

*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 [concordia@steamboatlutheran.org](mailto:concordia@steamboatlutheran.org)

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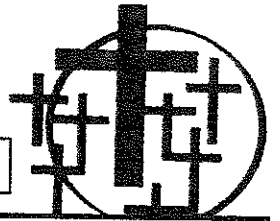
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# CHRISTOGRAM



Concordia Lutheran Church

APRIL, 2002

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.*

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints - the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth...*

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you might have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:1-6, 9-14*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus in Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

These words that Paul wrote to his Christian brothers and sisters in Colosse express the feelings that Janis and I have coming into your fellowship and now joining with you in ministry. From the very first time we talked with members of the Call Committee and came to visit Steamboat in January, we have felt welcomed, loved, and wanted. Most importantly, however, we have seen and felt the presence of the Lord here at Concordia as you have shared with us your faith, your fellowship, and your homes. We have seen your dedication to God and His kingdom and have been encouraged by your willingness to continue to seek God's will and guidance and to increase in your activities of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Janis and I have kept you in our prayers, asking God to bless our ministry time together and to open up many doors of opportunity for seeking and saving the lost. Likewise, Janis and I would like to ask that you keep us and our family in your prayers as we continue to make the transition to life in Steamboat Springs and to ministry together with you.

As we now journey together in the name of Jesus, I know that God is with us, as He promises in His Word, and I know that as we faithfully seek to serve Him and His kingdom, He will bless us in all we do. All glory, honor and praise be to God alone.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Colossians 4:2-5*

In Christ's Service, Pastor Scott

April, 2002

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

Recently, the Board members of Lift-Up of Routt County met to create a vision statement and to look toward the future. The vision statement, which is phrased to include the accomplishing of goals in the next 5 years, states: "Lift-Up is a visible, faith-based organization in partnership with a broad range of the faith, business, and professional community, with excellent personnel and facilities to accomplish all operations and programs."

Lift-Up has an expansive network of skilled volunteers and staff to provide casework, appropriate referrals, brokerage of capitol goods and services, and client education, including money management training.

Lift-Up maintains financial and operational stability through community donations, thrift store revenues, and other funding sources. Grant funds are solicited to support start-up programs, capitol expenditures, and direct financial assistance.

In the Fall of 2000, Concordia created a vision statement of sorts by listing the qualities we needed/wanted in a pastor: preaching ability, ability to equip others for ministry, ability to interact in the community, etc...

Well, we have what we wanted/needed. Maybe more. We'll save on batteries for the cordless microphone. We have the promise of Pastor Herbert's abilities and talents. But what will this mean?

We have many in our congregation who are involved in wonderful ways to God's glory. But if positions and responsibilities are simply shifted among the same people we are in trouble.

Lift-Up has a vision and a mission to reach out on behalf of the faiths it represents to help those in need -- the physical needs -- food, clothing, rent or utility assistance if necessary. But it is the responsibility of the faiths to minister to the spiritual needs. It is OUR responsibility given to us by Jesus to reach out to each other in this family, to the community and the world. We give out of our abundance which is wonderful but we need to give some of the other things we value the most. Something we have in limited and diminishing supply.

Our Time.

Something we have in unlimited and expanding supply but aren't always sure of the consequences.

Our Love.

Take a risk...

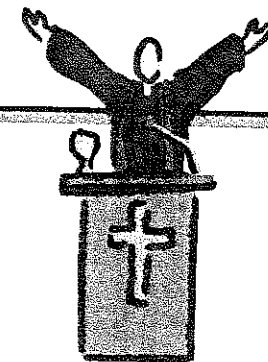
Jesus gave His love, His life, to lift us up out of our moral poverty. Then He rose to life to forever set us free. Shouldn't we do all we can?

Our God is an awesome God!

Brian Weerts, Elder

## Take it personally.

A word from your  
Parish Administrator



*"Don't take this personally, but..."*

How often have you heard someone in a conversation with you say these words? It's a pretty good sign that whatever that person *doesn't* want you to take *personally* you will. It is our human nature to take things personally. That is meant to be a positive blessing - not a negative one.

