

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

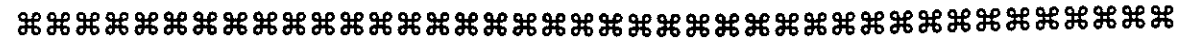
**CHRISTOGRAM**

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To the Members and Friends of Concordia:

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord!

Albert Schweitzer is quoted as saying: "It is not enough merely to exist. It is not good enough to say, "I'm earning enough to live and support my family. I do my work well. I'm a good parent. I'm a good spouse. I'm a good churchgoer." That's all very well. But you must do something more. Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every person has to seek in their own way to make themselves more noble and to realize one's own true worth. Give some time to your fellowman."

Albert Schweitzer spent his life doing good. He was a Christian on a personal mission. He knew the love of God in Christ Jesus. He knew that the universe did not revolve around him. He knew that he was "creation." He knew the Creator.

The divine "God-Man" (the Babe of Bethlehem) spent His life doing good. The good Jesus gave His life as a ransom for the world. The cross on Calvary and the open, borrowed tomb, became the center of the universe's hope. Jesus gave more than time to humankind. He gave His life...willingly and graciously.

God gives. In response to that giving we are invited to give to others. One of the many goals of our shared ministry here at Concordia is to give people the opportunity to give. We have new individuals and families who hunger for the gift of friendship. We have children that long for kindness from adults. We have nursing home residents (ECC) who warm to human touch. We have genuine needs that need your care.

You have a congregation that cares. You have a congregation that is reaching beyond its walls. Your congregation needs your care. Peace in 1995.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

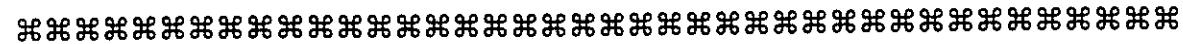
THE CHRISTOGRAM is the monthly newsletter of Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Deadline for newsletter items is the fourth Sunday of each month. We welcome contributions of news items, art work, and other appropriate articles.

Editor: Pastor Cartwright and Marlys Cartwright.

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN is printed on Thursday mornings. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9:00am on Thursdays.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00am and 7:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30am



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# NEWS

## LWML NEWS WOMENS GUILD

We had a wonderful Christmas brunch at the home of Susan Rostvedt on December 10 with 30 women in attendance. Secret Sisters were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Lynn Worrel, dressed as Mary, read an inspiring story about her "son" Jesus.

Our next LWML meeting will be at the home of Rebecca Wattles on January 18. Please come join us for some wonderful fellowship. Rebecca lives at 832 Yamonite.

At this meeting we will also be exchanging names for our new secret sisters. If you are interested in participating in this exchange, please notify Marlys Cartwright at 879-8455. Thanks.

## SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S OUTING AT THE HOME RANCH

On Wednesday January 11th, the women's bible study group is again sponsoring a special outing to the HOME RANCH for a day of cross country skiing, a delicious meal and devotions, and more skiing. We will meet at the church at 9am and plan to return mid-afternoon. This year reservations are needed as they only have room for twenty women. Please call Marlys Cartwright to reserve your spot by Sunday January 8th. Thanks. We had a great time last year and we are anticipating another fantastic day this year.

Again thanks to the bible study women who decorated the Christmas trees this year, Elaine Stroncek, Helen Bertson, Barb Gibson, Avril, Rebecca Duryea, Alma Baldwin, Marlys Cartwright, Judy Plumb, Jan Schonberg, Dianne Weber and Cindy Klein. Come join us each Thursday Morning for a study of the book of John at 10am-11:30am. A Big thank you for the "Bible Study" Christmas Brunch at Elaine's Home on December 14th.

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

### Reasons to attend:

Good way to start the day, Good Conversation, Good company, Good Coffee, You are assured of making it to work on time, Don't have to cook breakfast for spouse, Will not conflict with other meetings, Don't miss your favorite TV program, Opportunity to study God's Word with others.

### Reasons not to attend:

You miss an hour of sleep

SEE YOU THERE 6:30AM TUESDAYS,  
Walt Taylor.



## CITY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Anyone interested in playing on a Concordia basketball team in the Steamboat City League, Please contact Dan Schlie at 879-6929 or Bart Kounovsky at 879-2532. League games will be held on Sunday nights, starting mid-January and running through the end of March. Cost will be around \$30. We will be playing in the "B" division, so athletic requirements are being able to lace your basketball shoes!



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.



