

The Christogram is a 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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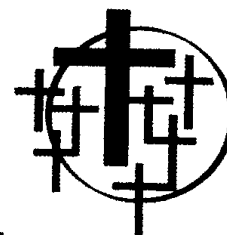
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

APRIL, 2000



A Note From the Pastor. . .

*"For this is what the Lord says:
'I will extend peace to her like a
river, and the wealth of Nations
like a flooding stream.'"*
(Isaiah 66:12)

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD!

Recently, at a Jack Daniels' distillery in Tennessee, a crack developed in one of the holding tanks of whiskey. Fourteen thousand gallons of whiskey flooded into a local stream. The estimated loss to the company...\$700,000.00. A wasted use of grain to make whiskey...whiskey wasted away in a stream...a wasted use of wealth!

Often alcohol provides a false sense of peace...temporary peace at best...short lived. Tragedy

more often accompanies its use and abuse. Triumph seems fleeting.

Jesus offers us water...living water...the wealth of a river of His love. His mercy has been made real to us on the cross and in the open tomb where He conquered all sin and the power

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of Satan. This mercy flows to all who receive the gift of salvation and rescue. Peace, true peace, not in a bottle, is ours. This is Easter's Gift!

Whether our struggle is with whiskey or other areas of life that are peaceless, the words of Isaiah ring true. The blood of our Savior floods into those areas of spiritual waste that we

all have! He then makes us wealthy by the riches He gives. He floods us with peace...based upon His life, death and resurrection.

He Is Risen! Let us make the Easter Journey together!

Tim

Pastor Cartwright



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inside...

"Dear Pastor. . ."
"Encouraging The Faithful!"
"Remember When!"

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

Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

We are, you know, approaching Easter. We are now about half way through our Lenten journey - a yearly pilgrimage that the Christian community embarks on each year as we approach Easter. Walt Wangerin, Jr. states that we can't get to the resurrection except first that we walk through the suffering and death of Jesus. This is the most glorious story on earth! It is a journey in my walk of faith that I have come to treasure and love.

God, by the power of His love, sent His Son into this world - God incarnate - **a mighty act of love!**

God, by the power of His love, resurrected His Son from death - from hell - **a mighty act of love!**

God, by the power of His love, offers us His Son - His death - His resurrection - as a cloak of righteousness, that we may live with Him eternally - **a mighty act of love!**

We are able to accept this gift of love, through faith, by the gift of faith - **a mighty act of love!**

God comes to us in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. God comes to us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is God coming to us and the certain hope of the resurrection that sets the Christian faith apart from other religions. This is our proclamation! This is God's unadulterated grace!

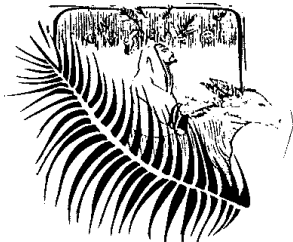
These are God's gifts. As recipients of these gifts we are asked to share them - to proclaim them. As a Board of Elders, we have as a goal, to examine ways to broaden the participation in these gifts that God so freely offers. We also want to examine ways to engage and equip both men and women in ministry, in our congregation, community and where ever their paths may lead them.

We rejoice for the many new members that we are able to serve at Concordia. We express our thanks to the Outreach and Assimilation Board and to others for the work that they do in the area of new members of our congregation and community. We do solicit your prayers and words of encouragement on behalf of some of our members and friends that, for whatever reason, are not in regular worship attendance or activities. If you know of any one that is in need of pastoral care, please let the staff or one of the Elders know.

May God be with you on the rest of this Lenten journey and have a blessed Easter. **MIGHTY ACTS OF LOVE! HE IS RISEN!**

Your Brother in Christ,

Luther Berntson
Elder



FROM YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT . . .

As we look at all the new life springing up, here are some gardening questions to think about.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A FLOWER TO BLOOM AFTER THE A SEED HAS BEEN PLANTED? There was a seed of faith planted in your child's heart at Baptism. That seed will bloom as it is consistently nurtured.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO NOURISH A FAITH SEED? Living Water and the right kind of soil. God provides the living water, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word and the written Word of the Bible. We help provide the right kind of soil, by being open to talking about Jesus in our homes, reading the Bible and praying with our children, and bringing them to church for worship and Sunday School.

