



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world...” Romans 12:2

As a little boy there was always one thing I wanted when we went to the State Fair of Texas. There was a booth every year that sold chameleons. They were cool because they could change colors. I thought this would be fun, and impress my friends. This, after all, wasn't like the other lizards we found in our neighborhood.

A chameleon is less than beautiful. They have a compressed body, a conical head, and bulging eyes which move independently of each other. They have long toes and a tail to grasp branches in trees. And they have a darting tongue which grabs insects for food.

The ability of a chameleon to change colors takes place inside its thick lizard skin. It works sort of like marbles in a jelly substance. Suppose you had yellow, black, and white marbles. If all the yellow ones came to the surface, they would hide the other two colors, and the surface would look yellow. Those roving eyes of a chameleon are sensitive to certain wavelengths of light and those signals cause their cells to react in their skin. In a similar way the chameleon reads and changes colors to match the background around it. Obviously, those color changes are limited, but they are amazing to see.

For us as God's children though, becoming like a chameleon can be unhealthy. We may find it easier to blend into the crowd rather than appearing as someone whose values and beliefs are different. But being squeezed into the mold of the majority isn't what we have been called to do. Jesus calls us to be the "light of the world" and a "city set on a hill that cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:13-16) Discipleship means playing for the coach, not for the crowd. And that means that Christians will stand out against the backdrop of the world's colors.

That is not only true for us as individuals, but it's also true for us as the church. The church has been pulsating with life when it has been dissatisfied and restless with the world in which it lives. The church has been weak when it has become comfortable and cozy with the world around it.

You and I were not called to be a chameleon in the world. God calls us to be his children. Jesus tells us to follow him as disciples. And that walk will be on a different path than what the world values. That is truly living right side up in an upside down world. Henry David Thoreau wrote: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music that he hears, however measured or far away."

Our Lord has called to us to tune into his frequency...and walk in this world as his children. What could be more exciting? Representing God...and standing out, so that others can see it is awesome to be God's child.

Peace+  
Pastor Dave



## Happy July Birthdays

7-2 Linda White	7-18 Harrison Williams
7-4 Greg Fritz	7-20 Garrett Anderson
7-5 Dale Mast	7-20 Mary Beth Smith
7-7 Jeanne Willman	7-26 Dave Entwistle
7-9 Jade Hanson	7-27 Andy Hogrefe
7-10 Sherri McKnight	7-27 Leon Vandahl
7-15 Robert Del Valle	7-28 Erik Svendsen
7-15 Debbie Scott	7-28 Lara Craig

## Happy July Anniversary

7-8 Chris & Rebecca Duryea
7-12 Brian & Jerry Thornton
7-24 Greg & Sherry Kammerer
7-24 Jim & Judy Winter
7-29 Greg & Jan Fritz
7-29 Brad & Lara Craig



VBS 2012 at Concordia

Sonrise National Park



Presented by: Concordia Lutheran Church of Steamboat Springs

July 9th through 12th  
9am until noon

Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

**VBS**— July 9th-July 12th



**From your Ministry Leaders Council (MLC )**

- ◇ *Are you looking for a way to serve the lord? Do you have basic budgeting / bookkeeping skills? Do you have an hour/week?*
- ◇ *Concordia is seeking a person or persons to fill the role of treasurer. Greg Fritz and Nancy Kourovsky have been sharing this position for many years and are ready to get new talent involved.*

*Over the past year, they have worked with Clare to migrate most of the weekly / monthly tasks to Clare's desk. The primary responsibilities of the treasurer are now to oversee Clare's work, to sign checks, and to prepare a budget annually. Greg estimates that the job takes about an hour/week at this point. If you are interested in serving, or know someone who has the skills, please contact Tom Hillmer or Greg Fritz to talk about the position.*

**2012 American Cancer Society Relay for Life**

The past years Concordia Lutheran Church's participation in the Relay For Life Event was outstanding. Participate in this year's event and make a difference for others and your community!

Join Marv Lindsey & Eric Sacher's Concordia Team by going to:  
[www.steamboatrelayforlife.com](http://www.steamboatrelayforlife.com)

Event dates: July 27th & July 28th Steamboat Springs High School Athletic Field

Have A Safe & Happy Independence Day!



Concordia's Church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of this holiday.

**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!