



CHRISTOGRAM

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A GOOD NEW YEAR!

The Christmas hymn, "Let us all with Gladsome Voice", ends with the prayer: "Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, oh, be ever near us. Be our joy throughout

each year, Amen, Jesus, hear us."

As we turn the calendar page for a new year, we have no idea what joys or sorrows, excitements or disappointments 1991 will bring. Will we or a loved one have just celebrated our last Christmas here on earth? What will our job situation look like next December? Where will we be living? What will happen in our personal relationships in the next twelve months? In what ways will God work in our lives to bless us and others in his love?

It's all unknown! "One day at a time" is still the best plan--if each day is lived in the name of Jesus. We pray that Jesus will "be ever near us" in the confidence that he is; that he blesses us in his love; that he nourishes us through his Word and Sacraments; and that if a distance develops, it is not he, but we who move away.

As we commit ourselves to faithful worship and Bible study this year; as we allow ourselves to be conduits of God's love so that it reaches those around us; as we follow the Servant example of Jesus and assume that servant posture ourselves--then he will indeed "be our joy throughout each year."

Come what may in 1991, we are ready, for we are the baptized people of God who know his love in Jesus Christ and who know that when the calendar pages stop turning for our lives, Jesus will be our joy throughout eternity. God will bless your new year!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Norm

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ADULT INFORMATION CLASS...



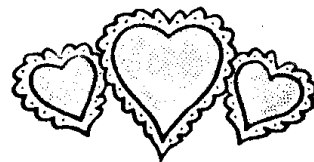
Who are the Lutherans and what do they believe? Come and find out! An ADULT INFORMATION CLASS will be offered at church on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning January 10th. This class reviews what Lutherans believe based on Scripture. It is a good opportunity for members to review their faith; it is also the way that non-Lutherans can become members of the Lutheran Church. There is no cost; nor is there any obligation to join the congregation if one participates. If you are interested in attending, please call Pastor Norm at 879-0175.

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HEART TO HEART...

Each day provides opportunities to share Jesus and joyous hope we have in him with friends, family members and fellow workers. But often we just don't know what to say!

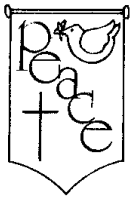
To help us think about what we might say and how we might respond, Pastor Norm will lead a course called HEART TO HEART at church on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning January 21. The course will last seven weeks and requires a workbook costing \$7.00. (Couples can share a workbook.)



If you are interested in participating, sign the list on the bulletin board at church by Sunday, January 6th.

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ALTAR GUILD MEETING...

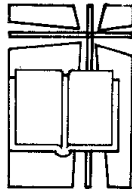


Pastor will conduct an informational session on the duties of caring for the altar on January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone interested in serving or just learning about the Altar Guild is invited to attend. Those already signed up should plan to attend.

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SON OF CONGREGATION ORDAINED...

Walter Taylor, Jr., otherwise known as Tyg, was ordained into the Holy Ministry in Oakland, CA, on December 26, 1990. Tyg is the son of Walt and Jeri Taylor, and the brother of Tami Havener. He was ordained on the basis of the Call to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Monument, CO, where he will be installed this month. Tyg and his wife, Shelley, are expecting their first child at the end of January.



Even though he has been away from Concordia for several years, Tyg is very much a son of this congregation. It is not often that a congregation has the opportunity to celebrate that one of its own has been ordained into the pastoral ministry. We rejoice with the Taylor family and pray that God will richly bless Tyg and Shelley as they serve in the name of Jesus.

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Because of the holiday vacation time, there will be no Sunday School on December 30. Regular classes will resume on January 6.

The featured class for January is the Kindergarten Class, taught by Jane Hailman and Lori Beverlin. This class, averaging 8-10 children in attendance, has prepared the bulletin board display in the basement and they will also provide juice for the month of January.

Sunday School Staff members are reminded that the January 2 meeting, at 7:15 p.m., at church, will focus on Chapters 3 and 4 in Home Life in Bible Times.

