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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Beloved in the LORD!

"Christ is Risen ... He is Risen Indeed!" "The Holy Spirit Has Come ... No Doubt About It!"

Having celebrated and remembered Pentecost, we moved forward to Holy Trinity Sunday. Here, we considered the emphasis of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, Spirit – within and across the Divine Service. When you are drawn to the Divine Service each Sunday, there is no doubt Who is the focus of this gathering: The Holy Trinity!

So, every time you are invited to join God's holy People, be here. Be there. Enter the Divine Service, where the Holy Trinity comes to serve. The Divine Service is our being served by the Holy Trinity, not our serving or service.

This is a mystery! This is just as Jesus said: "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You [all] must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3). While we claim to understand the wind and its movement, what Jesus says here is certainly true: we don't know where it precisely came from and we don't know where exactly it is going, but we do know when it blows on our face or ruffles our hair. This is true of the Holy Spirit's presence among God's holy People!

Yet, we are not left with nothing within this mystery. True, we are not able to control nor are we able to predict the path and direction of the Holy Trinity among God's people. However, we can experience the Presence of the Divine Being among us. We know the wind is real when we experience it upon ourselves; we know the Divine Being is real when we experience the Fruit of His Presence.

So, in today's Church, the gathering of the saints by the Holy Trinity, how are we made aware of the work and presence of the Holy Spirit? We recognize the presence and ministry of the Spirit among us not through our feelings nor through our knowings, but through our behaviors toward one another: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5).

The work of the Spirit is made evident in the character and actions of God's People, a sure indication that the effects and affects of the Holy Trinity among God's holy People are available and doing their work. The Scripture adds to this mystery:

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

Think of it, because of the Presence of the Holy Trinity among God's holy People, we are being transformed by and into the Fruit of the Spirit! This is what Jesus offered to His followers during the Sermon on the Mount. We are God's holy People reflecting God's Holy Character and Holy Actions among ourselves and into the world.

This Sunday, during the Divine Service, we will begin a series of nine (9) sermons on The Fruit of the Spirit. We will permit God's holy Word to do its work among us, transforming us through the Presence of the Holy Spirit and by the Power of the Holy Spirit breathing and blowing on us.

I look forward to being transformed with you! See you Sunday!

Luv 'ya! Pastor Craig

Happy June Birthdays

- 6-3 Linda Knapp
 - 6-9 Sandra Hogrefe 6-10 Rod Olinger 6-10 Kris Tratiak 6-13 Emmett Carrell 6-23 Lori Joens 6-27 Kathy Deepe

Happy June Anniversary

6-12 Bonnie & Gary Baggenstoss 6-14 Kathy & Albert Deepe 6-16 Marty & Joanne Boomgarden 6-17 Jeremy & Lisa Schumacher 6-17 Gene & Bettiann Carrell

Concordia Members' Corner......

<u>Sisters In Spirit Salad Supper</u>: Monday, June 4th at 6pm at Cindy Svendsen's House. Directions are on the entryway table.

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

<u>Vacation Bible School 2018</u>: Monday, June 25th through Thursday, June 28th from 9am-Noon at Concordia. Volunteers are needed– please help one or more days please.

<u>Guy's Night Out</u>: Monday, June 25th at 5pm at Dude & Dan's.

Gal's Night Out: Monday, June 25th at 5pm at Aurum.

A Warm Welcome to Concordia's New Office Administrator!

My name is Shannon Smith and I grew up in Sonoma, California, but I have called Steamboat and Routt County home since 1991.

In 1996, the Lord led me to work as a missionary in Jerusalem, Israel. I lived and worked in Israel for a total of 7 years over an 11 year time span. While in Israel I developed not only a love for the Land and the people but also a love for ministry. My experience is mostly administrative and social media.

I enjoy snowshoeing and playing with my little dog Zorro.

I'm very much looking forward to being a part of Concordia Lutheran and all that the Lord is doing here and getting to know each one of you.

Vacation Bible School 2018

Splash Canyon

Mark Your Calendars June 25th- June 28th



9am until Noon Preschool 4 through 5th Grade at Concordia

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

Selah's Annual Fundraising Campaign

- **o** Runs Mother's Day through Father's Day
- Pick up a "Changealope" & fill it with change
- **o** Return "Changealope" to Concordia

Congratulations High School Graduates!

Ruth Moon & Gillian Scheer



CONCORDIA'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YTD Through April 2018

Over/(Under)

P&L SUMMARY	YTD ACT	YTD BUD	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 83,946	\$ 87,550	(\$ 3,604)
EXPENSES	\$ 94,291	\$ 94,259	\$ 32
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (Contrib. less Expenses)	(\$10,345)	(\$ 6,709)	(\$ 3,636)

CASH AVAILABLE at April 30, 2018:

YVB CHECKING LCEF MMF TOTAL LESS SPECIFIED PORTION	\$168,306 (\$120,409)	\$ 27,497
LCEF AVAILABLE TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE-Unspecified	(<u></u>	<u>\$ 47,897</u> \$ 75,394
MORTGAGE BALANCE (3.875%) -		\$184,674