

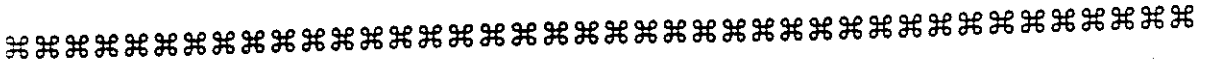
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTOGRAM DECEMBER 1995

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.

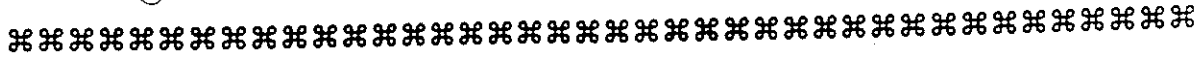
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THE WEEKLY BULLETIN is printed on Thursday mornings. News items for the bulletin should be submitted by 9:00am on Thursdays.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00AM AND 10:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15AM



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"Unto us a child is born, to us a son is given....He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

I was born in a Catholic Hospital, in a logging town, where the Sierra mountain range meets the Cascade range. No big deal! A lot of people were born in 1954. My folks gave me the name "Tim", short for Timothy. My middle name is Curtis. My Dad even told me that he considered Martin Luther Cartwright, but the Nuns of the Catholic hospital would not deliver me if that was the name chosen. So, I have been saddled with the name Tim. My life, my ways, my personality have defined that name for me. We all define the names given to us.

The "Christmas" Scripture text is indeed an interesting text. The son given to US, already has a name, or should we say names. Differing from us, Jesus doesn't define His names, His names define Him! Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor. Jesus is THE Mighty God. Jesus is intimately linked to the Everlasting Father as a part of the Trinity. Jesus is the true Prince of Peace.

Those who grieve need a Wonderful Counselor. Those dealing with job transitions need a Wonderful Counselor. Those who deal with health issues need a Wonderful counselor. Those who deal with depression need a Wonderful Counselor. Good News..."For unto us a son has been given!"

When we are weak we need a Mighty God. When the "enormity" of life surrounds us we need a Mighty God. When we are overwhelmed by the size of struggle we need a Mighty God. Good News..."For unto us a son is given!"

When we face death there is an Everlasting Father. When we wonder about the origins of the universe there is an Everlasting Father. When we ask questions about how long we can endure a certain set of circumstances there is an Everlasting Father, with everlasting grace and strength. Good news..."For unto us a son is given."

When the soul is restless, there stands the Prince of Peace. When the wars rage within, there stands the Prince of Peace. When sin places us at odds with the God who created us, there stands the Prince of Peace. Good news..."For unto us s son is given."

Consider those names this HOLY-DAY (Holiday) time of year. Consider that son. *Tim*

NOVEMBER CONCORDIA STATS:

November 1995:

Week #1.....	106(E)	81(L)...	187
Week #2.....	107(E)	128(L)...	235
Week #3.....	133(E)	98(L)...	231
Week #4.....	110(E)	91(L)...	201

Ave. Sunday Worship for November:

1991.....	114
1992.....	165
1993.....	185
1994.....	213
1995.....	215

Thanksgiving Eve Service:

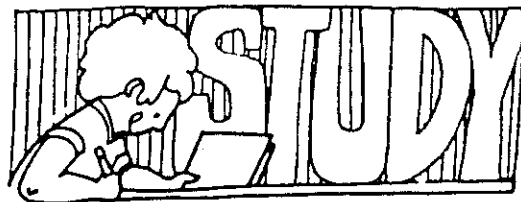
1991.....	85
1992.....	105
1993.....	102
1994.....	156
1995.....	162

It is good for God's called and redeemed people to meet together in common and regular worship. Our congregation reflects that reality. Our congregation is developing in many ways. We are seeing more individuals and families in worship each Sunday. We are seeing more in our Bible study opportunities. We are seeing greater involvement in our Youth ministry opportunities. We must thank God for this development.



