

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

X CHRISTOGRAM



- December '86 -
- January '87 -

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES ...

December 21, 7:00 p.m. ---
Sunday School Program

December 24,
Family Service -- 7:00 p.m.
Holy Communion -- 11:00 p.m.

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TO
know
Him as
he is
today, not
as a manger-
babe, but as the
One Who lived and
died and lives
again, enthroned and
reigning in our hearts.
To sense the need of those
who know only the tinsel and
the rushing of the crowds,
who celebrate a day and nothing
more -- because to them, He slumbers
yet at Bethlehem! To love Him and His
Word above all else, and loving,
wish to tell others everywhere
the tidings of redemp-
tion! this
to
us
IS CHRISTMAS

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* GLORY TO *
* GOD IN *
* THE HIGHEST, *
* AND ON EARTH *
* PEACE, GOOD *
* WILL TOWARD MEN. *
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* THE "SPIRIT OF
* CHRISTMAS"
* PARTY ...
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* The "Spirit of
* Christmas" Party
* will be held on
* Saturday, December 13,
* 7:00 p.m. to ??, at
* the Pine Grove
* Restaurant. Delicious
* hors d'oeuvres and
* live entertainment
* will be part of the
* evening. (Beverages
* of choice may be
* purchased.)
* Tickets will be
* sold soon... cost is
* \$12.00/couple;
* \$6:00/singles.
* Come and enjoy the
* "spirit of Christmas!"
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GUILD CHANGING FOCUS ...



Concordia Women's Guild, a branch of L.W.M.L., is redirecting its efforts this year to meet the objectives of L.W.M.L., which are mission, education, mission inspiration and mission services. It is the desire of the members to become more mission-oriented with the projects and activities that it involves itself with.

In order to do this a new service-projects committee has been formed. It is hoped that the Guild will not only serve its members and the church in mission work but also the community of Steamboat as well as world missions.

To be effective with an increased focus on missions, the Guild feels the need to relinquish some of its former responsibilities that have over the years been adopted by the Guild. These include the organization of the Easter breakfast, the Confirmation Tea, and the Church Picnic. The Guild will ask the Voters Assembly to take over the responsibilities for the organization of these activities.

The Guild would like to encourage anyone who has a mission project or activity to inform a member of Concordia Women's Guild.

Concordia Women's Guild met at the home of Helen Sherrod on November 20th. Thirteen members were present. The Guild adopted several service projects that they will be working on in the next year.

An L.W.M.L. retreat is in the planning. Reserve the weekend of January 23rd and 24th. For more information call Suzi Warner (879-1054).

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MANY THANKS...

Elaine Stroncek, Wendy Schuelke, Roe Schmoock, Gwen Clausin, Connie Jurischk, Betty Maze, Dianna Rimel, Laurel Rathjen, Gene Cooper, Gert Farrell, Mary Ann Campbell, Ann Mattlage, Alma Baldwin, Elaine Gehrman, Thelma Haines, Lynn Worrell, Sharon Whiteman, Tammy Schibline, Laverne Lausten, Barb Panepinto.

Thanks to these ladies who served on the Altar Guild in 1986.

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BIBLE STUDIES ...

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Our group has steadily grown! Our study from now until Christmas is on Mary the Mother of Jesus.

We have postponed the study of Esther until January.

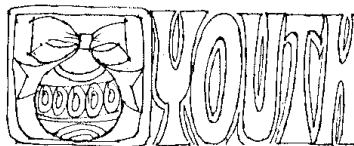
Please join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30.

December 2 -- No study because of ADVENTure school

December 9 -- Roe Schmoock's 579 Grand

December 16 -- Norma Charlton's 4030 Whistler Rd.

January hostesses will be announced later.



The Youth Group is getting the Church Christmas tree on Dec. 7th. Any church member who would like for us to get their tree, please contact Michelle Harris at 879-0460. (All group members remember to bring a sack lunch and a beverage.)

We are also selling Christmas cards, downstairs.

THANKS!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

More people have joined our original group --- but we always have room for more.

Our study of the Gospel of John has been both interesting and challenging.

Come join us --- your knowledge and participation are needed. We meet 7:00 Thursday evenings at the church.

We will not meet December 25th or January 1st but will resume meeting on January 8th.



ADVENT MUSINGS ...

"Happy New Year!" And so we greet one another on the first Sunday in Advent -- the beginning of a brand new Church Year. This year it falls on November 30th, the same day we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our congregation's existence.

Advent is a season of spiritual preparation that leads up to the celebration of our Savior's birth at Christmas. There is a "not-quite-yet" feeling during Advent as the time is growing closer and more and more of our preparations are completed. It is hard to make the most of Advent when the world around us is already celebrating Christmas -- but possibly not understanding that it relates to the birth of our Savior.

The real meaning of Christmas is the birth of our Savior from sin and death. All the things we do leading up to that celebration and also during that celebration help us in different ways to prepare for and rejoice in the birth of Jesus. When traditions, practices and customs become so important to us that they make us lose sight of the reason for the celebration, then they become a hindrance rather than a help.

Advent gives us the opportunity to heed John the Baptist's call of "Repent -- Change!" Advent gives us the time to do our spiritual housecleaning, setting things in order in our lives so that the Christ Child can come and live in our hearts and be welcomed for who he is and what he brings. "Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee." Have a blessed Advent!

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm

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BITS & PIECES...

-- We share our Christian sympathy with Earl Maze upon the death of his mother, Ethel Maze, on November 9th. Jesus is the resurrection and the life!

-- We pray for Jay Maze, son of Earl and Bettye Maze, and for Roger Huff, brother of Sue Warner, as they undergo treatments for cancer.

