



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

March, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The cross of Jesus Christ is the number one symbol of Christianity. It makes sense that it would be. On the cross, our Savior paid the price for the sins of the world. In His own words from the cross – "It is finished." (John 19:30) – Jesus declared the price had been paid in full for our sins. Forgiveness and salvation are fully and freely given to us by grace, for Christ's sake.

But I think the cross is more than just a symbol. In today's world it would be like the ultimate "brand". Martin Luther believed that God's revelation to us often comes in paradoxes (*statements that assert ideas contrary to human reason but are revealed to be true by the Bible*). Look at Romans 5:8 for an example of these paradoxes – "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." There are many ways one could think of demonstrating love. But suffering and dying on a cross are not what we normally associate with love. Yet the Bible makes it clear that the greatest demonstration of God's love takes place in the tortuous death of His Son on the cross. This greatest of all paradoxes led Luther to write: "The cross puts everything to the test."

Luther felt that the true affects of the cross extend far beyond its role as the place where salvation was achieved. For him, the cross was the key to Christian existence. It was the key to our knowledge of God and to the dynamics of Christian life. I think he might agree that the cross was like a lens and we should view the reality of our lives through it.

This year, on the Sundays in Lent, we will explore this deeper meaning of the cross. We will let the cross test things in life and see the richness of faith that lies in the results of that testing. We will let the cross be our secure standpoint from which we can view life with God.

Our series title will be: "Digging Deeper into the Cross". On March 9th, our first message will be entitled: "God, Show Me Your Glory!" based on Exodus 33:12-23. I invite you to join us for this series of messages on our Lenten Sundays and during Holy Week.

During Lent we also gather on six Wednesdays for midweek Lenten devotional services along with a soup supper downstairs in the church basement. Beginning on March 5th, our Wednesday evening schedule will be:
5:45 – 6:30pm for Soup Supper
6:30 - 7:00pm for Lenten devotional worship

As a part of our midweek services we will read through the Passion History of our Lord Jesus Christ as combined from the 4 Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

I look forward to journeying with you this Lenten season!

Peace+
Pastor Dave



Lent 2014

- ◇ Soup Suppers: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9 5:45 - 6:30 pm
- ◇ Lent Worship Services 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9 6:30pm - 7pm

Concordia Women

Please join us on Monday, March 31st at 7pm at Clare Tarcha's house (650 Amethyst Drive) for our March meeting.

Light appetizers and dessert will be served.

Concordia's Corner

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

Daylight Savings Time begins March 9th. Please set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night (March 8th).

Sr. High Youth: There will be a meeting after the late service on Sunday, March 9th regarding a possible mission trip in the summer.

Women: S.I.S. Meeting Monday, March 31st 7pm at Clare Tarcha's house. Please join us!

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Concordia Directory 2014

Please fill out a directory form so we can include your information. There are blank forms on the entryway table. We respect your privacy and if there is information that you do not want published or shared, please let us know.



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Happy Birthday

3-1 Jim Schlaver
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3-2 Monica Hillmer
3-3 Marty Boomgarden
3-7 Doug Smith
3-9 Gene Carrell
3-11 Hannah McCreight
3-14 Dianne Weber
3-17 Jake Weber
3-17 Nick Weber
3-20 Matthia Duryea

3-22 Mette Smith
3-23 Grace Olinger
3-23 Katelyn Olinger
3-25 Deb Nelson
3-25 Nancy Kounovsky
3-27 Bette Rinck-Vandahl
3-28 Ava Ford
3-28 Bonnie Baggenstoss
3-29 Sarah Kammerer
3-29 Wendy McConnell
3-30 Donna Wentzel
3-30 Michael Williams

Happy Anniversary

3/11 Joel & Clare Tarcha
3/12 Clint & Nina Hanson
3/12 Dave & Joni Moss
3/14 Donna & Cy Starbuck
3/14 Keith & Shirley Zuehlke

