



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On June 8, 1972, a 9 year old Vietnamese girl, her clothes flaming from chemical explosives, fled the American-led assault on her village of Trang Bang. With her eyes tightly shut and her mouth spread wide in a scream of pain, she was captured on film in what may be America's most remembered wartime photo from Vietnam.

In John Plummer's nightmares, this picture flashed huge, in black and white, to a sound track of children screaming. His order had directed bombers to attack Kim Phuc's village. For years, guilt over destroying and maiming the villagers haunted the officer. Women and alcohol were his escape of choice.

20 years after the destruction of the village, Officer Plummer asked Christ to take control of his life. He sought and found a forgiving God, but he carried inside himself the scars of that attack - just like Kim Phuc carried scars on her neck, arm and back. 6 years went by, and Plummer knew he needed to find her. In an effort to meet her face to face, he tracked her down while she was visiting the United States. Unlike the 1972 event, no photographer captured the moment when Plummer explained to Kim Phuc who he was. But in the middle of a busy sidewalk, a 49 year old soldier and a child, now 33 years old, embraced. "She just opened her arms to me," Plummer later said. "I fell into her arms sobbing." All I could say was: "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry!" It's all right," she replied as she patted Plummer's back. "I forgive, I forgive."

Whatever you have done, no matter how bad it is, God can forgive it. *"When we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9 And with God, it's never too late to ask. God waits patiently for you to come to him and seek forgiveness for your sins. For the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ, all of us are forgiven fully and freely. We are forgiven by grace. And we learn to live in the freedom that forgiveness brings as we forgive others. There is no psychology, no other theology, no course of therapy or self-help seminar, that can do what the cross of Jesus Christ can do with guilt from our own actions and with the resentments we hold for the actions of others. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can set us free. Jesus said: *"If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."* John 8:36.

No matter how much time has passed, we can find freedom in forgiveness.

Peace+

Pastor Dave



## Happy August Birthdays

8-3 Don Sherrod  
8-7 Doug Warner  
8-9 David Kelley  
8-12 Marvin Lindsey  
8-12 Joni Moss  
8-12 Matt Warner  
8-14 Clint Hanson  
8-16 Kelley Hanson

8-17 Graham Hogrefe  
8-17 Judi Williams  
8-19 Stephanie Kammerer  
8-20 Tucker Smalley  
8-25 Keenan Starbuck  
8-26 William McConnell  
8-27 Carlyn Staudt  
8-28 Nathan Deepe

## Happy August Anniversary

8-5 Robert & Cindy Delvalle  
8-8 Andy & Sandra Hogrefe  
8-12 Dave & Mona Entwistle  
8-15 Jeff & Baillee Barbour

## Worship in the Park 2012

◇ Sunday, August 26th Worship in the Park with Concordia and other community Praise teams sharing music, lunch and games with the community



## Concordia Members' Corner.....

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Saturday, August 11th 7am at "The Egg & I"**

### Worship in the Park

**Sunday, August 26th- 10am (one service)  
Outside at Howelsen's Olympian Hall**

**Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy music by our praise team & Worship Service with Pastor Dave.**

## Senior High Youth

Mark your calendars....

**8/12 Welcome Incoming Freshmen BBQ 5pm at The Tarcha's House.**



## Concordia Kids Need YOU!

It doesn't matter if you're a man or a woman.....a parent or not.... We need adult leaders to have some fun with our kids once a month during 10:30 am service.

We have two classes... preschool/kindergarten and elementary kids (grades 1 - 6). We use a simple, all inclusive curriculum so preparing is easy... you just need to show up and have fun with the kids.

Bonnie is teaching Preschool/Kindergarten and she needs a partner to help her out when she can't be there.

Mary Beth would like to teach just one Sunday a month and is looking for some help the other 3 Sundays of the month (that means 3 more adults... just once a month Sept. - May).

So, try something new....share your love of God with our kids... and lend a helping hand.

We will have a one hour sign up and training meeting on **Sunday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am. Give us a quick call at 879-0175 or 819-1067 to let us know you're interested.



## 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!**