

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.

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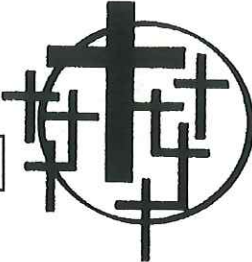
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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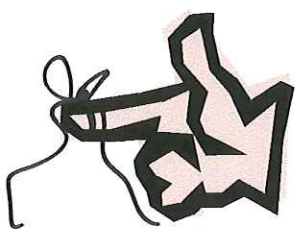
CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER, 2001



Thank You For Your Surprise Celebration!!!

<p>I get accused sometimes of being forgetful. Ruth will remind me of that occasionally. She recently recommended an article in <i>Modern Maturity</i> about how to improve your memory, but I forgot to read it.</p> <p>It does get frustrating even to me sometimes. I especially wish I were better at remembering names of people at Church. I think the problem is I just don't see the same people regularly enough that the names sink in. But I am probably just trying to justify myself.</p> <p>Actually, as I move along in this new experience of advancing age (who am I kidding?), I think forgetting some things might also be a blessing.</p> <p>Who needs to remember all of the negative experiences that come along in life! Who needs to have instant recall of pain and hurt that have been a part of life! Who needs to remember all the mistakes and errors you and others have made. I think a little selective remembering might be a</p>	<p>good thing.</p> <p>I am thinking maybe I should check out how the Bible uses the word "remember", so I got out a Concordance, listing the use of the word.</p> <p>Interesting! We are told to remember a lot of things: "Remember the Sabbath Day" (the 3rd commandment), "Remember the wonders the Lord has done", "Remember your Creator", "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead." God is asked to remember also: His Mercy, His Covenant, His people, His promises.</p> <p>And then God promises He will also Forget. Many times it is said: "I will remember their sins no more." So—some forgetting is alright. If it is good enough for God, maybe we should forget a lot of things too.</p> <p>Sadly there comes a time for many people when they share time with a parent or loved one and that person can't remember their name (or their own for that matter). The mind just seems to float away with only rare recall of how things are and who dear</p>	<p>people are.</p> <p>I suppose more and more of us will experience that as we move on in calendar years.</p> <p>How marvelous even then, that we won't be forgotten by our Redeeming God, and that He will also refuse to remember much about our lives, as He covers us in His Mercy and Forgiving Love.</p> <p>I remember a moving prayer on the topic: "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He did, and He does!</p> <p>Let's see, what is your name again!?</p> <p>Pastor Wayne</p> 
<p>inside...</p>	<p>"Put on the Armor of God!" "Confirmation Class Schedule" "All in Need of Recovery and Healing"</p>	

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

Greetings,

August was a special month for several reasons. Pastor Wayne and Ruth took a couple a couple weeks of well-deserved vacation. I understand they had a great time and came back to us refreshed and willing to serve us for at least a few more weeks.

The Youth Group went to New Orleans and from the talks we heard the Sunday they came back, the trip was a great faith building adventure for all who attended. A special thanks goes to the sponsors who went with the group and to all in our congregation that did so much to make this trip possible.

I hope you had a chance to attend the Bible study on "spiritual gifts" that took place on Wednesday evenings in August. The better we understand our gifts, the better equipped we are to do the work that needs to be done for the Lord and our Church.

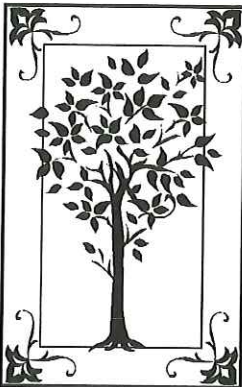
The 12th of August was the date Ephesians. It was well attended and August 19th was Friendship Sunday. friend or to at least meet a new one.

The Ministry Fair was held between the boards were represented with a a great time to look over all the areas that you would like to serve in. looking for people to fill all these year. Where do your talents lie? Are Outreach? Maybe you would like to serve as a Stephen Minister or on the Tools For Living group. Maybe you have talent for administration and could fill a space on the Council. Are you good with tools? The Trustees always need good hands that are willing to do the job.