Pastor Wayne, in one of his last sermons to Concordia as our interim pastor, stated that it was going to be *personal*. He also promised us that his last sermon would be *professional* but that this particular message would be personal. I beg to differ - I don't think he kept his promise to not be personal for his last message. I do believe it was professional. But not personal? Forget it. Pastor Wayne has always made his sermons personal. His Gospel message comes from the heart. God has worked through this man to proclaim Good News. The way he goes about doing God's work is personal because it has been ingrained into his day to day life. He takes the Gospel personally. It is evident in the way he cared for us and delivered the Gospel message to us week after week.

The sermons a pastor delivers should reflect a personal perspective. If there is no personal connection made, no evidence of the pastor's life being shaped by the words he preaches, the words will not be that effective. God's Word is meant to be taken personally. That's how it works to bring about repentance and change within us. Pastor Tim was personal. The Elders take the message personally, and they deliver it as such. Ellyn Myller proclaims Good News in a personal way. We want our Sunday School teachers to be connected to the kids they teach -- to be personal.

Scott E. Herbert is our pastor now. No doubt, he will want us to take the Gospel message *personally*. Jesus wanted to reach people in a personal way. We grow as a family of faith from the individual perspectives of our different pastors. Each one unique with unique gifts. Each one, distinctly personal. When it comes to the Gospel, take it personally. How else could God enter into our lives and reshape our souls to hunger for spiritual food?

Years ago kids in a confirmation class were asked to read the John 3:16 passage, "*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.*" Then, they were asked to replace "the world" with their own names and read it again. They were asked to think about taking God's promise *personally*.

*"He has risen! He has risen indeed!"* Once again we come to the Easter season to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. He has made that victory ours as well.

Take it personally.

# Scoop from the Sup . . .



Ellyn Myller

Sunday School - why is it so special?  
The gathering of children?  
The teachers who loved us so?  
The songs and stories?  
The pictures to take home?  
All of these, but most of all the caring.  
In Sunday School we learned,  
better than we knew at the time,  
about life and love, and about  
God's long intentions toward us.

by Cliff Schimmels

God's long intentions toward us... that is what Good Friday and Easter are all about!

It all began in the beginning when He created us for His pleasure and companionship.  
God's heart broke when He found His creation 'broken' by the deception of the serpent.  
And it is His love and "long intentions" or determination to act in a specific way toward  
us that Crafted a way for us to be His again, through His son's death and resurrection.  
He has always wanted to be our Father God, our Brother, and Friend.

You learn this in Sunday School.

**WE NEED YOU!!** Join the adventure of sharing God's love with kids.  
They will impact our world, let's help them be prepared!

Our theme for Sunday School next year will be "The Greatest Stories Ever Told."

Contact Ellyn Myller (871-1860) for more information about joining a teaching team.

Coming up - April 7 - Artisans Armory will be open to Craft any missing pieces of armor and banners for our victory parade.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 14 and 21 - Spring Break**

April 28 Servant Event - details to follow in mail

May 5, 12, 19 - Sword of the Spirit/Word of God (last rotation)

## TRUSTEES

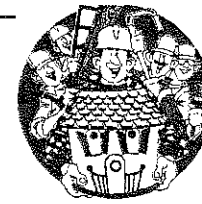
The Trustee Committee met on March 5th with 4 members present. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:15 PM and you are welcome to attend.

The parsonage is 99% finished! It was an incredible achievement in 6 weeks to move walls, remove the kitchen floor to the joists, replace all electrical wiring and plumbing, install new cabinets and countertops, tile the floor, and resurface the ceiling and paint. All for under \$10,000! We're all aware of how things "move" in Steamboat Springs - kind of like molasses sometimes. See what happens when you have people dedicated to the Lord and doing His work! We are blessed to be a part of a church where there are so many talented and willing workers. Thank you to all who spent so many hours.

New custodial care has been hired. A-Brite, Inc., will be the new company that will take care of the church. They will be cleaning two times each week on Monday and Friday. Please be aware of those times when you are planning an event.

We're asking for your help by cleaning up after yourselves since our budget does not allow for lots of "extras," especially in the kitchen. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY DIRTY DISHES IN THE SINKS** - Please wash them and put them away.

