



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

One Body

In his Epistle to the Romans St. Paul encourages all Christians:

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Ro 12:4-5 ESV). The Apostle goes on to say in 1 Corinthians 12 that in Baptism we are all baptized into the body of Christ and therefore, "If one member suffers, all suffer together, if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (v. 26, ESV).

In these verses, the Holy Spirit is warning us against embracing the American Ideal of 'rugged individualism' which, although helpful in blazing the frontier is nevertheless harmful to building God's church, the body of Christ. No where in the Scriptures is our Christian life described as being 'between me and God'. In the Gospel according to Jesus, our life together with Him always involves the entire Communion of Saints, all those believers, of all times who *"were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all"* (Eph 4.4b-6 ESV).

In practical terms, this means that when a member of our congregation is honored, we all are honored. When one among us is going through a divorce, it isn't just their problem, it is our problem because it hurts us too. When you yourself sin against God, you are not just harming yourself as though your Christian life is between just you and God, but you are in fact harming the whole body of Christ! When you as a confessing member of this congregation participate or support the erring confession of other bodies that deny God's clear Word—it isn't just between you and God—it effects your brothers and sisters at Concordia Lutheran Church:

"The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:21, 27).

As part of the body, everything you do, your good works, your sin, your good confession and, (in your moments of weakness) your sin, all of these things affect not just 'you and God' but also this congregation, the visible body of Christ here in Steamboat Springs.

One positive and wonderful way that we function as the body of Christ is to encourage one another in our faith life together:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16 ESV).

This beautiful passage describes not only our worship life, but our whole life together in Christ as we live out our daily vocations. A wonderful example of living out this passage is found in the Church's Baptismal liturgy when the parents, sponsors and congregation promise together to *"... at all times remember this child in your prayers, put her in mind of her Baptism, and as much as in you lies, give your counsel and aid ... that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God"* (LW p. 200).

You and I will make this Baptismal promise for each of our young confirmands who will be confirmed this month. I would like to remind and encourage all of us—the body of Christ in this place—to keep our Baptismal pledge by remembering these young adults in our prayers. Pray for each one daily, by name, offer your encouragement, counsel and good example of Christian service and faithful Confession, nurturing them in their calling to one Lord, one faith and one Baptism.

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (Ephes. 2:19-22). --Pastor Harmon

Happy Birthdays

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- 5-3 Greta Sue Thurston
- 5-7 Olivia Gorr
- 5-7 Jerry Thornton
- 5-8 Helen Berntson
- 5-8 Doug Smith
- 5-10 Jerry Dalton
- 5-12 Wendy McCreight
- 5-12 Marissa Bauder
- 5-12 Doug Bradfield
- 5-13 Bruce Gorr

- 5-14 Leona Thurston
- 5-16 Amaris Duryea
- 5-17 Randall Nelson
- 5-23 Donovan Davis
- 5-25 Leo Starbuck
- 5-26 Ryan McConnell
- 5-26 Michael VanDahl
- 5-27 Ron Staudt
- 5-29 Patrick Weber
- 5-30 Janis Noyer
- 5-30 Ian Noyer

Happy Anniversary

- 5-5 Mike & Barb Illenberger
- 5-9 Greg & Suzanne Holm
- 5-17 Clair & Ginger Erickson
- 5-28 Rusty & Susan McIntosh

**Selah's
Annual Baby Bottle Campaign**



- ◇ **Runs Mother's Day through Father's Day**
- ◇ **Pick up a baby bottle & fill it with change**
- ◇ **Return baby bottles to Concordia**

S.I.S. Happenings:

- ◇ **Rummage Sale: May 8th & May 9th. Drop off begins May 4th and we could use helpers for sorting each evening at 6pm (through Thursday), working the sale, and cleaning up 5/9 at noon. Please join us for this important fundraiser for missions!**

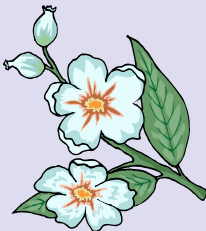
Luau 2015

The 4th annual Luau for the Pio Utu scholarship are available. The Luau is Wednesday, May 13th at SSHS.

Polynesian Cuisine from 6-7:30pm and entertainment from 7:30-8:30pm

Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 students
Children 5 and under are free

(tickets available in church office)



**Concordia's Highway Clean-up Day
Saturday, May 16th 9am-11:30am**

Concordia sponsors a stretch of Hwy 40 near the base of Rabbit Ears pass and commits to keep it cleaned up.

Wear your hat & sunscreen and help us pick up trash on Hwy 40.

There is a BBQ lunch and prizes after clean up at Howelsen Beach for those participating.

Let the church office or Jake know if you can spare a few hours and help out!

Concordia Members' Corner.....

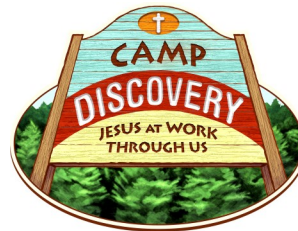
Men's Bible Breakfast is May 16th- 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food. (Note the change in date).

Heritage Christian School: Fundraiser—Thursday, May 7th 4-7pm at Subway in Curve Plaza.

Vacation Bible Camp 2015

Camp Discovery

*Mark Your Calendars
June 22nd - June 25th*



*9am until
Pre-
through 5th*

*Noon
school 4
Grade at*

Concordia

**We are looking for a VBS teachers
& volunteers
Call the Church office if you can help!*

Mother's Day Breakfast

The Sr. High Youth will be serving up eggs, pancakes, bacon and sausage on Mothers' Day between services. Let mom have a morning off and support our youth mission trip!



**CONCORDIA'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY
YTD Through March 2015**

P&L SUMMARY	YTD ACT	YTD BUD	Over/(Under) Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 62,730	\$ 66,062	(\$ 3,332)
EXPENSES	\$ 52,548	\$ 74,751	(\$22,203)
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	\$10,182	(\$ 8,689)	\$18,871

CASH AVAILABLE at March 31, 2015:

YVB CHECKING	\$38,671
LCEF MMF TOTAL	\$89,606
LESS SPECIFIED	<u>(\$55,663)</u>
LCEF AVAILABLE	<u>\$33,943</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$72,614

MORTGAGE BALANCE (4.00%) - \$239,201

ITEMS TO CONSIDER:

- Contributions through March 2015 are under budget by \$3,332.
- Expenses through March 2015 are under budget by \$22,203. The favorable variance is primarily due to the Wages & Benefits expense category. The annual budget for Wages & Benefits was based on having a full time pastor for the full calendar year.