WHO TENDS TO THE SEED? Primarily, we as parents do, we have the greatest influence! A Sunday School teacher has only 40-50 minutes of one day in the whole week to be with your child. A parent has time each day to bring into their child's life those things that are needed to nurture faith.

Do you feel like you don't know where to begin? We all do! Check out the church library, it's full of resources. Talk to your DCE (Marlys Cartwright) or your Sunday School Superintendent (Ellyn Myller) Join other parents of young children at a PARENT TO PARENT meeting the first Friday of each month from 6-8 PM. Pray and ask God to help you. As a Christian you have the Holy Spirit in you, to help guide you.

One of the focuses at Concordia this year is to "encourage one another." I want to encourage you to continue to take an active role in nurturing your child's faith. **HAPPY GARDENING!**



LWML (Women's Guild) NEWS

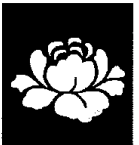
The March meeting was held at the Church as part of our Lenten season services. Marlys gave us some thoughts on "PATIENCE." Then, at our business meeting, we proposed allocating \$10,300 to the various missions we serve both locally and worldwide. These monies were raised by the Women's Guild Rummage Sales (2) and Christmas Cupboard in 1999. Ask Elaine Stroncek about her favorite mission - the chicks and the goat project!

The April monthly meeting will also be held in conjunction with our Lenten services at the Church on Wednesday, April 12th, at 7:00 PM. The Elders will lead a discussion on "PEACE." An LWML business meeting will follow at 8:00 PM in the chapel. We are looking for women to joyfully serve the Lord through Women's Guild as our 2000/2001 President and also as Christian Growth Leader.

The annual Spring Rummage Sale will be held May 12th and 13th. We will need lots of help sorting the rummage and working the sale, as well as cleaning up afterwards. If anyone knows of an organization that would like to have the unsold rummage, please let Lynn Worrell or Joanne Boomgarden know.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20th for the Women's Guild one-day retreat: "Faith is the Yes of the Heart."

The Craft Workshops started on Monday, March 20th and will continue on Mondays at 7:00 PM throughout the summer. Check the bulletins for location. Come and join the ladies for an evening of fun, fellowship, creativity, and desserts!



PARENT TO PARENT

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER

Yeah! Spring is on its way!!

Please join us on Friday, April 7, 2000 at Church for our next meeting. We will be having our family style potluck at 6:00 PM followed by an audio presentation by Chuck Swindol on "Fathers and Sons." Don't have sons? . . . still come, you will someday! (son-in-laws) You may be influencing the lives of those sons right now. See you there! (Child care provided)

For more information call Bart Kounovsky, 879-2532 or Ellyn Myller, 871-1860.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, April 15th from 9:00 AM to noon This is a time for everyone to help get the church



**SPRING
CLEANUP**

cleaned and ready for Easter. Small details, cleaning, outside work, etc are on the agenda. Remember - many hands make light work! Bring rags, rakes, cleaning supplies, ladders, and a sense of humor!!

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY

April 9th - Group I & II - 7:00 to 9:00 PM

April 30th - Group I & II - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
"Suicide Prevention"

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year Vacation Bible School will be held from Tuesday, August 1st thru Friday, August 4th.

A LENTEN JOURNEY

April 5th - LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Service - 7:00 PM
Soup Supper - 5:30 PM
Theme: **SELF CONTROL**

April 12th - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Prayer - 6:30 PM
Study - 7:00 PM
Theme: **PEACE**
Elders Lead Service

April 20th - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service 7:00 PM
Theme: **KINDNESS**

April 21st - GOOD FRIDAY

Service - 7:00 PM
Theme: **LOVE**

April 23rd - EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service - 7:00 AM
Service - 8:30 AM
Service - 10:30 AM
Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 to 10:00
Theme: **JOY**



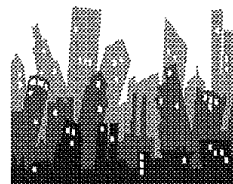
THANK YOU

Thank you for your heartfelt efforts and concerns during our loss of Ben Walker. Everything the Concordia Family helped with was wonderful and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Shirley Schibline
The Steve Schibline Family

Words of Easter Encouragement from the DCE - Marlys

In a few weeks, Kia and some of her classmates will be flying to New York City for a school trip. Entering New York from the East side, after landing at LaGuardia Airport, they will see the magnificent New York skyline, stone piled on top of stone. From the shuttle they will see the Empire State Building, the World Trade Center, The Wall Street Complex, and Central Park penthouses. The city is one of the most awesome human complexes of power and energy, creativity and industry, on the face of the earth.



