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From Pastor Bruce



Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

The Day of Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended on a gathering of believers and gave them the gift of tongues for the purpose of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The Church can and should do acts of goodness for the benefit of the neighbor, however, the primary mission of the Church has historically been aimed at fulfilling Jesus instructions in the Great Commission to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. The flame is a wonderful symbol for the spreading of the wildfire of the Holy Spirit. As we are "fired up" at weekly worship then we in turn are propelled to share the gospel with others wherever our lives take us. The following is a continuation of Wikkipedia's elaboration of Pentecost:

The liturgical celebrations of Pentecost in Western churches are as rich and varied as those in the East. The main sign of Pentecost in the West is the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Priests or ministers & choirs wear red vestments, and

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in modern times, the custom has extended to the lay people of the congregation wearing red clothing in celebration as well. Red banners are often hung from walls or ceilings to symbolize the blowing of the "mighty wind and the free movement of the Spirit.] They may depict symbols of the Holy Spirit, such as the dove or flames, symbols of the church such as Noah's Ark and the Pomegranate, or especially within Protestant churches of Reformed and Evangelical traditions, words rather than images naming for example, the gifts and Fruits of the Spirit. Red flowers at the altar/ preaching area, and red flowering plants such as geraniums around the church are also typical decorations for Pentecost masses/services. These symbolize the renewal of life, the coming of the warmth of summer, and the growth of the church at and from the first Pentecost. These flowers often play an important role in the ancestral rites, and other rites, of the particular congregation. For example, in both Protestant & Catholic churches, the plants brought in to decorate for the

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holiday may be each "sponsored" by individuals in memory of a particular loved one, or in honor of a living person on a significant occasion, such as their Confirmation day. These dedications are then printed in bulletins distributed at the service.

In the German speaking lands, in Central Europe, and wherever the people of these nations have wandered, green branches are also traditionally used to decorate churches for Pentecost. Birch is the tree most typically associated with this practice in Europe, but other species are employed in different climates.

The singing of Pentecost hymns is also central to the celebration in the Western tradition. Hymns such as Martin Luther's "Come Holy Spirit God & Lord" ("Komm Heiliger Geist Herre Gott"), Charles Wesley's "Spirit of Faith Come Down" & "Come Holy Ghost Our Hearts Inspire" or Hildegard von Bingen's "O Holy Spirit Root of Life" are popular. Some traditional hymns of Pentecost make reference not only to themes relating to the Holy Spirit or the church, but to folk customs connected to the holiday

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as well, such as the decorating with green branches. Consider "Oh that I had a Thousand Voices" ("O daß ich tausend Zungen hätte by German, Johann Mentzer Verse 2: "Ye forest leaves so green and tender, that dance for joy in summer air..." or "O Day Full of Grace" ("Den signede Dag") by Dane, Nikolai Grundtvig verse 3: "Yea were every tree endowed with speech and every leaflet singing...". In the Roman Catholic Church, Veni Sancte Spiritus is the sequence hymn for the Day of Pentecost. This has been translated into many languages and is sung in many denominations today. See also Veni Creator Spiritus.

Pastor Bruce



Announcements and Assignments

No WELCA Meeting in June



Coffee and Cookie Servers

June

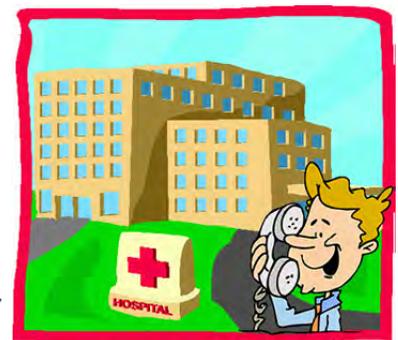
July

June 2 Doris Kassenborg
June 9 Linda Koester
June 16 Osie Juve
June 23 Irene Olson
June 30 Carolyn Edwards

July 7 Regina Hanson
July 14 Germaine Gress
July 21 Sue Kassenborg
July 28 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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“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego” is the subject for Kids Corner in July.

Announcements and Assignments

Church Picnic

Please join us after church on **Sunday, June 23rd** for a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill.



You are invited to an open house for Wally and Sylvia (Kragnes) Teigen's 40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on June 22, 2013, at Concordia Church from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Please join us in celebration.

