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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTOGRAM



LENTEN WORSHIP...

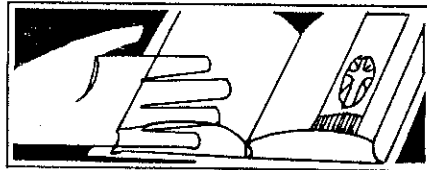
The Season of Lent continues for the rest of this month, and there are still a number of special worship and growth opportunities planned for us. In the community, the remaining Wednesday Noonday Services are: March 9 --- Episcopal Church; March 16 --- Methodist Church; March 23 --- Catholic Church. These services start at 12:15 p.m. and last for one-half hour.

The services at Concordia are as follows: March 16 (preceded by a Soup Supper from 6 - 7 p.m.); March 31, Maundy Thursday; April 1, Good Friday. These services begin at 7:30 p.m. and are noted on the March calendar. Our celebration of the Lord's resurrection will be more meaningful if we have prepared ourselves during the season of Lent. (Easter worship will be at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m., with a breakfast between the services.)

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CONCORDIA STUDY BIBLE...

A good tool for Bible study, the Concordia Study Bible, has been available for over a year now. It uses the New International Version (NIV) as the translation, and contains numerous helps to make the text more understandable. The regular price on this Bible is now \$37.95. We have the opportunity, if we purchase at least five Bibles, to get them for \$29.95 per each, with no cost for shipping. A number of our members are now using it. If you would be interested in purchasing one at this price, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by April 10. You will be informed later on how to pay for it. If you have any questions, or would like to see the Bible, talk to Pastor Norm.



THANK YOU to the greeters. You have each made a very nice contribution to our services with your outgoing personalities in meeting our visitors and members. The new schedule is out.

Thanks again,

Alma Baldwin and
Barbara Oberndorfer

SEWING KITS...

Sewing kits for the LWML mission projects are still being collected. Items still needed include:

- 7 packages of sewing needles
- 5 packages of buttons
- 7 packages of rick rack or bias tape
- 8 yards of cotton or cotton blend color or print fabric

Please check off items you can bring on the checklist by the collection can in the entryway. With the above items, we will have 15 kits to send! (Thank you to all who have contributed so far.)

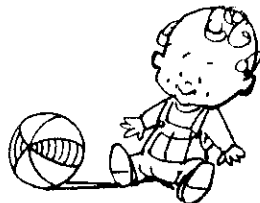
The date for the next Women's Guild meeting is March 23rd. Watch the bulletin for location, time, and program.

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NURSERY NOTES...

We now have a Nursery during worship for children 2 years and under (up to 3 years old), and it is going great!



Thank you to everyone who helped in the nursery in February.

If you are interested in helping in the nursery please sign up in the Church entry.

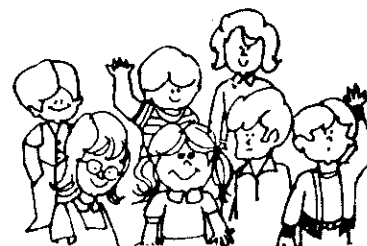
If you have any questions, suggestions, or items we could use to make our nursery even better, please call Dianne Weber at 879-3863.

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE...

Those with perfect attendance for February are:

- Andrea Erickson
- Shannon and Teri Dawn Bourdette
- Abigail, Jessica and Jennifer Fritz
- Andrew and Carrie Schmoock
- Lilia and Bjorn Utu
- Melanie and Nicole Paxton
- Scott Rimel
- Josh Carrell



CONGRATULATIONS KIDS!!

BITS AND PIECES...

We share our Christian love and sympathy with JIM CHARLTON, whose father died recently. The Easter hope sustains us in our grief....Our prayers continue to be with MARY BEACHEL, JULIE RABBITT, CINDY SCHLIE, and PHYLLIS WARNER as they recuperate from various illnesses or accidents....Don't forget the SOUP SUPPER and WORSHIP on March 16th. This idea has been well received. Thank you to those involved in the preparations!...During 1987 the COMMUNITY CARE FUND disbursed \$1008.15 to transients coming through Steamboat. This help was given in the form of bus tickets, food, gas and lodging. Concordia helps to support this fund....Did you know that the CROSS in the chancel was made from the Christmas tree? That helps us to understand why Jesus was born!...Thank you to GREG FRITZ and STEVE NELSON of Bluetop, Inc. for the loan of the IBM office typewriter....BULLETIN ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS should be put into the "bulletin" mailbox or recorded on the answering machine by Thursday mornings at 8:30 am to assure that they are included in the bulletin for Sunday. Questions? -- talk to Mary Kay Witte (-5442)....AND



EASTER PREPARATIONS...



