



Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Greetings to my dear Forever-Family!

Last Sunday, reading Luke 11, we pondered the significance of what we call the *Lord's Prayer*. Since this is a prayer ... praying pattern ... that Jesus teaches us (at our request), I think we might also call it the *Believer's Prayer*. In Luke's version, we are praying.

We focused our attention upon the One to whom we pray. On the one hand, when praying, the Biblical authors affirm the One we pray to as the absolute Ruler and sovereign King, having all authority, power, ability and capability. On the other hand, the Biblical authors affirm the One we pray to is the Head of Household, the Father who expresses love, concern and support for the Family, ensuring wholeness and well-being even when correcting and disciplining.

The prayer in Luke 11 is taught to us using five emphasis when speaking with Father:

"Hallowed by Your Name,"
"Your Kingdom come,"
"Give us each day our daily bread,"
"Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us,"
"Lead us not into temptation."

Each topic is important and meaningful. We desire that the Character and Conduct of our heavenly Father be made evident and visible among us. We seek the present, real reign and rule of our one true King in our lives. We ask for the blessings that come through the material world be made available as needed for each day. We beg forgiveness of our sins, knowing that this encourages us to be a forgiving people when others sin against us. We confess our need for help in living our daily lives amidst the circumstances that would draw us away from our loving Father.

Many years ago, I heard the Christian congregation described as "a community of prayerful love." What might this mean? Here are some of my ponderings:

Community: a gathering of people held together with a common unity

Prayerful: people gathered who speak with and listen to the Father and one another

Love: a purposeful cherishing of one another and a practical pursuit of what advances personal and communal flourishing, wholeness and well-being

This can be Concordia! This is Concordia! This is our focus for August. See you soon!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy August Birthdays

08/01 Jan Theadore

08/08 Heidi Theis

08/08 Anna Schumacher

08/12 Joni Moss

08/15 Geneva Taylor

08/22 Dawn Moon

08/23 Ben Wharton

08/26 William McConnell

Happy August Anniversary

08/08 Andy & Sandra Hogrefe

08/10 Jeff & Mary Oamek

08/10 John & Heidi Theis

Integrated Community's World Fiesta!

There is a volunteer opportunity to donate food, set-up, and pick-up on Sept. 14th from 5pm - 9pm. They are also looking for singer & dancers! It's going to be a very special event bringing all peoples in the community together. For more info, connect with Suzanne Holm: (813) 843-6429, suzanne.holm97@gmail.com.

2nd Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, August 25th at the Steamboat Golf Club (west of Steamboat); Tee Time will be approx. 3:00 p.m. We will play 9-holes, followed by a casual dinner on the Golf Course patio at 4:30pm. If we have at least 20 golfers, the Course will offer us a discounted price of \$30 green fees (plus a cart if you would like one). Dinner will be \$12 per person (plus drinks).

Those who do not want to golf are encouraged to come for dinner. It is important that people sign-up early (for both the golfing and dinner), so we can let the Golf Club know how many to expect; there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun Valley Kids: Saturday, August 10th - Sunday, August 11th.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Saturday, August 10th at 7am @ the *Egg & I*

Golf Outing: Sunday, August 25th; tee time at 3pm and dinner at 4:30pm

Men's Night Out: Monday, August 26th at 5pm @ *Dude & Dans*

Women's Night Out: Monday, August 26th at 5pm @ *Aurum*



NEW WEBSITE

ChristAid is pleased to announce the unveiling of their new ChristAid Website - christaidintl.org which has been dramatically updated and simplified for your reading enjoyment. It is designed to describe the various ChristAid ministries such as "Grandmas for Jesus", Ahadi kids (school tuition support) and improved infrastructure projects including the building of Grandma homes, the ChristAid Preschool and the current office building project.

An important function of the website is to allow easy sponsoring of school children and Grandmas, and a quick way to send support and donations to ChristAid for any purpose. Take a peek!