



Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

"What is the good life?" and "Who is the genuinely good person?"

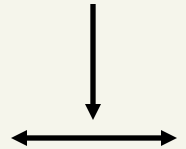
These two questions have come before us in the past several weeks. As I have suggested, these two questions dominate your life, my life, all lives, everyone. These are the two questions that quietly – sometimes loudly – motivate your daily actions, inspire your relationships, stimulate your responses to various issues and arouse your passions and desires. These two questions, whether we realize it or not, run our lives!

"What" or "where" you have lunch today is a response to these two questions. "Who" or "when" or "how" you interact with another person is a response to these two questions. "Why" you do what you do in the next hour is a response to these two questions.

These two questions are of such significance that the earliest chapters of the Bible offer God's directives on them; Jesus' earliest efforts in making disciples ponders them; Paul's greatest letter – Romans – diagnosis the issues of our failed responses to them and offers insight and encouragement for developing appropriate responses to them; even the final chapters of the Bible return us to these two questions.

Graciously, and thankfully, the Scriptures offer us help and guidance in our daily pursuit of living our everyday lives with meaningful response to "what is the good life" and "who is the genuinely good person." I have developed the Bible's "matrix" for living as we were created to live and recreated to pursue. I will continue to develop this "matrix" in the weeks to come.

Put simply, every human being lives "before" their Creator and "with" other people. Living "before" the Creator makes us "creatures" in need of His resources. Before our God we are *passive recipients* of all that is needful for life. Living "with" other people makes us *active participants* in sharing the resources we have received. Each of us lives with a "vertical" God-to-human relationship and with "horizontal" human-to-human relationships.



This image looks like an upside-down cross. When Jesus invites me to "daily take up your cross and follow Me," I know that He intends for me to stop answering these two questions in my own ways and learn to answer these two questions in His way. The difficult part is that "taking up my cross" sounds a lot like "death," not something I want to pursue or experience. But who would have guessed, once we have "given up our lives for Him," that He would turn and give us back His Life to share with others?

My fellow-redeemed brothers and sisters, it is His Life that makes us what we are; it is His Life that motivates us; it is His Life that inspires us; it is His Life that encourages us; it is His Life that is the "good life" and His Life that is "genuinely good;" it is His Life that is our Life! Hope to see you soon!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy August Birthdays

08/01 Jan Theadore

08/03 Don Sherrod

08/08 Anna Schumacher

08/08 Heidi Theis

08/15 Geneva Taylor

08/22 Dawn Moon

08/23 Ben Wharton

08/26 William McConnell

Happy August Anniversary

08/08 Andy & Sandra Hogrefe

08/10 Jeff & Mary Oamek

08/10 John & Heidi Theis



MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to consider becoming a member of Concordia Lutheran, please call the church office to talk with Pastor Craig at 970-879-0175.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)
STEAMBOATSPRINGS.CBSCLASS.ORG

Starting August 27th we will be meeting virtually and are studying the Gospel of John.

Women's and children's studies currently offered.

**To register go to:
steamboatsprings.cbsclass.org**



LIFT UP's RESOURCES & NEEDS



Continues to serve
serve folks at 300% or
lower of Federal
Poverty Level through
our Food Banks and
Emergency Financial
Assistance programs.



Administers
2 USDA Food
programs to serve
folks and seniors at
lower income levels.



Provides
emergency financial
assistance for housing
costs, utility costs,
medical and healthcare
costs, and other self-
sufficiency needs.



Thrift Store &
Donation Center
open limited hours
during COVID. Be sure
to check out LiftUp's
website for all of the up
to date info: liftuprc.org.



FOOD DRIVE NEEDS
Hamburger Helper or pre-made boxed meals,
jelly/jam, cereal, shelf stable milk, cooking oil,
dried herbs and spices, and nuts would be
great! We also love fresh packages of
produce as well as frozen vegetables.

Contributions:

2020 *Budgeted* Contributions through 7/31/20 \$159,000.00

2020 *Actual* Contributions through 7/31/20 \$167,677.80

2020 *Budgeted* Expenses through 7/31/20 \$171,372.73

2020 *Actual* Expenses through 7/31/20 \$159,333.73

Men's Night Out: Monday, August 24th at 5pm Place: *TBD*

Women's Night Out: Monday, August 24th at 5pm Place: *TBD*

Greg & Jan Fritz and Bob & Billie Harris , long-time members of Concordia will soon be moving from Steamboat. On Sunday, August 16th we want to pray with and for them before they move on to their next adventures.

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