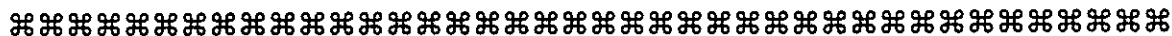


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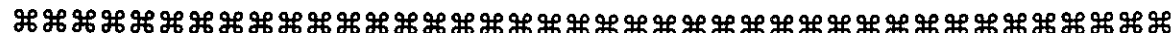
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TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CONCORDIA!

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord!

"TRANSITION":Passage from one state, stage, or place to another: Change.
 (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

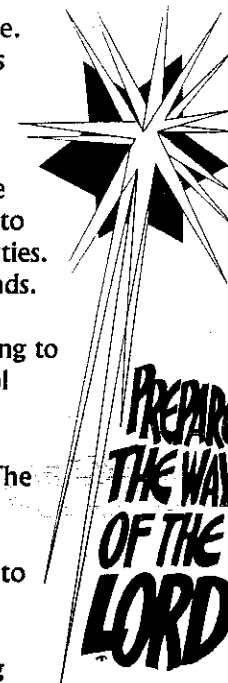
Fall has turned to winter here in Colorado. The transition is just about complete. The fall colors of brilliant yellows, oranges and golds have given way to winter's snow white. What a transition!

Our courageous congregation here at Concordia has made some necessary transitions in ministry. We have moved to two services on Sunday morning. We have established several new Bible study opportunities. We have said good-bye to many long established members who have moved to other towns and communities. We have welcomed new members, gifts of God, to replace these departed friends.

Our youth ministry programs have "transitioned" into groups that are attempting to reach a broader audience. 20 High School young people and 30 Middle School kids at our most recent events demonstrate this ongoing transition.

Change is at times difficult. These changes at Concordia have been necessary. The Call document sent to me three years ago identified the need to work on the transitions here at Concordia. Outreach and Youth Ministry, the two primary targets of transition. During this transition time a complete "menu" of ministry to the established membership has been in place. What a great combination.

Jesus made a transition. "The Word (Jesus) became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14) The nativity accounts in the Gospels reveal God's transition from heaven to earth. Without that transition, the Christmas transition, there would be no salvation. Read these accounts in God's Word this month. They are at the beginning of Matthew and Luke. Peace in your transition times.



DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**4th-Sunday.....8:00am/Early Service
10:30am/Late Service**

**7th-Wednesday.....7:00pm/Advent
(Soup at 5:30pm)**

**11th-Sunday.....8:00am/Early Service
10:30am/Late Service
(Children's Program)**

**14th-Wednesday.....7:00pm/Advent
(Soup at 5:30pm)**

**18th-Sunday.....8:00am/Early Service
10:30am/Late Service**

**24th-Saturday.....6:00pm/Early Service
7:30pm/Second Service
10:00pm/Candlelight**

**25-Sunday.....10:00am/Christmas Day
(One service only)**

Be sure to cut this schedule out and tape it to your monthly calendar of events. An effort has been made to plan our services to fit into your busy holiday season schedule. Please note that the last Sunday of the month (Christmas Day) we will only have one service. Traditionally, Concordia has not had a service on Christmas Day. However, this year Christmas Day falls on Sunday. Perhaps the later time, 10:00am, may allow you to make that service.

Also note that there will not be an Advent Service during the week that preceeds Christmas Day. This week is always so very busy. Please take advantage of the other Advent services. They are designed to help us keep a spiritual focus during this season.

CONCORDIA NOVEMBER STATS:

Average Sunday Worship for the year:

