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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



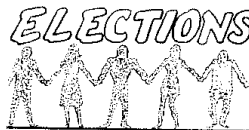
FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY
JANUARY 22...

Concordia will sponsor a Friendship Sunday on January 22nd. During these next weeks our members are asked to think about people they would like to invite to join us for worship on that day. The worship service that morning, as well as the other things we will offer, will be geared toward those friends who will come to visit and worship with us. We want to think especially about people who do not now have a church home. Begin thinking of whom you would like to invite, and reach out to them with the love of Jesus!

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DECEMBER VOTERS' MEETING...

Those who were elected to servant positions in our congregation at the December Voters' Meeting are: Dennis Scheiwe, President; Bill Baldwin, Vice President; Jeri Taylor, Secretary; Rosemary Schmoock, Assistant Secretary; Clair Erickson, Treasurer; Jake Weber, Financial Secretary; Pam Bourdette, Assistant Financial Secretary; Dan Schuelke, Elder; Bert Svendsen, Trustee.



Those serving on the Worship Committee: Janet Fritz (chairman), Ann Mattlage, Jean Upham, an elder, Pastor Norm.

Those serving on the Fellowship Committee: Sue Warner (chairman), Mario Vigil, Sue Rostvedt, Dianne Weber, Renee Selbe.

WE THANK those who have served faithfully and are not continuing in office: Greg Fritz (Treasurer), Bob Harris (Elder), Bill Baldwin, Jr. (Trustee), Donna Anderson (Fellowship Committee), Harold Baldwin (Fellowship Committee), Dianna Rimel (Fellowship Committee), Kathy Deepe (Worship Committee).

Also at the December meeting, the Voters approved a 1989 congregational budget of \$87,423. This represents a 4.4% increase over the 1988 budget.

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 * GOD BLESS THY YEAR,
 * THY COMING IN, THY GOING OUT,
 * THY REST,
 * THY TRAVELING ABOUT,
 * THE ROUGH, THE SMOOTH,
 * THE BRIGHT, THE DREAR--
 * GOD BLESS THY YEAR.
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NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
TO BE DONE THIS MONTH...



Initial contact has been made with Irwin Images of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the taking of individual and family portraits for the new Pictorial Directory. The reserved dates for the photography will be the evening of Friday, January 27th, all day Saturday, January 28th, and part of Sunday morning, January 29th. We would appreciate it if you would now start thinking how these times would fit in with your current plans. Beginning January 1, we will have a sign-up sheet available in the church entry and will also be contacting you on a personal basis. Irwin Images, the photographer, makes the following promise on the front of their brochure: "Families are under no obligation to order prints nor is there pressure put on them to do so." With this promise in mind let's make this Pictorial Directory a great success! (Fritz Upham may be contacted --879-3189--if you have any questions.)

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Sunday School Students with perfect attendance in December include:

- Christian Hogrefe
- Teri Dawn & Shannon Bourdette
- Andrew & Carrie Schmooch
- Nicholas & Daniel Weber
- Zachary Hickerson
- Danielle & Deena Schuelke
- Sarah & Kristen Stine
- Christy Warner
- Kristi Fulton
- Erin Scheiwe
- Nichole & Melanie Paxton
- Stephanie Bull

CONGRATULATIONS!

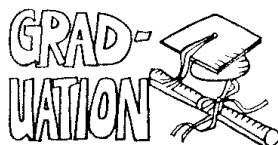
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Our entire family would like to thank everyone in the congregation for the generous Christmas gift, as well as the numerous cards and wishes extended to us during the Christmas season. God bless all of you!

--the Schmoochs

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Congratulations to LARA MATTLAGE who graduated from Baylor University in December!

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JANUARY 18th MEETING...

The January 18th meeting of the LWML/Concordia Women's Guild will be held at the home of Rosemary Schmooch (579 Grand) at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening's program, Diane Moore, will share her work with and needs of the support group, Advocates Against Abuse. All women are invited! Mark your calendars now!

