



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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2013: The Year of TRUTH and FREEDOM!

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

This world of ours is filled with voices calling out to us to follow their lead. Impassioned people speak to us on all kinds of topics. Each of them claims the truth. Add to that, our enemy, the devil, is constantly twisting God's truth in order to tempt us. And all that leaves us wondering what is really true and desiring the freedom of knowing there is something or someone we can trust.

In 2 Samuel 22:31 we read: *"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him."* In Deuteronomy 11 God tells us: *"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* (vs. 18-19) The Apostle Paul encourages us to: *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."* Colossians 3:16. And our Savior promises that as we hold on to and study His Word we will all: *"...know the truth, and the truth will set (us) free."*

This year can be for us at Concordia – "The Year of TRUTH and FREEDOM" as we join together to read and study God's Word. There are quite a number of ways for each of us to do that. I want to encourage you join me in working through a reading plan for God's Word. I want you to choose or create a reading plan that will fit with your lifestyle and keep you connected with God's Word for 2013. So, I am going to be helping you to find resources for various reading plans or encouraging you to develop your own.

I use youversion.com for my daily reading plan. It allows me to choose from a variety of reading and devotional plans that come to my email inbox every day. I get to choose the translation as well. I am currently close to finishing the New Testament in one year. It is actually going to take me 13 months instead of 12. But this plan can be adjusted for times where you were unable to keep up with your reading schedule. You can do all that on their website. It is simple to use, and to adjust. Once I finish my current plan, I am going to work plans for the Psalms and for Proverbs.

I am also going to ask those of you who use various reading plans to email me with the plan and where to find it so that I can share it with everyone else as they seek a plan for themselves. Marvin Lindsey shared with me a resource he has enjoyed entitled: "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chamber.

Keep watching the newsletter, bulletin, and weekly announcements for other suggestions from our brothers and sisters.

I also want to ask you to do one more thing for me. When you decide on a reading plan, please take a moment and sign up on the sheet in the entryway that has as its title: "2013: The Year of TRUTH and FREEDOM". I am asking you to sign up to show your commitment to be in God's Word this year because I believe it will be an encouragement to others to make that commitment as well. All I want is your name and email address or phone number.

The truth and freedom God desires for us comes as we read, study, and hold on to His teachings in His Word. I can imagine tremendous blessings in our lives individually and corporately as we spend time in the Scriptures.

Peace, Truth, and Freedom to you all,
Pastor Dave



Happy January Birthdays

1-2	Bart Kounovsky	1-13	Bert Svendsen	1-29	Billee Harris
1-2	Carter Kounovsky	1-16	Christian Hogrefe	1-30	Kelley Davis
1-3	Lisa Schumacher	1-16	Ron Wentzel	1-31	Jennifer Peterson
1-6	Jordan Gorr	1-18	Samantha Smalley	1-31	John Peterson, Jr.
1-6	Greg Holm	1-18	Joel Tarcha	<u>Happy January</u>	
1-7	Baille Barbour	1-21	Nicole Tarcha	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
1-8	Gavin Noyer	1-22	Marilou Mast		
1-8	Sara Lindsey	1-24	Bradley Craig	1-6	Brad & Deb Nelson
1-9	Evan Hornstein	1-25	Clair Erickson	1-29	Luther & Helen Berntson
1-9	Owen McIntosh	1-26	Andrea Deepe		
1-11	Matthew McIntosh	1-26	Christie Draper		
1-13	Tyler Scott				

Pastor Dave & Sherri join together with Joel and Clare Tarcha to say thank you to the members of Concordia Lutheran Church for their prayers, greetings, and gifts this holiday season. We truly enjoy serving among you.

Thrivent Sponsored Burrito Breakfast for Missions



Please join us Sunday, January 13th from 9am until 10:15am downstairs in the fellowship hall.

This fundraiser will help the Youth Mission Projects in 2013.

Buy your burrito and help the Sr. High Youth build faith and a better life in others less fortunate.



Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

2013 Budget Approval meeting is Sunday, January 13th from 9:15am-10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

One Day Seminar for Mature Adults

Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain District
Older Adult Ministry Committee

February 9, 2013
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood

Registration Deadline 2/2/13

*See information on the entryway bulletin board

Concordia's Website

The address is: 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!