



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"**

**January, 2010**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

God said through the prophet Jeremiah: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* *Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)* God's plans certainly blessed us and helped us to bless others in 2009 here at Concordia. You will see that in more detail in our Annual Report.

But the same promise holds true for 2010. I believe this is going to be a blessed year in the life of Concordia. This year we are going to take a good look at who we have been, celebrating the blessings God has provided. We are also going to work with God to define how we will shape our ministry for the future. My pray is for many of you to participate in helping to shape our ministry. Each of you is truly gifted by God in a unique way for works of service He has designed for you... *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* *Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)* That makes each of you important in helping shape our vision for our future as a family of faith here at Concordia. I'm excited for where God will lead us.

Who are we? How is God gifting us? How does God want to shape our ministry to Steamboat and to our world? As we stretch into our future together I trust God to prosper the process and the results. I'm looking forward to working with you, and am honored to serve among you! And my prayer for you is that God will truly bless you and yours in this New Year!

Peace+

Pastor Dave



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

**Men's Bible Breakfast** is January 9th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

**Dinner Belles** next session is January 24th. There still are a few openings. Speak with Sherri or Clare!

### Happy January Birthdays



1-2 Bart Kounovsky	1-13 Bert Svendsen	1-28 Katie Steinke
1-2 Carter Kounovsky	1-16 Christian Hogrefe	1-29 Billee Harris
1-3 Lisa Schumacher	1-16 Ron Wentzel	1-30 Kelley Davis
1-6 Jordan Gorr	1-18 Samantha Smalley	1-31 Jennifer Peterson
1-7 Baille Barbour	1-18 Joel Tarcha	1-31 John Peterson, Jr.
1-8 Gavin Noyer	1-21 Nicole Tarcha	<u>Happy January</u>
1-8 Sara Lindsey	1-22 Marilou Mast	<u>Anniversaries</u>
1-9 Evan Hornstein	1-24 Bradley Craig	
1-9 Owen McIntosh	1-25 Clair Erickson	1-6 Brad & Deb Nelson
1-11 Matthew McIntosh	1-26 Andrea Deepe	1-29 Luther & Helen Berntson
1-13 Tyler Scott	1-26 Christie Draper	

# Active Parenting of Teens :)

*For Parents of Teens and Tweens*

The challenge of successfully ushering children through their teen years has always been among a parent's hardest-won achievements. But in today's society where children seem to be challenged with adult behavioral choices almost overnight, and where they often must make decisions about drugs, sexuality, and violence before they understand the consequences – a parent's job is more important than ever. So how can you ensure that your teens develop the skills and character they need to not only survive but to thrive as they gain independence?

You can create harmony and stability in your family while raising teens to be responsible, courageous and prepared for independent life. **Active Parenting of Teens**, a video and discussion program prepared by parenting expert Dr. Michael Popkin, will show you how. In six sessions packed with activities, discussion, real-world examples, and feedback, you'll learn a proven approach to parenting, plus indispensable techniques and insights for overcoming obstacles that can bring happiness and harmony into your home. You'll leave each session energized and motivated to make positive and realistic changes in your own family's daily life.

Since 1983 millions of families have learned the benefits of Active Parenting. And now it is your turn. You will learn:

- \* Methods of respectful discipline
- \* Skills for clear, honest communication
- \* Concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior
- \* How to be an encouraging parent

...and much more, plus insight into important issues such as teens online, bullying, and depression.

## Class Information

- \* Classes are held weekly on Monday nights beginning January 18, 2010 and lasting for 6 sessions
- \* Classes will run from 6:30pm – 8:00pm & each participant/couple will receive a 244-page Parent Guide
- \* Register by calling the church office – 879-0175 or speak with Pastor Dave.

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## ISRAEL TRIP 2010

Learn All About Our Israel Trip – January 17th!

Have you thought about going on the October 2010 Israel trip? Time is running out to complete your initial registration.

Come join us for an informational and Q&A meeting in the Library following both services Sunday, January 17.

Learn more about the opportunity of a lifetime.



## SIS Happenings:

- ◇ **Secret Sisters sign-ups are underway. Please fill out your form and leave it in the church.**
- ◇ **Save the date: 3/19 & 3/20 is our Retreat!**
- ◇ **A big THANK YOU for your support in 2009! We look forward to a great 2010!**



## 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!**