

Hello Concordia!

We have kicked off the fall ministry season and have some things to share with you!

Pastor Vic Declines Call to Medicine Hat.



Pastor Vic has declined the call to be the Pastor at the Lutheran church in Medicine Hat, Alta. In his letter to the church there Pastor Vic wrote: *"...At the end of the day, I simply had no peace about leaving at this time. I believe that my work is not finished here and that we are entering a new season of ministry and life together that we have been building towards until this moment. This is where God has led us, and where I believe that we are to be serving at this time."*

Thank you to all those who shared their thoughts, words and prayers over this process.

Communications and Media



We are pleased to announce that Melissa McPherson has agreed to come on board for a short term media project.

Over the next four months Melissa will develop and administer our Social Media (Web, Facebook, Enews, and Sun Morning E-announcements (Catchy term, eh? Vic just made that up).

2010-2011 Sermon Series – “Foundations of the Faith!”



Last year we walked through the stories of the people of the Bible from Genesis – Revelation. We called this “Stories of the Saints” This year we are building in that foundation as we look at “Foundations of the Faith”. We will look at the articles of the Christian Faith. Our goal is to get deep into what we believe as disciples of Jesus – that we might be more confident to share our faith, and give an answer and a witness for what we hold to be Truth!

If you miss a sermon/discipleship sheet, email Michael or Pastor Vic for a copy. We are also working to make these available on our web site at concordialive.ca.

On another note, Pastor Vic and Michael are honoured to have been asked to present the work we did on “Stories of the Saints” as a workshop for the Alberta-British Columbia District Church Worker Conference in Edmonton, October 18-21.

Another Chance Ministries and Pastor Peter Harris

Pastor Vic serves on the Board of Directors for Another Chance Ministries (ACM) – the ministry of Pastor Peter Harris (AKA Pastor Pete).



On **Friday, September 24 @ 6pm** ACM will be hosting a free dinner and information night at Concorida.

Following dinner, a video produced by Scott Refvik of Diguno Media will be presented. Scott and Pastor Vic spent the last couple of weeks seeing firsthand the work of ACM and Pastor Peter. In a word – Incredible.

Representatives of every congregation in Penticton and area have been invited, Pastor Colin Cross of St. Andrew's Presbyterian (also on the Board of Dir.) is co-ordinating the meal and it will be terrific. The goal is to solicit ongoing prayer, volunteer and financial support for ACM. If you are interested in attending - please see Pastor Vic for your free ticket to this event.

Looking for Leaders!

We are looking for people to serve on Concordia's Governing Team as our Board of Directors begins training this fall for our January 1, 2011 start date.



"In a nutshell, a good Governing Team member is an actively engaged member of Concordia who has great "big-picture" skills, who can be a manager and supporter of the entire ministry life of Concordia. He/she does not micro-manage, and is comfortable living at the "50,000 foot" level with regards to our ministry" M. Schutz

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, or you have someone in mind that you think God has given the gifts to serve in this area please submit your name(s) to Pastor Vic or with Michael Schutz, our Director of Worship and Discipleship. mschutz@concordialive.ca

New Sunday Morning Format Starting October 17th



After months of evaluations, discussion, study, conversation and prayer, our staff and church leadership gathered on September 2 and reviewed the proposed changes to our Sunday morning format.

The most significant change is that Agape Kids will now run after the first Service and before the Second. Large-group Bible study led by Pastor Vic, Michael and others will take place between the services. Small groups will have time available to meet. A new Sunday morning small group for Jr and Sr youth (confirmation) is starting.

After consultation with many in the congregation, we have also realized we will need to adjust our worship service times slightly to make this new format work more effectively. More information will be coming about that.

Contact Pastor Vic or Michael for a complete breakdown of the changes, along with the proposed timings to co-ordinate the morning. A handout is available as well.

Small Group Development



Small groups are groups of 6-12 people that meet regularly for Bible application, prayer, fellowship, and service, all with the intent of reaching out and being on the mission of Jesus Christ. As we develop these groups, the primary need is leaders. Groups need leaders. If you think you might be interested in being a small group leader, we want to talk with you! Training will begin in late October, and more details are coming very soon. Call the church

office or email Michael Schutz at mschutz@concordialive.ca to talk more about this exciting new ministry opportunity.

Other News....

- **School Ministry** – The year is off to a great start. This year there are a number of mission projects that the students are involved in, Chapel three times a week including the Pre-school children, and full-day kindergarten. Look for school news at www.concordialive.ca/school.
- **IronPrayer** – Ironman Worship Service was another homerun for Concordia this summer. We welcomed close to 40 athletes plus supporters, family and friends. Billy Downs of www.MissionTri.com was our guest speaker and planted seeds for a ministry event as a partner with Concordia next summer.

- **Fall Ministry Season Kick-Off** - Thank you to all who came out to the fall ministry kick-off event on September 14. Good music, good fellowship, good ice cream, and some great information that we were able to share on some of the exciting things that are happening right now at Concordia in the area of Communication, Small Groups, Governance, School Ministry, and Sunday Mornings!
- **Boake Family Update** - This will be the last update via Concordia Enews. We are so pleased that Jan is back in her ministry capacity on staff at Concordia. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

One last Word



This fall ministry season is off to a great start. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING! To God be the Glory.

In His Love, Pastor Vic