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From Pastor Bruce



Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

We continue to work our way through the season of Pentecost. Last month we learned of how the church celebrated the season through liturgy. This month we will continue to hear about the liturgical history of the season through the efforts

of the online encyclopedia Wikipedia:

Trumpeters or brass ensembles are often specially contracted to accompany singing and provide special music at Pentecost services, recalling the Sound of the mighty wind. While this practice is common among a wide spectrum of Western denominations (Eastern Churches do not employ instrumental accompaniment in their worship) it is particularly typical, and distinctive to the heritage of the Moravian Church.

Another custom is reading the appointed Scripture lessons in multiple foreign languages recounting the speaking in tongues recorded in Acts 2:4-12.

In the Middle Ages, cathedrals and great churches throughout Western Europe were fitted with a peculiar architectural feature known as a Holy

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Ghost hole; a small circular opening in the roof that symbolized the entrance of Holy Spirit into the midst of the assembled worshippers. At Pentecost, these Holy Ghost holes would be decorated with flowers, and sometimes a dove figure lowered through into the church while the story of the Pentecost was read. Holy Ghost holes can still be seen today in European churches such as Canterbury Cathedral.

Similarly, a large two dimensional dove figure would be, and in some places still are, cut out of wood, painted and decorated with flowers, to be lowered over the people, particularly during the singing of the sequence hymn, or Veni Creator Spiritus. In other places, particularly Sicily and the Italian peninsula, rose petals were and are thrown from the galleries over the congregation calling to mind the tongues of fire. In modern times, this practice has been revived, and interestingly adapted as well, to include the strewing of origami doves from above, or suspending them – sometimes by the hundreds – from the ceiling. In some cases, red fans, or red handkerchiefs are distributed to the assembled worshippers to be waved during the procession, etc. Other congregations have incorporated the use of red balloons, signifying the "Church's Birthday" into their festivities. These may be carried by worshippers, used to decorate the sanctuary, or released all at once.

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For some Protestants, the nine days between Ascension Day, and Pentecost are set aside as a time of fasting, and world-wide prayer in honor of the disciples' time of prayer and unity awaiting the Holy Spirit. Similarly among Roman Catholics, special Pentecost Novenas are held. The Pentecost Novena is considered the first Novena, all other Novenas offered in preparation of various festivals and Saints days deriving their practice from those original nine days of prayer observed by the disciples of Christ. While the Eve of Pentecost was traditionally a day of fasting for Catholics, today's canon law no longer requires it. Both Catholics and Protestants may hold spiritual retreats, prayer vigils and litanies in the days leading up to Pentecost. In some cases vigils on the Eve of Pentecost may last all night. Pentecost is also one of the occasions specially appointed for the Lutheran Litany to be sung.

From the early days of Western Christianity, Pentecost became one of the days set aside to celebrate Baptism. In Northern Europe Pentecost was preferred even over Easter for this rite, as the temperatures in late spring might be supposed to be more conducive to outdoor immersion as was then the practice. It is proposed that the term Whit Sunday derives from the custom of the newly baptized wearing white clothing, and from the white vestments worn by the clergy in English liturgical uses. The holiday was also one of the three days each year (along with Christmas and Easter)

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Roman Catholics were required to confess and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in order to remain in good church standing. Holy Communion is likewise often a feature of the Protestant observance of Pentecost as well. It is one of the relatively few Sundays some Reformed denominations may offer the communion meal, and is one of the days of the year specially appointed among Moravians for the celebration of their Love Feasts. Ordinations are celebrated across a wide array of Western denominations at Pentecost, or near to it. In some denominations, for example the Lutheran Church, even if an ordination or consecration of a deaconess is not celebrated on Pentecost, the liturgical color will invariably be red, and the theme of the service will be the Holy Spirit. And above all, Pentecost is a day for the Confirmation celebrations of young people. Flowers, the wearing of white robes or white dresses recalling Baptism, rites such as the laying of hands, and vibrant singing play prominent roles on these joyous occasions, the blossoming of Spring forming an equal analogy with the blossoming of youth.

The typical image of Pentecost in the West is that of the Virgin Mary seated centrally and prominently among the disciples, with flames resting on the crowns of their heads. Occasionally parting clouds suggesting the action of the "mighty wind", rays of light, and/or the Dove, are also depicted. Of course, the Western iconographic style is less static and

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stylized than that of the East, and other very different representations have been produced, and in some cases have achieved great fame, such as the Pentecosts by Titian, Giotto and el Greco.

Paul already in the 1st century notes the importance of this festival to the early Christian communities. (See: Acts 20:16 & 1 Corinthians 16:8) Since the lifetime of some who may have been eyewitnesses, annual celebrations of the descent of the Holy Spirit have been observed. Before the Second Vatican Council, Pentecost Monday as well was a Holy Day of Obligation during which the Catholic Church addressed the newly baptized and confirmed. Since that time, however, Pentecost Monday is no longer solemnized. Nevertheless it remains an official church festival in many Protestant churches, such as the (Lutheran) Church of Sweden, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, and others. In the Byzantine Catholic Rite Pentecost Monday is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation, but rather a simple holy day. In the Roman Catholic Church, as at Easter, the liturgical rank of Monday and Tuesday of Pentecost week is a Double of the First Class and across many Western denominations, Pentecost is celebrated with an octave culminating on Trinity Sunday.

