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Words from Pastor Bruce



A couple weeks ago the gospel passage contained Jesus' illustration of the mustard seed. As this text comes up frequently in worship, every couple years or so, it is one most Lutherans are likely familiar with.

Jesus makes the point that while the seed is tiny it produces a large shrub, this would be the Middle Eastern variety. Like our own wild mustard this plant was considered a weed. The most common interpretation of this passage is that it describes human faith. If only we had the faith, even of, a mustard seed, we could accomplish great things.

However, another possibility which I recently read, is that Jesus was talking not primarily of human faith but of the Kingdom of God. That in the same way that the large shrub starts with very humble beginnings, so it is with God's reign in the world. Indeed God worked a new and powerful thing through Jesus. This Jesus had a very humble beginning and lived an equally humble life. Yet through his life and in

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particular, through his death and resurrection, he transformed human history. So while the mustard plant does not elicit positive feelings from most rural people, it serves as a good illustration for the power and the persistence of God working through his son Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom of God has taken root in our world and in the same way that our mustard plant will not be disappearing any time soon, so it is with God's ongoing work in his world.

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Bruce

Announcements & Assignments



No Meeting In July



Cookie Servers

July 1	Irene Olson	August 5	Phylis Nelson
July 8	Carolyn Edwards	August 12	Barb Grover
July 15	Regina Hanson	August 19	Sally Horpedahl
July 22	Germaine Gress	August 26	Orpha Hoelstad
July 29	Mavis Wang		



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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“Esther, Queen of Persia’ the subject for Kids Corner in July. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



Food Shelf Donations Needed

Our local food shelves really need donations during the summer months. Donations of canned goods can be placed in the box in the narthex. They will be delivered to local food shelves.

When little Ole started in Sunday School, he often brought home ideas that made his mother Lena shake her head.

One Sunday he came home and said Jesus' nickname was Andy.

“Andy!” Lena said. “Vat makes yew tink hiz nickname is Andy?”

Little Ole said, “Dat’s vat ve sang! Andy walks vit me, Andy talks vit me, Andy tells me I am hiz own...”

Another Sunday he came home and announced, “God’s first name is Harold and I tink he verks at de little store by de bank in town.”

From the Ole & Lena files



Lena sighed. “Oh my dear Little Ole, ver dit yew get dat idea, den?”

“Vell, Ve learnt da Lord’s Prayer and it starts out, ‘Our Father at the Seven-Eleven, Harold is thy Name.’”

Edwin Edwards

1930-2012

Edwin was born on January 10, 1930 in White Lake, SD. He was the second child born to Manley and Mae (Mathis) Edwards. He and his six brothers and sisters grew up on a farm north of Plankinton, SD. He graduated from Plankinton High School in 1947 with the honor of Salutation.



On June 20, 1951, he joined the U.S. Army and served as a medic for a M*A*S*H unit during the Korean War Police Action. Because of his service he earned the Bronze Star and United Nations Medal. After his military service he returned home to continue working on the family farm.

Later, because of his adventurous spirit, he moved to Minot, ND, and started driving a semi for Farmers Union Oil. During his driving career he continued to serve his country by hauling the first, last and many other missiles for the military silos located throughout North Dakota in the 1960's.

March 4, 1961 was a special day when he married Carolyn Olive Babolian at Glyndon Lutheran Church in Glyndon, MN. After

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living in Glyndon, MN, Surrey and Grand Forks, ND, they moved to Moorhead, MN, to raise their four children. Continuing his trucking career he retired in 1985 as a proud member of the Local Teamsters Union having been employed with Transport Inc., Moorhead, MN, for 20 years.

Edwin is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Carolyn; daughters, Eileen L. Kilian (John Holmgren) and Colleen Edwards, both of Fargo, ND; sons, Michael (Donna), Sioux Falls, SD and Ernest, Minneapolis, MN; two grandchildren, Rachael and Matthew, Sioux Falls, SD; sister, Rochelle Edwards, Jackson, MN; brothers, Dr. Creighton L. (Michael) Edwards, Houston, TX, Dennis (Clarice) Edwards, Fargo, ND; along with lifetime friends, Donald Byrd and Howard Stoddard.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Myron; sisters, Twyla Adams and Barbara Pryor; and many lifelong friends including Wayne Bradwich.

Edwin's family would like to give a special thank you to the doctors and staff at Essentia Health, the IMS doctors, the staff at Kinder Care, the staff at Sanford dialysis and Edwin's trucking buddies.

