

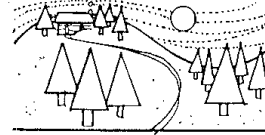
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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE...



The Advent and Christmas schedule at Concordia offers a rich assortment of fellowship and worship opportunities:



December/January
1984--1985

- December 8--8:00 p.m.: Congregation Adult Christmas Party
- December 12-7:00 p.m.: Congregation Caroling
- December 16-7:00 p.m.: Sunday School Service
- December 24-7:00 p.m.: Family Candlelight Service
- 9:00 p.m.: Candlelight Communion Service
- 11:00 p.m.: Candlelight Communion Service

Please note that there will be three candlelight worship services on Christmas Eve, with Holy Communion at 9 and 11 p.m. There will be no service on Christmas Day.

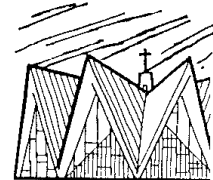
Join the celebration! Come worship the newborn King!!



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BUILDING IN '85...

A momentous decision was made by the Voters' Assembly of Concordia on November 13. The decision was to move forward with the construction of a new church building on the Amethyst Drive property during the summer and fall of 1985.



Several specifics were involved in this decision:

- 1) To use Laborers for Christ, beginning in mid-July of 1985. LFC workers are paid the minimum wage (half of which is paid by the Rocky Mountain District and half by Concordia). Members of Concordia are expected to work with the Laborers on weekends and as they are able.
- 2) To hire Clayton Melby of Cortez, Colorado, as architect. Mr. Melby has designed most of the Laborers for Christ buildings to date, and also works for the minimum wage. Mike Eidem and Jake Weber have agreed to do the conceptual drawings and work with Mr. Melby.
- 3) To apply for a \$250,000 construction loan from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund at a rate of 10 3/4 %. Concordia must raise 40% of that amount (\$100,000) in investments in LCEF. The congregation already has \$13,000 in surplus investments for the first loan on the property, so only \$87,000 is still needed. (The bulk of this loan will be repaid by additional contributions to the Building Fund, by the sale of the present church, and by the sale of the three lots from the new property. Payments do not start on the construction loan until after the church is dedicated.)

Members of the congregation are encouraged to remember the Building Program in their daily prayers; to think about the possibility of making further investments in LCEF; and to respond as they are able with gifts and offerings for the ongoing ministry as well as the Building Fund of the congregation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES...



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The children of our church school will be presenting the story of the first Christmas on Sunday evening, December 16, at 7 p.m. After the program, everyone is invited to enjoy cookies and punch.

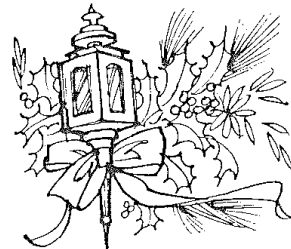
REHEARSAL NOTICE: Billee Harris will be rehearsing the Christmas program with the children December 9 and 16, immediately following the second service, from 11:30 to 12 noon. It's very important that every child be at these rehearsals!

MISSION PROJECTS: The Sunday School is involved in several mission projects this year. They have pledged to send \$6 a month to the American Bible Society, which will buy two Bibles each month to be sent where they are most needed. The balance of their offerings will be sent to World Hunger through our Synod. During the month of January, the children will be asked to bring items for "activity kits", which will be sent to far-away countries where the children are too poor to buy school supplies. At the end of January, the High School Class will package the kits and send them to Lutheran World Relief. Watch for a list of needed items which the children will bring home December 30.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY...

- Guitars, flutes, accordians, etc. (for carol singing)
- One compact stereo system with cassette tape player
- Favorite dance music (cassette tapes)
- All adult members and friends of Concordia



This is the Christmas Party "shopping list". If you can supply one or more of these items, call Tami Havener, 879-4679. The party is on December 8, at 8 p.m., at the Pine Grove Restaurant. Cost is \$5 per person. There will be a cash bar for soft and not-so-soft drinks. Hot and cold munchies will be served. Don't miss out! And remember--"Jesus is the reason for the season."

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CAROLING PARTY...



Young and old alike are invited to join in the fun when Concordians gather on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at church for a caroling party. Carolers will go to the Hospital and Nursing Home and around the neighborhood before returning to church for hot chocolate and cookies. Plan now to come!

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TREE DECORATING...

Any women of the congregation who can help decorate the church's Christmas tree are asked to meet at the church on Wednesday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m. All help will be appreciated!!

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**Who:
What:
When:
Where:**

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* STEWARDSHIP IN '84: *

* General Offerings: *

* \$41,446 *

* Budget: \$40,562 *

* Building Fund in '84: *

* \$10,845 *

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ADVENT - CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY...



Happy New Year! It may sound a bit premature, but the reality is that on December 2 we started a new Church Year with the first Sunday in Advent. Advent means "coming". The Advent season consists of the four Sundays preceding Christmas. During that season of joyful preparation, we are looking forward to our Lord's coming on the Last Day; we are celebrating his continual coming to us in Word and Sacrament; and we anticipate celebrating his birth--his coming as the Babe of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve and Day we celebrate Jesus' birth. This is Christ's Mass, or Christmas. All the faithful come to joyfully sing of our Savior's birth. We celebrate the "incarnation"--the "into-the-flesh" of the Son of God as he became one of us. He was born to die--that we might live!

