



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

September, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is hard for me to believe that we are already in September. This summer has been very busy for me personally. But it is good to be home. As a number of you are learning, Sherri and I are in the process of trying to purchase a home in San Antonio for retirement. That doesn't mean retirement is close. The timing of my actual retirement rests solely in the hands of God. But we are trying to buy while interest rates are low. If God blesses us with the house we have chosen, our daughter Kathi will move into it until retirement comes. Sherri and I would appreciate your prayers that God's will be done throughout the home-buying process. DEO VOLENTE!

I am also excited to look ahead into September and see some of the things that God has in store for us. On September 8th, we will begin a two-part message series entitled: "Running the Race of Life". It's based on Hebrews 12:1 (*a cherished verse for me*) which reads: *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."* (NLT)

God often compares life to a race. It's not a race to see who is the fastest, and who gets to the finish line first. It's a marathon. God inspires us to look at how we run the race and strengthens us to endure to the finish. On September 8th we will talk about what holds us back. On September 15th we will look at how to finish well. I pray you will be with us in worship for this short series.

On September 22nd we will focus on Missions and will have our annual Pig Roast to support our traveling mission teams. This year we have a team headed to Haiti in the fall, and you will learn more about that team and their work. Plan on worshipping and eating with us at noon.

On September 29th, The Experience with Pastor Mike Paulison will be here for their annual trip to share what's happening in their ministry and to lead worship. It is always a joy for us to have them here among us! We do have a lot of fun and inspiring worship together.

I also want to share with you a ministry need. Our Sunday School program needs your prayers and your service. As was shared earlier this summer, Mary Beth and Bonnie will not be teaching this year due to work schedules and other commitments. That means we need some people to help love and lead our young children. The requirement is simple...you just need a heart for children. The materials are easy to follow. So, I would appreciate it if you would do two things. First, I would like all of us to join in praying for God to lift up the people He already knows that He wants for our program. Second, I would like each of you to ask God personally if this is a ministry He would want you to be a part of. The more that share the opportunity, the easier it will be for all. So let's get to praying...and to offering ourselves to the Lord in service here. *"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."* Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

Peace+
Pastor Dave

Happy September Birthdays

9-05 Addison Sandvik
9-07 Brian Thornton
9-09 Jim Winter
9-13 Katie Truong
9-14 Kristin Gorr
9-14 Albert Deepe
9-15 Justin Delvalle
9-18 Gary Nelson
9-21 Raylene Olinger
9-29 Cindy Svendsen
9-30 Madison Truong



Happy September Anniversaries

9-01 Marv & Sara Lindsey
9-06 Eric & Jane Sacher
9-06 Jake & Dianne Weber
9-07 Kris & Dave Tratiak
9-08 Doug & Mary Beth Bradfield
9-20 Wendy & Tim McConnell
9-25 Leon & Bette Rinck/Vandahl
9-28 Mark & Stacy Sandvik
9-28 Rod & Raylene Olinger
9-29 Bert & Cindy Svendsen

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Operation Christmas Child



CONCORDIA'S CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES & Denver Mission Trip

This year our congregation will again have the opportunity to make our own Christmas shoeboxes for distribution to children around the world. This is an annual function of Operation Christmas Child a division of Samaritan's Purse Ministries. Think of the joy of a child opening your box. Watch for instructions and guidelines for building your boxes.

We will also be the area drop off center for the community. If you have any questions, please call the church office or speak with Jerry Thornton.

We will be sending a mission team from Concordia to work in the Denver distribution center. We will drive down and back on Saturday, December 7th. We have carpooled in the past. Sign up will be in the church entryway soon.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

6th Annual Thrivent Pig Roast to benefit adult and youth missions- 9/22! See information below.

S.I.S. Rummage Sale dates are October 18th from 9am until 5pm and October 19th from 9am until noon. We will start accepting rummage on October 14th. Helpers are needed! Please speak with the Church Office for information or to sign up to help.

The Experience will be at Concordia on September 29th to lead Worship Services. Save the date for this special service by Pastor Mike & his Praise Team.

Thrivent Pig Roast/Mission Fundraiser Come Join The Fun!!!



Menu

Roast Pig or Turkey
Cowboy Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Roll
Drink
&
Dessert

SUNDAY
September 22nd
12pm - 1:30pm
Concordia's Fellowship Hall
Cost:
Free-will
Offering

**All are Welcome!!! Invite friends and neighbors
Support our Adult/Youth Mission Teams**

S.I.S. Kick-Off 2013

Concordia Women: Please join us on Monday, October 7th at 6pm for our first gathering. We will have dinner, fellowship and fun! Come and be a part of this important Women's Ministry!

Concordia' Prayer Chain Ministry

Jesus' ministry, example and instruction are for us to pray. *"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* Matthew 21:22.

Each prayer chain group has 4-5 people who are willing to pray for the person in need and call the person on the chain below them. If you don't reach the person in your group you then leave a message and call the next person on the list.

If you are interested in joining us in the ministry or would like more information, please contact Clare in the church office 879-0175.