1991.....115
1992.....165
1993.....185
1994.....216

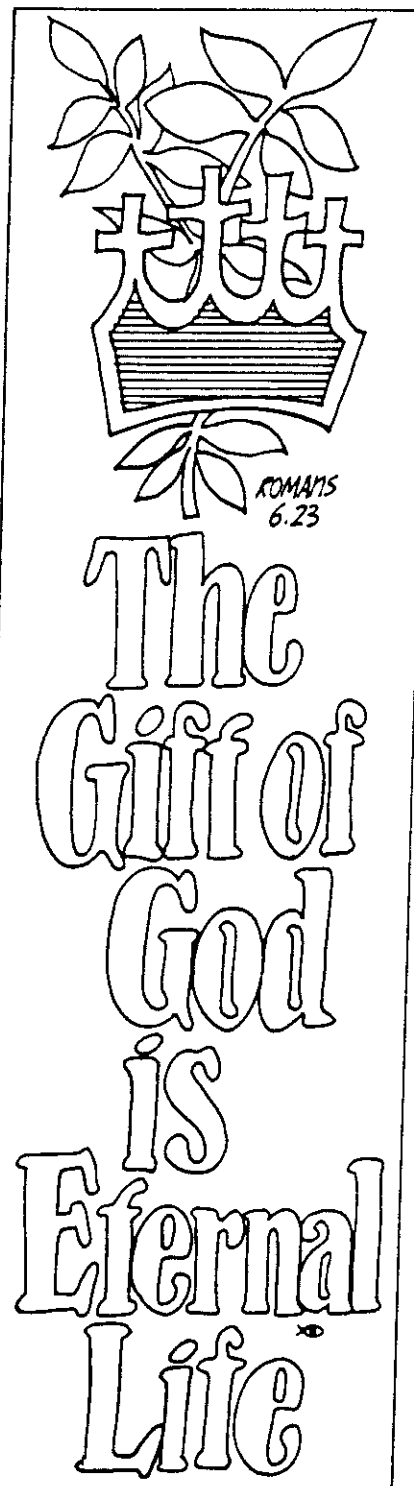
Thanksgiving Worship Attendance:

1991.....85
1992.....105
1993.....102
1994.....156

November 1994 Sunday Worship Attendance:

Week #1.....156(M).....24(E).....180
Week #2.....212(M).....22(E).....234
Week #3.....241(M).....27(E).....268
THANKSGIVING.....156
Week #4.....88 (Early)...94(Late)...182

Historically, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the fourth Sunday of November, is a "low" Sunday in our November month. Last year the Sunday following Thanksgiving was 150. This year, even with the transition to two services, we had over 180 worshippers. Thank God for the participation in worship of our community of faith here at Concordia. See you in the pews!



THANKS FOR THE MELODY!

Rebecca Duryea recently had to make the difficult decision to ease off her organ playing responsibilities. Her young family, and the distance from home to church, have compelled this decision to be made. Thanks for the two-plus years of service. Thanks for the melodies!

Lisa Ruff and Michael Marten have graciously consented to fill in some of the Sunday music slots for worship. Thanks in advance for the melodies.

Thanks to Michael and Dawn Moon for the special music provided in recent weeks. Thanks for the melody.

Thanks to the Concordia Choir for your fine efforts. The Thanksgiving Eve music was simply marvelous. Many of our visitors commented on the worshipful sound you made to the Lord. Your regular support of our worship services is greatly appreciated. Thanks for the melodies.

Thanks to Jan Fritz for the care of Sunday worship concerns here at Concordia. Also, thanks for your regular support for wedding and funeral music concerns. Those special melodies at those special events are greatly appreciated.



SUNDAY AT 7:00PM!

Come and join members of Concordia on Sunday evening for a new Bible Study/Worship opportunity. A casual and relaxed atmosphere has been put into place for your study/growth needs. A little deeper look into God's Word is coupled with getting to know other members of this congregation. New members, established members, and visitors are welcome. We need to grow in these areas. Come for the fun of it!
CHURCH BASEMENT/SUNDAY 7PM.

A GREAT
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UPON THE EARTH

Sunday School News

The Sunday School kids would like to thank all those wonderful people who have donated juice or cookies. If you would be willing to bring juice or cookies, you can sign-up on the "cookie sheet" behind the coffee pot in the Narthex or contact Lori Beverlin 879-8373. Thank you again! Lori

December's class of the month is the 5th/6th grade, the largest class in our Sunday School. They have 12-18 students each Sunday. Their room is usually so full, that they only have room for their chairs...no table. They are an exuberant bunch taught by a dynamic duo: Lyn Worrell and Dianne Weber. Stop by and see their bulletin board display for the month of December. They have adopted a boy from Africa for their monthly mission project and will also be exchanging names for Christmas gifts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 11 10:30AM

Just a reminder that our Christmas program will be on December 11 at 10:30am. The next few Sundays will be used to rehearse during Sunday School at 9:15am. Be sure to have your children there by 9:15am on Dec. 11.

