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Wishing you
Comfort and Joy



From Pastor Zook: A Christmas Reflection

"The people who dwell in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" Isaiah 9:2

We are an Advent people. The prophet Isaiah captures beautifully in these two contrasting metaphors, the tension between where we are and where we are going: from darkness to light. Advent is about waiting in the darkness, with purpose and direction. We know where God is leading us and like the Magi of old we follow the light of God's own star. We are an Advent people, and that means hopeful expectation over fearful anxiety; light over darkness; hope over fear. While this Advent begins in darkness, let's be the people who lift up the light of Christ born to us on Christmas Day. May God's great gift to you bring you comfort and joy.

From the Church Council – Our Christmas Appeal

How appropriate that this message is delivered to us as we each are experiencing our own personal darkness in the isolation, restrictions and aloneness resulting from the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. But we are reminded that there is light in our present and in our future.

At Concordia, we shine a bright and burning light through our ministries and with care, love and service to our neighbors. As they experience darkness, we offer them necessary assistance through our programs and volunteer efforts as well as through the hope we exhibit in performing those acts.

The joy of Christmas can be magnified by the simple act of giving. Your meaningful gift to Concordia Church at Christmas will likely benefit someone you will never know. But that person or family will know that they are loved and that someone cares. They too will be helped through the darkness and into the light. Because you cared enough to give.

Will you please consider making Concordia Church and its ministries a part of your Christmas gift giving? Consider all the gifts you will give at Christmas and make a Christmas tithe – a gift of ten percent (10%) of your gift spending. Let your gift, a ray of light, join with others to shine a message of love, gratitude and hope.

God's Blessing at Christmas!

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