



Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Blessings to you, dearest brothers, and sisters in the Lord!

"What would that look like in the real world?" What a great question!

Suppose you come up with the idea of establishing a flower garden. You imagine the flower beds, the colors of the flowers, the watering system, the soil preparation, the pathways where you can walk in the beauty of the garden. You very quickly begin to assemble your thoughts, asking "what would that look like in my back yard?" True, you might not ask the question that way. Still, as you develop and implement your plan, you are regularly creating answers to "what would this look like?"

Last Sunday, we concluded our Divine Service with the song "Graves to Gardens." The first verse sings:

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade, are never enough.

Then You came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Following the chorus and a second verse, we sang:

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can.

You turn graves into garden. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.

Here is a question for you: If the Creative, Redeeming God transforms "graves" into "gardens," what does that look like in the real world? What does that look like in your marriage? What does that look like in your family? What does that look like in your neighborhood? What does that look like in your workplace? What does that look like when you are playing and enjoying your life?

"God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:4-7)

You might want to read what comes next!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy August Birthdays

08/01 Jan Theadore	08/03 Don Sherrod
08/08 Anna Schumacher	08/08 Heidi Theis
08/22 Dawn Moon	08/23 Ben Wharton
08/26 William McConnell	

Happy August Anniversaries

08/08 Andy & Sandra Hogrefe	08/10 Jeff & Mary Oamek	08/10 John & Heidi Theis
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STAIR LIFT INFORMATION

Our church is in need of a Stair Lift to enable ALL individuals access to the lower level of our church. Besides the proposed fund-raiser, another opportunity is available to members of Thrivent. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program. If you are a member of Thrivent, please consider the following to determine if you are eligible to Direct Choice Dollars to Concordia Lutheran Church for our Stair Lift Fund. Phoning is very straightforward, helpful and quick.

Thrivent Members:

How to Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, CO - Stair Lift Fund

Follow these steps:

TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS BY PHONE:

1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say Thrivent Choice.
2. Or Press 6 to direct Choice Dollars (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will assist you to direct Choice Dollars.
4. Please Direct your Choice Dollars to Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 (Mention Stair Lift Fund, if they ask for more information)

Thank you
Your Parish Council

SK8 CHURCH PRESENTS

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER!

Come have your car washed and send a kid to Cali!

Saturday | July 31st | 8am-12pm



This is our way (and your way) of raising funds to help scholarship our youth that want to come serve on our annual missions trip to Cali!

Mountain View Self Car Wash
1739 Lincoln Ave.

Concordia will be hosting its annual golf outing on Sunday, August 22, at the Steamboat Golf Club. Tee times start at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to golf, please RSVP to Todd Elenz at todd.elenz@gmail.com or 970-819-6369 at your earliest convenience. More details will follow.

HAPPY HOUR

Men's Night Out

Monday, August 23rd at 5pm at Dude & Dans

Ladies Happy Hour

Monday, August 23rd at 5pm at Aurum

Community Bible Study

begins Aug 26

Register @

steamboatsprings.cbsclass.org



Concordia's Constituion and Bylaws

are available on our website:

www.steamboatlutheran.com

under the tab News & Core Values,

History and Archives (click here to go there)