

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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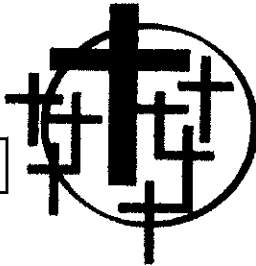
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

November, 2000



A Note From The Pastor . . .

The old truck lumbered along ahead of me as I made my way up the Poudre Canyon. I could tell that the three occupants were heading for the hunt. The fluorescent orange gave them away. Two men were in the cab and another, the youngest, shivered in the open bed of the truck in the company of two dogs trying to keep their balance around the curves.



I grew impatient. I would never make it to Concordia in time for the noon staff meeting. But there was no place to pass the old truck. I stayed as close as I dared in

the hope that the road may straighten out long enough to pass, but it didn't happen. Soon, they relieved my impatience by turning off into one of the many rest areas. I went on my way, pushing the Ford a little to make up for lost time.

After 90 miles, I arrived in the metropolis of Walden, pulled into the Conoco station for my customary cappuccino for the last 60 miles. As I was stretching my legs a bit, a truck drove up next to the pump. It was the old clunker! I had beat them to Walden by a whole 10 minutes!

I thought about that as I continued on my way. How many times do I feel the same need to hurry and get somewhere or hurry and do something and actually accomplish very little. We can all remember cars that

dangerously passed us on the road, only to appear next to us at the next red light.



I remembered that lesson on Sunday afternoon as I drove home in some snow and rain. I drove slowly and carefully on the almost deserted road. I listened to an audio book on the tape player. I got home about 10 minutes later than usual. There must be a lesson here that somebody could point out for me.

See you in Church,

Pastor Wayne

November, 2000

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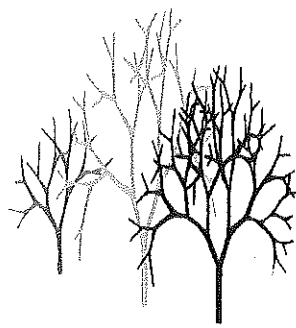
Greetings!

As of this writing, the Call Committee is in the process of reviewing information on 22 pastors. One of the questions on the *Pastor's Information Form* asks, "Describe your preferred practice regarding the use of lay people to assist in worship." A few of the answers talk about our gifts.

Romans 12:6 says, "*We have different gifts according to the grace given us. Is a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith; if it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is sharing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*" The Lord has blessed each of us with some gift. What is yours? Are you using it?

During the pastoral vacancy, we have been blessed with Pastor Koenig and the staff of Jean and Cindy. However, they cannot do it all. What is your gift? Now would be a great time to step forward and offer to help in some small way. Maybe as a greeter before worship or a Sunday school teacher or a choir voice. Soup suppers will be coming soon, can you peel an onion?

The "call process" could take a long time to complete. Once we have a full-time pastor, part of his job is to equip us to do the Lord's work. However, the work goes on. What can you do to help? Are you using your gifts to keep the Lord's work going? This would be a good month to pick your favorite area of serving and ask, "How can I help?"

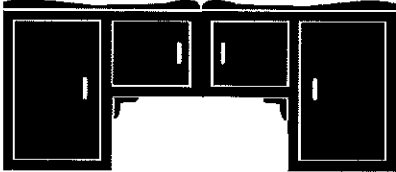


Yours in Christ,

Walt Taylor
Elder

PANTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5th is Pantry Sunday. Please consider providing paper products and/or coffee, creamer/sugars, lemonade. A list is provided in the narthex. These products are a large expense for the church and your donation will help decrease that expense. Place all items in the large containers in the narthex. Thank You.



AAL

(Aid Association for Lutherans)
It is time to hold National Elections again. I will hold this election on Sunday, November 12th in the narthex. I will be getting signatures and votes before, between, and after services. We also need a chairman for our local branch to replace Marlys. They also want us to separate the offices of recorder and treasurer. So we will also need a recorder. Your help is appreciated. It also provides us with more money.

