

Concordia News

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Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Words from Pastor Bruce

We are in the season of Easter. The signs of Easter are all around us. The snow encased fields turned to black and are now brimming with bright green. One species of bird



after another is filtering into the wood lots and farmsteads vying for territory, treating us all to a concert of the finest music nature can offer. Many farmers have done the work of fall and spring, all in the month of April, for the purpose of getting the soil ready for seeding. Given the costs of putting in a crop, especially this year, farming is again one of the best examples of a “leap of faith.” Farmers can do everything just right but the forces of nature, grain companies, OPEC, financial and grain markets, to name a few, can bring all their hard work to naught. Yet year after year the land is seeded. Hope indeed does spring eternal.

So it is with our life of faith. Adversity, hardship and loss are part and parcel of our life as Christians. Powerful forces align

against us and there is little we can do to repel them. Yet we do not succumb to despair but continue to live our lives as people of hope. Like farmers we continue to lean forward as long as we can. As long as we have a pulse we know that we have a mission, a purpose for living that God has called us to be a part of, each of us according to our unique gifts and abilities. In the end we are an Easter people; despite all evidence to the contrary we recognize that in the end we are a part of a victorious enterprise: the Kingdom of God.

Easter has come. We are God's victorious resurrection people. Amen.

Pastor Bruce Krogstad





Meeting: May 11, 2010 1:30 pm

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Carolyn Edwards & Germaine Gress

Cookie Servers



May 2 Sylvia Teigen

May 9 Mavis Wang

May 16 Barb Grover

May 23 Carolyn Edwards

May 30 ELCA

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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“Miracles” is the subject for Kids Corner in May. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Programs, pictures, and videos from previous Memorial Day Services are located in the Cemetery Section of the website.

Church
Bulletin
Bloopers



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help..



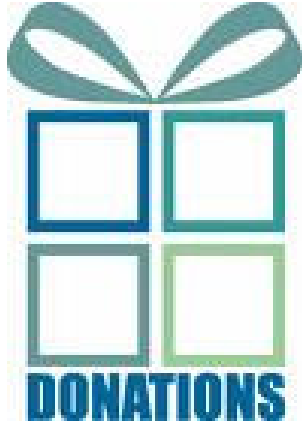
Cemetery Clean-Up

Wednesday, May 26th

5:00 PM

Alternate date (if there is a weather delay)

Friday, May 28th at 5:00 PM



Your Donations

can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

General Fund:

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

Lloyd Gunderson

105 3 St N

Moorhead, MN, 56560

Concordia Newsletter

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Valdemar Hagene

6756 70 Ave N

Glyndon, MN 56547

Concordia Cemetery Association:

Make checks out to the association and mail to:

Ray Johnson

7333 70 St N

Glyndon, MN 56547



Happy Mothers Day

May 9, 2010



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5:00 PM

Alternate date

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Friday, May 28th at 5:00 PM



The soldier, above all others,
prays for peace, for he must
bear the deepest wounds
and scars of war.

~Douglas MacArthur

80th Birthday



**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN
HOUSE TO CELEBRATE
HAROLD HORPEDAHL'S
80TH BIRTHDAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
1-3 PM**

**AMERICAN LEGION
303 30TH STREET NORTH
MOORHEAD**

**HOSTED BY HAROLD'S
CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN**

90th Birthday

**Our Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother,
Aunt and Friend
ELLA SWANSON
Is turning 90**



Sunday, May 16

**We'll begin the celebration
during the morning church
service
10:00**

**Concordia Lutheran
Church
followed by dinner &
entertainment.**

**Please no gifts, only your best
wishes.**

*Gordon, Leonard, Sharon
and our families*



SALAD BAR LUNCHEON

Saturday,
June 12, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church

6637 80 Ave North
Glyndon, Minnesota

Featuring

Eric Bergeson

“Down on the Farm”

Bergeson’s Nursery
Fertile, MN

Adults \$6.00
12 and under FREE

Memorial Day Service



**Monday, May 31st
10 AM**

Potluck follows service



Donations

Concordia General Fund

In Memory of Bernice Sather

Osie Juve

Doris Kassenborg

Genelle Sather

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In Memory of Evangeline Johnson

Merle and Marje Bekkerus

In Honor of Harold Horpedahl's 80th Birthday

William and Ruth Farabee

Donations

Gertrude Berkness

Anne Gunderson

Lois Jensen

Jill Morris

Edna Severson

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Mervin Berkness

Gertrude Berkness

Concordia Cemetery Association (cont'd)

In Memory of Evangeline Johnson

Hazel Haarstad

JoAnn & Dan Jones

Tom & Sherry Watt

Folding the Flag



When a flag is removed from a coffin at a military funeral, it is folded with great ceremony. The flag is folded 13 times to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but there is much more to the flag folding. Read on ...

