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Here is the final portion of the excellent summary about Pentecost from the online encyclopedia Wikipedia. It is evident that the phrase “out of sight is out of mind” applies to the longest season of the church year, but then Martin Luther did refer that the Holy Spirit, which is the centerpiece of the season of Pentecost, is



the “bashful member of the Trinity”, nonetheless, as the Holy Spirit is the ongoing presence of God in the world, it is important that we do not forget about the Spirit. We are not in this life alone; God is with us:

The Lutheran church of the Baroque observed three days of Pentecost. Some composers wrote sacred cantatas to be performed in the church services of these days. Johann Sebastian Bach composed several cantatas for days of Pentecost, including Erschallet, ihr Lieder, erklinget, ihr Saiten! BWV 172 in 1714 and Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, BWV 68 in 1725. Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel wrote cantatas such as Werdet voll Geistes (Get full of spirit) in 1737. Mozart composed an antiphon Veni Sancte Spiritus in 1768.

Olivier Messiaen composed an organ mass Messe de la Pentecôte in 1949/50. In 1964 Fritz Werner wrote an oratorio for Pentecost Veni, sancte spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) on the sequence Veni sancte spiritus, and Jani Christou wrote Tongues of Fire, a Pentecost oratorio. Richard Hillert wrote a Motet for the Day of Pentecost for choir, vibraphone, and prepared electronic tape in 1969. Violeta Dinescu composed Pfingstoratorium, an oratorio for Pentecost for five soloists, mixed chorus and small orchestra in 1993.

Customs and traditions

In Italy it was customary to scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy Whitsunday is called Pasqua rosatum. The Italian name Pasqua rossa comes from the red colours of the vestments used on Whitsunday.

In France it was customary to blow trumpets during Divine service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

In the north west of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks take place at Whitsun (sometimes on Whit Friday, the Friday after Whitsun). Typically, the parades contain brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white. Traditionally, Whit Fairs (sometimes called Whitsun Ales) took place. Other customs such as morris dancing and cheese rolling are also associated with Whitsun.

Public holiday

Since Pentecost itself is on a Sunday, it is automatically a public holiday in Christian countries. Additional restrictions to Sunday opening hours may apply.

Pentecost Monday is a public holiday in many European countries including Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania (since 2008), (most parts of) Switzerland, Ukraine and also in the African nations Senegal, Benin and Togo.

In Sweden it was also a public holiday, but Pentecost Monday (*Annandag Pingst*) was replaced by Swedish National Day on June 6, by a government decision on December 15, 2004. In Italy and Malta, it is no longer a public holiday. It was a public holiday in Ireland until 1973, when it was replaced by Early Summer Holiday on the first Monday in June. In the United Kingdom the day is known as Whit Monday, and was a bank holiday until 1967 when it was replaced by the Spring Bank Holiday on the last Monday in May.

Literary references

According to legend, King Arthur always gathered all his knights at the round table for a feast and a quest on Pentecost: *So ever the king had a custom that at the feast of Pentecost in especial, afore other feasts in the year, he would not go that day to meat until he had heard or seen of a great marvel.*

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Date: August 13, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fryin' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



August 4 Phylis Nelson
August 11 Barb Grover
August 18 Orpha Hoelstad
August 25 Delores Hagene
September 1 Becky Jegtvig
September 8 Polly Hanson
September 15 Sylvia Teigen
September 22 Doris Kassenborg
September 29 Linda Koester

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 theme for August in Kids Corner is "Let My People Go!" Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of our website.

In August of 79 A. D. Mount Vesuvius erupted. About half of the inhabitants of Pompeii escaped to the sea, but over 2,000 people were killed and buried under seven feet of lava, ash, and pumice.