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WEDDING CLEANERS NEEDED...

When a wedding is held at our church, the wedding couple pays to have a person come and clean the church building after the wedding so that it is ready for worship on Sunday morning. If you would like to be on the Wedding Cleaners list and be called on a rotating basis to clean the church for pay, let Pastor Norm know.

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We have five youth who have decided to venture to the Youth Convention in Denver next summer. Please keep them and the rest of the youth in your prayers for a daily increase of their faith. And, if you know of a high school youth who might be interested in the convention, please contact one of the youth counselors (the Carrells or the Schlies).



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NEW FLOWER CHAIRMEN...

Flower Chairman Gay Hagemann will be stepping down from her position as of the first of the year; we thank Gay for her faithful service over the past two years! The new co-chairmen of the Flower Committee are Ann Matlage and Connie Jurischk.



The 1989 Flower Chart still has some empty spaces--please indicate the occasion for flower placement on the chart when you sign up. Cost per vase continues to be \$6.50; donors are asked to pay for their flowers at the time of placement. Payments for flowers should be put into the "Flower" mailbox.

Flowers may be taken home after the worship service for which they have been placed--BUT PLEASE LEAVE THE VASE LINERS IN THE VASES! Flowers which have not been taken home by Tuesday will be taken to someone who is sick or shut-in.

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I had a dream that I met God face to face. I asked Him what a thousand years was to Him. He said, "Only a second, my child!" I asked Him what a million dollars meant to Him. "Only a penny, my child!" Then I asked Him for a million dollars. And He said, "Certainly, my child. Wait a second!"



FRIENDS IN CHRIST...

After Andrew spent a day with Jesus, he went to find his brother, and when he found him, he brought him to Jesus. God used a brother to make a great apostle., Peter (John 1: 43-50). Do you have a relative or friend whom you can bring to Jesus? One the greatest gifts we can give to friends is the opportunity to meet Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

The Institute of American Church Growth asked 18,000 lay people, "How did you come to Christ and your church?" The answer given by 75-90% of those responding was, "A friend or relative." The majority of church members can trace their spiritual roots to a Christian friend or relative.

Concordia is planning to give you a special opportunity to invite a friend to come with you to worship to meet Jesus. On January 22, we will celebrate FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY. The activities of the morning will be centered around the friends who will come to be with us. Do you have someone you can invite who doesn't have a church home?

Some members feel nervous and apprehensive about inviting a friend or relative to church. To help reduce the sweaty palms, pray for God to guide you in identifying the friend or relative you will invite to Friendship Sunday on January 22. And then pray regularly for that person.

A final thought: Research on the assimilation of new members into congregational life indicates that a person who develops new friendships will become more involved in the ministry of the congregation. The person who does not develop six new friends in the first six months tends to drop out. Can you be a friend to a new member?

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Norm

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BITS & PIECES...

Two brothers in Christ received God's blessings in Holy Baptism recently: ANDY EFLIN, baptized as an adult; and CORY McCONNELL, infant

son of TIM AND WENDY McCONNELL. We pray God's richest blessing upon both of them!

Welcome to the newest members of the Concordia Family: DEAN AND DONA DURYEA; ANDY EFLIN; and CAROL WERNER. Be sure to take the opportunity to meet and greet these folks. Their addresses & phone numbers will be in the updated membership list which will be available early in January.

We share our Christian sympathy with MYRNA MORATZKA, whose father died recently. The peace that our Savior brings fills our hearts even in times of grief. "He has opened heaven's door..."

You are encouraged to turn in your TALENT SURVEY SHEET if you have not yet done so. That information is needed for our congregation's ministry. Also, you may still return your FINANCIAL PROMISE form. Remember to seal it with your name on the outside so that it can be returned to you in 1989.

Have you checked the LOST AND FOUND BOX lately?

Don't forget to return your filled LOVE LOAF!

If anyone has a van available for use by the youth going to the Youth Convention in Denver August 5-9, please talk to the YOUTH COUNSELORS.

