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From Pastor Bruce



Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

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



MONUMENT TO THE 1ST MINNESOTA
CEMETERY RIDGE
GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD,
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

From Pastor Bruce

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:

From Pastor Bruce

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 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

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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.

From Pastor Bruce

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

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."

Announcements and Assignments



Date: Tuesday, September , 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryn' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



September

October

September 1 Becky Jegtvig

October 6 Osie Juve

September 8 Polly Hanson

October 13 Carolyn Edwards

September 15 Sylvia Teigen

October 20 Irene Olson

September 22 Doris Kassenborg

October 27 Sue Kassenborg

September 29 Linda Koester

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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The topic for Kids Corner in September is “The Israelites at Mt. Sinai.” Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

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!



Food Shelf Donations

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

Announcements and Assignments



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

Photo courtesy of Harold Horpedahl

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

~ Helen Hunt Jackson

With Our Thanks

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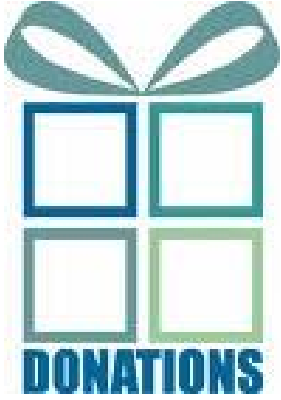
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We welcome Randy and Debbie
Myhre and daughters
Cadence and Miley Larson to the
Concordia family!

With Our Thanks



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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

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

Bits and Pieces

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.



FALL BEGINS

On Sunday,
September 22.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA

Tuesday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m., Fryn' Pan

Birthdays

September 9 Doris Kassenborg

September 13 Sylvia Teigen

September 18 Edward Edwards

September 28 Ray Amundson

Anniversaries

September 9 Neil & Polly Hanson

September 12 Ray & Tara Amundson

September 21 Dick & Mavis Wang

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