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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES...

As the Church Year continues, we move from the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle, to the Lent-Holy Week-Easter cycle. The festival of our Lord's Transfiguration on February 14 will end the Season of Epiphany and Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

Lent is a 6-Sunday, 40-day season of spiritual reflection, repentance, renewal and preparation which gets us ready to celebrate the events of Jesus' death and resurrection for us. The Church has traditionally taken the opportunity during Lent to participate in special worship services which help us to grow in our appreciation of and our response to God's love for us

in Jesus Christ.

The schedule of special worship opportunities at Concordia is:

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| <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>MIDWEEK SERVICE MIDWEEK SERVICE MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY EASTER</p> | <p>-February 17, at 7:30 p.m. (A service including the imposition of ashes and a celebration of Holy Communion)</p> <p>-March 2 at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>-March 16 at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>-March 31 at 7:30 p.m. (Holy Communion)</p> <p>-April 1 at 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae)</p> <p>-April 3 at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. (With breakfast in-between)</p> |
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A homemade Soup and Bread Supper will be provided at church before each of the three midweek services (See the article below). Come and enjoy bread for your body and then the Bread of Life for your soul!

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LENTEN SUPPERS PROVIDED...

Lenten Soup and Bread Suppers are scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 17, and then March 2 and March 16. Homemade soup and bread will be served prior to the Lenten service, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses.)

So, forget about fixing supper those nights--come right from work, enjoy the food and fellowship, and then join in the worship service.

(If you would like to help with the food, please contact Jan Fritz, 879-8630.)



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FEBRUARY 21 POTLUCK...



"...and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

Mark February 21 on your calendar! February is "Love Month", and the Fellowship Committee has planned a potluck event that you will love.

Activities will start at 2 p.m. that day, with tubing and sledding on the hills at church; bring your tubes and sleds and dress warmly! Supper will be at 5:30 in the church basement; bring the dish that you and/or your family "loves" the most, along with your table service.

See you on the 21st!

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The Choir has taken a short rest and relaxation time! They will begin regular practice again Tuesday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. Your talents and voices are needed in helping our worship on Sundays. Come to Choir and bring a friend!

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WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS...

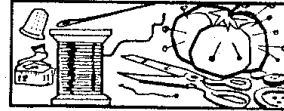
The Guild's January 20 meeting was held at the home of Connie Jurischk. Women present discussed various mission projects and disbursement of monies from the Fall Rummage Sale and Bazaar for those projects.

The next meeting will be held on FEBRUARY 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Laverne Lausten (40350 Anchor Way, Steamboat II). The theme of the evening will be missions; a mission video will be the program focus, and mission kits will be assembled for distribution by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. All women of the congregation are invited to attend! Those needing rides and/or directions should call Lynn Worrell (-3932) or Laverne Lausten (-1286).

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Women coming to the February meeting are asked to bring as many of the following items as possible for Lutheran World Relief Sewing Kits:

- 2 yards cotton or cotton blend color or print fabric
- 1 package needles (hand sewing)
- 1 spool matching thread
- 1 card buttons
- 1 package rickrack or bias tape



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Sunday School children with perfect attendance for January are: Keith and Steven Denton; Angela Carrell; and Terri Dawn and Shannon Bourdette. Congratualtions!

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PARENTS: Please remember to put baptism dates for your children in Mary Ann Campbell's box.

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The Lord is my Shepherd...

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Class is currently studying the 23rd Psalm. Don't miss it!

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FLOWER INFO...



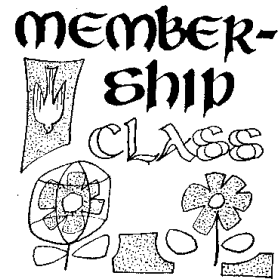
There are still a few blank spaces on the 1988 Flower Chart! And, if you are delinquent in paying for your flowers, please get your payment to Flower Chairman Gay Hagemann as soon as possible by putting it in the church mailbox marked "Flowers".

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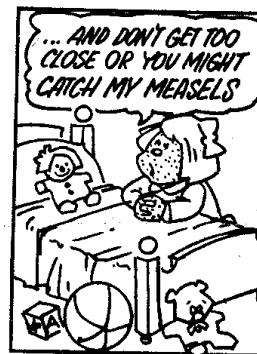
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS TO START...

Pastor Norm will be starting an Adult Information Class at the church on Monday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. The class will meet for seven consecutive weeks and will provide an opportunity to learn or review what the Lutheran Church believes, teaches, and confesses based upon the Holy Scriptures.

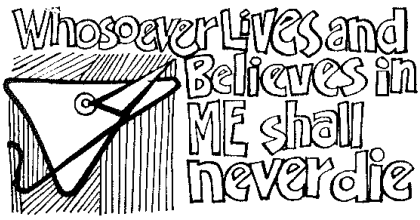
The class can lead to church membership for those who so desire. If you have questions or are interested in attending, call Pastor Norm at 879-0175.