Thank you, Jane Hallman



TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Trustees would like to thank all of the members who volunteered their time at the Church Workday on October 14th. We had one of our best turnouts of the entire year! There are still some projects that need to be completed before the snow arrives. If you have some time on your hands this fall, please contact Mike at 879-3019.


We have chosen a solution to correct the "bad sound" acoustics in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to have the work completed by the Advent services in December.

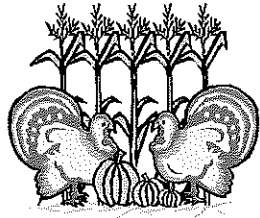
We are in need of a snow shoveler for the Church and Parsonage this winter. We have budgeted to pay someone for these services. If anyone is willing to work this paid position, please contact Mike at 879-3019.

In service of our Lord,
Mike Beyer, Trustee

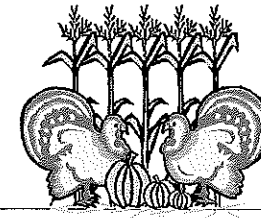
**Gift Certificates for
Concordia's Christmas Cupboard**

Gift Certificates for this year's Concordia Christmas Cupboard are available between services in the narthex (or see Cindy). Purchase a gift certificate for any amount and give it to a friend, co-worker, relative, neighbor or secret sister! It is redeemable at Concordia's Christmas Cupboard on Saturday, November 18th on homemade crafts, cookies by the pound or specialty items.





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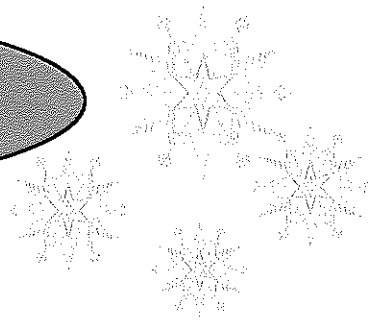
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CONCORDIA'S CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD

Saturday
November 18, 2000
9:00 AM to Noon

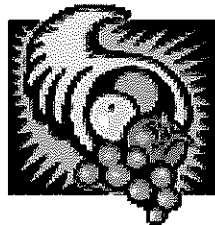
- * Homemade Crafts
- * Specialty Items
- * Book Fair
- * Cookie Caper
- * Brunch



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Concordia will once again have the Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. The evening will begin with a soup supper at 5:30 PM, followed by prayers in the Chapel at 6:30 PM, followed by worship service at 7:00 PM. The entire community is invited to attend. The worship service will be lead by ministers from the various houses of worship in Steamboat. Please plan to attend.

If you are able to help with the soup supper, please see Cindy or Jean in the office.



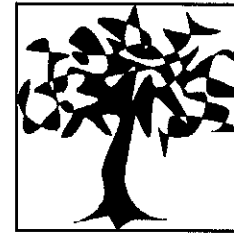
POLLING PLACE For Precinct #19

Concordia Lutheran Church will be the polling place for precinct #19 on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, in the church basement. Be sure to get out and vote!

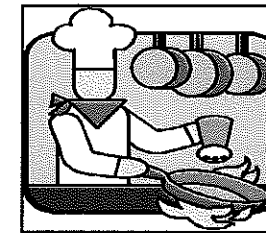


REGISTRATION DEADLINE! For 2001 Youth Gathering

The deadline for registration for next year's Youth Gathering in New Orleans (July 2001) is Wednesday, **November 1st!** Please fill out the necessary form and return it with your deposit of \$80 to the office. Questions? Contact Guy Wojtowicz, Jean or Cindy



Parents of Teens
Will meet
Sunday, Nov 5th, 4:30 PM
Sunday, Nov 19th, 4:30 PM
These sessions are lead by
Ruth Koneig, licensed family
therapist



Men's Breakfast
Saturday
November 11, 2000
7:00 - 8:00AM
in Fellowship Hall
Invite A Friend!

