

Concordia News Large Print Edition

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

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The Season of Pentecost

The season of Pentecost is upon us. Pentecost is the longest season of the church year and also the season of the church year that contains the highest percentage of what some biblical scholars have described as being Jesus' hard/challenging words. These texts typically revolve around the theme of discipleship; the implications of being an active follower of the one who was raised in the previous season of the church year, Easter.

What is ironic is, given that Pentecost coincides with our most pleasant weather, many of those who are less committed to weekly church attendance will rarely darken the door of their home church as they spend as many weekends as possible in vacation areas. Granted, some of

these will faithfully worship at a local church and still hear these pages, but some do not.

The message of the Gospel, as clarified by Martin Luther, is clear. We are not saved by works, not even the most excellent work of faithfully following Jesus. We must never confuse Jesus' many challenges of us during the season of Pentecost with a list of do's and don't's upon which our salvation depends. Instead, the challenging words of Jesus are meant to do a couple things.

The first and by far the most important is, to make us aware that even as faithful followers of Christ we can never rest on our laurels. That is, we never become so "good, sanctified, holy faithful," etc., that we outgrow the need for confession/absolution or daily infusions of God's grace.

The second is, if out of gratitude for what God has done for us through his Son, we would like to "give back," not "payback," as that is impossible, Jesus has some things for us to consider. These hopefully will impact every aspect of our lives: our family life, our relationship with our friends, our church, our finances; in short, the way we structure every aspect of our lives. Pentecost reminds us that Jesus wants to be a part of all areas of our lives, not just what happens Sunday morning.

I look forward to seeing you at Concordia this season of Pentecost, as we continue to gather to hear, first and foremost, the Good News of God's unconditional grace and the invitation to continue to grow and mature in that grace as we seek to follow His Son as His disciples.

God bless,
Bruce Krogstad





WELCA

June 9, 2009

1:30 pm

Bible Leader: Group

Lunch: Mavis Wang



Cookie Servers

June 7 - Germaine Gress

June 14 - Delores Hagene

June 21 - Regina Hanson

June 28 - Becky Jegtvig



If you know of someone who is in the hospital or would like a home visit please let me know. I can be reached at **218-329-2245** Thank you.

Pastor Bruce

April 17, 2009

Baptism Lemon-Scented in Norway

After a Norwegian church's water was turned off because of freezing temperatures, a priest used lemon-flavored soda water instead of plain water in a baptism ceremony. The priest said that other than the lemon scent, the baptism was traditional. The child's family was informed of the switch after the ceremony. *Submitted by Alene Sladky*

Your Help is Needed!!

We are looking for volunteers to help fill the following positions in our church:

1. Someone to read the Lessons and Psalms every Sunday
2. Someone to put together and print the bulletins each week
3. Someone to take over the newsletter starting in December

If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would be interested to help, please contact Pastor Bruce or a Council member.

Father's Day

It is estimated that 20,000 American children lost their fathers in the Vietnam War. Each Father's Day is a painful reminder that many of these children may never have known their fathers. There are 58, 260 names on the Vietnam Wall. We owe them our honor as well as all the other Veterans who served our country. The Vietnam Wall is very touching to see. I had the honor of seeing it 1 ½ years ago and I will never forget it.

Think of all these children this Father's Day who never go to meet their fathers.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl



Kiland Family Reunion

July 3-5, 2009

Hendon, Saskatchewan, Canada

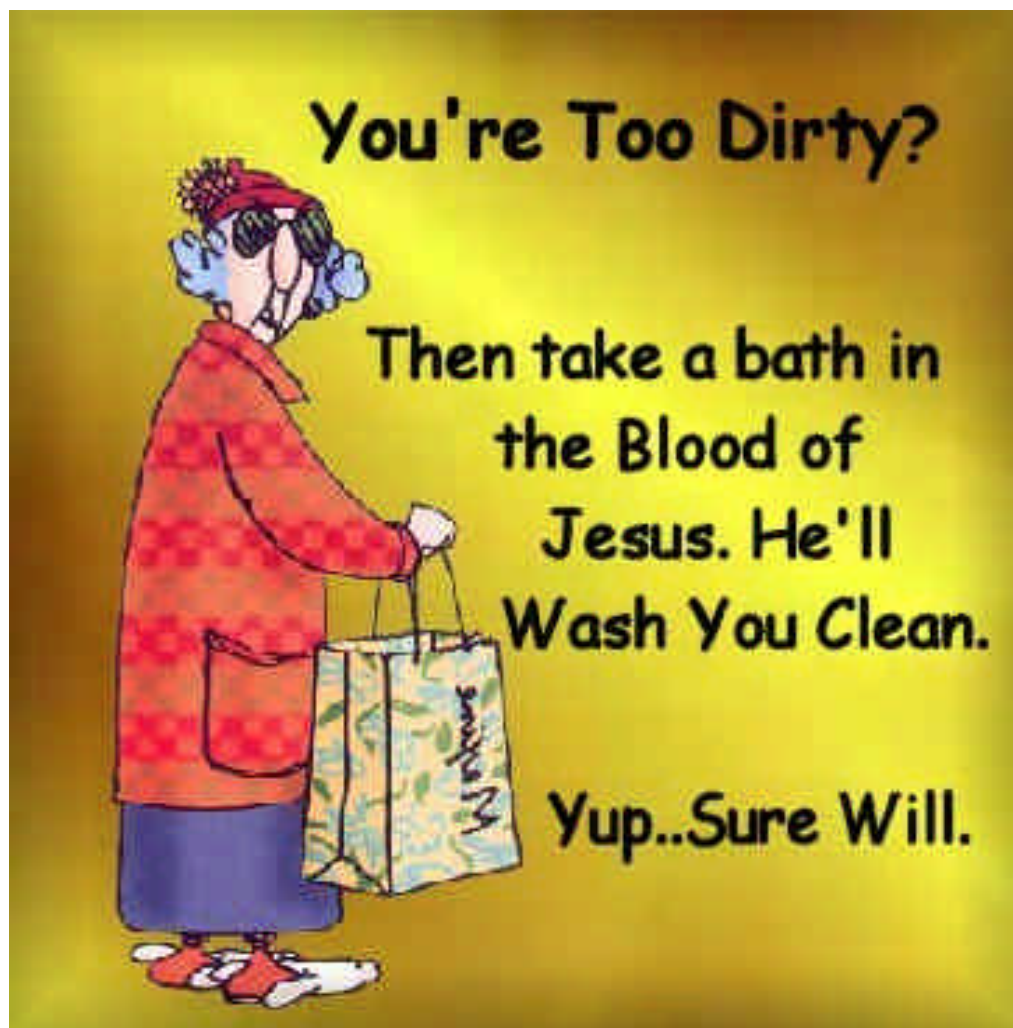
The descendants of Ole and Martha Kiland will be hosting a Kiland Family Reunion. Many of the Kilands moved to Canada and homesteaded in the early 1900's; however, our heritage is

