



Concordia Lutheran Church

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Resurrection Greetings to my Forever-Family!

Over the past week or so, many people have asked me, "how was your Easter?" My response is "Great! And it is still great!" With their puzzled look, I know I must tell them what I mean. "I mean that while Easter day is done and gone; the reality of Resurrection is still an ongoing reality in my life." That leads to a "I get it" look on their face.

Remembering that Resurrection is an ongoing reality is important.

Let me ask you a question: "what did you do the day after Easter?" I could also ask: "what did you do the afternoon of Easter Sunday?" I would venture to guess that 100% of us headed back into our daily lives, doing what we do with family and friends, coworkers and neighbors. All of us went home; some of us went to work; many of us enjoyed an Easter feast with our family. In other words, we celebrated Resurrection and headed back into normal, everyday life.

Personally, I drove to Iowa to deal with my parent's home and household goods. So, I spent Easter Monday in the car, driving. Once at my destination, I worked with three of my siblings to sort, distribute, decide, pack, move and deal with the accumulated "stuff-of-life" for a couple ... our parents ... that had been married 63 years.

How is what I did a remembering that Resurrection is an ongoing reality? How was what you did on or after Easter a remembering of the present reality of Resurrection? I suspect many would think what I did after Easter was mundane, common, ordinary and "nothing special." After all, like you, I simply headed back into daily life.

I would disagree that what I did was mundane, common, ordinary and "nothing special." At the same time, I would argue that what you did was none of these as well. What we all did was extraordinary! The Resurrection of Jesus Messiah clearly means that everything we do in Faith is important, has meaning and is bathed with Divine Purpose. Here's how the Holy Spirit – the same power that raised Jesus from death – speaks to us: *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV).

The "therefore" shows that Paul is drawing a conclusion based on the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The conclusion he draws is that His Resurrection grounds and covers all that we do in the work of the Lord, knowing full well that what we do is not in vain, i.e. has meaning and purpose. My efforts with siblings – and your efforts with family, friends, coworkers and neighbors, etc. – express an abiding love for our God and Lord by offering a practical, loving service to those around us.

Now that's something to ponder. That's why, in part, Easter is ongoing!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy May Birthdays

05/04 Rosemarie Idler

05/12 Doug Bradfield

05/14 Mary Oamek

05/16 Pastor Craig Henningfield

05/17 Michael Moon

05/20 Sheryl Henningfield



THE RESCUE TOUR

Sunday, May 12th @ 8am & 10:30am

Dave Anderson & Roger Walck will be here for a concert of praise music, gospel songs & hymns!!

Dave will also tell **The Rescue Story** about how he, Barb (his wife), and the team survived when their plane lost two engines, fell 3,500 ft in 3 1/2 minutes and crashed into the Bering Sea at 90 mph!

National Day of Prayer | Thursday May 2

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Community Breakfast from 7am-8am at the Library; Prayer on the Courthouse lawn at 12pm. "Love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 13:34)



Concordia's Annual

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, May 10th from 9am-5pm &
Saturday, May 11th from 9am-Noon**
755 Concordia Lane,
Steamboat Springs, CO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Saturday, May 11th at 7am @ the Egg & I

Men's Night Out: Tuesday, May 28th at 5pm @ Dude & Dans

Women's Night Out: Tuesday, May 28th at 5pm @ Aurum

S.I.S. Salad Supper: Wednesday, June 5th at 6pm @ Donna Wentzel's home: 31750 Red Tail Lane, Steamboat Springs.

VBS: Mon-Thurs, June 17th - 20th from 9am -12pm. Registration forms in Narthex and [online](#). Free for all kids 4yr & up.