

# **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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Dear Members and Friends

of Concordia Lutheran:

"For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached

to save those who believe." (1 Cor. 1:21)

I appreciate St. Paul, as I am sure all of us do when we hear and experience his teaching . . . . . because he "says it like it is"; and in ways which help us to be encouraged and strengthened in our faith to Lord . . . . while in the world there is tension and persecution for being a Christian even as we speak.

We, ourselves, are blessed not to receive physical harm because of our confession of faith . . . . .but we can, and, do experience a tension most at the times of special observances and worship in the Church. Alternatives to believing and holding fast to the message of Christ Jesus saturate our lives.

Which says we need help day in and day out: to so remember the Gifts of God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

that everything is put into perspective: as to what is ultimately most important for us, and, for all people! For this purpose: November is a big time month for our Church in worship and praise to our Living God in personal faith: All Saint's Sunday - Nov. 7; Christ the King Sunday - Nov. 21; and the First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 28; . . . as well as . . . our national observance of Thanks giving - Nov. 25!

So there are prime-time privileges to be together as a congregation for blessing and strengthening in our bonding in Christ in all times, with each new day and new season! The Lord bless and keep you each one, in worship and service.

In Christ Jesus,

*Pr Don Walker*





**Meeting:** November 9, 2010 1:30 pm

**Thankoffering Service**

**Lunch:** Delores Hagene

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## **Cookie Servers**



November 7 WELCA

November 14 Linda Koester

November 21 Margret Kragnes

November 28 Phylis Nelson

December 5 Irene Olson

December 12 WELCA

December 19 WELCA

December 26 WELCA

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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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**Tuesday**

**November 2, 2010**

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### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**



Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday November 6, 2010.

Daylight savings time officially ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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# Pork Loin Dinner



**Sunday**

**November 7**

**Following Worship**

*The potluck previously announced for November 14<sup>th</sup> has  
been cancelled*

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**Church  
Bulletin  
Bloopers**



The Peacemakers Seminar  
has been cancelled due to a  
conflict.



# IT'S TIME TO DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

**1 PM**

**Saturday, November 27**



Anyone wishing to share in the fun of decorating are to meet at the

church, 1 o'clock on Saturday, November 27. This is the day before the first Sunday of Advent.

After the church is decorated Kathy Krogstad and Orpha Hoelstad invite you to gather for some singing and entertainment with coffee and fellowship to follow. It will begin our



church celebration of our Lord's birthday. If you are unable to help with the actual decorating come anyway and join in the fun festivities. We look forward to seeing you at the party.

God Jul!



## **Christmas at Concordia**

There's still time to send in your special memories of Christmas at Concordia! We need your help to create a fitting homage to our wonderful old congregation in the December issue of the *News*.

E-Mail your pictures and recollections of the holiday season to

[news@concordianews.org](mailto:news@concordianews.org)

or mail them by November 10<sup>th</sup> to

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## **Christmas Pot Luck**

**Sunday**

**December 5**

Following Worship



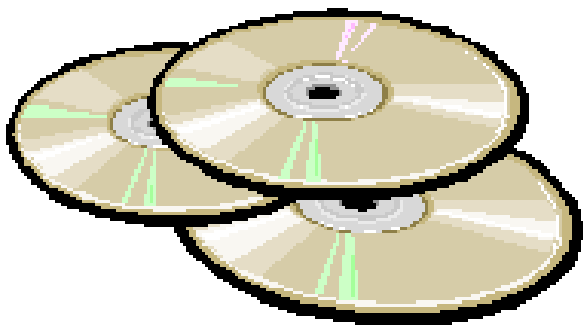




## **Concordianews.org**

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

Are you a Facebook user? Concordia is! Be among the first to know about upcoming events, weather cancellations, funerals and obits – and use it to reconnect with Concordia “alumni” around the country. There are lots of Concordias on Facebook, so use the link on our website homepage to friend us or join the group.



## **Christmas Gift Suggestion**

The DVD of Concordia’s tribute to its veterans might be just the thing for that hard-to-buy-for family member. At \$10, the price is right! Send your check, made out to the Cemetery Association, to Ray Johnson or use the handy order form in the Cemetery section of the website.



## Church or Congregation?

Today, these two words are almost synonymous, and the term “congregation” has faded from regular use. These days, we commonly say we belong to a church.

