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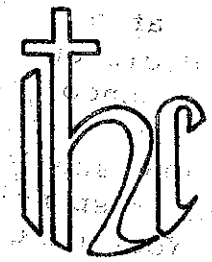
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\*\* THANKSGIVING WORSHIP \*  
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"Come, ye thankful people, come!" Mem-  
bers and friends of Concordia will have the  
opportunity to lift their voices in praise  
and thanksgiving to God on Thanksgiving Day  
morning at 10:00 a.m. There is no shortage  
when it comes to God's blessings in our  
lives. We gather to show our appreciation  
for those blessings as we join together in  
this service of worship and praise.

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\*CHRISMON WORKSHOPS \*  
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We are beginning to make  
some more Chrismons for our  
Christmas tree. (For those  
who don't know about Chris-  
mons--they are Christian  
symbols made into beautiful  
white and gold ornaments.)

The Chrismon workshops will be held at  
Mary Ann Campbell's house, 30 Highland Drive,  
every Thursday afternoon from 1-4 during the



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month of November, excluding Thanksgiving week. If you cannot make the workshops and would like to make a Chrismon, please let Mary Ann know now and she will make up a kit for you. Call her at 2328.

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\* YOUR BUSINESS \*  
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The work of the church is your business! Each confirmed member of the congregation age 18 and over has the right, and the responsibility, to attend congregational meetings as a voting member. Your non-



attendance at a meeting forfeits your voice in making decisions about our mission and ministry at Concordia. Some may think that your absence indicates that you just don't care. Why should only 20% of the membership bear the responsibility of the Kingdom business? Your next opportunity to be involved is Tuesday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. Let's fill the church!

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\* STRIVE FOR THE GOAL! \*  
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On Thursday, October 15th, 19 (cont'd. p.3)

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members of Concordia spent an evening taking a look at the congregation and its ministry. The group worked through a process which helped it develop a statement of purpose; assess strengths and weaknesses; single out various needs; set a goal for the congregation for 1982; and define several ways to meet that goal.

The purpose of Concordia, as the planning group saw it, is: To provide for our congregation and community an opportunity to worship the Lord, spread the Gospel, have Christian fellowship and education based on the Word of God.

Strengths which were seen in the congregation are: a variety of backgrounds among members; family-oriented; outgoing; caring; loving; hardworking; good fellowship; dedicated laity; good opportunity for outreach; the Sunday School; the LWML.

The four most important needs seen in the congregation (in order of importance) are: 1) spiritual and numerical growth; 2) youth ministry; 3) more fellowship opportunities for all ages; 4) community and ecumenical outreach. The goal which was developed relating to the #1 need is: In 1982 we will have a 50% increase in the number of members in Bible Study; a 20% increase in worship attendance; an evangelism program and a 15% increase in our membership.

The group came up with several suggestions to help meet the goal. They include: (p.4)

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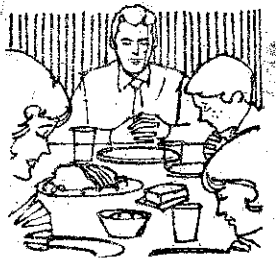
providing more Bible study opportunities;  
 starting an evangelism program; improving our  
 public relations in the community; providing  
 an evening worship service; having a quarter-  
 ly "bring a guest" Sunday.

The planning meeting was a growing exper-  
 ience for all involved. Now that Concordia  
 has something to shoot for in 1982, each mem-  
 ber is invited to take partial responsibility  
 to see that the goal is met. As you worship  
 faithfully and study the Word regularly, you  
 will be motivated to share your Lord with  
 others. God works in our lives through Word  
 and Sacrament. That's our power supply.  
 There is no limit to Concordia's potential if  
 the members are plugged into the power sup-  
 ply. The goal has been set! With the Lord's  
 help, we can surpass it!

but do we say it with our lives? How is  
 that done? Permit me to share a few thoughts.  
 It seems that a certain joy and happiness  
 is the appropriate response of someone who  
 has received a gift. The blessings of God  
 in Christ, both material and spiritual, can  
 give us a strong and confident joy that is  
 present when on the surface things may not  
 appear very joyful. Jesus said, "I have  
 told you this so that my joy may be in you  
 and that your joy may be complete" (Jn. 15:  
 11). The joy we feel when we receive a gift  
 from someone is very real. When we recog-  
 nize that God gives us countless gifts every  
 day, the joy will follow.

