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The day of Thanksgiving is not a traditional festival of the church year. This is because its origins have no direct connection to the early church (such as Christmas, Easter or Pentecost). Most Americans believe that its origins date back to the time of the Pilgrims, however, its origins date back to the Old World. The main insight is that it is a time of intentional/national expression of gratitude for God's blessing to His people. I pray that you would experience such a time in the life of your family this coming Thanksgiving. Feel free to read the Wikipedia article below for further information:

Pastor Bruce

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

In the English tradition, days of thanksgiving and special thanksgiving religious services became important during the English Reformation in the reign of Henry VIII and in reaction to the large number of religious holidays on the Catholic calendar. Before 1536 there were 95 Church holidays, plus 52 Sundays, when people were required to attend church and forego work and sometimes pay for expensive celebrations. The 1536 reforms reduced the number of Church holidays to 27, but some Puritans wished to completely eliminate all Church holidays, including Christmas and Easter. The holidays were to be replaced by specially called Days of Fasting or Days of Thanksgiving, in response to events that the Puritans viewed as acts of special providence. Unexpected disasters or threats of judgment from on high called for Days of Fasting. Special blessings, viewed as coming from God, called for Days of Thanksgiving. For example, Days of Fasting were called on account of drought in 1611, floods in 1613, and plagues in 1604 and 1622. Days of Thanksgiving were called following the victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588 and following the deliverance of Queen Anne in 1705. An unusual annual Day of Thanksgiving began in 1606 following the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 and developed into Guy Fawkes Day.

COFFEE AT 9 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 A.M. ~ EVERY SUNDAY

Announcements and Assignments



**Concordia Ladies
Thankoffering Service**

Date: November 11, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fryn' Pan



Daylight Savings Time Ends

2:00 A.M., Sunday, November 2

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 1st!

Coffee and Cookie Servers



November 2	Regina Hanson
November 9	Germaine Gress
November 16	Mavis Wang
November 23	Phylis Nelson
November 30	Linda Koester
December 7	Becky Jegtvig
December 14	Orpha Hoelstad
December 21	Delores Hagene
December 28	Ella Swanson



It's That Time of Year

If the weather or roads are bad, check WDAY Channel 6 television or WDAY radio 970. We will notify the stations and they will broadcast church cancellations.

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



Heating Season is again upon us, and the Farmer's Almanac is predicting another long cold winter. ☹ Your donation to the general fund will help make sure the church stays warm and toasty for us all winter long!



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"Elections" is the subject for Kids Corner in November. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

If anyone has information that they would to see in the weekly bulletin or be put on the prayer list, please e-mail by Wednesday of that week to the following address: mgrover1424@gmail.com. I will do my best to get the information in.



Thank You, Barb Grover

**Trim the Tree!
Deck the Halls!**

Join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at **1 pm** on **Saturday, November 29**. After the decorations are in place we will celebrate the coming



of our Savior with the singing of Christmas carols. After the singing, Kathy and Orpha invite everyone for coffee and fellowship. Whether or not you help decorate, everyone can sing and have a cup of coffee. Come and join the fun and festivities, and enjoy the fellowship!



**POLLS WILL BE OPEN
FROM 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.**



**ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th**

including voting at Concordia for Moland Township. This is your chance to be heard. Especially in a non-presidential year your vote really counts!

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Jeni (Mjolsness) Meuwissen
Richard & Sharon Krabbenhoft
Delores Bekkerus Lloyd Gunderson
Regina Hanson

In Memory of Harold Fenske (Irene Olson's brother)
Lloyd Gunderson

In Memory of Virgil Jegtvig
Regina Hanson

Donation
Arlene Rehder

Basement Floor Fund

In Memory of Edwin L. Edwards
Carolyn, Eileen, Colleen, Mike, and
Ernie Edwards

Donation
Dick and Mavis Wang
Ardoth Kragnes

So Thankful for Your Support But Basement Floor Project Donations Are Still Needed



We're already enjoying our new basement flooring, but we're still working to reach our fund-raising goal. Your financial support of this project will be greatly appreciated. Mail your check (with "basement floor project" in the memo line) to
Neil & Polly Hanson
7312 90th Avenue North
Glyndon MN, 56547



*Celebrate the
Coming of
Christ!*
Advent
begins
Sunday,
November
30th

Recipe of the Month Norwegian Stuffed Eggs

*An alternative to deviled eggs for
your holiday entertaining*



Ingredients

- 8 hard-boiled eggs, peeled
- ¼ cup chopped smoked salmon
- 1 TB butter
- 1 TB sour cream
- 3 TB grated Swiss cheese
- ½ tsp dill
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 16 small slices of green pepper and 16 slices of black olive

