on Sunday, Sept. 26th and we will be sorting every night between Oct. 3rd and Oct. 7th.

- We will accept gently worn, clean clothing, household items, furniture and toys. We **cannot accept tires, computers, or large appliances.** We have to throw away a lot of items every year and we need to pay to do this so please bring sellable, clean items. Thanks so much for all your donations. Many people and ministries are supported through this sale.

There will be a sign up for people to work the sale – we always need lots of help on Friday morning and Saturday at noon to help clean up



"...Let your conversations be always full of grace..." Colossians 4:2-6

Conversation of Grace Encourages All Ages to Share the Good News

When we ponder the peace we have from knowing that our sins are forgiven, that our loving God will never forsake us, and that we have the promise of eternal salvation, one can't help but to want others to know this, too.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, you can offer people this peace by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For help, attend the "Conversations of Grace" personal evangelism conference, Oct. 29-30 2004, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 3202 Quebec (near Stapleton), in Denver.

Three internationally acclaimed speakers will be featured in plenary and workshop settings. Rev. Dr. Paul Fynn, president of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Ghana, will delivery the reformation service message. Dr. Paul Mueller, Director of the Oswald Hoffman School of Christian Outreach, will deliver the first keynote address on Friday night. Rev. Larry Merino, pastor of New Life Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne will share his experiences as a past gypsy in sharing that no person is a "lost cause."

In addition to activities for the whole family, 15 workshops will focus on increasing awareness, gaining knowledge, and building skills to improve your personal evangelism efforts.

New for 2004, a collection of full day preconference seminars are being offered on Friday, Oct. 29. The seminars include: Daughter Church Planting, How to Turn Your Church Around, Personal Witnessing Seminar – Witnessing to Mormons, Visitor and New Member Assimilation, African Immigrant Ministry Seminar and Mission Planter Coach's Seminar.

Consider attending with another person or group to give added momentum to implementing the strategies you learn once you return home. For every 10 from one congregation, an 11th can attend for free. Registration fees include lunch and are: Adults \$39, Youth \$19, Children \$9, under 3 – free, and Families \$89. Preconference only is \$19 and combined registrations \$49. For registration information, speak with your Pastor, church office, or visit the Web site www.conversationsofgrace.org.

Lodging at the DoubleTree Hotel, 3203 Quebec, is \$54/night plus tax for up to four people in a room if reserved by Oct. 14. Mention Conversations of Grace Conference to receive this special rate. Call (800) 222-8733 or (303)321-3333.

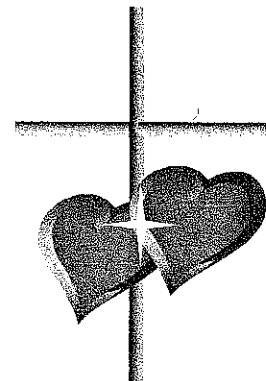
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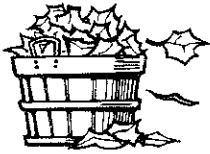
SW - Assimilating Visitors and New Members *Workshop Sessions 2,3*
Sandy Wendelin, Director of Assimilation and Small Groups
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Lakewood, CO

CR - Backyard Missions: Sharing Christ In Daily Life *Workshop Sessions 3,4*
Cathy Rossilli
Immanuel Lutheran Church Rifle, CO

HP - Discovering the Holy Spirit's Story in Your Life *Workshop Sessions 3 and 4*
Rev. Howard Patton
President Emeritus, Kansas District-LCMS Angel Fire, NM

EK -How to Turn Around Your Church *Workshop Sessions 2,3*
Rev. Ed Krueger
Assistant to the President – Mission, CA-NV-HA District-LCMS Livermore, CA





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Youth CALENDAR



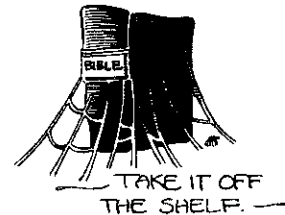
Hello Youth!

Here's the schedule for this month. I would love to see your faces. And don't forget to bring friends! Have a great October. ☺

October 3rd Sr. High Bible study / Dinner
5:00-6:30pm *Bring your own Bibles!

October 17th Jr. High Scavenger Hunt / Dinner
4:30-6:30pm

October 31st All Saint's Eve Party (Sr. High)
6:00-8:00pm *Set up is at 3:00pm to decorate and get games ready. Be sure to let Ellie know if you're not going to be here because she'll need to find replacements to run the games.



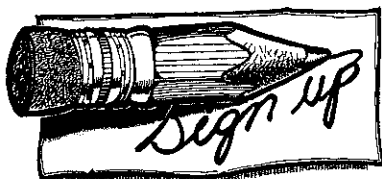
Don't forget, both youth groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30am: Sr. High in the youth room and Jr. High in the library. See you there!



Jr. High is 7th + 8th grade, not 6th. Sorry!!

COMING SOON: Progressive dinner, volleyball tournament, and more...

PARENTS:



Don't forget to sign up to help out for these events. Most involve dinner, and the kids can't eat if no one cooks. Please see poster in the hallway as to how you can get involved. Thanks!

October 2004 - Tools For Living

You are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession.
1 Peter 2:9

Do you ever feel unnoticed? New clothes and styles may help for a while. But if you want permanent change, learn to see yourself as God sees you: "He has covered me with clothes of salvation and wrapped me with a coat of goodness, like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding, like a bride dressed in jewels" (Isa. 61:10).

