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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

January, 2017

A New Year at Concordia

It is my sincere prayer that your 2017 will reveal the blessing of the Living God! Please join me in praying for one another that the Father of All Good gives the Holy Spirit among us.

I sure enjoyed being with you on Christmas Eve! Being able to proclaim God's Word at our three services was a true joy as well as a real challenge. It was my first big "working" test following our auto accident. Thank you so much for your kindness, encouragement and support.

My healing continues. I'll see the surgeon for post-op follow up at the end of this month. My physical therapy has really helped. Once the brace is off, I'm certain I'll continue making progress. I am getting anxious to return to serve among you. Many have taken the time to make sure I'm ready. I must praise God for Sheryl and her watchful eye, love and support!

I/we want to thank the congregational Elders and Leaders for their prayers and efforts in my absence. I know they have worked hard, doing the best they can. I really appreciate their ministry among us. I have begun to meet with them again as we prepare for the coming year and my return to ministry.

The results from our Natural Church Development (NCD) Survey are now available. We have so much to be thankful for as a congregation. At the same time, we have much we can do together. The Parish Council will begin reviewing the results, developing various ways to explore our future together. Join me in praying for our unity, health and well-being in Christ.

This would be a good time to mark January 29th on your calendar. We will gather for a single worship service at 10:00am, followed by a potluck and congregational meeting. We'll discuss the NCD results along with annual budget and future ministry efforts. I really hope you'll be there!

2017 is a special ... very special ... year among Lutheran congregations. Why? This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Martin Luther posted the 95 Thesis on October 31, 1517; we'll gather on October 29, 2017 for a meaningful celebration. In fact, across the next 10 months, we'll build, work and grow together, all leading up to our own reformation.

The word *concord* is at the heart of Concordia. As a word, *concord* came into use sometime after 1250AD. As is true of so many ancient words, the word *concord* literally means "harmonious heart." In our language, we use words like "agreement, unity, harmony, covenant, peace." Let us be and live our name in the coming year!

Love ya!
Pastor Craig



Happy January Birthdays

1-2 Bart Kounovsky	1-13 Bert Svendsen
1-2 Carter Kounovsky	1-16 Ron Wentzel
1-3 Lisa Schumacher	1-18 Joel Tarcha
1-6 Greg Holm	1-21 Nicole Tarcha
1-11 Mike Illenberger	1-24 Bradley Craig
1-13 Tyler Scott	1-25 Clair Erickson
	1-29 Billee Harris

Happy January Anniversaries

1-6 Brad & Deb Nelson
1-29 Luther & Helen Berntson

Opportunities to serve:

Sunday School teachers are needed. You will be only scheduled once a month during the late Service and the materials are easy and fun to teach. Please call the church office 879-0175.

Altar Guild help is needed. You would only be scheduled between 2 and 4 Sundays for the month that you can help. It doesn't take a lot of time— getting Communion ready and cleaned up, filling candles and sometimes changing banners. Speak with Sue Krohn for more information (970) 879-7081 or (715) 495-4351.

Trustees can use help with snow removal and general church maintenance. There is no set schedule—it's flexible! Please call Doug Bradfield at (970) 846-3347.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

2017 Budget Approval meeting is Sunday, January 29th.

Offering Envelopes for 2017 can be picked up from the Entryway table. If you do not have assigned envelopes and would like a set, please let Jake Weber or the Church Office know .

SIS Happenings:

- ◇ A big **THANK YOU** for your support in 2016! We look forward to a great 2017.
- ◇ The next meeting will be Monday, January 30th at 7pm. The meeting location will be determined soon. Mark your calendars and we hope that you can join us!

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, January 29th

One Service— 10am
Voter's Meeting & Potluck!

Have a safe, happy
and blessed
2017!



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!

