



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

May/June, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Family Values" seems to be an oft quoted subject in political campaigns. Politicians and parties play tug of war with them. Everybody says that we need them, but nobody is defining them. William Bennett, who served as Secretary of Education from 1985 – 1988, wrote: "It's now politically correct to believe in family values, but it's not politically correct to get specific about them." The reason is that when you get specific, you start dividing people up. There are all kinds of families, and a lot of different values. Is there somewhere we can go to get some solid help here?

Thousands of years ago, God gave 10 values for family living. They are called "the 10 Commandments." In fact, we have a Bible study going on them right now between services. Kids learn about them in Sunday School and Confirmation.

In the United States they are a bedrock of our civilization. They serve as part of the foundation upon which we have built our laws. The 10 commandments are accepted by Jews and Christians, and even Muslims. Many have learned the basics about them.

But have you ever looked at them through the lens of the family? Today, in America, families are dropping like flies. They're falling apart faster than we can put them together. Why are so many marriages crumbling? Why are families splintering, even under the same roof? I believe one huge reason is that they are built on the wrong foundation. Families will struggle to be strong unless they are built on the solid values.

This summer, beginning on June 5th, we will work through a series of messages entitled: "Ten Values that Build Strong Families". This series is for everyone, whether you have family under your roof currently or not.

Jesus said: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."* Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

I pray you will join us as we seek solid values from God's Word so that our families will know the security of being "built on the rock".

Peace+

Pastor Dave

P.S. I will be in at Concordia Seminary, in St. Louis, for a continuing education class from May 20 – May 29. Don Patterson will speak on May 22, and Gene Carrell will speak on May 29. I ask for your prayers for travel mercies for myself, and also for these brothers who will share God's Word with you while I am out of town. Thank you.



Happy Birthdays

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5-3 Pastor Dave
5-3 Greta Sue Thurston
5-7 Olivia Gorr
5-7 Jerry Thornton
5-8 Helen Berntson
5-8 Doug Smith
5-10 Jerry Dalton
5-12 Wendy McCreight
5-12 Marissa Bauder
5-12 Doug Bradfield
5-13 Bruce Gorr

5-14 Leona Thurston
5-16 Amaris Duryea
5-17 Randall Nelson
5-23 Donovan Davis
5-25 Leo Starbuck
5-26 Ryan McConnell
5-26 Michael VanDahl
5-27 Ron Staudt
5-27 Braden Vitek/White
5-27 Dennis Scheiwe
5-29 Patrick Weber

5-30 Ian Noyer
5-30 Lee Willman

Happy Anniversary

5-17 Clair & Ginger Erickson
5-28 Rusty & Susan McIntosh
5-28 Mike & Martha Fosdick



Concordia's Sr. High Youth Spring Flower Sale

- ◇ Thank you for your orders!
- ◇ Flowers will be delivered to Concordia for pick-up on Thursday, May 26th

Steamboat Springs Pregnancy Resource Center's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign



- ◇ **Runs Mother's Day through Father's Day**
- ◇ **Pick up a baby bottle & fill it with change**
- ◇ **Return baby bottles to Concordia**



Vacation Bible School Space Mission

Mark Your Calendars
July 11th - July 14th
9am until Noon

Preschool 4 through 5th Grade at Concordia

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

Concordia Members' Corner.....

**Men's Bible Breakfast is May 14th- 7am
at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship,
study and food.**

S.I.S. Happenings:

- ◇ **Rummage Sale: May 13th & May 14th** Drop off begins May 9th and we could use helpers for sorting each evening (through Thursday), working the sale, and cleaning up 5/14 at noon. Please join us for this important fundraiser for missions!
- ◇ **Salad Supper will be on Monday, June 27th at 6pm at Rebecca Duryea's house. All ladies from Concordia are invited~ bring a friend and a salad to share. Call the Church office for directions. *This is wheel-chair accessible.**



Happy June Birthdays

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| 6-1 Danny Weber | 6-19 Nate Balstad |
| 6-2 Emma Balstad | 6-19 Aaron Hornstein |
| 6-7 Lisa Balstad | 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 | 6-23 Kim Vance |
| 6-16 Hannah Wolf | 6-25 Mary Kelley |
| 6-18 Kailee Duryea | 6-27 Kathy Deepe |
| 6-19 Aaron Hornstein | 6-28 Madison Knutson |

Happy June Anniversary

6-08 Jerry & Ellen Dalton
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
6-28 Tom & Monica Hillmer

