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Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

EXODUS 32: 7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹but Moses implored the Lord his God, and said “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?” Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and

Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they will inherit it forever'. ”¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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Some Christians have declared that the only portion of scripture that they consider authoritative and inspired by God is the New Testament. Others have stated that the Old Testament is a history book for the Jews with no real relevance to the church today except perhaps to provide greater insight into the New Testament. Martin Luther would disagree with such conclusions. For Luther it was true that the grace of God historically was most powerfully revealed through his Son Jesus Christ. This being said, Luther also believed that the Old Testament was valuable in pointing to Christ. He saw Christ revealed clearly in the Psalms. Perhaps he saw a foreshadowing of God's grace in this passage from Exodus. It certainly speaks to the concept of God's esteem for grace and mercy even when condemnation and summary justice would have been

seen by many as the "preferred option". Naturally, the person who most profoundly exemplifies and mediates that grace is God's own Son, Jesus Christ; however, the Old Testament foreshadows and informs the events of the cross and the empty tomb.

I'd like to include a quote from Luther Seminary professor Dr. Rolf Jacobson that I think is very relevant to this issue as he reflects on this text:

"Your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power" "Moses is finally the only one in this story to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth: Israel is "your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt." This is the fifth time that the key phrase repeats in this story. And, for effect, Moses adds to it: "with great power and with a mighty hand." And then, Moses says, "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self..." That is, aware that the Lord had offered him the tempting chance to be a new Abraham, Moses throws the promise to Abraham back at God in a bold act of intercessory prayer: "You promised! You promised Abraham! You promised Isaac! You promised Israel! By your own name you promised!" And the good book says: "And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

What kind of God do we have? What kind of Lord created the earth, chose Abraham, brought Israel out of Egypt, and gave us the Ten Commandments? A God who keeps promises. Sometimes keeping those promises means God has to forgive rather serious sins. But that is the nature of the One who has claimed us. God is faithful. And God keeps promises."

God bless,
Pastor Bruce



“All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired, although not in the hour or in the measure, or the very thing they ask. Yet will they obtain something greater and more glorious than they had dared to ask.”

~Martin Luther

Reformation Sunday in October 27

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Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryn' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



October

October 6 Osie Juve

October 13 Carolyn Edwards

October 20 Irene Olson

October 27 Sue Kassenborg

November 3 Regina Hanson

November 10 Germaine Gress

November 17 Mavis Wang

November 24 Phylis Nelson

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*



From the Ole & Lora files



Ole wore both of his winter jackets when he painted his house last July. The directions on the can said "put on two coats."

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The topic for Kids Corner in October is “The Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.”

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!



Pot Luck November 3

There will be a potluck following worship on Sunday, November 3. After the meal Marie, Wescott and Lloyd will talk about their trips to Norway this summer.

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For all you do ... Thank you Pastor Bruce!

October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Day

Leif Erikson Day - October 9, 2013

Norwegian Leif Erikson was born about 970 CE in Iceland, where both his father and grandfather were explorers. He went to Norway to work for King Olaf I. When he returned, he bought a boat and, in 1003, set out to explore the land west of Greenland. The land that he discovered was actually Newfoundland, which is now part of Canada. The 'Saga of the Greenlanders' tells of his adventures. October 9 was chosen to recognize Erikson because it is the date on which the ship *Restauration* arrived in New York in 1825 and began the organized immigration of Norwegians to the U.S.





**FALL DINNER
PORK LOIN**

Free Will Offering

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 27, 2013

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

6637 80 Avenue North

Glyndon, Minnesota

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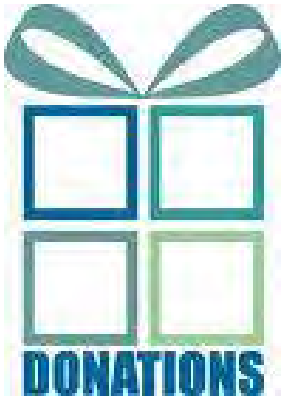
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Recipe of the Month

Witch's Broomstick Cookies



Ingredients

½ c. brown sugar ½ c. butter
2 TB cream or milk 2 tsp vanilla
1 ½ c. flour ¼ tsp salt
Pretzel rods, about 5" long

Frosting

2 tsp butter 2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/3 cup white chocolate chips

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Mix together sugar, butter, milk, vanilla, flour, and salt
- Form dough into 1 ¼ inch balls
- Place pretzel rod on ungreased cookie sheet. Press ball of dough to the end of each rod, Press dough with a fork to resemble the bristles of a broom.
- Bake about 12 minutes until set but not brown.

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- Remove from cookie sheet and cool thoroughly on a wire rack.
 - Heat butter and chocolate chips together over low heat.
 - Place “brooms” on wax paper. Spoon chocolate mixture over cookies, leaving the bottom half of the dough and about 1” of the pretzel rod uncovered.
 - Melt white chocolate chips and drizzle into 3-4 horizontal lines over chocolate.
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Moorhead Daily News -“**Social And Personal**” column

October 12, 1938

Dr. H. D. Kildahl, former Concordia Lutheran Church pastor and now superintendent of the Minnesota anti-saloon league, will give the sermon at Concordia Sunday at 11 a.m. and an offering will be taken for his league. He was the first pastor to occupy the parsonage near Concordia church after it was completed. Previously the pastors had lived in Moorhead.



