



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"*

May/June, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This week, I came in contact with this passage in an article I was reading: *"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."* 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) It brought some of my own experiences to mind.

Standing in a boxing ring, you will figure out a couple of things pretty quick. First, you will really feel like you are on your own. Second, there's no place to hide. And, at the end of the match only one boxer has his hand up. That's it. I thought that the guy with his hand up was the best thing to be. But one of the coach's I had held a different view of what the best thing was for a fighter. He said that the best thing to be was to be the kind of person that gets back up.

It's a powerful lesson. If you're ever in a ring in your life, standing there feeling like you are on your own with nowhere to hide, and you get knocked down but you get back up again, it's an experience you will never forget. It's a one-of-kind achievement. As I was thinking about getting back up, I realized something else. From a short stint with boxing, to Tae Kwon Do with my kids, all the way to Krav Maga training here in Steamboat... I've never really been completely alone. There has always been a coach, sensei, or trainer yelling at me to get back up.

It is fitting in my mind for us to think of ourselves as being "in the corner" of the people we care about. It is fitting, as God's people, that we be people whose voice rises above the crowd to remind those we care about that we are there for them, and that the Lord is with them. Just like in a match, life can deal some pretty hard blows. No one gets everything right in a match, and sooner or later everyone gets knocked down. But by the grace of God and with the encouragement of the people "in our corner" – we can experience the power of getting back up again.

Make sure that in your home, at work or school, at church, and anywhere you are with those you care about – that you do what Paul says: *"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."* That encouragement is a key to helping people be people who get back up.

Peace+  
Pastor Dave



### Happy Birthdays

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5-3 Pastor Dave  
5-3 Greta Sue Thurston  
5-7 Olivia Gorr  
5-7 Jerry Thornton  
5-8 Helen Berntson  
5-8 Doug Smith  
5-10 Jerry Dalton  
5-12 Wendy McCreight  
5-12 Marissa Bauder  
5-12 Doug Bradfield  
5-13 Bruce Gorr  
5-14 Leona Thurston

5-16 Amaris Duryea  
5-17 Randall Nelson  
5-23 Donovan Davis  
5-25 Leo Starbuck  
5-26 Ryan McConnell  
5-26 Michael VanDahl  
5-27 Ron Staudt  
5-27 Braden Vitek/White  
5-27 Dennis Scheiwe  
5-29 Patrick Weber  
5-30 Janis Noyer  
5-30 Ian Noyer  
5-30 Lee Willman

### Happy Anniversary

5-9 Greg & Suzanne Holm  
5-17 Clair & Ginger Erickson  
5-28 Rusty & Susan McIntosh  
5-28 Mike & Martha Fosdick

Vacation Bible School

*Everywhere Fun Fair*

*Mark Your Calendars July 8th - July 11th*

*9am until Noon*

*Preschool 4 through 5th Grade at Concordia*

*\*We are looking for a VBS teachers & volunteers  
Call the Church office if you can help!*

**Steamboat Springs  
Pregnancy Resource Center's  
Annual Baby Bottle Campaign**



- ◇ **Runs Mother's Day through Father's Day**
- ◇ **Pick up a baby bottle & fill it with change**
- ◇ **Return baby bottles to Concordia**

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

**Men's Bible Breakfast is May 11th- 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.**

**S.I.S. Happenings:**

- ◇ **Rummage Sale: May 17th & May 18th Drop off begins May 13th and we could use helpers for sorting each evening at 6pm (through Thursday), working the sale, and cleaning up 5/18 at noon. Please join us for this important fundraiser for missions!**

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

**Financial 101- How Are We Doing?  
3/31/13**

|  | <b>2013 YTD<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2013 YTD<br/>Actual</b> | <b>2012 YTD<br/>Actual</b> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Our Contributions</b>                       | <b>\$70,097</b>            | <b>\$60,332</b>            | <b>\$56,123</b>            |
| <b>Our Operating Expense</b>                   | <b>\$71,045</b>            | <b>\$68,094</b>            | <b>\$67,089</b>            |
| <b>Our Planned Giving<br/>(included above)</b> | <b>\$ 7,313</b>            | <b>\$ 7,563</b>            | <b>\$ 7,188</b>            |
| <b>Results Compared to Budget</b>              | <b>(\$948)</b>             | <b>(\$7,762)</b>           | <b>(\$10,966)</b>          |
| <b>Our Giving % of Expenses</b>                | <b>10.3%</b>               | <b>11.1%</b>               | <b>10.7%</b>               |
| <b>Church Mortgage Balance    3/31/13</b>      | <b>\$269,370</b>           |                            |                            |

**Happy June Birthdays**



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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 6-1 Danny Weber        | 6-23 Lori Joens      |
| 6-9 Sandra Hogrefe     | 6-23 Kyle Kounovsky  |
| 6-10 Rod Olinger       | 6-23 Kim Vance       |
| 6-10 Kris Tratiak      | 6-25 Mary Kelley     |
| 6-16 Hannah Wolf       | 6-27 Kathy Deepe     |
| 6-18 Kailee Duryea     | 6-28 Madison Knutson |
| 6-19 Aaron Hornstein   |                      |
| 6-20 John Vande Velde  |                      |
| 6-20 Nikki Vande Velde |                      |

**Happy June Anniversary**

- 6-08 Jerry & Ellen Dalton
- 6-12 Bonnie & Gary Baggenstoss
- 6-14 Kathy & Albert Deepe
- 6-16 Marty & Joanne Boomgarden
- 6-17 Jeremy & Lisa Schumacher
- 6-17 Gene & Bettiann Carrell
- 6-28 Tom & Monica Hillmer