Also please show consideration for our small storage space and **DO NOT BRING RUMMAGE ITEMS UNTIL DESIGNATED DATES!** Items brought will either be taken to Lift-up or the dumpster. If you have things to get rid of, take them to those two places yourselves. -The Trustees-



## SPRING FLOWER SALE

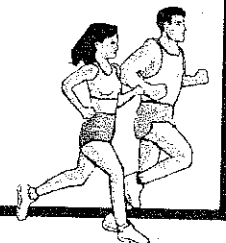
As the snow is quickly melting from the ground, it is time to turn our attention to **SPRING** and again this Spring, the Youth of Concordia will be selling the beautiful Spring Flowers as their annual fundraiser. If you've ordered in the past, you know what gorgeous, healthy arrangements these flowers are! Please check your mailbox at church for an order form or contact Cindy, 879-0175 or 879-7028.

**Deadline for orders is Tuesday, April 23rd.** The flowers will arrive on Wednesday, May 22nd and may be picked up between 1:00 and 4:00 PM (only).



## Relay for Life

**Mark your calendars!** Concordia's 3rd annual "Relay For Life," 2002 will be held in Fort Collins on June 14th & 15th, 2002. This is an 18-hour relay to raise money for cancer research, cures, and to celebrate all who have survived this terrible disease. There will be more information available to you in the very near future. Please contact Tina Tape, 879-7012 with any questions. If the date works out for you, and you know you would like to participate in the relay, please let Tina know. This has been a wonderfully moving experience for all who have been a part of it in the past. Last year, Concordia had 23 participants and for the second year in a row, won the relay itself! This is great cause and one in which we all benefit. Hope to see you in Fort Collins! (definition of "relay" - walk, run, skip, hop, jump, or crawl, we do not discriminate.)





INSTALLATION SERVICE  
For Pastor Scott E. Herbert  
Sunday, March 17, 2002  
4:00 PM



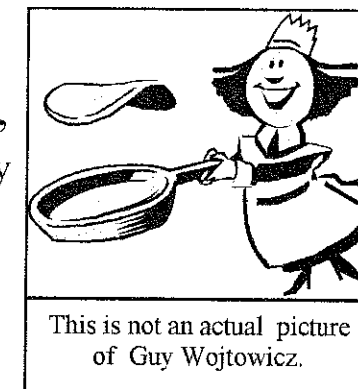
## YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY MORNING LIVE: Every Sunday 9:20 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th:  
5:30-7:00 PM (Dinner served )  
(CHICKEN FRIED RICE  
NIGHT) Bring a friend!  
"What's in *your* fortune cookie?"

LATE-START BREAKFAST  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH,  
9:00 AM: featuring the famous Guy  
Wojtowicz pancakes, flipped with his  
own personal style.

GOOD NEWS! GOOD FOOD!  
Bring a friend!



## SERVANT EVENT FOR THIS SUMMER

Let the fundraising begin! The Youth Group has been asked to head up the sale for the Spring flower baskets: proceeds to go towards a servant event this summer. Great opportunity to make people happy with beautiful flowers AND give us an opportunity to serve someone in need this summer.

ALSO: we are going to start the doughnut sales again after the church services. We will be asking people in the congregation to underwrite the cost of the doughnuts (which means, a better return for the Youth Group).

## TOOLS FOR LIVING



Notice anything different? I'm having a little fun with the Tools for Living logo. I have reversed the image, so to speak. I want to stress, especially in light of this glorious season of Easter, that as the children of God, we are given the "tools for living" through the example of His Son, Jesus Christ, and His Word.

In effect, Jesus Christ is at the center of our recovery and prevention ministry. The more our ministry team learns about the condition of addiction, the process of recovery and the means to prevention, the more we are drawn back to the tools God gave us in the first place -- His presence in our lives, His commandments, His unconditional love, His gospel to live as a new creation in Christ because we have been set free by Christ to do that.

Recovery is about being set free from those things that bind us so that we may carry the message of that freedom to others. The 12th step of Alcoholics Anonymous centers on that very theme of "go and do likewise." It states: "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

Are you involved in God's recovery program for humanity? Confession, repentance, forgiveness, affirmation, encouragement, building up the body of Christ, supporting a family of faith, truthfulness, honesty, pressing on toward the goal in spite of failures, and telling the story -- spreading the Good News of our spiritual awakening in Christ -- practicing these principles (striving to live by Christ's example) in all our affairs -- are *all* a part of God's recovery program.

