



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"**

**November, 2010**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

An interesting television program titled "How's That Made?" on the Home and Garden Television network not only shows how things are manufactured, but also explains why they do what they do. It's a fascinating show for those who frequently wonder how and why things are created and function as they do.

Have you ever wondered what makes the Kingdom of God work? Why is God's Kingdom the way it is? What makes it function? Other than the obvious, the love and grace of God, what makes the Kingdom tick? Reading Matthew 20:20-28 reveals one of the most important components in how the Kingdom of God functions. When Jesus answered a question about preference and position in the Kingdom, He made it simple. The world's way, He said, is for rulers and great men to use their power and authority over others. But that is not the way it works in God's kingdom. The greatest in the Kingdom of God, those He recognizes as first, are those who serve others and give of themselves for the sake of others. Jesus encourages to follow His example - to serve and give "...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many."

Loving, serving, and giving are why Jesus came. In fact, He served and gave to the point of giving up His life to restore us, the lost, back to God. If our Savior and Lord says that He did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for others, shouldn't we, as His followers be committed to a similar lifestyle? We will if we want to be like Him. Service and giving should mark the lives of all those who are building upon the solid rock foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ, *for no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ* (1 Corinthians 3:11).

"Rock-solid Giving, Partnering with God for Financial Success", is the theme of this year's Financial Worship Campaign. It means we unite with God in everything we do. Partnering with God for our church's financial success means being servants and givers, as Jesus was. And it presents us with an opportunity to ask ourselves some questions. How has our service to others been lately? Are we good givers of our time, talent, treasure and testimony? Would the people around us say, "There goes a Christian who is a humble servant and a generous giver"? Together, we can be a powerful witness when we determine to follow our Lord's lead and do what our Lord and Savior Jesus did while He walked this earth - serve and give.

Peace+

Pastor Dave



### Happy November Birthdays



11-1 Chris Duryea	11-18 Cindy Delvalle
11-3 Joanne Boomgarden	11-19 Laura Bradfield
11-4 Susan Warner	11-23 Tyler Dalton
11-4 Shelly Dunlop	11-24 Luther Berntson
11-5 Janel Kammerer	11-25 Daniel Atkins
11-5 Jack Craig	11-28 Sherry Kammerer
11-6 Sherwood Dunlop	11-30 Justin Bauder
11-6 Ben Lepper	11-30 Heather Davis
11-14 Cory McConnell	
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 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 Linda Jackson or the Church Office.

**Only 3 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 21st**

## **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**

**Join us on Sunday, November 14th 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

### **2010 Stewardship Campaign**

Our annual Stewardship appeal is getting underway. Please take the time to read the letters and to return your commitment card.

The financial commitment that you make is between you and God. No one will ever open your envelope; it will be returned to you the next year still sealed.

Thank you and Bless You.

### **Concordia Members' Corner.....**

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

### **S.I.S. (Sisters in Spirit)**



**Christmas Bazaar: 11/20 9am-12pm**  
**Cookie Baking Days: 11/1, 11/5, 11/8, 11/10, 11/15 and 11/17.**



**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 19th.**

**Advent By Candlelight- Save the date!**  
**12/5/10 6pm-7:30pm**

**Hostesses are needed- please contact Clare in the church office 879-0175 if you can be a hostess!**

**\*All Concordia ladies and teenage young ladies are invited!**

**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: 12/1, 12/8 & 12/15
- ◇ Sunday School Christmas Program: 12/19 during the 10:30 service
- ◇ Christmas Eve Services: 5:30pm (Candlelight) & 7:30pm (Candlelight) ~ 9pm (Candlelight and Communion)
- ◇ Christmas Day Service 9am

