



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

November, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Imagine the scene. You are on a coastal beach in Florida at sunset. Most of the people have gone for the day, but you look up and see an old man hobbling down the beach carrying a bucket. He carries it to a pier which goes out into the water and walks to the end. And within a few moments you see them...a bunch of seagulls coming out of the sky toward the end of the pier. The man takes out handfuls of shrimp and throws them on the pier. The seagulls come and land all around him, and they begin to feast. Long after the shrimp are gone, the old man and his feathered friends linger.

The man in the imaginary scene is actually real. His name was Eddie Rickenbacher, a World War II pilot. His plane went down in 1942 and no one thought he would be rescued. He and the other 8 people on the *Flying Fortress* climbed into two rafts. For 30 days they fought thirst, the sun, and sharks that were sometimes longer than their rafts. Their rations lasted 8 days...and then they had nothing left.

Everyday they would have a devotion and prayer time. One day, after the devotion, Rickenbacher leaned back and pulled his hat over his eyes to get some sleep. A seagull perched on his head. Now they were hundreds of miles out to sea, far away from where a seagull should be found. He grabbed the seagull, and with thanksgiving, they all shared the flesh of the bird. They used the intestines for fish bait and by continuing to save some of what they caught for bait – they survived.

Rickenbacher never forgot that sacrificial guest. So every week he went out on a pier with a bucket of shrimp to say "thank you".

The apostle Paul wrote: "For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Cor. 5:14) The word "compels" means literally "leaves me no choice". Paul is saying that we have no choice but to respond to the love of Christ with our whole being – to say thank you...thank you!

When serve Christ by caring for others, when we share God's love, when we give of our resources, when we come to worship and learn...we don't do it begrudgingly. We do it because we know that the mercy, grace, and love of God are so amazing that we really have no choice. It's how we say "thank you".

Peace+
Pastor Dave

Dinner Belles Ministry



Thank you for your wonderful support of this Concordia Lutheran Church ministry serving our church and community. We have sent \$500 to the Routt County Lift-Up ministry!

Our November 24th session is full but our next session will be in January. Look for sign up information to come in December.

Special Service Dates & Times:

- ◇ Thanksgiving Eve: Soup & Pie 5:30-6:30 and Worship Service at 7pm
- ◇ Advent Services: Soup Suppers from 5:30 - 6:30pm and Worship Service at 7pm:
12/3, 12/10 & 12/17
- ◇ Sunday School Christmas Program:
12/14 during the 10:30 service
- ◇ Christmas Eve Services:
5pm & 7pm (Candlelight)
9pm (Candlelight and Communion)
- ◇ Christmas Day Service 9am

Happy November Birthdays



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| 11-1 Chris Duryea | 11-18 Cindy Delvalle |
| 11-3 Joanne Boomgarden | 11-19 Laura Bradford |
| 11-4 Susan Warner | 11-21 Scott Hendricks |
| 11-4 Shelly Dunlop | 11-23 Tyler Dalton |
| 11-5 Janel Kammerer | 11-24 Luther Berntson |
| 11-5 Jack Craig | 11-25 Daniel Atkins |
| 11-6 Sherwood Dunlop | 11-28 Sherry Kammerer |
| 11-6 Ben Lepper | 11-30 Justin Bauder |
| 11-14 Cory McConnell | 11-30 Heather Davis |
| 11-15 Jim McCreight | |
| 11-17 Greg Kammerer | |

Happy November Anniversaries

- 11-6 Thelma Haines
- 11-12 Lee & Jeanne Willman
- 11-20 Dennis & Sher Scheiwe

Operation Christmas Child



Saturday, December 6 – Operation Christmas Child Mission Trip We have 20 people signed up for Concordia's one day mission trip to Denver to help bring Christmas joy to children around the world. This is a great experience and there is still time to sign up and go. Put your name on the list now in the church lobby! Sign up at the display in the church lobby. For more information call Marvin Lindsey at 871-4770.

Only Two More Weeks to Pack Your Christmas Shoe Boxes! Start now collecting material for your children's Christmas box. Pick up the informational and instructional brochure at the Operation Christmas Child display in the church lobby and get started on your box(es) now. All boxes must be returned to the church no later than **November 16**.

CONCORDIA TO SERVE AS ROUTT AND JACKSON COUNTY COLLECTION CENTER FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year during the week of November 17 Concordia will be collecting Operation Christmas Child Christmas shoeboxes from churches and individuals in Routt and Jackson County. We will receive the boxes, pack them in large shipping boxes and deliver them to the Grand Junction regional collection center. A few volunteers to receive and collect the boxes during this week are needed. Call Linda Jackson 870-3266 or Jerry Thornton 879-4664 if you have a few hours this week.

Thrivent Pig Roast for Missions

Thank you to all who helped make the Pig Roast a success! We thank those who donated, worked, came and organized this great event. Over \$1,547 was donated for the pig roast and with Thrivent's \$1,500 match the total raised for Adult and Youth Mission trips and projects is \$3,047!!!



The Youth Mission Silent Auction raised \$1,920 and with the \$1,000 Thrivent match will total \$2,920! **Concordia is amazing in Missions and outreach thanks to YOU!**

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is December 13th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

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Christmas Bazaar: 11/22 9am-12pm

Cookie Baking Days: 11/3, 11/5, 11/10, 11/14, 11/17 and 11/19.

Christmas Brunch & Christmas Caroling at the Doak: 12/13 starting at 10am *All Concordia ladies are invited!

We need your help for our Christmas Bazaar:

Please consider donating your homemade breads & bakery items; candies & fudge; fancy snacks; jellies & jams; Dry mixes such as soup, cookies, beverages (include recipe to complete); homemade pet treats.

Drop items to Concordia no later than Friday, November 21st.

Thank You for your help!

2008 Stewardship Campaign

Rock-Solid Giving Rock-Solid Giving, our 2009 fall Stewardship campaign is nearing an end. If you haven't turned your 2009 commitment card in, please consider doing so NOW! November 9 is the last Sunday of the campaign.

Concordia's 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!