Marking the festival's importance, in several denominations, such as the Lutheran and United Methodist churches (and formerly in the Roman Catholic Church), all the Sundays from the holiday itself until the next

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Advent in late November or December are designated the 2nd, 3rd, Nth, Sunday after Pentecost, etc. Throughout the year, in Roman Catholic piety, the Pentecost is the third of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, as well as being one of the Stations of the Resurrection, or Via Lucis.

In Evangelical and Pentecostal churches, where there is less emphasis on the liturgical year, Pentecost may be one of the greatest celebrations in the year, such as in Germany or Romania. In other cases, Pentecost may be ignored as a holy day in these churches. In many evangelical churches in the United States, the secular holiday, Mother's Day, may be more celebrated than the ancient and biblical feast of Pentecost. Many evangelicals and Pentecostals are observing the liturgical calendar and observe Pentecost as a day to teach the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Across denominational lines Pentecost has been an opportunity for Christians to honor the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and celebrate the birth of the church in an ecumenical context.

Pastor Bruce

Announcements and Assignments



No WELCA Meeting in July



Coffee and Cookie Servers

July

August

July 7	Regina Hanson	August 4	Phylis Nelson
July 14	Germaine Gress	August 11	Barb Grover
July 21	Sue Kassenborg	August 18	Orpha Hoelstad
July 28	Mavis Wang	August 25	Delores Hagene

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*



A belated **Happy Anniversary** to Virgil and Becky Jegtvig. Their June 22 anniversary was inadvertently skipped last month.



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Kids Corner is “on vacation” in July. Next month the topic will be “Let My People Go!”

Happiness is not a circumstance – it’s a state of mind!



From the Moorhead Daily News

June 25, 1931

Concordia Church: Services in English in the newly constructed basement

Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Confirmation class meets at the Riverside school house, Friday, July 3, at 10 a. m. This class does not meet on Saturday of this week.

Just a month after the tornado that destroyed the church, the basement had been repaired and a temporary roof put in place. Donald Johnson remembers playing on the flat basement roof as a young boy!

With Our Thanks

Donations

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In Memory of Emmanuel Dahlsad

Donald Johnson

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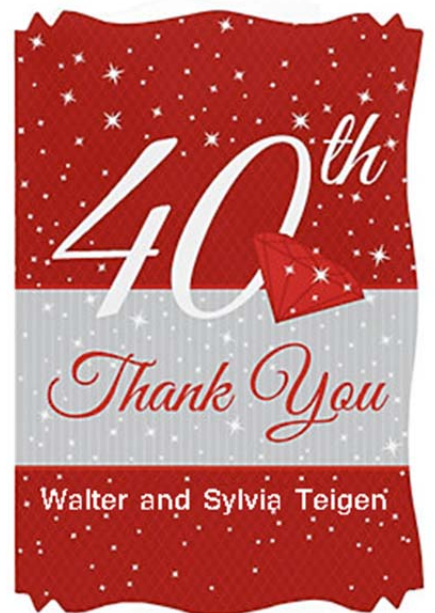
Kristi & Gregg Trautwein

In Memory of Orvis Gunderson

Marietta Gunderson and Family

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. Thanks to Karolynn for the event, to those who helped Karolynn, and to everyone who attended. Thanks to Kathy for the *kransekake* and all of her help and thank you to Karolynn's friends for their help. It was a wonderful day and we are so glad that we were able to have the party.

Wally and Sylvia





With Our Thanks

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Recipe of the Month

Recipe of the Month Traci's Chocolate Oatmeal Cake



Ingredients

1 3/4 cup boiling water	1 cup oatmeal
1 cup white sugar	1 stick butter, room temperature
2 eggs	1 3/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon soda	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon cocoa	
1 bag (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips	

Directions

- Pour water over oatmeal, let stand 10 minutes.
- Add sugars, butter, and stir until butter is melted.
- Add eggs and mix, then add dry ingredients and mix.
- Add 1/2 chips and stir in.
- Pour into greased 9-by-13 glass pan.
- Sprinkle with remaining chips.
- Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes. Do not over bake.

In fact, I often go to 25-28 minutes and check it – a little under-baking makes it taste even more wonderful.



A Nation's Strength

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

(1904)

What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.

Bits and Pieces

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly...
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

Celebrate America!

Happy 4th of July!

New Bridge on the Buffalo

The old bridge across the Buffalo that led to the church was so low it could be counted on to flood every year. Construction on a new river crossing and bridge that promises to improve spring access from the west is moving forward and should be completed by this fall.



Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA No Meeting in July

Birthdays

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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