



Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Greetings Concordia Friends and Family!

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father the Lord Jesus Christ and our Helper the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Can you believe another year has past?! Pastor Jon Muhly and Julie visited us this week and we pray that their visit was fruitful and that the Lord will lead both the Muhly family and Concordia family to proceed as He directs and that we follow His plan and will.

At the beginning of my third month here at Concordia and as we have concluded Advent with the climax of the arrival of our Saving King, I pray that we begin this new year with the desire to be the people that God created us to be. That we live out the life of Christ baptized people, being the light and leaven that Jesus says we are. I invite you all to be in God's Word daily, in community with one another often and in prayer continually. This past Sunday I invited everyone to be in small group study in this new year, if you are unable to join our bible study Sunday mornings I would encourage you to start/join a small group study during the week. If you are interested and not sure how to start let me know and I will be ecstatic to help you get started.

I continue to be so blessed being here, the way each of you make me feel welcomed and at home, I could live here until He calls me home. I am excited to continue as your pastor until a decision is made. For the near future we will continue to pursue what a life centered on Jesus looks like and how being His follower should impact our daily life. May we as a church family and body of Christ be present daily to His direction and prompting as we anticipate His return!

I pray that each of you had blessed, family and friend Christmas's centered on the baby Jesus. I continue to pray for each of you as Christmas fades into fond memories that we keep the spirit of our life as new creations in Christ with us each and every day of 2023. Remember that as a child of God in Christ, does not mean life is any easier or hard times will not come, but we have a better way of seeing the world and a life altering way of dealing with trials and troubles. I continue to 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 move ever so closer to Christ return!

As we continue life together, let's commit to supporting one another in good times as well as bad. If there is a struggle you or a family member is going through please let Leigh know so we can get this out to the congregation so all can join in prayer, prayer works! Also let's us celebrate with you all the joys in your life, big or small, let Leigh know the joys and celebrations you are enjoying so we can get these into the bulletins. I think as Christ followers we have forgotten how to celebrate and I believe we need to celebrate better and often the joys God gives us!

Last Sunday we discussed the importance of the name Jesus and how it impacts our daily lives. I believe that a name is important and should be well represented. I sometimes wonder what the name, Concordia Lutheran means in Steamboat Springs. Are we as a family doing all we can to represent our Church name? When people in the community drive by our building do they think, "I'm sure glad they are here?" If yes we need to do more of this, if not why not? What can we do to be good representatives of first Jesus and second to our faith family? Let's come together with ideas of how to make this happen. As always my door is open to you and my number is always available. I love spending time with you all.

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it. may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm. And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen!

Love and adoration! Pastor Dennis

Happy January Anniversaries

01/01 Greg & Ann Gilbertson
01/06 Brad & Deb Nelson
01/17 Mike & Jennifer Berdine

01/02 Bart Kounovsky
01/02 Carter Kounovsky
01/03 Lisa Schumacher
01/05 Jacob Tjosviold
01/06 Greg Holm
01/09 Evan Hornstein
01/11 Mike Illenberger
01/13 Bert Svendsen

Happy January Birthdays

01/15 Rebecca Utu
01/16 Ron Wentzel
01/16 Todd Elenz
01/16 Naomi Moon
01/18 Joel DeWitt
01/24 Bradley Craig
01/25 Clair Erickson

Please
continue
to pray for
the Call
Committee



Elder Meeting
Monday, January 2nd



2023 Giving Envelopes are available in the
Narthex. If you do not see your name, please
contact Jake Weber of the church office.



Parish Council Meeting
Monday, January 9th
@ 6pm



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.

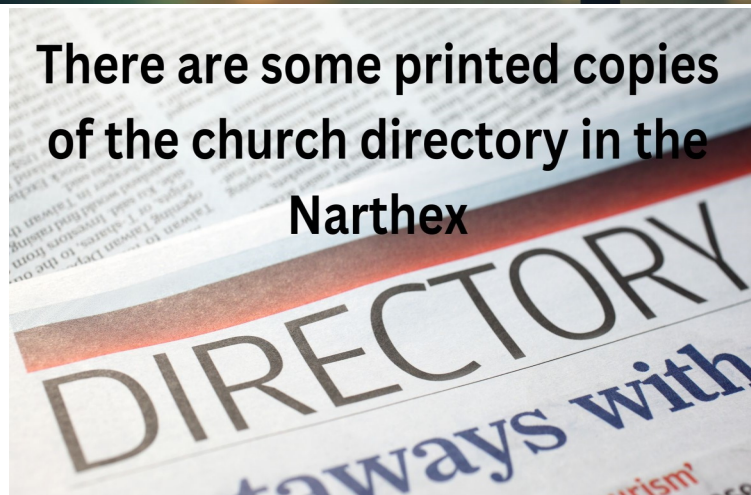
Play and Learn in South Routt: A twice weekly session for families with children birth to 36 months that promotes parent-child interactions and development-centered parenting. Offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am at the South Routt Community, 227 South Dodge Ave., Oak Creek.



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



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



If you need any help
getting ready for winter
or could use assistance
with something, your
Outreach Committee can
assist. Talk to/call/text
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Cindy (970-819-7772)
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