



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The "little church that could" has done it again. The pig roast was a great time and the food was fantastic! The fellowship was fun also. And...you donated \$1,963.00 for the Mission Team! Thrivent will match a part of those funds so that the total for the day will be \$2,863.00! Praise the Lord!

On top of that, the totals from the Steamboat Springs Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign are in. You donated \$4994.42! Concordia Lutheran Church is again the local church with the highest donation amount in the campaign! *(There are still some bottles out there. Whether full or empty or somewhere in between, please return them so that the SSPRC can save the cost of having to purchase more for next year. You can drop them off at the church office. Thanks.)*

I just have to give thanks to God for the privilege of serving among this family of faith. Together we have a great heart for missions! What makes that especially exciting is the idea that what we do for missions is intended to be in addition to our support of our local congregational work. That means mission offerings come along with support for our congregation's work and needs making missions and home needs a "both/and" not an "either/or". To quote a current TV commercial: You are "crazy generous!"

On another front, many of you have been encouraging and praying for Sherri and me during the process of our seeking to purchase a home in San Antonio for our future retirement. I wanted to let you know that God has blessed us with a home! Thank you for your encouragement and prayers. Our daughter, Kathi, will live in the home until we actually do retire, and we will use it like a vacation home. I am heading down to San Antonio on September 30th. I am going to pull a little U-Haul trailer with some basics like a bed and a love seat, etc. I want to get those things down there before the snow flies so that we can make use of them when we travel there for future vacations.

Jeremy Schumacher will be sharing God's Word on Sunday, the 6th. If you haven't heard Jeremy before you should make every effort to be there. God truly blesses through his sharing. Gene Carrell will lead both worship services.

On October 13th and 20th I will share a 2 part series on the subject of "stewardship". A steward is a manager, and we are going to talk about a couple of areas where it is important for us to be good stewards or managers.

On October 13th we will consider the theme: "The Stewardship of Influence". You are more influential than you think. We will look at how we can all be intentional about managing and improving our influence.

On October 20th we will consider the theme: "The Stewardship of Affluence". We will talk about the pitfalls of financial blessings and God's purposes for them.

I look forward to worshipping with you and serving alongside after I return from my trip to Texas. May God bless you and yours richly!

Peace+
Pastor Dave

Happy October Birthdays

10-3 Jane Sacher	10-16 Jonathan Rinck
10-6 Jan Fritz	10-18 Mona Entwistle
10-8 Lynn Jones	10-21 Rusty McIntosh
10-8 Charlyn Vance	10-22 Bob Harris
10-9 Ryan Kelley	10-22 Lexi VandenBurg
10-9 Jessica Sandvik	10-25 Dean Duryea
10-12 Kyle Svendsen	10-26 Jerry Schmidt
10-16 Zach Holm	

Happy October Anniversaries

10-1 Don & Judy Sherrod
10-17 Ron & Carlyn Staudt
10-24 George & Janis Noyer
10-24 Randy & Mary Kelley



Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

S.I.S. Rummage Sale October 18th & 19th.

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 23rd
Crafters, Cookie Bakers, Specialty Item Makers... we need you!

Ladies of Concordia— We will meet on Monday, October 7th at 6pm. Join us at Joanne Boomgarden's house for dinner and fellowship!

Confirmation Class— Attention all 7th and 8th grade youth. Confirmation class starts Wednesday, October 16th at 5:30pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary for the first class.

Mission Trip to Denver to help sorting at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center will be Saturday, December 14th. Sign up on the entryway board.

Operation Christmas Child

CONCORDIA'S CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Pack Your Boxes...Start now by collecting materials for your children's Christmas boxes).



IS CONCORDIA HOLDING MORE CASH RESERVES THAN NECESSARY?

This very timely question was raised last fall at the congregational meeting. In response, the MLC undertook a thorough study of the question over the last several months and have determined that about \$30-40,000 is available beyond that necessary for day-to-day operations and a moderate reserve for unforeseen circumstances.

The MLC investigation included a long needed capital reserve study. Such a study looks at all capital replacement items for our more than \$2 million physical plant over the long-term. These items include necessary future capital outlays such as a new roof, replacement of kitchen and office equipment, repaving the parking lot, new flooring, pews, windows, organ, etc. The result of this professional study indicated that to be 100% funded Concordia should have a current balance of \$263,000 in a capital reserve fund and that we should be adding an additional \$40,000 annually. Currently Concordia has \$5,000 designated as capital reserve and nothing in the annual budget to additional funding. This, of course, means that any major capital project would require a funding raising campaign.

Given this information, the MLC concluded that the best use of the \$30-40,000 of available funds was to assign them to the capital reserve fund. These additional funds will increase the capital reserve fund to about 17% of the recommended level. Although it is still far below the suggested amount, it is a substantial improvement. The MLC also decided to include a budget line item in future budget plans to provide for annual funding of the capital reserve account. The Treasurer was directed to consider longer term investments for the capital reserve funds to obtain the best return with minimal risk.

S.I.S. Corner

Fall Rummage Sale: 10/18 & 10/19

Sorting: 10/14 through 10/17 come daytime or evenings, all help is welcome!

Next Gathering: 10/7 at 6pm at Joanne Boomgarden's house
Christmas Bazaar : 11/23 We need cookie bakers, craft makers and helpers... Please consider serving!

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!