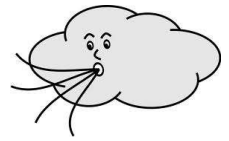


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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

Here is a well written description of Good Friday, which we will celebrate the Friday (April 6) before Easter (April 8) this year. This will be the only weekday worship service of Holy Week. Unlike our weekly 5:00 Lenten suppers, which begin an hour before worship, there will be no supper prior to the 5:00 Good Friday worship. Just a reminder, should worship services be cancelled please take note that an announcement will be placed on WDAY TV the evening before or the morning of worship. I hope you and yours are blessed during

this powerful and profound season, where we contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus Christ for us.

Good Friday (from the senses *pious, holy* of the word "good"), is a religious holiday observed primarily by Christians commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. The holiday is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover. It is also known as **Black Friday, Holy Friday, Great Friday, or Easter Friday**, though the latter normally refers to the Friday in Easter week.

Based on the details of the Canonical gospels, the Crucifixion of Jesus was most likely to have been on a Friday (John 19:42). The estimated year of Good Friday is AD 33, by two different groups, and originally as AD 34 by Isaac Newton via the differences between the Biblical and Julian calendars and the crescent of the moon. A third method, using a completely different astronomical approach based on a lunar Crucifixion darkness and eclipse model (consistent with Apostle Peter's reference to a "moon of blood" in Acts 2:20), points to Friday, 3 April AD

Biblical accounts: According to the accounts in the Gospels, the Temple Guards, guided by Jesus' disciple Judas Iscariot, arrested Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas received money (30 pieces of silver) (Matthew 26:14-16) for betraying Jesus and told the guards that whomever he kisses is the one they are to arrest. Following his arrest, Jesus is brought to the house of Annas, who is the father-in-law of the high priest, Caiaphas. There he is interrogated with little result and sent bound to Caiaphas the high priest where the Sanhedrin had assembled (John 18:1-24).

Conflicting testimony against Jesus is brought forth by many witnesses, to which Jesus answers nothing. Finally the high priest adjures Jesus to respond under solemn oath, saying "I adjure you, by the Living God, to tell us, are you the Anointed One, the Son of God?" Jesus testifies in the affirmative, "You have said it, and in time you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty, coming on the clouds of Heaven." The high priest condemns Jesus for blasphemy, and the Sanhedrin Trial of Jesus concurs with a sentence of death (Matthew 26:57-66). Peter, waiting in the courtyard, also denies Jesus three times to bystanders while the interrogations were proceeding just as Jesus had predicted.

In the morning, the whole assembly brings Jesus to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate under charges of subverting the nation, opposing taxes to Caesar, and making himself a king (Luke 23:1-2). Pilate authorizes the Jewish leaders to judge Jesus according to their own law and execute sentencing; however, the Jewish leaders reply that they are not allowed by the Romans to carry out a sentence of death (John 18:31).

Pilate questions Jesus and tells the assembly that there is no basis for sentencing. Upon learning that Jesus is from Galilee, Pilate refers the case to the ruler of Galilee, King Herod, who was in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Herod questions Jesus but receives no answer; Herod sends Jesus back to Pilate. Pilate tells the assembly that neither he nor Herod have found guilt in Jesus; Pilate resolves to have Jesus whipped and released (Luke 23:3-16). Under the guidance of the chief priests, the crowd asks for Barabbas, who had been imprisoned for committing murder during an insurrection. Pilate asks what they would have him do with Jesus, and they demand, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:6-14). Pilate's wife had seen Jesus in a dream earlier that day, and she forewarns Pilate to "have nothing to do with this righteous man" (Matthew 27:19). Pilate has Jesus flogged and then brings him out to the crowd to release him. The chief priests inform Pilate of a new charge, demanding Jesus be sentenced to death "because he claimed to be God's son." This possibility filled Pilate with fear, and he brought Jesus back inside the palace and demanded to know from where he came (John 19:1-9).

Coming before the crowd one last time, Pilate declares Jesus innocent and washed his own hands in water to show he has no part in this condemnation. Nevertheless, Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified in order to forestall a riot (Matthew 27:24-26) and ultimately to keep his job. The sentence written is "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Jesus carries his cross to the site of execution (assisted by Simon of Cyrene), called the place of the Skull, or "Golgotha" in Hebrew and in Latin "Calvary". There he is crucified along with two criminals (John 19:17-22).

