

Concordia News

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Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Dear Members of Concordia
Lutheran Church:

Grace and Peace to you in
our Lord Jesus Christ!

St. Paul wrote in Philemon 1:21:

"Confident of your obedience, I write to you,
knowing that you will do even more than I ask."

Intimacy, love, care, trust and hope are appropriate feelings and expectations of St. Paul to his friend, Philemon.

They are fitting words for us also, as the first Sunday of September 2010, our Church begins the new academic year. Summer is over . . . and it is "back to work" as always . . . for the next nine months ahead of us for continuing the work of the Lord in our congregation and community.

It is always a time of seeking and hoping; that we, as a people, will do more than we are asked.

Why? Because we know . . . the love of the Lord, and to our Lord, it is that way of being a servant. Our Lord does more for us than we can ever expect from Him . . . He goes beyond whatever could be imagined for anybody . . . giving His Life for

ours. He is the One to whom we owe everything our life and our salvation. So, for firsts: we do not want to disappoint our Lord!

Therefore the expectations are in order and plainly a part of our being and belonging to the Body of Christ. (So St. Paul could express such confidence to Philemon and, I am confident, to ourselves as well.)

As your co-Pastor, even though briefly these next eight weeks, we necessarily have high expectations of each other to be sure the work of our shared ministry at Concordia moves ahead in the whole of needs for the Parish Ministry.

Pastor Jim Kloster and myself will be sharing pulpit and parish ministry for September and October in Pastor Bruce's place. We both ask for your prayers and support for Concordia Lutheran parish . . . and knowing . . . with Apostle Paul, that you will do even more than asked.

The Lord bless and keep you each one, in worship and service!

In Christ Jesus,

Pr Don Walker



Meeting: Sept. 14, 2010 1:30 pm

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Doris Kassenborg

Cookie Servers

September 5	No services
September 12	Sue Kassenborg
September 19	WELCA
September 26	Sylvia Teigen
October 3	Mavis Wang
October 10	Carolyn Edwards
October 17	Germaine Gress
October 24	Delores Hagene
October 31	WELCA



If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Jim Kloster 701-293-1120





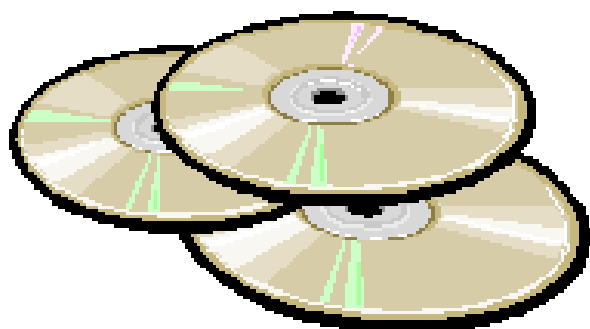
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If you have old photos of events and Concordia church members, we'd love to include them on the website! Email

scanned images to

webmaster@concordianews.org

or mail a copy of the original photograph to Alene Sladky,
6938 State Hwy 200 NW, Laporte MN 56461



Memorial Day DVD Available

The Cemetery Association is making DVD's of the Memorial Day Tribute to Concordia's Veterans available for purchase for \$10.00 each. The money will be used for the Cemetery Restoration Project (repairing headstones, etc.). Please send your check, made out to the Cemetery Association, to:

Ray Johnson
7333 70th Street North
Glyndon MN 56547



Allow about two weeks for delivery. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Education is what remains after one forgets
what one has learned in school.

~Albert Einstein

The Ladies Aid

The old church bell had long been cracked; its call was
but a groan,
It seemed to sound a funeral knell with every broken
tone.

"We need a bell", the brethren said, "but taxes must be
paid.

We have no money we can spare. Just ask the Ladies'
Aid."

The shingles on the roof were old, the rain came down
in rills,

The brethren slowly shook their heads and read the
monthly bills.

The chairman of the board arose and said, "I am afraid

That we shall have to lay the case before the Ladies' Aid."

The preacher's salary was behind; the poor man blushed to meet

The grocer and the butcher when they passed him on the street.

But nobly spoke the brethren then, "Pastor, you shall be paid.

We'll call upon the treasurer of our good Ladies' Aid."

"Oh," said the man, "the way to heaven is long and hard and steep,

With slopes of ease on either side, the path is hard to keep.

We can not climb the heights alone: our hearts are sore dismayed!

We ne'er shall get to heaven at all without the Ladies' Aid."

*Submitted by Osie Juve
from Lutheran Church Women of Minnesota*



Congratulations to former newsletter editor Maggie Grover and her fiancé John Minge. They will be married in Eagan MN on September 18th.

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg

Jim Skree

*In Memory of Bekkerus Relatives for Grave Stone
Restoration*

Al & Marlene Bekkerus

Donations for Grave Stone Restoration

Jim Skree Ethel Menholt

Margret Kragnes Lois Jensen

Regina Hanson Irene Olson

Olive Kosen Anne Gunderson

Kirby & Candace Kassenborg

Gloria Gorder Tomas

Alene & Steve Sladky

THANKS

Thanks to Donald Johnson for rebuilding the steps to the pastor's study on the south side of the church building.

Thanks to Davis Kosen for all the time and effort he has contributed to the cemetery leveling, cementing of new bases and restoring of grave stones. His work looks beautiful.



A child comes home from his first day at school. His mother asks, "Well, what did you learn today?"