Suddenly, as the taxi turns the next curve, the skyline is replaced with a different pile of stones - what must be one of the world's largest cemeteries. Author, Dennis Anderson writes, "I'll never forget the first time I saw that contrast between the hopes and visions and power of man, in the skyline of the greatest city on earth - and what

looks like the world's largest collection of gravestones. What a contrast!"

The thoughts that come to mind are like those of Ezekiel when he looked over the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-3, 11-14). Death surrounded Ezekiel wherever he looked. Likewise, no matter how much higher New York builds her buildings, those gray tombstones will still have the last word. Not even the power of the most powerful human city can stop the march of death.

Death is not much talked about. It cuts short our dreams, removes our companions, and leaves us alone. We each must face that "valley of dry bones" Ezekiel describes. No matter how great our human knowledge or how strong our power - we each reach that point - the total bankruptcy of human energy.

Ezekiel looks at the valley of dry bones in his day and asks "Can these bones ever live again? When human hopes run dry will these ever be any refreshment of hope and life again?"

And God answers, "When all human power is gone, I will give

my power to them."

Sound familiar? Open your hymnals to the Baptismal Service. There in the heart of the page is the blessing, "that you shall know the Lord and the power of His resurrection..."

The promise of the resurrection is not abstract; it is not a foolish hope, wish or dream. It has been given to you in Christ's resurrection. Luther wrote: "The resurrection is written in every new leaf of springtime." God brings His life and hope. Death has lost its power. Happy Easter!

Encouraged by God's Mercy,

Marlys



"There, but for the grace of God, go I." A word from your Parish Administrator

"There, but for the grace of God, go I." How many times have you uttered these words under your breath, or as in a prayer of thanksgiving? I have said it myself, many times, usually with a sigh of relief. It was yesterday, when I heard it uttered by someone else, that I began to ponder the comfort of these words. I thought they were a comfort. Now, it seems an empty phrase - misdirected and without hope or mercy.

What is the 'there' we're relieved to escape? There, in that sudden car accident that takes a life where your car had been moments earlier; there, in that windstorm which destroyed a home and a family; there, in that cancer your friend did not survive; there, in that child who died in it's sleep; there, in that freakish fire that destroyed your neighbors home. There, in those places where someone's calamity and misfortune seems to be our escape from that very same thing. How lucky we are. How graceful God is to me. Can I breathe easier now? Do I go in God's grace because I manage to escape misfortune by a hair's breadth - a second one way or another, being in the right place at the right time, instead of the wrong one?

And what about the *other one*? The child who did not escape the speeding car? The mother who succumbed to the dread disease? The people who plunged to their death when jet engines failed? People senselessly killed by acts of violence? The girl who was raped? The students who were murdered by their peers? Was God's grace absent in these people's lives? Certainly not. Grace is not only for the lucky ones - the one's who escape calamity. There, *in the midst of the grace of God* goes the child to his death, a mother's last breath, a father's violent death. God's grace abounds in the most difficult of circumstances. Our ability to avoid the brokenness of this world is not a sign that we are 'more' graced by God or that we have a corner on God's blessings or the promise of an easy way in this world. So much about our existence is difficult. God's grace does go with us. But at all times. In all circumstances.

God's grace may only seem apparent to us when things are running smoothly. God's grace is all the more necessary when things go awry. Grace is at the very center of our hope and our future. It is our hope. Saving grace. The dread disease does not have the final word. The murders of chil-

dren are not the last chapter to a sad tale of despair and heart-break. There, in chaos and great difficulty, goes the grace of God. God comes to our most wounded places, our greatest moments of despair and grace abounds in Him. Jesus Christ has the final word. He has saved us eternally and is with us in the midst of the most difficult and painful situations. His grace does not part ways with us because our lives are not running smoothly. Remember this. We all go with the grace of God in all circumstances. Our God is one who rescues and saves. (Psalm 46) "Though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging" there, goes the grace of God. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear." Ever-present. Not 'sometimes present.' Not, 'when things are going well' present. Ever present. God's grace abounds. "The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." There, in the midst of life, our lives and the lives of humanity, goes God's grace. No 'buts' about it. There, *in the ever-present grace of God*, go I.