Confirmation 

- DEC. 3...FORGIVE (KEYS)- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- DEC. 10...FORGIVE (KEYS)- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- DEC. 17...DINNER/PARTY- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- JAN. 7...LORD'S PRAYER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- JAN. 21...LORD'S PRAYER- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- FEB. 4...OUTING- 4:30-7PM (SUN.)
- FEB. 11...BAPTISM- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 3...BAPTISM- 9:15AM (SUN.)
- MAR. 6...WORSHIP- 7:00PM (WED.)
- MAR. 10...LORD'S SUPPER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 17...LORD'S SUPPER- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 24...MEAL/REVIEW- 4:30-6PM (SUN.)
- MAR. 31 **CONFIRMATION**-10:30AM (SUN.)
- APR. 4...FIRST COMMUNION..7PM (THURS.)



COLLEGE NEWS

On Friendship Sunday, the 5th Sunday in October. The Junior High Bible Class met to write letters and send care packages to five of our college students: Raegan Carlson, Gregg Harris, Heather Carrell, Joel Scheiwe and Deanna Kammerer. By Thanksgiving we heard back from all of them. **RAEGEN CARLSON** is enjoying Bethany College in Lindsborg Kansas. She says they have great relationships on their sports teams. She also enclosed a worship service in her letter from one of their regular chapel services. **GREGG HARRIS** is immersed in a busy second year of college in Nagadoches Texas. His summer job at Sea World involved caring for sharks and dolphins. Gregg especially enjoys the Christian organizations on campus and being a part of the good music groups in worship. **HEATHER CARRELL** is at college in St. Catherines, Ontario Canada. She wrote us about the differences in culture, especially in the fact that they have no football team, but a lot of other sports instead. She loves the worship and music they have on campus regularly. **DEANNA KAMMERER** is loving college at Greeley. She has interesting classes and a good swim team program. We were fortunate to see her in worship over the Thanksgiving Break. **JOEL SCHEIWE** wrote that he is in the midst of writing four 10 page papers, and also preparing for next semester of studying in Mexico. His confirmation verse: Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.", has been a good reminder to trust God for the concerns of the present and the future.

SYNODICAL VISION STATEMENT

1. **STRONG IN THE WORD:** We need to feed deeply on God's Word if we are going to be effective in evangelism. You cannot give away what you don't have.
2. **PEOPLE CENTERED AND PEOPLE SENSITIVE:** As we care about people and grow in our compassion for the lost, we will seek to build relationships with them and communicate with them in ways that clearly communicate the Gospel to them.
3. **REACH OUT BOLDLY WITH THE GOSPEL:** People cannot come to faith unless the Holy Spirit calls them by the Gospel. Our ministry is to reach beyond our current membership, to reach out boldly with that Gospel. Evangelism is the call of the Lord on the Church and its ministry.
4. **FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS:** We are Lutheran Christians. We understand that people don't "decide" for Jesus. All our evangelism is a speaking of the Gospel so the Holy Spirit can be at work. We don't manipulate or sell or coerce. We share the Gospel. The Holy Spirit brings faith. In all we do, we need the integrity to uphold the Scriptures and the Confessions.
5. **MARKED BY PEACE AND UNITY:** As our congregations and our entire church body treats one another with respect, consideration and love, we will enhance the witness to the world that we are claimed by the Prince of Peace. A church in turmoil will not be effective in sharing the unconditional love of God.

ATTENTION WOMEN

LWML - WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS



Thanks to all those who made the Bazaar, Cookie caper, and Book Fair a huge success! We want to especially thank Cindy Svendsen and Elaine Stroncek for chairing the Bazaar, Sherry Kammerer for chairing the cookie caper, and Pam Patterson for chairing the Book Sale. More than \$6,000.00 was brought in from these events. Again this money will be used for various missions.

Our next meeting will be DECEMBER 9, Saturday morning at Cindy Svendsen's home. It will be a Christmas Brunch, beginning at 10am. If you have a secret sister remember to bring her gift for the gift exchange. Everyone is welcome to join us for a festive day! THANKS!



THANK YOU

Thanks to all members who helped make the 1995 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY brunches a wonderful success. With your help we were able to "live out" the command of our Lord to "love others as He first loved us." You're the greatest! Pam Parker, '95 chairperson.

EPIPHANY PARTY JAN. 6

Please mark your calendars for this year's Epiphany party for all of our congregation's adult members. It will be held Saturday January 6th at the Ore House. More details will follow in Dec. bulletins.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Class of the month for December is the High School Class. Danny Schlie and Dave Beverlin team teach this class of talented teenagers. Check out their bulletin board display downstairs. Thanks All!!