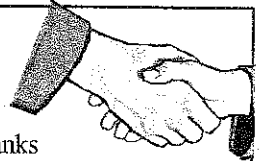
Recovery. It's not just for drug addicts and alcoholics.

Recovery. God desires a recovery from sin for all of His children. God's desire is for us to live in wholeness, to grow and mature spiritually, to live in the abundance of His blessings, and to share the Good News of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

How is your recovery program going? Have you had a spiritual awakening? Share it. Prevent someone from living in darkness and without hope. The Easter story is a good place to start. We have a hope and a future. Recovery *is* possible -- through Jesus Christ.

Jean Smith, *Tools For Living* team member

## FELLOWSHIP



Wow! What a busy month! But, with God's help and a lot of help from our friends in Christ here at Concordia, we had wonderful celebrations! We said farewell to Pastor Wayne and Ruth on March 3rd with a "Thank-you Potluck Dinner." And thanks to all who brought food for the potluck, helped with clean-up, and contributed to that special day.

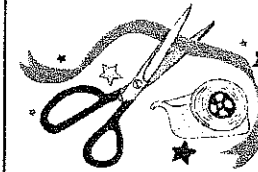
March 17th was another terrific day and we celebrated the installation of Pastor Scott with a sit-down dinner. There were a lot of people who spent a lot of time working on this special event that need an individual thank you, but the only one I'm going to mention by name is Doran Teramoto who spent 3 days at the church preparing food, not including the planning and meetings. Thank you, Doran for such a beautiful meal! Thank you Committee for your hard work, and also all those who volunteered to serve the dinner and help clean up.

Let's talk about soup suppers - we had wonderful soups for 3 nights of Lenten services. Those of you who weren't there missed out, I'm tellin' ya.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting an adult evening of fun and games to welcome Pastor Scott and Janis. More info to come later.

Judy Anderson

Fellowship Chair



## CRAFT NIGHT

It's here! Your chance to be creative! Your chance to learn different (and no, they're not hard) techniques and skills on the "art" of crafting. Although this may appear to be only fun and frivolous, that's not the only reason we meet on Monday nights at 7:00 PM all year through October. This is just one more opportunity to serve the Lord and do His work in yet another way. Because of the annual Christmas Bazaar that is held in November each year, Concordia's "crafting for Christ" workers are able to raise a lot of money that is used to support a variety of needs in our church, our community, and throughout the world. I'll be having strange requests to save "strange" things (like large and tall olive jars or burnt out light bulbs) for us to recycle. Even though it may sound "tacky," trust me, these ideas I have will be great!

Mondays. 7:00 PM. Craft room off the Fellowship Hall. Starting Date: April 1, 2002. No fooling! Questions? Call Judy Anderson, 879-8220.

Dear Family of Faith at Concordia,

As some of you may know, I will no longer be working as office administrator at Concordia. We have sold our house on Amethyst and will be looking to downsize to a condo or town home in Steamboat. We are also toying with the idea of a rental property in Florida, which will require a job opportunity for me in property management!?!

I am a very lucky person to have worked for 3-1/2 years at Concordia with 3 wonderful pastors, the best parish administrator I'll ever know, and with the very best people from the community of Steamboat Springs (our congregation)!

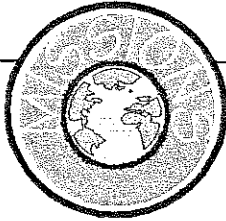
I will miss seeing all the people that come and go through our church doors on a daily or weekly basis, but I will still see you all in worship each week. Thank you for all your support and encouragement these past years.

In His Service,  
Cindy Svendsen





## LWML News (Women's Guild) ...



The March meeting was held at Debbie Scott's home on March 19th. The guild voted to accept the proposed mission donations for 2002, by sending \$10,000 to local, national and world mission groups. We also were presented with the new slate of officers for 2002/2003. They are: President, - Lynn Worrell, Vice-President - Dianne Weber, Secretary - Helen Berntson, and Treasurer - Tammy Ryan. The next meeting will be held at the home of Ann Gilbertson, 31685 Inca Way, on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM. We will be voting on our new officers and making plans for the upcoming Spring Rummage Sale in May. See You there!

