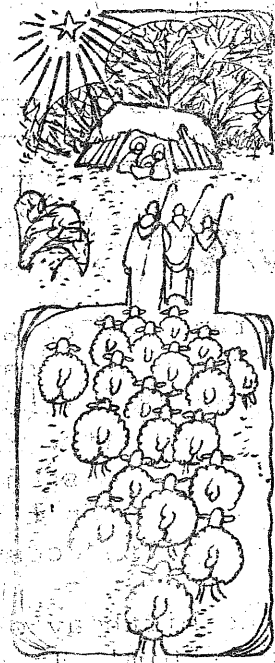


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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP...

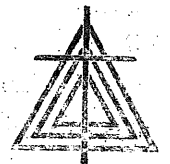
The Concordia family will have the opportunity to celebrate the Savior's birth at a number of festive worship services. The schedule will be:

- CHRISTMAS EVE at 7:00 and 11:00--Candle-light Service
- CHRISTMAS DAY at 10:00 a.m.--Communion Service

The earlier Christmas Eve service was added this year so that children would join with their parents in worshipping the newborn Christ.

CHRISMONS WORKSHOPS...

Chrismons are still being made at Mary Ann Campbell's on Thursdays...Need help? Call her!

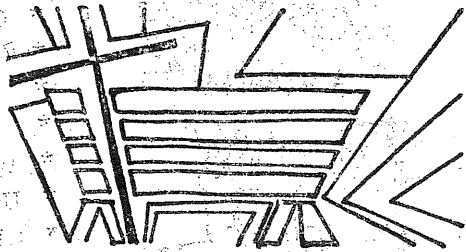


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* WHOSE * *

* BIRTHDAY???

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The story is told of two women who were enjoying an elaborate luncheon in a downtown restaurant. When asked the occasion for the luncheon, one said, "We are celebrating the baby's birthday."

"But where is the baby?" said the inquirer, for there was no child to be seen.

"Oh," said the mother, "you didn't think I'd bring him, did you? Why, he doesn't know anything about it."

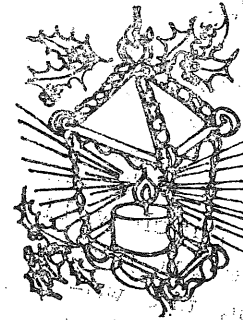
Many of us celebrate the birthday of our Savior and forget to invite Him! In our rush of observing Christmas with giving, eating, family get-togethers, etc., do we really stop to meditate upon the Christ Child who should be the center of it all?

We Christians find great joy in celebrating the Lord's birth because we know He was born for a purpose--to be our Savior and Lord. The Christ of the crib is the Christ of the cross and the empty tomb!

So we prepare ourselves for this event during Advent. Then we rejoice together with special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as the Christ comes to us with His gifts through Word and Sacrament. Don't leave Christ out of your celebration!

Roe and I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas! ----- Pastor Schmooch

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER...



The adults of Concordia will again enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship at the annual Christmas Dinner to be held December 13 at the home of Dean and Sally Sandvik in Fairway Meadows. A social hour will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Please make your reservation on the poster in the Northex as soon as possible.

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TREE DEDICATION AND CAROLING...



On Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 pm, the Christmas tree and Chrismons will be dedicated, followed by a Christmas caroling party. Families, singles, young, and old are invited to participate in this fun event. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served to carolers at evening's end. (Caroling should be done and the evening's events over by 8:30 pm). If you plan to come, please bring cookies.

AN INVITATION...

The Sunday School children invite you to celebrate Jesus' birth at their program Sunday, December 20, at 7:00 pm. A birthday cake, cookies, and punch will be served following the program. As usual, we are asking the women of the congregation to share a dozen or two of their Christmas cookies with us. They can be brought the night of the program or left in the kitchen.

(The children will have program practice immediately following the Sunday School hour on December 13 and 20. Parents, please allow time for this.)

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1982 OFFERING ENVELOPES...

Your 1982 offering envelopes have arrived! New for the year are the following optional programs: "Good Shepherd and Bethesda Lutheran Homes", "Lutheran Hour", "Lutheran Bible Translators", "American Bible Society", and "This Is My Life...". Also included among your new en-

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velopes is one entitled, "Designated Gift Envelope". This is an opportunity for you to choose a personal direction through your earthly treasure--whether it be in memoriam of a loved one, or perhaps a gift for the purchase of a library book. Feel free to drop your choice in the offering plate any time throughout the coming church year.

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VOTERS' MEETING
NOTES...



Several important decisions were made at the November Voters' Meeting. They are:

- Holding a worship service on Saturdays at 5:30 pm during January-March, 1982.
- Printing a publicity brochure advertising our church, to be placed in motels, etc.
- Having a pictorial directory of the congregation made in 1982.

The next Voters' Meeting is Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30 pm. The agenda includes the election of officers and the approval of the 1982 budget. Nominations include: Pres: B. Baldwin and W. Taylor; VP: M. Eidem and F. Haines; Sec: K. Deepe and B. Oberndorfer; Treas: M. Boonsgarden; Fin.Sec.: G. Carrell; Elder: K. Mattiage and N. Wiese; Trustee: I. Gehman and D. Warner. Your presence is needed to carry out the Lord's work!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>Serving in December</u></p> <p>Altar: Elaine Stroncek</p> <p>Ushers: Karl Mattlage Dick Monsees</p>		<p>1</p> <p>7:30 Adult Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 SS Staff at Stronceks</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 Chrismon Workshop 6:45 Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Campbells clean</p>
<p>6 Advent 2 9:00 Communion 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: R. Worrell</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:45 Elders Mtg. 7:30 Voters Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 Chrismon Workshop 6:45 Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Campbells clean</p>
<p>13 Advent 3 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: R. Alber</p> <p>Christmas Party at Sandviks</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 Conf. Christmas Party</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 Tree Dedication & Caroling</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Goldies clean</p>
<p>20 Advent 4 9:00 Communion 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: C. Evans</p> <p>7:00 SS Christmas Program</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 7:00 Candle. Ser. Aco: J. Goldie 11:00 Candle. Ser. Aco: B. Ohler</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day 10:00 Communion Aco: E. Riewe</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Goldies clean</p>
<p>27 Christmas 1 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS/ABC Aco: J. Sandvik</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>1 Blessed New Year</p>	<p>2 5:30 Communion Service</p>

THOUGHTS TO PONDER...