We have filled our teaching vacancy in the 1st and 2nd grade class. Thank you Cyndy Simms and welcome aboard!!

Don't Forget the Christmas Program practice each Sunday at 9:15 through Dec. 17. We need all the kids through 6th grade in attendance. The CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be December 17th at 10:30am. Hope to see you all there.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, BUT WE WILL HAVE A VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILDREN ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 31.

SUNDAY MORNING-9:15AM

IN THE WORSHIP AREA

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ADULT BIBLE CLASS TOPICS:

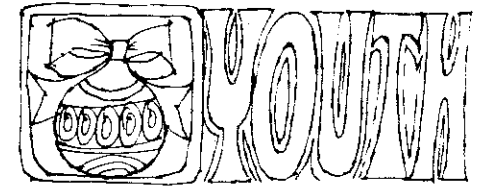
- DEC.3...NEBUCHADNEZZAR...(2 KINGS 24)
- DEC.10...MOSES' BIRTH...(EXODUS 2)
- DEC.17...DEBORAH...(JUDGES 4)
- DEC.24...CHRISTMAS EVE
- DEC.31...NEW YEAR'S EVE-FREINDSHIP
- JAN.7...JOSEPH...(GENESIS 37)
- JAN.14...FIERY FURNACE...(DANIEL 1)
- JAN.21...LION'S DEN...(DANIEL 6)
- JAN.28...SHIPWRECK ON MALTA (ACTS 28)
- FEB.4...HAGGAI...(HAGGAI)

Adult Bible Class is a great opportunity to take an in-depth look at God's Word. The class is designed to expand the comfort zone of the student. There are no exams, no pop tests, no questions that are asked of individuals. All effort is made to seek a safe environment for you to explore. You can come, listen, and learn without uttering a word. Come and give this class a try. I think you will find it helpful and very relevant.



YOUTH NEWS

Don't miss the Wonderful Program featuring speaker Bob Lenz (from both the New Orleans and San Antonio Youth Gathering) coming to our church Wednesday December 20 at 7PM. There will be a 5:30 supper beforehand, all community youth are invited!



MEN'S BASKETBALL INFORMATION

Men's winter basketball league registrations will soon be upon us. We had a marvelous time last year in our congregation with our "huge" team. If you are interested in playing this year please contact Bart Kounovsky 879-2532 or Danny Schlie 879-6929. Just think, someday Bart may make the front of a Wheaties Box. JUST DO IT!



THANK YOU TO PEGGY HAAS

Peggy Haas has served our church office since June 1995. Besides arranging the office to work more effectively, she was a cheerful presence, and we miss her now that she is back at work on the mountain. A big thank you to Peggy and her family for their work here at Concordia, we also appreciate her presence on the board of trustees.

HELPEFUL SEASONAL INFORMATION HERE AT CONCORDIA:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: ✓ Check them on your seasonal calendar.

___ Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper (6pm) and Worship (7pm)...Wed. Nov. 22nd

___ Advent #1 Soup Supper (6pm) and Worship (7pm)...Wed. Nov. 29th

___ Advent #2 Soup Supper (6pm) and Worship (7pm)...Wed. Dec. 6th

___ Advent #3 Soup Supper (6pm) and Worship (7pm)...Wed. Dec. 13th

ONCE YOU
WERE
DARKNESS...

Christmas Eve Service Schedule: Sunday, December 24th

___ Morning Christmas Celebration...10:00am (Communion)

___ Extended Care Center (at ECC)...12:45pm (Residents, Families, & Guests)

___ Early Evening Christmas Celebration...5:30pm (Family Service)

___ Mid-Evening Christmas Celebration...7:30pm

___ Candlelight/Christmas Service...10:00pm (Communion)

Christmas Day Service Schedule: Monday, December 25th

___ Christmas Morning Celebration...10:00am (Communion)

New Year's Eve Service Schedule: Sunday, December 31st

___ Early Service (Regularly Scheduled)...8:00am

___ Late Service (Regularly Scheduled)...10:30am



Make plans ahead of time for the care of your spiritual well-being during this very busy time of year. Certain forces and pressures will work to remove Jesus from this season. These kind "Concordia" opportunities will assist you in the coming weeks. ✓ Check the back of this sheet for selected, special giving opportunities.



