



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Saints of Concordia Lutheran Church,

For this month's newsletter I have printed for you a Holy Week message from LCMS President, Rev. Matthew Harrison (lcms.org)

Holy Week and Easter Blessings to you all!

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A Holy Week message from President Matthew Harrison Holy Week and Easter 2015

Dear Fellow Laborers in the Lord's Vineyard,

The world must surely think we've lost our marbles when, in the liturgy for Good Friday, the words ring out: "We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your resurrection. For behold, by the wood of the cross joy has come into all the world."

How true! On that day of deepest darkness, humankind finally got its hands on God. We grabbed hold of God in the flesh, nailed Him to a tree and told Him to get out of our world and leave us "the hell" alone. To this day, our every sin still demands the same — to be left alone in hell. Not much cause for joy there.

Ah, but even more true, on that day of deepest darkness, our God was loving the world, loving *you* and *me* and *all* who fail Him again and again. He was loving us by giving His only Son into that horrid death so that our hate-filled, violent, rebellious race might be pardoned and given a life without end in His kingdom.

If you've been following along in the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* or with the Daily Lectionary, you know that we just read again the story of Joseph in Genesis. What light that whole story sheds on the events we're about to celebrate when we see in Joseph a picture of our Lord! He was hated by his brothers, stripped, betrayed and sold, disowned and forgotten. And why? Precisely so that God could, through Joseph, bring great blessing to those wretched brothers, keeping them alive in famine, providing for their families. "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive" (Gen. 50:20).

As with Joseph, so with Jesus. Hence the miracle of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter! It's true that we meant it for evil. But God Himself was at work through it all, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us as He made Him who had no sin to be sin for us. And come resurrection morn, He proclaims to all the world that its sins are forgiven, forgotten, gone! The resurrection cries out: "His sacrifice has been accepted — for you and for all. So rejoice!"

Yes, beloved, through the wood of the cross, *joy* truly *has* come into all the world: the joy of sins' forgiveness, death's defeat, love's unconquerable triumph. The cross is our God saying: "You can't make Me hate you! I love you and forgive you in the blood of My precious Son!"

To Him, to our Lord of joy, be all glory and honor! Remember me, please, in your prayers during these days, even as I remember you in mine!

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Happy April Birthdays

- 4/1 Taylor Elliott
- 4/3 Mark Sandvik
- 4/6 Jennifer Fritz
- 4/11 Kim Truong
- 4/12 Emily Craig
- 4/13 Erik Sandvik
- 4/20 Eric Sacher
- 4/20 John Wharton
- 4/21 Mary Beth Bradfield
- 4/25 William Baldwin
- 4/26 Brian Weerts
- 4/28 Bailey Draper Fosdick
- 4/28 Thomas Tarcha
- 4/30 Beth Watson

Happy April Anniversaries

- 4/18 Dale & Marilou Mast
- 4/30 Bruce & Kristin Gorr

Easter 2015

◇ Maundy Thursday	4/2	(Communion)	7pm
◇ Good Friday	4/3		7pm
◇ Easter Sunday	4/5	(Communion)	6:30am & 8am
◇ Easter Sunday	4/5		10:30am
◇ Easter Breakfast	4/5		7:30am - 10am

Sisters In Spirit Women's Retreat 2015

Ladies– please join us for a full day retreat at Concordia on Saturday, April 11th. Sign up deadline is April 5th.

Check in & Breakfast begins 8am
Concludes with Dinner at 5:30pm

Cost is \$10 donation per person

Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

SIS Retreat: 4/11/15 at Concordia. (more details in the newsletter)

Easter Breakfast

Please join us on Easter Sunday for a delicious Easter Breakfast which will include pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns and fresh fruit!

7:30am-10am in the Fellowship Hall



Easter Lilies

Please sponsor an Easter Lily for \$15 to beautify the Altar for Easter!



Ross Theodore Memorial Service

April 10th at 4:30pm

Light Dinner will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



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!

