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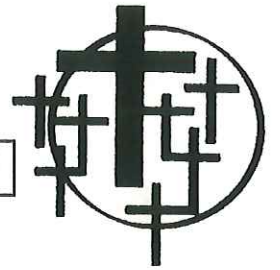
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Why Pastors Take Calls . . .

So, a call has been issued to Pastor Donald Schatz from Trinity Lutheran Church in Seattle, Washington.

My congratulations to you! That is a spiritual victory to have gotten to this point. You have been patient, prayerful, and thoughtful and considerate of one another to have successfully issued a call.

Now, what would move Pastor Schatz to accept this call to Concordia?

Well, of course I don't know that, but some things ought to be eliminated from the beginning:

It won't be a decision based only on how much money he is offered, or whether it is a step up on the ecclesiastical ladder, or whether there will be an increase in professional and personal gratification.

It will have to do with timing—

is it the right time for him to leave Trinity and move to a new kind of ministry? It will have to do with his family and whether it will be too disruptive to move at this time. It will have to do with whether he feels gifted to fit into the requirements of the ministry at Concordia. It will have to do with a deep down, personal and subjective conviction that the Holy Spirit desires him to take this call to Concordia. Sometimes it just comes down to, "not being able to say no."

Frankly, why calls are accepted or not remains a personal, spiritual mystery to me. I am convinced, however, that God moves through this process to bless both the Calling Congregation and the Called Pastor. There will be blessings either way.

So, what should be done in the meantime? Continue to pray for Pastor Schatz and his family, that the Lord's Will be done in

all things. Continue your patient encouragement of one another and continue to affirm the truth that "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Get involved in faithful worship and faithful reading and study of the Scripture. You might talk to Jean Smith about getting one of those "Today's Light" Bibles. It contains a daily reading schedule that is most helpful. Ruth and I have been using it for a couple of weeks now and it is a good discipline for our day.

God bless you richly day by day as you work out the faith entrusted to you. "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ."

See you in Church as we "hop" over Rabbit Ears!

Pastor Wayne

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

On Tuesday night, we had the Voter's Assembly and the attendance was tremendous! I was very impressed with the way everything was handled, the presentation of the issues to be voted on and the homework done by the Call Committee on the selection of the two pastors. We, as a congregation, should be proud to have so many capable people within this small church. They handled everything so professionally, making sure that every question was answered and every issue addressed.

Before the vote on which pastor to call, we had a question and answer session. Both candidates had great credentials. Pastor Donald Schatz became the choice of the congregation, and I hope and pray that, with the help of God, Steamboat Springs will be his new home.

We all must take some time and pray about this decision by the congregation. Pray about the transitions of both churches; the move for the Schatz family; the acceptance of a new pastor; the change of life for him, his wife, and children. I'm excited about this choice and I'm excited for the future of Concordia.



God bless all of you,

Guy Wojtowicz
Elder

CLARK BIBLE STUDY

Come and join the people of North Routt for a look at the Gospel of John. This study will be held at the home of Lisa Long (thank you, Lisa) 54173 RCR 129 from 6:50 to 8:01 PM. Call Gene Carrell for directions or to car-pool to Lisa's. Watch the Sunday bulletin for dates and times in February.



BENEFIT BRUNCH

A benefit brunch, sponsored by LWML (Women's Guild) and Lutheran Brotherhood will be held on Sunday, February 4th, following both services. This brunch will benefit Linda Riele, who is receiving experimental drugs for a medical condition. These drugs are very costly and are not covered by insurance. This brunch will be a free will offering. Lutheran Brotherhood Northern Colorado Branch #8717 will provide matching funds.

*Sunday, February 4th
Following both services
Free will offering*

City Market Coupons

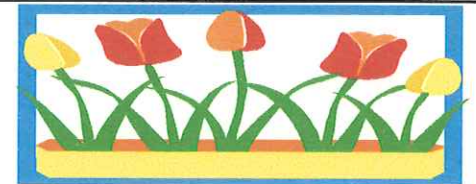
1. You can help our youth pay for their trip to New Orleans this summer by using your City Market Value Card.
2. If you have not already done so, stop by the office and register your card number with Cindy.
3. Concordia youth then receives 5% of all purchases from City Market each quarter. (Last quarter we received a check for \$170.)