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If you're a new to Concordia and/or just want to know more about LWML (Women's Guild), please call Mary Beth Bradfield at 879-4181. We'd love to have you come to our next meeting!

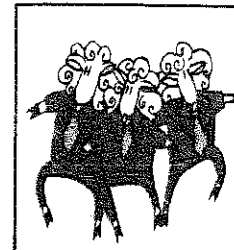
## APRIL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

It is with much sadness that I have been informed of the resignation of Cindy Svendsen and that Jean Smith intends to resign this summer. I cannot say enough about what they have meant to Concordia and I personally appreciate their dedication and hard work during the last year and one-half, when we were without a fulltime pastor. I, along with the entire congregation, wish them well in their future endeavors.

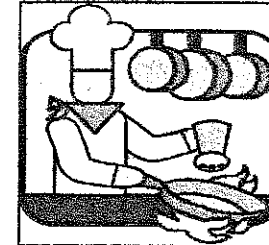
We have a quarterly voters meeting in April, that is scheduled on **Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM**. At this meeting we will be discussing staffing issues at Concordia. In the time between now and that meeting, the Elders, Church Council, and Pastor Scott, will be meeting to formulate an outline for our staffing needs. This outline will then be presented for discussion and approval to the Congregation at the meeting on the 24th. Please keep in mind that no staffing decisions will be made until after the meeting on the 24th.

Please keep Cindy, Jean, and Concordia in your prayers as we move through yet another transition period.

He is Risen, Bart



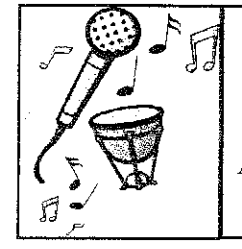
**YOUTH GROUP**  
Meets every Sunday at  
9:20 AM (SML-Sunday  
morning live!)  
Late-Start Breakfast-  
Wednesday, 4/10, 9 AM



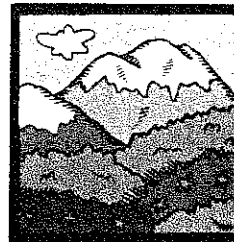
**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday  
April 13th  
7:00 - 8:15AM  
in Fellowship Hall  
Invite A Friend!



**Confirmation**  
Meets Sundays  
between services at  
9:20 AM  
(make-up class on  
Wednesdays, 5:00 PM)



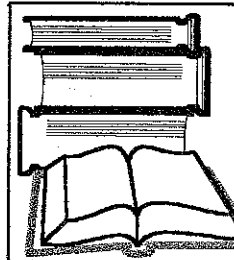
**YOUTH CHOIR**  
Meets Wednesdays  
from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.  
All 1-6 graders welcome!



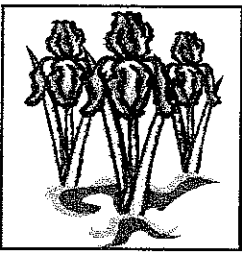
**Recovery Room**  
is now meeting at 5:30 PM  
on Thursdays in the Youth  
Room. (Christian support  
open to anyone dealing with  
an addiction or an addicted  
person.)



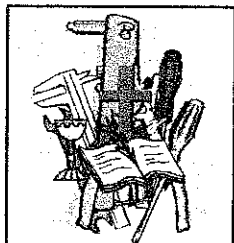
**Thursday Morning  
Women's Bible Study**  
At 9:00 am in the  
Library. Please join us!  
(Childcare available)



**Discovery Bible Study**  
Meets every Wednesday  
at 7:00 PM  
in the Library



**LWML**  
(Women's Guild)  
The April meeting is at  
Ann Gilbertson's, 31685  
Inca Way on Tuesday,  
April 23rd at 7:00 PM  
(Carpool at 6:45 PM)



**TOOLS FOR LIVING:**  
(Ministry team for recovery,  
addiction & prevention)  
Next Meeting:  
Tuesday  
April 2nd  
5:30 PM



**STEPHEN MINISTERS**  
"A friend who has devel-  
oped gifts for bringing  
Christ's healing to hurting  
places."  
Meet: Wednesday,  
April 3rd, 8:00 PM