The 1988 CONGREGATIONAL REPORT will be included in the February newsletter.

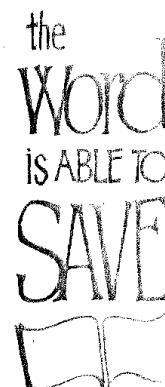
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PRIORITIES...

"I really admire how well you know Scripture," she said. "I used to read my Bible quite a bit when I was younger, but I've gotten out of the habit. Now I read a lot of books and other people's opinions; then I make up my own mind."

When we want information about people, the best sources for facts are the people themselves. When we want information about God, the best source for facts is God's Word. Through the faith created in us by the Holy Spirit, we accept what God tells us in the Bible as truth. Our study of Scripture needs to start here. Either God is a God of truth or He isn't. Either He is a God who keeps His promises or He isn't. Either He has revealed Himself for our learning and justification through His Word and through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, or He hasn't. How can Scripture be true in some parts and not in others? When we go to other sources, we need to ask if they support and build on what is written in the Bible, or if they cast doubts and raise questions about the truths and validity of God's Word. But if we aren't well enough acquainted with Scripture, how can we tell the difference? Let's get back to the basics. Let's get into the Word first. Then all else will fall into place.

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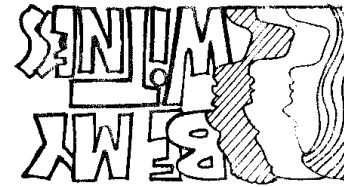


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NEW YEAR'S TEST FOR SELF-EXAMINATION

- Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
 - Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
 - Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
 - Can I be trusted?
 - Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
 - Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
 - Did the Bible live in me today?
 - Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?
 - Am I enjoying prayer?
 - When did I last speak to someone else of my faith?
 - Do I pray about the money I spend?
 - Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
 - Do I disobey God in anything?
 - Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
 - Am I defeated in any part of my life?
 - Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
 - How do I spend my spare time?
 - Am I proud?
 - Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
 - Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
 - Do I grumble or complain constantly?
 - Is Christ real to me?
- These are the 22 questions the members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves each day in their private devotions over 200 years ago.

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FEDERAL BENEFITS
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
FOR LUTHERANS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-----------|----------------------------|--|-----------|---|--|
| 1 New Year's Day
9:00 Communion (Cundell)
Elders: Upham
10:15 Sunday School
Greeters: Baldwin/Cooper
Flowers: Hagemann | 2 | 3 6 BC | 4 7 PG | 5 | 6 Epiphany
Pastor's
Family day | 7
UP: Schibline
DN: Dalton |
| 8 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00 Worship (Rostvedt)
10:15 Sunday School
Greeters: Jurischk/Selbe
Flowers: Filtz | 9 | 10 6 BC
9:30 WBC | 11 7 PG | 12 | 13
Pastor's
Family day | 14
UP: Riewe/Riese
DN: Schuelke |
| 15 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
9:00 Communion (Harris)
Elders: Schuelke
10:15 Sunday School
Greeters: Svendsen/Warner
Flowers: Jurischk | 16 | 17 6 BC
9:30 WBC | 18 Confession
of St. Peter
7 PG | 19 | 20
Pastor's
Family day | 21
UP: Carrell
DN: Rimmel |
| 22 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY (Scheitge)
10:15 Sunday School
Greeters: Hagemann
12:30 Nursing Home | 23 | 24 6 BC
9:30 WBC | 25 The Convocation
of St. Paul
7 PG | 26 | 27
Pastor's
Family day | 28
UP: Hallman/
McKay
DN: Upham |
| 29 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00 Communion (Carrell)
Elders: Taylor
10:15 Sunday School
Greeters: Worrell's
Flowers: Taylor | 30 | 31 6 BC
9:30 WBC | 7:30 Elders | 7:15 CWI | PICTURES FOR
DIRECTORY | PG- Prayer Group
BC- Bible Class
WBC- Women's Bible Class
CWI- Crossways! |