



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

July, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62

The mountains of Wyoming loomed before the hunters with snowcapped peaks that pierced the blanket of blue sky. The pines stood in regal beauty. Here and there were patches of yellow aspens.

As the hunters moved out there seemed to be a solemn hush as the creatures of the wilderness sensed that someone was invading their domain. Suddenly, a mule deer buck bolted from a thicket to their right. He dashed into an open spot with legs like coiled springs. He disappeared into a gully, and then reappeared on the other side. But before he went over the crest of the hill, he turned sideways and looked back at the hunters. That was his undoing.

It has always been somewhat of a mystery as to why many mule deer follow this dangerous habit of stopping and looking back before they disappear from sight. Maybe they are just curious as to those preying on them. But during hunting season, the backward look has been fatal to many mule deer.

Looking back has not always worked out well for us either. We remember the story of Lot's wife as they were fleeing the city of Sodom (Genesis 19:26). But many people have been paralyzed in the present by looking back at yesterday's failures...or by trying to live on yesterday's glories.

In Philippians 3:12-14, the Apostle Paul speaks about his orientation toward life. He writes: “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

We cannot live on yesterday's street corner, whatever the reason, without wasting what God is giving us today. But because of the power of forgiveness in Christ, we can let go of yesterday's failings, give thanks for yesterday's blessings, and look forward to living today in the grace of God.

Peace+
Pastor Dave



.Welcome Concordia New Members!

Jim and Judy Winter



Happy July Birthdays

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| 7-2 Linda White | 7-18 Harrison Williams |
| 7-4 Greg Fritz | 7-20 Garrett Anderson |
| 7-5 Dale Mast | 7-20 Mary Beth Smith |
| 7-7 Jeanne Willman | 7-26 Dave Entwistle |
| 7-9 Jade Hanson | 7-27 Andy Hogrefe |
| 7-10 Sherri McKnight | 7-27 Leon Vandahl |
| 7-14 Elaina Vande Velde | 7-28 Erik Svendsen |
| 7-15 Robert Del Valle | 7-28 Lara Craig |
| 7-15 Debbie Scott | |

Happy July Anniversary

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| 7-8 Chris & Rebecca Duryea |
| 7-12 Brian & Jerry Thornton |
| 7-24 Greg & Sherry Kammerer |
| 7-24 Jim & Judy Winter |
| 7-29 Greg & Jan Fritz |
| 7-29 Brad & Lara Craig |



Luther & Helen Berntson's 2011 Relay for Life team "The Hopeful Hikers"

We will be at Little Toots park on July 4th. Come out and enjoy the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 7am until 10am and while you are enjoying your pancakes, stop by our Relay for Life table for an opportunity to support the fight against cancer and to win:

* A Wild West Balloon Ride for 1 * Horseback Trail Ride for 2

* Voucher for \$125 Live Christmas Tree from the Lions

* A Family Yard Game

*Dinner Gift Certificate \$30 at Ore House

*See Dean Duryea, Susan Dreska, Helen & Luther, Bob Rowe or Linda White for chance tickets, or you get them at Little Toots park on July 4th morning.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is July 9th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

VBS– July 11th-July 14th



Space Mission Bible Camp VBS 2011 at Concordia

Presented by: Concordia Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, Holy Name Catholic & United Methodist Churches of Steamboat Springs

July 11th though 14th
9am until noon

Concordia' Sr. High Youth

Next Meeting is July 3rd at 6pm at Gene Carrell's house. We are planning an overnight trip to Denver to go to Elitch Gardens & see "Third Day" in concert on July 16th!

2011 American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Last year Concordia Lutheran Church's participation in the Relay For Life Event was outstanding. Participate in this year's event and make a difference for others and your community!

Join Marv Lindsey's Concordia Team by going to:
www.steamboatrelayforlife.com

Event dates: July 22nd & July 23rd
Steamboat Springs High School Athletic Field

Have A Safe & Happy
Independence Day!



Concordia's Church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of this holiday.

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!

