



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

May, 2018

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Easter, celebrated this year on April 1st, is more than a one-day experience. Resurrection is an on-going truth, a present reality, influencing and transforming throughout our lives. Through the Resurrection of Jesus, thought to have taken place on April 9, 0030, the New Creation was launched. There is now a new Ruler in cosmos.

Each Sunday after Easter is an important reflection and reminder of the present-day reality of this cosmos-changing event. We explored the "lavish feast" that the Creator has prepared for those who come through the resurrection-to-Life. We considered the real, practical difference that "forgiveness" brings into the cosmos. We pondered the significance and necessity of the Scriptures in the lives of the faithful. We relished in the Good Shepherd, the caretaker and watchful protector of our lives. Last week, we observed how "love" draws our lives together and grounds our life in Christ. The imagery of love continues this Sunday under the theme "Love Made Visible."

There are seven Sundays during the Easter Festival. In between the sixth and seventh Sundays comes the 40th day after Easter. This year, this day lands on May 10th. This is Ascension Day. You can read the story in Acts 1. This very special day, though hardly ever celebrated, is the day the Son of God returns to the heavenly glory from whence He came. Having worked 40 days to ensure the disciples and all His followers were convinced of the very fact of His resurrection, He returns to His Father's side.

This enables many remarkable events: The Coronation of Jesus as the rightful Ruler of the Cosmos; the battle to refuse Him this well-deserved honor; the defeat and removal of the devil from his accusatory place and work (casting him to the earth); and the affirmation of the Church of Jesus Christ as His representatives on earth. This all leads up to the final event of this "10-day" time frame: Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit ... God with His people-on-earth once again ... the heavens and earth reunited!

This year, Pentecost is on May 20th. On this day we remember and rejoice in the arrival of the Holy Spirit among Jesus' people. On this day, we will say, "Christ is Risen ... the Holy Spirit Has Come!"

How do we remember and rejoice in the presence and work of the Holy Spirit among us? This year, beginning the first Sunday of June, we will begin a summer series on "The Fruit of the Spirit." What happens in our congregation and our personal lives as the Holy Spirit works among us through His Word? He produces fruit ... His Fruit ... in our lives. Our daily-lives and community-life ripen along the flavors of the Fruit of the Spirit. I'm looking forward to summer!

The LORD bless and keep you always! Luv' ya!

Pastor Craig

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Happy Birthdays

- 5-4 Rosemarie Idler
- 5-12 Doug Bradfield
- 5-16 Pastor Craig
- 5-17 Michael Moon
- 5-20 Sheryl Henningfield
- 5-25 Leo Starbuck

Happy Anniversary

- 5-5 Mike & Barb Illenberger
- 5-9 Greg & Suzanne Holm
- 5-17 Clair & Ginger Erickson

Church Secretary Position

Due to the relocation of the Tarcha family, Concordia will shortly be in need of a church secretary.

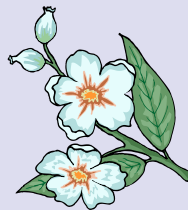
Please notify the church office or council member of any interest in, or recommendation for a candidate for this important position.

Luau 2018

The annual Luau for the Pio Utu scholarship are available. The Luau is Monday, May 21st at SSSS.

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 19th 9am-11:45am

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 12-1pm 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: 5/3 Breakfast 7-8am Bud Werner Library (\$10). Prayer on the Historic Courthouse lawn 12 noon.

Church Council Meeting: 5/14 5:30pm

Men's Bible Breakfast is 5/12- 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

SIS Rummage Sale: 5/11 9am-5pm & 5/12 9am-Noon.

Highway Clean Up: 5/19- 9am-11:45am- meet at the little red schoolhouse past Haymaker at 9am. See information in the newsletter.

S.I.S. Happenings:

- ◇ **Rummage Sale: May 11th & May 12th. Drop off begins May 7th and we could use helpers for sorting each evening at 6pm (through Thursday), working the sale, and cleaning up 5/12 at noon. Please join us for this important fundraiser for missions!**
- ◇ **Salad Supper: June 4th at 6pm at Cindy Svendsen's house. Bring a salad to share!**

Vacation Bible School 2018

Splash Canyon

*Mark Your Calendars
June 25th- June 28th*



*9am until Noon
Preschool 4 through 5th Grade at Concordia*

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