



Concordia Lutheran Church

CHRISTOGRAM

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ELECTIONS



New Church Officers

New church officers were elected at the December voter's meeting and will take office beginning January 1, 1992. Elected were:

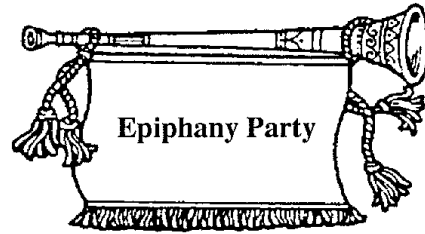
President	Greg Fritz
Vice President	Don Patterson
Secretary	Sherry Kammerer
Treasurer	Ellen Dalton
Financial Secretary	Jake Weber
Asst. Financial Sec.	Elaine Gehrman
Elders	Dave Beverlin
	Dennis Sheiwe
Trustees	Ivy Nelson
	Bert Svendsen

Brian Thornton and Albert Deepe are returning Elders. Claire Erickson and Doug Werner are returning Trustees.

The congregation extends its sincere thanks to those leaving office for having done a great job: President - Bill Baldwin, Vice President - Greg Fritz, Secretary - Sue Rostvedt, Treasurer - Sandy Fornes, and Elder Earl Maze.



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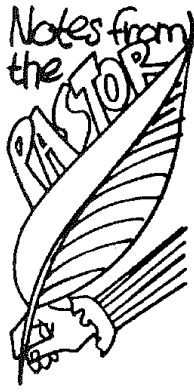


The Epiphany party will be January 5th at Mattie Silks and will begin at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$14 per person. You need to sign up by January 1st at the very latest if you are planning on attending. Talk to Carolyn Sabin or Ivy Nelson to sign up or get more information. You must make your menu choice when you sign up. Menu choices are: Prime Rib, Fish (determined by the Market for the day), and Chicken Oscar (chicken breast with asparagus, crab and bernais sauce). Drinks will be available on a cash basis. Please carpool; the easiest place to park will probably be the Torian Plum parking lot.

This will be a fun evening, celebrating Epiphany and enjoying fellowship with friends. Please plan on attending.



Thank you to all the helpers for the Sunday School program and especially Kathy Deepe, Carolyn Sabin, Sher Sheiwe, and Jan Fritz. The service, meal and special birthday cake, along with the angels made for a great "Advent-ure".



New Beginnings

We all know that we're supposed to make New Year's Resolutions at the beginning of the year, and we believe no one expects us to keep them. I'd like to change the last part of that. There are some resolutions that I would very much like you **ALL** to make **AND** to keep!

I'd like to have you say that you **WILL** be in church every Sunday and attend all of the fellowship gatherings too. I'd like you to say that you **WILL** return to the Lord a fair portion of all that

he has given to you; time, talents and treasure. I'd like to hear you say that you **WILL** be spending time searching his Word everyday, and that you **WILL** be attending some sort of group Bible study at least once a week.

It really wouldn't be all that hard to do when you stop and think about it. And the benefits far out-weigh any discomfort it might cause to you or your routine. Once it became your new routine, I'm sure it would fit like a favorite old pair of shoes.

Making New Year's Resolutions only to break them shows a weakness of character that I'm sure none you want to be associated with. Well, there is a way to avoid being seen as having weak, or even nonexistent, strength of character. Go ahead and make your resolutions and when you find yourself on the verge of breaking them, remember these words from Scripture. "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

You, that have faith in Jesus Christ, are God's people, the New Israel! God has prepared a light for you, for each one of you. We have just celebrated the birth of that light and we will soon enter into a time when we will remember, that, because of our sins, that light was snuffed out. It wasn't a permanent death, but it was a death that was destroyed forever when that light was resurrected even more glorious than before!

Dig deep into yourself and reassess your priorities. Check and see what is really number one in your life. Remember this, Christ died so that you could live. He will give you all of the strength you need to make him number one in your life. St. Paul makes that very clear in Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Rely on God to give you all of the strength you will need to keep your resolutions during the coming year of 1992!!!

God bless your coming in and your going out during the new year!. AMEN.

-Pastor Dave



What Kind of Gospel

In Mark 7:2-3 the Pharisees saw Jesus's disciples eating bread with unwashed hands and "they found fault. For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders." These men asked Jesus why His disciples didn't walk in this kind of "holiness". It was all outward, having to do with the acts of the flesh. Jesus answered in verse 6 stating that these people honor me with their lips but the heart is far from me. In plain English, Jesus is saying your teaching is all show, words, phony deeds; it doesn't change the heart.