No matter what your talent, now would be a good time to decide the type of slot you could fill in your Church for the coming year. Let someone in the area you have interest know you are willing. If you don't know who to talk to, give the Church office a call and they can put you in touch with the proper person.

We do not have a full-time Pastor yet, but the work goes on and each of us needs to do those things we can to keep our Ministry at Concordia alive and well. Thank you for your help.

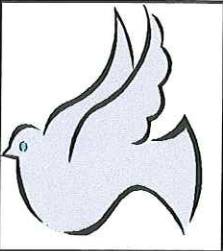
Yours in Christ, Walt Taylor, Elder



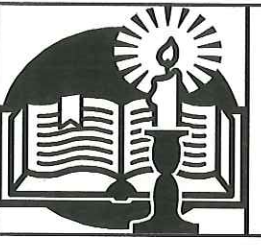
YOUTH GROUP
will begin their meetings in September. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details on time and place.



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



Confirmation
will begin Sunday,
September 16th at 9:20
AM. Confirmation now
includes all 6th, 7th, and 8th
graders. Pastor Wayne will
teach this class.



**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study**
6:30 AM

For the early risers,
in the Church basement.

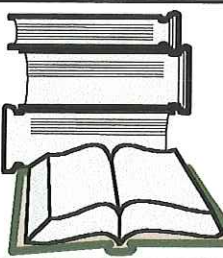


Recovery Room
Thursdays, 7:00 PM in the
church library (Christian
support open to anyone
dealing with an addiction or
an addicted person.)



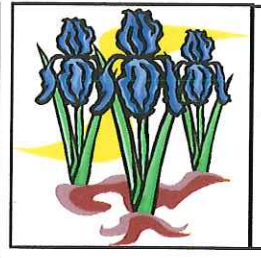
**Thursday Morning
Women's Bible Study**

At 9:00 am in the Library.
Please join us! Childcare
will be available.

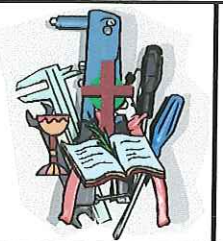


Discovery Bible Study
Wednesdays
7-8 PM in the library

We will present
"Boundaries" by Drs. Henry
Cloud & John Townsend.



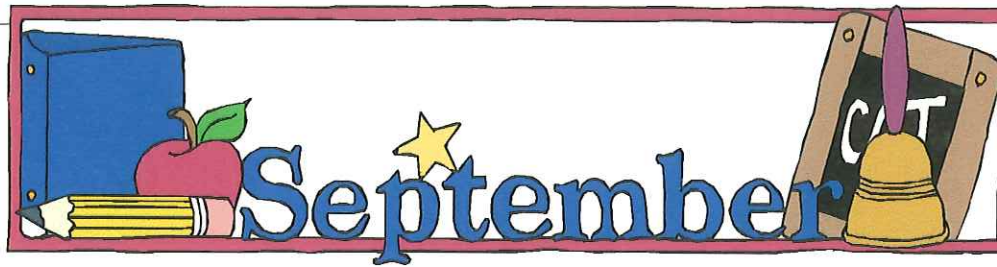
LWML
(Women's Guild)
The September meeting will
be at Helen Berntson's home,
30 Alpine Drive at 7:00 PM
on Tuesday the 18th.
(Carpool from Church-6:50)



TOOLS FOR LIVING:
(Ministry team for recovery,
addiction & prevention)
Meeting-September 4th at
6:30 PM
Special Evening for entire
congregation, 9/25, 6:45 PM



**STEPHEN
MINISTERS**
"A friend who has devel-
oped gifts for bringing
Christ's healing to hurting
places."
(September meeting TBA)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Worship-5:30 PM
2 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr-9:20 AM No Sunday School	3 Womens AA-7 PM No Crafts Tonight	4 No Tue Bible Study Tools-6:30 PM Clark Study-7 PM Outreach Mtg-7 PM	5 Discovery- 7:00 PM	6 Choir-6:00 PM Bells- 7:00 PM Recovery-7:00 PM	7 Staff Mtg-noon	8 Mens Breakfast-7 AM Journey-10:00 AM Worship-5:30 PM
9 Worship 8/10:30 AM Educ Hr-9:20 AM Sunday School Rally Day-9:20 AM	10 Bd of Ed-6:00 PM Elders-6:00 PM Womens AA-7 PM Crafts-7:00 PM	11 Bible Study-6:30 AM Clark Study-7 PM Church Council-7 PM	12 Youth Choir-4 PM Discovery-7:00 PM	13 Choir-6:00 PM Bells-7:00 PM Recovery-7:00 PM	14 Staff Mtg-noon Girl's Night Out- 7:00 PM	15 Worship-5:30 PM
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I Hear A Whisper