Our ancestors would probably have laughed at our foolishness. To them, a church was just a building. Belonging to a church was a little like saying you belonged to your house. The Norwegian word associated with organized churches-“*menighet*”-translates as parish, congregation, or religious community. “*Kirke*” or church refers to the building itself.

When Norwegians translated their religious connections into English, the difference between a congregation and a building was clear. Our ancestors saw their community as one bound together not just by common geography, but also by a

communal understanding of faith. To be part of the community was to be part of the congregation. The congregation held worship in the church but pews, not people, were part of the building.

Norwegian Lutherans put their emphasis on the independence of each congregation. This was in direct contrast to the organization of the Catholic Church, in which the hierarchy (the "Church") dictated every detail of their religious experience.

Whether you choose to see yourself as a member of Concordia Church, Concordia Congregation -- or Concordia Cemetery Association -- we are thankful for your participation in our community of faith and wish you the very best both in the upcoming 2010 Holiday Season and the New Year!

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Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

~Theodore Roosevelt



## Veteran's Day

Some young men were drafted,  
Other men and women volunteered.  
Some served in foreign lands  
While others served right here.

Some learned the lessons of combat  
While others played more peaceful roles,  
But all put their lives in our hands  
To protect us from our foes.

Civilians might argue about the policies,  
Question whether the goals were clear,  
But the soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines  
Held the line and overcame their fears.

They did as they were ordered,  
Sometimes making it up as they went along,  
To complete their missions successfully  
So that America would stay safe and strong.

Lives lost, tormented, or made whole –

Each veteran's journey takes its own path,  
We honor their dedication on Veteran's Day  
And salute their part in securing our future with their past.

*-Anonymous*



## **Wear Your Military Ribbon**

After World War II the combined active military and veteran population numbered approximately 61 million. In 1990 the number of veterans dropped to approx 38 million. Today the number of veterans and active military combined is approx 22 million (about 7% of the total US population) and declining daily. The number of military veterans holding elected office is the lowest since the Revolutionary War when only two former uniformed veterans served... one in the White House and one in Congress.

More than ever before in American history (and this applies to other allied nations that are also seeing a

tremendous attrition in their veteran numbers) every veteran needs to work to remind all citizens of the importance of military service and sacrifice that has preserved not only our democracy but has created democracies around the globe.

In your small way as a veteran you need to help by wearing one of your military service ribbons on your collar on Veteran's Day. When people see a military ribbon they are reminded of the importance and sacrifice of military service.

**Where to wear your military ribbon:**

A military ribbon can be worn on the left suit, jacket, or coat lapel, shirt collar, or on the left shortsleeve.

**When military ribbons should be worn:**

The ribbon may be worn daily. AmVets recommends wearing the ribbon for the full month of May, in honor of Memorial Day, and the full month of November, in recognition of Veterans Day.

**Which military ribbon should be selected:**

Any military ribbon can be selected. Ribbons representing Valor or war campaign duty usually take precedence over Service ribbons.

*~from the American War Library*

# Donations

## Concordia General Fund (*fuel*)

*In Memory of Walter Engesetter*

Lois Jensen

## Concordia News

*In memory of Rose Gytri*

Regina Hanson

*In honor of Ethel Menholdt's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Regina Hanson

*Donation*

Lois Jensen

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**Pr. Jim Kloster and I** have been privileged to assist for September and October 2010, sharing the Good News during Pr Bruce's time away.

*Pr Don Walker*



**The congregation** would like to express its deep appreciation for the generous service of Pastors Bill Ahfeldt,

Jim Kloster, and Don Walker during Pastor Bruce's absence.

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Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the people!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!



Psalm 105:1-2

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Young Sven was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

'What are you doing?' Sven asked.

'Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey,' his grandmother explained.

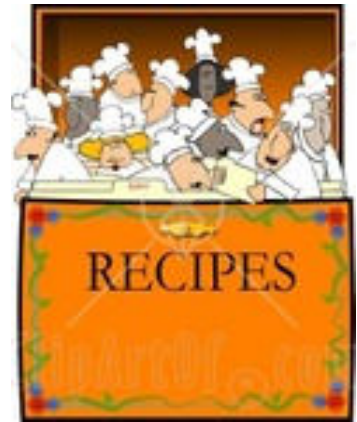
'Wow, that's cool.' Simon replied.

Are you going to hang it next to the deer?'