If our gospel is giving nothing but lip service and doesn't change our hearts, should we be wasting time with it? True gospel and doctrine has to deal with the issues of the heart. All false gospels do not reach what defiles a man, they do not convict or change the heart. See what Jesus says in Matthew 15:18-20.

2 Timothy 2:22, Paul says to call upon the Lord out of a pure heart. We need to be a people who call on God with a pure heart. Our miracles, our praise, our worship or our preaching is useless without it. If we haven't arrived at that yet then let us be provoked in that direction. Let us allow God to search and try our hearts.

This is the true gospel of Jesus; check your bible. One that convicts the heart, deals with the heart and changes the heart. Does our gospel convict us of inner hidden sins, of evil thoughts, adultery, fornication, murders, stealing, covetousness, to where it will change our heart, expose it, and shape it for the glory of Christ?

In Christ - Gene Carrell

New Adoption

The Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has recently "adopted" the mission at Navajo, NM. For years, this work among the Navajo people was conducted under the auspices of Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM), together with stations at Rock Point and Many Farms, Arizona. Much of the support came from contributions to NELM.

About two years ago, however, the Rocky Mountain District assumed the support of Rev. Steve Greene, when contributions to NELM declined. Now the District has agreed with NELM to assume the full responsibility for this important work, and affiliation with NELM has been discontinued.

The missions at Rock Point and Many Farms, in turn, are affiliating more closely with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Their finances have improved recently, and they are blessed by the addition of several gifted new staff members. Contributions to their ministry are encouraged.

Rev. Steve Greene, his wife Carol, and their six children are our missionary family at Navajo, New Mexico.

Rev. Greene began his work in the mission fields of Nigeria, West Africa. Then he served a congregation in Richmond, CA before coming to Navajo.

The Greenes and their work at Navajo are in great need of our direct support. Adopting this mission has raised the cost to the District from \$24,000 to over \$40,000 per year. We are counting on the help of many of God's people to continue this work.

Please mark your gifts for the Navajo Mission and send them to:

The Navajo Mission
The Rocky Mountain District
P.O. Box 441395
Aurora, CO 80044

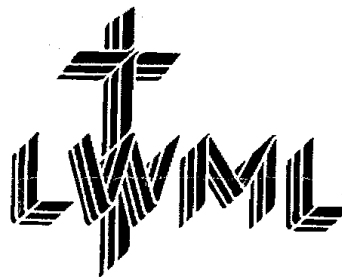
Please include Rev. Steve Greene and his family in your prayers and Christmas greetings. Navajo is similar to a foreign mission field. The Greenes will thank God for your partnership, and they will feel more like a part of our family as they learn of your caring. Their address is:

Rev. Steve Greene and Family
P.O. Box 204
Navajo, NM 87328



Special Voter's Meeting - CALL Committee

There will be an important Voter's meeting to discuss the call on Monday January 6th at 7:30 pm. Please be there!



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met at the home of Dianne Weber for their Christmas meeting December 11th. Dianne and co-hostess Carolyn Sabin had a fun evening planned around Christmas customs from Sweden. The meeting was held by candle light and Saint Lucia appeared crowned with a wreath holding four candles. Deanna Kammerer was Lucia and two of her sisters, Sarah and Janel, were her attendants. Carols were sung and a delicious rice pudding was served. There were 19 members present.

Don't miss the Epiphany party being planned for January 5th at Mattie Silks.

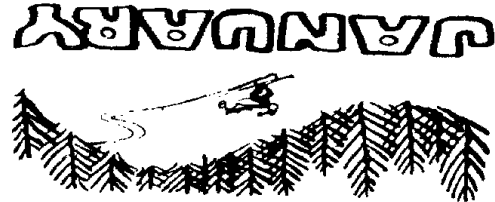
The January meeting will be held at Bettiann Carrell's, 40495 Harbor Place in Steamboat II on January 15th. Russia will be the featured country - you won't want to miss this meeting. Mission projects will be presented for member approval.

