



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"**

**December, 2011**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Read Mark 11:1-7.

... *"The Lord has need of it ...."* (Mark 11:3b)

How do you like Christmas shopping? Are you looking forward to playing "chicken" for that elusive parking spot? Are you excited about your chance to push your way through the crowded aisles? Do you get a thrill out of arm wrestling for that last box on the shelf?

Wouldn't it be great just once to be an important person? Imagine walking down an aisle and watching people step aside to let you pass, or standing in front of an empty shelf and having someone hand you that must-have present you want to give your kids. Best of all, imagine everyone motioning you to the front of the line at the checkout!

On that first Christmas when God chose to send His Son into our world as a tiny baby, we might have expected Him to choose an important family. Perhaps it would be the Jewish high priest, the ruler of the Jews, or even the Roman Emperor himself. Instead, the most important person ever born lived as the obscure Son of Joseph and Mary—two very ordinary and unimportant parents.

That's how Christmas can transform us. God's only Son became unimportant in the world's eyes to make you and me important in God's eyes. He credits His perfect life to us as if we were the perfect ones. Then He took all our failures, faults and sins on Himself and suffered and died in our place on the cross to free us from God's wrath.

The hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping may make you feel unimportant, but this Christmas the birth of the Christ Child shows just how important you are to God.

PRAYER: *Lord, thank You for becoming unimportant in the world's eyes to make me important in God's eyes. Transform my view of You and of myself this Christmas. Amen.*

I am looking forward to worshipping with you throughout this holy season!

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. 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 4th from 6pm until 7:30pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy Christmas Carols, Food, Fellowship and the beautiful harp music by Kizaray Edmunds. 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 \$5,000 for missions!**

### Holiday Worship Schedule

- ◇ Advent Service 12/7: Soup Supper from 6 -6:45pm and Worship Service at 7pm:
- ◇ Advent Soup Supper & Christmas Caroling: Soup Supper 6-6:45pm and Caroling downtown following supper.
- ◇ Sunday School Christmas Program:  
12/18 during the 10:30 service
- ◇ Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:  
5:30pm , 7:30pm & 9:30pm (*Holy Communion at 9:30pm*)
- ◇ Christmas Day Service (*one service*)                      9:00am



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

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



### Sr. High Youth Mission Trip December 3rd

**Sr. High Youth and their chaperones will be working 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](http://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!**