

*The Christogram* is a monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for newsletter items is the third Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles. You can email us your contribution at [clc@snowcap.net](mailto:clc@snowcap.net).

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**The Weekly Bulletin** is printed on Thursday mornings. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9:00 am on Thursdays.

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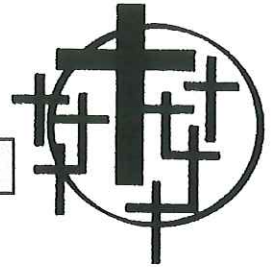
**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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# CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

JULY, 2001



## BUILD THE BODY . . .

We are planning on a special effort for the month of August. It is called "Build the Body." For the four weeks of the month, events will be planned during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30—10:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

The first Sunday in August will be the Church-Community Picnic. One outdoor worship will be held at 10:00 AM. Location to be announced.

The theme comes from a Bible study on Ephesians that we have been doing on Sundays. There we find a strong encouragement "to build up the Body of Christ—the Church."

As you look around Steamboat, it isn't hard to

find people who are working on "building up the body." They jog, the walk, they bike, whatever it takes to increase their strength and stamina and stay in shape.

It takes the same kind of energetic activity for the Church to stay in shape also. Each individual needs to make a commitment to the "Body." It is important to be present for worship. It is vital to regularly hear the Word of the Lord and to participate in sharing the Sacrament of Christ's Presence.

Maybe it doesn't seem like it is having any effect at first—like walking ever day—it doesn't feel like it is doing any good, but it is.

Maybe you have been away from Church for a time, for

whatever reason. Come on back!

Maybe you left when the Cartwright's left, come on back!

Maybe you are waiting until Concordia gets a new permanent Pastor—don't wait, come on back!

Be a part of "building up the Body of Christ." Put in a little energy. You'll get a lot more in return.

See you soon,

Pastor Wayne



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 "Gone Fishin'..."



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

Fellow Believers in Christ,

For almost a year now there as been a great spiritual concern of mine that has occurred in our church. The concern centers around the attendance of our Sunday morning High School and Middle School students in Christian education.

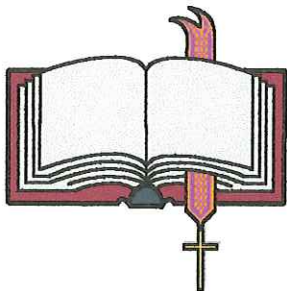
With approximately 70 young people that could attend, why are we only seeing three or four lately? Are we so busy in this town that we push aside the life-saving relationship with our Lord? I firmly believe in my heart this is a time in our young peoples' lives that the words of Christ are so important. Scripture says to *"fix these words of men in your hearts and minds, tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you get up."*

God knows the importance of teaching our children His love and His ways. I know that we might not have the most gifted teachers in that area, but I do know those teachers are led by the Spirit of God and they have a loving burden for our youth. Let's not have the world totally influence our youth. Let's have the holy Word of God also influence their lives.

If you feel our Sunday mornings should change to influence our youth, please come to a Christian education meeting and share your concern.

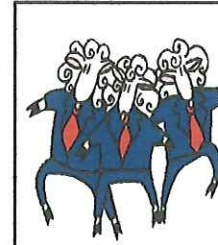
Psalm 22:6, *"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it."* Seeds planted in youth are so needed. The overwhelming seeds of television, magazines, and computers are teaching our children possibly more than the seeds of Christ are. Which are they being influenced by?

As believers in Christ and as parents and as a church body, we do have a commitment to Christ to bring our youth to Christian education. Pray about it these coming weeks and read His Word on our obligation towards teaching the youth. Let God instruct you on what we should really do.



In His Service,

Gene Carrell  
Elder

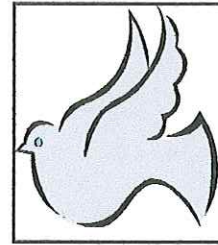


## YOUTH GROUP

Last-minute plans are being made for the trip to New Orleans on July 28th for the 2001 National Youth Gathering. Please pray for the 21 youth and 4 adults preparing for this trip.



**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday  
July 14th  
7:00 - 8:15AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
**Invite A Friend!**



## Confirmation

Will resume again in September. Thank you to all who are helping with the acolyte duties this summer

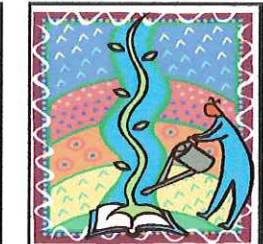


**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
in the Church Library,  
6:30 - 7:30 AM  
Study: Book of **Daniel**  
All are welcome!

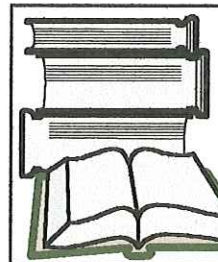


## Recovery Room

Thursdays, 7:00 PM in the church library (Christian support open to anyone dealing with an addiction or an addicted person.)

