



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

755 Concordia Lane Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487
970 879-0175

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

February, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

This is one of my favorite stories. It illustrates the importance of all of us helping and caring for each other. Enjoy.

A man injured on the job filed an insurance claim. The insurance company requested more information, so the man wrote the insurance company the following letter of explanation:

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in response to your request concerning clarification of the information I supplied in block #11 on the insurance form, which asked for the cause of the injury. I answered, "Trying to do the job alone." I trust that the following explanation will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the date of the injury, I was working alone, laying brick around the top of a three-story building. When I finished the job, I had about five hundred pounds of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to put them into a barrel and lower them by a pulley that was fastened to the top of the building.

I secured the end of the rope at ground level, I went back up to the top of the building, loaded the bricks into the barrel, and pushed it over the side. I then went back down to the ground and untied the rope, holding it securely to insure the slow descent of the barrel. As you will note in block #6 of the insurance form, I weigh 145 pounds. At the shock of being jerked off the ground so swiftly by the five hundred pounds of bricks in the barrel, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope.

Between the second and third floors I met the barrel. This accounts for the bruises and lacerations on my upper body. Fortunately, I retained enough presence of mind to maintain my tight hold on the rope and proceeded rapidly up the side of the building, not stopping until my right hand was jammed in the pulley. This accounts for my broken thumb (see block #4). Despite the pain, I continued to hold tightly to the rope. Unfortunately, at approximately the same time, the barrel hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighted about fifty pounds. I again refer you to block #6, where my weight is listed. I began a rapid descent.

In the vicinity of the second floor, I met the barrel coming up. This explains the injury to my legs and lower body. Slowed only slightly, I continued my descent, landing on the pile of bricks. Fortunately, my back was only sprained. I am sorry to report, however, at this point I gain lost my presence of mind-and let go of the rope.

I trust that this answers your concern. Please note that I am finished trying to do the job alone.

The Christian life is not easy to live "on your own." You need people who stand beside you to support you and help you to succeed. That's why God created the church. There are no Lone Rangers in the family of God. We really do need each other. We are a community, a family of faith, and when we all work together, we can accomplish great things for Christ. (See 1 Corinthians 12.)

Peace+
Pastor Dave



Happy February Birthdays

2/6 Nina Hanson
2/13 Hope Scott
2/15 Heather Carrell
2/15 Jeremy Schumacher
2/16 Tom Hillmer
2/17 Bettianne Carrell

2/17 Patrick Smith
2/21 Ryan Hogrefe
2/21 Jackson McCreight
2/24 Keith Zuehlke
2/27 Mariah Starbuck

Lent 2011

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| ◇ Soup Suppers: | 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 . 4/6, 4/12 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm |
| ◇ Ash Wednesday | 3/9 | 7pm |
| ◇ Lent Worship Services | 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/12 | 7pm |

Sr. High Youth Pancake Breakfast

- ◇ Sunday, February 13th between services come and enjoy a variety of hot, delicious pancakes served up by the youth.
- ◇ The free-will offering will raise funds for the Sr. High Youth mission trip to Farmington, NM and a future adult/youth mission trip to China

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is February 12th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

Sunday Bible Study: We are studying the 10 Commandments. Join us between services for this 10 week study.



S.I.S. (Sisters In Spirit)

All women of Concordia are welcome for our next gathering!

- ◇ Monday, February 28th 7pm at The Bradfield's house at 285 Blue Sage Circle.

There are about 9 spots remaining for our 2011 Women's retreat. Please sign up to join us for the 3/25 & 3/26 retreat at The Fish and Cross Ranch in Yampa. We will be carpooling from Concordia on Friday afternoon and returning on Saturday around dinnertime.

This year's retreat study will be "All about Me, You & Jesus".

We are looking forward to the spiritual renewal and fellowship with each other. We would love for you to join us! If you have questions or need information, please contact Judi Williams or Clare in the Church Office.

The cost will be \$25 per person.

Check out the Fish and Cross ranch by going to their website: www.fishandcrossranch.com

2010 Annual Report

The 2010 Annual Report will be distributed by email this week. There also will be copies available on the entryway table. Congratulations for what we have accomplished in the name of our Risen Savior and Lord!

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!