



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

August, 2013

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. John 3:20 (NIV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

When I was a kid, I collected rocks. I collected them from Texas where I lived, and almost everywhere we went on vacation. When I would go to pick up a rock, there would be this frenzy of activity as the light starts to hit the world where little creatures lived in the dark. This little, sometimes odd looking creatures, would scurry in all directions. You could see little "subway systems" and stored food. The light seemed to totally unnerve them as they frantically attempted to find another dark place to hide. Light seemed like their number one enemy.

Light reveals that which is hidden. Light dispels darkness. In our lives it can be scary to think that someone might overturn a stone on our personal landscape and expose some crawly, creepy thing that would undermine our reputation and stain our Christian witness. As long as these pesky creatures of the soul can be kept in darkness, we walk about as though everything is fine and dandy with us. All the while, these little nests of evil take their toll on our spiritual health.

Jesus said: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:12 (NIV)

I guess that would make Jesus a rock-lifter. When Jesus lifts a rock on your life two things happen. First, the dirty and dusty secrets can be seen by Him and we learn that they are wrong. Cover-ups and lies cannot succeed in the presence of His light and love for us. They have to scurry away.

Second, the light of Jesus' love brings us a new kind of love - one that is open and free to the sun and the fresh breezes. The dampness of the dark soil disappears and the soil becomes a seedbed for exciting new kinds of growth. We are set free by His sacrificial death for us...and the forgiveness that is ours lets us live with nothing to hide. And we can do life together as His children, like living gardens filled with new growth.

The Apostle John wrote: *"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."* 1 John 1:7 (NIV) Don't be afraid. God leads us into the light to give us fellowship as His children and to purify us from all our sins. I pray that Jesus continues to lift rocks in our lives, so that He can bring to us the truth of His love for us.

Peace+
Pastor Dave

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Happy August Birthdays

8-1 Jan Theodore
8-3 Don Sherrod
8-7 Doug Warner
8-9 David Kelley
8-12 Marvin Lindsey
8-12 Joni Moss
8-12 Matt Warner
8-14 Clint Hanson
8-16 Kelley Hanson

8-17 Graham Hogrefe
8-17 Judi Williams
8-19 Stephanie Kammerer
8-20 Tucker Smalley
8-25 Keenan Starbuck
8-26 William McConnell
8-27 Carlyn Staudt
8-28 Nathan Deepe

Happy August Anniversary

8-5 Robert & Cindy Delvalle
8-8 Andy & Sandra Hogrefe
8-12 Dave & Mona Entwistle
8-15 Jeff & Baillee Barbour

Worship in the Park 2013 at Howelsen

◇ **Sunday, August 25th Worship in the Park with Concordia's Praise team music, lunch and fellowship with each other and games with our church community.**



Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Saturday, August 10th 7am at "The Egg & I" Bring your favorite Bible verse on Forgiveness.

Worship in the Park : Sunday, August 26th- 10:00am(one service) Outside at Howelsen's Olympian Hall with lunch inside the lodge.

Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy music by our praise team & Worship Service with Pastor Dave.

Senior High Youth

Mark your calendars....

8/11 Welcome Incoming Freshmen Dinner & Fellowship 6pm at Concordia! We will be planning the upcoming year so please join us!

Concordia Sunday School

July, 2013

Dear Concordia Family,

I am writing to let the congregation know that I am resigning from my duties as Sunday School "Director" as of September 1st. I have enjoyed working with Concordia's kids for the past 10 years and now that my own kids are off to college, I feel like it's time for me to try something new. I have a new job that entails working Sundays and a lot of travel which I really enjoy and I thank the Lord for this new opportunity.

Sunday School has been a team effort these past years and I am so thankful for the many wonderful people who have taught classes with me. I especially want to thank our #1, topnotch, preschool teacher, **Miss Bonnie!** Bonnie is going to be running the children's program for the Community Bible Study this fall and, so, she is also going to be leaving her position as our primary Sunday Preschool Teacher.

If you would like to be a part of the *new* Sunday School **Team**, please let Clare know. I would love to meet with our new team sometime in August and be of any help that I can as the Sunday School year is laid out. I believe that it is so important to teach our children about our loving God and I believe that Sunday School and Vacation Bible School are important parts of their faith lessons and journey.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

Mary Beth Bradfield



Concordia is establishing a Heritage Christian School Student Scholarship. Donations are now being accepted for the Scholarship. Any donation amount will be welcomed and gladly accepted! Donations are tax deductible and should be made to Concordia Lutheran Church with "HCS Scholarship" noted. We hope to be able to send the son or daughter of a Concordia Lutheran Church member (K-8) in the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. Thank you for keeping this in your prayers.

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!