



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### September, 2018

Greetings, sisters and brothers of Jesus!

We have begun our exploration of The Gospel According to St. Mark. We first meet Mark – also known as John Mark – in Acts 12. James had just been martyred; Peter was imprisoned. Tough times for the Christian Community. Peter, however, is rescued from the Roman prison through the active power of God, freeing him to continue his teaching and preaching. Peter goes to John Mark’s home. Shortly after, Mark joins Barnabas and Saul on their journey to Antioch. Imagine those conversations!

Mark, from Acts 15, struggled with his involvement in “missions.” Luke records that he abandoned Barnabas and Saul on their first missionary journey. At least that is what Saul thought. Barnabas was willing to give his cousin another chance; Saul refused. In fact, caused quite a disagreement between these long-time friends. So, Barnabas headed off with John Mark, leaving Paul with Silas. Once again, tough times.

Later, though, Paul and Mark are restored! When writing to the Colossians (chapter 4), Paul speaks favorably of John Mark, asking that he be warmly welcomed. Then, not long before Paul’s death, he asks that Timothy bring Mark with him to Rome (2 Timothy 4). It was here, while in Rome, that John Mark wrote The Gospel of Mark, recording the teaching and preaching testimony of Simon Peter.

Peter, an eyewitness to the events here recorded, testifies that Jesus “healed many” (Mark 1:34). As I pointed out to you on Sunday, the Bible word for “healed” is *therapeuo* ... like our English word “therapy.” In the first century, *therapeuo* was their word for “offering helpful service” to someone else. Again, much like what we think of therapy. Many of us know what it is like to go to a therapist, the one providing “helpful service,” whether is be medical, restorative, counseling, etc.

Rightly, and interestingly, *therapeuo* was also connected to “divine worship and service.” In other words, Jesus was showing the Father’s value and significance by ordering his life around the desires expressed by the Father. Bringing *New Creation Life* to the women, men and children of Galilee was “worship” as *therapeuo*.

In “offering helpful service” to others, Jesus was setting a pattern for his followers. Yes, many times, the “service” Jesus provided as what we considered “miraculous,” involving “Divine Power.” But, we do not need to think that the “miraculous” was involved “every time” Jesus offered helpful service to others. For sure, the Father was engaged whenever Jesus acted for the good of others. But, Jesus is training us to live the New Creation Live in the present, showing us that we can make difference in the lives of others through the “good works” that we do. Yes, your “good works” are “Divine worship”!

*“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”* (Matthew 5), just like Jesus teaches us!

Luv ya’!

Pastor Craig

### *Happy September Birthdays!*

9-3 Cole Moon  
9-12 Steve Gunberg  
9-14 Albert Deepe  
9-21 Raylene Olinger

9-25 Karolyn Zuehlke  
9-29 Cindy Svendsen  
9-30 Madison Truong  
9-30 Wendy Ward

### *Happy September Anniversary!*

9-6 Jake & Dianne Weber  
9-8 Doug & Mary Beth Bradfield  
9-11 Michael & Dawn Moon  
9-20 Wendy & Tim McConnell  
9-20 Leon & Bette Rinck/Vandahl  
9-27 Pastor Craig & Sheryl Henningfield  
9-28 Rod & Raylene Olinger  
9-29 Bert & Cindy Svendsen

## Property Improvement Update

Work on improving our church building and property continues! The first phase of updating the audio/visual electronics is underway with new sound equipment and associated components on order. Wiring and irrigation water has been run from our church building to the sign area. A replacement sign design has been completed and is going through the permitting process with the city. The pavement joints have been sealed. The landscaping has been trimmed around the sanctuary. New hardware has been installed on the front doors. The parking lot will be crack sealed before winter. Painting and staining of decks and trim is also planned. These items and more are in addition to the normal maintenance and repair done by the trustees whose team now has five members.

God continues to bless us. We are thankful to almost 20 people who have provided many hours of time, talent and treasure to accomplish what has been completed. Many more hours are yet to be expended before winter. Please consider helping in these projects to come, with YOUR time, talent and treasure. Contact Keith or Doug if you can help.

Jake is chairing a team to evaluate both the short and long term physical needs of the sanctuary and property, and to consequently develop a plan to address those needs. We are asking for volunteers to assist in this process over the next few months. Please contact Jake or Mike if you can serve.

*More updates to come!*

### CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

#### Community Bible Study:

- The *women's* is on Thursdays at 9am & 6pm.
- The *men's* is on Thursdays at 6pm.

#### Men's Fellowship:

Monday, Sept 24th at 5pm at *Dude & Dans*.

#### Women's Fellowship:

Monday, Sept. 24th at 5pm at *Aurum*

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**CONCORDIA'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY**  
**YTD Through August 2018**

<i>P&amp;L SUMMARY</i>	<i>YTD ACT</i>	<i>YTD BUD</i>	<i>Over/(Under)</i> <i>Budget</i>
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$177,158	\$179,120	(\$1,962)
EXPENSES	\$186,415	\$189,257	(\$2,842)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (Contrib. over Expenses)	(\$ 9,257)	(\$ 10,137)	\$ 880

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**CASH AVAILABLE at Aug 31, 2018:**

YVB CHECKING		\$ 28,595
LCEF MMF Balance	\$168,802	
LESS SPECIFIED PORTION	<u>(\$120,409)</u>	
LCEF AVAILABLE		<u>\$ 46,393</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE		\$ 76,988
 MORTGAGE BALANCE (3.875%)		 \$178,361