

# Concordia News

## January 2008

A newsletter for members, families, and friends of Concordia Lutheran  
Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

### Words from Pastor Gretchen



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May the hope and joy of Christmas dwell in you throughout this New Year! This month we move into the season of Epiphany.

*Epiphany* means “to make manifest,” “to show,” “to make known,” or “to reveal.” On Epiphany (January 6) we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles – that is, to all nations. Christ comes as the light for all peoples and nations.

The Magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his changing of water into wine are all epiphanies which reveal aspects of Jesus’ identity. For example, the Magi offer gifts fit for a King; and at Jesus’ baptism, a voice from heaven declares, “This is my Son.”

And still today we experience epiphanies. In the bread and wine of holy communion and in the water of baptism, we experience epiphanies of God’s grace in our time.

On January 13<sup>th</sup> we will observe the Baptism of our Lord. It is also a time to remember our own baptisms; a time to rejoice in the assurance that we are God’s children and that God will never let us go. We rejoice with Tara and Ray Amundson and their family on the baptism of Lucas John. In baptism, Lucas is made a child of God, an heir of eternal life, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God. Welcome to the Lord’s family, Lucas John!

In this New Year we are called to let our light shine, and to be about ministries of healing, wholeness, inclusion, justice and peace. May God be with you and bless you in 2008! Let us pray:

God, Our Father,  
at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.  
make all who are baptized into Christ  
faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons,  
and empower us all with your Spirit,  
that we may bear your creative and redeeming light, healing, wholeness, justice and peace to all the  
world; in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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WELCA

No Meeting in January



Cookie Servers

- January 6 WELCA
- January 13 WELCA
- January 20 Delores Hagene
- January 27 Regina Hanson



Recipe Corner  
Squirrel Crispies

- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 cup M&M candies
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup Honey-Nut Cheerios cereal

Mix all ingredients together, then put them in a baggie and give for a snack.

Submitted by Sylvia Teigen

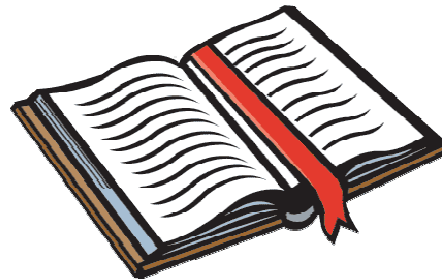
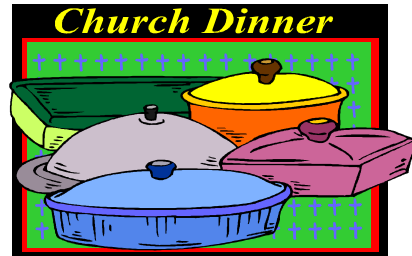


Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for Concordia Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2008.

**Note: Treasurers** of all funds – please send or email your typed reports to Barb Grover by Friday, January 25, 2008.

**POTLUCK DINNER** – There will be a potluck dinner on February 3, 2008. followed by the Annual Meeting.



Readers are Needed

I am looking for people who would like to volunteer to read the lessons and psalms on Sundays. If you would be willing to do this, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex along with a print out of the lessons so you can look them over before you read. Thank you.

