



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

LET THE REFORMATION CONTINUE!

In October, 1517 (499 years ago), Martin Luther was drafting a series of points to be debated. We call them the *95 Thesis*. He posted these discussion points on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. "Who would want to engage the debate?" he certainly wondered. Could Luther have ever imaged that thousands, perhaps millions, debated and are still debating his *95 Thesis*.

The *95 Thesis* is the initial "here's-what-it-means-to-be-a-Lutheran" document. Have you ever read the *95 Thesis*? If you have yet to read them, you can find them on a variety of websites. You can also pick up a printed copy on the table in the Narthex. I'd certainly encourage all of us to read through the *95 Thesis* at some point during this month of October.

But, let's do more than that. Let's use the *95 Thesis* as Luther intended: as a means of engaging conversation and discussion. To do this, let's all gather at 9:00am on Sunday morning, October 30th, in the church basement for a reading and discussing of the *95 Thesis*. I think you'll find this to be a stimulating and informative dialogue.

Luther lived a good and productive life that was riddled with numerous struggles. As Lutherans, we tend to overlook the fact that both Jesus and Martin Luther were condemned to die by the religious authorities of their day. Church history is littered with the condemnation of religious people when confronted with the magnificent Grace of God.

We affirm that Jesus died to rescue us from the sin-death-devil triad of evil. We also affirm that His resurrection inaugurated the New Creation, being made ours in Baptism as we became "new creatures" in Christ that day. It was for this same Jesus that Luther, exposing the diabolical contours of human religiosity and defending the Grace of God, was sentenced to death. One was proclaimed "King of the Jews;" the other was proclaimed "Heretic of the Church."

We Lutherans have quite a history! There is no doubt that a great deal of blood, sweat and tears went into making us who we are today. We are the bearers of a rich theological heritage that – even today – must be taught and defended. I would hope that your reading of the *95 Thesis* would help you capture a sense of this remarkable legacy.

Love ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy October Birthdays

Happy October Anniversaries



10-3 Jane Sacher	10-16 Jonathan Rinck
10-6 Jan Fritz	10-22 Bob Harris
10-8 Lynn Jones	10-22 Lexi VandenBurg
10-8 Charlyn Vance	10-25 Dean Duryea
10-9 Ryan Kelley	10-29 Ruth Moon
10-9 Jessica Sandvik	
10-16 Barb Illenberger	
10-16 Zach Holm	

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 8th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

NCD Meeting: Please join us this Sunday, October 9th between services 9:20am downstairs for information and to take a survey.

S.I.S. Rummage Sale October 14th & 15th. See below for more information.

Congregational Voter's Meeting: It is important for you to participate on Sunday, October 16th after the late service. We will have election of officers for 2017 and some other brief business.

Concordia Bowling Night: Please sign up for bowling on Friday, October 21st at 6:30pm at the Snow Bowl. It costs \$15 for two people (you have to pay together) for shoes, two games and a beverage each! Sign up on the entryway table so we can reserve your lane!

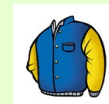
Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 19th Crafters, Cookie Bakers, Specialty Item Makers... we need you!

Men's Night Out: The men want to get together once a month (the 3rd Monday of the month). October's meeting date is 10/17 and place will be Carl's Tavern at 5pm.

Combined Service: Mark your calendars for 10/30! This is a 5th Sunday in October and we will have one service at 10am and a potluck following.

Lift Up Coat Drive

Colorado Group Realty and Young Professionals Network will be collecting lightly worn coats in a coat drive for Lift Up of Routt county. There is particularly a high demand for children coats. Also, in addition donations for winter hats, gloves and snow pants will be accepted. Donations can be dropped off in front of Natural Grocers from 8:00 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday October 8th.



ONE SERVICE & POTLUCK

On Sunday, October 30th it is a 5th Sunday of the month so we will begin a new tradition... on 5th Sundays we will have ONE COMBINED/BLENDED service and a pot luck following service.

When: 10/30
Study Time: 9am Adult Bible Study
Service Time: 10am Blended Service

Potluck after service:

Last names A-C (bring a dessert)
D-H (bring a side dish) and **I-Z** (bring a casserole or main dish).

**There will be no Children's Sunday School during this special service.*

S.I.S.

Fall Rummage Sale: 10/14 & 10/15

Rummage Sorting: 10/10 through 10/13 come daytime or evenings, from 6pm-around 7:30pm.
All help is welcome!

Christmas Bazaar : 11/19 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!