

## **Concordia Lutheran Church**

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To All the Saints,

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study has been working with First and Second Corinthians since Easter with great conversation, good discussion, thoughtful applications. One of the principles the Spirit "moves" Paul to consider is this thought: "Live today in the light of tomorrow."

Time and again Paul encourages the Corinthians ... all of us ... to recognize who we really are as redeemed human beings. We are destined to live in the New Creation, the full New Heavens and New Earth, fully free and fully loved by the LORD our God. That's why I encourage all of us to prayer regularly: "Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

Yet, Paul is aware that this "future" is already being lived in the "present." The future guides the present in many ways. Knowing that we'll be fully alive in the Redeemed and Restored cosmos in the very presence of the Creator, Paul encourages us to live right now, today, in the present moment knowing that this is true. "You are the New Creation," Paul reminds, "now live like it."

This shouldn't really surprise us. The future really does guide much of the present. For instance, the **COOKIE CAPER** gets underway this month. Many of us are living today, making plans to be prepared for what's coming. Later this month is the Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, meaning that many of us are living today in the light of this great event. We will soon gather as a congregation to celebrate **THANKSGIVING**, an event and attitude that is already beginning to shape our daily lives. We'll gather later this month for a **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**, where plans are already being made.

Yes, the future impacts us all ... right now, in the present moment.

Throughout the month of November, the readings for each Sunday focus us toward Christ the King Sunday. We are being focused on the future, the "not yet" reality of what is happening "now." Christ is King, the Scriptures proclaim, live that way!

Thanks to all of you for your engagement, encouragement and involvement. We have much to accomplish this month, much to consider, much to remember, much to celebrate. I look forward to being and working along side of you as we enter into this special season of the year.

Luv ya'!

**Pastor Craig** 

## **Happy November Birthdays**

**Happy November Anniversary** 11/11 Bob & Linda Knapp

11/1 Bob Knapp 11/1 Chris Duryea 11/3 Joanne Boomgarden 11/5 Jack Craig 11/19 Laura Bradfield

11/21 Suzanne Holm

11/22 Jack Taylor 11/30 Katie Riemenschneider

## TIME TO FALL BACK



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Saturday, Nov. 9th at 7am @ the Egg & I

<u>Christmas Bazaar:</u> Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 9am-12pm

<u>Combined Service & Voter's Meeting:</u> Sunday, November 24th at 10am with the meeting following service.

Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Soup Supper at 5:30pm and Service at 6:30pm