It's as easy as 1..2..3!!

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at Concordia for the very generous gift given to each of us at Christmas. It is not only a joy to serve this congregation, but also a gift to be cared for by all of you!

Pastor Wayne & Ruth
Jean Smith
Cindy Svendsen



ALL NEW FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2000 is up on the moveable bulletin board. Sign up early for the dates you would like to remember a birthday, anniversary or just a thank you to God for blessings received. The cost is \$12.50 per vase, payable to Concordia Lutheran Church. On the Sundays you provide flowers, you may take them home following the late service.



“Faith Partners”: What is it?

I recently had the opportunity to attend a conference entitled “Congregation as Healing Community” with a special emphasis on seminars devoted to ‘Promoting Chemical Health and Healing of Addictions.’ During this time I learned about a program called *Faith Partners* which is a national non-profit organization that provides training, technical assistance and faith-based materials to clergy, congregations and religious networks to assist them in preventing and reducing substance abuse.

Pastor Tim began a wonderful ministry at Concordia for those who are dealing with addictions and recovery issues. Since his departure, however, I fear that our recovery ministry at Concordia could fall by the wayside. We, as a congregation, need to be intentional about the needs of our members. *Faith Partners* could be a very good tool to promote a lay centered *team* ministry for prevention, addiction and recovery issues at Concordia. This may be a wonderful way to equip our members to fill a vital role in caring for our congregation and community.

Some of you have already filled out a congregational survey which addresses the need or desire for this type of ministry at Concordia. Please take five minutes to fill out a survey so that we can better establish what work we are called to do for our membership in terms of prevention and substance abuse issues.

I will be reporting back to you the results of this survey and there will also be a special meeting held on Tuesday, February 27th at 7 PM for anyone who has questions about this special ministry or has an interest in becoming a part of a ministry team which cares for prevention, recovery and addiction issues.

Please call me if you have any questions. I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the opportunities available for us to become equipped to care for this special ministry. We *do need* partners in faith.

In Christ, Jean Smith — Parish Administrator

“Let the little children come unto me”

When is the last time you had a conversation with a preschooler? Yesterday, while Rebecca Duryea was setting up the bells her daughter Amaris came into the office. Initially, I believe she was in search of candy which is usually in steady supply in the dish in the office, but Amaris was disappointed this time. There was time for conversation, however, and she asked questions and told me a little about what had gone on during her day. She spotted one of the flyers that hang throughout the church with Bible verses on them. The Sunday School program has made it a priority to post Bible verses which go along with each rotation in order that the whole congregation is aware of what our kids are being taught in Sunday School. Kids are encouraged to memorize these key verses.

“I know the Bible verse,” Amaris said, and without missing a beat recited, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them;

for to such as these belongs the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:13-16) Amaris was a witness to me that day. Her memory work helped me recognize the great faith of a child who knows her place in God’s kingdom.

What have you memorized lately? I attended a conference in January and one of the speakers, Marva Dawn, made it a point to say, “The first thing you remember is the last thing you forget. What are your children committing to memory?” she



asked us.

I wonder, even for myself, what will be the verses I remember as memory fades? As for my children, are they more likely going to remember the songs from Sesame Street and Mister Rogers

Neighborhood than “Jesus Loves me, this I know.”

A Sunday church service spent at the Doak Walker Care Center with the elderly lends great truth to Marva Dawn’s words. Residents who can’t remember what they had for lunch or their son’s name can sing “Beautiful Savior” or “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” without missing a beat. They can recite the 23rd Psalm and yet, not remember that you loaned them your coat to keep warm by the end of the half hour service. If Amaris’ memory begins to fade she will still know her place in God’s kingdom as a child of God.

It’s more difficult for me to memorize things these days, but I can see the benefit of carrying the word of God so close that it’s within me, ready to speak in times of need. Encourage your children to memorize these Bible verses...”and do not hinder them; for to such as these belongs the kingdom of God.”