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(or should we say chicken pox??!!!)



FAITH AND LOVE...

The following article was written by the Rev. Harvey A. Krueger, President of the South Wisconsin District of our church body. It appeared in the January/February issue of that District's newsletter. I appreciated it and would like to share it with you. It is entitled "Faith and Love."

Many people confuse the scriptural concepts of faith and love. The two, of course, are closely tied together. For instance, in I Corinthians 13 Paul says: "If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

Because these two concepts are closely tied together, some get the idea that the two are the same — that faith is our love for God, love saves us, that it is love which makes us Christian.

You hear it at some funerals: "He was such a loving person, so kind, so good." It's as though on that basis God must accept him and receive him unto heaven. Though faith and love are closely tied together, they are not the same.

Martin Luther saw the distinction clearly. He once said: "Faith receives; love gives. Faith brings a man to God; love brings him to his neighbor." At another time Luther stated: "Faith leads men from people to God. Love leads them out to people." That means we put our faith, our trust not in ourselves or in other people, but in God. But then such faith or trust compels us to reach out in love to people.

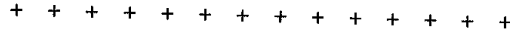
In other words faith is simply the hand which receives and accepts the free gift of

God's grace in Christ. In that sense, faith is not a good work that we perform. It is the trust in the heart created by the Holy Spirit. We are saved THROUGH FAITH — not because of our faith.

Love, on the other hand, is the fruit and result of faith. It is our response to God's free gift of salvation. To be sure, it is a necessary response. For "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:17). But never dare we think that our love or the work we do makes us Christians or that it is the cause of our salvation. We dare never confuse cause and effect. At a funeral we ought not try to comfort ourselves by talking about all the supposed good the deceased did. At the time of death there is no other comfort but the fact that we poor sinners, beggars that we are, are forgiven and declared righteous by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith. It is not how much we love but whether we believe and trust in Christ, our Savior, that determines our relationship with God.

But where there is such faith and our relationship with God is right, there will also be love. The stronger the faith, the greater the love! May the two be inseparable in our hearts and lives.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Norm

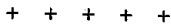


DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

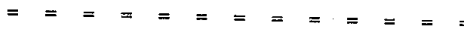
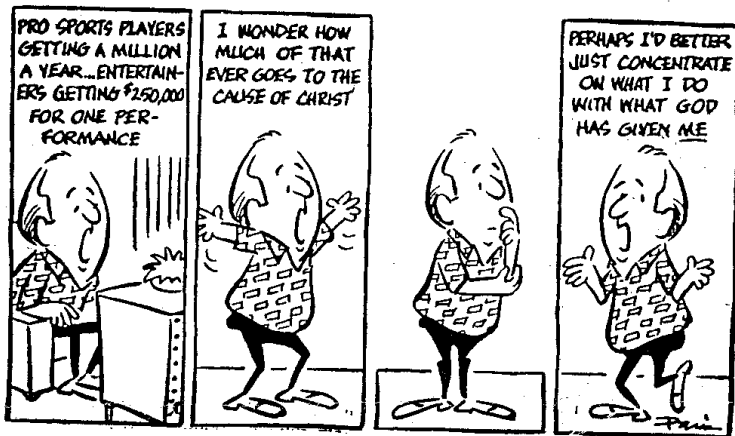
Concordia has a plan--to teach and preach the Good News to all members and visitors that pass our way. Concordia has a plan for fellowship. Concordia has plans to help us serve each other and the Lord as we grow in our faith.

Concordia's plan requires a weekly budget of approximately \$1600. Are you providing your share to Concordia's plan every week? Do you make up for the times you miss worship services and the opportunity to give? Is our Savior our first and last priority?

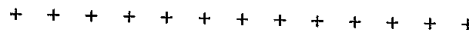
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Opportunities for GROWTH



We welcome the newest members of the Concordia family: Matt and Sheryl Horacek and their daughter Sarah (who was baptized on December 27). God's blessings to them as they join our congregation!





BITS & PIECES....

We continue to pray for healing and recuperation for Mary Beachel, Cindy Schlie, and Zita Smith as they recover from accidents and surgeries. More information can be obtained from the church office....Did you know that we have a Worship Committee now that is planning and coordinating the worship of our congregation? If you have any thoughts or suggestions for consideration, put them into the Worship Committee mailbox or talk to Jan Fritz....Why not circle the dates of the special Lenten and Holy Week Worship services right now so that you can plan around them in future weeks? Let's keep first things first in our lives!....Be sure to Thank God for the blessings of this past year in our congregation (see page 3a). Imagine what we will be able to accomplish this year as we are wholeheartedly committed to following Jesus and serving Him with our time, abilities, and treasure!A Purchase Offer has been received and accepted by the congregation for one of the building sites on Concordia Lane. Praise God! (We have two left to sell.)Vice President Bill Balgwin is lining up Ushers for 1988. If you can serve, please sign the list on the Coffee Bar bulletin board....The Fellowship Committee reports that 37 people attended the birthday and anniversary party in January. Thank you to all who helped. The Fellowship Committee still needs 2-3 additional members. Please talk to Pastor Norm if you are interested....The Building Committee has officially been dissolved. Many thanks to all who served so faithfully on it! The Trustees will now handle all building matters.

