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Recently our country acknowledged the 50 anniversary of Martin Luther King's famous "I have a dream speech." Much was made, as was merited, of



King and his movement's many sacrifices in order to win what now would be considered basic civil rights for black people. Individuals stood up for what they believed and some were imprisoned even killed for taking a stand for justice. When I went to Chaplain School in Montgomery I had an opportunity to tour many of the historic sites of the civil rights era. Another MN Lutheran and I drove to Selma Alabama which was the start of the most famous march of the civil rights movement as thousands of people of all backgrounds marched peacefully from Selma to Montgomery only to be attacked by uniformed personnel without provocation. We toured a museum in Selma that made no mention of that infamous day and the proprietor seemed displeased when we asked if there was any information about that era available to review. Perhaps there is no connection between the members of Concordia Lutheran and that particular march 50 years ago. However, it is possible there is a connection between Concordia and another march that occurred 100 years prior not during the Civil Rights Movement but the Civil War. As most of you know 2 of our members were Civil War vets. I do not know the campaigns they were in but they supported a war that brought even more basic human rights to black people than even the march to Selma for they marched against the forces that deprived black slaves of the greatest inalienable right of all: self-determination.

I had the privilege over the years of touring a couple dozen civil war battlefields but none was more impressive than Gettysburg. The Union was up for grabs at the point of this campaign and with very small numbers MN made perhaps the biggest contribution of this campaign per soldier during the entire war. A brief but excellent summary is quoted below from the online encyclopedia Wikipedia:

The men of the 1st Minnesota are most remembered for their actions on July 2, 1863, during the second day's fighting at Gettysburg, where the regiment prevented the Confederates from pushing the Federals off of Cemetery Ridge, a position that was to be crucial in the battle.

Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, commander of the II Corps, ordered the regiment to assault a much larger enemy force (a brigade commanded by Brig. Gen. Cadmus M. Wilcox) telling Col. William Colvill to take the enemy's colors. The fateful charge bought the time needed while other forces were brought up. During the charge, 215 members of the 262 men who were present at the time became casualties in five minutes, including the regimental commander, Col. William Colvill, and all but three of his regimental Captains. The unit's flag fell five times and rose again each time. The 47 survivors rallied back to

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Monument to the 1st Minnesota Infantry Regiment at Gettysburg Battlefield, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, located on Cemetery Ridge, off South Hancock Avenue.



Date: September 10, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fryn' Pan



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

This fall Sunday school will follow worship services (about ½ hour in length). Contact Sylvia Teigen if you have youngsters interested in joining us!

Coffee and Cookie Servers



- September 1 Becky Jegtvig
- September 8 Polly Hanson
- September 15 Sylvia Teigen
- September 22 Doris Kassenborg
- September 29 Linda Koester
- October 6 Osie Juve
- October 13 Carolyn Edwards
- October 20 Irene Olson
- October 27 Sue Kassenborg

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



Birthday Club in August, 2013 courtesy of Harold Horpedahl. Front row: Doris Kassenborg, Sally Horpedahl, Mavis Wang Back row: Marilyn Fuchs, Delores Hagene, Regina Hanson, and Bev Brown.

September days are here, with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.

~ Helen Hunt Jackson



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"The Israelites at Mt. Sinai" is the subject for Kids Corner in September. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



Food Shelf Donations

Drop off canned food items in the donation box in the narthex. They will be delivered to a local food shelf.



Fall Begins on Sunday, September 22.

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Recipe of the Month Ham and Cheese Casserole



Ingredients

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1 lb. Velveeta, cut into cubes
1 lb. package frozen green beans
2 (15-ounce) cans diced potatoes. drained
4 cups diced cooked ham
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Spray 5-quart casserole with cooking spray
- In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat.
- Stir in flour and cook until smooth.
- Add milk and cheese and stir until thickened.
- Remove from heat and stir in remaining ingredients.
- Pour into casserole dish.
- Bake for 50-55 minutes, until hot and bubbly.

Use green vegetables from your garden in place of the frozen green beans!



We welcome Randy and Debbie Myhre and daughters Cadence and Miley Larson to the Concordia family!

From Pastor Bruce (cont'd. from page 1)

General Hancock under the senior surviving officer, Captain Nathan S. Messick. The 83.1 percent casualty rate stands to this day as the largest loss by any surviving military unit in U.S. history during a single day's engagement. The unit's flag is now in the Minnesota Capitol's rotunda.

