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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE...



1983

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FORWARD IN FAITH...

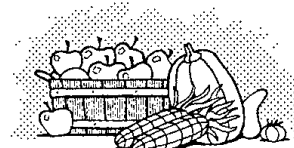


"Forward in Faith" is the theme of this year's financial stewardship emphasis. During the next two weeks, the members of Concordia will receive letters sharing some thoughts on Christian stewardship. Watch for them!

During the worship services on November 13th, members will have the opportunity to fill out their financial promise forms for 1984 and present them to the Lord. All promises will be dedicated on Sunday, December 4th.

As we think of Thanksgiving during this month, may we remember that we are truly thankful to God only if we are sharing a fair proportion of our time, talents and treasure with Him for the work of His Kingdom. Let us move "Forward in Faith!"

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GIVE THANKS

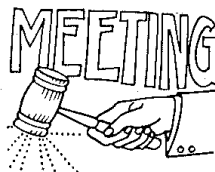
The Concordia family will gather for Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday evening, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. The guest preacher for the service will be the Rev. Robert Brege (father of Rosemary Schmooch). Those who come that evening are asked to bring a dessert to share after the service. We will have "Pot Luck Dessert" during the fellowship time.

Our Thanksgiving worship has been changed to Wednesday evening so that it will not conflict with Thanksgiving Day plans. Even though the free skiing day is November 23rd this year, this should not present a problem for worshipping in the evening.

We have a joyous opportunity to "give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!" Let us not leave our gracious God out of our Thanksgiving plans. "Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices!"

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IMPORTANT VOTERS' MEETING...

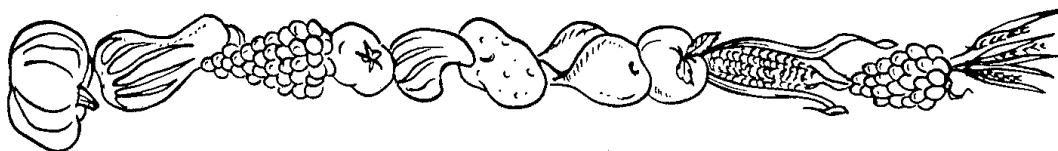


The agenda for the meeting on November 8th will include several important items. The 1984 proposed budget will be presented (to be voted on in December); the slate of nominees for the December election

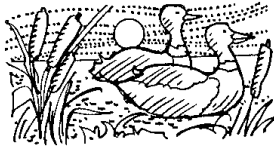
will be presented; the Christmas season worship schedule will be decided; and the Building Committee plans to present two possible sites for a new church and to ask for a congregational decision concerning the sites, future building, and related matters.

Because of the importance (and possible length) of this meeting, the starting time is moved up to 7:00 p.m. All confirmed members 18 and older can vote; members of any age can come and discuss. Involve yourself in the work of your church!!

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LWML FALL NOTES...



Concordia Women's Guild met Wednesday evening, October 19, at the home of Sally Sandvik for a Lasagne Supper. Fifteen members of the Faith Lutheran Women's Guild were our guests. Barbara Griffin, Western Zone President, showed slides from the LWML Convention held in Detroit this past


June. The delicious dinner and fellowship were enjoyed by a total of 43 women.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Ivie Goldie on Wednesday, November 16th. Plan to attend and be involved in the mission work of this group!

The Rummage and Bake Sale was a success and brought in some \$910 for the Guild's treasury. Thanks to Lynn Worrell for taking charge of this event and also to all the ladies who helped!

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* A new prayer chain is being put together. All those names now on the list will remain unless Bettiann Carrell is notified by November 6th. Her number is 879-3019. New members are invited to be on the list and may call Bettiann for more information.

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ADVENTURE
SCHOOL...
HELP NEEDED!



Plans are being made for ADVENTure School to be held December 5-9 for pre-school children. The word Advent means "coming" and to the believer, Advent is a season of rejoicing in the birth of Jesus. The aim of our school is to help the young child share in that joy. We need helpers for each day. Please call Elaine Stroncek at 879-2442 to reserve your day to help. Others are needed to bake sugar cookies in specific shapes. Cookie cutters will be furnished on request.

We look forward to our 6th ADVENTure School and a season of preparation for Christmas!

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Watch for the Youth Group Pizza Party... Coming soon!!!

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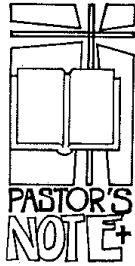
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WE WISH TO
THANK THE CONCORDIA WOMEN'S CLUB FOR THE LOVELY DINNER THAT WAS PREPARED FOR OUR FAMILY, DURING THE LOSS OF OUR LOVED ONE.

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-Sharon Rogers



I share with you an article written by President Ralph Phipps of our Rocky Mountain District, printed in the recent Peaks and Valleys (our District newsletter). Peace and joy to you!

Pastor Norm

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"EXCEL IN THIS GRACE ALSO"...

This is the time of the year when congregations conduct "Stewardship Programs". To many people, this translates simply into the church asking for money. Much more is involved. The whole relationship of the Christian and his Lord is reflected in our stewardship life.

As we all know, Christian stewardship embraces our time, our vocation, our bodies and our abilities as well as our possessions. "For me to live is Christ," exclaimed the Apostle Paul.

Good stewardship is made easier when we remember that we are all wealthy. I had never thought of myself as wealthy until someone taught me that lesson in an unusual way. Some years ago, our family lived in a Japanese home in a small town south of Yokohama. In winter, only the living room was heated and that somewhat weakly, by a second hand Sears Roebuck kerosene space heater.

One cold winter day, Mr. Hagiwara, the President of the congregation came to our home on business. He entered the living room, spotted the space heater, fell down on his knees in front of it and said, "I wish I were rich too". For me that sentence was jolting. I have often remembered it as Mr. Hagiwara's wisdom. I was rich and never realized it until he made me look at myself and my life in a new way.

We are rich, aren't we--whether we have money in the bank or not. We are indeed rich whatever our economic situation compared to most of the world's population. The average American's standard of living exceeds that of kings and emperors in times past. Most of the world's population today struggles merely to exist, while we decide which convenience or luxury we want to enjoy.

God made us rich in more important ways. More significantly, He daily and richly forgives our sins and the sins of all believers. He makes us heirs of heaven through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As God's people how will we respond? To whom do we belong? Whose is our life, our time, our possessions?

According to reliable statistics the average member of our church body gave only 3.2% of his income to the Lord in 1982. You will soon be asked by your congregation to make a decision on how you will allocate your money in 1984. Perhaps as you contemplate your offering it would help to remember another word of St. Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. See that you also excel in this grace of giving."

--Ralph A. Phipps

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BITS & PIECES...

Wamby Nelson recently spent a week in the hospital...Our two-service report (9/13--10/23): 126 average attendance; early service average=39, late, 87....SS Staff--please note that meetings are now the second Wednesday...We share our Christian sympathy with Sharon Rogers, whose husband, Jerry, died on October 13th.





RECEIVED OCTOBER 9TH...

- KAREN GILBERT - 28635 Yellowjacket Drive
Mail: Star Route (Oak Creek, Colorado) 879-5920
- RONALD GREENE - Hilton Gulch, Box 773796
- STEPHEN & PATRICIA HURST, BRAD & PAUL
62 Woods Drive, Box 772014 879-1406
- CALLIE PETERS - wife of Mike Peters (see directory)
- PAT SIMILLION - husband of Julie Simillion (see directory)
- BONNIE STEHLY - 634 Oak Street, Box 771994

BAPTIZED OCTOBER 9TH...

JOHN, BRAD, and PAUL HURST and CALLIE PETERS

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