



# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**December, 2012**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In his book, Science Speaks, Peter Stoner applies the modern science of probability to just eight prophecies regarding Christ. He says, "The chance that any man might have ...fulfilled all eight prophecies is one in 10 to the 17th. That would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000." (one hundred quadrillion).

Stoner suggests that "we take 10 to the 17th silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state 2 feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly. Next, blindfold a man and tell him he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up only one silver dollar. What chance would he have of getting the marked one?"

Stoner concludes, "Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing those eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man..."

The truth is there are over 300 prophecies about the coming Messiah. I have no way of beginning to figure out what the chances are that all those would come true in the life of one man. But I know that they do. They are all fulfilled in the life of Jesus, the true Son of God. And I look forward to celebrating His birth with each of you this Christmas season. Below, you will find our schedule of worship services this Christmas. I'll be looking for you. And, I pray for a blessed Christmastime for you and yours this year.

Peace+  
Pastor Dave

## Holiday Worship Schedule

- ◇ Advent Service 12/12: Soup Supper from 5:30--6:30pm and Worship Service at 6:30pm:
- ◇ Advent Soup Supper & Christmas Caroling 12/19: Soup Supper 5:30-6:30pm and Caroling following supper.
  - ◇ Sunday School Christmas Program:  
12/16 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

## Happy December Birthdays



12-1	Judy Sherrod	12-20	Trevor Davis
12-10	Ellen Dalton	12-21	Raya Duryea
12-10	Susan McIntosh	12-22	Brad Nelson
12-12	Vicki Draper	12-24	Clare Tarcha
12-16	Jessica Fritz	12-26	Eryn Rinck
12-17	Dave Moss	12-28	Rebecca Duryea
12-19	Allison Williams	12-30	George Noyer
12-20	Ben Bradfield	12-30	Stacey Sandvik

## 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.)**

**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 with the \$1,300 Thrivent Matching funds, raised over \$6,800 for missions!

**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.

**Concordia Members' Corner.....**

**Men's Bible Breakfast** is December 8th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

**Voter's 2013 Budget Meeting:** Sunday, January 13th between services in the Fellowship Hall. The proposed budget will be available to pick up from the Church Office starting Sunday, December 30th.

**Sr. High Youth Burrito Breakfast:** Sunday, 1/13/13 during the budget meeting.

**Middle School Youth Christmas Party  
December 9th 6-7:30pm**

Jr. High Youth Christmas Party will be at Concordia Lutheran Church, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring a gift to exchange (no more than \$10 please)

RSVP is needed to make sure there is enough cookie dough for cookie baking fun! Call 846-5809.

**Sr. High Youth Christmas Party  
December 16th 6:30pm**

Sr. High Youth Christmas Party will be at The Kounovsky's house at 55 Copper Rose Court

Please bring a "White Elephant/Gag Gift" to exchange!



**Ring, Ring, Ring!  
2012 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign**

Please support this year's bell ringing campaign and sign up to "ring the bells" at one of our Steamboat locations.

Call Judi Williams at (970) 819-5839 to set up a time!

**FINANCIAL 101- HOW ARE WE DOING:  
November 29, 2012**

	2012 YTD Budget	2012 YTD Actual	Last Yr. YTD Actual	2012	Last Yr.
<b>OUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$246,748	\$210,100	\$211,617		
<b>OUR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	\$234,009	\$214,763	\$217,733		
<b>OUR GIVING TO OTHERS</b>	\$26,429	\$24,938	\$27,750		
<b>OUR NET RESULTS +/-</b>	(\$13,690)	(\$29,600)	(\$33,866)		
<b>OUR GIVING %</b>	10.7%	11.9%	13.1%		
<b>OUR SPECIAL EVENT GIFTS</b>				\$22,033	\$12,427
<b>OUR AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>					
<b>CHECKING</b>				\$1,028	(\$3,241)
<b>MONEY MARKET</b>				\$34,305	\$49,309
<b>RESERVE (incl. specified funds)</b>				\$70,449	\$70,037
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>				\$105,782	\$116,104