



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

May, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

The mountains of Wyoming loomed before the hunters with snowcapped peaks that pierced the blanket of blue sky. The pines stood in regal beauty. Here and there were patches of yellow aspens.

As the hunters moved out there seemed to be a solemn hush as the creatures of the wilderness sensed that someone was invading their domain. Suddenly, a mule deer buck bolted from a thicket to their right. He dashed into an open spot with legs like coiled springs. He disappeared into a gulley, and then reappeared on the other side. But before he went over the crest of the hill, he turned sideways and looked back at the hunters. That was his undoing.

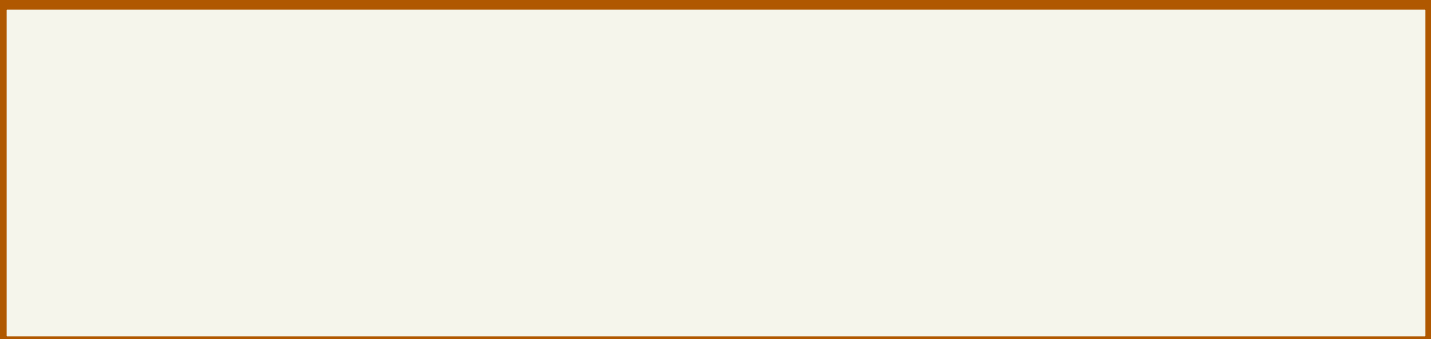
It has always been somewhat of a mystery as to why many mule deer follow this dangerous habit of stopping and looking back before they disappear from sight. Maybe they are just curious as to those preying on them. But during hunting season, the backward look has been fatal to many mule deer.

Looking back has not always worked out well for us either. We remember the story of Lot's wife as they were fleeing the city of Sodom (Genesis 19:26). But many people have been paralyzed in the present by looking back at yesterday's failures...or by trying to live on yesterday's glories.

In Philippians 3:12-14, the Apostle Paul speaks about his orientation toward life. He writes: "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

We cannot live on yesterday's street corner, whatever the reason, without wasting what God is giving us today. But because of the power of forgiveness in Christ, we can let go of yesterday's failings, give thanks for yesterday's blessings, and look forward to living today in the grace of God.

Peace+
Pastor Dave



Happy June Birthdays

5-3 Pastor Dave
5-7 Olivia Gorr
5-7 Jerry Thornton
5-8 Helen Berntson
5-12 Wendy McCreight
5-13 Bruce Gorr
5-16 Amaris Duryea
5-17 Randall Nelson

5-23 Donovan Davis
5-23 Trish Hendricks
5-25 Leo Starbuck
5-26 Ryan McConnell
5-26 Michael VanDahl
5-27 Ron Staudt
5-27 Dennis Scheiwe
5-29 Patrick Weber

5-30 Janis Noyer
5-30 Ian Noyer
5-30 Lee Willman



Happy May Anniversary

5-17 Clair & Ginger Erickson

2008 American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Last year Concordia Lutheran Church's participation in the Relay For Life Event was outstanding. Participate in this year's event and make a difference for others and your community!

Join one of the Concordia Teams by going to: www.steamboatrelayforlife.com (or speak with Marv Lindsey)

**Event dates: August 8th & 9th, 2008
Steamboat Springs High School Athletic Field**

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is going to be May 10th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.



**LWML Spring Rummage Sale:
Drop off new or gently used items starting May 1st!**

Rummage Sale: 5/16 from 9am - 5pm & 5/17 from 9am - Noon

**Vacation Bible School
Beach Party
Surfin' Through the Scriptures**



**Mark Your Cal- ends
July 14th - July 17th
9am until Noon
Preschool 4 through 5th Grade
*We are looking for VBS teachers & volunteers
Call the Church office if you can help!**

**Congratulations to our 2008
Confirmation Students:**

Olivia Gorr
Alison Steinke
Ben Bradfield
David Kelley
Tyler Scott



God's blessings on
your future!

Spring Flower Sale....

Thank you for supporting this
Concordia Youth Group Fundrais-
er!

• Pick-up Day is Thursday, May
22nd at Concordia
Noon - 6pm.

• Questions...please contact
Sandra Hogrefe at 879- 4884.

**Habitat For Humanity
2008 Carpenter's Ball**

- ◇ Saturday, May 17th, 2008
- ◇ Steamboat Grand Ballroom
- ◇ 6pm Cocktails & Silent Auction
- ◇ 7pm Dinner
- ◇ 8pm Dancing & Entertainment

Individual tickets are \$65 and proceeds to
benefit Routt County Habitat for Human-
ity. Call 970-875-7005

or
visit carpentersball.routt@yahoo.com



Please mark your Calendars.....



Late Service Time Change Starts May 25th: 10:30 am

The New Website

The address is: 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!

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