By Lowell Alexander, Dave Clark
Jeff Silvey, Tony Wood

I feel a restless longing
Deep within my spirit, Lord
Like there's more to this life of faith
Than I have known before.

And from this place of discontent
You've heard my constant cry.
Now You've begun to answer, Lord
For I cannot deny.

I hear a whisper in the silence
A stirring in the wind
Saying I can know where You re moving
And I can join in.
I can have purpose and passion
Know Your will and know my part.
I hear a whisper and I'm feeling
Change is coming to my heart.

Scoop from the Sup . . .



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY—SEPTEMBER 9, 2001

This year's theme is "PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD" (Ephesians 6:10-20)

We are getting dressed for the battle beginning on September 9th at 9:20 AM. Don't miss the FUN! Parents, bring your kids down to get registered for the year, make button badges, get started on your armor, and meet your Captain. You won't want to miss out, BE THERE!



"Stand firm then, with the belt of TRUTH buckled around your waist..."

Ephesians 6:14a

Do you know what Jesus Said about Himself in John 14:6?

He said, *"I am the way, the TRUTH and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* We are in a battle this side of heaven and we need to be fitted with the best protection possible. Satan is our enemy and the master of lies, but when we have believed in the TRUTH, we are saved and protected. We put Jesus on and into our lives in order that when the battles come, we can stand firm!

How do we put on the TRUTH?

Jesus prayed, *"Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth."* John 17:17 We need to be in the Word of God (Bible) regularly to know the truth. We need to be in fellowship with God, through prayer and in fellowship with other believers through worship and service. If you even know the name of Jesus, you are blessed! He is the TRUTH, let's put Him on! THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD!

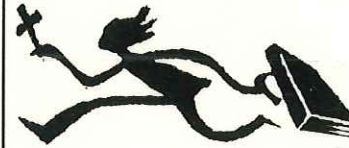


In His service,
Ellyn Myller

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 9th—RALLY SUNDAY-Parents invited to join us!
September 16, 23, 30-BELT OF TRUTH

LWML News (Women's Guild)



"Faith in the Fast Lane" is our new theme for the 2001-2002 LWML season. We're going to discuss how to nurture our faith lives and find peacefulness through Christ, even amongst the hectic and busy lives we all lead. Our first get-together (meeting) will be at Helen Berntson's home on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 PM. Carpool from Church at 6:50 PM or drive up Fish Creek Falls Rd to #30 Alpine Drive. We hope that many of you are able to make this first gathering of the new season. Details for the Fall Retreat will be discussed.

We have 34 ladies signed up to attend the **Fall Women's Retreat at Dutch Creek Ranch** on October 5th and 6th. Marlys Cartwright will be our guest speaker. The overnight spots are full, but you may still come out for Friday afternoon and/or the whole day on Saturday. Please call Cindy in the office and let her know a.s.a.p. so we can make meal plans for any extras. Just a reminder to those who signed up - please turn in your \$25 deposit as soon as possible. Also remember we have scholarships available.



Christmas Cupboard Craft Nights will continue to be on Monday evenings in the Church basement at 7:00 PM. Please come and join the fun! Questions, call Judy Anderson, 879-8220.

If you're a new gal at Concordia Lutheran Church and want to know more about LWML (Women's Guild), please call Mary Beth Bradfield at 879-4181.

TOOLS FOR LIVING



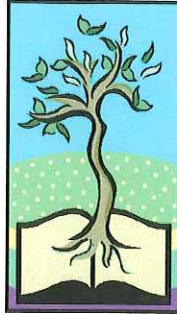
Special Panel Discussion on Recovery & Healing
Tuesday, September 25, 2001
6:45 PM

Come and hear your fellow members share their stories of faith as they journey through recovery. Everyone welcome.

