



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## "Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

I'm sure you have heard the expression: "face the music". It came about from the following story:

Many years ago, a man wanted to play in a well-recognized orchestra, but in reality, he couldn't play a note. Since he was a person of great wealth and influence, however, he demanded to be allowed to join the orchestra so that he could perform in front of the king.

The conductor agreed to let him sit in the second row of the orchestra. Even though he couldn't read music, he was given a flute, and when a concert would begin, he would raise his instrument, pucker his lips, and move his fingers. He went through all the motions of playing, but never made a sound.

The deception went on for two years. One day, a new conductor took over the orchestra. He told the orchestra that he wanted to personally audition all the players to see how well they could play. The audition would weed out all those who weren't able to meet his standards, and he would dismiss them from the orchestra.

One by one the players performed in his presence. Frantic with worry when it was his turn...the rich but phony flutist pretended to be sick. A doctor was summoned and he was deemed healthy. The conductor insisted that the man demonstrate his skill.

Ashamed, the man had to confess that he was a fake. That was the day he had to "face the music."

Is it possible that there are times where we can be found simply going through the motions of our faith? Is it possible that we could find ourselves sitting in the "orchestra" of believers on Sunday mornings, but not really "playing" by putting the gifts God has given us into service? In John 10:10 Jesus says: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." The only way I know to experience that is to be fully engaged in living, loving and serving. God has wired you for service. As we begin this new year, I invite you to take a risk. I invite you to step into service in order to better know the "full life" that Jesus has given us.

Peace+  
Pastor Dave

### Concordia Members' Corner.....

**Men's Bible Breakfast** is January 10th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

**Concordia Voter's Meeting** is January 27th at 6:30pm.

### Happy January Birthdays



1-2 Bart Kounovsky	1-13 Bert Svendsen	1-29 Billee Harris
1-2 Carter Kounovsky	1-16 Christian Hogrefe	1-31 Jennifer Peterson
1-3 Lisa Schumacher	1-16 Ron Wentzel	1-31 John Peterson, Jr.
1-6 Jordan Gorr	1-18 Samantha Smalley	
1-7 Baille Thornton	1-18 Joel Tarcha	
1-8 Gavin Noyer	1-21 Nicole Tarcha	
1-8 Sara Lindsey	1-25 Clair Erickson	
1-9 Evan Hornstein	1-26 Andrea Deepe	1-6 Brad & Deb Nelson
1-9 Owen McIntosh	1-26 Christie Draper	1-29 Luther & Helen Berntson
1-11 Matthew McIntosh	1-28 Katie Steinke	
1-13 Tyler Scott	1-29 Steve Cattoor	

### Happy January Anniversaries

## Concordia Youth Mission Trip

**There is a mandatory meeting 1/25/09 following the late service for all those who will be going to Lead, SD on the Mission Trip in June. We are making our final roster and need your commitment.**

**\*Lunch is being provided and the meeting should last 1 to 1 1/2 hours.**

### Attention all teen girls!

Grab your girlfriends and sign up for the Revolve Tour. It is a ton of fun. Tickets are \$72. That includes lunch. The dates are February 20 and 21. We'll head down Friday afternoon and return Saturday evening. Give Rebecca a call at 879-6854 if you are interested. (If you can't afford \$72 us know.)

### Special guests:

Hawk Nelson, Natalie Grant, Group 1 Crew, Krystal Meyers, Chad Eastham, Jenna Lucado, Danielle Kimmey & Many More!

### Church Pictorial Directory



**Last Call:**  
**If you would like your picture included, please contact Clare in the Church Office.**



### Assistance Available to Our Students Attending Lutheran Colleges:

Concordia has traditionally included funds in its Mission and Outreach budget to support our congregation's young adults who choose to attend Lutheran Colleges. In 2009 we have budgeted \$1500 towards this program. Please provide the church office with the name of any student associated with Concordia who might be attending a Lutheran College during 2009.

### LWML Happenings:

- ◇ **Secret Sisters sign-ups are underway. Please fill out your form and leave it in the church office by 1/12/09.**
- ◇ **Next Meeting: Monday, January 26th at Judi Williams' house. Please call the church for directions.**
- ◇ **A big THANK YOU for your support in 2008! We look forward to a great 2009!**

### Concordia's Website .....

**The address is: [www.steamboatlutheran.org](http://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!**