The more majestic of two monuments to the 1st Minnesota at the Gettysburg National Military Park bears the following inscription:

On the afternoon of July 2, 1863 Sickles' Third Corps, having advanced from this line to the Emmitsburg Road, eight companies of the First Minnesota Regiment, numbering 262 men were sent to this place to support a battery upon Sickles repulse.

As his men were passing here in confused retreat, two Confederate brigades in pursuit were crossing the swale. To gain time to bring up the reserves & save this position, Gen Hancock in person ordered the eight companies to charge the rapidly advancing enemy.

The order was instantly repeated by Col Wm Colvill. And the charge as instantly made down the slope at full speed through the concentrated fire of the two brigades breaking with the bayonet the enemy's front line as it was crossing the small brook in the low ground there the remnant of the eight companies, nearly surrounded by the enemy held its entire force at bay for a considerable time & till it retired on the approach of the reserve the charge successfully accomplished its object. It saved this position & probably the battlefield. The loss of the eight companies in the charge was 215 killed & wounded. More than 83% percent. 47 men were still in line & no man missing. In self sacrificing desperate valor this charge has no parallel in any war. Among the severely wounded were Col Wm Colvill, Lt Col Chas P Adams & Maj Mark W. Downie. Among the killed Capt Joseph Periam, Capt Louis Muller & Lt Waldo Farrar. The next day the regiment participated in repelling Pickett's charge losing 17 more men killed & wounded.

Vets, Christians, indeed most Americans, stand in awe of those who believe in a righteous call and are willing to spend years, their treasure and perhaps even expend their lives to make the just cause come to pass. The greatest example of this, of course is Jesus, who through his sacrificial death and victorious resurrection liberated us from the worst bondage in the universe, the bondage to death, Satan and sin. He of all humans did the most self-sacrificial thing, and he did it for us and for our salvation. Thanks be to God.

God bless,
Pastor Bruce

From the Moorhead Daily News

Mae Thortvedt weds K. Koester

September 6, 1938

Ceremony Performed Sunday Evening in Concordia Lutheran Church

Before the altar at Concordia Lutheran Church Sunday evening, vows were spoken by Miss Mae E. Thortvedt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Thortvedt, Moorhead, and Kenneth J. Koester, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Koester, Sabin. The altar was banked with late garden flowers and greenery and lighted by white tapers in candelabra. Rev. C. B. Runsvold officiated.

A white chiffon gown fashioned with puffed sleeves and a flared floor length skirt, was worn by the bride. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms which had been worn by her mother. The bridal bouquet was bronze pompoms and salmon gladioli, tied with a bronze ribbon. Miss Olive Thortvedt, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Her gown was of silk chiffon and she carried yellow gladioli. Maurice Koester attended his brother. Ushers were Harold Johnk, cousin of the bride, and Lynn Anderson, Comstock. Misses Eva and Florence Thortvedt, Clarice Haukebo, L. E. Hammett, and Bob Hicketheir presented the nuptial music.

A reception followed the ceremony, flowers and candles again being used to decorate the church parlors where the reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Koester left on a wedding trip to Northern Minnesota and Canadian points. They will be at home near Comstock after September 15. The bride is a graduate of MSTC high school and college and employed by Epko film service in Fargo. Mr. Koester is a graduate of Comstock High School and has been engaged in farming.

More about the 1st Minnesota ...

Corporal Henry O'Brien and Private Marshall Sherman received Congressional Medals of Honor for their actions at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. When asked about the 1st Minnesota's charge, General Hancock said "The superb gallantry of those men saved our line from being broken. No soldiers, on any field, in this or any other country, ever displayed grander heroism."

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 	2  Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	9  Doris Kassenborg  Neil & Polly Hanson	10 1:30 pm 	11	12  Ray & Tara Amundson	13  Sylvia Teigen	14
15 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	16	17	18  Ernest Edwards	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21  Dick & Mavis Wang
22 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Fall Equinox	23	24	25	26	27	28  Ray Amundson
29 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	30	31				"Prairie Daughters: The Art and Lives of Anne Stein and Orabel Thortved" all month at the Hjerkomst Center

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