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### Two Services

The congregation unanimously approved adding a second worship service beginning December 20. It will be a Sunday evening service that will start at 7:00 pm. This new service should provide an new opportunity for worship for tourists, vacationers and many workers who have trouble attending the Sunday morning service.

While remaining a Christ-centered Word and Sacrament oriented Lutheran service the evening service well often be less formal than the morning service. It may feature special and different types of music and a different preaching style. Pastor Tim may or may not wear vestments. The service will be sensitive to the visitor and the unchurched. Please pray for and support this new service and ministry opportunity.



*IN WELL DOING*

### AFRICAN DINNER

Don't Miss the chance to experience a TOGO MEAL with free-will donation for our Lutheran World Relief Project to be held Wednesday December 2nd, at 6PM preceding a brief Advent Service at 7PM.

## **DARKNESS AND THE DEAD OF WINTER**

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CONCORDIA;

Greetings in the name of our Advent King!



"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid!" (Luke 2:8-9) Some children are afraid of the dark.

Are you? Some people flee the winter months and seek a warmer climate. Do you? If you are reading this Christmas newsletter here in Steamboat it is apparent that you have not fled the state and snow. It is a peculiar thing about the shepherds in the text from Luke, they were afraid of the light! In the midst of the darkness and depths of winter a brilliant light broke into their "shepherding." The light exposed the darkness of the "dead" of winter. A floodlight of God's presence filled the dark night sky.



They were caught in the act of being themselves. Their response was one of fear. And the response of the angels was one of assurance....."FEAR NOT!" The darkness and brokenness of our own sinful condition was exposed by the light of God's Word. When we sin, and when we become aware of our sin, it is not uncommon for people to fear. But the message of Christmas, deep in the dead and darkness of winter, is that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world to be born in a manger of a virgin named Mary. That same Son ultimately died on Calvary for the darkness of mankind. The gift of Christmas is made complete when the tomb is cleared on Easter morning. As Jesus exits the grave He speaks words of "Fear Not" to a dark world. God be with you this Christmas. May the light of God's love shine around you and yours.

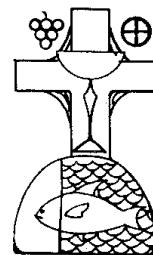
-Pastor Cartwright.



## **THE SIGN OF THE FISH**

A symbol nearly as old as Christianity has come out of the history books in recent years. Whether worn as jewelry, attached to a car window, or placed on a front door, this symbol probably has caught your attention...

The symbol is that of a fish. It is the earliest of Christian symbols and was the most common representation of Jesus Christ from the second through the fourth centuries.



Why was the fish meaningful to Christians? The biblical account of Christ's days on earth relates an interesting event which followed His resurrection. On one occasion (John 21:9-13) the resurrected Lord served a meal of fish and bread to his disciples.

Fish was a common food shared in the community meals of the early Christians.

It was easy then for the fish to become to early Christians a constant symbol of continuing fellowship with their resurrected Lord. He was a living present reality.

The living faith of early Christians soon brought organized opposition from the pagan world. Frequently Christians were forced to worship secretly. The fish symbol served them well in the difficult times because it generally would go unnoticed by a foe of Christianity when Christians used it to communicate.

Soon Christians began to attach meaning to the word "fish" itself. The Greek Letters for "Ichthus" (fish) became an acronym: I-Jesus, X-Christ, O-God's, Y-Son, E-Savior. Christians picked these titles because they gave the Christian response to the question Who is Jesus?

The person who displays the fish symbol today has accepted the same New Testament teaching that these early Christians accepted—that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. He has entered into a new relationship with God and knows the reality of God's forgiveness and the JOY of Christian living.



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **Voter's Meeting**

There is a very important Voter's Meeting scheduled for December 8th at 7:30 pm at the church. Officers for 1993 will be elected and a budget shall be voted on. Please come; your input is needed.