MARCH STATISTICS

March Average Sunday Attendance

1991.....	155*
1992.....	113
1993.....	180
1994.....	200
1995.....	194
1996.....	215
1997.....	339*
1998.....	252
1999.....	231
2000.....	277

* Includes Easter Sunday in the average.

March 2000 Sunday Attendance

Week #1.....	40 (Sat).....	106 (E).....	125 (L).....	271 (T)
Week #2.....	32 (Sat).....	102 (E).....	141 (L).....	275 (T)
Week #3.....	38 (Sat).....	112 (E).....	131 (L).....	281 (T)
Week #4.....	39 (Sat).....	133 (E).....	110 (L).....	282 (T)



A search of Scripture turns up one rather surprising truth: there are no exemplary families. Not a single family is portrayed in Scripture in such a way so as to evoke admiration in us. There are many family stories, there is considerable reference to family life, and there is sound counsel to guide the growth of families, but not a single model family for anyone to look up to in either awe or envy.

At the very least, this means that no one needs to carry a burden of guilt because his or her family is deficient in the sweetness and light that Christian families are supposed to exhibit. Since models for harmonious families are missing in Scripture (and for that omission I am repeatedly grateful to the Holy Spirit), we are free to pay attention to what is there - a promise of new community which experiences life as the household of faith, a family in Christ. Life together consists of rela-

tionships that are created not by blood (at least not by our blood) but by grace. We get along because we are forgiven. It is more important, I think, that families be used as places to develop faith than that faith be used as a resource to develop families.

-Eugene Peterson-

PARENTS OF TEENS:

Our Parents of Teens Forum meets once a month to encourage one another in the parenting process. It is a gathering of God's people where we share our strengths and weaknesses, our insights and our needs, among brothers and sisters in faith who are involved in common parenting experiences.

Don't miss our next meeting when we share specific ways to build assets - April 9th at 5:30 PM - dinner, 6:30 PM - meeting.

ENCOURAGING THE FAITHFUL (10 suggestions)

1. Challenge "Steamboat Time" by arriving on time for worship services and ministry events.
2. Make sure you use the restroom prior to the beginning of worship services.
3. Take young children to the restroom prior to worship. Help reduce the number of trips necessary during worship hour.
4. If you smoke, please smoke outside the facility. Please take care of your "butts" after smoking.
5. Teach young children the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Invocation, and the Benediction at home. When these are spoken during worship be sure to highlight them to link children with worship service. Help your child participate.
6. Use the narthex (entrance area-mailbox area) as a "buffer" zone. The narthex has always been used as a place to get ready for worship. The narthex is a place to "calm down" and transition.
7. Please be careful with coffee and juices in the sanctuary.
8. Take a moment to clean up the pew in which you sat as you leave worship.
9. Please take all "lost" or forgotten items from the coat room in the entrance area of the church.
10. When you enter the sanctuary be mindful that some individuals are taking time to pray and meditate prior to worship. Please respond accordingly.

LETTERS TO THE PASTOR. . .

Dear Pastor,
I know God loves everybody
but He never met my sister.
Arnold, 8

Dear Pastor,
Are there any devils on earth?
I think there may be one in
my class.
Carla, 10

Dear Pastor,
Please say in your sermon
that Peter Peterson has been
a good boy all week. I am
Peter Peterson.
Peter, 9

Dear Pastor,
How does God know the
good people from the bad
people? Do you tell Him or
does He read it in the news-
papers?
Marie, 9

Dear Pastor,
I would like to go to heaven
someday because I know my
brother won't be there.
Stephen, 8

REMEMBER WHEN!

Do you remember when you
first came to Concordia
Lutheran, and how good it felt
to be warmly welcomed with
people reaching out to you in
friendship?

The need for that kind of
warmth and friendship extend-
ing to people coming to Con-
cordia still exists! In fact, there
are over thirty households of
persons on the "front porch"
showing interest in our congre-
gation as a church home.

We need a few willing folks
who "remember when" and
would be willing to make a
friendship visit once a month to
one of these "front porch"
households. The Outreach & As-
sistation Board will be holding an orien-
tation/training session in May
for persons willing to help out.

The Lord and His Church need
your help! Please give prayer-
ful consideration to this fulfill-
ing ministry. You can express
your interest to Jean Smith,
David Freseman, or just your
name on the "communication
tab."

REMEMBER WHEN!



FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

We all have about five weeks to
prepare for Friendship Sunday,
May 7, 2000!

