

# Concordia News

May 2008

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

Words from Pastor Gretchen



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The promise of life in Jesus Christ is strong and sure.

In this month of May, on the fiftieth day of Easter (May 11) we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. We call this fiftieth day of Easter the festival of Pentecost. The name comes from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover.

The Greek word for Spirit means “breath.” On Pentecost and each day, God breathes into us the Spirit – literally, the breath of life. And we are given the gift of the Spirit – the gift of life – so that we may share it with others. We have been blessed to be a blessing. We are called to give, that we may receive. The gifts given by the Spirit to you, the people of God at Concordia Lutheran, are countless and opportunities for generosity abound.

Thanks again to all the quilt-makers for sharing your marvelous gifts so that others may be wrapped in the warmth of God’s love! The quilts you made are truly beautiful. Living together in the covenant of our baptism, and living together in trust and hope, it’s exciting to wonder ... what marvelous acts of generosity and kindness will be shared in the month of May? How will God’s Spirit work among us this month in creative and life-giving ways?

Peace be with you,

*Interim Pastor Gretchen*

WELCA ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WELCA**  
May 13, 2008  
1:30pm

**Bible leader:** Group

**Lunch:** Germaine Gress and  
Carolyn Edwards

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**Cookie Servers**



May 4- Ella Swanson  
May 11- Sylvia Teigen  
May 18- Mavis Wang  
May 25- Carolyn Edwards

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**Cemetery  
Clean-up**

will be held on  
Wednesday, May  
21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. If inclement weather,  
clean-up will be held on Friday, May 23 at  
6:30pm.



**Memorial Service**

A graveside memorial service for Nancy  
Tommerdahl will be held on Saturday,  
May 24, 2008 at 2:00pm



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Celebration*

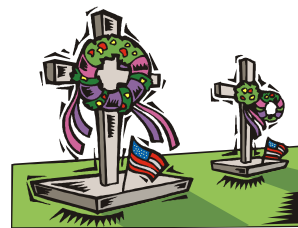


*Saturday, May 17, 2008  
11:00 am-1:00pm*

Serving: Rommegrøt, Sot Suppe,  
lefse, sandwiches, glorified rice,  
dessert, coffee and lemonade



*Cost: \$6.50  
Everyone is welcome*



**Memorial Day  
Service**

**May 26, 2008**  
10:00am

This Memorial Day, May 26, 2008 will be  
a special one, as we will dedicate our flag  
pole and new stone memorial with all of  
the Veterans names inscribed on it.  
Please plan on attending the service, and  
staying for the potluck lunch that will be  
served after the service.

We still have a few things to do on the  
cemetery, so keep the memorials coming.

# Thank You For:

## Concordia News

*Gift:*

Daniel & JoAnn Jones

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of Gunder Bjonfald:*

Jill & James Morris

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

Val & Delores Hagene

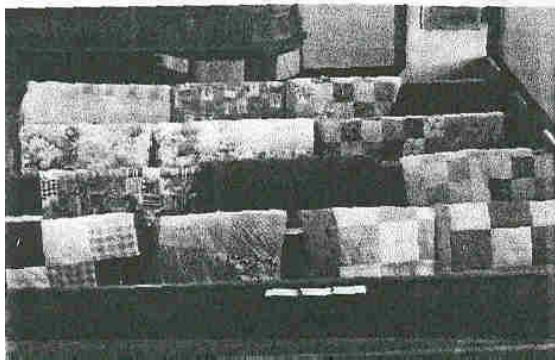
Harold & Sally Horpedahl

*In Memory of Bill Green:*

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

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**Thank You** to all who joined us for quilting. A special Thank You to Regina Hanson for donating the fabric to make the quilts. We enjoyed the fellowship and we were able to complete **11 quilts** which were donated to the **Gladys Ray Shelter**, and 2 were reserved for later use. We are looking at starting up again sometime in the fall, please check the September newsletter for more information.



*Thank  
You*

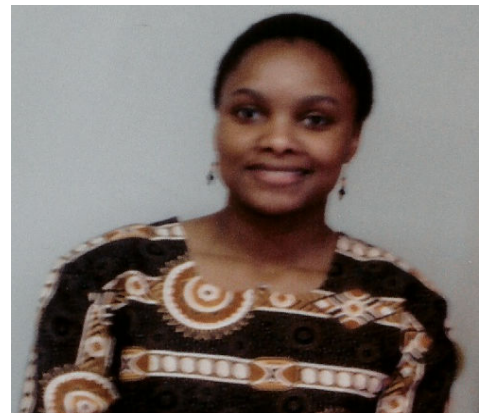


Thank you- all of the men who helped with the Palm Sunday Ham dinner. Thank you to the women who provided the desert, it wouldn't have been complete without you. The dinner was a big success. Thank to all of the individuals who contributed to the dinner expenses.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

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Thank you to Esupat Kimirei for her solo on Sunday, April 20th. Esupat is a friend of Pastor Gretchen and she is from Tanzania. She sang "How Great Thou Art" in Swahili.



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*Thank You*

Thank you to all the women who participated with the Lenten calendars. Some of the proceeds were used to purchase new faucets for the kitchen. The rest will help us to maintain our budget.