Thank you to all staff members and parents for extra help given with the various December activities!

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homes care for the mentally handicapped in a Christian atmosphere.

Membership dues for Good Shepherd will be collected during January. Watch for more information in your mailboxes. If you have questions about Good Shepherd, ask Doris Riewe or Elaine Stroncek.

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TRACTS...



Take time to check the Tract Rack in the entryway...take one, read it, then pass it on to someone during the week. Tracts are a great way to evangelize!

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BIBLE STUDY...



Get off to a good start in 1991 by attending the Women's Bible Study, which meets Tuesday mornings, beginning January 15. Come and enjoy coffee and good fellowship at 9:30 a.m., with the study from 10-11 a.m. If any men care to join our group, we will gladly change our name! We meet in the church basement.

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GOOD SHEPHERD...



Good Shepherd Homes are located in several western states. The one closest to us is Littleton. The

VITAL STATISTICS

CONGREGATIONAL ELECTIONS...

The results of the congregational elections held at the December Voters Meeting are:

President--Bill K. Baldwin
 Vice President--Greg Fritz
 Secretary--Sue Rostvedt
 Treasurer--Sandi Fornes
 Financial Sec.--Jake Weber
 Asst. Fin. Sec.--Elaine Gehrman
 Elder--Albert Deepe
 Trustee--Clair Erickson

These congregational servants will be installed during the worship on January 6th. We thank Fritz Upham for his years of service on the Board of Elders.

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| CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
1991 BUDGET | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--|
| | 1990 | 1991 | |
| SALARIES | | | |
| Pastor's Salary | 25000 | 25000 | |
| Visiting Clergy | 500 | 500 | |
| Organists | 600 | 550 | |
| Secretary | 3120 | --- | |
| FICA | 290 | 100 | |
| MISSIONS | | | |
| District & Synod | 3600 | 3600 | |
| Lutheran Social Services | 150 | 150 | |
| Community Care Fund | 200 | 200 | |
| Discretionary Giving | 400 | 400 | |
| MINISTRY AT HOME | | | |
| Sunday School | 1250 | 1530 | |
| Vacation Bible School | 375 | 400 | |
| Other Education | 200 | 200 | |
| Stewardship | 300 | 300 | |
| Evangelism | 150 | 150 | |
| Library | 150 | 150 | |
| Office Supplies | 900 | 900 | |
| Worship Supplies | 800 | 800 | |
| Choir Music | 120 | 120 | |
| Organ Music | 50 | 50 | |
| Youth Ministry | 750 | 750 | |
| PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE | | | |
| Insurance | 1800 | 1600 | |
| Loan Payment | 23570 | 23570 | |
| Utilities - Church | 3600 | 3600 | |
| Utilities - Parsonage | 2400 | 1900 | |
| Maintenance - Church | 500 | 500 | |
| Maintenance - Parsonage | 3000 | 1500 | |
| Snow Plowing | 500 | 500 | |
| Cleaning | 150 | 150 | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS | | | |
| Health & Pension | 7360 | 8030 | |
| Housing Equity | 1200 | 1200 | |
| Car Allowance | 2500 | 2500 | |
| Social Security Allowance | 2350 | 2350 | |
| Medical Allowance | 500 | 500 | |
| Book & Periodical Allowance | 125 | 130 | |
| Continuing Education | 500 | 500 | |
| Fellowship & Kitchen | 750 | 800 | |
| Conference Fees | 500 | 500 | |
| District Convention | --- | 400 | |
| Miscellaneous | 100 | 250 | |
| Reimbursed Expenses | 90,310 | 86,330 | |

WOMEN'S GUILD...



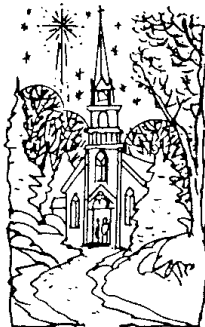
The Women's Guild will meet on January 16th, at 7:30 p.m., at Phyllis Madsen's home in Steamboat II. The hostess, Phyllis, extends a special invitation to every lady in the congregation. The Missions Committee needs your ideas for choosing the special missions to which our special contributions will be distributed.