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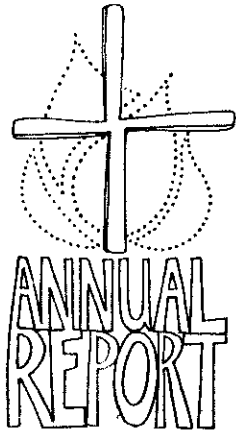
The weekly bulletin must have items submitted by the Thursday morning before its Sunday publication.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17.
Don't miss the soup supper
and worship service!



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| BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP | 248 | 254 | 276 |
| CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP | 180 | 186 | 199 |
| Transferred Away | 9 | 17 | 5 |
| Released for other reasons (including death) | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Received by Adult Baptism | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Received by Youth Confirmation | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Received by Adult Confirmation or Profession of Faith | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Received by Transfer | 11 | 19 | 7 |
| MARRIAGES | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| BURIALS | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| BAPTISMS (adult) | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| (children) | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| SUNDAY WORSHIP AVERAGE | 118 | 120 | 126 |
| TOTAL GIVING (work at home, missions, projects, & building fund) | \$ 79,246 | 81, 495 | 84,349 |

YOUTH CONFIRMED

Jeanette Panepinto
Marissa Rimel
Misty Schibline

ADULT CONFIRMATION/
PROFESSION OF FAITH

Steven Bourdette
Pamela Bourdette
Jim Charlton
Norma Charlton
Terry Denton
Herbert Nelson
Shelley Stanford
Cheryl Stine
Mario Vigil

TRANSFERS IN

Donna Anderson
David Beverlin
Lori Beverlin
Robin Bull
Robin Croop
Elizabeth Eflin
Gary Grasmick

CHILDREN BAPTIZED

Adrienne Kay Bull
Jamie Lee Calvert
Kenny Ryan Gehrman
Sarah Ann Horacek
Dustin Lee Juedemann
Whitney Miles Koch
Courtney Shea McNeal-Bagwell
Madison Lyle Proper
Patrick James Weber
Cameron Carlson Whiteman

ADULT BAPTIZED

Cheryl Lisa Koch

TRANSFERS AWAY

Janet Hoenbein
John Sturdevant
Stephanie Sturdevant
Harold Wommer
Jo Wommer

REMOVED FROM ROLLS

Gordon Campbell

FEBRUARY 1988

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Concordia Lutheran Church 755 Concordia Lane Steamboat Springs, CO | 1 4 Conf Class 7:30 Altar Guild | 2 The Presentation of Our Lord 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC | 3 7 PG | 4 Pastor's family day | 5 Pastor's family day | 6 UP: Goldie DN: Svendsen |
| Norman W. Schmooch, Pastor Office: 879-0175 Home: 879-7542 | 4 Conf Class 7:30 Altar Guild | 6:30 Choir | 7 S.S. Staff | 7 Crossways! | 7 Crossways! | |
| 7 th Sunday after the Epiphany | 8 9:00 Communion (Baldwin) Elder: Upham 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Worrell & Selbe Greeters: Maze | 9 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC | 10 7 PG | 11 12 Lincoln's Birthday Pastor's family day | 13 UP: Voyek DN: Sherman | |
| 14 Last Sunday after the Epiphany TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Valentine's Day | 15 President's Day 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC | 16 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC | 17 Ash Wednesday 7 PG | 18 Pastor's family day | 19 Pastor's family day | 20 UP: Schlie DN: Mattlage |
| 9:00 Worship (Matthews) 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Thornton Greeters: Witte | 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC | 6:30 Choir 7:30 Voters | 6-7 Soup Supper 7:30 Communion (Harris) | 7 Crossways! | 7 Crossways! | |
| 21 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 Communion (Scheiwe) Elder: Taylor 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Maze Greeters: Schuelke | 22 Washington's Birthday 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC | 23 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC | 24 7 PG | 25 St. Matthias, Apostle | 26 Pastor's family day | 27 UP: Harris DN: Fritz |
| 2-Sludding; 5-Supper at Church | 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC | 6:30 Choir 7:00 Fell Comm | 7:30 Guild 7:30 Elders | 7 Crossways! | 7 Crossways! | |
| 28 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 Worship (Jurischk) 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Jurischk/Youth Group Greeters: Taylor | 29 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC | BC = Bible Class WBC = Women's Bible Class AIC = Adult Information Class PG = Prayer Group | | | | February Ushers: Ed Jurischk Steve Witte |