Then comes Epiphany on January 6. Epiphany means "to reveal" or "shine forth". What is revealed is that Jesus is the Savior of all people, not just the Jews. The story of the Wise Men is the story of Epiphany. These Gentiles came to worship the Christ-child as their Savior--as do we! Epiphany has been called the Gentiles' Christmas. (Incidentally, the 12 days of Christmas extend from Christmas to Epiphany.) During the Epiphany season, we see different examples of Jesus being revealed as the Son of God and the Savior of all.

May the Spirit bless your worship during this rich season of expectation, celebration, and revelation!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Norm

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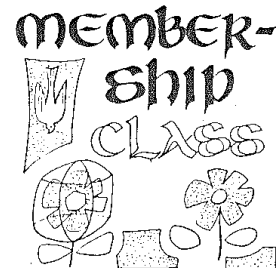


Chet Cooper is recovering from back surgery at home....Mandy Feenstra recently was hospitalized for tests....We welcome our two newest families: Myron and Laurel Rathjen, Dana, Darin, and Donovan from North Dakota; and Jeff and Dianna Rimel, Scott and Marissa, from Wyoming....The Schmoock family will be on vacation for two weeks after Christmas. If pastoral help is needed, call one of the following elders: Mike Eidem, Bill Baldwin, or Karl Mattlage.... A new pictorial directory will be made in 1985. Pictures will be taken in February (15 and 16)....Be sure to post the enclosed calendar and save it--January is on the back!....86 people attended the Thanksgiving Eve worship, and \$289 was collected for World Hunger....Don't forget the December 11 Voters' meeting--budget approval and election of officers are agenda items.Elaine Stroncek would like to thank Billee Harris and the SS Staff for making the Halloween Party a success, and she also thanks all who brought Bibles for the display on Bible Sunday....Take time to thank our SS teachers for the fine job they do each Sunday!

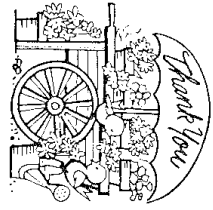
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NEW ADULT CLASS...

Pastor Norm will be starting a new Adult Information Class on Thursday evenings, beginning January 17, at the church. This class reviews what the Lutheran Church believes and confesses, and can lead to church membership for non-Lutherans. Members may also participate for review. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending, please tell Pastor Norm.



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FROM BAZAAR COMMITTEE....

To all who donated
craft items, baked goods,
and time to the "Christ-
mas Cupboard", a big
word of thanks!

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FROM NEWSLETTER EDITORS....

To those who helped assemble the news-
letter this past year (Lynn Worrell,
Ella Jurischk, Diane Feenstra, Meg Darst,
Mary Ann Campbell, and Dianne Weber), a
special "thank you" for your help! A
sign-up list will be posted soon for
anyone wishing to help assemble the '85
newsletters.

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FROM FLORENCE VOLBERDING....

To those who helped her in various
ways with her Bazaar projects, Florence
says "thanks": the Hahns, for threads
and yarns; Elaine Stroneck, for towels
and yarns; Gene Cooper for threads and
materials; the girls from the office
for threads and forms to order bells;
two friends from Steamboat Springs for
helping with ideas; Alma Baldwin for
patterns. Florence says there's
plenty to start on for next year!

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Pastor Schmoock by Thursday morning.

DECEMBER 1984

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Concordia Lutheran Church 110 Missouri Avenue Steamboat Springs, CO Norman W. Schmoock, Pastor Church: 879-0175 Study: 879-7542	Altar Guild 2 - Gert Farrell/Connie Jurischk 16 - Sally Sandvik/Lynn Worrell 24 - Ella Jurischk/Dianna Rimel		Elders Bill Baldwin (879-3952) Mike Eidem (879-0194) Karl Mattlage (879-2377)			Jacobsons clean
2 1st Sunday in Advent	3 Pastoral Conf. in Cd Junction	4	5 7:30 Elders	6	7	8 Peters clean
8:00 Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion (Jacobson) Flowers: Jarvis	NO CONF. CL. 7:00 Choir		7:00 SS Staff			8:00 Cong. Christmas party
9 2nd Sunday in Advent	10 4:30 Conf. Cl. 7:00 Choir	11	12	13	14	15 Whitemans clean
8:00 Worship (Love) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (S. Young) Flowers: Lausten	7:30 VOTERS' MTC		7:00 Caroling			
16 3rd Sunday in Advent	17	18	19	20	21 St. Thomas the Apostle	22 Haveners clean
8:00 Communion (Meier) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Communion (Ohler) Flowers: Scheiwe	4:30-7:00 Conf. Party 7:00 Choir					(Jurischk for 12/24)
7:00 Sun. School Service	24 Christmas Eve* 9-H. Comm. 11-H. Comm.	25 The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)	26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr	27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	29 Mazes clean
23 4th Sunday in Advent 8:00 Worship (Teramoto) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (T. Young)	31 New Year's Eve		Pastor on vacation. Call an Elder for pastoral help. Names listed above.			
30 1st Sunday after Christmas 8:00 Worship (Jacobson) 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship (Love)						

* 12/24 Acolytes

7 pm - Campbell; 9 pm - Harris