Friendship Sunday is a time when
every member of Concordia will
have the opportunity to identify
one unchurched person in their
sphere of life. The goal is to in-
tentionally invite that person to
worship on May 7th when every-
body else will be doing the same
thing.

The worship service will be a
very special uplifting experience
for all who attend. To help ev-
eryone prepare and plan ahead
for May 7th, the Outreach & As-
sistation Board is providing
some useful materials over the
next five weeks. There will be
four bulletin inserts to help you
catch the spirit of Friendship
Sunday, and to help you with
identifying the person you want

to invite.

On Easter Sunday, you will find a
folder in your mailbox designed to
be used each day of the week
leading up to Friendship Sunday,
beginning on Monday, May 1st.
This folder has devotions and
prayers along with gentle direc-
tions to help us spiritually in
reaching out to the person we are
inviting. The Holy Spirit is in
our midst, and ready to help each
of us in our efforts!



**"But the Fruit of the
Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, good-
ness, faithfulness, gentle-
ness, and self-control.**

Galatians 5:22

RESURRECTION COOKIES (To prepare the evening before Easter)

RESURRECTION COOKIES

1 C whole pecans
3 egg whites
1 C sugar
1 t vinegar
pinch of salt
pre-heat oven to 300 degrees



You will need: wooden spoon, Bible, zipper baggie, tape

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, he was beaten by the Roman soldiers. (Read John 19:1-3)

Let the children smell the vinegar. Put 1 t into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, he was given vinegar to drink. (Read John 19:28-30)

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. (Read John 10:10-11)

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. (Read Luke 23:27)

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 C sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. (Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16)

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 11-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. (Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3)

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. (Read Matthew 27:65-66)

Put cookie sheet in oven. Close the door and turn the oven OFF!. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door shut. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. (Read Matthew 27:65-66)

GO TO BED!

Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers also were in despair when the tomb was sealed. (Read John 16:20-22)

On Resurrection morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie! Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Resurrection Day, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. (Read Matthew 28:1-9)

HE HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

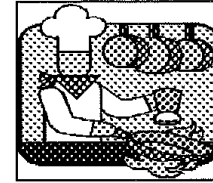
TRUSTEES REPORT

Spring is upon us and there's lots to do here at Concordia. Please help by making our monthly WORKDAY a part of your schedule. The next work day is April 15th from 9:00 AM to noon. If we all help a little, we can accomplish a lot! Check the Christogram each month to find out when the next workday is. If you are interested in doing a project on your own, please contact Mike Beyer at 879-3019. Your trustees are Frank Baird, Mike Beyer, Clair Erickson, Loretta Hammerslag, Scott Myller and Bert Svendsen.

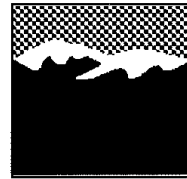
In Service of our Lord, Mike Beyer



Parent Support Group
meets this month on
Friday, April 7, 2000
from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall
(Potluck-childcare provided)



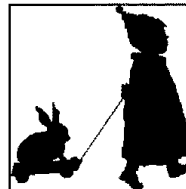
Men's Breakfast
Saturday
April 8, 2000
7 - 8:30 AM
in Fellowship Hall
Invite A Friend!



Discovery Bible Study
Wednesdays - 7:00 PM
(in conjunction with
Lenten services and soup
suppers)



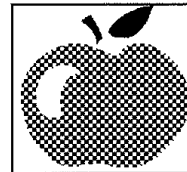
Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
at the Church (Fellowship
Hall) 6:30 - 7:30 AM
All are welcome!



Monday Mom's Playgroup
1:00 to 3:00 PM
(new time!)
Meet at Ellyn Myller's
652 Ruby Square



Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study
9:00 AM at the church
library
(Childcare Provided)



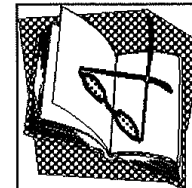
Recovery Study
Thursdays 7:00 PM
at the Church
in the Library



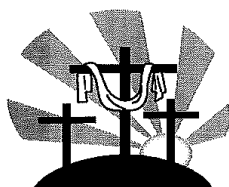
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will be April 12, 2000
at 7:00 PM at Church for a
Lenten Discovery with a
meeting to follow at 8:00 PM



PARENTS OF TEENS
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in the chapel