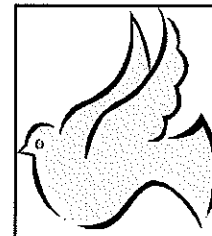


YOUTH GROUP

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November 5th &
November 19th
at 4:30 PM.
(snacks provided)

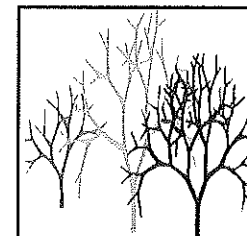


**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study**
at the Church (Fellowship
Hall) 6:30 - 7:30 AM
All are welcome!

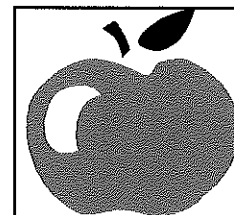


Confirmation

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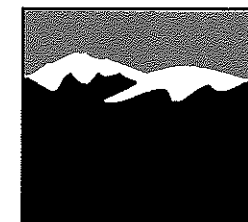
**Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study:**
"Smart Choices: Making
Your Way Through Life"
9:00 AM in the church
library
(Childcare Provided)



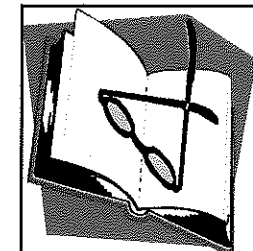
Recovery Room
Thursdays 7:00 PM
at the Church
in the Library



LWML (Women's Guild)
will meet on Wednesday,
November 15th, 7:00 PM,
at Helen Berntson's home,
30 Alpine Drive, 870-9675



Discovery Bible Study
Wednesdays - 7:00 PM
at the Church
(3rd/4th grade classroom)
Prayers - 6:30 PM



BOOK CLUB
will meet on Monday,
November 6th at 7:00 PM at
Jean Smith's, 40519 Steam-
boat Dr. This month's book
is entitled:
"The Bluest Eye"
By Toni Morrison

SCOOP FROM THE SUP . . .

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:105

How many of you are walking in the dark these days?



When I was a young girl, my Grandma sent me a little book of verses to memorize. Psalms 119:105 was one of them. It had a red paper cover that had the look of leather, and white pages, with one verse on each page. She promised to reward my brother and I—a quarter for each verse we learned. We

met the challenge and she kept her promise. Yes, as children we probably memorized the verses to get the reward, however, the greatest reward was to grow and still have the truths and promises of God's Word in our hearts and minds. My Grandma knew what we were working for, but she also knew that "*God's word does not return void.*" She valued placing God's Word in our hearts, and she was willing to make an investment and sacrifice to do so—25 cents was a whole lot of money 25 years ago! I think the investment she made paid off big time!

I appreciate the heritage of faith that she has passed on to me. What kind of heritage are you passing on to your chil-

dren and grandchildren?

Maybe we could reward our kids for learning God's Word—instead of doing chores. Do they do "chores" anymore? In the long run, our children will be guided, protected, and comforted by the best!

Think about it—get a plan—and get into action!!!

Need more ideas on connecting your kids to God? Call me at 871-1860. I'd love to talk to you.

Ellyn

COOKIE BAKING DAYS

The ladies of LWML are preparing for the Cookie Caper which is held in conjunction with the Christmas Bazaar (November 18th). The following dates are scheduled to bake and decorate cookies:



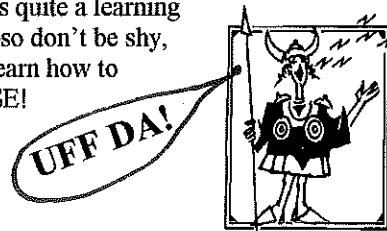
Monday, November 6th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday, November 10th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, November 12th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Wednesday, November 15th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

If you are able to help in part on any of these days, please bring ingredients and baking utensils when you come. For questions, call Dana Tredway, 879-3908.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

"LEFSE NIGHT!"

Monday, November 13th is "Lefse-making Night" at Concordia! What is lefse??? (none of us are sure!)-Lefse is a Norwegian, potato-base flatbread. We will meet at 4:00 to get started. A few people will bring prepared dough. If you know of anyone that has a lefse grill or any of the utensils, please let Jean or Cindy know in the office. This is quite a learning experience-so don't be shy, come and learn how to make LEFSE!