Directions

- Slice eggs in two and remove yolks. Set white 'shells' aside.
- In a medium-sized bowl, mash the egg yolks. Add the salmon, sour cream, butter, cheese, and dill and mix thoroughly.
- Stuff egg white shells
- Garnish with a small slice of green pepper and a slice of black olive

Special Thanks

A special thanks in this time of sadness to all of you who sent us beautiful cards, thoughts, prayers and memorials, and a special thank you to Pastor Bruce for his visits and the beautiful private memorial service we had for Virg.

Again many thanks,
*Becky, Shereen, Jim, and grand kids Kendyl
and John.*



The Fall Dinner Was A Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and serve at the Fall Dinner and also for your donations to help with the expenses. We had a beautiful day and many attended. The proceeds from the dinner are going to the Flooring Fund. *Barb Grover*



From the
Moorhead Daily News
November 24, 1937

'Kristus' Film To Be Shown

On Monday evening November 29, the ladies' aid of Concordia Church is sponsoring the moving picture "Kristus" in seven full reels depicting the life of Christ. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. Admission will be 35 and 25 cents.

Waffle Supper

The Lutheran ladies aid will serve a waffle supper in the church parlors Thursday, December 2, beginning at 5 p.m. The public is invited. Prices are 25 and 15 cents.

Church Announcements

Concordia: Thanksgiving service with communion, in Norse, Thursday at 11 a.m. A special offering will be received for education. The Glyndon Luther League will be special guests of the Concordia Luther League at a social meeting held in the church parlors Friday at 8 p.m. On Monday evening, November 29, the moving picture will play.

**On Veterans' Day:
A Story of Service**

*by Marine veteran and author
Benjamin Busch*



When I was 13 or so, my father and I sat with my grandfather in his den. I asked him about a small painting of a rocky peak capped with snow he had made with strokes of blue, gray and white years ago.

My grandfather looked at it for a moment. He said, "I remember this kid, a private. We were being shelled by artillery, but they were shooting too high. We could hear the rounds pass just over our heads and hit the mountain somewhere behind us. It shook the ground. There was this kid crouched across from me. As the rounds went over, I could see the color leave his face, and when they exploded behind us I could see it come back. Up there on that mountain. That kid's face, dying and coming back to life, over and over. I'll never forget it."

I learned later that he had made the painting while he recovered from his wounds in a hospital at the end of the war.

I looked at my father, who was leaning so far forward I thought he might fall out of his chair. His eyes were wide and, for a moment he looked younger than I. I didn't realize he'd been waiting since 1945 for a single story about the war from his father. My grandfather never told another.

On Memorial Day we remember veterans we have lost, but Veterans Day is to celebrate those who live. There should be no difference between those of us who have seen combat and those who volunteered in peacetime, active-duty members and reservists, 20 year careers and two year enlistments. These are all Americans who, for a time, invested their lives in service to our nation and have become direct participants in securing our independence.

There are 22 million veterans living in America today, civilians again, mowing their lawns and waiting in lines. We mention sacrifice on days like this, but sacrifice isn't the thing a veteran will recall. In the six years since I left the Marines, what strikes me is a veteran's enduring attachment to their unit, their clear memory of places and comrades, the stunning drama of their missions or unique situational comedy of their labors.

What if today – instead of thanking a veteran for their service and then passing by – you ask them for a story? We all have one to tell...















Thanksgiving Day brings to mind the blessings in our lives that usually go unnoticed: a home that surrounds us with comfort and protection; delicious food, for pleasure in both eating and sharing; clothes to snuggle up in, books and good entertainment to expand our minds; and freedom to worship our God. Most of all we are thankful for our family and friends, those treasured people who make our lives extra special.

~Joanna Fuchs

**Happy Thanksgiving to all the treasured people
of the Concordia community!**

NOVEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 All Saints Day  Alene Sladky
2 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion Daylight Time Ends at 2:00 A.M.	3 	4 ELECTION DAY 	5	6	7	8
9 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Neil Hanson	10  Martin Luther 1483 	11 VETERANS DAY 1:30 pm 	12	13	14	15
16 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	17	18	19	20 	21	22
23 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Eileen Killian	24	25	26 	27 THANKSGIVING 	28	29 Trim the Tree! 1:00 p.m. 
30 BLUE ADVENT BEGINS 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	31					

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