June is National Dairy Month

National Dairy Month started out as National Milk Month in 1937 as a way to promote drinking milk. It was initially created to stabilize the dairy demand when



production was at a surplus, but has now developed into an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions the dairy industry has made to the world. After the National Dairy Council stepped in to promote the cause, the name soon changed to "Dairy Month."

Announcements and Assignments

I Thank You Dad, Today

Thoughts of you come drifting back within this heart of mine,

I take a trip to yesterday, another day in time.

A time when I was growing up and you were always there;

Put to the test you did your best, you handled things with care.

To you, I owe so many thanks for teaching right from wrong,

For the many lectures you bestowed I now sing a different song.

I thank you for your faith so strong, for many days in church

For leading me to Jesus Christ; I did not have to search.

For all I am I owe to you, you surely led the way

So many lessons learned in life: I thank you dad, today.

Marilyn Ferguson



Recipe of the Month

Hermann the German Hotdish



Ingredients

- 1 package of brats
- 1 bottle Schell's beer
- 1 onion
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup of chopped celery
- 1 can cream of cheddar soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 package tater tots

Directions

- Bring a pot of water to a boil, add beer, onions and garlic powder.
- Submerge the brats into the pot and reduce heat to medium and cook for 10 min. Remove and let cool.
- Butter a 9 x 12 casserole dish.

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- Combine remaining ingredients into a separate bowl, minus the tots.
- Chop up the brats into bite sized pieces and add to the other ingredients.
- Pour the mixture into the casserole dish, top with tater tots and bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.
- Sprinkle with cheese for the last 10-15 minutes of baking.

Rep. Tim Walz was the winner of the 2013 Minnesota Congressional Delegation Hotdish Competition

7-Lag Stevne

July 11-13, 2013

St Cloud MN

“Norwegian-Americans in the Civil War”

If you are interested in exploring your Norwegian heritage *and* learning about the part Norwegians played on both sides of the Civil War, join us! Entertainment by dancers and musicians from Oppland County, Norway. All the details are available at www.7lagstevne.com



With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Genelle Bentley

Genelle Bentley Family Sylvan & Caroline Melroe
Gloria Bloom Richard & Charlotte Offutt
Ron & Mary Lass Waneta Truesdell
Edgar & Virginia Wright Brenda & Mike Schell
Laura & Stephen Handegaard Lois & Kim Arneson
Carol & Eugene Langlie Irmalee Funk
Brad & Kathy Thom

In Memory of Loyal Busby

Regina Hanson

In Memory of Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

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In memory of Valdemar Hagene and Glenn Kassenborg

Don Kassenborg

With Our Thanks

More Donations

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Donations

Ann Gytri

Burton and Doris Kragnes

Leroy Juve

*Thank
You*

Thank you WELCA for your time, effort, and willingness to take on the tasks of the salad luncheon this spring. We had an unusually large crowd and it was hard work to keep everything going smoothly as you all did!

The salads were so varied, delicious, and attractively arranged on the tables. Our guests were graciously complimentary of the food and atmosphere.

Thank you to Sue Kassenborg for making the festive aprons for the ladies in the dining room. It added a special touch.

Thank you Lorna Rockstad for again making flatbread for us.

With Our Thanks

It seemed to disappear quickly.

Thank you to Kjell Hoelstad for providing the program. You talked, sang, and shared pictures to provide an interesting insight into the life in Norway while it was a police state under Nazi siege for five long years.

Thank you ladies for making krumkake and rømmegrøt to sell at the luncheon mini bazaar.

Each of you are to be thanked for a job well done! Thank you!



Thank you to everyone that participated in making our Memorial Day observation

another memorable experience. Special thanks to Orpha and Kathy for arranging, selecting, and performing the music as well as developing the history on the special insert in the program. Thank you to Pastor Bruce for his message and presence on this special day.

With Our Thanks

To Ray Johnson and family for providing the video which has become a tradition to view each Memorial Day. To Harold for doing all the research for the video, and providing the flowers used in honoring the memory of all veterans buried in the cemetery.

To the Minnesota National Guard for providing the Honor Guard that makes our service look professional. To Very Wik for playing taps each year. Thank you to Gerald Hagene for placing the flags on all the veterans graves.

Thank you to all the faithful that attend each year. To all who have shared food to make our gathering a friendly community affair. It has been a privilege for over ten years to have been involved in this Memorial Day program to "HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED."

Lloyd Gunderson

Memorial Day DVD Available

An updated version of the Cemetery Association's Memorial Tribute to Concordia's Veterans DVD is available for \$10.00 each. Please send your check, made out to the Cemetery Association, to:

Ray Johnson, 7333 70th Street North, Glyndon MN 56547

Allow about two weeks for delivery.