Jesus agonizes on the cross for six hours. During his last 3 hours on the cross, from noon to 3 p.m., darkness falls over the whole land. With a loud cry, Jesus gives up his spirit. There is an earthquake, tombs break open, and the curtain in the Temple is torn from top to bottom. The centurion on guard at the site of crucifixion declares, "Truly this was God's Son!" (Matthew 27:45-54)

Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin and secret follower of Jesus, who had not consented to his condemnation, goes to Pilate to request the body of Jesus (Luke 23:50-52). Another secret follower of Jesus and member of the Sanhedrin named Nicodemus brought about a hundred pound weight mixture of spices and helped wrap the body of Christ (John 19:39-40). Pilate asks confirmation from the centurion whether Jesus is dead (Mark 15:44). A soldier pierced the side of Jesus with a lance causing blood and water to flow out (John 19:34), and the centurion informs Pilate that Jesus is dead (Mark 15:45).

Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus' body, wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and placed it in his own new tomb that had been carved in the rock (Matthew 27:59-60) in a garden near the site of crucifixion. Nicodemus (John 3:1) also brought 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes, and placed them in the linen with the body, in keeping with Jewish burial customs (John 19:39-40). They rolled a large rock over the entrance of the tomb (Matthew 27:60). Then they returned home and rested, because Shabbat had begun at sunset (Luke 23:54-56). On the third day, Sunday, which is now known as Easter Sunday (or Pascha), Jesus rose from the dead.

May God continue to Bless you All, Pastor Bruce

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Announcements & Assignments



Meeting: March 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch: Fryin' Pan



Cookie Servers

- March 4 Osie Juve
- March 11 Irene Olson
- March 18 Carolyn Edwards
- March 25 Regina Hanson
- April 1 Germaine Gress
- April 8 Mavis Wang
- April 15 Phylis Nelson
- April 22 Sally Horpedahl
- April 29 Barb Grover

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



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“The Eighth Commandment” is the subject for Kids Corner in March. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Thinking about a recipe, obituary, or article you read some time ago in the newsletter? Every issue published since 2006 is available on the website. Click on “Newsletter” in the navigation bar in the upper left-hand corner of any webpage. Type in a specific name or other term in the “newsletters only” search box and the search results will include every newsletter where the word(s) appear. Know what issue you’re looking for? Click on a year in the “Back Issues” list to review the tables of contents for all issues published during that year, with a link to the individual issues.

Officers Elected



At the annual meeting of **Concordia Lutheran Church**, held on February 5th, the membership re-elected Valdemar Hagene.

At the annual meeting of **Concordia Cemetery Association**, also held on February 5th, Harold Horpedahl and Wescott Tommerdahl were re-elected.



Lent

Services each Wednesday in March at 6 PM

Evening meal served at 5 PM

Servers for Lent are:

- March 7 Osie and Kathy
- March 14 Regina and Polly
- March 21 Irene and Delores
- March 28 Germaine and Linda

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Its time again to ask for your financial support of *Concordia News*. A donation of \$5 or more will help defray the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter.

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If the weather or roads are bad, check the radio or tv. Cancellation announcements will be broadcast on WDAY.

With Our Thanks



From the Cemetery Board

At its board meeting, the cemetery board thanked all members for volunteering their time and monetary donations. It extended its thanks to:

Andy Ulven and family for mowing the cemetery. This was his last year on the job; he will graduate from college this spring.

Val Hagene for mowing the Leif Erickson Cemetery for 2011 and all previous years.

Val and Delores Hagene for auditing the association's books.

Alene Grover Sladky for maintaining the web site.

All who participated in the Memorial Day Service with a special thanks to **Lloyd Gunderson, Harold Horpedahl, Kathy Krogstad, Orpha Hoelstad and Bruce Krogstad** for making it a wonderful tribute and service.

Aggregate Industries for donating two loads of gravel for distributing around the cemetery and church.



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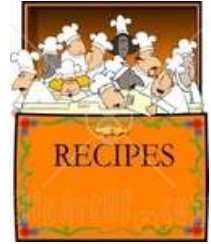
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Recipe of the Month

Broccoli Cheese Soup

Serves 4



Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 medium potato
- 16 oz bag frozen broccoli florets
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups cheddar cheese

Directions

- Bring chicken broth & potato to a boil
- Add 2 cups broccoli
- Reduce heat to medium
- Cook 10 minutes or until potato is tender
- Transfer to a blender or food processor and puree until smooth
- Return mixture to saucepan
- Add balance of broccoli, milk, and cheese
- Cook on medium until cheese melts, stirring occasionally

Sunday, March 11, 2012



Set your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 11.

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12

All men's souls are immortal, but the souls of the righteous are immortal and divine.