Jean Smith

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the Voter's Assembly meeting on January 23rd, the decision was made to extend a call to Rev. Donald Schatz of Trinity Lutheran in Seattle. Pastor Schatz is currently serving a small downtown church in Seattle. His current congregation is involved with ministry to the type of human care issues that are associated with an inner-city congregation. Prior to Trinity, he was at a large congregation, Trinity Lutheran in Bellingham, WA. He also served congregations in Tucson, AZ and Arlington, MN. When informed of our call, Pastor Schatz said he was honored and humbled and will prayerfully consider it. Over the next few weeks, we will be exchanging information with Pastor Schatz about Concordia and trying to answer his questions. During that time he will be relying on the Holy Spirit to guide him on the decision of whether to accept our call. Pastor has requested a membership directory from Concordia, which includes a phone list, so, some of you may be receiving a random phone call. We have made arrangements for Pastor Schatz, his wife, Lois, and two of their three children, Andrew, 18 and Phillip, 14 to come and visit us from Sat., Feb. 17th thru Tues., Feb 20th. They also have a daughter, Miriam, who is away at college. This is a very exciting time at Concordia, so please keep Pastor Schatz, his family, Trinity in Seattle, and Concordia in your prayers as our call is considered.

Bart Kounovsky
Call Committee

THANKS TO "HABITAT FOR HUMANITY" CREW!

The Board of Outreach wants to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the faithful and hard-working volunteers that put in a large number of hours renovating apartment 314 at the Hillside Village Apartments.

The crew consisted of David Anderson, David Freseman, Loretta Hammerslag, Jeremy Schumacher, Jean Smith, Jennie Stanford, Jim & Barb Stimson, Barry Traverse and Matt Tredway.

The work involved everything from drywalling, to electrical, to scrubbing and painting. through RALF, the low-income \$1,000 for the volunteer hours, to land for the first Habitat for Village. What that essentially means is that our CLC workers raised \$1,000 for the first Habitat house

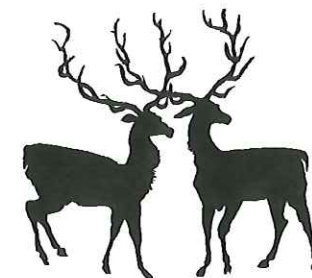


from drywalling, to electrical. The end result is that housing project donated put toward the purchase of Humanity house at Pioneer tially means is that our on behalf of Concordia Lutheran in Steamboat.

David Freseman
Board of Outreach

LWML (Women's Guild)

The next Women's Guild get-together will be on Wednesday, February 21st at Ann Gilbertson's home, 31685 Inca Way—Tree Haus area). We will be discussing how to keep Christ in our marriages and relationships. We will also be presenting our Mission picks for 2001.



Other important LWML news:

- We will be having a Benefit Brunch to help with Linda Riele's medical costs on February 4th. Please plan to have breakfast with us following both services that morning.
- We are in need of Phone Tree callers to make calls to the women of Concordia once a month to let them know about upcoming LWML events. We will try to call all the women of our church to start with. If you do not wish to be called, just let your caller know.
- We have started a new group called "Immediate Needs" to help those in our congregation who may need a helping hand now and then. If you could pick up groceries or run an errand for someone in need, please add your name and phone number to our list by calling Cindy at the office.

Our November get-together at Elaine Stroncek's home was delightful. We learned a lot about sharing Christ with a friend simply by being a friend. Thank you Elaine and Judy! We hope to see you all on February 21st at Ann's!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS . . .

Important dates in February:

Sunday, February 4th—3:00 PM at church—Mandatory meeting for all youth attending New Orleans and their parents to discuss upcoming fundraisers, budget, and volunteer.