The Christian Resource Center

Two events during September:

1. **Book Collection:** Time to clean out your shelves of books that you would like to share with your Christian friends. Any book that helped you grow in your faith would be welcomed! Thanks! Please leave books in the library or in the library mailbox by the men's bathroom.
2. **Organization Meeting:** for all interested in "serving" in the Christian Resource Center. We have a long list of fun projects, 2-4 hours each. Thursday, September 20th, 7:00 PM. Dietetic refreshments will be served. Call Kathy Wolf, 879-5654 for more information.



Concordia's Ministry Fair

If the interest and participation of Concordia's first Ministry Fair was any indication of possibly making this a yearly event, then mark your calendars for next year! With about 18 booths set up to inform, educate and display, the members and visitors of Concordia leisurely strolled through the Church basement enjoying refreshments, giveaways and informational pamphlets from each booth.



baby fish!

The Nursery booth gave away 2 books on parenting, one to Mary Beth Bradfield and the other to Wendy McCreight. The winners of 2 devotional books from Tools for Living were Jim Schlaver and Sherry Kammerer. Sunday School gave away a dozen t-shirts and Morgan Sprengle was the winner of a beanie-

Thanks to all who made this such a huge success!



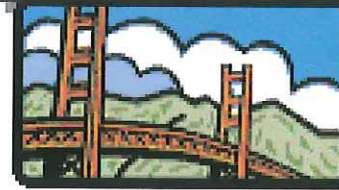
YOUTH CHOIR

Several young people have expressed an interest in forming a Youth Choir at Concordia. Beginning Wednesday, September 12th at 4:00, all students from second thru sixth grades are welcome to come and join. **Practices will be each Wednesday at 4:00 PM.** No experience necessary! Come over to the Church after school lets out and make beautiful music together. Jean Smith will be the director. Questions, call Jean, 879-0175.



Being a Tourist

A word from the Parish Administrator



"*Been there, done that.*" This might be a phrase invented by tourists who barely skimmed the surface and didn't even realize what they missed. I just came back from a vacation to California and was "the tourist" Steamboat locals so often complain about. I joined the throngs of tourists in San Francisco and had my 'must see' list so I could finally say, "Been there, done that."

Golden Gate Bridge? Check.
Fisherman's Wharf? Check.
Chinatown? Check.

One by one, we checked off the 'must see' sights of San Francisco but I knew that I really hadn't been there and *done that*. I had seen a few things, but I was definitely a tourist.

On the way home, we took a quick trip to Yosemite National Park and suffered the height of a drive-by tourist mentality. At the gate you are given a map of the park, and once again, all the high points are listed on the main roads. You stop, pull over and take two minutes to take a picture and climb back in the car. Ok, maybe you spend five minutes and convince the kids to pose for the camera. You know, so

you have proof that you've "been there, and done that." Of course there is the 24 minute video at the visitor center that has a quick history of the park and lots of great photography of the spectacular creation surrounding you. El Capitan is a sight to behold. I've always wanted to go to Yosemite (and I did) but what I really wanted—and what I definitely missed—was *experiencing* Yosemite. I have been to enough National Parks to know that there is a vast array of experiences which



await you—but which require time and perhaps some effort. The roads less traveled are the ones which draw you in and give you a sense of connectedness. It may not be the awesome 'scenic view' parking areas that leave the biggest impression. It is more likely to be the campsite where you do the work of setting up and taking down the tent and sitting around a campfire talking. It is more likely to be on the back trails where you take the time to hike in the splendor of these parks. For me, it has always been time and effort

that make me truly feel like I've *been* there and *done* that. Time and effort are what draw me in so that I feel a part of the landscape.

On the long ride home, I reflected that Concordia and a community of faith is somewhat like a grand creation set aside as a national park. There are the highlights—Christmas, Easter, Sunday Worship—but I have found, or discovered by default, that it's often on the roads less traveled in a church that one can fully appreciate a community of faith. Bible studies, committee meetings, retreats, gathering for prayers, LWML, Dinners Club or working on projects are what it takes to go from being a Christian tourist to a fellow traveler in a faith community. It is the time and the effort which ultimately connects me to this church.

