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From Pastor Bruce

Pentecost includes challenging texts for preaching. Many of them concentrate on discipleship, namely what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Many of these texts make us squirm because they go against our worship of consumerism and our Adam-given tendency to put ourselves first.

A friend of mine sent me Ben Stein's final editorial which deals with the theme of public service. In the first portion, which I cut out, he gives a number examples of military service, I only included one as there are many ways people can serve the common good without being in the military. He laments about how our stars tend to be those who are simply good at memorizing lines to recite in front of a movie camera and drive expensive cars. He says while most are nice people they should not be given star status. I include the rest of the article below. I hope you are as inspired by this piece, particularly the end, as I was. Service is what gives us Americans Independence Day. Christ's service of us is what gives us salvation. What else can we do but serve others as a response?

God bless, Pastor Bruce

"We put couples with incomes of \$100 million a year on the covers of our magazines. The noncoms and officers who barely scrape by on military pay but stand on guard in Afghanistan and Iraq and on ships and in submarines and near the Arctic Circle are anonymous as they live and die.

There are plenty of other stars in the American firmament...the policemen and women who go off on patrol in South Central and have no idea if they will return alive; the orderlies and paramedics who bring in people who have been in terrible accidents and prepare them for surgery; the teachers and nurses who throw their whole spirits into caring for autistic children; the kind men and women who work in hospices and in cancer wards.

Think of each and every fireman who was running up the stairs at the World Trade Center as the towers began to collapse. Now you have my idea of a real hero.

Years ago, I realized I could never be as great an actor as Olivier or as good a comic as Steve Martin or Martin Mull or Fred Willard--or as good an economist as Samuelson or

Friedman or as good a writer as Fitzgerald. Or even remotely close to any of them.

But, I could be a devoted father to my son, husband to my wife and, above all, a good son to the parents who had done so much for me. This came to be my main task in life. I did it moderately well with my son, pretty well with my wife and well indeed with my parents (with my sister's help). I cared for and paid attention to them in their declining years. I stayed with my father as he got sick, went into extremis and then into a coma and then entered immortality with my sister and me reading him the Psalms.

This was the only point at which my life touched the lives of the soldiers in Iraq or the firefighters in New York ... I came to realize that life lived to help others is the only one that matters and that it is my duty, in return for the lavish life God has devolved upon me, to help others He has placed in my path. This is my highest and best use as a human. Faith is not believing that God can. It is knowing that God will.

By Ben Stein

Announcements and Assignments



No meeting in July



Cookie Servers

July 3	Carolyn Edwards	August 7	Barb Grover
July 10	Irene Olson	August 14	Delores Hagene
July 17	Sally Horpedahl	August 21	Mavis Wang
July 24	Sylvia Teigen	August 28	Polly Hanson
July 31	Phylis Nelson		



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*

Calvin Coolidge, who served from 1923-1929, is the only American president who was born on Independence Day: July 4, 1872.



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“Joshua and Jericho – Part II” is the subject for Kids Corner in July. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



7-Lag Stevne

“Strength in Unity”

July 14-17, 2011

Fargo ND

Join others with roots in Telemark, Buskerud and Oppland counties in Norway and learn more about your heritage. You don't have to be a lag member to attend. Join the fun at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo!

Get the details at the 7 Lag website, www.7lagstevne.com

Picnic Lunch – July 17

On Sunday, July 17, members of Telelaget will join us for a special communion worship at Concordia. They'll hear a little

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about the history of Concordia and pay their respects at the grave of Pastor Bendik Bondahl. His only living granddaughter is expected to make the trip from Washington state to attend. We anticipate a few members of other lags will also be joining us that morning.

A picnic-style lunch will be served (indoors) following services. Freewill offering.

It should be a great day - Everyone's invited!

Bring canned or boxed groceries to the church and put them in the box in the Church narthex. They will be brought to one of the following:

- ++Dorothy Day House
 - ++Churches United for the Homeless
 - ++Bread of Life
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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring the annual **Thrivent Financial Night at the Red Hawks** on Tuesday, August 16 at Newman Outdoor Stadium.

The game will start at 7:02 PM with a pre-game picnic starting at 6:00 PM. All Lutherans are invited to attend. Tickets are \$7.00 per person and must be paid for at the time of the reservation.

Deadline is August 1 and seating will be arranged for a church group to sit together. Please fill out the form on the table in the church entry if you wish to attend.



With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia News

In Memory of Margaret Hatledal

Regina Hanson

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of the Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke



Thank you to **Aggregate Industries** for donating gravel for the parking lot and the road around the Cemetery.

Thank you to Aron Kassenborg, Donald Johnson, Devin Johnson, and Ray Johnson for distributing and leveling the gravel.

With Our Thanks



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.

