

Concordia News



A newsletter for members, families, and friends of Concordia
Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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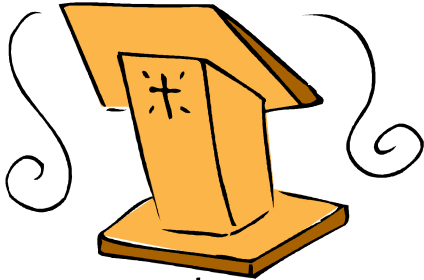
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Bishop Rolf Wangberg will visit Concordia Lutheran on December 3, 2006. It is the first Sunday of Advent and we will be beginning our new Church Year.

Bishop Wangberg is no stranger to the churches of Northwestern Minnesota. His father served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and Bishop Wangberg has served the Northwestern Minnesota Synod for many years, as Pastor, Interim Specialist and now as Bishop.

No one needs to be reminded that his Mother is an honorary member of our congregation. We look forward to Bishop Rolf's coming and thank him for blessing our congregation with his visit.



From The Pastor

ADVENT

Advent is a season of the Church that comes around every year. It is a penitential season and marks the 4 weeks prior to Christmas.

The Sundays of Advent are markedly sober. They warn us of judgment and the end of time and Christ's coming at the end of time. The first two Sundays are especially sobering and all of a sudden everyone wishes we were singing Christmas Carols because we are wrapping nice gifts for Christmas and the carols are playing in the mall; however, even if we sing the occasional Christmas carol the scripture texts are aptly chosen to remind us of our need of a Savior.

Prepare the way the herald cries, then on the third Sunday, the Sunday of the Rose, the rose colored candle is lit and the texts hold a ring of hope. We think that perhaps there will be light at the end of this dark night and we do not give up in despair, but continue to feel our way in the dark, through the

last Sunday of Advent (this year the eve of our Lord's Birth) and celebrate with great Joy the birth of our Lord.

The season is just the opposite of the season the world promotes. The world creates joy and buying of gifts to make everyone happy. The market starts the day after Thanksgiving and reaches right through Christmas Day. The day after Christmas starts the great exchange, cause the gift didn't fit. Then comes the bill and soon after depression, because Christmas is not what we expected it to be.

In the church we start with the warnings, then the judgment, introducing hope, and then the end into which the child breaks into the darkened world and the heavenly hosts shout Hosanna ... Alleluia ... Christ the Lord is Born!

Concordia will begin our Advent Season with Bishop Rolf Wangberg coming to officiate at Holy Communion and Preach on December 3, the First Sunday in Advent. Come and worship with us as we hear the Word and gather at the Table.

Then we will green the church, prepare the gifts, reach out to our homebound and celebrate our Christmas on Christmas Day with Holy Communion as we join the heavenly host and sing, “Hosanna ... Alleluia ... Christ the Lord is Born!

As we would say in Texas, “Y’all Come!”

-Pastor Bortnem



Holiday Worship Schedule

Church services will be held at 10:00 am on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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CONCORDIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
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WELCA

December 12, 2006

Noon

Bible Leader: Group

Lunch: Potluck

Cookie Servers

December 3- Mavis Wang

December 10- Barb Grover

December- 17- Delores Hagene

December 24- No Coffee

December- 31- Irene Olson

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for anyone who wishes to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas. **The cost is \$6.49.** Please make your check out to Concordia Lutheran Church and give it to Clinton Babolian. Thank you!



Our sympathies to Sue Kassenborg and her family. Sue's mother Alice Madsen passed away on November 15th.

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The Pitcher

We had recently moved to Thief River Falls.

It was the beginning of December.

My daughter was 10.

It was bitterly cold.

Everything was new.

Friends were in Minneapolis and Alberta.

It was Advent and we were looking for Christmas

We went shopping, daughter and I.
The bitter cold swept through us.
The big snowflakes touched our noses.
Our skin reacted to the ice soon turned to water.

A department store still occupied Main Street.
It wasn't the size of Dayton's, but it had three floors.
We shopped and shopped and found not much to look at.
Finally, a white pitcher stood alone on the shelf.
We went back to it several times.
And the last time we bought it.
Mother's gift.

So, when I see that pitcher today.
I am reminded of another time.
A time of shopping with my daughter,
For a simple gift
That simply says, "I love you Mom."

God's gift to us is not so simple,
Yet is not the message the same?

Thank You For:

Concordia Newsletter

In memory of Effie Spindler

Regina Hanson

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of LeRoy Sentif

Margret Kragnes

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

In memory of LeRoy Olson

Lloyd Gunderson

Don & Evangeline Johnson

Val & Delores Hagene

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Regina Hanson

Davis & Olive Kosen

Lance & Marilyn Nelson

Mark Nelson

Julie Kuklenski

Don & Phylis Nelson

Order Forms coming in the January issue of the newsletter.

We will be putting order forms for the meal and for coffee mugs in the January issue. Please fill them out and mail them back as soon as possible. We need to be able to tell the caterer how many will be at the meal.

