

# P X I CHRISTOGRAM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP...

7:00 p.m.--Family Service  
with children's message

9:00 p.m.--Communion ser-  
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11:00 p.m.--Communion ser-  
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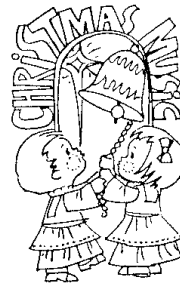
All three services will be  
candlelight services.  
(There will be no service  
on Christmas Day.)

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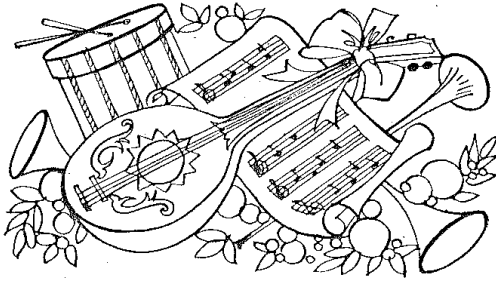
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--December 1985--  
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...



Our Sunday School  
children will present  
the Christmas story in  
word and song at 7:00  
p.m. on Sunday, Decem-  
ber 15. The congrega-  
tion is invited to par-  
ticipate in this joyous  
event.

CONGREGATIONAL PARTY...



On December 7, from 8-11 p.m., at the Overlook  
Hotel, the annual Concordia Adult Christmas Party  
will take place. There will be singing, dancing,  
and fellowship. Cold and hot hor d'oeuvres will  
be served. A cash bar will be available. Cost  
is \$5 per person and if 50 or more people attend,  
\$1 out of each \$5 will be given to the Building  
Fund.

Reservations and money may be given to Dianna  
Rimel, Connie Jurischk, or Tami Havener. For  
more info, call Tami at 879-4679.

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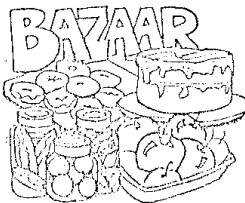
A NOTE TO:  
*Parents*

Our program is very  
important, and the  
Sunday School Staff  
appreciates your help  
in having children at  
practice immediately  
following the 10:30  
service on December 8  
and 15. Practice will  
begin at 11:30 and end  
at about 12 noon.

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CHRISTMAS CUPBOARD...

Concordia Women's Guild  
is pleased to announce  
Saturday, December 7, as  
the date for their second annual Christmas Cupboard  
(bazaar), featuring an exciting array of handcrafted  
gifts and homemade goodies. It will be held at the  
church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with some of the proceeds  
going toward finishing the new church Sunday School and  
fellowship area. Don't miss it!





Concordia families enjoyed a Halloween Potluck and Games night on October 31. Chili and all the trimmings were served to 50-55 people. The children then enjoyed some fun games (especially dunking for apples) while the adults were shown slides of the new church progress by Pastor Norm.

Special thanks to Bettiann Carrell, Elaine Gehrman, Doug and Dan Love, John and Jay Goldie, Scott and Tami Havener, Rocky, Pat, and Angie Ohler, Laurel Rathjen, Scheiwes, Taylors, Mary Ann Campbell, and all who helped with cleanup.

Congratulations to those having perfect attendance at Sunday School during November:

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| Bobby Clausius   | Margie Clausius | Angela Carrell   |
| Heather Carrell  | Jonathan Ohler  | Aaron Eidem      |
| Andrew Schmoock  | Jeremy Ohler    | Elissa Eidem     |
| Danielle Schuäke | Deena Schuelke  | Kristin Clausius |

The Sunday School children will sing at the Nursing Home Sunday, December 8 during the Sunday School hour. Parents and friends are invited to go along.

GUILD NEWS...



Concordia's Women's Guild met at the home of Tami Havener on November 20th. "Baking an Advent Cake" was the program presented by Roe Schmoock. There will be no meeting in December, but we will meet again at the home of Ella Jurischk on January 15th. See you there!

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**Caring and Sharing**

Our Sunday School children will be able to share Christmas with a needy family here in Steamboat through the Social Services Department. The family members include: a five-year old boy, a five-year old girl, a seven-year old boy, a fifteen-year old boy, and a Mom and Dad. They can use gifts and food. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped, but be sure to attach a note indicating age, etc., if they are wrapped. For more information, call Elaine at 879-2442 or 879-1018.