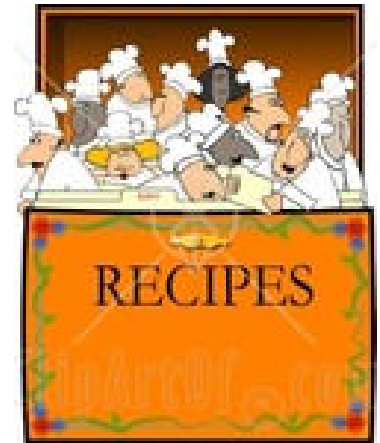
The kid replies, "Not enough. They want me to come back tomorrow."

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.

Recipe of the Month

Strawberry-Rhubarb Cream

Dessert



Ingredients

Crust

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup butter, melted
1/4 sugar

Topping

1 cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
5 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1-1/3 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped. (I added some sugar to the cream)

Directions

- In a small bowl combine the flour, pecans, butter and sugar.
- Press into a greased 13 x 9 baking dish.
- Bake at 350 for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack

Strawberry-Rhubarb Crème Dessert Directions (cont'd)

- In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar and cornstarch. Stir in the rhubarb until combined.
- Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring often.
- Reduce heat, cook and stir 4-5 minutes or until thickened.
- Remove from heat, cool
- Stir in strawberries

- In a small mixing bowl beat the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth
- Fold in 1 cup whipped cream
- Spread over crust, top with rhubarb & strawberry mixture
- Spread with the remaining whipped cream. Refrigerate for 3-4 hours before serving
- Garnish with additional brown sugar if desired. 12 servings

Irene Olson prepared this delicious dessert for Maggie Grover's bridal shower, from a recipe in Taste of Home

Painting the Church

Sven was a painter who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.



As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but then the church decided to do a big restoration job that included repainting its exterior.

Sven put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job. He set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Sven was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from the church and knocking Sven clear off the scaffold onto the lawn among the gravestones. There he lay, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Sven was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke. "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

Along the Buffalo



By Levi
Thortvedt

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

Sketch of the Thortvedt cabin by his daughter Orabel from a serial published in the *Fargo Forum* in 1941

The first field was broken down in the “*odden*.” I don’t know how long it took them to do it, but it was broken. The homestead law called for five acres to be broken and shanty put up before it could be filed on. In this case the claims could not be filed because the land was not surveyed and consequently no description could be given.

From now on the full force was put on the hay. A hay rack had to be made and they were made from ash poles ...

young sapling elms were used to form the bows over the wheels, so they hay would not rub on the wheels. Perpendicular stakes about three feet long were put on to hold the hay.

One thing that happened when Thone and I were cocking hay was this. Ola Anderson was cutting with a scythe and he called to us to come to get some honey. He had found a bumble bee's nest in an old gopher hole. We came and my curiosity was aroused and I had to come close to the hole. Ola was poking with a stick to get the honey. Buzz! Suddenly came a big swarm of bees right out of the hole. I made a quick jerk backwards and my back hit hard against Ola's scythe, that had been dropped near the nest. I became terribly scared. I thought my back was cut clear across. I thought sure I was going to die. An awful feeling. Ola and Thone pulled off my shirt to see how big the cut was. I asked how long it was. "Ah, shaw," said Thone, "It is not quite one inch long." I will tell you I got new life again when I knew I was not going to die from this. We got the honey and Thone and I went home where my mother dressed my wound.

When the haying was done and stacked, the next thing to do was to build a house. A little bridge was built over the

river, so as to be able to haul the logs home for it. Ole Midgarden, Tarjei Muhle and Halvor Fendalsveit helped to make it.

Wonderful land on the Buffalo River! With plenty of timber, elm, oak, ash, box-elder and basswood. Then the wild fruits, like chokecherry (“*heg ber*”) plum, thorn apple, “*gris ber*” and grapes. Plenty of fish and the catfish so fat that it fried itself in the pan.

The nice level land was ready for the plow, without having to move stump or stone. Hundreds of acres waiting for the settlers just to come and take it. One morning mother said, “Well, we will stay here 10 years, but if there don’t come any people by that time we will move.” Father, who was always optimistic about the future of this country, said, “Yes, if no people come in five years, we will go again.” We never saw anyone outside of those that belonged to the party, and it really did look wild, way out here one hundred and forty miles from civilization (Alexandria).

Sir! the Red River Valley is now known as the “bread basket of the world.”

Next: *The first funeral*














Did you know ...the first official celebration of Labor Day occurred in 1882 in New York? In 1894, Grover Cleveland signed the bill that made the first Monday in September a national holiday. Earlier that year Cleveland

sent in federal troops to break the strike at the Pullman Company in Chicago; 34 workers died. It is said that declaring Labor Day a national holiday was an attempt to undo the overwhelming public disapproval of his “strike busting” tactics. Samuel Gompers, founder and long-time president of the American Federation of Labor put it this way:

Labor Day differs ... from the other holidays of the year in any country. All other holidays are ... connected with conflicts and battles...strife and discord...and the glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, no sect, religion, or nation.

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 No Services	6 	7	8	9 Neil & Polly Hanson  Happy Birthday Doris Kassenborg 	10	11
12 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Ray & Tara Amund- 	13 Happy Birthday Sylvia Teigen 	14 1:30 PM 	15	16	17	18 Grover Minge Wedding Eagan MN 
19 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	20 	21 Dick & Mavis Wang 	22	23 Happy Birthday Curt Lynde 	24	25
26 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	27	28 Happy Birthday Ray Amundson 	29	30	31	

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