



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

December, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is truly one of my favorite times of the year. It seems my joy grows each year as I work through the Scriptures that show how God demonstrates His love for us in sending Jesus into our world to be our Savior. And I get excited about worshipping with all of you as well.

This year the messages for our Advent Sundays spring from the Old Testament...but not necessarily passages and events you would normally relate to Christmas. We are focusing on learning to be patient and to wait for the Lord. That's a lesson God's people of old needed as much as we do today.

Christmas music is also a favorite of mine. I truly love solid Christmas carols. I agree with Martin Luther who felt that next to the written and spoken word – music is the greatest tool for communicating the Gospel. Some of the Christmas carols we know and love have amazing "back stories". This year our Midweek Advent services will focus on some of the well-known Christmas carols...and the stories behind them. I invite you to join us on Wednesdays for soup and worship, and on Sundays for Advent worship.

I am particularly excited about our Christmas Eve services this year. We will have Candlelight worship services at 5:30pm / 7:30pm / and 9:30pm. The 9:30pm service will also offer Holy Communion. This year's theme is: "A Baby Changes Everything". We will sing, explore the Christmas Gospel, and enjoy some special music as we focus on how the Christ Child truly changes everything. Two friends of mine created a "palindrome" that we will see on video as a part of the service. A palindrome is something that says the same thing when it is read forwards and backwards. I think you'll appreciate the meaning behind their creation.

Because Christmas Eve/Christmas Day is a Friday-Saturday event, the Worship Committee chose to have one worship service on Sunday, December 26th. Also, because of Christmas travel, they decided to do the same on January 2nd. So, on both of those Sundays we will have one worship service at 9:00am. Both of those services will include Holy Communion.

In January, I plan to begin a 10-week discussion /study of the "10 Suggestions...oops...I meant the 10 Commandments." The study will meet on Sunday mornings between services. As a part of that study, we would like to make available to anyone who participates and who desires it, a new copy of "Luther's Small Catechism". Watch for the sign-up sheet for that class to appear in the entryway of church in the coming weeks.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in worship!

Peace+
Pastor Dave

Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will again be used to beautify our Sanctuary and Entryway as we celebrate the birth of Jesus as our Savior. There will be 9 large poinsettias this year. If you can help us purchase the poinsettias, please donate \$15 or more and note "poinsettias" in the memo field. Checks can be left in the "flowers" mailbox above the coffee station. We will leave the poinsettias through Epiphany.

Happy December Birthdays



12-1	Judy Sherrod	12-20	Trevor Davis
12-3	Christina Klein	12-21	Raya Duryea
12-10	Ellen Dalton	12-22	Brad Nelson
12-10	Susan McIntosh	12-24	Clare Tarcha
12-12	Vicki Draper	12-26	Eryn Rinck
12-14	Allison Steinke	12-28	Rebecca Duryea
12-16	Jessica Fritz	12-30	George Noyer
12-17	Dave Moss	12-30	Stacey Sandvik
12-19	Allison Williams		
12-20	Ben Bradfield		

Happy December Anniversaries

12-16	Bob & Sue Krohn
12-20	Kim & Charlyn Vance
12-21	Dave & Sherri McKnight
12-23	Ron & Donna Wentzel

Sisters in Spirit (S.I.S.)



Advent By Candlelight: Ladies, please join us this Sunday, December 5th from 6pm until 7:30pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy Christmas Carols, Food, Fellowship and the beautiful music by the Concordia Handbell Choir. This is a wonderful evening and way to prepare during Advent for the real "Reason for the Season".

Christmas Bazaar: Thank you for your donations of cookies, breads, crafts and other specialty items. We also thank all those who donated their hard work, time and talents to this special event. It was a huge success and raised over \$6,000 for missions!

Ladies, mark your calendars and save the date for our 2nd Annual Women's Retreat at the Fish and Cross Ranch in Yampa. It will be Friday, March 25th and Saturday March 26th, 2011. More details will follow!

Holiday Worship Schedule

- ◇ Advent Services: Soup Suppers from 5:30 -6:30pm and Worship Service at 7pm: 12/1, 12/8 & 12/15
- ◇ Sunday School Christmas Program:
12/19 during the 10:30 service
- ◇ Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:
5:30pm , 7:30pm & 9:30pm (*Holy Communion at 9:30pm*)
- ◇ Christmas Day Service 9:00am
- ◇ December 26th Worship (*one service*) 9:00am
- ◇ January 2nd Worship (*one service*) 9:00am



Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is December 11th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us between Church Services at 9:15 am on December 12th for a continental breakfast and congregational budget approval meeting.

Sr. High Youth Mission Trip December 4th



Sr. High Youth and their chaperones will be working with Pastor Mike Paulison's Experience Church in Denver to bring Jesus' hope and good will to the neighborhood children of the Sun Valley Youth Center while doing crafts, decorating cookies and spending fun time with them.

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!