Gordon Dennis Swanson 1941-2013



Gordon died unexpectedly from a heart attack on Sunday July, 21, 2013. Gordon was born on August 9, 1941 at St Ansgar Hospital, Moorhead, MN to Sigfred (Sig) and Ella (Orud) Swanson. He was baptized in Salem Lutheran Church, Wolverton, MN and confirmed at Concordia Lutheran Church rural Glyndon. He graduated from Moorhead State Teachers College School in 1960 and NDSCS in 1962 with a degree in accounting. He married Claryce Nater and they had three children. In 1989, Gordy married Loretta (Hall Tripp) Swanson. Gordy worked for several farming related businesses located in Ashby, Warren, and Moorhead, MN. He spent 41 years as office manager/accountant with Rick Electric, and realized one of his dreams on an all expense paid trip to Australia/New Zealand they gave him as a retirement gift. Gordy loved accounting and continued some part time work from home for the station his son Denny manages and was also doing the accounting for the LCMS-North Dakota District. Gordy and two of his buddies started ECG Fishing Trips and had just returned from a wonderful fly in fishing trip to Canada. Gordon was a very active Grandpa and could be found at all of their sports and school activities, he never missed them. He was very proud of all his children and grandchildren. He was very involved with church activities and was always available to lend a helping hand or ear to anyone who needed it. He built many lasting relationships through participation and study of God's word. Gordon is survived by his wife Loretta, his mother: Ella Swanson, Moorhead, children: Dennis (Patty) Moorhead, MN, LeAnn Jaksha, Duluth, Joel, East Bethel, MN. Stepdaughters: Shanna (Wayne) McArthur, Moorhead, Heather Burns (fiance', Todd Persinger), Bradenton, Fl, Nichole (Jim) Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD, siblings: Lenny (Vonnie) Fargo, Sharon (Bill) Lipp, Audubon, MN. Father in law: Eugene Hall, Jamestown, ND. Grandchildren: Paul (Kelsey), Ray, Wyatt Swanson, Jordan and Jessica Jaksha, Justin (Callie) Schiermeister, Paige and Lydia McArthur, PJ, Kallie and Emilie Burns. Great Grandchildren: Sophie and Haylee Swanson, and Khloe Schiermeister. He was preceded in death by his father Sigfred (Sig) and grandson, Brett McArthur. The celebration of his life was held July 25th at Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead. Interment is in Concordia's cemetery.

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Recipe of the Month Summer Chicken Salad

Serves 4



Ingredients

- 2 cups diced chicken breast
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/4 medium red onion, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped green apples
- 1/2 cup halved red seedless grapes
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions

- Mix ingredients together
- Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve

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A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent

PICNIC



Thanks to everyone who attended the picnic on Sunday, July 22. Originally scheduled for June, it was delayed because of weather.

A good time was held by all!

The Skrei Family

The Skreis are part of the much larger Mandt family of Telemark, and share ancestral ties with many of the families on the Buffalo.

Targe Skrei was born in Norway 1836, the son of Targe Gastjonn and Signe Lauvik. He attended school and worked on his father's farm. In 1866 he married Gunhild Moghus, who was born in 1847. The couple came to America in 1866 and settled in Houston County, Minnesota. They joined the Thortvedt party and made the journey to Clay County in the spring of 1870. Their son Theodore, born later that same year, was the first white baby born on the Buffalo. Targe and Gunhild's other children were Signe and Hilbert.

Targe lived on his original homestead on the southwest corner of section 28, Moland Township, for the rest of his days. He was active in community affairs, although he had no interest in formally running for office. Targe died in 1895 and Gunhild died in 1908. Both are buried in Concordia Cemetery.



Skrei Homestead

The Skreis are related to many of the original families in the community. Targe's brother Mikkel Hegland was the grandfather of Carl Hegland, Allette Grover and Sophie Bekkerus. Targe's son Theodore married Tilda Juve. Ted and Tilda had four children: Anna, Obert, Milo and Targe. In addition, Tilda's niece and nephew, Nellie and Robert Olson, joined the family after both of their parents died. Theodore died in 1932. Tilde survived him by 26 years. Both are buried in Concordia Cemetery.

