



Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Greetings Concordia Friends and Family! Blessings upon you!

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

It has been a month since Pastor Craig and Sheryl departed for their new journey and our prayers are with them as they explore this exciting time. I know that we here at Concordia still miss them dearly as we consider who we will call to fill the vacancy. We are in prayer as the call committee is seeking and investigating our new pastor. We know that God is/has prepared the right man for this very important position just as He has prepared us to receive him.

At the beginning of my second month here at Concordia and we are in the midst of Advent, I am so blessed to be here and am comforted in the way each of you has welcomed me and made me fill at home. This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, and I am excited for the continuation of our Sunday theme of "The Postures of Advent" and the Wednesday theme of "Three Actions of Advent". May we as a church family and body of Christ be present in this season and excitedly anticipate the arrival of Jesus!

I pray that each of you had a blessed, family and friend Thanksgiving centered on Jesus. As Christmas quickly approaches, I continue to pray that as we get ever busier, we do not leave Jesus out of our planning, our celebrations and our thoughts. I pray that each of us makes the time to spend with Jesus, in quiet devotion time as well as with family and friends as we celebrate the coming Christ Child and excitedly await His return!

Don't forget to mark your calendars as our Advent Suppers/Services are on Wednesdays continue with, December 7th and 14th and please do not forget to join with us for Christmas Caroling on December 21st! It's going to be a blast!

I would like to thank the Elders, the Council, and members here once again at Concordia for the continued support and warmth I feel as I continue as you pastor. Your continued support and confidence make me know that this is where God has brought me and makes me feel so welcome, Thank you! I am excited to see how God will continue to grow and stretch us in the coming months!

Last Sunday's New Testament reading (2 Peter 3:8-18) reminds us that Jesus is coming back in God's own time. We do not know when, but Peter here tells us that God's time and our time are completely different. The key here is to not go to sleep or become discouraged because He has not come. Even though we think He should. There will come a time when everything we know about this world will disappear and a New Heaven and a New Earth will appear. How do we know this? Because Jesus said so. It is going to happen as assuredly as the sun will rise tomorrow it is going to happen! It is our duty and position to be in excited anticipation, awaiting Jesus' return and to be active in our faith drawing ever closer to Him and to be the light on a hillside, the beacon pointing to Jesus, our Lord, our Savior, and our Redeemer. Amen!

My prayer is that we stay connected and engaged with God the Father through His Word (God the Son), in prayer (God the Holy Spirit), and in fellowship with His community. Amen!

God's Love and Blessings be ever abundant in your lives! May the peace that surpasses all understanding be the comfort you enjoy this season and all seasons of your lives! Amen!

Pastor Dennis

Happy December Anniversaries

12/12 Wes & Laura Fisbeck
12/23 Ron & Donna Wentzel

Happy December Birthdays

12/01 Judy Sherrod	12/20 Ben Brafield
12/02 Jeff Oamek	12/21 Raya Duryea
12/07 Niklas Malacinski	12/22 Brad Nelson
12/08 Nancy Mayer	12/28 Rebecca Duryea
12/09 Melanie Scheer	12/30 Amari Thompson



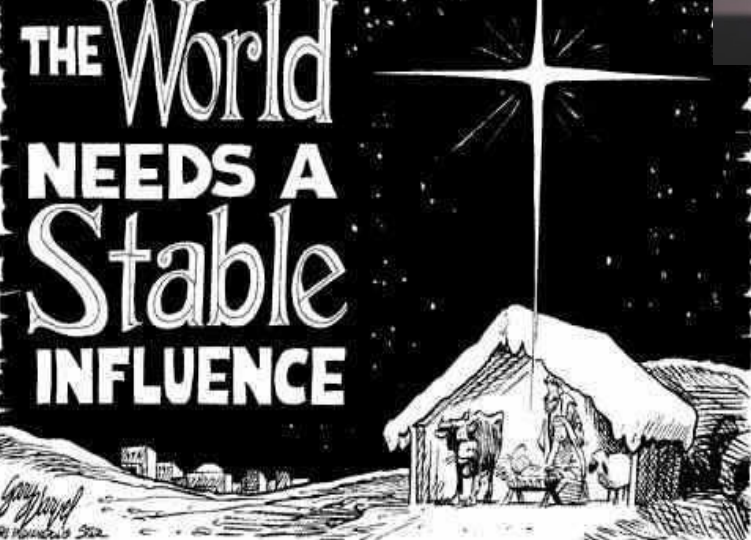
Join us for Christmas
 Caroling!!!!
 December 21st @ 4pm
 We will meet at the
 Courthouse parking lot

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
Invites You

This **Christmas Eve** to join with our family for **Candlelight Services** at 3:30pm, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm. Come into the warmth of God's Family.
All are welcome!

"When the right time came, God sent His Son, who was born from a woman and lived under the teaching of the Lord. God did this so that He could purchase the freedom of all those who were under tyranny and oppression. God's purpose in doing all this was to make us His children." (Galatians 4:4-5)

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 INFLUENCE**

SIS wants to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that prayed helped and served for the **Christmas Bazaar!!** They raised close to **\$9000 for missions!!!**

Please join us during this **Advent Season**

Please **continue to pray for the Call Committee**

If you need any help getting ready for winter or could use assistance with something, your Outreach Committee can assist. Talk to/call/text Bert (970-846-2354) or Cindy (970-819-7772)
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The Advent banners in the sanctuary have been purchased with funds from the Lucille Ransom memorial funds.



Newborn Network

We're here for you

Are you pregnant?
Do you have children birth to 36 months of age?
Do you want to meet other Routt County families with young children?



Group Connection: Families and young children spending time together. Weekly play, networking and friendship building opportunity for families. Starting on November 9, 2022, Baby Group will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:30pm and 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Group will be at Concordia Lutheran Church at 755 Concordia Lane, Steamboat Springs.

Bright By Text: Annual home visits offered via zoom or in-person for families that are pregnant or have a children less than 36 months of age. Each visit includes information about parenting and child development related to their child's age (newborn, infant, young toddler, and older toddler stages).



Parents As Teachers: A home visitation program offered virtually by zoom or in-person that is available to all families in Routt County who are pregnant and/or have a child less than 36 months of age. Provides information about development-centered parenting, parent-child interactions, and family well-being.

Play and Learn in South Routt: A twice weekly session for families with children birth to 36 months that promotes parent-child interactions and development-centered parenting. Offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am at the South Routt Community, 227 South Dodge Ave., Oak Creek.



Siblings are always welcome at all our activities!
For additional information about Newborn Network use the QR code to reach our contact form.
970-879-0977

CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST

- ~~buy~~ presents ^{BE}
- ~~wrap gifts~~ ^{SOMEONE IN A HUG}
- ~~send gifts~~ ^{PEACE}
- ~~shop for~~ food ^{DONATE}
- ~~see~~ the lights ^{BE}

There are some printed copies of the church directory in the Narthex