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 \* THANK YOU! \*  
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"Thank you," "Thanks  
 a lot." The words pass  
 our lips fairly easily  
 and we are accustomed  
 to saying them. As  
 God's people who have

received his rich and manifold blessings, we  
 certainly ought to be sending our words of  
 "Thank You" heavenward on a daily basis.  
 We can say it with our lips, (cont'd. p.5)

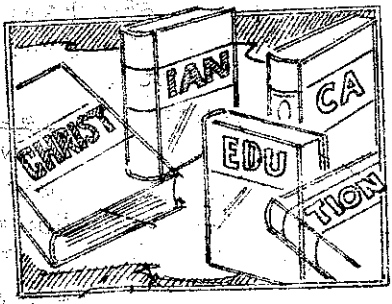
A second response in a thankful life is to  
 be satisfied with the gifts we have received.  
 It is so sad to see a child open a present  
 and then immediately look up to see what's  
 next. But we all do that! When we recog-  
 nize that we deserve nothing, but that all  
 is a gift, then we can say with Paul, "any-  
 where, at any time, I am content, whether  
 I am full or hungry, whether I have too much  
 or too little. I have the strength to face  
 all conditions by the power that Christ gives  
 me" (Phi. 4:12-13). We hardly show an ap-  
 preciation for our gifts if we are constant-  
 ly looking around for more, or always com-  
 paring what we have with what others have.  
 A third response in a thankful life is the  
 willingness to share. When a person receives  
 a box of candy, usually the first thing he  
 does is to pass it around. The sharing of

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our gifts and blessings with God and with others is called Christian Stewardship. This is Stewardship month for us. (Sunday, November 22 will be our Stewardship Sunday.) Each of us will be asked to assess all the gifts God has loaned us to use. Then we will be asked for a response. How willing are we to say, "Have another piece, Lord! Have a bigger piece this time! Thanks for the blessings --now how can I share them?"

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Schmoock

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\* SUNDAY SCHOOL \*  
\* NEWS & NOTES \*  
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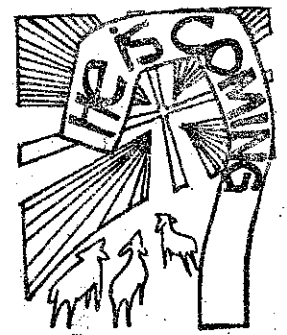
We're off to a good start for the '81-82 session with classes for everyone from pre-schoolers through adults. New this year is a class for grades 7-8 led by Dan Schlie and a High School Class led by Sher Scheiwe. If you aren't already attending, plan to be there next Sunday. The High School class meets at the Parsonage at 10:15. Pastor Schmoock is leading a very informative study of the Augsburg Confession for all adults at 10:30. Everyone is invited to participate!  
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Sunday School Staff held a meeting on October 7 at Elaine's home. Devotions were from a new book designed especially for Sunday School. After January 1, the children will be singing more in church from new books that we will be receiving.

Bible study was conducted by Pastor on forgiveness. The SS Christmas program will be December 20. The next Staff meeting will be November 4 at the Parsonage.

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\* ADVENTURE SCHOOL \*  
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All pre-school children are invited to celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season at our fourth ADVENTURE School. Our purpose is to teach the real meaning and joy of the celebration of God's love and Jesus' birth through stories, song, and activities. Join us at Concordia, Monday November 30 through Friday December 4 from 9-11:30 a.m. To pre-register your child, call Sue D. (879-4068) or Bettianne C. (879-3019).  
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\* LADIES: DON'T FORGET THE STEW PARTY FOR \*  
\* CRAIG LWML AT ELAINE'S ON NOVEMBER 18 AT \*  
\* 6:30 P.M. FOR DETAILS, SEE BILLIE!! \*  
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# NOVEMBER 1981

POST THIS CALENDAR IN YOUR HOME

Representative Aid Association for Lutherans in Appleton, Wisconsin Fraternal Life Insurance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> All Saint's 9:00 Communion 10:15 SS, ABC Aco: R. Alber	<b>2</b> 6:00 Confirma- tion	<b>3</b> 7:30 Adult Class	<b>4</b> 6:30 SS. Mtg. at Parsonage	<b>5</b> 1:00 Chrismon Workshop 7:00 Choir	<b>6</b> Carrels clean	
<b>8</b> Pentecost 22 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: C. Evans	<b>9</b> 6:00 Confirma- tion	<b>10</b> 6:45 Elders Mtg. 7:30 Veterans' Meeting	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 1:00 Chrismon Workshop 7:00 Choir	<b>13</b> Carrels clean	
<b>15</b> Pentecost 23 9:00 Communion 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: J. Goldie	<b>16</b> 6:00 Confirma- tion	<b>17</b> 7:30 Adult Class	<b>18</b> 6:30 Concordia Guild Stew Party @ Elaine Stroncek's	<b>19</b> 1:00 Chrismon Workshop 7:00 Choir	<b>20</b> Billee, Elaine Laverne clean	
<b>22</b> Christ the King 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: B. Ohler	<b>23</b> 6:00 Confirma- tion	<b>24</b> AAL Charter Issued, 1902 7:30 Adult Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day 10:00 Thanks- giving Worship Aco: E. Riewe	<b>27</b> Billee, Elaine Laverne clean	
<b>29</b> Adevnt I 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 Communion 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: J. Sandvik	<b>30</b> 6:00 Confirma- tion	Serving in November: Altar: Jean Wiese Ushers: Scott Havener Dan Schlie			December 5 Campbells clean	