Join our

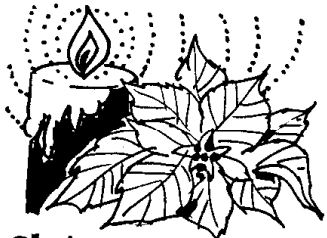
### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible study will not meet over the holidays-Dec. 23 and 30th. However we are enjoying our study on Jesus' miracles, with emphasis on his greatest miracle of all: The Forgiveness of Sins. In January or February we are planning a Wednesday for Lunch and X- Country skiing at the HOME RANCH. Come join us!

## EPIPHANY PARTY

A congregational potluck Epiphany party for the adult members of Concordia and their guests is being planned for Friday January 8th at the church beginning at 6:30PM. After a short program entitled "Joy in the New Year", we will have an evening of "Old-fashioned" fun and entertainment with games and prizes. For more information contact Rebecca Duryea or Marlys Cartwright.

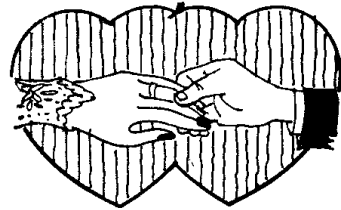
(A charge of \$2.50 per person will be collected at the door to cover prizes!)



## Christmas Schedule

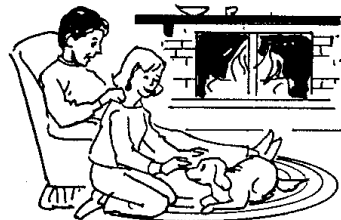
### Advent and Christmas Eve Services

There will be three Wednesday evening advent services at the church at 7:00 pm. They will be on December 2nd, 9th and the 16th. There will be two Christmas Eve worship services. The first will be at 7:00 pm, and the second will be at 10:00 pm and will be a candle light service. There will be a New Years Eve service at 7:00 pm on December 31st. Please plan on attending as many of these special services as you can.



## STRENGTHENING THE BOND

Twenty couples gathered on November 1st for a marriage building evening together at the church. The event was both fun and reflective. We came away with thanksgiving for our marriages and with a CHALLENGE to do one NEW ADVENTURE with our spouse before our VALENTINE DINNER on Saturday February 6th. Bill and Quita Baldwin won our jackpot for a night on the town. CONGRATULATIONS!



## FAMILY NEWS

Starting in January we will have a monthly article on Family/Marriage activities... Things to Strengthen your home life! If you have some fun traditions you'd like to share, please put them in the NEWSLETTER mailbox.

## Pledge Cards

Human action is most effective when directed by goals. To that end, members of the congregation are being asked to fill out pledge cards. The cards will help individuals plan and set goals for themselves and will help guide the congregation as it considers the budget for 1992. It is important that they be returned by Sunday December 6th so that the information is available for the Voter's Meeting on December 8th.

The cards have two identical columns. Please fill out both columns and separate them (cut them in half length-wise). Keep one half and refer to it periodically to see if you are meeting your pledge of time and talent. Use it as a tool in your Christian life. Please return the other half to the church.

The top portion of both columns is dedicated to the treasure or financial side of stewardship. These will only be seen by the church financial secretary, Jake Weber and by no other person. Jake will use this information to give the congregation guidance on the budget.

The bottom portion of the cards deal with time and talents. It is not a comprehensive list, but it does have suggestions for ways that you might serve the congregation and our Saviour. The information from the lower portion will be used to form a data-base so that the church will know who is willing to do what jobs.

I appeal to you to prayerfully fill out and return the cards. Thank you for your help.

-Don Patterson

Stewardship Chairman

Where  
Your  
Treasure  
is...



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE TOGO PROJECT THIS PAST QUARTER AND ALSO FOR THE WONDERFUL MUSIC IN CHURCH AND THE FANTASTIC GIFT OF A TOGO: MILES FOR MEALS SWEATSHIRT FOR PASTOR!



## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Christmas baskets are Concordia's gift to needy families in the community. We will take a free-will offering on the following Sundays: Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th and December 13th.

Items you can donate: Canned goods (ie: green beans, corn, yams, cranberries, peaches, pears, fruit juice) Paper Items (ie: Kleenex, Napkins, Toilet tissue) Soap (ie: hand soap, dish soap).

Please deposit items in box at the entrance. Your thoughtfulness and help are appreciated. For questions contact Alma Baldwin 879-3952 or Bettianne Carrell 879-3019.