-Elaine Stroncek, Secretary

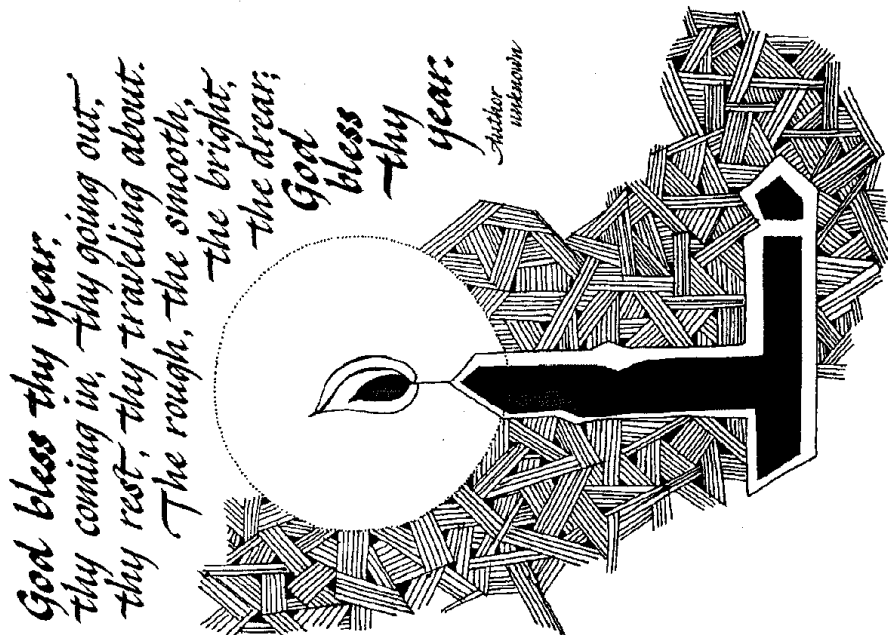
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Call Committee Report

The Committee regrets to report that the following candidates in question have failed to meet our qualifications:

Noah - Even though he has preached for 120 years, he has no converts. This indicates a credibility gap. Besides, a certain account (we refer to Genesis 9:21) seems to indicate that he has a drinking problem.

Abram/Abraham - We find it odd that he has two names. Is he using an alias? And if so, why? Also, we learned that he has stooped to bending the truth when it suits his purposes. Another matter we must question is whether he is the head of his own household. His wife laughs while he converses with God, and she also likes to take charge of a matter before God acts on it. If Abram and his wife would agree to take some personal counseling, and also some marriage counseling, he might work out at some later time.

Moses - We were impressed with Moses except for two severe problems. He has been known to lose his temper once in a while. Furthermore, while he seems to have the necessary perseverance for preaching, his stuttering and stammering would defy all speech therapy.

David - So far as David is concerned, he seems rather talented in writing music and poetry, but we don't know if he can preach. Worse yet, he has had a few moral lapses. We could not have him as a pastor, but perhaps at a later date when the church can afford it, he could be considered for a position as minister of music.

Solomon - Like David, he spends too much of his time writing. And besides, he has such a lavish life-style and so many dependents that our church could not pay him enough salary.

Elijah - Regarding Elijah, no one can doubt that he is a powerful preacher. Nevertheless, is the sarcasm he sometimes employs necessary in this day and age? Also we cannot overlook the fact that he has a tendency toward self-pity.

Isaiah - Now there's a person who is well thought of, but there seems to be a serious PR problem. Can you imagine a preacher who upon meeting God, instead of addressing Him politely says, "Woe is me"? If Isaiah greeted people in the church that way no one would ever feel welcome.

Jeremiah - We need an upbeat preacher for our church - one who can make people happy. We feel unanimously that Jeremiah would be too depressing in any church position.

Matthew - His background is finance, not religion. He would probably preach like an accountant, and we would get too many sermons on stewardship.

Luke - Again, his background is not in religion. He was a physician. It seems strange that he would leave such a lucrative profession unless something unsavory had occurred in his practice of medicine.

John the Baptist - He's certainly a good preacher and he gets good results, but he dresses very strangely. And worse than this lack of pulpit decorum, he eats very strangely. What if he brought a honey-dipped insect casserole to one of our covered-dish suppers?

Peter - Peter seems to show leadership, but the last thing we need is a preacher who carries a sword around, is likely to take off and go fishing at the drop of a hat and smells like fish most of the time. We could not have him as pastor, but maybe we could undertake his partial support as a part-time missionary to seafarers.

Paul - Paul is reputed to be a great preacher, but he is very moving. That is, he is always moving here and moving there. So how could he keep his mind on ministry when he always wants to be somewhere else?

Which all goes to show that we can find fault with almost anyone if we consider only the negative aspects.

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			1 JOYOUS NEW YEAR	2	3	4 CLEAN: Svendsen/Boongarden
5 9:00am COMMUNION 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class 6:00pm Epiphany Party ELDER: Beverlin	6 Special Voter's Meeting 7:30 pm Call Process	7 6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR 7:30pm Committees Meet	8	9	10	11 CLEAN: Stroncek/Taylor
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