<u>THE CHRISTOGRAM</u> is the monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for newsletter items is the fourth Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30am

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#### NOVEMBER 1994

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Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!

The Longest sermon on record: 48 hours, 18 minutes...Number present at its conclusion: EIGHT. Preached by Clinton Locy of West Richland, Washington, in 1955, using texts from every book of the Bible. (Faith and Renewal, 5-9-94)

Generally speaking, most sermons last from 15-22 minutes. Some are a little longer....Some are a little shorter.

I personally believe that the sermon is a prime place for the communication of the Gospel. It is a time when God's people gather together in one place at one time for one message. There are as many needs as there are individuals present. How can one message possibly meet all the concerns present?

Within the next 10 weeks our ministry here at Concordia will be responsible for nearly 30 worship services. Advent, Thanksgiving, Extended Care Center, Christmas Eve, New Years Day, and both morning and evening "regular" services.

An effort is underway to solicit help for these upcoming services. Perhaps you have musical talent to share...a Christian Witness to share....Some drama skills to share? As your Pastor, I am responsible for the general direction and guidance for worship here at Concordia. I am attempting to invite the members of our congregation into a "proclaiming" role in the immediate weeks.

Our congregation is a blend of many different people with various kinds of "worship" backgrounds. Please be patient and flexible as the leadership here at Concordia seeks to provide the right balance and variety.

Remember, there are many personal needs and many varied styles...but one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. Jesus is a "Friend/God" who invites our collective worship. We are a people who need an Almighty Friend. It is that Friend whom we seek to proclaim. Make worship a November/December priority. You are welcome.

#### LWML NEWS

The LWML met at the home of Joanne Boomgarden last month. Judy Plumb did a wonderful job on her presentation of Ruth and Naomi.

We need to give a great big thank-you to Barb Gibson and Sandra Hogrefe for doing a fantastic job on the Rummage Sale. Also, thank you Bettianne and Alma for taking care of all those baked goods!

Pam Patterson and Elaine Stroncek deserve a round of applause for the wonderful job they did on making the new banner, "Made Bold By The Spirit." This was made for LWML Sunday which was October 2nd. Thanks to all the ladies who helped with this special day.

Our next LWML meeting will be held at Krista Madsen's home. The meetings start at 7:00pm and have been promptly over by 9:00pm. Please come and join us for fellowship, food, fun, study, and a "night out." Krista lives at 4015 Whistler Drive. Call for directions at 879-3260.

#### **Good News:**

With your new wireless microphone, *everybody* can understand your sermons.

#### **Bad News:**

The hard-of-hearing suddenly discover they disagree with you.

#### **NOVEMBER WORSHIP STATISTICS:**

Week #1	158(M)	22(E) 180
Week #2	172(M)	22(E) 194
Week #3	191(M)	24(E) 215
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#### NOV. AVE. WORSHIP STATISTICS

1991	117
1992	
1993	
1994	

It is great to see regular progress in the development of ministry here at Concordia. Regular worship has a way of strengthening the complete picture of ministry here at Concordia.

Continue to invite your friends and family members to worship. Also, continue to be regular in your own worship patterns. We thank God for this growth.

#### PICTURE TAKING TIME

Anyone wishing to have their picture taken (or updated) for the "Concordia Family Tree" in the narthex, please contact Cindy or Bert Svendsen. We will try to schedule several Sundays in November to do this.

This "Family Tree" project is essential for our congregation to get-to-know each other. A name is always helpful with a face.

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

NOV. 13APOSTLES' CREED	4:30p
NOV. 20APOSTLES' CREED	10:30ai
DEC. 4LORD'S PRAYER	4:30pn
DEC. 11LORD'S PRAYER	10:30ar
DEC. 14SEXUALITY/PARENTS	7:0 <b>0</b> pn
JAN. 8BAPTISM	4:30am
JAN. 15BAPTISM	4:30am
JAN. 29BAPTISM	10:30am
FEB. 5OUTING	4:30pm
FEB. 12LORD'S SUPPER	4:30pm
FEB. 19LORD'S SUPPER	10:30am
MARCH 5WORSHIP/DEVOTION	4:30pm
MARCH 12WORSHIP/DEVOTION	4:30pm
MARCH 15CHEMICALS/PARENTS	7:00pm
MARCH 26REVIEW	4:30pm
APRIL 2MEAL/SHARING/PARENTS	4:30pm
APRIL 9CONFIRMATION	9:00am

Concordia's Confirmation classes meet at the following times during the year:

Sunday afternoon	4:30pm
Sunday morning	10:30am
Wednesday evening	7:00pm



#### Junior High News

Last month we had our annual Bowling tournament with our 18 confirmation youth. It was a great time with delicious pizza afterwards. We also had prizes for each category the following Sunday.

