



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### "Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

November, 2017

On this day, 500 years ago, a spark had been ignited that would transform the world. The posting of the 95 Theses was the spark that led to changes in theology, culture, education and life. While this was not the first of the reform efforts, Luther's "sentences-for-debates" paved the way for a variety of political, social and theological transformations.

You can read the 95 Theses, looking them up online. Here are the first four theses:

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
3. Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortification of the flesh.
4. The penalty of sin remains as long as the hatred of self (that is, true inner repentance), namely till our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

These are important statements, taking a life-time of reflective Bible study to wrestle with and apply. These four comments engulfed and engaged Martin Luther the rest of his life. The same is to be true of Lutherans today! We never stop nor give up learning from Jesus!

Last Sunday, as we remembered and celebrated the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses, we were privileged to have the Steamboat Springs High School String Ensemble among us. Their talent was obvious; their willingness to serve and support is commendable. We hope to have them back in the future!

As I commented, their presence as "musicians in symphony" form a good metaphor for the Christian Church. If you had heard them tuning and warming up, you would have wondered if any good sound would be heard. The same is true in every congregation: when members do their own thing, the result isn't that loving nor lovely, sometimes squeaking before the culture.

But, when the Director draws the ensemble together, giving them guidance, emphasizing the musical score with each instrument adding to the total presentation, the results are nothing short of amazing. Individual talents, when combined, create a remarkable presence and exceptional experience. The same is true in every congregation: when members, under Christ, offer their talents/resources in symphony (each playing their part), the results are lovely and loving.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, another class will be offered to encourage and support Concordia's symphony-in-Christ. Knowing that you want our congregation to be together in harmony (each playing our part) with melody (playing our parts together), I am inviting you to join with me for our next session of "Christian Vocation and Gift-Based Ministry."

We'll be at the church, beginning at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

Luv ya'

Pastor Craig

### Happy November Birthdays

### Happy November Anniversary



11-1 Bob Knapp

11-1 Chris Duryea

11-3 Joanne Boomgarden

11-4 Susan Warner

11-15 Jim McCreight

11-21 Suzanne Holm

11-23 Tyler Dalton

11-24 Luther Bertson

11-28 Sherry Kammerer

11-11 Bob & Linda Knapp

## Concordia's Website .....



The address is: [www.steamboatlutheran.org](http://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!

## Operation Christmas Child



Only a few more weeks to Pack Your Christmas Shoe Boxes! Start now collecting material for your children's Christmas box. Pick up the informational and instructional brochure at the Operation Christmas Child display in the church lobby and get started on your box(es) now. All boxes must be returned to the church no later than **November 19th**.

### CONCORDIA TO SERVE AS ROUTT AND JACKSON COUNTY COLLECTION CENTER FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Concordia will be collecting Operation Christmas Child Christmas shoeboxes from churches and individuals in Routt and Jackson County. We will receive the boxes, pack them in large shipping boxes and deliver them to the regional collection center. A few volunteers might be needed. Let the church office know if you can help.

## S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)



Christmas Bazaar: 11/18 9am-12pm

Cookie Baking Days: 11/2, 11/6, 11/10, 11/13, 11/15

We need your help for our Christmas Bazaar:

Please consider donating your homemade breads & bakery items; candies & fudge; fancy snacks; jellies & jams; Dry mixes such as soup, cookies, beverages (include recipe to complete); homemade pet treats.

Drop items to Concordia no later than Friday, November 17th.

Thank You for your help!



## Thanksgiving Eve Service Soup & Pie Dinner 11/22/17



Mark you calendars!!!

We will have soup and pie and then a service upstairs in the Sanctuary.

A Sign up for a few soup makers will be out shortly. As in the past, please bring a pie or dessert to share.



## Concordia Members' Corner.....

Daylight Savings Time Ends!- Change your clocks back 1 hour before bed this Saturday, November 4th.

Men's Bible Breakfast is November 11th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

NCD training— Wednesday, November 15th from 6-8:30pm.

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday, November 18th Crafters, Cookie Bakers, Specialty Item Makers... we need you!

Tailgate & Broncos game: Join us on Sunday, December 10th! We will be "tailgating" downstairs 1:30pm (bring tailgate food to share) and then watching the game at 2:05pm downstairs on the TV. Bring your comfy camp chair!

**CONCORDIA'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
YTD Through September 2017**

<b>P&amp;L SUMMARY</b>	<b>YTD ACT</b>	<b>YTD BUD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$182,304</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>(\$17,696)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$203,182</b>	<b>\$216,320</b>	<b>(\$13,138)</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (Contrib. over Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$20,878)</b>	<b>(\$ 16,320)</b>	<b>(\$4,558)</b>

**CASH AVAILABLE at September 30, 2017:**

<b>YVB CHECKING</b>		<b>\$ 16,981</b>
<b>LCEF MMF TOTAL</b>	<b>\$154,770</b>	
<b>LESS SPECIFIED</b>	<b><u>(\$106,886)</u></b>	
<b>LCEF AVAILABLE</b>		<b><u>\$ 47,884</u></b>
<b>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$ 64,865</b>

**MORTGAGE BALANCE (3.875%) - \$195,529**