In a sense, I was a Christian tourist for years—hitting the highlights-but missing the vastness of what God was offering me in a community of faith. This is a big park!

I would encourage you to explore some of the roads less traveled in Concordia. You will find that you were missing something, and you will grow in faith and be fed by fellow members and the Word of God. Get out of the car.



All in need of Recovery and Healing

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

John 3:16 & 17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

When Jean Smith invited anyone interested in helping with the Recovery Ministry to an informational meeting, I went because I felt this was an important and unique ministry for our church, and community. And I realized that many of my favorite people were people who were journeying through recoveries of different kinds. So I went hoping to be of help or at least to give support. It never occurred to me that it would be a help to ME.

Our Recovery Room is Christian based and not associated in anyway with Alcoholics Anonymous, but we use a 12 Step model, so those interested in becoming part of the ministry team were asked to attend at least six AA or Alanon meetings. So that's how I found myself at my first AA meeting. I was blown away by the warmth, openness, and honesty of the group. As we prayed the Serenity Prayer and read the 12 Steps I was struck by how scriptural this is. The first three steps deal with recognizing our need for God and turning our life over to Him. The next eight steps tell us how to deal openly and honestly with ourselves and each other. I thought, "These are wonderful tools that would be a help to anyone." Later, I went to an Alanon meeting. Alanon is for family, or friends who have an addicted person in their life. Like most of us, I have family members who are or have been dealing with addictions, either their own or other's. Each meeting I recognized addictive-type behaviors in my loved ones and even in myself. I discovered that even though we may have never been chemically addicted ourselves, many of us were brought up in families touched by addiction and we have learned unhealthy ways of dealing with life. More and more I came to realize how much WE ALL could use these tools.

Maybe you don't have chemical addictive people in your life, but I think you'd admit you do have broken/hurting people in your lives. After all, Scripture tells us we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Just maybe some of these tools for living might be of help to you or perhaps a help to a friend or loved one? Come check it out. **On Tuesday, September 25 at 6:45 p.m., "Tools for Living" will be hosting a Panel Discussion on Recovery & Healing. Come hear your fellow members share their stories of faith as they journey through recovery.** (Babysitting will be provided). Also available is the "Recovery Room" brochure located in the box on the wall just to the right as you enter the main door to the Narthex). I think you will find these tools a wonderful help in all your relationships. Come and see for yourself.

Peace and healing to you all. Judy Plumb, member of the "Tools for Living" Team.

WHAT A TEAM!!! CLC HABITAT CREW

On Sunday, August 12th, Concordia Lutheran's Habitat for Humanity crew numbered 15 strong to work on the first ever Habitat House at Steamboat.



The work started at 8:00 AM and most of the crew worked until 4:30 PM. Under the great leadership of the day's volunteer supervisor, the group was broken into about three work crews. One group concentrated on finishing the whole end of the house with soffit, fascia, and roof venting; another did a whole section of roofing; and the third group focused on the siding and caulking.

Many thanks for this wonderful outreach go to our hard-working volunteers:

Karolyn Zielhke
Gil Lang
Tom Dougan
John & Deb Kole
Duncan Arnefield
Keith Fortune

Dan & John McKenna
Sarah Brouse
Faith Detwiler
David Freseman
Larry & Lynn Worrell
Taylor Patterson

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE



Pastor Wayne announced a new schedule for Confirmation Class this year. He will teach the class on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour from 9:20 to 10:15 AM. This includes all the Junior High students, grades 6, 7, & 8. The 8th graders will be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19m 2002 at the 10:30 AM service.

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 16, at 9:20 AM.

A letter with more details will be sent to each family early in September. If you don't receive it, please notify the Church office.

AUDIO LUNCH



Every Tuesday
Starting September 11th
12:10 PM to 1:00

Back by popular demand!

Every Tuesday we will begin an audio tape at 12:10 and go until 12:40. This will give you travel time if you're coming on your lunch hour. It also will allow for time for some discussion.

We've got some great presentations on tape. It's a great time to listen to some wonderful proclaimers of the good news. Bring a sack lunch or a fast food meal or just take in the food for the mind and soul. Coffee will be ready!