# Recipe of the Month

## Harvest Apple Streusel Squares



### Ingredients

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup butter, melted
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped pecans
- 1 8 oz. package of cream cheese, softened
- 1 14 oz. can of sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 21 oz. can apple pie filling
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup firmly packed brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dried cranberries
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter/margarine
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup chopped pecans

## *Recipe of the Month (cont'd)*

### **Directions**

- Preheat oven to 350. Prepare 13 x 9 cake pan with Pam or margarine.
  - Combine graham cracker crumbs, butter and pecans in small bowl. Press evenly into pan.
  - Beat cream cheese in medium bowl until fluffy. Add milk and eggs and pour over prepared crust.
  - Spoon apple pie filling over cream cheese layer
  - Combine brown sugar, flour, & cinnamon in a medium bowl. Cut in cold butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cranberries and pecans. Sprinkle over apple layer
  - Bake 35-40 minutes or until golden (do not overbake). Cool before serving.
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## Two Congregations on the Buffalo



Excerpts from the serial published in the *Moorhead Daily News* in 1938  
Additional information from the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary history published in 1949.

There was considerable worry among the settlers if there would ever come any ministers way out here. Some made the statement that they never would come, but father was more optimistic and said, “Oh, just wait a while and there will be plenty of them.”

Early in the forenoon, one day, one of those that had made the statement came half running through the woods to the blacksmith shop where father was working.

“Ola!” he exclaimed. “I believe I have to move my house into the woods, the ministers are treading my nose off.”

“What do you say?” asked father. “Was it not you who said that ministers would never come out here?” The other one answered, “Well, there are plenty of them now.”

This man had his house whitewashed on the outside and when the ministers reached the top of Muskado hills, they could see his house, the only one visible for about 14 miles. They traveled by foot from the head of the NP railroad.

The first clergyman was a young student by name of Bord Larson Hagbe, just turned out by the Augsburg Seminary of Minneapolis. He succeeded in organizing a little congregation in the Red River Valley. The meetings were held in the farm houses as there were no churches or schoolhouses.

The first to be confirmed was my sister, Thone, and cousin, Joraand Bendickson. Then Guro Lisland, Aanon Lisland and Chester G. Muhle. This minister read with the “*Konformanter*” (confirmation class) the day before a meeting or the one after; just how it happened to be the most convenient.

The Thorvedt party and their neighbors were served by a succession of “missionary pastors,” that included Peter A. T. Nykreim based in Audubon, Minnesota and Christian Wold, who was based in Fargo. What we now recall as the Moland Congregation continued to meet in homes and schools throughout its history.

Tarje Grover had been clerk of the Stone Church in Houston County, so it is not surprising that when he arrived in the settlement in 1874 he immediately set about organizing a formal congregation. Our Savior’s held its first organizing meeting in the Grover living room 136 years ago this month, on November 12, 1874. Our Savior’s built the original church in 1884 on land (the current Concordia site) donated by Vetle Lisland.

In 1891, Moland and Our Savior’s merged to form Concordia Lutheran Congregation. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held based on the 1874 organization of Our Savior’s. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated in 1972, harking back to the earliest informal gatherings of the Moland congregation.

Coming in January: *More Settlers Arrive*

# The First Thanksgiving








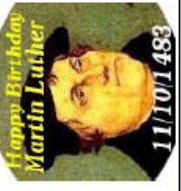





In the fall of 1621, the fifty-three Pilgrims of the Plymouth Plantation and members of the Wampanoug Indian tribe came together to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest. One of the men in

the colony, Edward Winslow, recalled this event as follows:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governour sent foure men on fowling, that so we might after a speciall manner rejoyce together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labours ; they foure in one day killed as much fowle, as with a little helpe beside, served the Company almost a weeke, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Armes, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoyt, with some ninetie men, whom for three dayes we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deere, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governour, and upon the Captaine and others. And although it be not always so plentifull, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plentie."



# November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saint's Day  Alene Sladky	2 Election Day  Alex Amundson	3	4	5	6 CDT Ends  Don't forget! The clock "falls back" an hour on Sunday!
7 GREEN Communion 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Pork Loin Dinner 	8	9 WELCA 1:30am  Neil Hanson	10 Happy Birthday Martin Luther 11/10/1483 	11 VETERANS DAY  Ruth Farabee 	12	13
14 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 WHITE 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church  Church year ends	22	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING 	26  Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad	27 Decorate the Tree! 1 PM 
28 BLUE 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church  Church year begins Advent Begins	29	30				

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