from Norway (Vrådal, Nissedal, Kviteseid) via Minnesota. Any relatives or interested parties can please contact Brenda Kiland, the reunion organizer, for more information.

Brenda Kiland

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Thank You For:

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Davis Kosen

Val & Delores Hagene

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Anne Gunderson

Myron Hagene

*Memorial Day Donation in memory of Allard & Josephine
Bergland*

Allan & LuAnn Bergland

*Spotlight for Memorial Wall & Flag to be constructed this
summer, donated by*

Glenn Kassenborg Family in Memory of Glenn

In memory of Willy, Luella, Tom and Tommy Grover

John & Shirley Grover



To all who braved the weather and attended the Fifth Annual Memorial Day service at Concordia Cemetery. Our appreciation to all those who shared their talents with us in the program. Thank you to

Pastor Bruce for your message; to our organist, Gary Sauter; and Chloe Gunderson for singing the National Anthem. Also thank you to Dawn Gunderson for her stirring message about Gettysburg. Thank you to Molly Lackmann, an Oak Grove student, for singing *America the Beautiful* and giving up part of her week-end to be with us. Also thank you to members of the Glenn Kassenborg family for their beautiful song. To Val & Delores Hagene for putting up all the Memorial Day flags on the graves.

We were so glad the weather cooperated for a few minutes so we could have the presentation by the Minnesota Honor Guard and the American Legion at the Veterans' Memorial and flag pole; thank you to the guard and the legion for your meaningful part in our service. We enjoyed good food, too, thank you to all who provided for the hungry.

Thank you to Alene Grover Sladky for reading the names, and to Harold and Val for your help with the flowers and the flags as well. To Wright Funeral Home for printing the program...And last, but not least, to our Trumpeter Verne Wik, who always does a great job with taps. Also to Alene, our webmaster, look on ConcordiaNews.org to see pictures and the program posted on our website.

This is the fifth year it has been my privilege to work on the Memorial Day Program; thank you for all the cooperation and help of everyone to make it work.

Lloyd Gunderson

Thank you to all the guys who worked to make our last Ham Dinner a huge success. To the guys, who gave food and money, it made our work worthwhile. Thanks to all of the women who provided the delicious desserts. It was a fun couple days and fun working together!

Harold Horpedahl

Bits and Pieces

My Name is Old Glory

By Howard Schnauber

I am the flag of the United States of America,

My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings,

I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over great institutes of learning,

I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world.

Look up! See me!

I stand for peace – honor – truth and justice,

I stand for freedom

I am confident

I am arrogant

I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners

My head is a little higher

My collors a little truer

I bow to no one.

I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshipped,

I am saluted,

I am respected,

I am revered,

I am loved,

And I am feared.

I have fought every battle of every war for more than 300 years:

Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomatox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, the deserts of Africa, the cane fields of the Philippines, the rice paddies and jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Guadalcanal, New Britain, Peleliu, and many more islands,

And scores of places long forgotten by all

But those who were with me.

I was there.

I led my soldiers,

I followed them,

I watched over them.

They loved me.

I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima.

I was dirty, battle-worn and tired,

But my soldiers sheered me

And I was proud.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets
of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt

For I am invincible.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets
of my country,

And when it is by those with whom I have served in battle, it
hurts.

But I shall overcome

For I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth

And stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.

I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours,
But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be
used for bandages for my wounded comrade on the field of
battle,
When I fly at half mast to honor my soldiers,
And when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother at
the graveside of her fallen son.




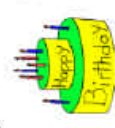
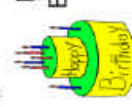


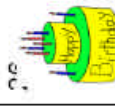
I am proud.

My name is Old Glory.

Dear God – Long may I wave.



June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 White 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Communion	8 Valdemar & Delores Hagene 	 Kathy Krogstad Clarice Babolian	10 Harold & Sally Horpedahl 	11	12 Mavis Wang 	13 Doris Eidem 
14 Green 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church	15	16	17	18	19	20 
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