

Concordia News

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

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Words from Pastor Bruce

Lent is the season of the church year during which Christians have traditionally contemplated the sufferings of Christ, his humanity, and ultimately the significance of his death. Catholics have emphasized the importance of personal sacrifice in order to bring home, in an experiential way, a small insight into what Christ gave up on our behalf.

Wikipedia, a popular online encyclopedia, offers the following insight into a Protestant understanding of Lenten disciplines: Many modern Protestants consider the observation of Lent to be a choice rather than an obligation. They may decide to give up a favorite food or drink (e.g., chocolate, alcohol) or activity (e.g., going to the movies, playing video games, etc.) for Lent, or they may instead take on a Lenten discipline such

as devotions, volunteering for charity work, and so on. Roman Catholics may also observe Lent in this way in addition to the dietary restrictions outlined above, though observation is no longer mandatory under the threat of mortal sin. Many Christians who choose not to follow the dietary restrictions cite 1 Timothy 4:1-5 which warns of doctrines that “forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.”

Perhaps such disciplines are not part of your personal or family traditions. The issue, according to Luther, is not whether we follow a given course of outward works of piety but whether we believe in the reason for Christ’s sacrificial death, which is to do for us that which we could not do for ourselves, namely to save us. Any Lenten discipline we choose to pursue can never be construed as a way to earn or even begin to repay what he unilaterally did for us. We look forward to worshipping together Wednesday evenings as we contemplate the depths of God’s grace through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bruce



Meeting: February 9, 2010 1:30 pm

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Fryn' Pan, Moorhead

Cookie Servers



Feb. 7 Becky Jegtvig

Feb. 14 Evangeline Johnson

Feb. 21 WELCA

Feb. 28 Polly Hanson

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





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“Ash Wednesday” is the subject for Kids Corner in February. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Also in the Congregation section, you'll find interesting information about Concordia's history. Many of the church's founders came from Houston County in far southeastern, Minnesota, and a 1991 letter outlines Concordia's “Historical Connections to the Stone Church.”



Lent begins

on Ash Wednesday,
February 17, 2010

Potluck supper at 5 pm every
Wednesday during Lent followed by services at 6 pm



ANNUAL MEETING

Potluck followed by the annual meeting after services on

February 7, 2010

If the Heart Could Speak



If the heart could speak
what would it say?

We struggle to express the feelings
Lying deep within us from day to day.

Love is a vast emotion;
It can fill you up inside,
It can rip you apart and, either way,
You have to wonder - Why?

Love was given to us as a gift
So precious and divine,

So that we can share it with others,
So that the Light may through us shine.

Some of us struggle from day to day
Hoping to just feel it,
Some of us struggle within ourselves
Working up courage, wondering how to reveal it.

We may never understand the key
To it's mystery, but it runs deep,
It exists always, eternal and strong,
Even while we sleep.

Love was given for a reason,
It is truly just to share,
A connection to those outside ourselves,
The ability to care.

Anonymous

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of the Gorder family

Gloria Tomas

In memory of Arden Toso

Dalen & Diane Rasmussen

Donation for Grave Marker Repair

Andy & Pat Svenkeson

Donation

Burton & Catherine Grover



Don't be one to remember everything lent, but forget everything borrowed.



CONCORDIA CEMETERY ASSN ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, February 13, 2010 10 AM
Concordia Lutheran Church

All interested church members or relatives of church members are invited to the annual meeting. Please come and give any input on topics or show up for conversation and a free cup of coffee & cookies.

Anyone interested in being on the Concordia Cemetery Association Committee contact: Aron Kassenborg 701-238-1950

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The number in the upper right hand corner of the front page of our newsletter is an ISSN. Concordia News is now registered with the Library of Congress and has been issued a unique International Standard Serial Number. This is a reference number that can be used by researchers to find our on-line newsletter and to formally document Concordia News as a source of information.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

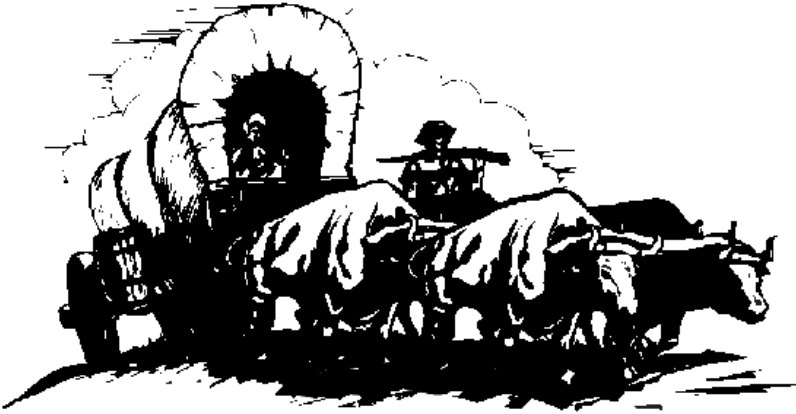
Sweetheart Cakes serves 2

Ingredients

¾ cup flour
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
3 tablespoons cocoa
½ teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
½ cup water
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
½ teaspoon white vinegar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
Chocolate frosting or peanut butter
Candy mint leaves and red gum drops