Hilbert Skrei married Amelia Dennison in Montana in 1916. He lived and worked on the original Skrei homestead until he purchased a farm in Goose Prairie Township in 1917.

Signe Skrei, who never married, lived with her brother Hilbert and his wife for many years. Amelia died in 1934. After her death Hilbert and Signe returned to Moland Township and lived with their nephew Obert. Signe died in 1947 and is buried at Concordia. Hilbert passed away in 1948.

From the Ole & Lena files



Ole was turning 88 and was overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

Doc: 'I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds.'

When Ole returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 30 lbs!

Why, that's amazing!' the doctor said, 'Did you follow my instructions?'

Ole nodded..... I'll tell you though, by golly, I thought I vuz gonna drop dead on dat 3rd day.

'From the hunger, you mean?' asked the doctor.

Ole: 'Heck no, it vuz from all dat durn skippin'!

From the Moorhead Daily News

August 11, 1926

A number of parties have been given for Miss Elsie J. Bergland, who expects to leave shortly for Beaumont, Texas. A parcel shower was given May 27 at the home of Mrs. Thomas Olson by Mrs. Olson and the Misses Louise and Edna Kassenborg. About 50 guests were present. Mrs. Otto Grover entertained Miss Bergland and several friends at a chicken dinner Aug. 3. On Aug. 2 Mrs. Clarence Grover entertained the same number of friends. Friday afternoon Mrs. Leon Hammett and Mrs. Theodore H. Skrei gave a remembrance shower at the home of Mrs. Hammett in Fargo. There were about 50 guests present and they gave Miss Bergland a memory book and a number of Kodak pictures.

Sunday, August 4th is National Friendship Day

Introduced as a marketing ploy by Hallmark in 1919, in 1935 Congress recognized it and in 2011 the United Nations declared it an international holiday with Winnie the Pooh as its official ambassador.



From the Pastor (continued from Page 1)

German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe declared Pentecost "das liebliche Fest" – the lovely Feast, in a selection by the same name in his Reineke Fuchs. "Pfungsten, das liebliche Fest", speaks of Pentecost as a time of greening and

blooming in fields, woods, hills, mountains, bushes and hedges, of birds singing new songs, meadows sprouting fragrant flowers, and of festive sunshine gleaming from the skies and coloring the earth - iconic lines idealizing the Pentecost holidays in the German-speaking lands. Further, Goethe records an old peasant proverb relating to Pentecost in his "Sankt-Rochus-Fest zu Bingen" – Ripe strawberries at Pentecost mean a good wine crop.

Alexandre Dumas, père mentions of Pentecost in Twenty Years After (French: Vingt ans après), the sequel to The Three Musketeers. A meal is planned for the holiday, to which La Ramée, second in command of the prison, is invited, and by which contrivance, the Duke is able to escape. He speaks sarcastically of the festival to his jailor, foreshadowing his escape : "Now, what has Pentecost to do with me? Do you fear, say, that the Holy Ghost may come down in the form of fiery tongues and open the gates of my prison?"

William Shakespeare mentions Pentecost in a line from Romeo and Juliet Act 1, Scene V. At the ball at his home, Capulet speaks in refuting an overestimate of the time elapsed since he last danced: "What, man? 'Tis not so much, 'tis not so much! 'Tis since the nuptial of Lucentio, Come Pentecost as quickly as it will, Some five-and-twenty years, and then we mask'd."

Pastor Bruce

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>"Prairie Daughters: The Art and Lives of Anne Stein and Orabel Thorsveit" all month at the Hjemkomst Center</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 GREEN Communion 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Pearl Grover</p>  	<p>5 Don & Phyllis Nelson</p>   	<p>6</p>	<p>7 DeeAnn Stalness</p>  	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Virgil Jegtvig</p>  
<p>11 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 WELCA 1:30 pm</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Carolyn Edwards Tara Amundson</p>  
<p>18 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Margret Kragnes</p>  	<p>24</p>
<p>25 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Don Johnson</p>  	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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