From the Moorhead Daily News

October 7, 1938



Dedicate Sunday

Concordia Lutheran Church at which cornerstone laying ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday. The church, completed in 1936, replaces one destroyed by a tornado several years ago.

CHURCH TO HOLD PROGRAM SUNDAY

Cornerstone Laying, Consecration of Concordia Church Planned

Pastors of the Moorhead circuit of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America will take part in the cornerstone laying and consecration of Concordia Lutheran Church, Sunday at 10 a.m. Rev. O. F.

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Braaten, Comstock, president of the circuit, will give the devotions. Rev. J. J. Jacobson, Hendrum; Rev. M. G. Hagen, Shelly; Dr. J. N. Brown, president of Concordia College, and Rev. Thomas Anderson, Perley, will give scripture readings. A history of the congregation will be read by Rev. C. B. Runsvold, pastor of the church, and Dr. I. T. Aastad, Detroit Lakes, president of the Northern Minnesota District of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America is to officiate at the laying of the cornerstone.

Hymns and Scripture readings will make up the church consecration program with the various pastors presenting the readings. The Concordia church choir will sing two anthems, "Praise Ye the Lord" and "Built on a Rock." Rev. Aastad is to give the sermon and conduct the consecration of the church. Miss Selma Lee will act as the organist throughout the program.

On the afternoon program is scheduled to appear Mrs. Roy A. Harrisville, Moorhead, singing "Awake, Psalter and Harp," Miss Delia Dahl as her accompanist; L. E. Hammett playing a violin number and Misses Esther Wik and Clarice Haukebo singing a duet. Dr. Aastad and Dr. J.N. Brown will be principle speakers.

Concordia church was completed in 1936, replacing the old building destroyed by a tornado. Furnishing of the church has been

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nearly completed. Histories of the congregation, its Ladies Aid, Luther League, and other organizations will be enclosed in the cornerstone.

Officers of the church are: Deacons: Ed Kassenborg and E. A. Kragnes; trustees, Elmer Grover, president; B. J. Gunderson, secretary-treasurer; Lawrence Olson, Gilbert Cosen, Obert Olson, and Gudmund Oberg. The church building committee consisted of Theodore Bekkerus, president; Andrew Gunderson, secretary-treasurer; Obert Skrei, Thomas Olson, and Otto Grover.

The meeting of the Moorhead circuit of the Norwegian church will be held at Concordia Church today and Saturday, the delegates joining with the church congregation Sunday for the ceremonies. The theme of the circuit meeting will be "The Great Supper," with Rev. Thomas A. Anderson giving the principle talk.

Where Has Robert Gone?

by David Kragnes

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I went to my grandson's kindergarten Christmas concert. They handed out programs with all the names of his classmates. My

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confusion was great. I must be older than I think....*Where have all the Roberts gone?*

I know lots of Roberts

And a couple guys called Bob.

They're mostly good guys,

Thoughtful, kind—not a single slob.

They wear that name with honor,

Try not to bring it shame.

When they are done, anyone

Could proudly wear the same.

Stop by a kindergarten,

You'll not find a single Bob.

And asking for a Robert?

Well that's a hopeless job.

There are some names to call your child

That wouldn't be so kind.

When I think of names with baggage

Well, Adolph comes to mind.

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Judas never caught on

For reasons understood.

Initials that make O.J. –

That might not be so good.

There are lots of good ones

A parent could employ.

And when a stranger heard it

They'd know it's a girl or boy.

I meet a parent with a child

Dressed up in a light green mint.

I ask its name; they tell me.

I still don't have a hint.

Its gender should not matter.

Its parents are quite proud.

And what I think about their choice

I do not say out loud.

But why must names appear to be

A scrabble game gone bad?

With spelling that breaks all the rules

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That spelling ever had.

There are things you should consider

Besides its ease to spell.

A parent really should test out

How it sound to yell.

When you're at a ball game

Third row from the top,

Your child should have the kind of name

That really has a pop.

Nancy, Roger, Jane or Jim ---

All choices that are wise.

And sprinkle in a David.

(They're really special guys.)

Jack-o-Lanterns



According to legend, the jack-o'-lantern took its name from a reprobate Irishman known as Stingy Jack who tricked the Devil into promising he wouldn't have to go to hell for his sins. When Jack died

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he found out he had been barred from heaven, so he journeyed to the gates of hell to demand his due. Wouldn't you know it, the Devil kept his promise and doomed Jack to wander the earth for all eternity with only an ember of hellfire to light his way. Thenceforth he was known as Jack O'Lantern.



The term jack-o-lantern originally referred to the night watchmen who patrolled carrying a lantern. Jack-o-lanterns were carved and carried by young boys who used the eerie lights to scare travelers on the road. It also became a tradition to carry them in parades on Guy Fawkes Day (November 5th).

In the British Isles, *turnips* were carved into jack-o-lanterns. It wasn't until Irish immigrants brought the custom of carving jack-o'-lanterns to North America that the more commonly available pumpkin came to be used for that purpose, and not until the mid-to-late 19th century that pumpkin carving became a Halloween staple across the United States.



Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 11 a.m. (following worship)

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

October 13 Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 27 Fall Pork Loin Dinner

Reformation Sunday

WELCA

Tuesday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m., Fryn' Pan

Birthdays

October 7 Jane Bekkerus

October 22 Lloyd Gunderson

Anniversaries

October 18 Paul & Karolynn Decker

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