## 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.



## 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.



### Junior High News

Thanks to the 15 confirmation students who led us in a wonderful candlelight Advent Worship service on December 14th along with a wonderful message by Larry Worrell.

We raised enough money for our adopted friend Yeimis Esther Gonzales in Columbia for December plus a generous birthday and Christmas gift included. We look forward to hearing from her in February.

By selling our homemade cross necklaces we have raised over one hundred dollars towards our Confirmation Retreat which we hope to arrange for the month of May.

The Christmas party on December 18th was a great time for all of us. We thank all of our adult mentors/sponsors for their Christmas gifts, and messages of faith, love and encouragement. We can't wait to "meet" you on Confirmation Day, April 9th, 1995.

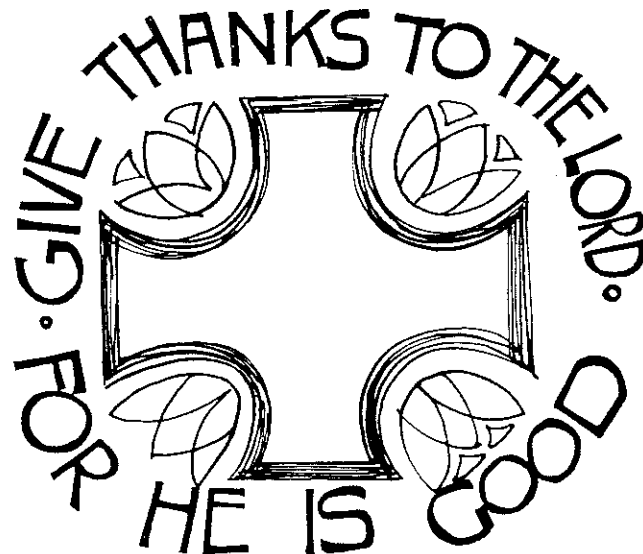
In January we hope to start a new project in conjunction with the national LWML by making some kits for the homeless, and also to send our entries in to the Lutheran Brotherhood office "Speak Out, America" contest by Jan. 29th.

### LAY READERS



Cindy Svendsen has completed a new complete schedule of Lay Readers for the 8am and 10:30 worship services. The List is posted on the bulletin board for both services. Thank you to all our volunteers.

**Gaining by Losing.** We gain life by losing it in service to God and to others. We might think of the Arkansas River in Colorado. Formerly it flowed down a steep mountainside past a desert that lay parched for centuries. Year after year it deepened its own channel as it sped on its way to the ocean and oblivion. One winter a dam was built across the dry channel of the summer stream, stopping the flow of the water. Unable to follow its usual course, the river formed a lake from which the water was channeled and ditched into the desert. The former arid region now produces fields of waving grain. The free life of the stream was sacrificed, but it found itself again in the golden harvest. Those who live only for themselves are losing their lives. Those who live for Christ and for others are finding real life—a full, happy, eternal life of loving service. *References:* Matt. 16:25; 19:21, 29; Mark 8:35; John 12:24; 1 Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:4; 3:8.



### ALTAR GUILD

I am making up the 1995 schedule and need a few members to replace those who have moved away. Call or see Elaine Stroncek if you desire to serve in this capacity. Phone 879-2442.

### GOOD SHEPHERD REMINDER

It's time to renew your membership. Dues are \$5.00 per year. There are no meetings or obligations. Good Shepherd's ministry is to individuals with mental retardation. Bettianne Carrell will be contacting you or leave your check made payable to "Good Shepherd" in her mailbox.



### NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

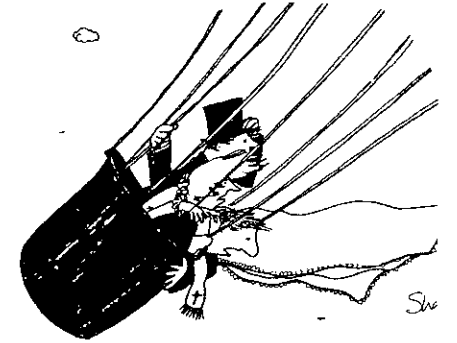
Pastor Cartwright will be hosting a New Members' class here at Concordia. Each of the Wednesday evenings during the month of January will be a time of study, orientation, relationship building and reflection. It is always an exciting time to work with individuals, couples and families as they seek to deepen their relationship with our congregation here at Concordia.

