



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As a young boy, I was mesmerized by all the different things that were a part of the State Fair of Texas. One of the things that fascinated me was the booth where a man sold chameleons. A chameleon would be a really cool thing to have back in my neighborhood. Not only could they change colors, but they looked like they came from a prehistoric past. There were a lot of lizards around where I grew up...but no "color changers" like the chameleon.

Now this isn't a beautiful lizard...but it was a fascinating one for a boy. The chameleon has a compressed body, a conical head, and big bug-eyes that move independently of each other. It has clawed toes and a long tail for clinging to branches. Its tongue darts in and out as it snatches insects.

But the main attraction was that it could change colors inside its thick lizard skin. Imagine different colored cells like marbles in a jelly substance. The roving eyes of the chameleon are sensitive to certain waves of light which signals those cells to react in their skin so that different colored cells move to the surface in order to help them blend into their surroundings. The color changes are obviously limited, but they do help the chameleon blend in.

People can't change color cells, but we can often become like a chameleon. It seems easier to blend in with our surroundings rather than to stand out. While this trait helps a chameleon, it is not always helpful to us. We get squeezed into the mold of the majority, which can lead us to things we really don't want to do. That runs counter to our Savior's call: *"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:14-16) Discipleship means "playing for the Coach, not for the crowd." We are called to stand up for Jesus and stand out boldly against the backdrop of the world's colors.

God isn't looking for chameleons. Henry David Thoreau wrote: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music that he hears, however measured or far away." God calls us to march to his music. That will make us out of step with many in our world...but being in step with God is by far the better way.

Peace+
Pastor Dave



The Gospels in 90 days

If you didn't start on June 1st, don't be discouraged... you can get started at any time. We are reading the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) one chapter a day through the summer. This is a wonderful way to spend time in God's word each day and see what he puts upon your heart!



Happy July Birthdays

7-2 Linda White	7-18 Harrison Williams
7-4 Greg Fritz	7-20 Garrett Anderson
7-5 Dale Mast	7-20 Mary Beth Smith
7-7 Jeanne Willman	7-27 Debbie Wolf
7-9 Jade Hanson	7-27 Andy Hogrefe
7-10 Sherri McKnight	7-27 Leon Vandahl
7-14 Elaina Vande Velde	7-28 Erik Svendsen
7-15 Robert Del Valle	7-28 Lara Craig
7-15 Debbie Scott	

Happy July Anniversary

7-8 Chris & Rebecca Duryea
7-12 Brian & Jerry Thornton
7-24 Greg & Sherry Kammerer
7-29 Greg & Jan Fritz
7-29 Brad & Lara Craig



Luther & Helen Berntson's 2010 Relay for Life team is "The Birthday Lappers"

"The Birthday Lappers" will be at Little Toots park on July 4th. Come out and enjoy the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 7am until 10am and while you are enjoying your pancakes, stop by "The Birthday Lappers" Relay for Life table for an opportunity to support the fight against cancer and to win:

- * A Wild West Balloon Ride
- * 1 hr plane ride for 2 over the Yampa Valley
- * 2 Handmade Quilts
- * Voucher for \$125 Live Christmas Tree from the Lions
- * A Roller Board from The Sports Authority
- * Dinner for 2 at a local restaurant

Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

Pastor Joel Scheiwe will be leading service Sunday, July 4th. Come for Worship and hear Joel share about his China ministry.

Vacation Bible School

Thank you for all our wonderful Volunteers and Helpers!

We were blessed with more than 80 children learning about Jesus' love for them!

Concordia' Sr. High Youth

Next Meeting & Movie night: Monday, July 5th at The Bradfield's house on 285 Blue Sage Circle. Be there by 5:45pm to see the movie "The Book of Eli" which starts at 6pm.

2010 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 Marv Lindsey's Concordia Team by going to:
www.steamboatrelayforlife.com

Event dates: July 23rd & July 24th
Steamboat Springs High School Athletic Field

Have A Safe & Happy Independence Day!



Concordia's Church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of this holiday.

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!