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Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

The first Wednesday of March will mark Ash Wednesday. Historically this has been a festival for the whole church but at the point of the Reformation there was a split. Many reformers considered the day to be "too Roman Catholic" and refused to continue the tradition. Martin Luther



believed that while mortification of the flesh was of no value that nonetheless, a public expression of individual and communal repentance was salutary and was a tradition that for the health of the Church should continue. After all corporate repentance and absolution was one of the hallmarks of the Church. Why then should anyone decree the expulsion of a service that embodies these great themes of the season of Lent. Below I have included a compact description of Ash Wednesday as found in a portion of the online resource Wikipedia:

Ashes were used in ancient times to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults. An ancient example of one expressing one's penitence is found in Job . Job says to God: "I have heard of thee by

the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. The other eye wandereth of its own accord. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (vv. 5–6, KJV) The prophet Jeremiah, for example, calls for repentance this way: "O daughter of my people, gird on sackcloth, roll in the ashes" (Jer 6:26). The prophet Daniel recounted pleading to God this way: "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). Just prior to the New Testament period, the rebels fighting for Jewish independence, the Maccabees, prepared for battle using ashes: "That day they fasted and wore sackcloth; they sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their clothes" (1 Maccabees 3:47; see also 4:39).

Other examples are found in several other books of the Bible including, Numbers 19:9, 19:17, Jonah 3:6, Matthew 11:21, and Luke 10:13, and Hebrews 9:13. Ezekiel 9 also speaks of a linen-clad messenger marking the forehead of the city inhabitants that have sorrow over the sins of the people. All those without the mark are destroyed.

It marks the start of a 43-day period which is an allusion to the separation of Jesus in the desert to fast and pray. During this time he was tempted. Matthew 4:1–11, Mark 1:12–13, and Luke 4:1–13.

While not specifically instituted in the Bible text, the 40-day period of repentance is also analogous to the 40 days during which Moses repented and fasted in response to the making of the Golden calf.

I welcome you all to join us at Concordia for not only Ash Wednesday but the entire season of Lent as we gather at 5 PM for a simple meal and worship immediately after.

God bless,

Pastor Bruce



Kjell and Orpha Hoelstad

and

Randy Myhre

This month the paperwork arrived allowing them to officially join Concordia. So we officially welcome them to our Concordia family!

Announcements and Assignments



Concordia Ladies

Date: February 11, 2014 **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

Location: Fryin' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



February

March

February 2 Polly Hanson

March 2 Osie Juve

February 9 Sylvia Teigen

March 9 Irene Olson

February 16 Doris Kassenborg

March 16 Carolyn Edwards

February 23 Regina Hanson

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March 30 Germaine Gress

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*





“The Prophet Elijah” is the subject for Kids Corner in February. Also in the congregation section of the website, baptismal and confirmation records 1883-1923 are being transcribed and added to the historical information found there.

Annual Meetings February 2, 2014



Join us after worship for a **potluck dinner**, followed by the congregation’s annual meeting. This will be followed by the annual meeting of the cemetery association.



You don't marry someone you can live with -
you marry the person whom you cannot live
without.

~Alexandra Penney

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Lorna Horpedahl

1954-2014

A memorial service was held for Lorna Horpedahl on January 11 at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo. She died Monday, January 6, 2014, surrounded by her family.



Lorna Jean Jordahl was born August 8, 1954 in Aurora CO to Jerome and Nona Jordahl during a trip across the country. She grew up and attended school in Velva ND before moving to Lake Park MN, where she graduated from high school. Lorna continued her education at Hutchinson Vocational Tech, where she received her associate's degree. On March 10, 1990, she married Ron Horpedahl in Lake Park, and together they made their home in Fargo.

Lorna had a special love for care-giving which encompassed both her personal and professional life. She cared for many children during her 20 years of running a day care and even took a year to take care of the elderly at a local assisted living facility. She had been an active member of Pontoppidan Lutheran Church in Fargo and enjoyed spending time with her family, her "lake family," knitting, doing crossword puzzles, and scrapbooking.

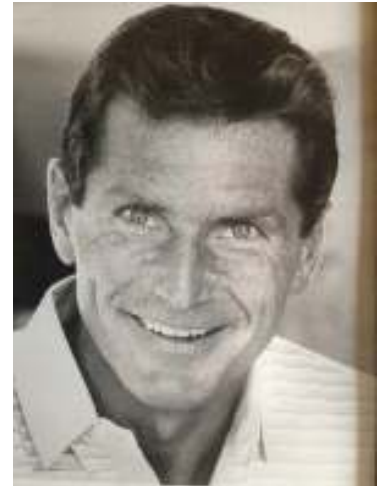
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Lorna is survived by her husband Ron; children Heath, Brandon, and Amanda; sisters Linda and Cheryl; and many relatives and friends.

Paul Grover

1951-2014

Paul Grover died on January 10, 2014, from injuries he suffered when a hit-and-run driver ran him down on a sidewalk in Playa Vista, California while he was jogging in the early hours of January 9.