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Eddie Edwards

Regina Hanson

Margret Kragnes

Dick & Mavis Wang

Myron Hagene

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Doris Kassenborg

Val & Delores Hagene

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Lloyd Gunderson

Ray & JoLyn Johnson

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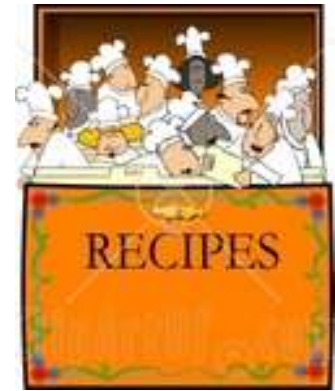
In memory of Eddie Edwards

Ella Swanson

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad



... to Lorna Kragnes Rockstad who made flat bread for the spring luncheon.



Recipe of the Month **Flat Bread**

from Lorna (Kragnes) Rockstad

Ingredients

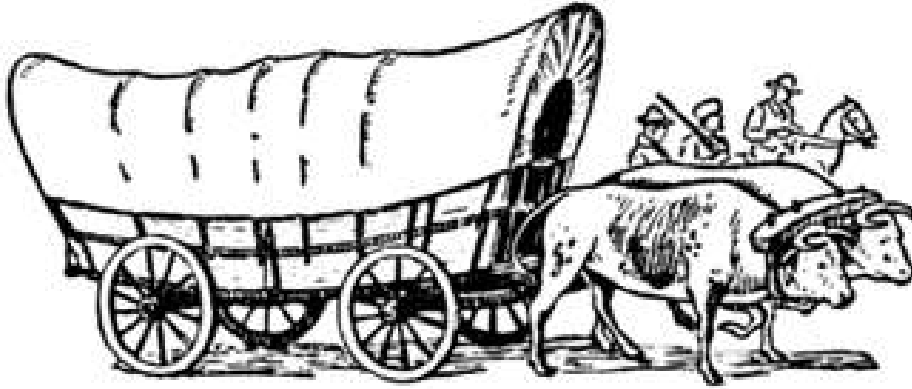
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup white flour
- 14 - 16 oz corn meal muffin mix (may need 2 packages)
- 1/4 cup butter -- melt after measuring
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 Tablespoons white sugar
- 1 cup plus 2 Tablespoons buttermilk

Directions

- Mix dry ingredients, add butter, then buttermilk. Mix
 - Put into a plastic bag and knead a bit. Roll out very thin on floured pastry cloth and use a cloth covered rolling pin
 - Bake on ungreased cookie sheet. Put the piece on the pan and then cut it into strips and bake it at 350 degrees for under 10 minutes so it is a light brown. (I have baked mine for about 5 minutes)
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Week-End on the Buffalo

September 22-23, 2012



A time to celebrate the pioneers

who settled along the Buffalo River in the 1800s.

Saturday, September 22, 2012 – 10 a.m.

- Speakers include:
 - **Mark Piehl**, archivist at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, who will talk about the upcoming exhibit of works by Orabel Thortvedt of our community and Anne Stein of Georgetown.
 - **Jim Skree**, archivist at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and the Stone Church in Houston MN (and cousin of many in the Buffalo River community). Most early pioneers migrated from Houston County in the southeastern corner of Minnesota, and he will talk about the historical, ethnic, and familial connections these two communities share.

Bits and Pieces

- Lunch
- Bus tour of pioneer homesteads/homesites

Sunday, September 23, 2012 – 9 a.m.

- Coffee
- Communion service at 10 a.m.
- Lunch

Pre-registration will be encouraged.

Forms will be available in the August issue of *Concordia News* and are on the Buffalo Week-end website

www.buffalopioneers.org

“Week-End on the Buffalo” Lodging

For our ‘Week-end on the Buffalo’ out-of-towners, Travelodge will hold rooms for us until August 21. Non-smoking double queen rooms and king suites are \$98.96/night. To reserve a “Buffalo Week-end” room, call the Travelodge at 218-233-5333. Be sure to mention it if you qualify for a senior rate.

You can certainly stay at other, more economical hotels, too. For more choices, visit the Fargo-Moorhead Visitor’s Bureau website: <http://www.fargomoorhead.org/hotels.html>

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

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 Gerald Hagene

July 26 Myron Hagene

July 30 Phylis Nelson

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