



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

First, a comment on our review of The Revelation. I am so pleased with the number of you who have engaged in this study. There is no doubt we are going rather quickly through this wonderful teaching. That, of course, is an understatement! Working through The Revelation in seven weeks is a challenge. But, you have been up to the challenge!

And rightly so. Listen to the promise that opens the teaching of the Lord Jesus to us: "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophetic teaching, and blessed are those who hear it being read, and blessed are those who pay attention to what is written in it" (Rev. 1:3). Listen to the promise that closes the Teaching: "Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book" (Rev. 22:7). No other book of the Scriptures makes such promises!

Why did we set out to study The Revelation together? To draw us toward and around Jesus; to be united in our community around the Word of God. Unity among the Christian community matters. In fact, when reading through Paul's letters to the churches, unity is one of the consistent and significant themes. In my experience, there is nothing on earth like a Christian community united together in Christ.

Let's consider this a moment. Unity in the Christian congregation matters because of the Unity of the Trinity. We confess our God as three Persons that remain one Being. One of the ancient church fathers – Gregory of Nazianzus – described the relationship of the Persons as "giving preference to each other, as giving glory to each other, as having participation in each other."

What a glorious description of unity within diversity! Each Person of the Trinity is unique – we know them as Father, Son, Holy Spirit – yet they dwell together as a complete and total unity. My point here is not to explain the Trinity, but to remind us that the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints, the fellowship of the redeemed, the holy Christian Church is utterly and fully influenced by the Trinitarian Way of Life Together.

Take note of how Jesus treats those who belong to Him throughout the Revelation. He treats each one with awareness, dignity and respect, openness and honesty; relating to each with conversation and recognition. Seems to me the Blessing noted above is for those who "pay attention to what is written" in the Revelation.

Wonderfully, graciously, amazingly and lovingly, the "King of kings" and "Lord of lords" treats those He loves as described above. We who are blessed with the "forgiveness of sins and the gifting of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2) can join Him in living with one another in a similar way.

May the Blessed Trinity keep and protect you always!

Pastor Craig

Happy Birthdays

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- 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

- 5-16 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
- 5-29 Patrick Weber
- 5-30 Janis Noyer
- 5-30 Ian Noyer

Happy Anniversary

- 5-5 Mike & Barb Illenberger
- 5-9 Greg & Suzanne Holm
- 5-17 Clair & Ginger Erickson

**Selah'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**

S.I.S. Happenings:

- ◇ **Rummage Sale: May 13th & May 14th. Drop off begins May 9th and we could use helpers for sorting each evening at 6pm (through Thursday), working the sale, and cleaning up 5/14 at noon. Please join us for this important fundraiser for missions!**

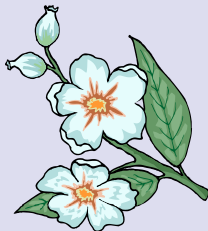
Luau 2016

The 4th annual Luau for the Pio Utu scholarship are available. The Luau is Monday, May 16th at SSHS.

Polynesian Cuisine from 6-7:30pm and entertainment from 7:30-8:30pm

Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 students
Children 5 and under are free

(tickets available in church office)



**Concordia's Highway Clean-up Day
Saturday, May 21st 9am-11:30am**

Concordia sponsors a stretch of Hwy 40 near the base of Rabbit Ears pass and commits to keep it cleaned up.

Wear your work gloves, hat & sunscreen and help us pick up trash on Hwy 40.

There is a BBQ lunch and prizes after clean up at Olympian Hall 11:30- 1pm for those participating.

Let the church office or Jake know if you can spare a few hours and help out!

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is May 14th- 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food. (Note the change in date).

SIS Rummage Sale: 5/13 9am-5pm & 5/14 9am-Noon.

Highway Clean Up: 5/21- 9am-11:30am. See info in newsletter.

Vacation Bible Camp 2016

Cave Quest

*Mark Your Calendars
June 20th- June 23rd*



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!*

Pancake Breakfast

The Sr. High Youth will be serving up eggs, pancakes, bacon and sausage on Mat 22nd between services. Let mom have a morning off and support our youth's trip to the National Youth Gathering!

