



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A man hiking in Chugach Mountains of Alaska hoped to make it to camp before a deadly blizzard hit. He was too late. The blizzard struck with such a fury that he was unable to see even two feet in front of his face. He struggled to find his way. He knew he was only a short distance from his camp, but he had no sense of direction because of the storm's fury. Finally, in the dark of night, he slumped down into a snow bank. He was totally exhausted and couldn't go on. He resigned himself to the fact he might not make it.

As he lay in the snow, he thought he could hear a faint cry in the winds. It sounded like a whimpering puppy. He tried to crawl toward the sound, and sure enough found a dog that had also gotten lost in the storm. The man quickly began rubbing the dog's fur, trying to keep the dog's blood circulating so that it would survive. He worked on the puppy throughout the night.

The next day, scouts from the village found both the man and the dog alive. They discovered that the man, by working to keep the little dog alive during the night, had kept himself alive as well.

When we serve others, we do a lot of good for them. But as we focus on their needs and work for their benefit, we are changed as well. We grow. We become more like Jesus. And we find the way to a fulfilled life.

The disciples once became upset with each other over a power play by James and John. James and John, along with their mother, thought that focusing on self was the path to greatness and fulfillment. Jesus told them that the path to a fulfilled life was different. *"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Matthew 20:25-28 NIV).

If we are looking for a fulfilled life today, Jesus wants us to know that we may need to stop thinking about ourselves and start serving others. The path to spiritual health is to give ourselves away. In the process of working to help others, we might just find a new life for ourselves as well.

Peace+
Pastor Dave



Happy September Birthdays

9-05 Addison Sandvik
9-07 Brian Thornton
9-13 Katie Truong
9-14 Kristin Gorr
9-14 Albert Deepe
9-15 Justin Delvalle
9-18 Gary Nelson
9-21 Raylene Olinger
9-29 Cindy Svendsen
9-30 Madison Truong

Happy September Anniversaries

9-01 Marv & Sara Lindsey	9-20 Wendy & Tim McConnell
9-05 Marty & Bill Lepper	9-25 Leon & Bette Rinck/Vandahl
9-06 Eric & Jane Sacher	9-28 Mark & Stacy Sandvik
9-06 Jake & Dianne Weber	9-28 Rod & Raylene Olinger
9-07 Kris & Dave Tratiak	9-29 Bert & Cindy Svendsen
9-08 Doug & Mary Beth Bradfield	

Operation Christmas Child



SAVE THE DATE – December 4th

Concordia will again be working at the Operation Christmas Child Center in Denver December 5th sorting thousands of Christmas boxes for children around the world. Many of us participated in this mission work over the past few years and had great fun. There are limited spots so sign up early!

CONCORDIA'S CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This year our congregation will have the opportunity to make our own Christmas shoeboxes for distribution to children around the world. This is an annual function of Operation Christmas Child a division of Samaritan's Purse Ministries. Think of the joy of a child opening your box. Watch for instructions and guidelines for building your boxes.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is September 11th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study & food.

Sunday School kick-off is 9/13. There will be Children's Sunday school during the 10:30 service. Thank you to our wonderful teacher volunteers. If you would like to help teach, please speak with Mary Beth Bradfield or let the Church Office know.

3rd Annual Thrivent Pig Roast to benefit adult and youth missions- 9/19! See information below.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study- Informational meeting September 26th- See information below.

Mother/Daughter Dinner will be on 10/17 at 5pm. Mothers & Daughters of all ages are invited! You will be served a nice dinner by the men and will have Marlys Cartwright as a guest speaker.

S.I.S. Rummage Sale dates are October 8th from 9am until 5pm and October 9th from 9am until noon. We will start accepting rummage on October 4th. Helpers are needed! Please speak with Sandra Hogrefe or the Church Office for information or to sign up to help.

Thrivent Pig Roast/Mission Fund-raiser

Come Join The



Fun!!!

Menu

Roast Pig or Turkey
Cowboy Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Roll
Drink
&
Dessert

SUNDAY
September 19TH
12pm - 1:30pm
Concordia's Fellowship Hall
Cost:
Free-will
Offering

**All are Welcome!!! Invite friends and neighbors
Support our Adult/Youth Mission Teams**

S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)
Attention: All Concordia Women
Save the Date for our September kick-off & Fall frolic!

When: Monday, September 27th
Time: 6:00 pm
(We will send out an email with the location and directions!)

New Bible Study Starting!

Join us on Sunday mornings. The first informational meeting will be September 26th and....

- ◇ Discover the role of God in human tragedy.
- ◇ The Faithfulness of God to His people who suffer for Him.
- ◇ The Dangers of Confusing Church & State.
- ◇ The Parameters of Satan's Freedom.
- ◇ Also learn about German Lutheran Pastor & Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's role and what he understood the cost of discipleship to be and what he meant when he said that Christ calls us to "come and die".

Brad Nelson will lead the study of the book "Hitler's Cross" by Erwin Lutzer. Concordia will have books available for purchase for \$10 for those who would like to join us in the study.

Please call Brad at 879-5912 if you have any questions and are interested in joining this study.