We are pre-ordering coffee mugs and need to know how many to order before April 30, 2007. Thank You.

The 135th Anniversary Committee



Welcome **Alexander Arthur
Wetterlin!**

A baby shower for Alexander will be held Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 2:00 at the Scandia Fellowship Hall.

The proud parents are: Aaron & Pam Wetterlin.



.FINGER AND TOE TREE

We are once again sponsoring a Finger and Toe Tree. The tree will be set up in the Narthex starting, **Sunday, November 19th** and will be there until **Sunday, December 17th**.

In addition to the Finger and Toe Tree we are adding something new. We are adding the names of 5 children to our tree. If you would like to sponsor one of the children, take their name tag off of the tree and please let Doris or Barb know, as they are the coordinators and have the information you need to complete the sponsorship. You can then go and purchase what is on their wish list.

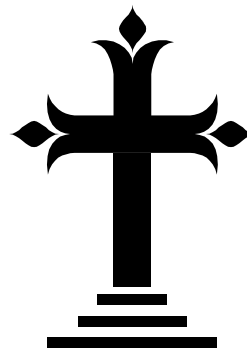


*135th Anniversary
of Concordia Lutheran Church*

Sunday June 17,,2007

*Worship Service 10:00a.m.
Dinner following the service*

*Concordia Lutheran Church
6470 80th Ave. N.
Glyndon, MN.56547
Tel: 218-233-0459*



BITS and PIECES

Pastor Marvin Hartmann



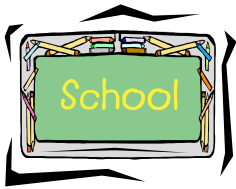
Thank You to Pastor Marvin Hartmann for completing our 3 part series of Brown Bag Seminars with a look into the World of Islam;

If you missed it and/ or would like to read further, Pastor Hartmann recommends the following books:

1. Idiots Guide to Islam by Jamal J. Elias
(the pocket version is out of print- but not the large one)
2. Unveiling Islam by brothers, Erguin & Emir Caner.
3. Onward Muslim Soldiers by Robert Spencer

Pastor Hartmann served 5 years at Arthur, N.D. and 31 years at Bethel in Wahpeton: He and his wife are now members of Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo.

Submitted by Margret Kragnes



All School Reunion Meeting-

A planning meeting will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at Scandia Fellowship Hall.

We would especially like to have anyone who attended Averill School during the 30's, 40's, 50's, as well as years after.

We hope to see many of you there.

The Planning Committee.

Concordia Quilters



The Concordia quilters have completed their fall quilting, and will resume in January. They have created 20 quilts since October 20th. The quilts will be donated to local charities prior to Christmas. We want to thank any and all who have donated money, and materials for these quilts, and please remember us when you get new bedding, so that we can continue to help those less fortunate. We can always use donations of batting, cotton batting material, and old sheets. We also have a fund set up at Western State Bank for anyone who would like to make a donation to help purchase

items needed to make quilts. Everyone is welcome to join us in tying quilts, share lunch and good fellowship.

Doris Eidem and the Concordia quilters.

Whats happens to you at Christmas ?

Yule be happy !



What did the big candle say to the little candle ?

I'm going out tonight !



What did one Angel say to the other ?

Halo there !



Alice Madsen

Alice M. Madsen, 93, Fargo, ND, died Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at Bethany Cares in Fargo.

Alice Marie Braund was born November 8, 1913, to Joseph and Olive (Amundrud) Braund at Edmore, North Dakota, where she grew up and graduated from high school. She attended college in Valley City, ND.

Alice married Victor Madsen on November 9, 1935. They lived in St. Joe, ND; Montevideo, MN; Brazil, SA; Moorhead and Minnetonka, MN, and retired in Fargo. Victor died in 1991. Alice moved to Bethany Homes in May of 2006.

Alice is survived by her daughters, Susan (Gordon) Kassenborg, Glyndon, MN; Marcia Behnke, Laytonville, CA; and grandchildren, Aron Kassenborg (Laura VonBank), Moorhead, MN; Holly Kassenborg (Rob Lind), Minnetonka, MN; Sage Behnke, Laytonville, CA; and Sonja Behnke, Albuquerque, NM.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Victor; her brother, Allen of South Dakota; and her sister, Ople Teigen of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Funeral Service: Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at 2 PM, at Hanson-Runsvold Chapel, Fargo, ND.

Visitation: One hour prior to the service in the chapel.

Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Fargo, ND.







The Candy Maker's Story

White candy canes have been used to decorate Christmas trees for centuries, but it was not until the early 1900's that red stripes were added. The charming story of how a candy maker used the candy cane to symbolize Christ's love is a sweet way to remind your children of the true meaning of Christmas.

- The **white** part of the candy represents the purity of Jesus.
- The **red stripes** remind us of Christ's death on the cross.
- The **crook** at the top looks like a shepherd's staff and helps us remember that shepherds were the first to hear about the Savior's birth.
- Turned upside down**, the candy cane looks like the letter J, symbolizing the first letter in Jesus' name.

December 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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