

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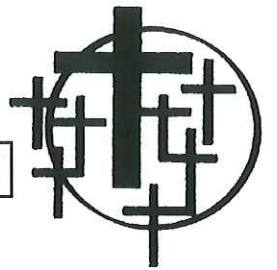
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM **Education Hour:** 9:15 AM

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CHRISTOGRAM

Concordia Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER, 2001



A Familiar Pattern in the Midst of Change . . .

A phrase I have heard spoken frequently since 9-11 is some form of "life is changed." And it is! For the most of us, those changes are for our lifetime. Things will be different as a result of a new apprehension, a new preparedness, a new level of anxiety about our lives and about our security.

The "Familiar Pattern" I refer to is the rhythm of the Liturgy of Christian worship and the pattern of the Church Year. I have always found it to be therapeutic and helpful to my faith. It offers a familiarity in the midst of change.

For preaching, I don't have to leaf through the Scripture looking for a suitable text. Several have already been selected as the readings of the day. The wisdom of the church in doing that so many years ago amazes me! I don't

always use those texts, but they are available and they most often present me with Scripture thoughts that are necessary for a balanced life of faith and love.

During the month of November we will be completing the Church Year. Topics will be about "last things," the coming of the end, the return of the Lord—not inappropriate topics for our time in history.

Early in December we will change to the color blue—it is the color of *hope*. We will light the candles of the Advent Wreath and count down the days until we celebrate the coming of our Lord in human flesh. My, how I anticipate that celebration this year! The world will need the sounds and sights of Christmas! They will be comforting and reassuring. We will tell again of the intention of God to bring

"peace and joy to the world" through the presence of His Son, born in human flesh.

The Church Year is the framework for me of life. Into it go all the changes and happenings of history. I pray that you too may find comfort and courage in the Ancient Pattern of the worship and proclamation of the Christian Year.

See you in Church,

Pastor Wayne



inside...

"VOTER'S ASSEMBLY"

"CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD"

"SML—SUNDAY MORNING LIVE"

November, 2001

Concordia Lutheran Church **CHRISTOGRAM**

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

Servants of Christ;

There are two things I would like to share with you this month: a story and receiving a million dollar lottery ticket.



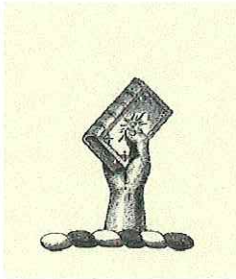
Sunday morning, a couple of weeks ago, Jim Sprengle shared with the Sunday morning Bible class how the Jewish people kept the hope alive of the coming Messiah through oral tradition. We have the same story today, the hope of the Messiah who has come, by which we receive eternal life.

In today's society, one wins a million dollar lottery ticket and you become an instant celebrity. And often you share that wealth willingly, even with people you don't know very well. Jesus has given you much more than a lottery ticket. He has given you forgiveness, grace and the hope of eternal life. I personally thank God for people who shared their million dollar ticket with me. It was that sharing that the Holy Spirit used to awaken my heart.

Faith comes by hearing and if we don't share Jesus, others will never know. This hope is for everyone, even those who are responsible for the New York tragedy. Jesus shared with all, even those that Jesus felt were unworthy. No one is unworthy of the Gospel.

To this end, we all have a part to play. There are various Bible studies going on in our Church to help us learn what our personal spiritual gifts are and how to use them. Through the Bible studies and personal study, we will become more comfortable expressing our faith and hope in Jesus.

Share the story of Jesus. He is more than a million dollar lottery ticket!



In Christ

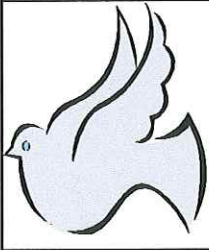
Gene Carrell
Elder



YOUTH GROUP
Meets every Sunday at 9:20 AM (SML-Sun morning live)
Events: **November 4th**, 6 PM
November 14th, 9 AM, breakfast
November 16th, 9:30 PM thru Saturday morning



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



Confirmation
every Sunday at 9:20 AM.
Confirmation includes all 7th, and 8th graders. Pastor Wayne will teach this class.



