



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

The mountains of Wyoming loomed before the hunters with snowcapped peaks that pierced the blanket of blue sky. The pines stood in regal beauty. Here and there were patches of yellow aspens.

As the hunters moved out there seemed to be a solemn hush as the creatures of the wilderness sensed that someone was invading their domain. Suddenly, a mule deer buck bolted from a thicket to their right. He dashed into an open spot with legs like coiled springs. He disappeared into a gulley, and then reappeared on the other side. But before he went over the crest of the hill, he turned sideways and looked back at the hunters. That was his undoing.

It has always been somewhat of a mystery as to why many mule deer follow this dangerous habit of stopping and looking back before they disappear from sight. Maybe they are just curious as to those preying on them. But during hunting season, the backward look has been fatal to many mule deer.

Looking back has not always worked out well for us either. We remember the story of Lot's wife as they were fleeing the city of Sodom (Genesis 19:26). But many people have been paralyzed in the present by looking back at yesterday's failures...or by trying to live on yesterday's glories.

In Philippians 3:12-14, the Apostle Paul speaks about his orientation toward life. He writes: "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

We cannot live on yesterday's street corner, whatever the reason, without wasting what God is giving us today. But because of the power of forgiveness in Christ, we can let go of yesterday's failings, give thanks for yesterday's blessings, and look forward to living today in the grace of God.

Peace+
Pastor Dave

Concordia's Annual Food Drive



June is Concordia's month for supplying Lift-Up's food bank. Paper bags with a list of foods and personal items most needed are here at Concordia. You may fill them and leave them at the Church, or bring them over to Lift-Up. There is a critical shortage at this time. Your generosity and caring will be very much appreciated!

(Last year Concordia's food drive for the Lift-Up food bank was one of the most successful in the Steamboat Springs Community thanks to your generous donations.) You do make a difference in the lives of so many who are struggling just to feed themselves or their family.



Happy June Birthdays

6-1 Danny Weber	6-20 John Vande Velde
6-9 Sandra Hogrefe	6-20 Nikki Vande Velde
6-10 Abigail Fritz	6-23 Lori Joens
6-10 Rod Olinger	6-23 Kyle Kounovsky
6-10 Kris Tratiak	6-24 Whitney Eggleston
6-16 Hugh Scott	6-25 Mary Kelley
6-16 Hannah Wolf	6-27 Kathy Deepe
6-18 Kailee Duryea	6-28 Madison Knutson
6-19 Aaron Hornstein	

Happy June Anniversary

6-12 Bonnie & Gary Baggenstoss
6-14 Kathy & Albert Deepe
6-16 Marty & Joanne Boomgarden
6-17 Jeremy & Lisa Schumacher
6-17 Gene & Bettiann Carrell



Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is going to be June 13th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.



LWML Salad Supper will be June 15th 6:00pm at Cindy Svendsen's house. All Concordia women are invited. Please call the Church office for more information.

**Vacation Bible School
Gadget's Garage**

*Mark Your Calendars
July 13th - July 16th
9am until Noon*

*Preschool 4 through 5th Grade at Holy
Name Catholic Church*

**We are looking for VBS teachers & volunteers
Call the Church office if you can help!*

2009 American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Last year Concordia Lutheran Church's participation in the Relay For Life Event was outstanding. Participate in this year's event and make a difference for others and your community!

Join one of the Concordia Teams by going to: www.steamboatrelayforlife.com

**Event dates: August 7th & 8th, 2009
Steamboat Springs High School Athletic Field**

Concordia's Website

The address is: www.steamboatlutheran.org



Missed a Sunday? Do you want to hear the sermon? You can click on the sermon section and choose the audio sermon and listen to it at your computer! Also, find the latest news and events and the calendar which will keep you up-to-date on meetings and happenings!