



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A weak government and a weak economy have left many Americans feeling adrift. A lot of people feel defeated by the past, they feel discouraged about today, and they're kind of just drifting into tomorrow, into the future. I heard someone recently say: "I think it is our destiny to to continue to fall apart as a nation, it doesn't look like anything can change that."

Most people misunderstand the term "destiny." They think it means "an unalterable conclusion". They believe it means fate, kismet, or karma. They believe you can't change your destiny...that you can't control it...that you don't have anything to do with it. It's like they think that God predetermines your destiny and it's going to happen no matter what you do. That's what Islam teaches. That's what Buddhism teaches. That's not what Christianity teaches. God doesn't want you to just drift through life. He doesn't want you to waste your life.

In fact the Bible teaches two very important truths about your destiny. **The first one is: God's destiny for my life is good.** A lot of times people think their destiny is bad, it's negative, it's bitter. But the Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."*(emphasis mine). God says "my plan, my destiny for your life is a good plan".

You may have had a terrible past. You may have had a painful past. But the truth is... the story isn't over. You haven't come to the end of the movie yet. God says His plan, His destiny for your life is good and it's going to give you hope.

The second thing is: **I get to choose my destiny.** Did you know that? The Bible says that you and I get to choose our destiny. God gives us a choice. In fact, you can miss the good destiny God has planned for you. It's not automatic. It's not just going to happen whether you want it to or not. It's not involuntary. You get to choose your destiny. *"I set before you today life and prosperity, or death and destruction. ...If you love the Lord your God and walk in his ways, and keep his commands, then you'll live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. BUT if your hearts turn away from me ...you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ... I have set before you life or death, blessings or curses. Now CHOOSE LIFE, so that you and your children may live!"*(emphasis mine). Deuteronomy 30:15-19 (NIV)

On July 14th we will begin a 4-part series entitled: "Preparing for Your Future". This is not just for recent graduates, it is for God's people of any age. We will look to at how each of us can plug into the destiny God has created for us We will together explore how to prepare for the future that God wants you to live so that you're choosing life rather than death...choosing blessings rather than curses. The themes are as follows:

July 14 – Possessing My Destiny
July 21 - Don't Waste Tomorrow
July 28 - How to Get Your Vision Back
Aug 4 - Making the Most of Your Mind

I invite you to join me for this important series of messages.

Peace+
Pastor Dave



Happy July Birthdays

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
7-15 Robert Del Valle	7-28 Erik Svendsen
7-15 Debbie Scott	7-28 Lara Craig

Happy July Anniversary

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



VBS 2013 at Concordia

Everywhere Fun Fair



Presented by: Concordia Holy Name Catholic
Church of Steamboat Springs

**July 8th through 11th
9am until noon**

**Registration Forms are on the entryway table
Teen & Adult Volunteers are needed**

Concordia Members' Corner.....

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

VBS– July 8th-July 11th



**Have A Safe & Happy Independence
Day!**



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

**DQ Cake Fundraiser
for the 2013 Haiti Mission Trip**

**Get your DQ Cake Voucher before July 4th and
use it to purchase a delicious DQ Cake from the
Steamboat Springs Dairy Queen.
Vouchers can be redeemed through 12/31/13.**

Contact the Church Office for details.



**Concordia Supports Seminary Student Jon Kuehne.
Check out his regular updates and letters of
appreciation on the entryway bulletin board!**

2013 LCMS National Youth Gathering

**Please keep Pastor Dave, Suzanne Holm and the
Concordia Sr. High Youth who will be traveling
July 1st through 5th to San Antonio.**

**May the Lord Bless their travel and time as they
join 25,000 other Christian Youth who will be sing-
ing, praising and growing their faith!**

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!