### HOW DO YOU JOIN THIS CONGREGATION?

1. If you are a member of another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation then you must seek a transfer of your membership.
2. If you are a Lutheran from another Synod, then you are invited to seek an affirmation of faith.
3. If you are a Christian who has worshipped with another church body, i.e., Catholic, Baptist, etc., then you are invited to join our New Members' class so that you can make an informed decision regarding the priorities of ministry here at Concordia Lutheran.

4. If you are "unchurched" you are invited to join our New Members' class.

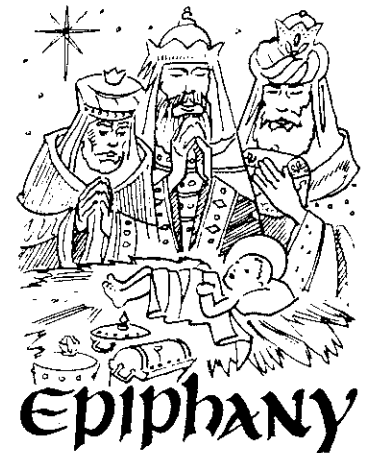
Our congregation will receive new members on the last Sunday of January. That is our Friendship Sunday.



"Whatever happened to the plain ol' traditional wedding ceremony?"

### Abundant Life

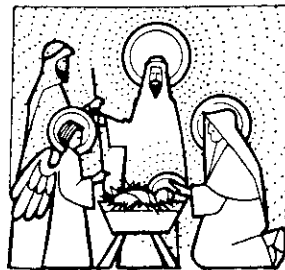
When the first disciples of Jesus Christ remained together in Jerusalem during the early days of the church, they were called "followers of the Way." In life and conduct they represented a new Way. The Christian faith meant a *Way of life* distinct from that of the people around them. *References:* John 10:1-9; 14:5-6; Acts 2:37-47; 4:32-35; Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:18.



Peace  
on Earth

The move to two Sunday morning services has allowed us room for growth. It is good to see a good spread of numbers between the two services. Our parking lot is now capable of handling the Sunday morning worshippers. People no longer sit in the narthex. Communion is now moving along efficiently. People can exit the sanctuary after services in less than 20 minutes.

Let us continue to invited our family and friends to worship. We have the space now to do just that. It is good to see a congregation that is concerned about developing ministry. It is not always easy to grow. But it is exciting.



### Time with Your Child

This week, as you consider how you might give your child both quality and quantity time, consider some of these possibilities:

1. Schedule a minimum of 15 minutes a day with your child, making sure she knows the time is for her.
2. Plan a time when you can take each child out for a meal and some conversation.

3. Read a story to your child.
4. Pray for your child while waiting in line at the grocery market, or while stuck in a traffic jam.
5. Use a Sunday school leaflet or a children's message in church as a springboard to find out what your child is thinking about God. Such moments reap everlasting blessings.



### New Year

681. The word *January* is taken from the Latin *janua*, door or portal, from which one may look both ways, and from *Janus*, the Roman god of beginnings, who faced in both directions. As we stand at the threshold of each new year and look back over the way we have come, we see our record of imperfect endeavors, our shortcomings and sins, which the blood of Christ must cover up. But we also see a future bright with promise, like the bud of a rose that has not yet unfolded its petals. *References:* Is. 43:18-19; 65:17; Lam. 3:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:17.

**P**ayer is not a substitute for intelligent effort, careful planning, efficient selection of people, or adequate financing.

## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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

Be sure to get this on your schedule. Confirmation Sunday is but a short three months away. What a great group of Junior High young people we have in this year's class.

God loves us in good times and bad. . . .  
But he is even more real in our lives when we are having tough times.

-Joe Gibbs  
former head coach of the Washington Redskins

### CONCORDIA STATISTICS

#### DECEMBER 1994

Week #1.....130(E) 81(L).....211  
Week #2.....44(E) 189(L)....233  
Week #3.....139(E) 103(L)....242

Christmas Eve...6:00pm...223  
7:00pm...187  
10:00pm...172  
Total.....582

Christmas Day.....96  
ECC Christmas Day.....62



#### CHRISTMAS EVE HISTORY

1991.....278  
1992.....338  
1993.....442  
1994.....582

#### DECEMBER SUNDAY AVE. WEEKLY

1991.....105  
1992.....148  
1993.....196  
1994.....229

#### ANNUAL AVE. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1991.....123  
1992.....138  
1993.....184  
1994.....201

For the first time in the history of Concordia Lutheran our congregation averaged over 200 people a Sunday for worship. We can truly thank God for this gift. It is good to see a congregation grow. 1994 has truly been a year of transition.

# JANUARY 1995

Compliments of your District Representative



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