"No community can become a Christian community unless it is a community of Christians."

--- T.S. Elliott

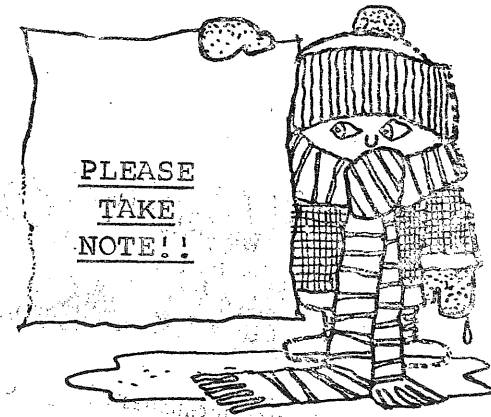
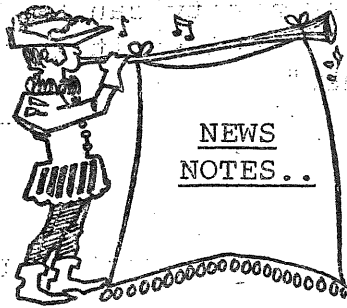
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"MY FRIEND"

My friend, I stand in the Judgment now
and feel that YOU'RE to blame somehow,
On earth, I walked with you day by day
and NEVER did you POINT THE WAY.
You knew the Lord in Truth and Glory,
but NEVER did you tell me THE STORY.
My knowledge then was very dim;
you could have led me SAFE TO HIM.
Though we lived together on the earth,
you never told me of this "second birth",
and now I stand this day CONDEMNED,
because you failed to MENTION HIM.
You taught me many things, that's true;
I called you "FRIEND" and TRUSTED YOU,
but I learned now that it's all TOO LATE,
you could have saved me from this FATE.
You let me LIVE and LOVE and DIE,
and you KNEW I'D NEVER LIVE ON HIGH.
Yes, I called you my "friend" in life,
and trusted you through joy and strife.
And yet in coming to this horrible end,
can I now call you "MY FRIEND"?

--- Author Unknown

WORRELLS went to Grand Junction for Thanksgiving to visit with Larry's mother.. ..HARRIS'S recently helped Bob's grand-mother celebrate her 90th birthday....SANDVIK'S spent Thanksgiving in week in Hawaii.... MARY ANN CAMPBELL is recuperating from surgery which she had at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie on November 13. Mary Ann wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, food and cards while she was away. She is doing very well....TERESA, daughter of Karen and Gene ECKER, had a baby boy in November. Karen spent a week helping out....LENA GEHRMAN has been in Georgia helping out her daughter who is recovering from surgery....ERIC TERAMOTO is recuperating from an accident; he the tibia in his leg and has been in a cast these past weeks....HELEN SHERROD had a bout with pneumonia, but is back on her feet again after a stay in the hospital...GUS BAIRD spent some time in Kansas last month.. ..IRMA DOUCE is back in Illinois, but says she misses Concordia and all her friends here. Her address is 255 South West Ave., Elmhurst, Illinois, 60126. A Christmas greeting or note would be welcome.



SAVE STAMPS...

LWML is again saving used postage stamps for missions. Please leave about 1/4" of envelope around the stamp for easier handling. Turn stamps in to Bettiann Carrell at any time.

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WHEAT-RIDGE SEALS...

Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals are again available for your use on Christmas mailing. Donations to the Wheat Ridge Foundation (to be used for mission projects worldwide) may be placed in the offering plate during the next month.

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WELCOME NEW Members

Received into membership on December 6 are the following:

Jane Carroll
Sub-Alpine Lodge
3070 Columbine Drive Box 771797
879-2600

Herbert Chapman
Walton Village B-4 Box 771099
879-0993

Albert Deepe
412 High Meadow Ct. * * * Box 502
Hayden, Colorado 81639
276-4146

William Iverson
4th & Yampa #24 Box 773223
879-6967

Michael Peters
850 Douglas St. Box 774202
879-7318

William and Roba Piller
23660 Ct. Rd. 14
Oak Creek, Colorado 80467
736-2242

Wes, Doris, and Eileen Riewe
Dream Island #49 Box 773734
879-7620

Sandy Sasiak
Sub-Alpine Lodge 3070 Columbine Drive
Box 771797 879-2600

James, Shirley, and Robert Thorvilson
345 Blue Sage Cr. Box 773927
879-3269

William Thorvilson
Tookies #2305 Box 880670
Steamboat Plaza 80488
879-2543

Rebecca Wattles
832 Yamonite Box 771902
879-0716

Harold and Jo Wommer Box 770122
879-2342

WELCOME TO ALL IN THE SAVIOR'S NAME! MAY
WE BE A BLESSING TO YOU AND YOU TO US !!

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+ STEWARDSHIP PROMISES FOR 1982 WILL BE +
+ DEDICATED IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON DE-+
+ CEMBER 20. HAVE YOU TURNED YOURS IN?? +
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