



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Duke of Wellington, the British military leader who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, was not an easy man to serve under. He was brilliant, demanding, and not one to shower his subordinates with compliments. Yet even Wellington realized that his methods left something to be desired. In his old age a young lady asked him what, if anything, he would do differently if he had his life to live over again. Wellington thought for a moment, then replied. "I'd give more praise," he said.

How are you at giving praise? How are you at encouraging those around you? The Apostle Paul wrote: *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)* I am committing to try to look for opportunities to be more encouraging to others. I'd like to invite you to join me in looking for ways to intentionally "encourage and build up" those in your family, the people you call "friends", your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Concordia, people where you work or go to school, even strangers who God may bring in to your day. All it takes is a word of praise, a word of kindness, a moment to let someone else know that you are thankful for them...that you appreciate them. You can give thanks to God for those folks, and let them know what your are thankful for in their life. Sherri and I want you to know that we are thankful to God for all of you and that we feel blessed to labor alongside you in His kingdom here in Steamboat.

Sherri and I will be traveling to our son's wedding next week. He was married in a private ceremony a while back, and on November 11<sup>th</sup> he and his wife will celebrate their marriage in a public service in the Portland, Oregon area. After the wedding celebration we will head to southern California with our daughter to spend a few extra days with her as well. We will leave Steamboat on November 7<sup>th</sup> and return on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Mike Paulson will be here to share God's Word and lead worship on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Luther Berntson and John Kole will lead worship on November 20<sup>th</sup>. I am thankful that God has raised up these men to lead worship here will I am gone and I know they will be a real blessing for our congregation!

You will see in the newsletter a number of special opportunities God is giving us to gather in worship and in special activities as we enter the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. I look forward to sharing those times with you after my vacation!

Peace+  
Pastor Dave

### Happy November Birthdays



11-1 Chris Duryea	11-18 Cindy Delvalle
11-3 Joanne Boomgarden	11-19 Laura Bradfield
11-4 Susan Warner	11-21 Suzanne Holm
11-4 Shelly Dunlop	11-23 Tyler Dalton
11-5 Janel Kammerer	11-24 Luther Berntson
11-5 Jack Craig	11-25 Daniel Atkins
11-6 Sherwood Dunlop	11-28 Sherry Kammerer
11-6 Ben Lepper	11-30 Justin Bauder
11-14 Cory McConnell	11-30 Heather Davis
11-15 Jim McCreight	
11-17 Greg Kammerer	

### Happy November Anniversary

11-12 Lee & Jeanne Willman  
11-19 Jerry & Becky Schmidt

# Operation Christmas Child



**Only 3 More Weeks to Pack Your Christmas Shoe Boxes!** Start now collecting material for your children's Christmas box. Pick up the informational and instructional brochure at the Operation Christmas Child display in the church lobby and get started on your box(es) now. All boxes must be returned to the church no later than **November 21st**.

## CONCORDIA TO SERVE AS ROUTT AND JACKSON COUNTY COLLECTION CENTER FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Concordia will be collecting Operation Christmas Child Christmas shoeboxes from churches and individuals in Routt and Jackson County. We will receive the boxes, pack them in large shipping boxes and deliver them to the Grand Junction regional collection center. A few volunteers might be needed. Call Jerry Thornton 879-4664 if you have a few hours to volunteer.

### Advent By Candlelight- Save the date! 12/4/11 6pm-7:30pm

*All Concordia ladies, teenage young ladies, and your female neighbors and friends are invited to this special evening. The sign up is on the entryway table. Please sign up soon to be sure that you and your guest(s) don't miss out.*

We are in need of 10 Table Hostesses -  
(Hostess information is on the entryway table)

Please sign up and/or contact Clare in the church office 879-0175 if you can be a hostess!

### S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)

Christmas Bazaar: 11/19 9am-12pm  
Cookie Baking Days: 11/4, 11/7, 11/9, 11/11,  
11/14 and 11/16.



We need your help for our  
Christmas Bazaar:



Please consider donating your **home-made** breads & bakery items; candies & fudge; fancy snacks; jellies & jams; Dry mixes such as soup, cookies, beverages (include recipe to complete); homemade pet treats.

Drop items to Concordia no later than Friday,  
November 18th.

**Thank You for your help!**



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

Men's Bible Breakfast is November 12th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.



### Special Service Dates & Times:

- ◇ Thanksgiving Eve: Soup & Pie 6-6:45pm and Worship Service at 7pm
- ◇ Christmas Eve Services: 5:30pm, 7:30pm and 9:30pm (Communion)  
\*\*All are Candlelight Services



- ◇ Christmas Day Service 9am