Memories of Concordia's Vacation Bible School

When I was little and going to VBS, I of course loved the music. My cousin Margaret

Kragnes (now Sentif) played piano for us, and “Do Lord” was always our favorite. When she got rocking on that song we raised the rafters. (“Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me!”) When I got older and was playing for VBS myself, I was a little startled to find out that the printed music for this song was a whole lot more, shall we say, sedate, than the boisterous version she always played. (“I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun!”) I think that may have been the first time I’d really discovered that you didn’t have to play the notes printed on the page – you could add anything you wanted to. I worked at it quite a while, trying to duplicate all the notes she’d added on when she was playing for us. I never felt like it was quite the same, but it was close, and the younger kids seemed to like it too. (“I took Jesus as my savior, you take him too!”)

~Amy Kragnes

Bits and Pieces

I have fond memories of Vacation Bible School at Concordia Lutheran Church. It was a chance during the summer to social network with my Glyndon counterparts, being one of the few Sunday Schoolers who lived in Moorhead. During the summer, we would join teams with Scandia Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School. Another opportunity to see people you don't see on a regular basis.

Fond memories of playing kickball in the parking lot. One year we made fortune cookies, and used Bible verses for the fortunes. We also made pretzels and candles for one of our craft activities. I laugh when I see "Fat Free Pretzels". The recipe we used in Vacation Bible School was just flour, salt & water. I don't see any fat containing ingredients in that at all. You know people won't buy anything today without it saying "it's fat free".



At the end of the week there was the Sunday service, led by Vacation Bible School, followed by a Potluck.

~Ernest Edwards

Bits and Pieces

Vacation Bible School.....where does one begin.....so many wonderful memories of that anticipated spring time event.

We had the greatest teachers.....Thank-you, Lorna and Orpha. You had so much patience. You both were so soft spoken but we listened. That must have been the special teacher in you that always held our attention. That long table in the kitchen was the best gathering place to learn about Jesus and His love for us.....Bible stories one after another were studied. We bonded with our friends around that table and each day was an adventure we looked forward to.

Another special time of day was when we got to work on our art projects. Year after year they came up with great ideas. My favorite was probably paper mache'. The "older kids" were painting by numbers.

Lunch time was not ordinary, as we actually had a whole can of Shasta pop. That fried egg sandwich was extra special too. After lunch we had fun playing softball and other games.

At the end of the week there was a "program" for church. One year we were all dressed up as "children from around the world". After service, I remember taking a picture outside alongside of the church. Music was another event that made going to

Bits and Pieces

Vacation Bible school so enjoyable. We would really let loose on “Do Lord”. My favorite was one about a rainbow. Mrs. Torgerson loved that song too and had taught it to us. I have often wished I could find the music to that “rainbow” song. Another song we often sang was “Into my heart”..... into my heart.....Come into my heart Lord Jesus. Come in today. Come in to stay. Come into my heart Lord Jesus.” Mission accomplished! What a blessing was planted growing up going to Concordia’s Vacation Bible School.

~Cheryl Ostlie



VBS'ers with their paper mache' puppets c 1963. Visit the Concordia website for names of the people in this picture!

Learning about the Bible with workbooks, art projects, and singing made Vacation Bible School so much fun. It also meant spending

time with friends, playing softball or walking down to the bridge to look at the river after eating our sack lunches....Don't walk on the graves! Don't lean on the gravestones! Do NOT run in the church! We learned the importance of not just the Bible but the building, and not just the building but the people. Our parents let us know that VBS was a top priority, and preparing and giving the church service on Sunday told us we could contribute, too. What I realize now is that Lorna and Orpha did a great job of organizing things and keeping us busy all day, every day for that week. Thanks so much to Concordia and especially to the teachers for all the great memories!

~Alene Sladky

We'll have more Bible School memories in July!

**June is the most popular month for
weddings**

An invisible man marries an invisible woman.
The kids weren't anything to look at either.



Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Teigen 40th Anniversary June 22 2-5 p.m.

Church Picnic June 23, 2013 following worship

Birthdays

June 5 Mavis Wang

June 16 Clarice Babolian

Kathy Krogstad

June 26 Walter Teigen

Anniversaries

June 3 Harold & Sally Horpedahl

June 22 Walter & Sylvia Teigen

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