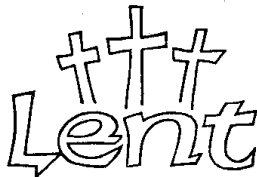


CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTOGRAM

SERVICE SCHEDULE...



The special evening services at Concordia during the Lenten season and Holy Week provide an opportunity to gather at the foot of the cross of Jesus to reflect on the meaning of His suffering, death, and resurrection for our lives. The theme of the services

will be Jesus' words: "I AM..." It is hoped that families will take advantage of the 7:00 p.m. time to include the children in this Lenten worship.

The schedule of special services is:

- March 7 (ASH WEDNESDAY): "I AM the Good Shepherd"
- March 21 (Midweek Service): "I AM the Vine"
- April 4 (Midweek Service): "I AM the Way, Truth, and Life"
- April 19 (MAUNDY THURSDAY): "I AM the Bread of Life"
- April 20 (GOOD FRIDAY): "I AM the Door"
- April 22 (EASTER): "I AM the Resurrection and the Life"

(The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.)

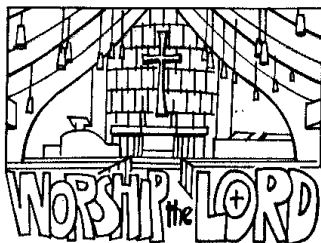
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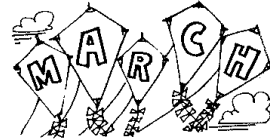
A series of Noonday Lenten Services will be offered during the Wednesdays of Lent at 12:15 p.m. The services will be hosted and conducted by the churches listed below and will last no longer than 30 minutes.

- March 14--Concordia Lutheran Church
- 21--United Methodist Church
- 28--St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- April 4--United Methodist Church
- 11--Holy Name Catholic Church

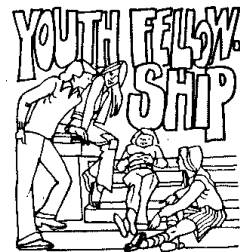
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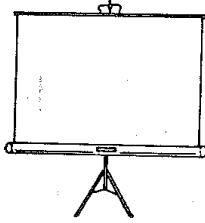
On April 6th and 7th, the High School youth group and also those who will be confirmed this Spring are taking a fellowship trip to Denver. They'll leave Friday right after school, and return Saturday evening.

Plans are to take in a movie, and go to Celebrity Sports Center for swimming, water sliding, bowling, and arcade games, among other things.

If you would like to go, call Sher or Dennis Schiewe at -4029 or Tami or Scott Havener at -4679. Make your reservations by March 20th!!

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HOLY LAND PRESENTATION...

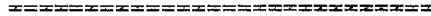


Come along on a trip to the Holy Land via slides, presented by Pastor Spencer Wren from the Methodist Church at the upcoming March 14 Guild meeting, to be held at the church at 7:30 p.m. (Note change of date and place!)

All ladies of Concordia, plan now to attend and to bring a guest--join us for good fellowship and refreshments!

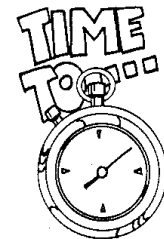
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	WHEN: March 25, 6 PM
	WHERE: Community Center
	BRING: A dish to pass
	WHO: All Concordia members and friends



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

I'm sure you are aware of the Building Committee, chaired by Dr. William Baldwin, that has been active for the past eighteen months. They have evaluated every piece of property in Routt County. That is a slight exaggeration, but I'm sure to those hard working people on the Committee it seems that way.



Their findings were presented at the February Voters' Meeting. Those who attended the February meeting found them both interesting and exciting.

Please attend the Voters' Meeting March 13th. This is a discussion that deserves our total support. This Committee has worked so long and hard; now voters attending the March meeting will make the final decision. We will be talking about a large sum of money and a large commitment for the future of our church. Don't let your voice be left out, as it is important to our future!

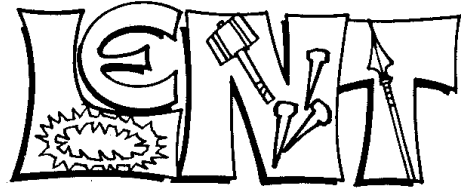
Any questions you have, please contact any member of the Building Committee: Dr. Baldwin, Dean or Sally Sandvik, Mike Eidem, Elaine Stroncek, Earl Maze, Marty Boomgarden, Gene Carrell, Jake Weber, Roe Schmoock, Ike Gehrman, Pastor, or myself.

See you March 13th!

Yours in Christ,
Walt Taylor,
Congregation Chairman

SO WHAT IS LENT??

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 7th. But what's Lent, you say? For those who may not be sure, let me explain.