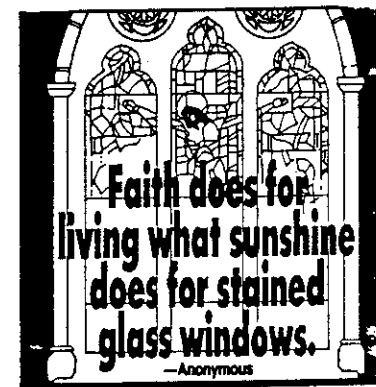
CONSIDERING THE CHURCH

(From "Reed's Lutheran Liturgy")

"The early Christians risked their lives to assemble for common worship. Throughout the centuries since, the Church has lifted up its voice in unending song, and we may well believe that today without common worship the Church in any given community would inevitably perish.

In the world people are physicians, lawyers, engineers, mechanics, farmers, business people. These distinctions fall away in the House of God. People are spiritual brothers and sisters, children of a common Father, equal before the living God, and equally in need of His grace. The rich and the strong lose consciousness of secular place and power; the poor and the humble are lifted to levels of comfort and hope; the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, are of equal stature and gain common strength as they unite in a common service which has greater scale and significance than the private devotions of any in the group could attain. Individuals are raised above the plane of the personal and selfish. Their sympathies, desires, and resolves attain breadth and power as they become conscious of a fellowship with fellow-believers in all lands and times, with just people made perfect, and with all the company of heaven.

In spite of great and obvious weaknesses here and there...defects of individual character and ability, indifferent preaching, limited understanding, crudities of one kind or another...the experiences of common worship compel people to give their loyalty to the society which, as the mystical Body of Christ, carries His Gospel and His Sacraments as living Means of Grace throughout all lands and times.



Christ Descended That We Might Ascend The Son of God did not want to be seen and found in heaven. Therefore He descended from heaven into this lowliness, came to us in our flesh, laid Himself into the womb of His mother and into the manger and went to the cross. This ladder He placed on the earth so that we might ascend to God on it. This is the way you must take. If you forsake this way and try to speculate about the glory of the Divine Majesty without this ladder, you will invent marvelous matters, matters that are above your horizon; but you will do so to your very great harm.



DECEMBER 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 1st Sunday in Advent WORSHIP...8 & 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL...9:15am CONFIRMATION...4:30pm	4 GIRL SCOUTS 3:30 to 7:00pm	5 Bible Study-6:30 am COMMITTEES-7pm	6 MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION...9am SOUP...5:30pm ADVENT SERVICE 7:00pm	7 WOMEN'S STUDY 9:30am RECOVERY STUDY 7:00pm	1 SCOUTS...6:30pm 8	2 9 LWML-10am Svendsen's LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD ESTATE PLANNING-9-12am
10 2nd Sunday in Advent WORSHIP...8 & 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL...9:15am CONFIRMATION...9:15am YOUTH GROUP...5:30pm	11 GIRL SCOUTS 3:30	12 Bible Study-6:30am VOTERS...7:30pm	13 MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION-9am SOUP...5:30pm ADVENT SERVICE 7:00pm	14 WOMEN'S STUDY 9:30am (at Stroncek's) RECOVERY STUDY 7pm	15 SCOUTS...6:30pm	16 MEN'S BREAKFAST-7am (at the church)
17 3rd Sunday in Advent WORSHIP...8 & 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL...9:15am CONFIRMATION...4:30pm	18 GIRL SCOUTS 3:30	19 BIBLE STUDY-6:30am	20 YOUTH DINNER 5:30pm BOB LENZ NIGHT 7:00pm	21 St. Thomas, Apostle RECOVERY STUDY 7pm	22	23
24 4th Sunday in Advent Christmas Eve WORSHIP...10:00am (Com) 5:30pm 7:30pm 10:00pm (Com) E.C.C.....12:24pm	25 The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day WORSHIP...10:00am (Communion)	26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr BIBLE STUDY-6:30am	27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist DISCOVERY STUDY 7:00pm	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs RECOVERY STUDY 7pm WEDDING REHEARSAL	29 SHUE WEDDING 4:00pm-7:00pm	30
31 First Sunday after Christmas New Year's Eve WORSHIP...8 & 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL...9:15am						