

# **Concordia News**

## **Large Print Edition**

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

October 2007

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# Words from Pastor Gretchen



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome to Concordia Lutheran Church. I am enjoying getting acquainted and I am grateful for this opportunity to share in ministry with you. In the short weeks I have been with you, I am delighted by so many things about you, the people who make up Concordia Church!

I enjoy your laughter and conversation, your caring for each other, your work for the church, and the way you care for the church building and surrounding cemetery.

As summer turns to fall, we pray for God's blessings on the harvest and for all who work in the fields. The golden and green fields, rich soil, and colorful trees surrounding the church can be reminders to us of God's abundance. The changing seasons can also remind us that the Lord of the harvest has promised to be with us through all the changing seasons of life itself.

Christ is with us in life and in death; and we extend our sympathy to the family of Victor Gress. As a church, we surround you with the love and hope that is ours in Jesus Christ.

As always, please call me if you know of someone who would like a visit or if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks be to God for each one of you and for your ministries at Concordia Church.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Gretchen



**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONCORDIA CEMETERY  
ASSOCIATION  
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GLYNDON MN 56547**

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**WELCA**

**11:30 AM**

**October 9, 2007**

**Bible Leader: Group**

**Lunch: Fryn' Pan**

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**Cookie Servers**



October 7 Mavis Wang

October 14 Carolyn Edwards

October 21 Germaine Gress

October 28 Delores Hagene



## Recipe Corner

### Gingersnap Bars

¾ cup butter

2 cups flour

1 cup sugar

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoon lemon juice

½ teaspoon ginger

½ teaspoon salt

¼ cup molasses

1 egg

2 tablespoons sugar

Melt butter in a saucepan, cool 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients except 2 tablespoons sugar.

Spread in a greased 10" X 15" X 1" jelly roll pan (batter will be very thick). Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes. DO NOT OVERBAKE! Bars are done if a slight imprint is left when you press with your finger. Cool 5 minutes, cut into bars.

Note: I skipped the sugar on top and made a powdered sugar frosting instead.

Submitted by Barb Grover



The Concordia Newsletter has a new email address. You can now reach me at

[mgrover1424@ideaone.net](mailto:mgrover1424@ideaone.net)

Submitted by Barb Grover

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Concordia WELCA will be holding their Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 28, 2007, at 11:30 am. Free will offering.

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A four-year-old was overheard praying,  
"And forgive us our trash baskets  
as we forgive those who put trash in our  
baskets."

# Thank You For:

## **Cemetery Association**

*General Donation:*

Anne & John Gunderson *In honor of John Dahl's 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday (confirmation class of 1941)  
In memory of Robert Burke*

## **Cemetery Association**

*In memory of Leon Hammett, Harold Johnk, Robert Olson:*  
Alice (Hammett) and LeRoy Horpedahl  
Becky (Skrei) & Loren Bergerson  
Lynne (Skrei) & Dan Greenwalt  
John & Nancy Hammett  
Harriet (Hammett) Muffly  
Richard & Ann Skrei  
Jan (Skrei) Smith

## Thank you Brady Edwards

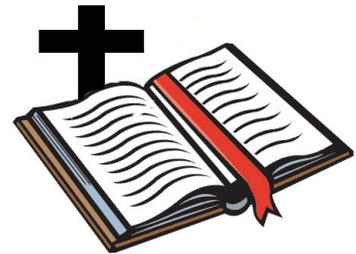


for the nice job you have done mowing this summer. We have received many compliments on how well the cemetery looked!

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We wish to extend our sympathies to Germaine Gress. Germaine's husband Victor Gress, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

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### **Victor D. Gress, Jr.**

Victor D. Gress, age 61 of Felton, MN, passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fargo, ND. Victor D. Gress was born July 30, 1946 in Ada, MN, to Victor and Martha Gress. He attended school in Felton, MN. From 1964 to 1966 he served



in the U.S. Army. On December 22, 1967, he married Germaine Babolian in Felton, MN. Together they made their home in Felton. For years he drove semis to the Duluth, Superior Ports and over the road hauling. The last years he worked on farms, and the most recent he worked for Hastings Farms, Felton, MN.