Lent is a season of the Church Year which has its roots in the Early Church. It evolved into a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) before Easter, and was a time of fasting and preparation. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and reaches its joyful climax on the Festival of the Lord's Resurrection.

The Early Church used Lent as an instruction period for new converts as they prepared for their baptisms, which took place before dawn on Easter morning. It still carries a sense of preparation, as God's people use it to prepare for the events of Holy Week, ending with Easter.

Lent is a penitential season, so its color is purple. It is a time devoted to the study of God's Word and reflection on the meaning of Christ's suffering for us.

I invite you to take advantage of the special worship opportunities this Lenten season, that we may grow in our faith as we ponder our Lord's passion.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm

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BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT...



During the past eighteen months, the Building Committee has been working to solve the long-term facility need of our growing congregation. Earlier this year, we advised the congregation that a new church in a new location would be the best way to meet these needs. We asked for specific pledges of time, talent, and money so we could determine if building a new church would be possible. Your response to the pledge request was very good. The congregation pledged \$35,000 to put in savings with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. This would allow the congregation to borrow \$100,000 from Church Extension for a building project. Members also pledged \$60,000 in gifts to the Building Fund over a three-year period. Many hours of time and talent were also pledged. Our present church has not been appraised, but the Building Committee believes that the value is \$100,000.

By totalling the gifts, the value of the existing church, and the amount the congregation can borrow, the Building Committee determined that the total building budget could be around \$260,000.

The Building Committee asked the Voters' Assembly to make official application for Laborers for Christ through the Rocky Mountain District Office of the Lutheran Church. The application was made and the congregation may have the services of this group during the summer of 1985. Laborers for Christ, along with pledged time and talent from our members, should reduce the square-foot cost of the building from 1/3 to 1/2. The estimated cost of the building is \$160,000 for the initial phase, which would be about twice as large as our present church.

The most difficult problem for the Building Committee has been finding a site for a new church that would meet the budget constraint, and also meet other important criteria for a church location. A church should be near the center of the area served; should be in or near a residential area as opposed to commercial, industrial or rural areas; should be easy to get to, preferably on a major secondary road or street. A church should be visible. Visibility is increased by being near frequently visited facilities, such as public schools or grocery stores. It should also be located in a neutral area in the community served. That is, a church should not be identified as

(Building Committee Report, Continued...)

being part of a subdivision unless that is the area to be served.

In our search for a site, the committee asked for the advice of Pastor Raabe, the Rocky Mountain District Mission Director, and Vance Hinrichs, a real estate broker who has wide experience in purchasing church property. As a result of their advice, we concentrated our search in the southeast part of Steamboat Springs. We have reviewed sites on Whistlers Road, near Tree Haus, on Anglers Drive, in Emerald Mountain Meadows, and on Fish Creek Falls Road. We evaluated these sites against the criteria listed previously. The Building Committee felt the Whistler Road site was getting too far from the center of the area served and the price was a little beyond our budget goal. Sites around Tree Haus have high development costs, and could be identified with a subdivision. Visibility in this area would be good. The Anglers Drive locations would have good visibility and accessibility, since they are near the Safeway store and Sundance Plaza. However, the asking price on these sites exceeds our total building budget. A site on Emerald Mountain Meadows (behind Arby's) would meet the budget, but visibility and accessibility would be only fair. Sites on Fish Creek Road have poor accessibility because of the steep grade of Fish Creek Road and community visibility is fair to poor.

The Building Committee has found one site that we feel meets the budget requirement and fulfills the other criteria to a satisfactory degree. This is a 4 acre site located at the intersection of Maple and Amethyst, on the east side of Amethyst. Spring Creek is just north of the property. The High School is across Amethyst Street to the west. The site is surrounded by dedicated green-belt on the east and north. The site has high community visibility because it is near the only public high school. Accessibility is good. The area development is residential. The owner has offered to sell the property for \$115,000 cash or \$120,000 with terms. If the congregation would approve the site, it could possibly be subdivided, leaving the church with a 2 acre site and a net cost of approximately \$70,000 after the sale of the extra lots. This would be within the proposed building budget.

Please consider this proposed church site carefully. The Building Committee has a very positive feeling that this is the best one we can get within the budget constraints. We feel it would be a good location if cost were not a concern. Because of the green-belt, the church would never appear crowded by residential housing. The church would always stand out. The natural vegetation on the site would keep landscaping costs low. Sewer and water lines are close to the property.

The Building Committee assumes that the congregation's goal is to build a new church. Over the past eighteen months, we have reported on our findings and asked for your direction at the Voters' meetings. All your actions at the voters' meetings indicated that building a church was your eventual goal. The congregation will be able to control the pace of the building program. As a congregation, we can reach our goal without stress financially if we use good planning, but we still have to take that first step.