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Grease an 8 X 8 baking pan
- Stir together dry ingredients: flour, sugar, cocoa, soda and salt
- Add water, oil, vinegar and vanilla extract, beat with whisk or spoon until smooth. Pour in greased baking pan.
- Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.
- Cool 10 minutes, remove from pan and cool completely.
- Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut out 4 hearts.
- Spread frosting/peanut butter on 2 hearts and top each with another cake heart.
- Garnish with mint leaf and 2 red gumdrops. Drizzle chocolate syrup on each shortly before serving

The Journey to the Buffalo



By Levi Thortvedt

Excerpts from the serial published in the *Moorhead Daily News* in 1938

It was [at Sauk Centre] that my uncle Aanon's dog got crazy and had to be shot. After the dog trouble the men went up town and sir! they met an old acquaintance, Tallef Flateland. I guess he was some relation to Ola Midgarden. We learned that the next town west was Alexandria, the land office for the northwestern part of Minnesota.

Tuesday, June 14, we reached Alexandria. Here we saw the first "Blanket Indians" since we left Houston County. I think some of the women got a little nervous seeing these wild savages away out in the west. Here are four or five Indian tepees. I remember one tall

old Indian with his red blanket over his shoulder, drunk as an English lord and very talkative. Some of the men had quite a talk with him.

We spent the next day in Alexandria, purchasing supplies as it was our last chance to buy certain articles. Here we met Ola Strandvold who was back to buy supplies. He had taken up a claim in the Red River Valley, about two miles south of Georgetown, Minnesota, a Hudson Bay post. His claim was on the North Dakota side of the river. He gave us new enthusiasm, as now we had a leader who was acquainted with the roads and camping places. They went to the land office for information about maps, vacant, surveyed, and unsurveyed lands. The land office agent happened to be an old acquaintance of my mother's way back in Norway. He gave us all the information he could.

Next: *Meeting Probstfield & Hutchinson*

Grow old with me! The best is yet to be.

~Robert Browning

Without love, what are we worth? Eighty-nine cents! Eighty-nine cents worth of chemicals walking around lonely.

~M*A*S*H, Hawkeye



In ancient Rome, the feast of Juno (goddess of women and marriage) occurred on February 14th and the next day the feast of Lupercalia was dedicated to fertility.

Around 498 AD, Pope Gelasius transformed the pagan celebration when he declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day to honor the martyr Valentinus.



Martin Luther on Marriage

Excerpts from his sermon "The Estate of Marriage" 1522









To recognize the estate of marriage is something quite different from merely being married. He who is married but does not recognize the estate of marriage cannot continue in wedlock without bitterness, drudgery, and anguish; he will inevitably complain and blaspheme like the pagans and blind, irrational men. But he who recognizes the estate of marriage will find therein delight, love, and joy without end; as Solomon says, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing," etc. [Prov. 18:22]...

Now you tell me, when a father goes ahead and washes diapers or performs some other mean task for his child, and

someone ridicules him as an effeminate fool, though that father is acting in Christian faith, my dear fellow you tell me, which of the two is most keenly ridiculing the other? God, with all his angels and creatures, is smiling, not because that father is washing diapers, but because he is doing so in Christian faith. Those who sneer at him and see only the task but not the faith are ridiculing God with all his creatures, as the biggest fool on earth. Indeed, they are only ridiculing themselves; with all their cleverness they are nothing but devil's fools...

I say these things in order that we may learn how honorable a thing it is to live in that estate which God has ordained. In it we find God's word and good pleasure, by which all the works, conduct, and sufferings of that estate become holy, godly, and precious so that Solomon even congratulates such a man and says in Proverbs 5 [:18], "Rejoice in the wife of your youth," and again in Ecclesiastes 11 [9:9], "Enjoy life with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life."

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Evangeline Johnson	2	3	4  Trygve & Dee-Ann Skolness	5  Dennis Johnson	6
7 GREEN Communion 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church  Trevor Pennington	8  WELCA 11:30am Fryn Pan	9	10	11	12	13
14 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday PURPLE Meal at 500 PM Service at 6 PM  Becky Jegtwig	18	19	20  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
21 PURPLE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church	22	23	24  Lenten Service Meal at 5 PM Service at 6 PM	25	26	27
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