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Glyndon, MN 56547

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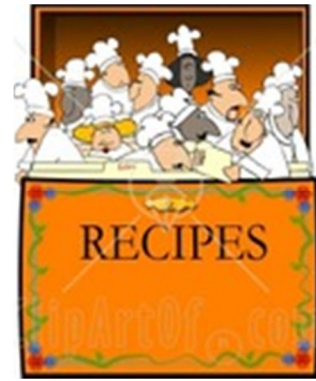
Ray Johnson

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Recipe of the Month

Perfect Lemonade



Ingredients:

1 c. fresh-squeezed lemon juice (about 6 lemons)

4 c. cold water

Sugar syrup

1 c, granulated sugar

1 c. water

Directions:

- *Sugar Syrup*: In a medium saucepan, combine sugar and 1 c. water. Boil 5 minutes without stirring. Refrigerate.
- Mix juice, 4 c. cold water, and cold sugar syrup. Stir well and refrigerate. Serve over ice, garnished with lemon slices.

Using sugar syrup eliminates undissolved sugar at the bottom of the pitcher!





Pastor Bendik Bondahl

Bendik Gunnarssen Bondahl was born in Telemark *Fylke* (county) Norway on December 4, 1868, the son of Gunnar B. and Ashild Taraldlie, and came to America at age 21 in 1890. He attended Concordia College in Moorhead from 1891-1892 and the United Church Seminary from 1893-1900. After his ordination in 1901 he served a congregation in Racine, Wisconsin, before being called to Concordia in 1904. Rev. Bondahl served until shortly before his death from tuberculosis of the spine on August 9, 1908. He was only 39 at the time of his passing.

Pastor Bondahl was the editor of the publication *Seminarieret*, and chairman of the Norwegian Society from 1903-1908. As part of their visit, Telelaget members will pay their respects to him as the first president of Telelaget. He was elected when Telelaget was organized in 1907.

Bondahl was survived by his wife Gudrun, and three young children.



On the Buffalo

by Levi Thortvedt

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

Sketch of the Thortvedt Cabin by Orabel Thortvedt

Things progressed rapidly, breaking plows were dragged across the prairie from one settler to another as they did not all have them. It was perhaps the busiest implement among the new settlers.

Our first crop was cut by a cradle. A peculiar looking implement with a long big blade or scythe, only longer and broader. It had five fingers, nearly as long as the cutting blade, getting shorter and shorted upwards with cutting, to catch the grain. It was of sufficient width to hold the grain until laid on the field. And Sir! the unbound grain looked like a three foot ribbon-lying alongside the swath.

The fingers of the cradle were about one inch in the center and tapered off to a sharp point at the outer edge. They were braced to the handle by long tiny pins about an inch in diameter. It was

claimed that rel good men swinging it, could cut four acres a day. Father did the cradling and mother the raking and binding.

Towards evening, mother went home to prepare the supper but father stayed in the field till the day's work was shocked. Every shock was carefully capped with two bundles. I again had the job to scare the blackbirds away, and they were numerous at times. When it was dry, it was hauled home to our yard and set up in a nice little stack.

Well, what about threshing? No machine within 140 miles. Well we will find out right now. Late in the fall when the river was frozen solid, the snow was swept from the ice and the flail was made ready. The wheat was hauled to the river a little at a time. The bundles were laid in a row with the heads inward and threshed thoroughly with the flail. A flail has a long handle resembling that of a fork, only straight, and at the end of this is fastened a shorter but heavier stick, about 2 ½ feet long, fastened to each other by means of a rawhide string to test the flexibility.

When it was threshed out, the straw was taken away so there was only the wheat and the chaff left on the ice. A dust pan was used to scoop it up and throw it against the wind. The wheat was heavier so went farther than the chaff, and thus was separated. I remember when my father picked up the first handful of wheat thus

threshed. He exclaimed, “Oh! Look at that wheat! Look at the big plump kernels.”

Concordia Congregation and the Buffalo River Settlement

includes Levi Thortvedt’s story of the early years in our community and the 75th anniversary history of Concordia. Cost of the book is \$12.00. A spiral bound large print version of the book is also available.

Orders received by July 3 will be available for pick-up at the church on/after Sunday, July 17. Orders received by August 7 will be available for pick-up on/after August 21. For an additional \$4, books will be mailed to you.

Form below can be mailed or placed (with payment) in the box for orders in the church narthex. Books can also be purchased on-line with a credit card:

<http://www.cafepress.com/concordialutheran>

Profits to Concordia’s general fund.

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6938 State 200 NW

Laporte MN 56461

DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion Sundays: July 3, July 17

Lunch following service: July 17

WELCA

No meeting in July

Birthdays

July 2 Trygve Skolness

July 4 Sue Kassenborg

July 20 Jim Koester

July 21 Linda Koester

July 22 Pastor Bruce

July 25 Dick Erickson

Gerald Hagene

July 26 Myron Hagene

July 30 Phylis Nelson

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