Paul Kevin Grover was born May 4, 1951, to Wilfred & Luella (Stensrud) Grover. He graduated from Glyndon High School in 1969 and received his bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1974. He had lived in the Los Angeles area for most of his adult life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Thomas and nephew Tommy. He is survived by his sisters, Susan Offutt and Patricia Kelly and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in California on January 25th. Paul's ashes will be scattered at Big Cormorant Lake later this year.

Pastor Paul Bortnem

1942-2014



Our first pastor after Concordia became a stand-alone congregation, Pastor Paul brought a deep faith and quiet but effective leadership to the congregation. We are blessed to be able to continue to benefit from his wisdom by listening to his weekly “Gospel Reflections” audios, archived in the congregation-history section of Concordia’s website.

Pastor Paul L. Bortnem, age 71, of Arlington MN, died Monday, January 13, 2014 at the Sibley Medical Center in Arlington. A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 17 at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington with the Rev. James Carlson officiating.

Paul was born April 29, 1942 to Harold and Vicky (Hoyer) Bortnem in Volga SD. He married Rosine Englund on July 10, 1966.

Paul’s call to serve began in parish ministry as an intern in Wahpeton ND followed by stops in Foremost, Provost, and Edmonton AB Canada. He served as a Chaplain in Thief River Falls MN and Lubbock TX and returned to parish ministry in Slaton and Posey TX. He later served parishes as an interim in Tyler, Olivia, Bemidji, Glyndon, Lester

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Prairie, Bernadotte, Lafayette and Swan Lake MN and Jamestown, Hillsboro, Wahpeton and Williston ND.

Paul was a faithful servant pastor, mentor and counselor. He loved people and treasured the many friendships made during his years of ministry. Paul's faith and belief in the Good News centered his life and touched everyone he met.

He loved spending time with family and friends, listening to his grandchildren play violin and attending their various sporting events, woodworking in his shop, reading a good book and spending quiet moments with Rosine.

Paul is survived by his wife Rosine; children, Peter (Kristin) Bortnem of Cokato and Rebekah (Mark) Lundstrom of Arlington; grandchildren Ella and Jens Lundstrom and Søren and Charlie Bortnem; sisters Yvonne (Bob) Franseen, Duluth and Veronna (John) Capone, Brookings SD, brother-in-law Steve (Clara Streng) Englund of Lancaster MN; and nephews David (Heather Murphy) Franssen and Chris Franseen. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred.

Soli Deo Gloria

With Our Thanks

Donations

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In Memory of Pearl Grover

Dick & Mavis Wang Doris Kassenborg
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In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg

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Bits and Pieces
From the Moorhead Daily News



February 14, 1935

The potato movement has started at Glyndon. Seven or eight [rail] cars were loaded by the farmers on Tuesday. They were shipped mainly to the Twin Cities and from there diverted to points near Kansas City.

Church services in English at Concordia, Sunday at 11 a.m. Following services the ladies aid will serve refreshments. Hostesses are Mrs. O J Grover and Mrs. Almer Grover.

PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL



HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY !

Groundhog's Day

Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated on February 2nd. The Christian observance was pre-dated by a Roman tradition brought to Germany by the legions who conquered it. On this date during the midwinter celebration, if the sun shown bright it portended that winter would last until the spring equinox. If it were a cloudy day, then the weather would moderate

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much sooner. The Germans made this a ceremony using a hedgehog who, if he saw his shadow, would climb back underground for another 6 weeks nap. If he didn't see his shadow, he would stay above ground. An English verse offers an even more dire prediction:

For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day

So far will the snow swirl until the May.

Pennsylvania's earliest settlers were Germans and although there were no hedgehogs, they decided that a groundhog would be a fitting replacement in this mid-winter ritual. Reports of Groundhog Day observances in the German settlements of Pennsylvania can be found dating back to the 1700s.

Beginning in 1887, the Punxsutawny Groundhog Club began its celebration of Groundhog's Day at Gobbler's Knob. The one and only Punxsutawney Phil has become the unofficial national forecaster for how long winter will last.

The day we fear as our last is but the birthday of eternity.

~Lucius Seneca





Forgive Me When I Whine



Today on a bus I saw a beautiful woman,
With eyes that sparkled, hair that shined.
I sighed and went back to my book
Wishing I could look so fine.

She pulled the cord and rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
As I left, he said to me,
"Thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

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I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.

He stood and watched the others
play, but he did not know what to do.

I stopped a moment and then I said,
“Why don't you join them, dear?”

He looked ahead without a word.

I had forgotten he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,

With eyes to see the sunset's glow,

With ears to hear what I'd know,

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.



President's Day is
Monday, February 17th

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

February 2 Potluck and Annual Meetings

February 14 Valentine's Day

February 17 President's Day

Concordia Ladies

February 11 Fryn' Pan

Birthdays

February 8 Randy Myhre

February 10 Cadence Larson

February 17 Becky Jegtvig

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