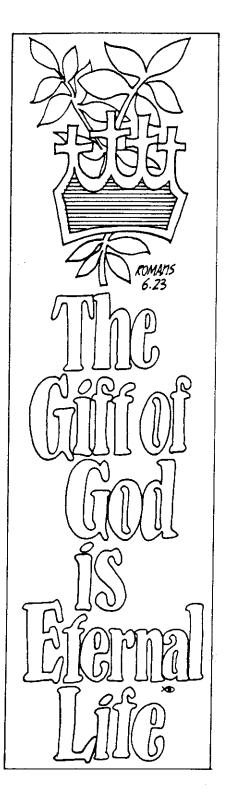
Our projects this month have included our adopted Latin American Child through Compassion International, making 30 crosses for Pastor Cartwright, the Acolyte, and also the residents at the ECC, making Care Packages for Concordia's College Students along with a LONG letter to each of them, and writing Amy Luethye our Strong Christian 16 year old friend from Iowa who is in her last stages of Cancer.

We believe in exercising our faith through these actions. If you have other ideas we can pursue please let us know. We have a lot of fun working together.

Thanks to these parents for helping out in October: Cheryl Stine, Suz Slocum, Dianne Weber, Debbie Marten, Cindy Fulton and Colleen Poole.

We also thank our new "mystery" adult sponsors who write us every month, pray for us, remember us on our birthdays and holidays, and who will help us in our Journey of Faith by their witness to us.

In Christ, Marlys Cartwright



#### YOU ARE ACCEPTED

As a community of faith we work hard, but we are not destroyed by the lack of results. And as a community of faith we remind one another constantly that we form a fellowship of the weak, transparent to Him who speaks to us in the lonely places of our existence and says, "Do not be afraid, you are accepted."

Henri Nouwen

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The class of the month for November is the High School Class. A rather spirited bunch, they keep their teachers Peggy Haas and Danny Schlie on their toes. Currently they are studying Christian beliefs. Come downstairs, take a look at their customized classroom and see the bulletin board they have decorated for the month.

#### Be Part of a Unique Ministry

The Rocky Mountain District Church Extension Fun uses your invested dollars to build churches and schools. It's a unique way to help build up God's Kingdom while your investment grows. For more information, contact our congregational representative, Clair Erickson or call District Office (303) 695-8001.



Christmas Cupboard (Cookie Caper & Brunch)

The Women's Guild us having the annual Bapaar Saturday November 19 from 9am-2pm at the Church.

In addition to the many fine crafts, there will be a <u>brunch</u> served all morning and our usual <u>Cookie Extravaganza</u>.

Don't miss this event. Help us support our mission projects.

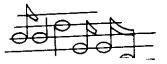
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Cookie baking days wil be announced. Watch your mailbox for mor information on this.

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If you have made crafts at home, please bring them to the church Thursday evening November 17 or Friday November 18.

#### **CHOIR NEWS**



Sing Unto the Lord and use your time & talent to share in our worship setting. We sing, we laugh, we enjoy friendships when the choir meets, every Tuesday at 6:30pm. You don't need to read music or even try-out, just come and enjoy music with us.

#### Self-image

In his book Modern Times Paul Johnson notes that Stalin was short—just five feet, four inches tall.

Furthermore, a childhood accident had left his left arm stiff and his hand slightly misshapen.

So when the dictator commissioned his portrait, he instructed the artist to paint him from his best angle—from below, a perspective that made Stalin seem to tower over the artist. To add to the image, Stalin folded his hands over his stomach, making them appear firm and powerful—more like the pseudonym he had chosen: Stalin means "man of steel."

It is human nature to put ourselves in the best possible light. But spiritual growth cannot come merely by adjusting the angle of view. God's Word is a mirror that shows our true condition.