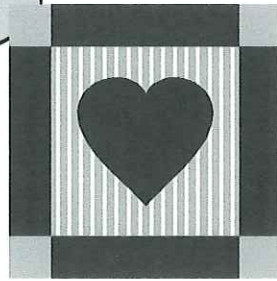
Sunday February 4th—4:30 PM ALL youth will carpool from church to the Wojtowicz' for a Pizza Party and Video. (Parents of Youth are invited to stay and attend Parents of Teens at 4:30 PM).

Saturday, February 10th—6:30 PM, Valentine's Dinner sponsored by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for the New Orleans trip in July.

Sunday, February 25th—4:30 PM, Youth Group (and Parents of Teens at 4:30 PM)

Valentine's Dinner February 10th

Time: 6:30 PM
 Tickets: \$10 for adults
 \$ 5 for children 4-12 (3 & under-free)
 Dinner: Italian
 Entertainment: Italian with subtitles
 (buy tickets in advance-on sale in narthex)
 ***A Youth Group Fundraiser ***



UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES . . .

Hello to all from the Trustees! As we begin another year, I would like to introduce you to the Trustees for 2001. They are: Dave and Judy Anderson, Loretta Hammerslag, Scott Myller, and Mike Beyer. We will do our best to serve this congregation and we would appreciate YOUR input and help in doing so.

CHURCH PROJECTS:

- Fellowship hall acoustics have been corrected!
- The elementary and pre-school room dividers are being installed
- New parking lot lights are being considered
- A new copy machine will be ordered soon
- Church and fellowship hall rental rates are being discussed

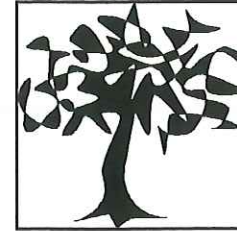
PARSONAGE PROJECTS:

- New windows have been installed in the "old" part
- New paint, carpet, tile, fixtures, and many other upgrades have been done
- Other projects still need attention (See Mike Beyer if you can help)

We look forward to serving this congregation in 2001. Please consider the ways in which you can participate in the coming year. Please contact Mike Beyer (879-3019) if you have time or resources/ideas or questions that the Trustees could utilize.

In Service of our Lord,

Mike Beyer



Parents of Teens
 Sunday, February 4th, 4:30
 Sunday, February 25th, 4:30
 These sessions are lead by
 Ruth Koenig, licensed family
 therapist



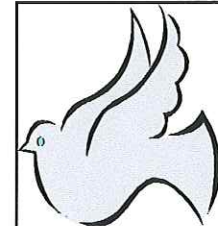
Men's Breakfast
 Saturday
 February 10th
 7:00 - 8:15AM
in Fellowship Hall
 Invite A Friend!



YOUTH GROUP
February 4th
 Mandatory Meeting-3:00 PM
 at church for New Orleans
 Youth & Parents!
 4:30 ALL youth carpool to
 Pizza party @ Wojtowicz)
February 25th—4:30 PM
 (snacks provided)

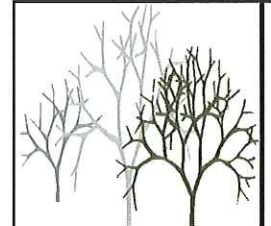


Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
 at the Church (Fellowship
 Hall) 6:30 - 7:30 AM
 All are welcome!

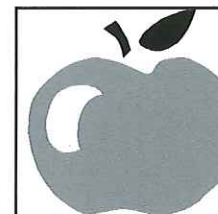


Confirmation

Meet on Sundays, 4:30 PM
 February 4th (Pizza Party)
 February 25th
 (snacks provided)



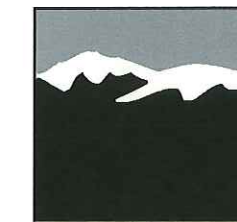
Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study:
 "Faith and Doubt in Daily
 Life"
 9:00 AM in the church
 library
 (Childcare Provided)



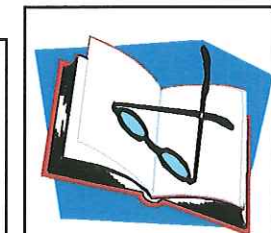
Recovery Room
For all those who are
dealing with addictions or
have someone close to
them who is: Thursdays,
 7:00 PM in the library.



