



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

755 Concordia Lane Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

April 2017

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is one of my favorite writings of the Bible. In this final teaching of the New Testament, John of Ephesus is privileged to "peek beyond the thin veil that separates the heavens and the earth," seeing and hearing the Reality that stands behind and within our reality. As the Vision draws to a close, he sees "*a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea*" (Rev. 21).

Ponder with me for a moment: new heavens and a new earth are in our future replacing the old heavens and the old earth! One goes away – the old – and another arrives – the new. One – the new – replaces the other – the old. One – the old – is worn and used, fragmented and broken. The other – the new – is fresh and unused, unified and beautiful.

This is as it was meant to be and will be; after all, "*the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*" As the dwelling place of both God and His people, the new heavens and the new earth must be spectacular! I can't wait; such a hope keeps me motivated and moving!

Till then, we have some important reasons to gather with one another in the coming month:

On **April 13th**, we will gather with Jesus as He offers Himself to us in the Sacrament. We will begin at 7:00pm.

On **April 14th**, we will commemorate Good Friday. On this day, we will remember and experience God's full and final judgment on the "old heavens and old earth." On this day, we will observe humanity doing our best to rid ourselves once and for all of the Living God, and doing our worst to the one Person who rescues us from ourselves. We'll begin at 7:00pm.

On **April 16th**, we will celebrate Resurrection! On this day, we will do more than just remember; we will actively participate in the inauguration of the New Creation. On this day, we will observe the Living God doing His best work, dealing absolutely with our worst. We'll begin at 6:30am and continue at 8:00am and 10:30am.

Ponder with me for a moment: the new heavens and new earth are among us now! With the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, God dwells with His people! Eternity and Eternal Life have begun. Your baptism drew you into the Resurrection of the Christ. What is His is yours!

Still, let us not forget the creation in which we live. Yes, we are "new creations in Christ," but we are still "old creations in Adam." What are we to make of the creation as we now experience it? How does the creation fit into our lives? How does the Gospel relate to the creation? How can we – as an expression of faith – care for the creation in our personal and congregational lives?

SAVE THE DATE: on Saturday, May 6th, you are invited to the "**Care of Creation Workshop**" being held here at Concordia. Dr. Charles Arand of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will be the featured presenter. You will want to be a part of this special learning opportunity.

God be with you all! Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

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Happy April Birthdays

4/3 Mark Sandvik
4/11 Kim Young
4/12 Emily Craig
4/13 Erik Sandvik
4/20 Eric Sacher

4/21 Mary Beth Bradfield
4/26 Brian Weerts
4/28 Thomas Tarcha
4/30 Beth Watson

Happy April Anniversaries

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

Lent & Easter 2017

- ◇ Soup Supper: 4/5 5:30 - 6:15 pm
- ◇ Lent Service 4/5 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Holy Week 2017

- ◇ 4/9 Palm Sunday Services : 8 & 10:30am
- ◇ 4/12 Passion of The Christ Movie: at 6:30pm (dinner 6-6:30pm)
- ◇ 4/13 Maundy Thursday (Communion) 7pm
- ◇ 4/14 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm
- ◇ 4/16 Easter Sunday Services: 6:30am (Communion) & 8am (Communion) Traditional
- ◇ 4/16 Easter Sunday Service: 10:30am Contemporary
- ◇ 4/16 Easter Breakfast served 7:30am-10am Downstairs

Sisters In Spirit Women's Retreat 2017

Ladies– please join us for a day retreat at Sue Krohn's on Saturday, April 8th. Bring your Bible, something to write with, hiking shoes if you are hiking, games if you are playing!

Welcome begins at 11:30am & we conclude at 3:30pm.

Call the church office 879-0175 to sign up or sign up on the entryway table.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Mission Brunch: 4/2/17. Come have brunch and support Amaris Duryea who will be going on an 11 month mission trip!

Lent Soup Supper & Worship Service: 4/5/17. Soup Supper from 5:30-6:15pm and Worship Service 6:30pm.

Guys and Gals Night Out: 4/6/17 at 5pm at Dude and Dans.

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

SIS Retreat: 4/8/17 11:30am-3:30pm at Sue Krohn's house.

Church Council: 4/10/17 5:30pm

Care of Creation Workshop: 5/6/17

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!

