



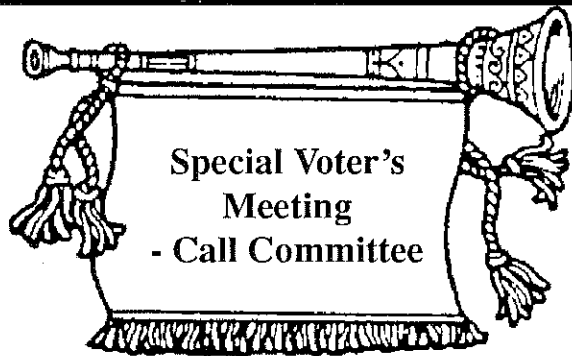
Concordia Lutheran Church

# CHRISTOGRAM

Church Phone: 879-0175

December

1991



Special Voter's  
Meeting  
- Call Committee

There will be a very important special voter's meeting on Tuesday December 3rd at 7:00 at the church. The call committee is recommending the following five candidates:

Charles E. Althoff  
Timothy C. Cartwright  
Roger Dallman  
Edward Schmidt  
Kent E. Schnegelberger

Their profile sheets from the district are posted on the bulletin board. The call committee will discuss these pastors with the congregation and answer questions. Our circuit counselor, Pastor Anderson, will be there to help us. The voters may agree to issue a call to one of the candidates at this meeting. This meeting is in addition to the regular voters meeting on December 10th. Please plan on attending.

## Voter's Meeting

The normal December voter's meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30 pm. Church officers for next year will be elected and the budget will be voted on. Nominated by the nominating committee are:

President	Greg Fritz
Vice president	Don Patterson
Secretary	Sherry Kammerer
Treasurer	Ellen Dalton
Elder	Dave Beverlin

Other nominations may be made from the floor. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

## Sunday School News

There will be a Sunday School Teacher's Meeting on December 4th at 7:30 pm at the church.

The children's Christmas Program will be during the morning service on December 15th at 9:00 am. Children need to be at church by 8:30 am on the 15th. Special family activities are being planned following the morning service.





## Mission Statements

Every church must have a mission statement. A mission statement tells the members and visitors alike what a particular church is about, and how that church plans to do what they are called to do.

A mission statement also tells others what this particular church does and who we do it for. As such, our statement must be known and understood by every confirmed person in our congregation. If the mission statement isn't understood by those who are to implement it, it is only words on paper. There must be clear goals in place stating how the mission will be implemented. There should be short, medium and long range goals in place. If people don't understand how the mission will be accomplished, that is, if they don't understand the goals and why they are there - the work won't get done and the goals won't be met.

Any mission statement should be short and to the point. Two sentences at most. The statement should be on the letterhead, the bulletins and posted on signs in strategic places throughout the church building.

When asked by a visitor any member should be able to state the mission of their church, after all it is a statement of why a particular church exists. If there is no reason to exist other than meeting together on Sundays that church will never really grow.

As individuals are members of the body, so too, can congregations be described. It is my belief that God calls congregations to serve a specific function just as individuals are called to serve a specific function as part of the Body of Christ. What function is Concordia called to fulfill? Does every confirmed member know that function?

If the members don't know or understand what the mission of the church is, how will they ever hope to reach it?

Let us start the new church year off by thinking about what Concordia is specifically called by God to do and then make it your goal to do just that. It would be good to have your mission statement in place before the arrival of your new pastor, that way you can all get off on the right foot together.

Grace to you and peace,  
Pastor Dave

## Women's Guild News

The Concordia Women's Guild met at the home of Ivy Nelson Wednesday November 20th with 15 members present. They viewed a video of the International LWML Convention in Cleveland. All the women of Concordia are invited to come have a taste of Christmas in Sweden at the meeting December 11th at 7:30 pm at Dianne Weber's home (1769 Timothy Lane). Everyone is asked to bring a Christmas ornament (under \$5.00) to exchange. You are promised a good time!

The Bazaar Committee thanks each and every person who helped make the "Christmas Cupboard 1991" such a huge success. After expenses the event made approximately \$4300.00. If you have a mission project that you'd like to have considered, please give the information to Lynn Worrell or Alma Baldwin as soon as possible.

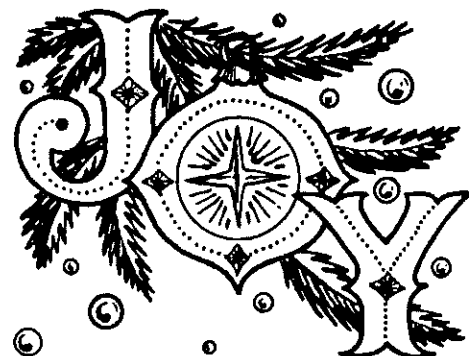
There will be an Epiphany Party in early January. Watch for details.

The Women's Guild voted to purchase the family video film Waiting for the Wind to be placed in the library.

Volunteers are needed to help put the Christmas ornaments on the tree at church. Contact Doris Riewe if you can help with this project.

Looking forward to seeing all you women at the December meeting.

-Elaine Stroncek, Secretary



## Characteristics of a Healthy Family

1. It is balanced; It can adapt to change.
  2. Problems are handled on a family basis, not just an individual basis.
  3. There are solid cross-generational connections.
  4. Clear boundaries are maintained between individuals.
  5. People deal with each other directly.
  6. Differences are accepted and encouraged.
  7. The thoughts and feelings of others are accepted.
  8. Individuals know what they can give to, and receive from others.
  9. Maintaining a positive emotional climate is a high priority.
  10. Each family member values the family as "a good place to live."
  11. Each learns from others and encourages feedback.
  12. Individuals are allowed to experience their own emptiness.
- All of us experience good times and bad times (empty times).

Combine these things to an active faith in God in which we serve him and you've got a very happy family and a happy church family.

- submitted by Pastor Dave

## Lamp Assists Lutheran Hour

Lamp recently provided transportation and contacts in Alaska for the taping of the Lutheran Hour's Christmas special, "Christmas in Alaska." Pastor/Pilot Ed Balzersen, based in Fairbanks, flew the production crew to Nome, Alaska. There a Lutheran Eskimo choir was recorded singing carols and several Eskimo Lutherans were interviewed. The program will be broadcast December 15, 1991 on all stations carrying the Lutheran Hour.

In Steamboat Springs the Lutheran Hour is broadcast on Sundays at 10:00 am on KRAI.

Dear Parents & Congregation;

With the delay of knowing where our Sunday School offerings were to be channeled, we felt it necessary to send all parents and congregation a message that we have "a SEIZE THE MOMENT" opportunity.

Russia is in need of Bibles to re-implement the spiritual needs of their people. Who knows how long this opportunity will last! Let's put our best foot forward in helping this happen.

Sunday Schoolers will be committing all offerings to this cause. Literature and information will be downstairs.



## Christmas Eve Worship

There will be a worship service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm and a candle light communion service at 10:00 pm. A vespers service is scheduled for New Years Eve at 7:00 pm.

**The Christogram** is the monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for news items is the Fourth Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles.

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**The weekly bulletin** is printed on Thursday mornings. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9 am on Thursdays.



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## Concordia Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00am COMMUNION 10:30am Adult Information Class 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class ELDER: THORNTON	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR 7:00pm Special Voter's Meeting - Call	<b>4</b> 7:30pm S.S. Staff	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CLEAN: Thornton/Nelson
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