- The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

- The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.
- The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that, "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."
- The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.
- The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

- The 10th fold is a tribute to the fathers, for they, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.



Remembering Those Who Served



**VETERANS IN
CONCORDIA CEMETERY**



Civil War

Aanund Kragnes

Andreas Rice

World War I

Almer Gunderson

Andrew Gunderson

George Gunderson

Leon Hammett

Ovean Hite

Joseph B. Johnson

Andrew Kosen

Fred Lee

Signe Lee

John Morken

Obert Morken

Thomas Olson

Paul Skarstad

Eugene Studlien

Goodwin Thortvedt

Ed Wilson

World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder

Robert Olson

World War II

Harold Bekkerus

Florence Grover

Gerald Grover

Emmett Gunderson

Orvis Gunderson

Norman Hanson

Harold Johnk

Ann Thortvedt Johnson

James Juve

Eloise Olson Kincaid

Davis Kosen

Bernard Kragnes

Lester Kragnes

Oberlin Kragnes

Russell Kragnes

Vernon Kragnes

Gust Langlie

Donald LaPash

Eddie Menholt

Sidney Morken

Henry Skolness

Thorance Snartland

Ralph Stevenson
Mable Gunderson Young

Carl Swanson

Other Conflicts

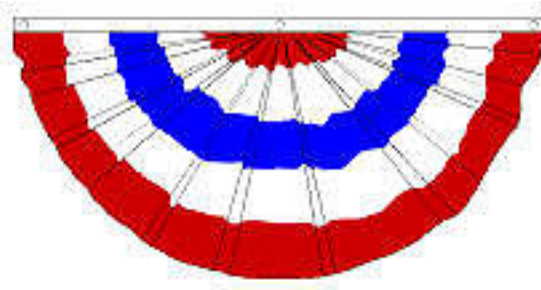
Joe O. Babolian
Clarence Brown
Walter Engesetter
Allan Kassenborg
Harry Lohse
Richard Tommerdahl

Donald Bekkerus
Robert Burke
Victor Gress
Glenn Kassenborg
Jerry Sabo

Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Daniel Christianson
Arnold Horpedahl
Henry Kragnes
Robert Morken
Robert Nelson
Aulden Olson
Robert Tommerdahl

Bernhard Hegland
Ralph Johnk
Olaf Midgarden
Dennis Nelson
John Oberg
LeRoy Olson
Harold Wik



"Uncommon valor was a common virtue."

~ *Admiral Chester Nimitz*

(describing the men under his command in WWII)