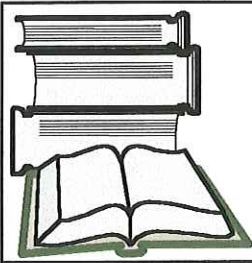
YOUTH CHOIR
"The Rock Slinger & His Greatest Hit"
Meets every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. All 2-6 grades welcome!



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
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 November meeting will be at Sue Krohn's home, 7 Blue Grosse Ridge at 7:00 PM on Tuesday the 20th. (Carpool from Church-6:40)



TOOLS FOR LIVING:
(Ministry team for recovery, addiction & prevention)

Watch Sunday bulletins for time and place



STEPHEN MINISTERS
"A friend who has developed gifts for bringing Christ's healing to hurting places."
Meeting: TBA

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN'S 18TH ANNUAL

Christmas Cupboard



Saturday

**November 17,
2001**

9:00 AM to noon

Concordia Lutheran Church
755 Concordia Lane
Steamboat Springs, CO
80487
879-0175

At the corner of Maple and
Amethyst

- **Bazaar**

All hand-crafted items for the holidays

An assortment of specialty food items

- **Cookie Caper**

Select from hand-decorated holiday

cookies sold by the pound

- **Brunch**

Enjoy a warm holiday brunch served

throughout the morning

*All is calm...
All is bright...*



A Christmas Cantata
Written by Randy Vader, Jay
Rouse, and Camp Kirkland

Sung by Concordia's Adult
Choir

**Wednesday
December 5th
7:00 PM**

**Wednesday
December 12th
7:00 PM**

*"those that listen will hear...
those that look will see...
those that seek will find."*

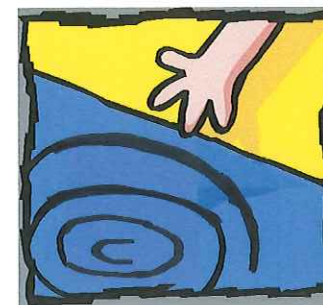
Bring your family and
friends to the soup supper at
5:30 PM and stay for a won-
derful musical story about a
promise fulfilled!

Reaching for the Water... a Word from the Parish Administrator

Last month we had the privilege of baptizing two infants. Madison Truong and Zane Worrell were adopted as children of God through the water and the word. As the families gathered around the baptismal font, I was struck, in particular, by a young cousin of Madison's who reached for the water.

Confined to his father's arms, this little boy was desperately reaching out for the water in the baptismal font. He wriggled and grasped with longing for the waters before him. No doubt, it looked like fun to play in the baptismal waters.

In some sense our own baptisms set us free to do just that. Play. Where sin confined us, we have been set free. The Jews celebrated their salvation during the Passover by reclining as they ate. It was a



reminder that God had set them free from the bondage of Egypt — now they were no longer slaves. Life could be enjoyed. Sabbath rest was encouraged. In fact, it was made a law. Rest in your freedom. Enjoy what you have been liberated from. Take time to play. Remember who saves you.

When redirected to the power of the water and the word in baptism, should we not all respond as that young cousin and reach for the cleansing and renewing waters of our baptisms? Now, more than ever, it is important for us to remember where our security lies... not in countries or econo-

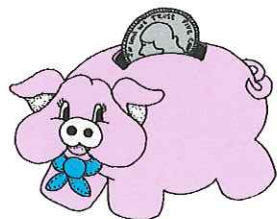
mies, but in God's hands. He promises to save us as his own children.

With the uncertainty of life, one needs to be reminded to take moments to rejoice — indeed to play — in the incredible saving grace of God. Even in the midst of pain and uncertainty, behold — God is doing a new thing. God makes all things new.