**VETERANS IN CONCORDIA CEMETERY**



***Civil War***

Aanund Kragnes

Andreas Rice

***World War I***

Almer Gunderson  
Andrew Gunderson  
George Gunderson  
Leon Hammett  
Ovean Hite  
Ben Johnson  
Andrew Kosen  
Fred Lee

Signe Lee  
John Morken  
Obert Morken  
Thomas Olson  
Paul Skarstad  
Goodwin Thortvedt  
Ed Wilson

***World War II***

Harold Bekkerus  
Bernard Kragnes  
Russell Kragnes  
Vernon Kragnes  
Gust Langlie  
Donald LaPash  
Eddie Menholt  
Sidney Morken  
Thorance Snartland  
Ralph Stevenson  
Norman Hanson  
Carl Swanson

Oberlin Kragnes  
Gerald Grover  
Emmett Gunderson  
Orvis Gunderson  
Harold Johnk  
Ann (Thortvedt) Johnson  
James Juve  
Eloise (Olson) Kincaid  
Lester Kragnes  
Eugene Studlien  
Florence Grover

***World War I and World War II***

Roy Gorder

Robert Olson

***Korean War***

Donald Bekkerus  
Allan Kassenborg  
Aulden Olson  
(buried in Wahpeton)

Harry Lohse  
Richard Tommerdahl

***Vietnam***

Glen Anderson  
Joe Babolian

Victor Gress  
Robert Burke

**"The Unknown Soldier"**

"There's a graveyard near the White House, where the Unknown Soldier lies,  
And the flowers there are sprinkled, by the tears of the mother's eyes.  
I stood there not long ago, with flowers for the brave  
When suddenly I heard a voice, it sprang out from the grave,  
I am the Unknown Soldier, the spirit voice began, and  
Have a few questions I must ask, man to man  
Are my buddies taken care, was their victory complete.  
Or is the big reward you promised, selling pencils on the street?  
Did we really win that victory we struggled to achieve,  
And do you still respect that Silver Star, above that empty sleeve?  
And that babe who said, Hello Central, give me No Man's Land,  
Can you replace her daddy with a military band?  
Does a Gold Star in the window now mean anything at all?  
I wonder how my old girl feels when she hears a bugle call.  
I wonder if the profiteers have satisfied their greed?  
I wonder if a soldier's mother is ever in need?  
Yes, I am the Unknown Soldier, maybe I died in vain,  
But if I were alive and my country called, I'd do it all over again."

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**Just a Common Soldier**

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast.  
He sat around the Legion telling stories of his past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and deeds he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.  
And though sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,  
And his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill passed away.  
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.  
He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin.  
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldiers part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.  
If we cannot give him honor while he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least lets give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say,  
Our Country is in mourning because a soldier passed away.

# Bits and Pieces

This year the war is still raging Middle East. This country is down to its final survivor of WWI. He is 107 years old and recently met President Bush at the White House.

There are still many servicemen missing- they are:

WWII -	30,314
Cold War -	343
Korea-	8,177

North Korea will not let the United States continue searching for our MIA's .

Persian Gulf War	52
Somalia	2
Iraq	13
Vietnam	1,787

Eight of the Veterans lost in Vietnam were recently found.

These figures are current as of January 1, 2008 and the search continues. It is sad that these families are still waiting to learn their fate.

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## Memorial Day Tribute

“They answered their country’s call to arms,  
Into battle they did go,  
Where their final destination was,  
No one will know.

Mat their final resting place,  
Under some unknown sod,  
Be forever hallowed,  
For it is known only unto God.”

TMP



## Recipe Corner



### ERTE SUPPE

Put dried whole yellow peas in a soup pot. Sprinkle a couple of teaspoons baking soda over the peas and cover it all with cold water. Let these peas swell overnight or so.

Drain the water off the peas, rinse and cover the peas again with fresh water. Set this pot to the side.

Put some ham hocks, smoked ham pieces, smokey links, (whatever you would wish for the taste) into another soup pot. Cover this with water and cook until the meat falls away from the bone or falls apart.

Drain the peas again and pour the ham water over the peas adding enough water to cover the peas. Heat the soup so it is hot. Then turn the heat under the soup down to let it simmer until you feel the peas are cooked and the consistency is what you wish them to be. Add some thyme (to your taste) while the soup is simmering. Don't be afraid of the thyme, it gives the soup a good taste.












I prefer the soup to have a thicker consistency so I often let it cool off for a few hours before reheating. You may prefer a thinner soup broth; if so, don't cook it too long and serve it right away.

I usually work with a couple of cups of peas. Leftovers freeze well for another day.

Lykke til!

Submitted by Orpha Hoelstad

# MAY 2008

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 WHITE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service Communion Kans Peringson 	5	6	7	8 Osie Juve 	9	10
11 RED 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service	12	13 WELCA 1:30pm 	14	15 Harold Horpedahl 	16	17 Syltende Mai Celebration 11:00am-1:00pm
<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 						
18 WHITE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service	19	20 Ella Swanson 	21	22	23	24 Mae Ellingson Barb Grover Memorial Service for Nancy Tommerdahl 2:00pm 
						
25 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service	26  Memorial Day Service 10:00am	27 Ralph Grower 	28	29	30  Memorial Day (Traditional)	31

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**You are always welcome at**  
**Concordia Lutheran Church**

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**Sunday Worship:**

Coffee Hour- 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School- 9:30a.m.  
Worship Service-10:00 a.m.  
Communion -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**Concordia Women of the ELCA:**

Second Tuesday-1:30 p.m.

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