-- Thelma Haines and Harold Baldwin were recently in the hospital and are now out and doing well.

-- Pastor Fred Hahn will be with us to lead worship on January 4th. Fred and Esther are looking forward to seeing their old friends at Concordia and meeting new ones!

-- Help is needed to head the Altar Guild for next year and to be in charge of the flowers for worship. If you would like to serve in either position, please call Pastor Norm.

-- Concordia is entering a year-long Stewardship process in January called "His Love -- Our Response". A letter will be mailed in January announcing the first phase of this exciting program.

-- A special Thank You to all who donated items and/or helped with the Christmas cupboard! Over \$1500 was taken in.

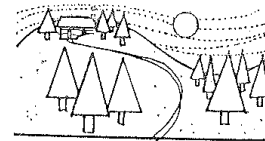
-- ENCORE will come to Concordia on January 30-31. This marriage enrichment opportunity, sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans, will be open to twelve of Concordia's married couples. Look for more information down the road.

-- Many women in the congregation will be helping with ADVENTure School Dec. 1-5. Thank you all for the donation of time and talent!

-- Wheat Ridge donations can either be returned to the church or sent directly to Wheat Ridge.

-- Don't forget to return Stewardship pledge forms to the special mailbox at the church!

--- We praise God and thank Chet and Gene Cooper for the gift which enabled us to pave the street coming into our new church.



The Christogram is a monthly publication of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for articles is the fourth Sunday of the month.

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The weekly bulletin must have items submitted by the Thursday morning before its Sunday publication.

Welcome to the newest members of the Concordia family:

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 Steamboat Springs, 80477 879-2720

Larry Pearson
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 Steamboat Springs, 80477 879-4648

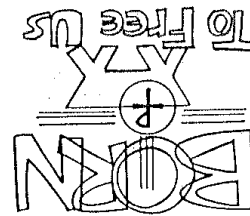
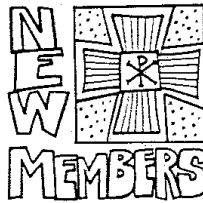
Shirley Schibline (Jamie and Misty)
 459 8th St. Box 774041
 Steamboat Springs, 80477 879-6656

John & Stephanie Sturdevant (Hannah and Wesley)
 Whstler Village Townhomes, Balsam #12 Box 880336
 Steamboat Plaza, 80488 879-1618

Bert and Cindy Svendsen (Erik and Kyle)
 645 Amethyst Dr. Box 771989
 Steamboat Springs, 80477 879-7028

Jake Weber (husband of Dianne Weber)

PLEASE MAKE THESE ADDITIONS TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.



Concordia Lutheran Church
 Box 770428
 Steamboat Springs, CO 8

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES ...

Mitten Tree --- Please bring socks and/or mittens for the mitten tree. These will be distributed by Lutheran Refugee Services in Denver. Many of these people come from tropical climates and are not prepared for cold weather.

Christmas Program --- will be Sunday Dec. 21st at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Billee Harris --- Don't miss it!

Cookies needed --- Please plan to share a dozen of two of your Christmas cookies after the program. We will serve punch and cookies.

ADVENTURE School --- Plan to enroll your 3-5 year old in the school which will be Dec. 1-5 from 9 to 11:15 a.m. at the church. The children will be learning the real meaning of Christmas thru song, story, crafts, etc.

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Perfect Sunday School Attendance in November

Greg Harris, Matt Jurischk,
 Andrew and Carrie Schmoock,
 Danielle and Deena Schuelke, Hannah Sturdevant, Eric and Kyle Svendsen,
 Lisa and Christy Warner, Leanne Wattles,
 and Nicholas Weber.



DECEMBER 1986 \$\$\$

JANUARY 1987 ON OTHER SIDE \$\$\$

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Appleton, Wisconsin 54919

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Concordia Lutheran Church Maple St. & Amethyst Drive Steamboat Springs, CO Norman W. Schmoock, Pastor Office: 879-0175 Home: 879-7542	1 ADVENTURE SCHOOL 4:00 Conf. Cl.	2 ADVENTURE SCHOOL 6:30 Choir	3 ADVENTURE SCHOOL 7:30 SS Staff	4 ADVENTURE SCHOOL 7:00 Bible Study	5 ADVENTURE SCHOOL Pastor's day off	6 UP: Taylor DN: Panepinto
7 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 Holy Communion (Panepinto) Elder: Harris 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Jurischk	8 4:00 Conf. Cl.	9 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Choir 6:45 Trustees 7:30 VOTERS	10 7:30 SS Staff	11 7:00 Bib Study	12 P's day off	13 UP: Scheiwe DN: Wattles 7:00 Cong. Party
14 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:00 Worship (Rimel) 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Wattles	15 Conf. Party	16 9:30 WBS 6:30 Choir	17	18 7:00 Bib Study	19 P's day off	20 UP: Schibline DN: Bauer
21 4th Sunday in Advent St. Thomas, Apostle 9:00 Holy Communion (Hallman) Elder: Baldwin 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Hallman & Wiese 7:00 Sunday School Program	22	23 9:30 WBS 6:30 Choir	24 Christmas Eve 7-Family Serv. Aco: Jurischk 11-Communion Elder: Upham	25 The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)	26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr P's day off	27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist UP: Carrell DN: Rimel
28 1st Sunday after Christmas The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 9:00 Worship (Baldwin) 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Cooper	29	30 6:30 Choir	31 New Year's Eve	CLEAN FOR 12/24		USHERS Gene Carrell Jeff Rimel

JANUARY 1987

(Pastor Norm will be out of town until January 8th. Call Pastor Al Doering in Craigs at 824-2258 or 824-3043)

FRIDAY SATURDAY

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