Does your self-esteem ever sag? When it does, remember what you are worth. "You were bought, not with something that ruins like gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, who was like a pure and perfect lamb" (1 Peter 1:18-19)".

The challenge is to remember what you are worth, to meditate on it, to focus on it, and to allow His love to change the way you look at you.

Grace For the Moment by Max Lucado

Low self worth, feelings of failure, sins not forgiven (by you), mental illness, and more can lead to self-medication. That buzz, that high, the hours and moments absorbed in drugs and alcohol to forget your problems. Only to wake up to reality once again, starting the whole process over again, and over again. Discovering that self-medication is not getting rid of the problem but compounding it. Now you have addition along with the reason you started using in the first place.

GRRRRRR..... When does the madness stop, when do you get out of your hell on earth? Never? Well, certainly not until you hand it all over to Him. He, who washes, cleanses and makes us whole again. That cleansing only He can do. He can help you heal from your addiction and the hurts that brought you there in the first place. Without the Grace of God, we, I, you can not make it. We can not make it through anything in this life, not just additions of drugs and alcohol. Open your hearts and let the Grace and will of God change your life.

The week of October 23-31 is Red Ribbon week for Drug and Alcohol abuse. TFL will be providing Red Ribbons during services in remembrance of loved ones still struggling, those who battled and lost, and in celebration of those in recovery.

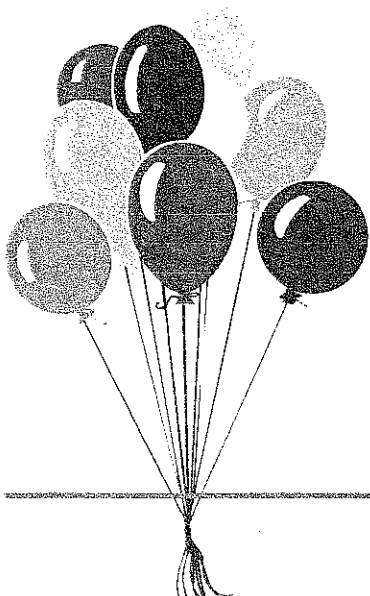
Tools for Living members are here to help you do that. We are as close as the phone or a whisper in our ear at church. God's Blessings on you all, He walks with us always.

Helen Berntson 870-9675

Karin Burin 879-7974

Lori Joens 879-7120

Becca Utu 879-1064



October Birthdays

Ryan Kelley - 9th
Cindy Klein - 10th
Kyle Svendsen - 12th
Jonathan Rinck - 16th
Chloe Banning - 19th

Baptisms

Madison Truong - 7th
Katie Truong - 13th
Logan Banning - 15th



Men's Breakfast

Saturday,
October 2nd
7-8:15am in the
fellowship hall.
Bring a friend!

FOCUS news

FANTASTIC BIBLE STUDY!

CBS
 YOU ARE INVITED!!
 WHO: All Women of the Yampa Valley
 WHAT: Community Bible Study
 (non-demonational)
 FOR: Fall Registration and Coffee
 WHEN: Oct. 21, 2004
 TIME: 8:30am-10:30am
 WHERE: Concordia Lutheran Church
 755 Concordia Ln. (off Amethyst)
 INFO: Call- Patti @ 879.4659
 CBS: Now in progress: Thurs.
 8:30am-10:30am
 @ 1219 Ridge View Dr. through
 10.14.04
 BRING A FRIEND AND COME ON
 OVER!
 Child Care Provided!



Kid's Praise Has Begun!!

If you're in 1st through 8th grade, come and sing with us every Wednesday after school from 3:30-4:30pm. We'd love to have ya!

You shall
LOVE
 THE LORD, YOUR
GOD
 with all your heart
 and with all your soul
 and with all your mind.
 Deut. 6:5

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Christian Ed. is looking for volunteers to substitute teach for Sunday school and both youth groups. If you are interested in helping out please contact Sher Scheiwe @ 9.8990

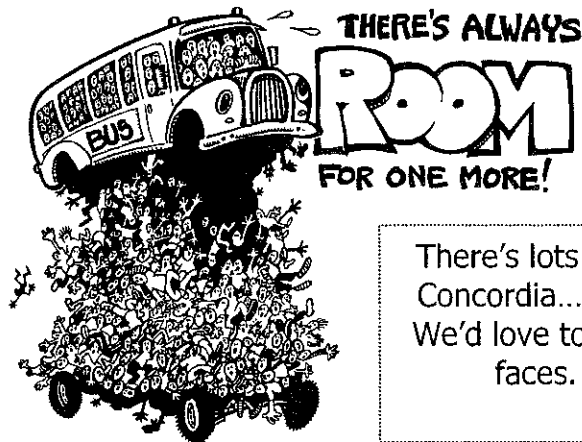


ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST ANNUAL ALL SAINTS EVE PARTY!!!

On October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm we will be having a huge party in our fellowship hall. Equipped with Sloppy Joe's, games, prizes, a piñata, and of course lots of candy, families will be able to spend a fun filled evening together—out of the snow we inevitably get every year! See your mailing for more information on how you can help and be a

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
 1 Corinthians 10:31

Basketball season is upon us! Concordia will be having a co-ed basketball team again this year. If you're interested in playing, contact Hugh Scott. 879-7371



There's lots going on here at Concordia...GET INVOLVED!! We'd love to see your smiling faces. God bless!

About Our Organization..

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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Saturday Worship: 5:30 PM

Summer Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:45 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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Jesus Lives For:

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