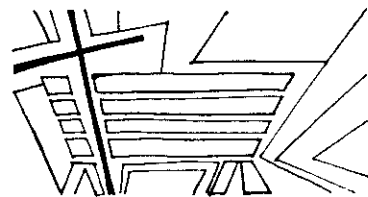
There will be a special Christmas Video for all the kids on December 18 during Sunday School Hour at 9:15am, and NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 25. In His Name, Lori

Junior High News

We've averaged between 10-14 students in Bible Class on Sunday Mornings and have 16 total in our confirmation class. Last month was a very monumental month for us in that we said good-bye to our friend Amy Luethye. We wrote her family a card and letter and sent 20 crosses for a remembrance of Amy's friendship. Their letter to us and news clippings of Amy are on our bulletin board. She died just two weeks before her 17th birthday, but even her funeral service was a witness to her faith.

Our other projects included making Christmas care packages for our college friends here at Concordia, giving our offering money to our adopted girl Yelmis from Columbia So. America through Compassion International plus an additional gift for her birthday and Christmas, and raising money for our Confirmation retreat.

We enjoyed our Middle School Mania evening with 30 students focusing on Christian Friendship...and also thank our wonderful mystery adult sponsors who filled our mailboxes with cards and goodies in November!



What a Feeling!

With a Rocky Mountain District Church Extension Fund investment you feel good knowing your money is serving the Lord. It helps provide facilities in which people can come to faith and be nurtured in that faith in Jesus Christ. For more information, contact our congregational representative, Clair Erickson or call our District Office at 303-695-8001.

NOTES FROM OUR SOME OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Heather Carrell: "I love it here at Colorado State University. It has a lot to offer...There are a lot of different churches here in Fort Collins and about 15 different Christian youth groups based here on campus. They range in size from 300 people to small bible studies of 10 - 15 people. Being in college helps you draw closer to God because He is the only true and solid thing in Life...Trina and Sara both say hi and would also love to hear from you. Thank you again for the letter and care package."

Kari Rostvedt: "Laramie is great, minus the fact that the wind blows like no other. The University of Wyoming is wonderful. I love it here. There are about 12,000 students. To get to one of the buildings where most of the classes are held is a 10-15 minute walk. In general school is fun. The thing I miss most about Steamboat is the people and the mountains. I miss the warm feeling that I get when I walk into Concordia. Home is what I miss most. My faith does influence my life goals. Because of my faith I'm being set on the right track and my faith will lead me to where I need to be. I'm very happy to hear of all the wonderful things you are doing. Send me more mail. I Love mail and I miss my mom's cooking. See you at break!



Valporaiso's Chapel



Joel Scheiwe: "Thank you so much for the package you sent me. It's so nice to get mail, especially from you guys. Enclosed is a picture of the chapel on our campus at Valporaiso Lutheran University here in Indiana. It is in the center of the campus and it is very beautiful. I spend a lot of time there. I am in three choirs, one for Sunday mornings, one for Wednesday Matins service, and one for folk service. Although the Chapel holds 3,000 people, it never gets that full except at graduation. I am also a part of the Chapel Social Concerns Committee. It runs programs like shelter ministry to homeless in Chicago and raising money for world projects. It is wonderful to have this chapel right on campus. It is not quite like Concordia, however, because there are no families. It is still a Chapel and not a home church. Thanks for writing, I hope to visit you soon. Write again, I love mail. Joel (Joshua 1:9)

Gregg Harris: Thank you so much for thinking about me and remembering me. College is fun. I have met a whole bunch of neat and interesting people. On Sunday mornings I go to church and I am in a bible study that meets Wednesday from 6-7:30. On Campus there are so many Christians it is Awesome. However, for every one Christian there are two non-Christians. But I wouldn't trade it for the world. God's blessings are so cool! My faith has definitely influenced my life's goals. I do love college, but I also miss seeing Steamboat's first snowfall, I miss my family and friends, the mountains and my dogs. I also miss all of you at Concordia. See you at Christmas. God Bless, Gregg.