THANK YOU!



## Women's NEWS

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#### WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The November meeting was held at the home of Joanne Boomgarden with 23 members present. Jan McKay served as hostess and Sally Marshall presented the second video segment on the theme "Faith and Self-Esteem" with discussion following. The rummage which was leftover from the October sale has been given to the Salvation Army. The December meeting will be a brunch at the home of Sandi Forness at 10AM on Saturday December 12. Anyone who has a secret sister, bring your gift at this time, revealing your identity. New names will be drawn for 1993. Anyone who wants to have a secret sister, please contact Elaine Stroncek at 879-2442. The Christmas Cupboard was a huge success again this year. Proceeds exceed \$5,000 and will be designated for mission projects in January. We hope to see all the women of the congregation at the brunch on December 12.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Stroncek, Secretary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Christmas program will be on Dec. 13 during the morning worship service. Please have the kids at church by 8:30 am. Refreshments will follow the service. However there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON DECEMBER 27.



#### PLANS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

The special events of getting the Christmas tree and decorating it will be important to many folks this season. The youth group will be out and searching for the "perfect" tree on November 29th, weather permitting, or on December 6th as the alternate date. The Women's Guild will decorate the tree December 9th after the Advent Service. Plan to join in the traditional event, decorating with Chrismons. Anyone is welcome.

## CONFIRMATION

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have invested their time to help with our confirmation sessions and especially for attending the special event on "Sexuality and the Christian". I always look forward to meeting with the confirmation class. Continue to pray for these students as they grow in their faith and in their commitment to serve the Lord who so deeply loves them.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A Big Thanks to all the Adults & Youth who made our "miracle scavenger hunt" a success! Congratulations also to our youth members who did a GREAT JOB at the high school musical "No No Nannette". The high school bible class will be meeting at Cartwrights again for coffee cake and a video on Sunday Dec. 6th at 10:15 AM.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING NEWS ON THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVENT! SEE YOU THERE!



## THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you are interested in receiving the official magazine of The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod please contact the church office. These magazines always carry great personal interest articles, as well as good ideas for congregations. An annual subscription costs \$6.50.

## City Market Certificates

Beginning on Sunday December 6th the Youth Group will be selling City Market gift certificates every Sunday. This will be an ongoing fund-raiser for the Youth Group who will be travelling to San Antonio in 1995. The certificates are good dollar for dollar, and you can get change from them. You are supporting a worthy cause. If you are interested in pre-ordering, either weekly or monthly, and are willing to pay for them when you receive them, please see Joanne Boomgarden. It is a win - win situation for everyone.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00am COMMUNION 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class 4:30pm CONFIRMATION ELDER: Thorton Greeters - Warner, Svendsen Ushers - Fran &amp; Theima Haines</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR 7:30pm Committees Meet</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ADVENT WORSHIP African Dinner - Togo</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>CLEAN: Kammerer/Gehman/Sabin Pastor's Family Day</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00am WORSHIP 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class 4:30pm CONFIRMATION Children's program Greeters - Baldwin, Hallman Ushers - Fran &amp; Theima Haines</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR 7:30pm VOTERS MEETING</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ADVENT WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>CLEAN: Beverlin/Anderson/Alber/ Weise Pastor's Family Day Women's Guild Brunch</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00am COMMUNION 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am Adult Class 7:00pm WORSHIP ELDER: Deepe Greeters - Meade &amp; Vigil Ushers - Greg &amp; Sherry Kammerer</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm ADVENT WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>CLEAN: Paterson/Forms/Marten/ Schibline Pastor's Family Day</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00am WORSHIP 12:45pm NURSING HOME 7:00pm COMMUNION ELDER (Evening): Beverlin Greeters - H. Baldwins NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Ushers - Greg &amp; Sherry Kammerer</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00pm WORSHIP 10:00pm Candlelight WORSHIP</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>CLEAN: Rimel/Wailes/Mattlage Pastor's Family Day</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:30am B STUDY 6:15pm CHOIR</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:00pm COMMUNION ELDER (Evening): Shetwe</p>			