

# P X I CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTOGRAM

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP...

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to the special worship opportunities at Concordia:

DECEMBER 20th - 7 P.M.

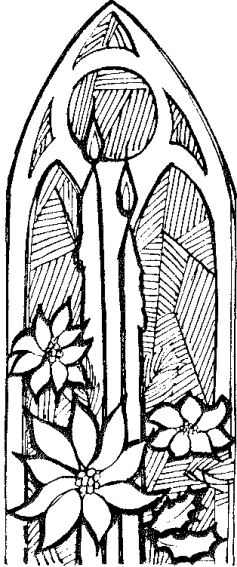
Our Sunday School children will tell the Christmas story in word and song.

DECEMBER 24th - 7 P.M.

Family Worship Service

DECEMBER 24th - 11 P.M.

Communion Service



OH COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!!!

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## CAROLING, CHILI, & CHRISTMAS TREE...

Members of all ages will enjoy an evening of riding on hay bales while singing Christmas carols to the town folk and elderly. Then back to the church for a chili supper and decorating the Christmas tree. Come to the church on Sunday, December 13th, at 5 P.M. for fellowship and singing!



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## FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT...



Under the sponsorship of the Concordia Women's Guild, special contributions will be collected November 30--December 20 for a local family experiencing some

financial hardships.

Those wishing to donate toward this local mission project are asked to put donations into envelopes marked "FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT" and to put them into the offering plate. (Donors should put their names on the envelopes so that donations will be recorded by the Financial Secretary.)

"As you have done it to the least of these..."



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Concordia's Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 5th, at Glen Eden Ranch, from 8-11 P.M. Plan to take the complimentary bus and relax with caroling and fellowship. The bus will leave from church at 7 P.M. and will leave Glen Eden at 11 P.M. for the return trip. (The bus ride is optional--individuals may also drive to the Ranch.)

There will be hors d'oeuvres and hot dishes, with a cash bar. Tickets are \$7/person and are on sale November 30 from Dianna Rimel, Ann Mattlage, Tami Havener, and Jeri Taylor.

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to join in the fun that evening!

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DON'T FORGET TO USE  
WHEAT RIDGE SEALS ON  
YOUR CHRISTMAS MAIL!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

PARENTS: Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 20th. To prepare for this special event, three practices are planned. They will be December 6 and 13 (11:15-11:45) and December 20 (11:15-12:30). The December 20 practice will be preceded by a sack lunch. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Kathy Deepe or Renee Selbe, who are in charge of this year's program.

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PERFECT ATTENDERS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER INCLUDE: Jessica and Jennifer Fritz, Daniel Weber, Carrie and Andrew Schmoock, Christy, Lisa, and Matt Warner, Angela and Josh Carrell, Kristi Fulton, Erin Scheiwe, Scott Rimel, and Matt Jurischk. Congratulations!

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COMING UP SOON...

ADVENTure School, a pre-Christmas learning experience for 3-5 year-olds, begins on November 30 and goes until December 4. Sessions are from 9-11 A.M. Enrollment is limited to 25 children, so register early! For more information and/or registration, call Rosemary Schmoock, 879-7542.

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KITCHEN...



The Kitchen is done! With much joy and thanksgiving, it was dedicated for kingdom use on Thanksgiving Eve. Those who contributed time, talent, and treasure toward its completion were also recognized that evening.

The Kitchen Committee and the Board of Trustees have adopted some kitchen guidelines, which are posted in the kitchen. Please note and follow these whenever using the kitchen. And, the new Kitchen Chairman, appointed by the Trustees, is Doris Riewe. Check with her about anything relating to the kitchen.

Some additional kitchen notes:

- Please date and label all items put into the refrigerator and freezer.
- Please label and pick up promptly all containers, etc., brought to the kitchen for various events.
- Please use the pantry sink for emptying mop buckets, tool cleaning, etc.
- Please note that there is NO GARBAGE DISPOSAL!
- Please consult the blue Instruction Manual for instructions on appliance use.
- And finally, PLEASE ENJOY USING THE KITCHEN!

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FLOWER REMINDERS...

Poinsettias for placement in the chancel at Christmas may be purchased this year for \$8.75. If you are interested in a poinsettia plant, sign up on the Flower Chart in the Christmas space by December 15. Flower Chairman Gay Hagemann requests that all flowers be paid for (at Christmas as well as throughout the year) as close as possible to the time of placement. The new Flower Chart will be up soon; any questions can be directed to Gay Hagemann.



Poinsettias

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So many people were involved with the Christmas Cupboard, helping to make it a success. Doris and Elaine want to thank each and everyone for their help.

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YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS...

After church on December 6th, the Youth Group will be cutting the church's Christmas tree. Anyone wishing to have the Youth Group cut their tree also--please give them a tree permit and possibly a donation to the Youth Group. Senior members of the congregation may just give them a tree permit.