On December 12, there were 12 ladies who met at the church for the regular meeting, for decorating the tree with Chrismons, and for feasting on their favorite cookies.

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BITS & PIECES...

We welcome into our fellowship **BETTY JOHNSON**, who transferred from Fairbury, Nebraska; and **BETSY LEIN**, who transferred from Edwards, Colorado.



Our prayers continue to be with **CHET COOPER** as he recuperates at home from surgery.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the 1991 congregational budget passed at the December Voters Meeting. Please study it to see the many aspects of ministry that your stewardship gifts support. (BE SURE TO USE YOUR 1991 OFFERING ENVELOPES AS YOU GIVE YOUR GIFTS IN THIS NEW YEAR!)

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EPIPHANY

Epiphany begins on January 6, and ushers in a new 'season' of the Christian year lasting nine weeks, continuing until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Epiphany Day is the day of the adoration of the magi (wisemen). Tradition has it that they actually came to visit the Christ-child at a time later than the night of his birth, even though we are quite used to seeing them portrayed in creches as being present at the stable on Christmas Eve.

Epiphany was, in fact, the first accepted date for celebrating Christmas. During the 4th century, most of the Christian Church observed the nativity during this time, and even after December 25 was settled upon as the date to celebrate Christmas, Epiphany played an important role. The Christmas celebrations which began on December 25 culminated in the 'Twelfth Night' celebration of Epiphany. That is the tradition behind the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.'

The word 'Epiphany' means 'appearing' or 'manifestation.' The season celebrates the appearing of the Truth or the revelation of God in Jesus Christ as Savior and Redeemer.

-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
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January 1991

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1
JOYOUS NEW YEAR | 2
7:00am PRAYER
6:15pm CHOIR
7:15pm S.S.
STAFF | 3 | 4
PASTOR'S FAMILY DAY | 5
CLEAN: SCHLIE/BALDWIN-FARRELL |
| 6
9:00am COMMUNION
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACOLYTE: DALTON
ELDER: MAZE
FLOWERS: THORNTON
GREETERS: ERICKSON/HAVENER | 7
4:00pm CONF CLASS | 8
6:30am B STUDY
7:30pm VOTERS MEETING | 9
7:00am PRAYER
6:15pm CHOIR
7:30pm ALTAR GUILD | 10
7:30pm ADULT INFORMATION CLASS | 11
PASTOR'S FAMILY DAY | 12
2:00pm BALDWIN/WERNER WEDDING
CLEAN: HARRIS-SCHWEIWE-SVENDSEN/FRITZ |
| 13
9:00am WORSHIP
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACOLYTE: JARVIS
FLOWERS: ERICKSON
GREETERS: MADSEN | 14
NO CONF CLASS | 15
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY | 16
7:00am PRAYER
6:15pm CHOIR
7:30pm WOMEN'S GUILD | 17
7:30pm ADULT INFORMATION CLASS | 18
PASTOR'S FAMILY DAY | 19
CLEAN: FANEFINO/BOOMGARDEN |
| 20
9:00am COMMUNION
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACOLYTE: KAMMERER
ELDER: THORNTON | 21
4:00pm CONF CLASS
7:30pm HEART TO HEART | 22
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY | 23
7:00am PRAYER
6:15pm CHOIR | 24
7:30pm ADULT INFORMATION CLASS | 25
PASTOR'S FAMILY DAY | 26
CLEAN: STRONCEK/TAYLOR |
| 27
9:00am WORSHIP
10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:30pm NURSING HOME
ACOLYTE: RIMEL
FLOWERS: HARRIS
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 28
4:00pm CONF CLASS
7:30pm HEART TO HEART | 29
6:30am B STUDY
9:30am B STUDY | 30
7:00am PRAYER
6:15pm CHOIR
7:30pm BD OF ELDER'S | 31
7:30pm ADULT INFORMATION CLASS | | |