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"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

July, 2018

As the Apostle Paul pondered the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus, and as he taught Christians across the world meaningful ways to live through the Resurrection, Paul focused on the twin foundations of "unity" and "holiness." Each of his letters to the various churches around the Empire express unity and holiness.

What is unity? What is holiness? Both, as Paul would realize, are the twin foundations of Jesus' ministry. Both, as Paul taught, are evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. While there are many examples of the movement toward unity and holiness in all of Paul's letters, here is a wonderful example for us to explore and follow:

"Think about what we have in Christ: the encouragement he has brought us, the comfort of his love, our sharing in his Spirit, and the mercy and kindness he has shown us. If you enjoy these blessings, then do what will make my joy complete: Agree with each other and show your love for each other. Be united in your goals and in the way you think. In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too" (Philippians 2, ERV).

Unity and holiness are linked in numerous ways in this passage. One example is in the phrase *"agree with each other and show your love for each other."* And, in order to put aside any confusion, Paul goes on to describe "unity" as *"be united in your goals and in the way you think;"* while describing "holiness" as *"in whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too"*

Then, as if this weren't enough, he teaches us a poem about Jesus, introducing it with *"have this mind among yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus"*:

"Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2, ESV).

Unity is revealed in our common goals, thoughts and thinking together. Holiness is revealed in our loving kindness and service to one another. Both – unity and holiness – are centered in and focused on Jesus. "Let Jesus rule among the people," Paul teaches.

Let that be true among us!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy July Birthdays

7-1	Bonnie Sohn	7-14 Shirley Zuehlke
7-4	Greg Fritz	7-27 Leon Rinck
7-5	Eli Moon	7-27 Andy Hogrefe
7-7	Jeanne Willman	7-28 Lara Craig
7-12	Peter Wharton	7-31 Sherry Carrier
7-14	Elaina VandeVelde	

Happy July Anniversary

7-8	Chris & Rebecca Duryea
7-29	Greg & Jan Fritz
7-29	Brad & Lara Craig

Concordia Members' Corner.....

The Church Office: will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

Prayer Ministry Meeting: Sunday, July 8th after the late service.

Parish Council Meeting: July 9th at 5:30pm.

Men's Bible Breakfast: is July 14th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for fellowship, study and food.

Guys & Girls Fellowship: July 23rd at 5pm. Guys meet at Dude & Dans and Girls meet at Aurum.

One Combined Service: July 29th we will have one service and potluck. Details to follow.



Thank you to all who helped make this summer's Vacation Bible School a great success!

Special thanks to Dawn Moon for being Concordia's VBS Director; Pastor Craig for his opening prayers and teachings; Lisa Schumacher for leading games; The Olinger family, Shumacher family Beth Watson, Bonnie Baggenstoss and the Tarchas for decorating; Bonnie Baggenstoss for leading the Pre-K children; Raya Duryea for helping lead children; Beth Watson for leading snacks; also Sheryl Henningfield, Beth Watson, and Bill Padgett for registration and check in!

Also thank you to all of you to all who donated items, decorated, and helped out and to Pastor Werley from Anchor Way and Mo Maloney and the volunteers from Anchor Way and Holy Name!

We had about 48 children here at Concordia learning and praising our

Happy
4th of July



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!

Check us out on FaceBook too! Concordia Lutheran Church-Steamboat Springs!



July 2, 2018

Dear Friends In Christ,

Yesterday's farewell brunch was an amazing time filled with delicious food and fellowship. Joel and I thank all of you very much. When Pastor asked if we would speak to all of you, both Joel and I were too emotional. We are writing instead!

The choir sang so beautifully and it was such a special surprise that we will treasure in our hearts. Thank you all so much! We enjoyed visiting with all of you and were blessed by knowing each of you over these years.

Prayer is like incense to our Great God. It has been a blessing to pray for Pastor and Sheryl and all of you corporately (and many individually) every day, and I will continue to keep you in prayer. (Each day I would circle the church in prayer and had the pleasure of having Shannon joining me doing so last month!) I'm certain that you are in great hands with Shannon in the office and she too is a prayer warrior who will be praying with and for you.

Concordia's Congregation is filled with the Fruit of The Spirit, and I see so much Joy in you. I appreciate the Grace that you have shown me when I haven't gotten things right, and I know that you will extend that same grace to Shannon - she is a gift from God and she will serve you well.

All of you are our family and when family moves away, they remain family members. Please stay in touch and visit! Our new address and our phone numbers are in the Instant Church Directory, or Shannon can give it to you. God's Blessings & Our Love,

Clare & Joel

CONCORDIA'S FINANCIAL SUMMARY

YTD Through May 2018

Over/(Under)

<i>P&L SUMMARY</i>	<i>YTD ACT</i>	<i>YTD BUD</i>	<i>Budget</i>
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 107,694	\$ 109,630	(\$ 1,936)
EXPENSES	\$ 117,072	\$ 117,118	(\$ 46)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (Contrib. less Expenses)	(\$9,378)	(\$ 7,488)	(\$ 1,890)

CASH AVAILABLE at May 31, 2018:

YVB CHECKING		\$ 27,996
LCEF MMF TOTAL	\$168,413	
LESS SPECIFIED PORTION	<u>(\$120,409)</u>	
LCEF AVAILABLE		<u>\$ 48,004</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE-Unspecified		\$ 76,000
MORTGAGE BALANCE (3.875%)		\$183,104