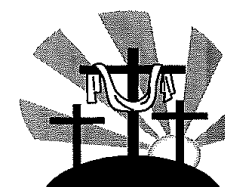


BOOK CLUB
will meet at Tami Havener's
40465 Harbor Place-Sibt II
Monday, March 13th., 7 PM
Book: "How the Garcia Sis-
ters Lost Their Accent"



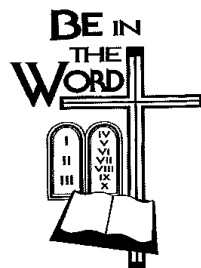
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Tuesday Bible Study:
Meet and study the Word of God prior to work. This study begins at 6:30 am and is done promptly at 7:30 am. The format is one of discussion and reflection on God's Word. A good cup of coffee or tea is ready for you upon arrival. Give this study a try!

Wednesday Discovery Bible Study: This Wednesday evening study opportunity has been put into place for a midweek spot of spiritual refreshment. A person can come once a month, twice a month, or every week. It is a relaxed atmosphere for learning, discussion and fellowship. Please, come and enjoy some great "Discovery!"



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Worship - 5:30 PM "TIME CHANGE" Educ Brunch-9 AM-JS
2 Worship 8/10:30 Educ Hr - 9:15 AM Outreach - 4:30 PM	3 Playgroup - 1:00 pm at Ellyn's, 652 Ruby Sq Womens AA - 7:00 PM	4 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM Elders Mtg - 7:00 PM Church Council-7:30 pm	5 Soup Supper - 5:30 PM Prayers - 6:30 PM Service - 7:00 PM "Self-Control"	6 Womens Study-9:00 AM Choir - 6:00 PM Bells - 7:00 PM Recovery - 7:00 PM	7 Parent To Parent 6-8 PM potluck AA Group - 7:00 PM	8 Men's Breakfast - 7 am Journey - 10:00 AM Worship - 5:30 PM
9 Worship 9:00 AM (only) VOTERS - 10:00 AM Potluck - 11:30 AM Confirmation - 4:30 PM Youth Group - 5:30 PM Parents/Teens - 5:30 PM Stephen's I & II - 7-9 PM PANTRY SUNDAY	10 Playgroup - 1:00 PM at Ellyn's, 652 Ruby Sq Womens AA - 7:00 PM	11 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM	12 Prayers - 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study - 7:00 PM "Peace" Elders lead service	13 Womens Study - 9:00 AM Choir - 6:00 PM Bells - 7:00 PM Recovery - 7:00 PM	14 AA Group - 7:00 PM	15 Workday 9 - noon Worship - 5:30 PM
16 PALM SUNDAY Worship 8/10:30 Confirmation @ 10:30 Reception @ 9:00 AM	17 Playgroup - 1:00 PM at Ellyn's, 652 Ruby Sq Womens AA - 7:00 PM	18 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM	19 Prayers - 6:30 PM	20 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service - 7:00 PM "Kindness" (communion)	21 GOOD FRIDAY Service - 7:00 PM "Love" AA Group - 7:00 PM	22 Worship - 5:30 PM
23 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 7/8:30/10:30 Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 to 10:00 ECC - 12:45 PM	24 Playgroup - 1:00 PM at Ellyn's, 652 Ruby Sq Womens AA - 7:00 PM	25 Bible Study - 6:30 AM Staff Mtg - 8:30 AM	26 Prayers - 6:30 PM Discovery - 7:00 PM	27 Choir - 6:00 PM Bells - 7:00 PM Recovery - 7:00 PM	28 AA Group - 7:00 PM	29 Worship - 5:30 PM
30 Worship - 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr - 9:15 AM Stephen's I/II - 7-9 PM			← Spring Break →		DCE Conference →	

Friday Parent Support Group (Usually the first Friday of each month from 6-8 PM.) Concordia Lutheran has a support group for Parents with young children 2nd grade to newborn. If you have older siblings they are welcome to come. This will provide a time for parents to make friendships within the church and the studies will help you find strength, direction and hope as you fulfill God's calling in your life as a parent. The evening begins with a simple potluck. After dinner, childcare will be provided and parents can get together for a video and discussion or a Bible study which focuses on parenting issues.

Sunday Extended Care Center Worship (ECC)
On the fourth Sunday of each month our congregation is responsible for the care of the worship service at the ECC. The Pastor leads this service with congregational volunteers. There is a need to visit with the residents at the ECC. It is a great way to learn compassion and service. The residents always appreciate a kind contact from visitors.