—Lew Button Bedford, Pennsylvania

Thanksgiving Day

To celebrate true Thanksgiving is to get everything in proper perspective. It is to admit that ultimately we are not self-sufficient but totally dependent upon the grace of God. It is said that Martin Luther's last words from the pulpit were: "We are all beggars. That is for sure." If we believe that God is the Creator and Owner of all of earth, then we are in a sense "beggars" indeed. That is to say that ultimately we own nothing; we leave this earth with empty hands. And all that we have even now is really owned by God and given to us to use as good stewards if we would but acknowledge it.

Thanksgiving Day offers us an opportunity to stop and express our appreciation for the preciousness of life, the goodness of life, the deliciousness of life's bounty given to us by God "good measure, pressed down, running over."

# Leadership

# A FUTURE ORIENTED QUESTIONNAIRE: "VISION 2,000"

- 1. How important is it to you that Concordia be here in the year 2,000?
- 2. Do you want to see continued numerical growth in our congregation?
- 3. When is it time to add a second morning service?
- 4. How do you propose to handle the need for more parking on Sunday morning?
- 5. At what point in time will it be necessary to hire a full time secretary?
- 6. When should Concordia add another full time worker (DCE, Pastor, etc.)?
- 7. How important is it for you to participate in a small group Bible study?
- 8. Is it fair that 20% of our congregation takes care of 80% of our needs?
- 9. When should we address the educational/fellowship "space" needs?
- 10. Should Concordia establish a pre-school or day-care program?
- 11. What should our long term goals be?
- 12. How can your household increase the support of our shared ministry?
- 13. What type of Pastoral leadership is necessary here at Concordia?
- 14. How does the "resort" community impact upon our ministry priorities?
- 15. Is it necessary to advertise our ministry with tourists in mind?
- 16. When should our congregation purchase a new organ and sound system?

We at Concordia need to develop a common vision for the future of our ministry here in Steamboat. By answering the above questions we can take some initial steps to do just that. <u>VISION 2.000</u> can help us do some valuable long term thinking. These are exciting days here at Concordia. May the Lord guide our efforts.

#### **ADULT FUN NIGHT!**

Saturday, November 12

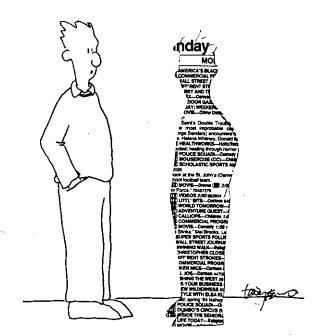
Time: 7:00pm Price: \$5.00

"BUNCO NIGHT" (Dice Game)

Refreshments Served and prizes will be awarded.

All proceeds will go to support the Youth trip to San Antonio Youth gathering.





"Haven't seen you in church lately. What ya' been doing?"

# Scholarships available through Lutheran Brotherhood

Lutheran Brotherhood has two different scholarship programs, one for members and one for both members and non-members. For Lutheran Brotherhood members, the Society offers the Member Scholarship Program. Award amounts for

these competitive, meritbased scholarships are determined by the type of institution the student chooses to attend. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 1995.

Both Lutheran
Brotherhood members and
non-members may be eligible
for the Society's Lutheran
College Scholarship
Program. These scholarships
are available to Lutheran stu-

dents attending Lutheran colleges. The selection process is conducted by the Lutheran college to which the student applies. Please contact the Lutheran college financial aid office for application and deadline information.

For more information, contact your Lutheran Brotherhood district representative. Or, to receive information and application materials call 1-800-328-7168 and ask to be transferred to the "request line."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Look for Christmas Cookie schedule in your mailbe bulletin.		All Saints' day Study6:30an Choir6:15pm Committees 7:30pm		Womens Study 10:00am REcovery Study7:15pm	CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CHAPEL 8:45am	5
6 24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship9:00am Bible Class10:30am Worship7:00pm	7	Study6:30am Choir6:15pm Voters.7:30pm	Scouts 3:30pm	10 Dr. Martin Luther- Birthday  Women's Study 10:00em  Recovery Study 7:15pm	11 Veterans Day	YOUTH SPONSORED ADULT FUN NIGHT 7:00pm \$5.00
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27 1st Sunday in Advent  Worship9:00am Bible Class10:30am  ECC12:45pm  Worship7:00pm	28	29 Study6:30am Choir6:15pm	30 St. Andrew. Apostle Soup Sup.5:30pm Advent7:00pm		OCTOBER  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER  S M T W T F S  1 2 3  4 5 6 7 8 9 10  11 12 13 14 15 16 17  18 19 20 21 22 23 24  25 26 27 28 29 30 31