LWML (Women's Guild)
 will meet on Wednesday,
 February 21st, 7:00 PM at
 Ann Gilbertson's, 31685 Inca
 Way. Topic: Marriage &
 Relationships
 Invite a Friend!



Discovery Bible Study
 Wednesdays - 7:00 PM
 in the Church library
 We're studying the book
 of Luke
 Prayers - 6:30 PM



BOOK CLUB
 Book Club will meet on Mon-
 day, 7:00 PM at Doran
 Teramoto's, 308 Locust Ct.
 Bring a favorite book to share
 with us. We need to add to
 our must read list!



Rules, rules, rules....

That's right, we are heading into our Sunday school rotation on the "Ten Commandments".

Many people believe that Christianity is about a bunch of do's and don't's. What they miss is that it is really about relationships, our relationship with God and with each other. God gave His people the Israelites the commandments as a gift to help them to know how to love Him and one another.

In Mark 12 one of the "Rule Keepers" of the day, came to Jesus and asked him what is the most important commandment? Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." As I look over the "Ten Commandments", those two sum it up in a nutshell.

Over the course of the next few weeks take some time to revisit Exodus 20:1-17. Remember the ways in which God instructed us to live. Be thankful that He sent His son to be the one we are covered in when we fail to live as we were instructed, and for sending His Holy Spirit to help us live!

Our verses for this rotation are:

Psalms 119:11 *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Deuteronomy 26:16-17 *The Lord your God commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared this day that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in his ways, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws, and that you will obey Him.*

We are under God's AMAZING GRACE through the death and resurrection of His son Jesus Christ. Let us live to His glory through His word.

Serving with Joy,

Ellyn



Stephen Ministry: Christ Caring for People Through People

Trained to listen....

Stephen Ministers go through 50 hours of training to learn how to listen. Initially, we are trained in important caring ministry skills and concepts, but we continue to learn throughout our service as Stephen Ministers. We are not trained to counsel or give advice. We are trained to care through listening and giving *care receivers* our undivided attention. If you are going through a time of transition or grieving a loss of any kind, you may want to consider requesting a Stephen minister. Sharing our life experience is one way we divide our sorrows and double our joy. Stephen ministers are in place at Concordia to "Encourage one another and build one another up."

If you have questions about requesting a Stephen Minister you can speak to Jan Fritz our Stephen Ministry Leader or speak with Pastor Koenig. You can also make requests on the communication tabs. Stephen Ministry is *confidential* ministry: those receiving care can be sure that their identity and what goes on in the caring relationship will remain private.

Our Stephen Ministers at Concordia are Jan Fritz, MaryBeth Bradfield, Debbie Freseman, Pattie MacArthur, Doran Teramoto, Gene Carrell, Mary Hood and Jean Smith. If you are interested in Stephen Minister training contact the church office.



Side-Door Evangelism Opportunities in February:



Book Club: Monday, February 5th at 7 PM



Valentine Dinner: 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 10th



Men's Breakfast: 7:00 AM, February 10th



Youth Group: February 4th and 25th at 4:30 PM



Invite someone to join your Diners Club group! Choir/Bells/Journey



LWML: Wednesday, February 21 at 7 PM (For ALL women!) Musicians and



Friends of Musicians Gathering: 7 PM, February 24th



Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Wednesdays, Feb. 14th and 28th





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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr-9:15 AM Elders-11:30 AM N Orleans Mtg-3:00 Conf/Youth-4:30 PM Parents-4:30 PM	5 Womens AA-7 PM Book Club-7:00 PM At Doran Teramoto's	6 Bible Study-6:30 AM Outreach-7:00 PM	7 Prayers-6:30 PM Discovery-7:00 PM	8 Womens Study-9 AM Choir-6:00 PM Bells-7:00 PM Recovery-7:00 PM	9 Staff Mtg-noon AA Group-6:00 PM	10 Mens Breakfast-7 AM Journey-10:00 AM Worship-5:30 PM Valentine Dinner- 6:30 PM
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