



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I shared this devotion at the recent Voter's meeting, and I wanted to share it with the rest of you. It was early in 1945. As U.S. forces pushed deep into Okinawa they came across a village unlike any they had seen before. At Shimabuku they were met and welcomed by two old men who invited the troops in as "fellow Christians".

Correspondent Clarence W. Hall described it this way: "We'd seen other Okinawan villages, all down at the heels and despairing. But in this one, we were greeted with smiles and dignified bows. Proudly old men showed us their spotless homes, terraced fields, storehouses and grainaries – along with their prized sugar mill."

Searching for an answer as to why this one was so different, Hall uncovered an incredible story. Some 30 years before, an American missionary, on his way to Japan, had paused and stayed only long enough to make two converts and leave them a Japanese translated Bible. The converts were instructed to live by God's Word. They began to share their faith with their neighbors and eventually, the whole village came to faith. They all followed the Bible completely.

They adopted the 10 commandments as their legal code, and the Sermon on the Mount as their guide in social conduct. They taught the Bible in their schools and made court decisions based on it. As a result, there were no jails, no bars, no drunkenness, no divorce, and a high level of happiness. Hall was moved by what he found there.

After the war came to an end, Hall began to wonder what had happened to the village. 15 years later he went back and found that while modern civilization had swallowed Okinawa, the spiritual influence of Shimabuku had remained. He thought back to what his Jeep driver had said 15 years earlier: "So, this is what comes out of a Bible and a couple of old guys who wanted to live like Jesus." Then the driver looked at a shell hole not far from the Jeep and said: "Maybe we're using the wrong weapons to make this world over."

Jesus said: "*Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation.*" (Mark 16:15) We should never underestimate the power of the Gospel which God has placed in our hands in the Holy Bible! I believe that God can use us to make some amazing changes in our world as well!

Peace+
Pastor Dave



Concordia Goes To Israel – October 2010

Consider joining Pastor and your Concordia friends for two weeks in Israel next October.

Informational brochures are on the small table in the narthex.

We need your reservations by mid December to ensure the space. Call Marv Lindsey 871-4770 or see Pastor for questions.

Happy November Birthdays



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 Anniversary

11-12 Lee & Jeanne Willman

Operation Christmas Child



Saturday, December 5th from 9-3pm: Operation Christmas Child Mission Trip We have availability for 20 people to join us 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 16th**.

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

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 might be needed. Call Linda Jackson 870-3266 or Jerry Thornton 879-4664 if you have a few hours to volunteer.

Sr. High Youth Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to all who came and joined us, and to those who worked and helped make the pancake breakfast a success!

Have You Returned Your Stewardship Appeal Card Yet?

Our annual Stewardship appeal is underway. Your gift to God's work works wonders! We all know that and this is the time to make sure He can continue to work wonders here at Concordia. Don't wait a minute longer. Return your commitment card indicating your "planned" giving partnership with God this week. If you forgot your card there are extras on the small table in the narthex.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is November 14th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)



Christmas Bazaar: 11/21 9am-12pm
Cookie Baking Days: 11/2, 11/6, 11/9, 11/11, 11/16 and 11/18.



Christmas Brunch starting at 10am at Sara Lindsey's House & Christmas Caroling at the Doak at noon on 12/12

***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 20th.

Thank You for your help!

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: 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16
- ◇ Sunday School Christmas Program: 12/13 during the 10:30 service
- ◇ Christmas Eve Services: 5pm & 7pm (Candlelight)  9pm (Candlelight and Communion)
- ◇ Christmas Day Service 9am