Youth members should dress warmly, pack a complete lunch, and, if they like, bring cross-country skis or snowshoes.





HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! If you are thinking that I have flipped too many pages in my desk diary, let me remind you that the first Sunday in Advent (November 29) starts the New Church Year.

Advent is a season of spiritual preparation that gets us ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. It is joyful preparation, but it has a "not-quite-yet" feeling to it as the time gets closer and more of our preparations are completed. (Using an Advent Calendar in our homes helps us with the countdown.) It is hard to make the most of Advent when the

world around us is already celebrating Christmas, but possibly not realizing that the celebration relates to the birth of a Savior from sin and death.

It is unfortunate that society and our personal schedules force us into celebrating Christmas prematurely (e.g., parties, etc., beginning early in December). That robs us of time and energy to physically and spiritually PREPARE-- for the celebration!

In days gone-by, when Advent was better understood, the celebration happened during the "12 Days of Christmas" -- from December 25 to January 6 (Epiphany). It is too bad that Christmas Day ends the celebration for so many, rather than begins it. It is too bad that the world wraps up the celebration at midnight on Christmas Day, burned out and tired from celebrating Christmas for the last month.

Advent gives us the chance to heed the Baptist's call to "Repent--Change!" It gives us the time to do our spiritual housecleaning, setting things in order in our lives so that the Christ Child can come and live in our hearts and be welcomed for Who he is and What he brings. "Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee." Have a rich and blessed Advent!

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Norm

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO??

It seems like a long time ago when the first discussions of building a new church were started. At the time, there was much concern about not building enough or building too much. After many hours of reviewing numerous options, building sites, plans, etc., we selected a site and built our church--with help from the Laborers For Christ.



Our plan was to sell the old church and three building lots at the new church site to reduce the total debt load. The whole plan was very neat and tidy. We would end up with a modest debt and could cruise along with few worries, and fewer decisions to make.

Apparently our plan and the Lord's plan are not quite the same. Real estate prices and demand have fallen sharply. We sold the old church for much less than its 1984 appraisal value. The lots that would have sold for \$30,000 to \$40,000 in the late 70's or early 80's are not moving at half that price on today's market.

This situation, and our congregation's ministry needs, require a budget of over \$83,000. At our present rate of giving, we would fall short of this budget by about \$10,000. We have a decision to make and one of two paths to follow:

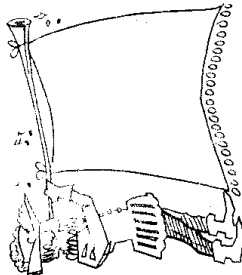
We could ask to go on subsidized status and become a mission congregation. Yes, the Rocky Mountain District would help us pay our bills. However, the District would also be closely involved in running our church and our congregational programs would be somewhat controlled by their directives.

Our other option is to give more. An increase of \$1.50 per communicant member per week would raise the necessary funds. This amount would be very hard for some of us. For others it would probably be easy.

We grew greatly in our service to our Savior and to each other during our building program. Many people gave time, talents, and treasure beyond expectations. How we decide to handle our current challenge may predict how rapidly we grow in Christ in the future.

What would the Apostle Paul say to us if he were to counsel us in our decision-making process? He might advise us much as he did the Corinthians in II Corinthians 8 and 9. In these chapters, Paul encourages the church at Corinth in their giving so that they will live up to prior commitments. He then sums it all up by returning the responsibility to the individual for deciding the size of his gifts. Please read these two chapters! They helped me decide what to do...I am just as proud as any of those Corinthians!

Bill Baldwin,  
Building Committee Chairman



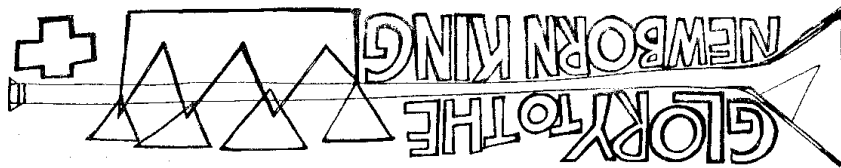
BITS & PIECES...

We joyfull welcome these new members: STEVE, PAM, TERI DAWN, AND SHANNON BOURDETTE; LIZ AND MEGAN EFLIN; HERB NELSON; and MARIO AND PATRICK VICIL.