~Socrates

Concordia Sunday School

From the 1949 75th Anniversary Program



Grover School House

Period I 1874-1899

Rev K. B. Bjorgo spoke at the annual meeting of the congregation held in Distict 6 (Grover school house) November 2, 1877, reminding the congregation and the parents of their duty and obligation. According to God's Word, they were to bring up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. He admonished them for the sin they were committing by neglecting this. As a result the group agreed to take up a subscription for religious instruction (translated from church records).

Andreas Solvold was the first teacher elected from 1878 to 1883. He taught in Districts 1, 6, and 8. Olaf O. Brevick taught in Districts 1, 3, 6, and 8 from 1883 to 1886. He agreed to teach Sunday School from 1 to 4 p.m. for \$1.25 a Sunday. After Sunday School he instructed group singing.

On October 24, 1887, Knut Sjaaheim Wetleson was elected and he resigned in 1892. Tollef G. Kleven began teaching in 1893 and resigned in 1898. Ole Bekkerus taught one term in District 1, but no date is recorded. The teacher's wages were \$25.00 a month.

Period II 1899-1924

Paul and Bergit Tvete, Ole Tweten, Joraand Breiland, Brekke, Fjeldseth were parochial teachers but no dates are available. E. B. Brien taught in 1905 and A. Aasen in 1907.

A call letter was sent to H. A. P. Ronhovde, Bergen, Norway. He consented to be precentor for \$75.00 a year plus offerings, and teacher for \$40.00 a month. (*A precentor led the congregation during worship and was also in charge of music.*) Other teachers: Hilda, Fred, and Selma Kile, Lydia Mandrud and Clara Strand.

Period III 1924-1949

Nora Bryde and Ruth Lien were parochial teachers at the beginning of this period.

Despite many attempts, Sunday School was not successfully instituted until 1924.

Fifty pupils were enrolled in the spring of that year with Mrs. B. J. Gunderson as superintendent.

The following have been superintendents: Mrs. B. J. Gunderson, 1924-25 & 1927-34; Mrs. A. J. Midgarden, 1925-26; Mrs. M. G. Hagen, 1926-27; Mrs. Obert Olson, 1934-40; Mrs. B. J. Gunderson, 1940-41; Mrs. Elinor Kassenborg, 1941-44; Obert Grover, 1944-46; Mrs. Lawrence Olson, 1946-47; Mrs. Olaf Wik, 1947-49.

Sunday School teachers included the superintendents listed above and, according to the records: Justin Astrup, Mrs. Clarence Grover, Elvina and Marion Grover, Mrs. Almer Gunderson, Orvis Gunderson, Mrs. Erick Hagene, Beatrice Hite, Mrs. Jacob Holte, Arnold Horpedahl, Mrs. Martina Jenson, Mrs. Sophus Jensen, Lillian Jesness, Mrs. Gordon Juve, Dorothy Kassenborg, Mrs. Gilbert Kassenborg, Mrs. Kenneth Koester, Mrs. Alvin Kragnes, Mrs. Goodwin Kragnes, Mrs. Fred Lee, Selma Lee, Mrs. Elmer Mecham, Alice Nestevold, Eileen Olson, LeRoy Olson, Mrs. Thomas Olson, Mrs. Tarje Skrei, Mrs. Sigfred Swanson, Agnes Wik, and Harold Wik. Mrs. A. J. Midgarden has taught a class every year since Sunday School was organized.

Sunday School secretaries have been Selma Snartland 1924-1936; Mrs. Marie Bekkerus, 1936-1940; and Mrs. Erick Hagene, 1940-1949.

Sunday School was originally organized into a fall and spring quarter with thirteen Sundays each. Two weeks of parochial school have been held for several summers to supplement Sunday School. Marie Nelson, Agnes Wik, Alice Midgarden, and Raymond Huss taught before 1943. Since 1943 the congregation has hired two teachers for this phase of religious education: Esther and Agnes Wik, 1943; Mrs. Elinor Kassenborg and Doris Gunderson, 1944-1945; Mrs. B.J. Gunderson and Doris Gunderson, 1947; Florence Grover and Valborg Wik, 1948; Esther Wik and Doris Gunderson, 1949.



Can you help us continue the history of the Sunday School with information about superintendents, teachers, and vacation bible school from 1949-1974? Do you have pictures to share?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 PURPLE Communion 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship			7 Kathy Grover Supper 5 PM Service 6 PM	8	9	10
11 PURPLE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	12	13 WELCA 1:30 PM	14	15	16	27
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