LWML (Women's Guild)

The Fall Rummage Sale was again a HUGE success that earned \$2,400 for our mission projects. The Bake Sale at the rummage sale brought in \$175 for Concordia's youth to attend the 2001 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. A big thanks to all the women who worked so hard on the sale and a very special thank you to Joanne Boomgarden and Lynn Worrell for chairing this event.

The November LWML meeting (gathering) will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM at Helen Berntson's home, 30 Alpine Drive (carpool from church-limited parking). We will be discussing how we can keep Christ in Christmas this year.

Speaking of Christmas-the annual Concordia's Christmas Cupboard is coming up on November 18th from 9:00 AM to Noon. Members of the women's guild have been busy all year creating wonderful Christmas crafts for sale. It's a great way to stock up on a variety of gifts and Christmas cookies for the holidays, or pick up great Christian books for all ages at the Book Fair. New this year, you can purchase gift certificates for the Christmas Cupboard to give to a friend. You can purchase these on Sundays between services or from Cindy in the office. We have a specialty table at the Christmas Cupboard. If you have a special item like homemade fudge or jams, etc, that you could make for this event, please let Ellyn Myller know. We also need bakers to help us with making Christmas cookies (see ad elsewhere in newsletter) or you can bake some at home and freeze them before the sale.

One last note: Don't forget your secret sister during the upcoming holiday season. You will be revealed at the Christmas Brunch, Saturday, December 9th at Cindy Svendsen's home.

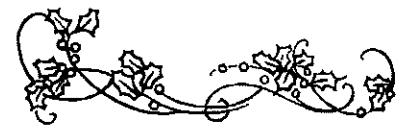
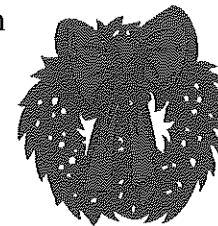
The Last Craft Night:

Monday, November 6th, 7:00 PM, at Jeri Taylor's, 210 Caribou Lane, 879-1081



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Concordia's Youth Group is selling Christmas wreaths to help cover their expenses to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July, 2001. These wreaths will be sold on Sundays between services or contact Loretta, 879-2527 or Cindy in the office. Several sizes are available, (decorated or plain), as well as garland (sold in 5' increments). Deadline for ordering is October 31st. Wreaths will be delivered to the Church on November 30th between 3:00 and 6:00 PM



STEPHEN'S MINISTERS

All Stephen's Ministers will meet on Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00 PM

The Apostles' Creed: What do you believe?



Rebecca Duryea is teaching the kids about the trinity of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit by showing the kids the 3 parts to a 'whole' apple: the skin, the flesh and the seeds.

Cori Sherrod helps out by Shepherding the kids who are in the "Creations Corner".

A big thank you to all those who have helped out with teaching or shepherding a four week rotation! Parents—thanks for making Sunday School a priority in your children's lives! It's important to learn about our good and gracious God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Playing now at the Coliseum Theater is Kathy Deepe presenting, "Hedgie and Fluff" who are teaching the kids about the Apostles' Creed. Marybeth Bradfield and Jenny Stabile are shepherds. Do you know what the word 'creed' means?



Our next rotation begins November 5: THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Clap, If You Believe in Fairies!" A word from your Parish Administrator

There is a scene in Peter Pan where the children are encouraged to clap if they believe in fairies. The enthusiastic response of kids joined in clapping is what brings Tinker Bell back to life. If you recall, Tinker Bell shines with a bright light which blazes across the room in varying patterns of light in motion. But her light has faded dramatically and it is in danger of going out altogether. In order to make her well it is important that someone believes in her. She is in need of affirmation. She is literally resurrected by the resounding claps of all those children who affirm their belief in fairies. Soon her light is shining as brilliantly as ever. Success.