Updated directories are available with their addresses, etc..... Congratulations to HELEN SHERROD for receiving her 30-year pin with 4-H!.... Washed in Holy Baptism recently were WHITNEY MYLES KOCH and ADRIENNE KAY BULL. May God bless these new sisters!....Have you checked the LOST AND FOUND BOX recently?....Recuperating: JAKE RIGGI, from surgery; MARY BEACHEL, from a car accident in Grand Junction; FATHER LEON WILKINS (St. Paul Episcopal), from surgery. Remember in prayer!....Congratulations to JAY GOLDE, JON SANDVIK, AND COACH BOB HARRIS for their parts in leading the Steamboat Sailors to a Northwest League Championship in football!.... And, congratulations to MICHELLE HARRIS for leading the Steamboat Girl Volleyball Team to 5th place in the state....COVENANT CARDS CAN BE STILL RETURNED!....The GREETERS' PROGRAM will begin in December.... WHEAT RIDGE DONATIONS can be made in the envelope received with your seals, and can be mailed directly to Wheat Ridge, or turned into the offering plate....The FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE reports enthusiasm and good attendance at its October Father/Son Night and the November Adult Game Night.... CLEANERS: Please note that all cleaning supplies have been moved to the Pantry. Also, brooms and dust pans have been put in the broom closet in the hall....COFFEE SUPPLIES have also been organized in the pantry. Thank you to Gert Farrell for her help with this reorganization!

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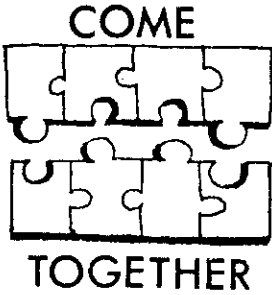
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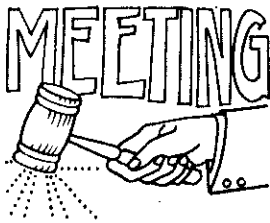
The congregation is invited to the wedding of Julie Simillion and James Rabbitt on December 12th, at 2:00 P.M., at Concordia.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INFO...

The Fellowship Committee will be concluding its first year in February, 1988. The Committee has tried to focus on the social and spiritual needs of all members. The Committee is now looking for another member interested in joining them with his/her ideas and enthusiasm. If anyone is interested and/or would like more information on the Committee and its goals, please contact Mary Ann Campbell (-2328). The Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.



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IMPORTANT VOTERS' MEETING...

At the December 8th Voters' Meeting, the 1988 Budget will be approved, and new officers of the congregation will be elected.

The slate of officers, as presented by the Nominating

Committee, is as follows:

- PRESIDENT: Dennis Scheiwe
- VICE-PRESIDENT: William K. Baldwin
- SECRETARY: Jeri Taylor
- TREASURER: Greg Fritz
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Steve Witte
- ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Jake Weber
- ELDER: Fritz Upham
- TRUSTEE: Jim Charlton

All members of the congregation are urged to attend this important meeting.

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CONCORDIA WOMEN'S GUILD/LWML...

Guild women met at the home of Sher Scheiwe on November 18. Sher presented a program on "Back to the Basics". The congregational Christmas Party will be held in lieu of a December meeting (see page one for details). Look for details of the January meeting in the next newsletter.

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# DECEMBER 1987

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Compliments of Your District Representative Aid Association for Lutherans Appleton, Wisconsin 54919

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Concordia Lutheran Church 755 Concordia Lane Steamboat Springs, CO	30 9 Adv. Schl	1 6:00 BC 9 Adv. Schl	2 6:45 PG 9 Adv. Schl	3 9 Adv. Schl	4 9 Adv. Schl	5 UP: Fritz DN: Harris
Norman W. Schmoock, Pastor Office: 879-0175 Home: 879-7542	4 Conf Class	6:30 Choir	7 S.S. Staff	7 Crossways!	7 Adv. School Closing	8 Cong. Party
6 2nd Sunday in Advent	7	8 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC	9 6:45 PG	10	11	12 UP: Scheiwe DN: Panepinto
9:00 Communion (Matthews) Elder: Upham						
10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Warner		6:30 Choir 7:30 VOTERS		7 Crossways!	6 Wed Rehearsal	2 Simillion/ Rabbitt Weu.
11:15 S.S. Practice	NO Conf Class					
13 3rd Sunday in Advent	14	15 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC	16 6:45 PG	17	18	19 UP: Taylor DN: Stroncek/ Jurischk
9:00 Worship (Harris)						
10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Wattles						
11:15 S.S. Practice	4 Conf Party	6:30 Choir				
5:00 Caroling/Supper						
20 4th Sunday in Advent	21 St. Thomas, Apostle	22 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC	23 6:45 PG	24 Christmas Eve UP: Boomgarden DN: Wattles	25 The Nativity Of Our Lord (Christmas Day)	26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr UP: Schibline DN: Bauer
9:00 Communion (Scheiwe) Elder: Harris						
10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Jurischk		6:30 Choir 7:00 Fell. Comm.		7 Fam. Service 11 Communion Elder: Taylor	EMMANUEL "God With Us"	
11:15 S.S. Practice						
7:00 Sunday School Service	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	29 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC	30 6:45 PG	31 New Year's Eve		BC = Bible Class WBC = Women's Bible Class PG = Prayer Group Adv. Schl = ADVENTURE School
27 1st Sunday after Christmas St. John, Apostle and Evangelist						
9:00 Worship (Jurischk)						
10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Cooper						
12:30 Nursing Home Service NEWSLETTER DEADLINE						