

Concordia Lutheran Church

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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Beloved members of God's Family,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as the unique Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3,14)

John's Gospel points us toward the whole sweep of the Divine Story – the Biblical Story. John invites us to look back to the Original Creation, on from there to the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus, forward to our place in God's Good Creation, and toward the future New Creation when the Heavens and the Earth are reunited. This Story reveals God's Promise.

What is God's Promise? In a short phrase: *to dwell with His People within His Creation*. Working like the center of a bicycle tire, this Promise expands to encompass the wide range of human experiences: relationship, fellowship, stewardship, courtship, friendship, rulership, companionship, etc. "God's Story" incorporates the entirety of the "human story." He is involved with us; we are involved with Him.

The all-encompassing Story of the Scripture is straightforward. As we live and breathe in our everyday lives, the Story follows these main outlines:

- + God initiates His Good Purpose in creating the heavens and the earth, dwelling with Humans made in His Image.
- + Humans resist, then rebel, choosing to self-identify, and are forced into Exile.
- + God remains faithful to His Promise to dwell among His People.
- + Humans are unfaithful, chasing after the creation to self-discover their identity rather than honoring the Identity we are created with.
- + God takes decisive action in Christ, reconciling with the Creation, establishing a renewed People among whom He is pleased to dwell, restoring Human Identity.
- + Some humans are reborn by faith, restored to our original Identity as Image-bearers who are imaging the Creator, gathered into communities of Faithfulness and Loyalty, fulfilling – again – God's Desire to dwell among His creations through the Holy Spirit now and, at the proper future time, Face-to-face.

We are going to tell this Story in the next few months. Starting Wednesday, March 2, which is Ash Wednesday, we are going to discover and explore God's Promise for His Creation and His People. This will be the overall theme for our 2022 Lenten and Easter seasons: "I Love to Tell the Story." God's Story ... my story ... our story together.

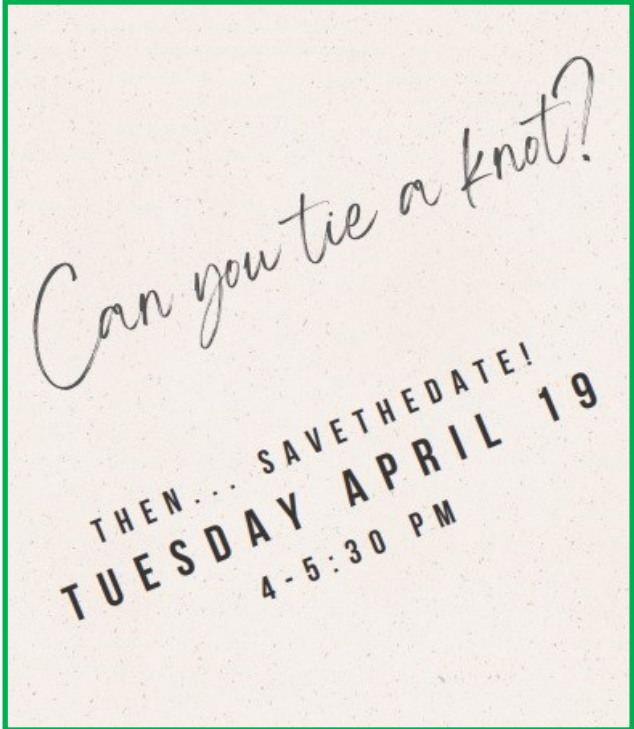
For this Wednesday, March 2, our Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm followed by the Divine Service at 6:30. See you soon!

Luv 'ya!

Pastor Craig

Happy March Birthdays

03/01 Jim Schlaver	03/01 Aidan Moon	03/01 Samuel Schumacher
03/01 Berkley Oamek	03/03 Marty Boomgarden	03/08 Susan Dreska
03/09 Gene Carrell	03/13 Chris Schwarz	03/14 Dianne Weber
03/17 Jake Weber	03/17 Paul Bruggeman	03/20 Mason Bruggeman
03/23 Grace Olinger	03/23 Katelyn Olinger	03/26 Nancy Kounovsky
03/27 Bette Rinck/Vandahl	03/29 Wendy McConnell	03/30 Donna Wentzel



Guys Night Out

Monday, Mar. 28th
5pm @ 8th St.
Steakhouse

Ladies Lunch

Monday, Mar. 28th
Noon @ THE EGG

