### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP...

Members and friends of Concordia will have two opportunities to worship the Christ Child on Christmas Eve night. A Family Service will be-

gin at 7 p.m. and will include a message for the children. A Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 10 p.m. (note the new time!). There will be no worship service on Christmas morning.



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### SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE DECEMBER 17th...

The Sunday School Christmas Service, "A Rainbow of Promises", will be presented on Sunday, December 17th, at 6:30 p.m. All members and friends of the congregation are invited to join Sunday School students in their worship of the Christ Child.



### CONCORDIA APPROVES NEW HYMNAL...



A resolution was passed at the November Voters Meeting to purchase and use the hymnal, Lutheran Worship, which the Missouri Synod printed in 1982. This hymnal will be used as

Concordia's primary book of worship, replacing The Lutheran Hymnal.

The 150 hymnals that are needed will be purchased by designated gifts given for that purpose by individuals and groups. The hymnals will not be ordered until those funds have been received.

The gifts of hymnals will be noted in the congregation's Memorial Book, instead of in the hymnals themselves. This is in line with the congregation's practice for recording and noting special gifts.

A special form has been included with this newsletter for your use if you wish to donate a hymnal. The cost is \$13 each. You may also order a personal copy for yourself at that same price. Give your money to the church when you return the order form. (Please make your gift of a hymnal over-and-above your regular offering for the Lord's work at Concordia.)



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### ADVENTURE SCHOOL BEGINS...



ADVENTure School, a preschool class which emphasizes the true meaning of Christmas, will be held for 3-5 year-olds from December 4-8, 9-11 a.m., at church. There's still time to register if you are reading this on December 3! Call Rose Schmoock, 879-7542, if you have any questions.

### VOTERS MEETING COMING UP...



Don't forget to attend the December 12 Voters Meeting, at 7:30 p.m. Important items on the agenda include election of officers and approval of the 1990 budget. Your voice is important!

On December 10, recognition for attendance and memory work achievements will be given after the worship service. Receiving certificates for faithful attendance (not missing more than 3 Sundays during the quarter) are: Patrick Weber, Shannon Bourdette, Ian Noyer, Christian Hogrefe, Lindsay Stanford, Andrea Deepe, Abigail Fritz, Steve Denton, Bjorn Utu, Teri Dawn Bourdette, Distin Adkins, Jennifer Stanford, Lilia Utu, Tyler Dalton, Keith Denton, Alex Dalton, Gavin Noyer, Kendra Bull,



Andrew Schmoock, Carrie Schmoock, Jessica Fritz, Baille Thornton, Nathan Deepe, Nicholas Weber, Brady Dalton, Lisa Warner, Matthew Warner, Cory Dalton, Tessa Dalton, Daniel Weber, Scott Rimel, Kari Rostvedt, Marissa Rimel, Jill Fornes, Trina Fornes, Brian Fornes, Joel Scheiwe, and Ellen Jurischk.

Students receiving certificates for completed memory work assignments during the quarter include: Shannon Bourdette, Adrienne Bull, Patrick Weber, Shauna Barnett, Bjorn Utu, Lindsay Stanford, Ian Noyer, Abigail Fritz, Christian Hogrefe, Andrea Deepe, Teri Dawn Bourdette, Keith Denton, Tyler Dalton, Amy Beverlin, Lilia Utu, Jennifer Stanford, Dustin Adkins, Kendra Bull, Nathan Deepe, Jessica Fritz, Andrew Schmoock, Carrie Schmoock, Baille Thornton, Daniel Weber, Stephanie Bull. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL...KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

REHEARSALS FOR SERVICE...Following the Sunday School hour, from 11:15-12:15, on December 3, 10, and 17, students will rehearse for this year's Sunday School Christmas service (see story on page 1). Parents, please note the later pick-up time!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF MEETING... The December 6 Staff meeting, at 7:30 p.m., at church, will focus on the teacher training video, "Asking the Right Questions." All staff members are urged to attend.