Daily, we drown to the old nature, daily we are taken up in our Father's arms in to new life.

"And a little child shall lead them." Remember a boy in his father's arms straining to reach baptismal waters. Especially now when words like *anthrax*, *terrorism*, *fear* and *war* are the headline news, remember the "good news." Remember where your hope lies, and reach for the waters of your baptism.

Save For The Future!



That's good advice for everyone. Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides a unique way to do this. Your account with LCEF helps you build your future, and it also helps congregations and schools to build so that they have a future! Look into how easy it is to open your investment account by contacting, Clair Erickson, your

LCEF Congregational Representative at 879-4419.



TOOLS FOR LIVING

"A man was looking for a good church to attend and he happened to enter one in which the congregation and the preacher were reading from their prayer book. They were saying, 'We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.'"

The man dropped into a seat and signed with relief as he said to himself, "Thank goodness, I've found my crowd at last."

From "The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Journey to Wholeness"

I belong to a crowd who knows that they're flawed and in need of a savior. Jesus Christ was God's recovery program for the world. As we state our confession of that which we *have done and left undone*, we confess also our need for a savior, our need for recovery from the sin which entangles us.

Last January I was able to attend a conference entitled, "Congregations as Healing Communities." It was there that I was made aware of a program called *Faith Partners*. Its purpose is to let concerned members of faith communities across the country know there is something they can do to prevent alcohol and drug use among young people, and to support the recovery of those who suffer from their own or the addictions of others. There was no need to convince Concordia that addiction/prevention and recovery issues are worth investing time in. Since then, we have been working steadily towards developing a ministry team which deals directly with prevention, addiction and recovery issues. This team chose the name "Tools for Living" to represent this ministry. Many hours have gone into the preparation and equipping of team members to care for these concerns.

November 18th at the 10:30 AM service there will be a "Recovery Sunday" with a special emphasis on support and healing for addiction/recovery issues. Make a point to be present and learn, as a congregation, how recovery issues affect all of us. The more I learn about addiction and recovery, the more I am convinced of my own need to grow in God's grace with His recovery program for the entire human race — His Son, Jesus Christ. I am truly in need of a savior. I can't live in wholeness without the forgiveness of God. Confession is necessary. Absolution is a gift. One can't recover from sin without it.

I think I'm in the right crowd at Concordia: one who knows they need a savior. It is in the context of a family of faith that I learn the most important 'tools for living.'

In Christ, Jean Smith—*Tools for Living* member

LWML News (Women's Guild)

The November Women's Guild (LWML) Gathering will be on Tuesday evening, November 20th at 7:00 PM at Sue Krohn's home, 7 Blue Grosse Ridge (top of Steamboat Pines). We will carpool from Church at 6:40 PM. Please join us!

A **BIG "Thank You"** to everyone who helped with our Fall Rummage Sale!

The **Christmas Cupboard** will be held on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 AM to noon. (Please see 2 related articles in newsletter.)

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.



Butchers, Bakers and Candlestick Makers . . .

Okay . . . so we don't need butchers exactly . . . but we do need bakers and candlestick-makers and other volunteers for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar (to be held Saturday, November 17th from 9 to noon). The ladies of the Bazaar, the Brunch, The Cookie Caper and the Book Fair, could use your help with cashiering, preparing, setting up and cleaning up on the day of the Christmas Cupboard.

If you love to make and decorate Christmas cookies, the Cookie Caper bakers have set up the following bake days:

Wednesday	11/7	9 am to 3 pm
Tuesday	11/13	9 am to 3 pm
Thursday	11/15	9 am to 3 pm

Bring extra cookie sheets and a lunch. If you can't help bake, consider sponsoring some of the ingredients.

To help with the Cookie Caper, contact Dana Tredway, 879-3908.

To help with the Bazaar, contact Judy Anderson, 879-8220.