APPROPRIATE LAY-LEADERSHIP:

What a marvelous opportunity for lay-leadership we have here at Concordia! What a great group of people who have filled the various areas of service here in our congregation! Without the volunteer leadership of the members of our congregation, the congregation will not move forward.

What are some of the characteristics of helpful leadership for volunteers in a congregation?

1. **NURTURE** your personal spiritual life.
2. **TEND** to the spiritual life of your household.
3. **ATTEND** the Lord's Table regularly.
4. **PRAY** for the spiritual well-being of your congregation.
5. **ASK** God to lead you to a deeper understanding of your volunteer responsibility.
6. **BALANCE** personal/family life with congregational life.
7. **INVESTIGATE** other areas of congregational life. Seek out various ministry points and become familiar with them.

8. **INTERVIEW** the Pastor as to what is taking place in certain areas of congregational life.
9. **POSITIVELY** question other volunteers regarding other areas of congregational life.
10. **LOOK** for constructive ways to aid the growth of congregational ministry endeavors.

Be willing to talk, grow, listen, risk, forgive, seek, adjust, reach, develop, and move forward. We are a multi-faceted group of people here at Concordia. We need Lay-leadership. We need Pastoral leadership. We need individuals, couples, families and groups within the congregation to continue to place as a high priority the life of our shared ministry.

Thanks for your past work. Thanks in advance for your future work.



The Fleeting Joy of Christmas.

In a "Peanuts" cartoon by Charles M. Schulz, little Lucy throws up her hands in utter despair and shrieks, "For months we looked forward to Christmas. We couldn't wait till it came, and now it's all over!"

Even Christmas is a fraud, it would seem. For a few brief moments there is a special glow in the air. Life is softer, gayer, more exciting somehow. For a few breathless moments the world is a magic land where everybody loves everybody and problems melt away.

But then the magic moment is past. The tinsel wasn't silver after all, only aluminum foil. The problems all return, and the gaiety and laughter turn out to be only whistling in the dark. The warm glow of friendship disappears, and people become strangers again, passing each other by, unknown and unrecognized.



LWML NEWS

We had a great turn out of ladies at our November meeting held at Krista Madsen's Home. A Big thanks to Jan Fritz and Marlys Cartwright for the wonderful topic on Abigail. Plans were made for our next LWML meeting to be a Christmas Brunch at Susan Rostvedt's home 1769 Brome Dr. at 10AM Saturday December 10th. Be sure to attend for a wonderful Christmas celebration. Bring your gift for your Secret Sister. We will pick new secret sisters in January.

A Big Thanks to Cindy Svendsen and Sher Scheiwe for organizing this year's Bazaar, and to Sherry Kammerer and Dianne Weber for organizing the Cookie Caper. Once again the Bazaar/Cookie caper was a big success bringing in over \$5,000 for missions, for which we give thanks to God and to all you hard-working creative women who helped make it happen!

Also a thank you is due to the women who helped make Gus Baird's funeral luncheon and also the delicious Thanksgiving soup supper.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN **CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**

DEC. 4.....	LORD'S PRAYER.....	4:30pm
DEC. 11.....	LORD'S PRAYER.....	10:30am
DEC. 14.....	SEXUALITY/PARENTS.....	7:00pm
JAN. 8.....	BAPTISM.....	4:30am
JAN. 15.....	BAPTISM.....	4:30am
JAN. 29.....	BAPTISM.....	10:30am
FEB. 5.....	OUTING.....	4:30pm
FEB. 12.....	LORD'S SUPPER.....	4:30pm
FEB. 19.....	LORD'S SUPPER.....	10:30am
MARCH 5.....	WORSHIP/DEVOTION.....	4:30pm
MARCH 12....	WORSHIP/DEVOTION.....	4:30pm
MARCH 15....	CHEMICALS/PARENTS.....	7:00pm
MARCH 26....	REVIEW.....	4:30pm
APRIL 2.....	MEAL/SHARING/PARENTS.....	4:30pm
APRIL 9.....	CONFIRMATION.....	9:00am

Concordia's Confirmation classes meet at the following times during the year:

Sunday afternoon.....	4:30pm
Sunday morning.....	10:30am
Wednesday evening.....	7:00pm



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