NEW MISSION PROJECTS...December marks the beginning of the second quarter of Sunday School, and with it the beginning of a new mission emphasis: World Relief and World Hunger. Look for materials to be sent home with students in coming weeks.

CLASS OF THE MONTH...The 5th and 6th Grade class, taught by Dianne Weber and Lynn Worrell, has prepared a bulletin board display in the basement. Members of this class are: Josh Carrell, Cory and Tessa Dalton, Scott Rimel, Brianne Rostvedt, Erin Scheiwe, and Matt Warner.











### WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES IN COMING MONTHS...

On December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at the church, all women of the congregation are invited to join in

the decorating of the "Chrismon" tree. Accompanying the decorating will be a brief program on the Chrismons, a short business meeting, and the evening will end with some Christmas fellowship. Don't miss the fun!

Plans are being made for an all-day Women's Retreat, to be held at the Hagemann Ranch on Saturday, January 27th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Let Go and Let God" is the theme of the day, and activities will include outdoor activities, a chili lunch, and group study. Cost is \$2...sign up on the bulletin board in the entry if you can come. Mark your calendars now!

FROM THE OFFICE...



News is needed by the fourth Sunday of the month if it is to be included in the newsletter. PLEASE note this on your calendar if you are in charge of events, activities, informationsharing, etc. We can't print news that has not been submitted!!



### HE'S COMING!

"He's coming!" Those words could be said in many different situations, but during the Advent Season we use them to talk about Jesus. The word ADVENT means "coming". For many centuries the Christian Church has used this time before Christmas to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. The Advent Season is a "preparing season". We are not yet ready for the birthday celebration. If we use the Advent time as it is intended, it will make our celebration of Jesus' birth all the richer when it finally gets here.

There are actually three "comings" that we think about during Advent. We remember that Jesus came as the Babe of Bethlehem to be our Savior. We remember that Jesus will come again on the Last Day to wrap up history and take us home. And we remember that Jesus comes to us now through Word and Sacrament to fill our lives with his blessings and enable us to live for him.

May God bless your Advent preparation so that you can truly appreciate and celebrate the birth of your Savior at Christmas!

Peace and Joy, Pastor Norm

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS...

## For Your Information:

Did you know that our church body prints a magazine monthly called The Lutheran Witness? It includes information and news articles, as well as devotional helps. It also includes a special section that reports the happenings in our Rocky Mountain District. If you are not familiar with this publication, you can look at a copy in our church library.

It is time to subscribe to the Witness to receive it in your home beginning with the March 1990 edition. The cost is \$6.50 for 12 issues (make your check payable to The Rocky Mountain District). Please give your check to Pastor Norm by December 17th!

# CHAPPY ONEW YEAR

### BITS & PIECES...

We share our Christian sympathy with the family of LYDIA BETTGER, who joined the saints in heaven on November 3rd.



We are thankful for the blessings of healing granted to DAVE SHERMAN, HANK STRONCEK, AND LOU VOLBERDING after their recent hospitalizations.

WALT TAYLOR, JR., son of JERI AND WALT TAYLOR, will be preaching at the 10 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Be sure to return your STEWARDSHIP PROMISE FORM to the church by December 10, when our promises will be dedicated to the Lord during the morning worship.

LOUISE LARSEN AND JAN MCKAY are wintering at 3595 41st Lane S., Apt. 481, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

We are sad to say "good-bye" to ED AND CONNIE JURISCHK, ELLEN AND MATT, AND ALSO ELLA, as they move to North Carolina. God bless them in their new home!

Thank you to the YOUTH GROUP for cutting the Christmas tree for the church. It will be up on December 17th.

Thank you to all who helped with THE BAZAAR!

There are a good many bills that are being put on "hold" until the Treasurer has the funds to pay them...please remember to be a faithful steward of your TREASURE in coming weeks!

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In sickness, in trouble, or in great The GIFT OF YOUR PERSONAL PRESENCE -joy, there is nothing quite equal to your personal expression of sympathy or congratulations. Resolve to give these gifts each day. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you will receive in return.

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