These past four weeks we have been studying the Apostles' Creed and what we believe. The reality of our God is hardly brought to life by our clapping. God's light shines brightly on it's own. His very word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. Sometimes we hinge too great a load on our actions bringing God to life for us. We want instantaneous combustion of a spiritual nature. We want mountaintop experiences. Earthquakes and winds—raging fires of the heart. Perhaps a once a week spiritual fix is what we crave... *and it better be good*, or what's the point of even going to church?

In Women's Bible Study last

week someone mentioned that perhaps we don't recognize the Holy Spirit within us because it's always there. We are a spiritual people by the very nature of our baptisms, and yet, we seldom recognize the Holy Spirit working within us because this force is so quiet, so hidden. Have you hidden the light of the Holy Spirit within you? Do your gifts shine through, or do they stay shadowed by human failures and brokenness?



God understood our need for fellowship and encouragement very well. The church Jesus established and the communion of saints is about gathering together to worship and praise a God who lights our path daily. When we lose our way, it is good for us to reach out and care for one another. We can have a part in resurrecting weary and broken people in our pews by encouraging them to shine in the light of God again.

A new member might need some visible encouragement and 'clapping' along the way to make their lives brighter. Grieving people might need a patient, listening ear that encourages them through a caring presence. People need to be reminded that God loves them: that Jesus died for us so that we might

have eternal life: that the Holy Spirit works in our lives. We need the clouds of witnesses and the communion of saints to keep us shining brightly in this world. God has gifted us with the ability to "encourage one another and build one another up." It may not seem like an earth shattering experience to reach out a hand to someone in need, but it might be the very thing that rekindles a light in your neighbor and allows them to shine as God intended.

Gathering together for a worship service may not seem like a "spiritual high." You want a mountaintop experience? Climb a mountain. If your intent is to praise and worship the God who created you and continues to create new life within you, come to church. Invite someone else into that light of God's love. Gather with fellow members who need the encouragement of a family of faith. We need to encourage others to shine with their God-given gifts and abilities. Even the trees shall clap their hands in the presence of the Lord. If you believe, reach your hand out in compassion and fellowship. Affirm one another. Clap your hands. Be a visible sign of encouragement to someone whose light may be fading. We have been set free by Christ to shine and bask in the grace of God's love. Let it shine.

Jean

Sheep News

Youth Pick New Name

The new youth group name for Concordia Youth is *Sheep* submitted by Nathan Deepe. Youth submitted and voted on the names at the Oct. 1 meeting. Thanks Nathan!

Video Scavenger Hunt

In September, Concordia Youth were roaming the streets of Steamboat with video cameras for the first annual Video Scavenger Hunt. Students divided into teams and went out into the community with a list of things to video the group doing. Some of the highlights included Kyle Svendsen reading a children's book on potty training (he

Youth Committee

A new Youth Committee has been formed consisting of Doug Dombey, Julie Monterotti, Guy Wojtowicz, and Sarah Beurskens. Youth representatives on the com-

mittee are Nathan Deepe, Christina Monterotti, Andy Wojtowicz, Nathan Proper, Christian Hogrefe and Ian Smith. The committee will focus primarily on fundraising. Next mtg. Nov 5, 6 p.m.



Teams have started practicing for the youth-led service. The date for the service has not been finalized. The music team practiced Sunday night at Danny Weber's house. Anya Smith, Danny Weber, Christina Monterotti and others

couldn't do it with a straight face); Spencer Roos portraying Tom Cruise in Mission Impossible and all of the group interviewing complete strangers.

will be leading the congregation in several songs.

The drama team practiced at the last youth meeting. The team will perform a drama entitled, "On My Own."

In Nov., we will be starting a special Bible study on *Forgiveness.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5 Youth Group
4:30 p.m.
@ church

6 p.m. Youth Committee
Nov. 17 Lock-In
Peace Lutheran in Arvada

Nov. 19 Youth Group
4:30 p.m.
@ church

Arvada Lock-In

Sheep have been invited to go to a Lock-In at Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada on Friday, Nov. 17. Games will be provided including Broomball! (Talk to Guy W. the Broomball King). We need parents to drive. Departure times on Friday to be announced. We'll return Saturday after a spin at the new Flatirons Mall.