Pastor Gretchen Person

# Thank You For:

## Concordia Newsletter

*Gift*

Allan & Genelle Sather

## Cemetery Association

*In memory of James Juve*

Jim Juve

*In memory of Ron Zimmerman*

Ron Zimmerman Family

Lyle & Linda Dahl

Aron & Laura Kassenborg

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Marvin & Jean Jacobsen

Glenn & Doris Kassenborg

Val & Delores Hagene

*In memory of Nancy Beckstrom*

Osie Juve

*In memory of Emil & Signe (Kosen)*

*Boen, Orville Boen, and Duane Adams*

Gertrude Berkness

*In memory of Willie & Margaret*

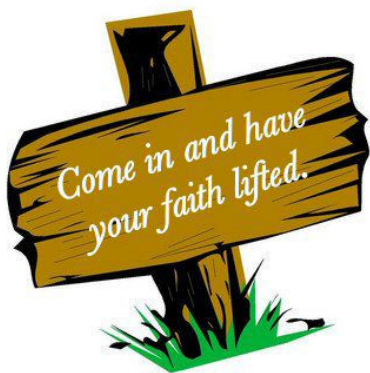
*Svenkesen, Evelyn Svenkesen, Great-*

*Grandparents Lislands, Grandparents*

*Gunder & Signe Svenkesen and extended*

*family of those early pioneers*

Lowell Johnson



Thank You to the following who purchased a poinsettia for the Christmas season. Our church looked beautiful.

Concordia WELCA

Glenn & Doris Kassenborg

Ella Swanson

Lloyd Gunderson

Regina Hanson

Margret Kragnes

Carolyn & Eddie Edwards

Germaine Gress

Valdemar & Delores Hagene

Osie Juve

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Dick & Mavis Wang

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

Doris Eidem

Irene Olson

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad



## Adopt- a-Family

Thank you to all who participated in the YMCA adopt-a-family program. Through your generous donations we were able to make Christmas a joyous time for a family in need.

Barb Grover

# Bits and Pieces

## Daily Rules from God

1. **Wake Up!!** Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." **Psalm 118:24**
2. **Dress Up!!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at, Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." **1 Samuel 16:7**
3. **Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." **Proverbs 13:3**
4. **Stand Up!!** ...For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything..."Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." **Galatians 6:9-10**
5. **Look Up!!** ... To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." **Philippians 4:13**
6. **Reach Up!!** ... For something higher. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." **Proverbs 3:5-6**
7. **Lift Up!!** ... Your prayers. "Do not worry about anything, instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." **Phillipians 4:6**

*Submitted by Alene Sladky*

## Concordia Congregation's Kids Corner



### Kid's Corner on Our Website

This fall we added a place for kids in the Congregation section of Concordia's website. A new Bible story provides the theme for the section each month. Kids of all ages can print and enjoy the word search, and there is also the story in the Bible, a picture to print and color, music, a craft project, and often a link to an on-line game or other special treat. In October, over 100 visitors spent time in the Reformation-themed Kid's Corner!

Drop by and celebrate Christmas with the shepherds this year. Pass along the link to family and friends, too. Links to previous months' sections are included, so you can catch up with Jacob's Ladder, Noah's Ark, or check out the Reformation. We so often hear about the dangerous content on the internet for the young folks; it's great to be able to offer a safe and fun place for kids to visit!

<http://www.concordianews.org/congregation/youth.htm>

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### Watch Out for Those Potlucks


Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm. Prayer and medication to follow.

*Submitted by Barb Grover*

# January 2008

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed | Thu   | Fri   | Sat |
|---|---|---|-----|---|---|-----|
|   |   | 1 Happy New Year!<br>                | 2   | 3<br>Sally Horpedahl<br> | 4   | 5   |
| 6 WHITE<br>9:00am Coffee<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:00am Church<br>Epiphany of Our Lord<br>     | 7   | 8<br>No WELCA meeting this month<br> | 9   | 10<br>Eddie Edwards<br>    | 11<br>Polly Hanson<br>     | 12  |
| 13 WHITE<br>9:00am Coffee<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:00am Church<br>Baptism of Our Lord<br>       | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18<br>Harriet Wangberg<br> | 19  |
| 20 GREEN<br>9:00am Coffee<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:00am Church<br>2nd Sunday after Epiphany<br> | 21<br> | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27 GREEN<br>9:00am Coffee<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:00am Church<br>3rd Sunday after Epiphany  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |     |

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Add to mailing list \_\_\_\_\_

Remove from mailing list \_\_\_\_\_

Change of address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

If you have one, we would like your e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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**You are always welcome at  
Concordia Lutheran Church!**

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Sunday Morning Worship:

Coffee 9:00

Sunday School 9:30

Worship 10:00

*Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month*

Pastor Gretchen Person

