



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

In our world today, there are multiple ways to gain and gather good information. Perhaps too many! For myself, every day, I take time to reflect with the Bible; I review various news outlets; I read several blogs; I look at Twitter and Facebook; I complete internet searches; not to mention just talking with real people.

I suspect this is a daily routine for many, if not most of us. Seems we have come to consume information like we consume Tootsie Rolls.

In all of this, I come across many quotable quotes. To me, these are thoughts and images that demand my attention and ongoing reflection. Of course, in all of this, I come across a lot of junk. Wisdom, to me, is cultivating the ability to know the difference. That's why I put the Bible first.

Earlier today, while lunching with my beautiful wife, she pointed me to another of these quotable quotes. It read like this:

"The church is not a group of friends I choose; the Church is the family of brothers and sisters that God chooses for me."

As soon as she read that to me, I commented, "that's good, very good!" I knew I had to share it with you.

This thought, along with the embedded images, is worthy of our attention and reflection. There is much to think about here; there is much to confess here too. As I mentioned this past Sunday, and have repeated in the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study (9:15 – 10:15am), the images we hold of the church – what we are and whose we are – matter very much. In fact, with a little observation, one can note the images we hold by paying attention to the behaviors we exhibit.

What are the images you hold of the church? "Whose we are" anticipates a life-time of prayerful reading and reflection. He, the Creator, is greater than we imagine! "What we are" will take up another lifetime as we allow Him to inform us. That's two lifetimes – together. This truth, in part, is what makes the above comment so meaningful. I need help – your help – with the "Whose" and the "what" of the Christian Church. We need each other!

And, one last reminder, if you have any desire to explore and discover more of this Creator and the Creation in which we live, give the congregational office a call by Wednesday (May 3) to let us know of your intent to be with us on Saturday (May 6) for the Care of Creation Workshop.

Luv' ya!
Pastor Craig

Happy Birthdays

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5-7 Jerry Thornton
5-8 Helen Berntson
5-8 Doug Smith
5-12 Doug Bradfield
5-16 Amaris Duryea
5-16 Pastor Craig
5-17 Michael Moon
5-20 Sheryl Henningfield

5-25 Leo Starbuck
5-26 Ryan McConnell
5-26 Michael VanDahl
5-29 Patrick Weber

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:

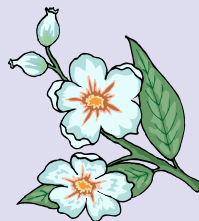
- ◇ **Rummage Sale: May 12th & May 13th.** Drop off begins May 8th and we could use helpers for sorting each evening at 6pm (through Thursday), working the sale, and cleaning up 5/13 at noon. Please join us for this important fundraiser for missions!

Luau 2017

The annual Luau for the Pio Utu scholarship are available. The Luau is Monday, May 8th 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



**Concordia's Highway Clean-up Day
Saturday, May 20th 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.....

National Day of Prayer: May 4th- Breakfast 7-8am Bud Werner Library. Prayer on the Historic Courthouse lawn 12 noon.

Care of Creation Workshop: May 6th 9am-3pm. (Lunch is included. RSVP to the church office.)

Men's Bible Breakfast is May 13th- 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food. (Note the change in date).

New Member Class: Saturday, May 13th 9am in the church library.

SIS Rummage Sale: 5/12 9am-5pm & 5/13 9am-Noon.

Highway Clean Up: 5/20- 9am-11:30am. See info in newsletter.

Men's Night Out: Monday, May 22nd at 5pm at Dude & Dans.

Vacation Bible School 2017

Serengeti Trek

*Mark Your Calendars
June 26th- June 29th*



*9am until
Pre-
through 5th*

*Noon
school 4
Grade at*

Concordia

****We are looking for a VBS teachers
& volunteers
Call the Church office if you can help!***