The early Christian Church prepared for Easter by preparing the new converts for their Baptisms on Easter day. This instruction and preparation time eventually developed into what we know as the Season of Lent. Baptism hooks us into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that his blessings flow into our lives and empower us to live in a faithful relationship with him. In Holy Baptism we are watermarked as the people of God for time and for eternity.

"A resurrection has already taken place! We who were once spiritually dead have been called to life in Christ. God has washed us not only for today, but for eternity. Our life is lived now in his grace. Soon it shall be lived in his presence." (Pr. Timothy Knapp, Reporter 2/2/87).

I encourage you to prepare for Easter by not only remembering your own Baptism, but also those people for whom you are a Baptismal Sponsor. You have the opportunity each day to celebrate the power and wonder of your own Baptism. You can also help your Godchild prepare for Easter, even if s/he is an adult now. You promised to be concerned about his spiritual life, and now is a great time to renew that caring. Is s/he worshipping regularly? Is s/he communing regularly? Is s/he growing in the Word in Sunday School or Adult Class?

How about sending your Godchild an Easter card or letter, or making a phone call? Give encouragement to grow in Christ. Give encouragement to begin or continue regular worship of the Lord. Let her know that you remember her in your prayers.

May the Lord bless you as you prepare to celebrate his Resurrection. And may you rejoice in knowing that your Godchild is celebrating with you the love of Jesus. (Thanks to Pr. Norm Timmermann for some of the thoughts shared here. He is the father of one of my Godchildren.)

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Norm

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FROM A CHRISTIAN BROTHER...



What is this stewardship of time and talent? If we are saved by faith alone why should I be doing good works? My time is valuable, why can't the church just be happy with money?

When these questions start influencing my attitude, I go through a little Bible study. Please join me, it doesn't take long.

First read Mark 10:35-45 or Matthew 20:20-28. If you follow Christ are you hooked to service? Our Savior "cuts no slack". Service is an act of faith.

You don't have the skill to do these church "jobs" you say? Read Romans 12:4-13 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-26. Are the ways to serve broad ranging? Are they rated in any way for value?

In fact, the only real problem seems to arise when we try to evaluate our own or each other's gifts of time or talent -- Matthew 6:1-4 also Matthew 7:1-2.

Maybe we should just seek opportunities to serve.

William K. Baldwin

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		As of 2/28/88						\$
		General Fund donations	\$16,635.46					\$
		General Budget	\$13,952.33					\$
		Building Fund donations	\$ 2,898.33					\$
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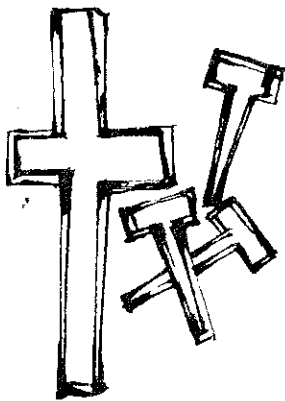


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BC = Bible Class WBC = Women's Bible Class AIC = Adult Information Class PG = Prayer Group Ushers: R. Greene, D. Warner, D. Schlie, D. Schuelke Altar: <u>Billee Harris</u> , <u>Ella Jurischk</u> 6 ^{3rd} Sunday in Lent	7 9:00 Communion (Matthews) Elder: Upham 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Eflin & Sherrod Greeters: Cooper/Selbe 2-4 Sunday School Inservice	8 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC 6:30 Choir 7:30 Voters	9 7 PG 12:15 Episcopal	10 7 Crossways!	11 Pastor's family day	12 UP: Stroncek/ Jurischk DN: Taylor
13 ^{4th} Sunday in Lent 9:00 Worship (Harris) 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Lausten Greeters: Boomgarden	14 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC	15 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC 6:30 Choir 7:30 AIC	16 7 PG 12:15 Methodist	17 St. Patrick's Day 7 Crossways!	18 Pastor's family day	19 UP: Wattles DN: Boomgarden
20 ^{5th} Sunday in Lent 9:00 Communion (Jurischk) Elder: Harris 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Gehрман Greeters: Hageman	21 21-25 Spring Break	22 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC 7:30 Fell Comm	23 7 PG 12:15 Catholic	24 7 Crossways!	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord Pastor's family day	26 UP: Bauer DN: Schibline
27 Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) 9:00 Worship (Baldwin) 10:15 Sunday School Flowers: Carrell Greeters: Worrell	28 4 Conf Class 7:30 AIC	29 6:00 BC 9:30 WBC 6:30 Choir	30 7 PG 30 7 PG	31 Maundy Thursday	1 Good Friday	2 UP: Schuelke DN: Riewe/ Riggi