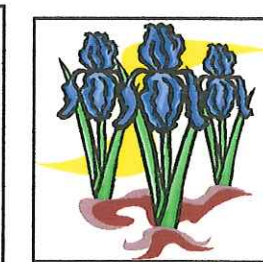


**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**  
We are starting up again on July 12th! Please join us! Childcare will be available. We'll begin with the exciting sequel to I Sam.



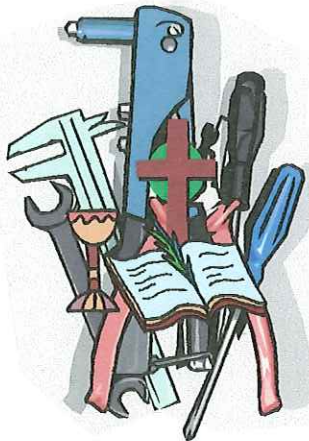
**Discovery Bible Study**  
Wednesdays  
7-8 PM in the library

Watch the weekly bulletin for details during the summer months.



**LWML**  
(Women's Guild)  
Does not meet during the summer months. Meetings will resume in September. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for details





## Tools For Living\*

How many of you have had experience dealing with addictions? It is a prevalent issue in today's "gratify me now" society. The easier it is to feel different, the more people will take advantage of this convenience. Paul says, "Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for our daily necessities and not live unproductive lives." Titus 3:14. Addictions are a means of becoming unproductive, and walking away from God's will. When our lives become unproductive due to an addiction, it is time to make a change.

All too often we are unable to see the slippery slope of addiction. People build a wall of denial that is very difficult to see through, and family members suffer the same limitations. They cannot see a loved one deteriorating in front of their very eyes. Usually, a deep upsetting incident occurs that jolts people back to reality and they decide to get help. It is at this very moment that our Lord and Savior intervenes. He comes to us when we have done nothing to deserve His mercy. He is made perfect in our weakness.

My favorite verse in the Bible is when Paul writes to the Ephesians, "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4 I cannot help but well up inside when I read this verse . . . I was one of those people who was dead in my transgressions and God came to me. Let us be thankful our God is a God of second chances. One thing is for sure, no matter how far down the scale a person has gone, God will continue to knock at the door. I pray that anyone who is in need of His freedom will find it by opening the door.

Your friend in Christ,

Jim Sprengle — *Tools For Living\** team member

(\*Concordia's team ministry for recovery, addiction, and prevention issues.)

## Vacation Bible School in June "I'm in the same boat with Jesus!"



Carly Earp, Matthia Duryea, Ariel Tredway and Katie Truong lead in the singing. (Boat created by Karen Burin)



Testing out the sailing vessels -- the class is ready to set sail just like Apostle Paul to share the Good News.

A boat ride in a storm ain't no walk in the park. The waves get mighty high, the sky grows oh so dark. I'm really glad that Jesus is in the same boat with me.

I'm in the same boat with Jesus, and that's where I want to be. I'm in the same boat with Jesus, no matter how rough the sea. And Jesus won't let me sink — he proved it on Calvary.

The storms we face in life can be scary and wild. I feel I'm all alone, forget that I'm God's child, I'm really glad that Jesus is in the same boat with me.



Peter Myller in his Hat and T-shirt ready to go fishin'.



# Scoop from the Sup . . .



*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

Colossians 3:12-14

Pastor Wayne talked about change in his sermon last Sunday. Just a little change to our schedule and location . . . We're fellowshiping **downstairs** after the 8:00 AM service, from 9:00 to 9:30. Sunday School begins at 9:30 in the **Chapel, upstairs**. This summer we're having intergenerational Sunday School—building God's citizens . . . Generation to generation. Our friends from Veggie Town are teaching us about values. Each week we're doing new values that we can take home and work on throughout the week. We are being encouraged to learn the godly values of love, compassion, kindness, holiness, gentleness, and forgiveness.

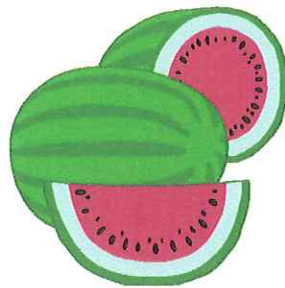
So bring the whole family and join us as our veggie friends teach us something new each week.

In His Service,  
The Sup's **Substitute**,

Rebecca Duryea

## CHURCH PICNIC

Concordia's annual Church picnic will be Sunday, August 5th following one service at 10:00 AM. It is scheduled to be held at Stagecoach Reservoir. Come and worship with us and then head South for a day of fun, games and great food! Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. Details to follow in the upcoming Sunday bulletins.



