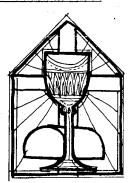
# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH CIHIRISTO GIRANI

# FEBRUARY

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### ALTAR GUILD ...



If anyone is interested in serving on the Altar Guild, you may contact chairman Ella Jurischk (879-7540). She will be more than happy to explain the duties of the Guild to you.

### COMING FEBRUARY 26...

A potluck is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Please bring your own place setting and sign up for either a salad, main dish, or dessert. (The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.)



Liquid refreshments will be furnished.

We hope everyone will be able to come to this evening of good food and fellowship:



There will be an organizational meeting for choir on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. at church. All interested people are invited to come. It is hoped that some special music for the Easter season can be worked up in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please call Billee Harris or Diane Weber.

# WHAT IS CONCORDIA'S FUTURE?...

A CRUCIAL DECISION CONCERNING CONCORDIA'S FUTURE WILL BE MADE AT THE MARCH VOTERS' MEETING. THE CONGREGATION AT THAT MEETING WILL MAKE A DECISION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF A NEW CHURCH SITE. THE BUILDING COMMITTEE PLANS TO BRING ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE FEBRUARY VOTERS' MEETING, THEREBY GIVING A MONTH FOR MEMBERS TO STUDY THE OPTIONS AND PREPARE TO VOTE.



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH FAMILY HAS AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETINGS. ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS, 18 YEARS AND OLDER, ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE. BE SURE TO INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR CONGREGATION!



### WOMEN'S GUILD...

The Women's Guild will meet at the home of Tami Havener on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m.

We had a great turnout at our last meeting: Seventeen ladies were present and Meg Darst presented an inspiring program on "Enlarging the Circle". The Guild would like to invite old and new members to join us every third Wednesday of the month.

Please note: Guild members who signed up for lasagne for our November dinner, please pay Lena Gehrman \$4.50. Thank you!

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# BITS AND PIECES...



Recently hospitalized members include Ruth Schirr and Lou Volberding. Chet Cooper has been laid up at home with a leg ailment. We pray for continued recovery for all... A new membership directory has been printed and is available at church. Be sure to pick one up!...Mark your calendars for the Concert by the Touring Choir of Christ College, Irvine, California, on May 1 sponsored by our congregation. More information will be forthcoming and hosts will be need to house the choir members that night...Recently washed in the water of Holy Baptism were Lilia Elisabeta Utu, daughter of Pio and Rebecca Utu, on January 8; and Riley Bevon Whiteman, son of James and Sharon Whiteman, on January 15... A painting by Lee Stroncek is featured in the January issue of Sports Afield Magazine in an article on the Wild Wings Gallery in Lake City, Minnesota.

Have You Visited Your Church Library Lately?



It's good to have so many preschoolers through sixth graders back in Sunday School after several weeks of low attendance. The Youth (Junior and Senior High Schoolers) are not participating on a regular basis. It's so important for all to take the time for fellowship and sharing with other young Concordians.

Parents are encouraged to participate in the Adult Class so the whole family is involved in Christian Education on Sunday mornings. The Class is currently studying the beliefs of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Dates to remember:

February 5 - Ivie Goldie will tell about our African Mission Project during the opening

February 19- The whole Sunday School will sing at the Nursing Home. Please be at the church at 9:15 prompt!

February 26- Children will sing at the 10:30 worship service

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## SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS...

We are in the season of Epiphany in the Church Year. Epiphany means "to reveal" or "to make known". Epiphany begins with the visit of the Wise Men who worshiped Jesus and offered Him their gifts. The message is that Jesus is Lord and Savior of all—Gentiles as well as Jews.

Since "evangelism" (the sharing of Jesus with others) and "missions" are important emphases of the Epiphany Season as we share the Light of the world with others; and since the majority of people who join a church come because their <u>friends</u> invited them, I would like to share some hints for everyday witnessing that appeared in the <u>Reporter</u> (5/18/81):

- 1. BE YOURSELF. Being a witness doesn't mean putting up a front as a neat, smiling, confident person. The shy person can also be a witness. Be yourself—not an imitation of something you think you ought to be.
- 2. TAKE INITIATIVE. Don't assume everyone is uninterested in religion, or that they will think you are strange if you bring up the subject.
- 3. TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOU FEEL. When others know how you feel about something, they are more willing to listen. You might say, "You know, I feel afraid you'll think I'm a religious fanatic for saying this, but I think it's really important..."
- 4. MAKE FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE. You can witness better to those you know best.
- 5. FIND PEOPLE'S INTERESTS. If your friend watches television, talk about the kind of life a particular program portrays.
- 6. KNOW YOUR CHRISTIAN BASICS. You need to have Somebody and something to witness to. Being certain of your own faith facts can help. Tracts can be helpful as summary presentations of the Gospel.
- 7. PRAY FERVENTLY. Ask God to make you available for witness and to give you the ability to follow through.
- 8. BE INTERESTED. Make sure your love doesn't depend on the response of others.
- 9. ASK SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU. If you sense that the Spirit is touching a person through your witness, add prayer to your witnessing exercise.
- 10. BE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND. Jesus is Lord as well as Savior. Be sure to help the person understand what the Christian life is all about—that, for instance, it is not always a bed of roses.
- 11. PLANT TRUTH SEEDS. Mention God in everyday conversation.
- 12. DON'T BE STRANGE. Don't ram the truth down people's throats. Avoid the impression that being a Christian means carrying a Bible around all the time or assuming more than human traits.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm



ages, including those never married, Forms are available through David Bartelt, 3258 Breckenridge Drive West, Colorado is planned for the evening. chotherapist, who will focus on the theme, Rev. Dan Reeb, and Duane Beckmann, a Psyspeakers will be Rev. Eric Morganthaler, North, I-25 and Fillmore Exit. day, February 25, at the Holiday Inn -Colorado Springs) will be held on Satur-"Facing the Challenge of Singleness". (Single Adult Lutherans Together, The Seminar is for singles of all the seminar, including a luncheon, Colorado A No-Host Dinner and Social Seminar sponsored 80906. Phone: 576-Registration Featured

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