



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

December, 2016

A SEASON OF WAITING

December. What a month! For the most part, our already busy lives tend to ramp up, getting busier, with more to do, activities, shopping, parties, family and friends. We get to the end of the month, having burned the candle at both ends for several weeks, ready for everything to be done, wrapped up and over. Christmas Day is quiet with a collective sigh of relief.

Interestingly, this applies to Christians. We, and rightly so, get caught up in the selecting, purchasing and giving of gifts. This is one of the great joys of December. This is the reason for Christmas in the first place: *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2).

In addition, we enjoy time with family, friends, congregation members and others from our past. Sheryl and I enjoy receiving cards and greetings from those who have made a difference in our lives over the years. We join you in anticipating the Season ... and resting afterwards, thankful for such a celebration.

Along with all this activity, joy and preparation comes the Season of Advent, marking the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is a season of waiting. And anticipation. Remembering the birth announced by the angels, we most certainly await and anticipate the Savior's return. Throughout this Season, let us join with the Spirit and the Bride praying: "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

This is a Season of Waiting ... for us. Sheryl and I continue to recover, healing from our injuries following the auto accident. We have most certainly benefited from and truly appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Your kind-heartedness expresses the love of God that makes us who we are as followers of the Lord Jesus. We thank you for your compassion and care while we wait and heal.

May the LORD bless and keep you always!

Pastor Craig



Happy December Birthdays

12-1	Judy Sherrod	12-20	Trevor Davis
12-9	Melanie Scheer	12-21	Raya Duryea
12-10	Ellen Dalton	12-22	Brad Nelson
12-10	Olivia Williams	12-24	Clare Tarcha
12-16	Jessica Fritz	12-26	Eryn Rinck
12-19	Allison Williams	12-28	Rebecca Duryea
12-20	Ben Bradfield	12-30	George Noyer
		12-30	Stacey Sandvik

Happy December Anniversaries

12-20	Kim & Charlyn Vance
12-23	Ron & Donna Wentzel
12-28	Steve Gunberg & Sherry Carrier

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule 2016

◇ **Advent Services 11/30, 12/7, 12/14**
Soup Supper from 5:30--6:15pm & Worship Service upstairs at 6:30pm

◇ **Christmas Caroling 12/21 Downtown (Meet 6:30pm in the courthouse parking lot)**

◇ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:**
3:30pm, 5:30pm & 7:30pm (Holy Communion at 7:30pm)

◇ **Christmas Day Service (one service) 9:00am**

◇ **New Year's Day Sunday- one combined service (time to be determined)**



Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will again be used to beautify our Sanctuary and Entryway as we celebrate the birth of Jesus as our Savior. If you can help us purchase the poinsettias, please donate \$15 or more and note "poinsettias" in the memo field. Checks can be left in the "flowers" mailbox above the coffee station. We will leave the poinsettias through Epiphany.

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is December 10th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

Christmas Caroling at Casey's Pond 12/10: Please join us (meet in the lobby at 11:20) for Caroling at 11:30. If anyone would like to meet afterwards for lunch at "Egg & I" let the church office know for reservations.

Men's Night Out: 12/19, 5pm at Dude & Dans



Sr. High Youth Mission Trip

Sr. High Youth will be heading to Denver to bring the Angel Tree gifts to the Sun Valley Youth Center children on 12/10.

Please return the Christmas gifts for the Sun Valley kids no later than 12/4.

Sisters in Spirit (S.I.S.)

Thank you for your donations of cookies, breads, crafts and other specialty items. We also thank all those who donated their hard work, time and talents to this special event. It was a huge success and raised over \$7,000 for missions!

Please join us on Saturday, December 10th for Christmas Caroling at Casey's Pond. We will meet in the front lobby at 11:20am and begin caroling at 11:30am

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!