## LWML News (Women's Guild)

What a wonderful way to end the year with a Salad Supper at Pam Patterson's home, overlooking the beautiful Elk River Valley. The ladies enjoyed scrumptious salads and desserts, which was then followed by a devotion and review of the year by Mary Beth Bradfield. We closed with a heart-felt group prayer. Next meeting will be in September. (Reminder: LWML meetings will be on Tuesday evenings starting in September)



**Set aside a Monday for Crafts!** The craft ladies will be meeting each Monday at 7:00 PM in the Church basement to work on items for November's Christmas Cupboard. Take a peek in "the craft room" (previously the "Bethlehem Bijou") to see what they are making, bring an idea along, and join in on the fun! Questions, call Judy Anderson, 879-8220.

We have 28 ladies signed up to attend the Fall Women's Retreat at Dutch Creek Ranch on October 5th and 6th and to enjoy our guest speaker, Marlys Cartwright! Just a reminder to those who signed up—please turn in your \$25 deposit as soon as possible. Also remember, we have scholarships available.



## DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GIVING TO OUTREACH?

Every time you support our LWML (Women's Guild) fundraisers, you are supporting Hospice of Northwest Colorado. Hospice means "friend." Today, Hospice has come to mean a special way of caring for the terminally ill and their families. This includes emotional and spiritual support; care for people of all ages; compassionate care wherever people live; nursing care so patients are free of pain and comfortable so they can make the most of time that remains; hospice-trained volunteers for visitation, assistance and respite.

What a fabulous outreach! Concordia's own Jan Fritz works for Hospice. There is professional staff on call seven days per week. Keep your support coming to help Hospice help others!





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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>
<b>1</b> Worship-8/10:30 AM Educ Hr-9:30 AM	<b>2</b> Womens AA-7 PM Crafts-7:00 PM	<b>3</b> Bible Study-6:30 AM Outreach Mtg-8 PM	<b>4</b> No Discovery	<b>5</b> Choir- 6:00 PM Bells-7:00 PM Recovery-7 PM	<b>6</b> Staff Mtg-noon Wedding reh-5 PM	<b>7</b> Wedding-4:30 PM Worship-5:30 PM Concert-7 PM, "Cantate"
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MAKE MEMORIES—  
VOLUNTEER!

Horizons is seeking caring, energetic, committed individuals to serve s mentors to our clients with develop- mental disabilities. Three hours per month is the minimum requirement. For more information, Cll Rebecca Hanson, Horizons Volunteer Coordi- nator, 879-4466

## ROCKIES Tickets



AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) is sponsoring "Lutherans at the Rockies" on Saturday, August 18th. Tickets range from \$5-\$16. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks at Concordia. More infor- mation is available at the AAL meeting on Sunday, July 15th at 9:15 AM



Mark your calendars for a  
special concert on Monday,  
July 27th, 7 PM at Concordia

Lutheran Church:

**"Justin Unger"**

A rising artist in  
Contemporary Christian Music

**Invite your friends!**

A free-will offering will be taken.

Justin is the nephew of Doug & Mary Dombey.

This is Justin's mission statement:

To reach out to Christians with Biblical truth in such a  
way to encourage them to obey and be used by God using  
a contemporary music style.

### VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

(To call a pastor)

On Tuesday, July 24th, at  
7:00 PM, Concordia will be  
having a Voter's Assembly for  
the purpose of calling a pas-  
tor. Please plan to attend this  
very important meeting.



**TUESDAY**  
**JULY 24, 2001**  
**7:00 PM**



### CONCERT at CONCORDIA

Everyone is invited to attend the free  
concert at Concordia on Saturday,  
July 7th, at 7:00 PM. The singing  
group "Cantate" (from Parker, CO)  
will be performing. They will also be  
performing at our 5:30 PM Saturday  
service, our 8:00 AM Sunday service  
and at the Steamboat Botanical Gar-  
den. So come and  
enjoy the beautiful  
sound of this ac-  
capello group.



### HATS OFF TO RELAY FOR LIFE!!!

Concordia took a team of 18 people to Fort Collins in  
June for the annual "Relay For Life." The results of that  
effort proved worthwhile thanks to the efforts of Tina  
Tape, relay coordinator. The team grabbed **1ST**  
**PLACE** again this year, completing 2,029 laps for a to-  
tal of 580 miles. (The next closest team  
had 856 miles) Nathan Deepe completed  
37 miles, Luther and Helen Berntson  
completed 21 and 20 miles, and Brian  
Thornton and Gene Carrel each com-  
pleted 36 miles. Congratulations to the  
entire team!



### SPECIAL MEETING

**Sunday**  
**July 15**  
**9:15 to 10:15**

AAL (Aid Association for  
Lutherans) is hosting a  
meeting between services  
on Sunday, July 15th at  
9:15 AM in the Fellow-  
ship Hall. The meeting is  
open to the entire congre-  
gation, whether or not you  
are a member of AAL.  
AAL has \$4,000 available  
to donate to Concordia  
Lutheran Church!

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New Orleans for the 2001 National Youth Gathering. 21 youth  
and 4 adults will be traveling to the Gathering which is held  
every 3 years. They have worked very hard to raise over  
\$26,000 to pay for their own travel, hotel and meals. Wish  
them well before they leave for their trip.