



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### "Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

September, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Edward Kimball was concerned about one of his young Sunday School students who worked at a shoe store in town. One day, he visited him at the store, found the student in the back room stocking shelves, and led him to Christ right there. The student was Dwight L. Moody who eventually became a great preacher and evangelist.

Moody, who became an international speaker, was in the British Isles, and preached in a little chapel. The pastor there was Frederic Brotherton Meyer. Moody spoke about his conversion in a shoe store, which changed Meyer's entire ministry...inspiring him to become an evangelist like Moody.

Meyer came to America. In Northfield, Massachusetts, a young preacher sitting in the back row heard Meyer say: "If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you willing to be made willing?" That remark led J. Wilbur Chapman to respond to the call.

Chapman went on to become one of the most effective evangelists of his time. A volunteer for Chapman, by the name of Billy Sunday, helped set up the crusades and learned how to preach by watching Chapman. Sunday eventually took over Chapman's ministry, and became one of the most dynamic evangelists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His preaching turned thousands of people to Christ.

Inspired by Billy Sunday, in 1924 a group of Christians in Charlotte, North Carolina, dedicated themselves to reach that whole city for Christ. They invited Mordecai Ham to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in 1932. A lanky 16 year old sat in the huge crowd one evening, spellbound by the message Mordecai Ham delivered. The 16 year old went back for several nights, and finally went forward to give his life to Christ.

That teenager's name?...Billy Graham – the man who has undoubtedly communicated the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people than any other man in history.

Here is the amazing thing about the true story above: millions and millions of people have been affected by the decision of a Sunday School teacher to share the Gospel with one of his students. You probably don't think the simple things you do for the Lord matter all that much, right?

Really? How do you know? Your faithfulness added to God's intention just might be way more important than you will ever realize. So, keep on caring and keep on serving in your own humble way, who knows what God might do with your service.

Peace+  
Pastor Dave



#### Happy September Birthdays

9-05 Addison Sandvik  
9-07 Brian Thornton  
9-09 Jim Winter  
9-13 Katie Truong  
9-14 Kristin Gorr  
9-14 Albert Deepe  
9-15 Justin Delvalle  
9-18 Gary Nelson  
9-21 Raylene Olinger  
9-29 Cindy Svendsen  
9-30 Madison Truong



#### Happy September Anniversaries

9-01 Marv & Sara Lindsey  
9-05 Marty & Bill Lepper  
9-06 Eric & Jane Sacher  
9-06 Jake & Dianne Weber  
9-07 Kris & Dave Tratiak  
9-08 Doug & Mary Beth Bradfield  
9-20 Wendy & Tim McConnell  
9-25 Leon & Bette Rinck/Vandahl  
9-28 Mark & Stacy Sandvik  
9-28 Rod & Raylene Olinger  
9-29 Bert & Cindy Svendsen

**Visit our website:** [www.steamboatlutheran.org](http://www.steamboatlutheran.org) for events, sermons & information

## Operation Christmas Child



### CONCORDIA'S CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This year our congregation will again have the opportunity to make our own Christmas shoeboxes for distribution to children around the world. This is an annual function of Operation Christmas Child a division of Samaritan's Purse Ministries. Think of the joy of a child opening your box. Watch for instructions and guidelines for building your boxes.

We will also be the area drop off center for the community. If you have any questions, please call the church office or speak with Jerry Thornton.

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

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

**Sunday School kick-off** is 9/11. There will be Children's Sunday school during the 10:30am service. Thank you to our wonderful teacher volunteers. If you would like to help teach, please speak with Mary Beth Bradfield or let the Church Office know.

**4th Annual Thrivent Pig Roast** to benefit adult and youth missions- 9/25! See information below.

**S.I.S. Meeting:** Monday, September 26th 6pm (see below)

**S.I.S. Rummage Sale** dates are October 14th from 9am until 5pm and October 15th from 9am until noon. We will start accepting rummage on October 10th. Helpers are needed! Please speak with Sandra Hogrefe or the Church Office for information or to sign up to help.

## Thrivent Pig Roast/Mission Fund-raiser

Come Join The



Fun!!!

### Menu

Roast Pig or Turkey  
Cowboy Baked Beans  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Drink  
&  
Dessert

**SUNDAY**  
September 25TH  
12pm - 1:30pm  
Concordia's Fellowship Hall  
Cost:  
Free-will  
Offering

All are Welcome!!! Invite friends and neighbors  
Support our Adult/Youth Mission Teams

### Concordia' Prayer Chain Ministry

Jesus' ministry, example and instruction are for us to pray. *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* Matthew 21:22.

Each prayer chain group has 4-5 people who are willing to pray for the person in need and call the person on the chain below them. If you don't reach the person in your group you then leave a message and call the next person on the list.

If you are interested in joining us in the ministry or would like more information, please contact Clare in the church office 879-0175.



S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)  
Attention: All Concordia Women  
Save the Date for our September kick-off

**When:** Monday, September 26th  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
(We will send out an email with the location and directions!)