

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTOGRAM



The worship schedule at Concordia for the Christmas Season is as follows:



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- Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7:00 p.m.--Sunday School Christmas Service
 - Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 and 11:00 p.m.--Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
 - Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m.--Christmas Day Communion Service
 - Sunday, Jan. 1, at 10:30 a.m.--New Year's Day Communion Service
- (Please Note: On Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 there will be only one service at 10:30 am; and there will be no Sunday School. Our regular schedule will resume on Jan. 8)

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You are invited to the Annual Christmas Party being held at the home of Sally & Dean Sandvik on Sunday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert.

Please sign up on the sheet on the narthex bulletin board if you will be able to attend and if you will be bringing an hors d'oeuvre or dessert. A map with directions to the Sandvik home is also posted on the bulletin board. For any additional information on the party you may call Jeri Taylor or Diane Weber. We hope that all adults of the congregation will be able to join in the fun on this special evening!

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...

The Sunday School children will present the Christmas story on Sunday, December 18, at 7 p.m. As in the past the program is written and directed by Billee Harris and Ivey Goldie of the Concordia Sunday School staff.

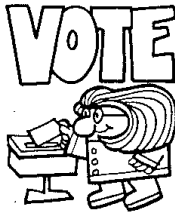
Practices will be held after the late worship services at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11th and 18th.

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IMPORTANT VOTERS MEETINGS...

The December Voters Meeting will be very important. It will include the election of congregational officers and the adoption of the 1984 budget. Your participation is crucial.

A resolution was passed at the November meeting to decide on a new church site at the January Voters Meeting. Be sure to become informed about the possibilities so that you can make a decision in January!



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OFFERING & PLEDGE UPDATE (AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 1983...

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| Regular Offerings | - | \$37,407.95 |
| Building Fund Offerings | - | \$ 7,449.00 |

49 out of 88 pledges (56%) for 1984 have been returned. The annual total amount pledged in these pledges is \$37,674.00 which averages to \$724.50 for the weekly totals.

Our Stewardship Promises will be dedicated on Sunday, December 4th. You may still return yours after that date if you wish to make a stewardship commitment for 1984.

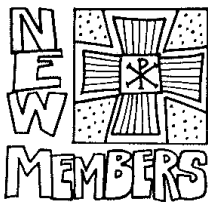
PRAYER MINISTRY...

The members of Concordia have been asked by Lutheran Social Services of Colorado to participate in their refugee resettlement efforts by remembering a particular refugee or refugee family in our corporate and individual prayers. We have been asked to pray for an Hungarian couple, Lajos and Maria Frankovics, both 19 and Catholic. Lajos has worked as a machine mechanic in a factory; Maria is a singer, having attended the school of music. They are waiting in Austria for a sponsor following their approval by the U.S. Government to enter America as refugees. Sr. Mary Nelle Gage writes: "We hope that through the power of prayer a sponsor can be found and that after arrival, the prayer will serve as a powerhouse to enable the sponsor to have the energy and resources necessary to serve the refugees and the refugees will have the necessary energy and patience and determination to become independent and self-sufficient as quickly as possible."



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"The thing that boggles the mind about God is that He was not content to be God--on a throne high and lifted up--but chose to become one of us, and to root in the mud and filth of our sinful world. It just doesn't seem Godly, somehow, to go to all the expense of sending a thousand-voice angelic choir to announce the coming of a glorious Savior with "Your Savior is born--in a grubby little village. Look for Him in a donkey's feed box." How humiliating!

Is it any better today? "You will find My Son, wrapped in the comings and goings, the problems and sins of these people meeting in this little wooden church. His swaddling cloths are bread and wine, and water, and the words of a book and a man. Look for Him there, among these people with distracting mannerisms and sour faces, with bad breath and off-key singing. I have put My Name there! For better or for worse, My hopes for the world are wrapped up in them, and millions like them." How humiliating! How glorious!



from G.W. Trommel

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CHRISTMAS JOY...



The day before Christmas had been full of incidents, some of them most unpleasant. Father seemed to be burdened with worries as well as with bundles. Mother's anxiety had reached the breaking point on many occasions throughout the day. Wherever the little girl went, she seemed to be in the way.



Finally she was hustled up to bed. The feverish excitement of the Christmas planning had completely unnerved her. As she knelt by her bed to pray the Lord's Prayer, she got all mixed up and prayed, "Forgive us our Christmasses, as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

As we watch the tense, nervous shoppers this season, we feel like praying as the little girl did, "Forgive us our Christmasses." Our celebration often make the merchants rejoice, but not the angels in heaven. Much of the time our minds are on things, and not on Christ. May God forgive us our Christmasses.

The Babe in the manger, whom we come to adore, is God's Son and our Savior. He is God's Gift to us, bringing us forgiveness, salvation, peace, and joy. When we know the Savior and when we keep Him in the middle of our Christmas celebration, then our peace and joy is full and complete. Only Christ can bring us Christmas peace and joy.

May this Advent season be a blessing to you as you use it to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

On the personal side, this is the third Christmas my family and I will be celebrating with you, our friends in Christ. Time passes so swiftly! We thank God for you all and we want to wish each of you a most blessed Advent and Christmas season, filled to the brim with the rich blessings of God in Christ.

The peace and joy of the Christ-child be yours!

Pastor Norm



BITS & PIECES...

Rev. Gerold Oldsen of Glenwood Springs has resigned as our Circuit Counselor for health reasons. Rev. Leo Fenske of Paonia has been appointed to complete the term...Harold Baldwin and Lou Volberding recently spent time in the hospital. We praise God that all are home and doing well...65 people worshiped at our Thanksgiving Eve service...Lauren Whitney Eggleston was baptized on November 27th. She is the daughter of Scott and Lori Eggleston... Remember the dedication of our Stewardship Promises on Sunday, December 4th. You may still return yours after that date if you wish to make a stewardship commitment for 1984...Pastor Schmoock and his family will be out of town from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5. Pastor Fred Hahn will conduct the worship on Jan. 1. If pastoral help is needed, call Pastor Allen Doering in Craig at 824-2258 or 824-3043...Use your Wheat Ridge seals and support Wheat Ridge with a gift.

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We share our Christian sympathy with the family of Hildegarde G. "Wamby" Nelson, who entered in to eternal rest on Nov. 29, 1983.

MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED...

A check for \$250.00 from Lutheran Brotherhood was received by Fraternal Communicators, Hank & Elaine Stroncek. This money matches funds raised by the L.W.M.L. at the May Rummage Sale that was used for expenses for the Concordia Youth Group when they attended the August Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas.

Her funeral service was held at the church on Dec. 3 with burial at the Steamboat Springs cemetery.

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