--Bill Baldwin,
Building Committee Chairman

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PLEASE NOTE:

A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON THE AMETHYST
PROPERTY AT THE MARCH 13TH VOTERS' MEET-
ING. YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED---BE THERE!!!



BITS AND PIECES...

Florence Volberding has been hospitalized recently. We pray for a speedy recovery for her....The Schmoocks used the congregation's Christmas gift to purchase a telephone answering machine. Because the church office/pastor's study must be in the parsonage, the machine will be used when Pastor Norm is unavailable and the family cannot be disturbed....On March 11th, Pastor Norm will be exchanging pulpits with Pastor Al Doering from Craig. This will give Concordia a chance to get to know Pastor Al....Lena Gehrman and Ella Jurischk recently participated in a Witness Workshop at Faith Lutheran in Craig....Please return Building Pledge forms (recently mailed to you) by March 12th if at all possible!



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	<p>All women of the congregation are invited to participate in the newly begun Women's Bible Class, held on Tuesday mornings at the church. The class is completing a study of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and will soon take a look at the meaning of Holy Week. Pastor Norm is the class leader.</p> <p>Babysitting is available for \$2 per mother at Meg Darst's home.</p>	* * * * *
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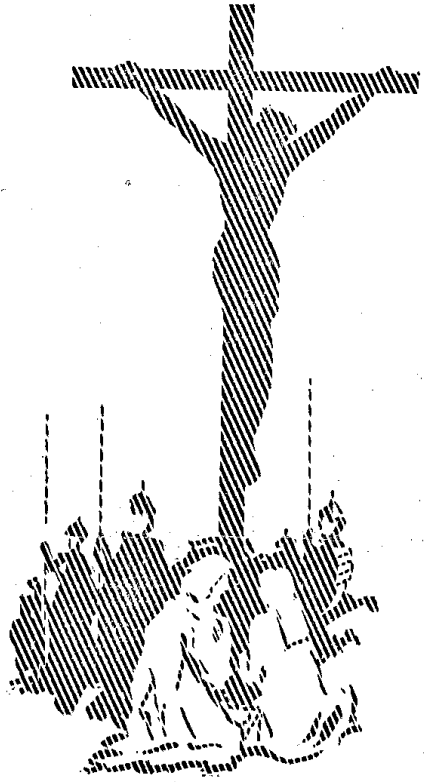
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CBN CABLE NETWORK

The International Lutheran Laymen's League will be presenting "Yeshua", a five-hour television mini-series about the life and ministry of Jesus, over the CBN Cable Network this Spring.

Filmed primarily in Israel, the series is hosted and narrated by Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Lutheran Hour speaker and president of the United Bible Societies. The five one-hour programs use art, archaeology, dramatization, narration, on-site photography, interviews, and a variety of other techniques to relate Jesus' life and ministry to the customs and culture of His time.

Don't miss this enriching documentary about our Savior! Dates and times are:

Each Sunday evening, March 25, through Easter, April 22 at 8 PM EST
 Each evening from Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 20 at 8 PM EST
 (Check the local CBN Cable Network listings for our times)



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Concordia Lutheran Church Steamboat Springs, CO	Altar Guild: Meg Darst Ivie Goldie					
	Norman W. Schmoock, Pastor Church: 879-0175 Study: 879-7542						Jurischk/ Stroncek clean
4	Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:00 Communion (Campbell) 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 Communion (Harris) Flowers: Oberndorfer	5 4:00 Conf. Cl.	6 9:30 Bible Cl.	7 Ash Wednesday 12-Elders 7:00 Communion (Hinson)	8 7:00 Choir	9 Pastor's Day Off	10 Mattles clean
11	1st Sunday in Lent 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 Worship Flowers: Weber	12 4:00 Conf. Cl.	13 9:30 Bible Cl. 6:45 Trustees 7:30 VOTERS' MTG.	14 12:15 Service at Concordia 7:30 Guild	15 7:00 Choir	16 P's Day Off	17 St. Patrick's Day Boomgardens clean
18	2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 Communion (Mattlage) 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 Communion (Goldie) Flowers: Thorvilson	19 4:00 Conf. Cl.	20 9:30 Bible Cl.	21 12:15 Service at Methodist Ch. 7:00 Midweek Service	22 7:00 Choir	23 P's Day Off	24 Lackey/Lausten clean
25	3rd Sunday in Lent The Annunciation of Our Lord 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30 Worship Flowers: Baird 6:00 Fellowship Supper (C Center)	26 No Conf. Cl.	27 9:30 Bible Cl.	28 12:15 Service at Episcopal Ch.	29 7:00 Choir	30 P's Day Off	31 Carrells clean