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To the beloved saints of Concordia in Steamboat Springs,

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

As the earliest Christians pondered the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus and the meaningful ways to live His Resurrection in daily lives, the Apostle Paul focused on the twin foundations of "unity" and "holiness." Each of his letters to the various churches around the Roman Empire express unity and holiness.

What is unity? What is holiness? Both, as Paul would realize, are the towering foundations of Jesus' ministry. Both, as Paul taught, are evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. While there are many examples of the movement toward Christian unity and practical holiness in all of Paul's letters, here is a wonderful example for us to explore and follow:

"Think about what we have in Christ: the encouragement he has brought us, the comfort of his love, our sharing in his Spirit, and the mercy and kindness he has shown us. If you enjoy these blessings, then do what will make my joy complete: Agree with each other and show your love for each other. Be united in your goals and in the way you think. In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too" (Philippians 2, ERV).

Unity and holiness are linked in numerous ways in this passage. One example is in the phrase *"agree with each other and show your love for each other."* And, to clarify his point, Paul describes "unity" as *"be united in your goals and in the way you think;"* while describing "holiness" as *"in whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too."*

Unity is revealed in our common goals, thoughts and thinking together. Unity is expressed in how we pull in the same direction through our prayers, hopes, and dreams for our congregation. Holiness is revealed in our loving kindness and service to one another. Holiness is expressed in how we treat one another, love one another, care for one another, speak with one another, seek the best for one another.

The earliest Christians linked unity and holiness with the presence of the Lord Jesus through the Spirit. Together, nurtured on these twin foundations of believing and following Christ, the earliest Christians were a "family of faith" and the Family of God.

Let that be true among us!

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy July Anniversaries

07/08 Chris & Rebecca Duryea
07/12 Brian & Jerry Thornton
07/29 Bradley & Lara Craig

Happy July Birthdays

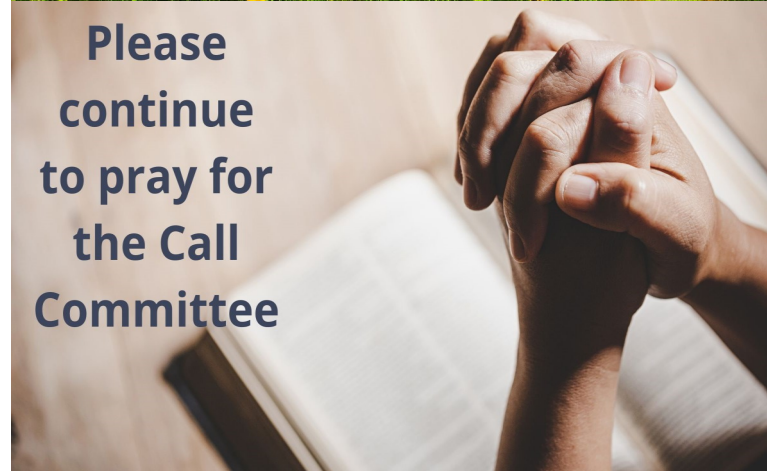
07/02 Jenny Schwarz	07/14 Elaine VandeVelde
07/05 Eli Moon	07/20 Rick Riemenschnieder
07/07 Jeanne Willman	07/27 Andy Hogrefe
07/12 Peter Wharton	07/27 Leon Rinck/Vandahl



We have returned to outdoor Sanctuary! Bring your lawn chair, beverage, your SMILE and a neighbor!!!!




Volunteers needed for the Wild West Relay. Sign up sheet in Narthex or see Matt Tjosvold



Please continue to pray for the Call Committee



**Parish Council Meeting
Monday, June 11th**



Take your best FLOWER photos for the Contest. Started July 4th through September 5th.



**Knotty Christians will meet again on July 19th from 4 to 5:30
Come and bring a friend!!!**



Praying for the Valley will meet Saturday, July 30th @ 9am at Concordia Lutheran Church



Community Pickleball meets every Monday @ 9am at Howelsen Park