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**CHURCH BUDGET**

General Offerings to date:	\$47,031.61
Behind Budget:	6,902.30
Building Fund 1985:	20,341.30

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BAKED GOODS, CANDIES, JELLIES, JAMS, ETC., ARE ALL NEEDED FOR OUR BAZAAR. PLEASE HAVE THEM AT THE CHURCH FRIDAY EVENING OR EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.

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**Be a Good**



**STEWARD**

Have you returned your 1986 promise to the Lord? If not, prayerfully consider what you can give Him for the coming year and return your promise form as soon as possible. Promises will be dedicated on December 22.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS...



It wasn't too long ago that TV commercials and other ads for Christmas buying started after Thanksgiving. Now they begin before Reformation Day (a.k.a. Halloween). That's a "good news--bad news" situation. It's good news for the merchants who want to hawk their wares. It's good news for those who want to get a head start on their Christmas shopping. But it is bad news for those of us who want to really prepare for and anticipate Christ's coming during the season of Advent.

It is unfortunate that various reasons force us to have Christmas parties and programs from the beginning of December on. It is unfortunate because the celebration is premature. Just as it is hard for a youngster to wait until her birthday celebration finally comes, so it is hard for us oldsters to wait on the season's celebration.

But Advent asks us to wait as best we can. Advent helps us to remember why Jesus came, and why he will come again. Advent helps us to anticipate Christmas so that when it finally gets here we can celebrate Jesus' birth from the bottom of our hearts, with full excitement and joy.

Let's enjoy the plans and preparations we have made for these next weeks, but as we do, let's remember that the real celebration is still coming. May we not get "burned out" by all the preliminaries so that we can only half-heartedly celebrate the "main event" at Christmas!

A blessed Advent and then a joyous Christmas to you! It will be a nostalgic celebration as the last Christmas at our old church. But the joy comes from knowing that the same Christ-child will be with us at the new one, too. Remember, it is the coming Lord who grants us His

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Norm

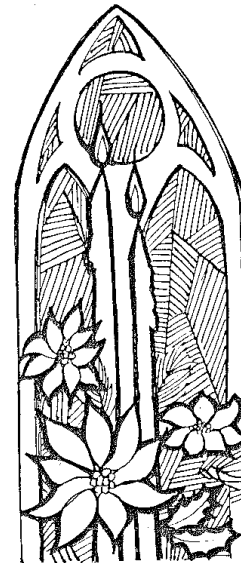
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ATTENTION ALL LADIES...

There is a need for your assistance! Volunteers are needed to assist the Altar Guild in preparing the altar for worship and communion. The job is simply taught and the rewards are satisfaction and the feeling that you are using your skills in the Lord's service--you have an inner joy of having "Served the Lord with Gladness".

The Altar Guild will meet Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Please give this your prayerful consideration and attend the meeting if possible. If you are unable to attend, but would like to help, please call me at 879-7540.

I would also like to give a great big thank you to the following ladies who served on the 1985 Altar Guild: Elaine Stroncek, Zita Smith, Connie Jurischk, Callie Peters, Roe Schmoock, Laurel Rathjen, Rebecca Utu, Gert Farrell, Gene Cooper, Lynn Worrell, Sally Sandvik, Tami Havener, Ann Mattlage, Sharon Whiteman, Betty Maze, Lenae Gruenberg, Alma Baldwin, Elaine Gehrman, Dianna Rimel, and Laverne Lausten.



--Ella Jurischk,  
Altar Guild Chairman



AUCTION COMING...



An auction is being planned by the Interior Committee for late February, with proceeds to be used for finishing the basement of our new church and/or for the Building Fund in general.

Members and friends of the congregation are asked to consider what they might have on hand to donate. Good, useable items will be needed to make the auction a success. So start thinking about what you might be able to donate, and set it aside for the February auction! (Additional details will be available after Christmas.)

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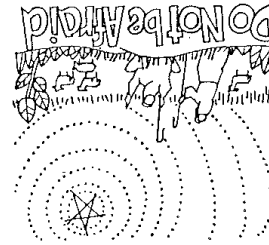
Jo Wommer spent several days in the hospital before she and Harold left for Arizona on November 19... John and Helen Miller have moved to Montrose. Their address: Box 492, zip 81401... We share our Christian sympathy with Dianna Rimel at the death of her brother. In Jesus we have hope!... Christ-  
mas poinsettias are \$6.99; sign up by December 8... December Voters' Meeting is December 10. Plan to be there!

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