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Words from Pastor Bruce



For most patriotic Christians, which I believe constitutes the vast majority of our country's professing Christians, it is easy to rally around Memorial Day, which I believe is a good thing to do. Almost instinctively we rise to the occasion to profess our commitment to honoring those who have died serving our country during times of war.

One might ask, who will stand up for Labor Day? At this point you might be asking yourself the question, why would anyone? Is there anything in our Christian faith that might propel us to leap into the gaping void of defenders of this day or should it be reduced to just another day off for most salaried workers? Do we hear any religious leader wax eloquently over this question? Are there bumper stickers that advocate for Labor Day? Over all I think we could agree that the answer is a resounding "no" to all these questions.

This being said, ask yourselves, given that the USA only had the world's 16th most powerful military at the end of the 1930's, given the fact that the US was still immersed in the

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greatest depression in our nation's history, what would have happened to our country had all our young men been raised in prosperity only knowing how to read books and write exams and not knowing the value of physical labor?

The Great Depression and a largely manually based agricultural workforce gave the US military a huge number of very fit, young recruits (including some women) who knew all about hard work, team work and self-sacrifice. Compared to horse farming and the back breaking work he did on the farm in the late 1920's and 1930's my father stated that when he enlisted and went to basic training he had never been fed so well, had such a comfortable place to sleep or worked so little. He and countless others were a part of the Citizens Conservation Corp and were taught how to work together under strict discipline. This military styled leadership helped to shape millions of youngsters into what perhaps had been one of the best volunteer fighting forces in our country's history. The Great Depression, the CCC and the experience with the US military seared the importance of working hard into those who built our country in the 1940's and 1950's, and helped make the US the most powerful country in the world.

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This Labor Day weekend, might we give some thought as to how our commitment to doing good work and working hard might do the same for us and our country? Few of us will need to do the back breaking work that our ancestors did. However, might our forebears emphasis on hard work, particularly team work, be one of the greatest gifts we could pass on to our children and grandchildren? When we are faithful in this task, we will not only advance our own (and our families) standing in life, we will also help build our country and beyond. If this is truly our Father's world which the hymn refers to and to which John 3:16 refers, perhaps we as Christians need to pay more attention to the value of looking more closely at what Labor Day might mean to us and to God's world this Sept. 3.

Below I have quoted from Wikipedia on the background of Labor Day:

In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a machinist, first proposed the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU (Central Labor Union) of New York. Others argue that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labor festival held in Toronto, Canada.

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Pattern of celebration

The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: A street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations", followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Pastor Bruce

Announcements & Assignments



August 14, 1:30 p.m.

Fryn' Pan



Cookie Servers

August 5	Phylis Nelson	September 2	Delores Hagene
August 12	Barb Grover	September 9	Becky Jegtig
August 19	Sally Horpedahl	September 16	Polly Hanson
August 26	Orpha Hoelstad	September 23	Sylvia Teigen
		September 30	Doris Kassenborg



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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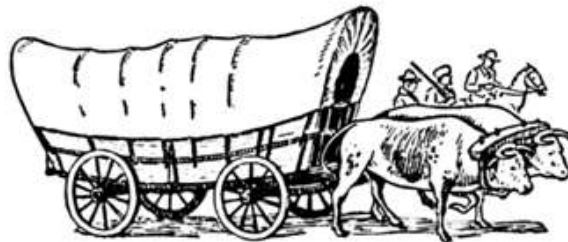
“Esther Saves Her People” the subject for Kids Corner in August. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



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.

Week-End on the Buffalo September 22-23, 2012



Saturday, Sept. 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.

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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.

- Lunch
- Bus tour of pioneer homesteads/homesites (\$10.00)

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 – 9 a.m.

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

Pre-registration is encouraged.

A registration form is found later in this newsletter. Forms are also available on the Buffalo Week-end website:

www.buffalopioneers.org

The size of the bus will be based on the number of pre-registrations. Preregistration guarantees you a spot on the bus. Empty seats will be sold at the Week-end for \$10 each.

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia General Fund

In memory of Edwin Edwards

Carolyn Edwards Eelter Edwards & John Holombe
Colleen Edwards Mike & Donna Edwards & family
Ernest Edwards Larry & Pat Babolian & family
Clinton Babolian Germaine Gress
Emory & Liz Babolian & family
LeRoy Babolian & family Rochelle Edwards

In memory of Glenn Kassenborg

Kevin & Kathy & Andie Kassenborg

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Burton & Lorna Rockstad

In memory of Edwin Edwards

Carolyn Edwards and grandchildren

Rachael Edwards & Matthew Edwards

In memory of LaVonne Akers

Val & Delores Hagene

With Our Thanks



Thank you to Carolyn Edwards and her grandchildren for the gift of printer paper for the church. It will be used for bulletins, the church newsletter, and other printing for the church.

Thank you to everyone for the picnic after church on July 29. It was an enjoyable day of fellowship and wonderful weather.

August is National...

Picnic Month ... Golf Month ... Eye Exam Month ... Peach Month
... Water Quality Month ... Romance Awareness Month ...
Catfish Month

“Week-End on the Buffalo” Lodging

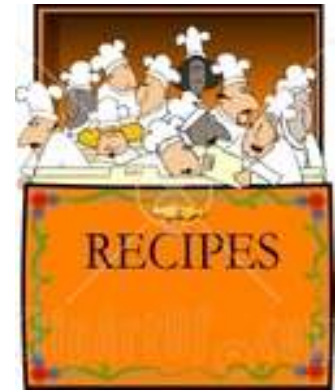
Travelodge will hold rooms for ‘Week-end on the Buffalo,’ out-of-towners until August 21 at a rate of \$98.96/night. Call the Travelodge at 218-233-5333. Be sure to mention it if you qualify for a senior rate. For more choices, visit

<http://www.fargomoorhead.org/hotels.html>

Recipe of the Month

Picnic Carrots

Makes about 6 cups



Ingredients

2 lbs carrots

3 green onions, sliced with tops included

½ cup chopped green pepper

1 can tomato soup

¾ cup sugar

½ cup vegetable oil

½ cup vinegar

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Directions

- Wash, peel and slice carrots.
- Steam until crisp-tender. Drain. Mix with onions and green pepper in a large bowl.
- Use a medium saucepan to bring all other ingredients to a boil, stirring constantly
- Pour over carrot mixture and mix thoroughly
- Cover and refrigerate at least 24 hours

Summer's lease hath too short a date.

~William Shakespeare

Bits and Pieces

Registration for "Week-End on the Buffalo" September 22-23, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Number in your party: _____

I/We plan to attend on:

Saturday

Sunday

Pre-registration is not absolutely required to attend the week-end activities. The information above will be used for program planning and meal preparation.

BUS TOUR

I/We will participate in the bus tour on Saturday afternoon

# of riders		\$/Person		Total Enclosed
	x	\$10.00	= \$	
Pre-registration reserves your spot on the tour bus. We will use the pre-registration number to rent the appropriate bus size. Any available unreserved seats will be available on Saturday.				

Make check payable to "Week-End on the Buffalo"

Drop your registration form off in the narthex at Concordia or mail it to:

Sylvia Teigen
914 4th Avenue South
Moorhead MN 56560

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA

August 14, 1:30 at the Fryn' Pan in Moorhead

Birthdays

August 3 Eileen Johnson

August 4 Pearl Grover

August 7 DeeAnn Skolness

August 10 Virgil Jegtvig

August 17 Carolyn Edwards

Tara Amundson

August 23 Margret Kragnes

August 27 Donald Johnson

Anniversary

August 5 Don & Phylis Nelson

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