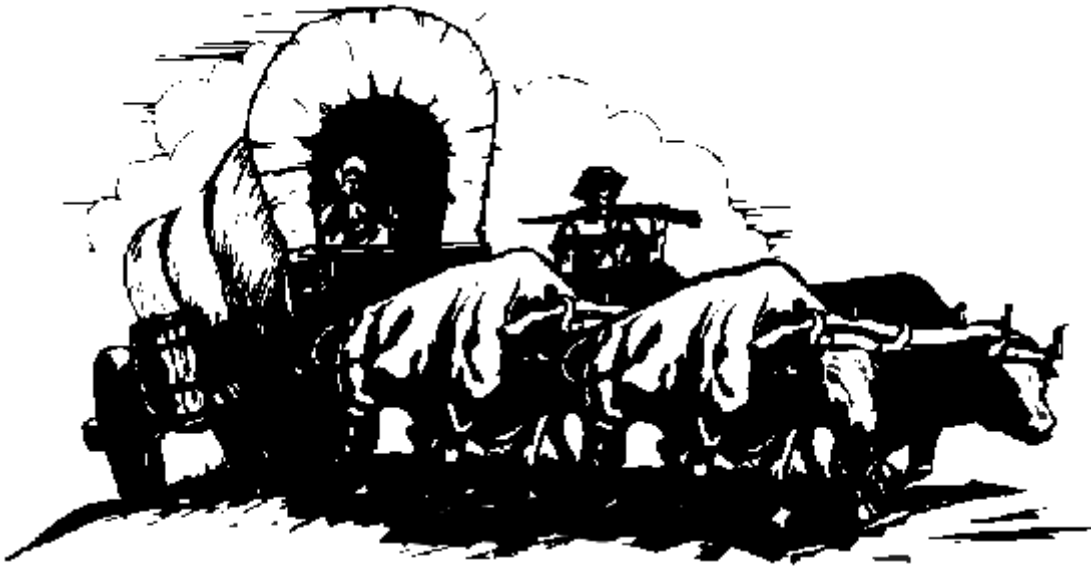
American Revolution – Gulf War

Military service during war	41,891,368
Battle deaths	651,030
Other deaths in service (theater)	308,800
Other deaths in service (nontheater)	230,279
Nonmortal woundings	1,431,290
Living war veterans	17,456,000
Living veterans	23,442,000

Global War on Terror

Total Currently Serving (as of Sep. 30, 2009)	1,471,008
Deployed to Iraq (as of Sep. 30, 2009)	164,100
Deployed to Afghanistan (as of Sep. 30, 2009)	66,400
Battle Deaths (as of March 10, 2010)	4,201
Other Deaths (in Theater) (as of March 10, 2010)	1,175
Non-mortal Woundings (as of March 10, 2010)	36,906

The Journey to the Buffalo



By Levi Thortvedt

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

Towards evening it began to rain a little. When we made camp that night, the mosquitoes were the worst we had ever experienced.

My mother made milk mush (*melke grod*) and Sir! when the pot was filled with milk and placed over the camp fire, it was a stiff, rich mixture of sweet milk and mosquitoes. Mother threw the milk away and filled up the kettle again with fresh milk, but the same thing happened and also for the third time. The third time she threw the pot away with such vigor that it almost struck a nearby calf in the head. We went supperless to bed that night.

There must have been billions upon billions of these seemingly patched together and weakly built insects. It was the number of them that did the business. The next morning there was a layer of dead mosquitoes 6 or 7 inches high around the ashes of the camp fire. This sounds like a fish story, but can you prove that it was not the fact?

Next: *The Burbank Hotel*

Syttende Mai

Norway's Constitution was signed on May 17, 1814 at Eidsvoll. It remained in union with Sweden until 1905, but Norway celebrates its return as an independent nation on this date. Norway's Constitution Day is a national holiday, but unlike the U.S., there are no displays of patriotic fervor and military might; children's parades and local schools are the focus of the day.



Things Mom Would Never Say

- "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery."
- "I think the tattoo on your ankle looks great – why not get another one?"
- "Let me smell that shirt -- Yeah, it's good for another week."
- "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."
- "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve."
- "Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve."



Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Returning from the Civil War



“In 1864 I had to go to war. In July 1865, we were discharged and got our wages at Fort Snelling. I bought the gun I had used from the government. As I was on the way home, I would shoot now and then as I was so happy just going home. My shots frightened my wife who thought we were Indians, and she hid in the cornfield until she knew it was safe to come home.”

















*-Torjus Haraldson
(1830-1921)*

Torjus served in Co. E, MN 2nd Regiment during the Civil War. The Haraldsons were members of Concordia at the turn of the 20th Century.

I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

~Abraham Lincoln Nov. 21, 1864

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Communion 	3 	4 WELCA 1:30 	5	6 Osie Juve 	7	8 1 May Day 
9 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Mother's Day 	10 Syttende Mai 	11 WELCA 1:30 	12	13 Harold's 80th Party Mhd Amer Leg 	14	15 Harold's 80th Party Mhd Amer Leg 
16 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Ella's 90th Dinner 	17 Syttende Mai 	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	21	22
23 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	24 Barb Grover Mae Ellingson 	25	26	27 Ralph Grover 	28	29
30 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	31 Service 10 AM Potluck Memorial Day 					



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