To help with the Book Fair, contact Linda White, 871-1937.

To help with the Brunch, contact Judy Plumb, 870-8040.

To help with Specialty items, contact Ellyn Myller, 871-1860



Scoop from the Sup . . .



Ellyn Myller

Ephesians 6:15 *(Stand firm)...with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*

Are your feet ready? Do you know how to tell the story of Jesus and what He has done in your life? Do you look for opportunities to share with others when they are hurting or confused where they can find healing and direction? Do you know how to help your children to share the GOOD NEWS? I think one of the best ways is to be an example. If your children see you “walk the talk” they will follow in your footsteps.



The times are ripe for sharing the message. Let’s put our faith into action, step out and be bold, we have the one thing that people are looking for, that is HOPE, and it is found only in Jesus! He sent us out to proclaim Him and His gift of forgiveness and life everlasting to all who believe.

I want to encourage us to talk to one another about how we would talk to those who have not heard about Jesus. It isn’t easy. I have missed opportunities. But, if we talk to each other, I think that it will help us to reach out the hand and to open our mouths when people come across our paths who desperately need us to speak the words that will introduce them to Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

(Jesus said) “Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest” John 4:35

This month get ready! Our country is in crisis and Christmas is around the corner; these two things make peoples hearts more open to the “good news” about Jesus. Pray also that the doors will be opened to Afghanistan and the surrounding countries to the “gospel” and that there will be workers ready to go and share.

This month’s memory verse for Sunday School kids (and you, too) is:

I Peter 3:15b *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”*



DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 4, 11, 18: Sunday School theme, “Feet fitted with the gospel of peace”

November 18: Youth Choir sings at the late service

November 25: Thanksgiving holiday, No Sunday School



Youth News

Moonlight Madness is coming !

Friday November 16th

Prepare yourselves to go all hours of the night with the other youth groups in town! Bowling, ice skating, movies, devotions, food and great company!

Mark your calendars for an awesome night. (Open to grades 6-12.)

Other dates to remember:

- *Sunday Morning Live* at 9:20 AM in the Youth Room
- Sunday, November 4th: 6 PM *Pizza and Progress...* towards the creation of an unique Youth Room.
- Wednesday, November 14th at 9 AM: *Breakfast at Concordia*. Bring a friend! Bring your appetite and start off the school day right.



There will be a **Voter’s Assembly** at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 6th, in the Church Sanctuary. The sole purpose of this meeting is to **call a new pastor**. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Remember to include Concordia in your prayers as we take these very important steps. (City elections will be taking place in the Church basement on the same day from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.)



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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>
				1 Womens Study-9 AM Choir-6:00 PM Bells-7:00 PM Recovery-7:00 PM	2 Staff Mtg-noon	3 Cantata prac-9 AM Worship-5:30 PM
4 Worship-8/10:30 AM Educ Hr-9:20 AM Youth Group-6 PM	5 Women's AA-7 PM Crafts-7:00 PM	6 Elections-6AM-8 PM Voter Assembly-7 PM Board/Educ-6:00 PM	7 Youth Choir- 4 PM Youth Board-6 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	10 Mens Breakfast-7 AM Journey-10:00 AM Worship-5:30 PM
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"Faith comes from
hearing the Word."
Romans 10:17
(Concordia's
Congregational
Theme, 2001)

God Bless America Benefit Concert

On Friday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM there will be special evening of performances at the High School Auditorium by local choirs, musicians, soloists, and bell choirs to honor the families and victims of the September 11th attack on America. Please come and bring all your family to this wonderful patriotic tribute. Concordia's own "Bell Choir" will perform two pieces, "A Thanksgiving Medley" and "An American Medley." Our adult choir will also be performing "A Patriotic Medley." All proceeds from the evening will be sent to the already existing victims relief fund at the Yampa Valley Community Foundation. Come and support Concordia's choirs and the relief fund.
(Refreshments will be served.)