He is survived by his wife, Germaine Gress; three sisters, two aunts; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, September, 22, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., at Concordia Lutheran Church Cemetery.

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## **A QUILT**

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

## *Bits and Pieces*



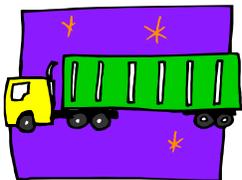
### **WDAY HONOR FLIGHT**

We made our fast trip to Washington DC to see all the Memorials and had a memorable trip. It was a very touching experience at the Vietnam wall – lots of people. We had lots of visits with WWII vets – ex POW's. It was very interesting.

The WWII Memorial is beautiful with the Lincoln Memorial on one end and the large Washington Memorial on the other. Arlington Cemetery is always beautiful with over 650,000 graves. The Korean memorial is also beautiful. It is a trip that I will never forget.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

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### **Holiday Helpings Stuff the Truck!**

Thrivent Financial and the Fargo Jaycees have teamed up for the Second Annual **Holiday Helpings**- a community food drive scheduled for November 9-11, 2007. The goal for this

community-wide effort is to fill the Great Plains Food Bank fleet of trucks in order to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry this holiday season. As a special incentive, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has generously committed to donate \$1.00 for every food item or dollar collected-up to \$20,000 total for the event.

We are asking you to join us as a partner in this event and consider doing a food drive in the weeks leading up to the event or volunteering during the event. To conduct a food drive:

- Drop off at the food drive collection and/or cash at collection points. Trucks will be located at all six area Hornbacher stores Friday through Sunday.
- Drop off at the Great Plains Food Bank (1720 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N. – Fargo)
- Schedule a pick up by the Great Plains Food Bank staff in the week prior to the event( to schedule a pickup, please contact JoAnn Matthews at [matthews@lssnd.org](mailto:matthews@lssnd.org) or call 701.232.6219)

To make our event successful, we need a total of 196 volunteers - To volunteer for the event:

- Sign up for a 2 hour shift to pass out flyers and help collect food or encourage your organization to sponsor/staff an entire day or store location.

\*Volunteers need to be **16 years of age or older**, and will be working outside for at least part of the scheduled time.

For more information or to schedule a volunteer time please contact LeAnne Wilcox with the Fargo Jaycees at [lmwicox32@hotmail.com](mailto:lmwicox32@hotmail.com) or 701.277.9641.



## **Grandpa's Old Straw Hat**

By Frances Carter

Among my many memories  
Is Grandpa's old straw hat.

It was his companion outdoors

Wherever he was at.

He wore it out in the fields

Where he worked long hours each day

When he was planting corn and beans,

Or working in the hay.

When he would go to the barn,  
He wore overalls of denim blue  
And his old straw hat on his head,  
For he had chores to do.

Sometimes he would sit on the creek bank  
Where he would fish awhile.  
The sun beat down on his old straw hat  
But on his face he wore a smile.

His old straw hat had seen better days.  
It had been the best of its kind.  
But it was getting tattered and worn,  
But he didn't seem really to mind.

He was contented in his old straw hat.  
Whether working or at rest.  
He was satisfied with what he had.  
Yes! Grandpa was the very best.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

# October 2007

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu       | Fri       | Sat  |
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|   | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4         | 5         | 6  |
| <b>7 GREEN</b><br>9:00 Coffee<br>9:30 Sunday School<br><b>10:00 Worship</b><br>Communion<br><br><i>Jane Bekkerus</i> | <b>8</b><br><b>Columbus Day</b><br>       | <b>9</b><br><br><b>WELCA</b><br>11:30<br>Fryn' Pan | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14 GREEN</b><br>9:00 Coffee<br>9:30 Sunday School<br><b>10:00 Worship</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br> |
| <b>21 GREEN</b><br>9:00 Coffee<br>9:30 Sunday School<br><b>10:00 Worship</b><br><br><i>Lloyd Gunderson</i>  | <b>22</b><br><br><i>Lloyd Gunderson</i> | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28 RED</b><br>9:00 Coffee<br>9:30 Sunday School<br><b>10:00 Worship</b><br><b>11:30 Fall Dinner</b><br><i>Reformation</i>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b><br> |           |           |  |

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