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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Most every Sunday and most every newsletter, I dedicate my message to what the gospel means for us and individuals and what it means for us as a church family at Concordia Lutheran. While this is important and will continue to be my primary goal for the future, it is good to take our stock in what it means for us to be connected to and partners with other congregations of the Lutheran tradition. In this and future issues of the Concordia newsletter, I would like to express the closest jurisdictional expression of Lutheranism for us; it is the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.

This season of Easter we looked at the singular historical event of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and then spent the remainder of the season of Easter focusing in on what this means for our identity as individuals and as a congregation. The season of Pentecost started with the singular event of God sending the Holy Spirit upon his disciples, forming the Church, and then sending to Church to reach out to the world with the saving message of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

In Easter we learn who we are, individually and corporately; during the season of Pentecost we learn more in depth about our identity but also learn what difference this makes; in short what to do with this new creation God has worked and continues to work in our lives as individual Christians as well as our lives as part of the broader Church of Jesus Christ.

I submit below information that pertains to the season of Pentecost as it pertains to Concordia's part of the broader church, the nearest expression of which is our local synod. The information is from our Synod's website and I hope will reveal to you a deeper sense of what it means for us to be members of a Church which is larger than Concordia.

I pray this fall is a blessed one for you and your families and for Concordia Lutheran,

Pastor Bruce



Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Our Purpose

The purpose of the Northwestern Minnesota synod is to serve God's mission by focusing its entire life on calling, raising up, forming in faith and spiritual leadership and sending out the next generation of disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



Concordia Ladies

Date: September 8, 2015

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryn' Pan



How it works: If you have a prayer request you wish to share, call the Prayer Chain. Start by calling the first person on the list below. If there is no

answer, try the second name, and so on. Give your message and ask that it be shared. That person will pass the message on to the next person on the list, and so on.

1. Ella – 233-4154
2. Barb – 233-5906
3. Regina – 233-8443
4. Doris K. – 233-7238
5. Harold/Sally-233-7201
6. Mavis – 233-5463
7. Polly – 233-8622
8. Orpha – 287-3774
9. Sylvia – 236-6693
10. Kathy – 329-2246
11. Lloyd – 287-8707
12. Irene – 277-8819
13. Jerry Hagene -701-261-4234

Coffee and Cookie Servers



- September 6 Delores Hagene
- September 13 Becky Jegtvig
- September 20 Polly Hanson
- September 27 Sylvia Teigen
- October 4 Kathy Krogstad
- October 11 Germaine Gress
- October 18 Mavis Wang
- October 25 Sylvia Teigen

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



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“The Eye is the Lamp of the Body” is the subject for Kids Corner in September.

If anyone has information for the weekly bulletin or has someone to add to the prayer list, please e-mail by Wednesday of that week:



mgrover1424@gmail.com

I will do my best to get the information in.
Thank you, Barb Grover



BIBLE STUDY

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 2

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Food Donations Needed



Please drop your non-perishable food donations in the box in the narthex.



Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 13th

As seen by their grandkids...

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things but I don't see him enough to get as smart as him.

Grandma lives at the airport. When we want to see her, we go and get her and when my parents think she's been there long enough they take her back to the airport.

Donations

Concordia Cemetery

In Memory of Peter Mead
 Gail & Robert Monson
 Jorgee Mjolsness
 Pat Lynde Hemmah

In Memory of Partyke Family
 Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of LeRoy Horpedahl
 Richard Horpedahl



September 23 The First Day of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)

Little Citizens League

The Little Citizen's League met September 7, 1936. The meeting was opened with the secretary's report. After the secretary's report we had election of officers.

- Mavis – President
- Howard – Vice President
- Willma – Secretary
- Orvis – Entertainment

We also appointed people for duty jobs:

- Harold – Library
- Sidney – sink
- Gunder & Olaf – wastepaper baskets
- Waldo & Howard - water
- Mavis & Wilma – sweeping
- Jean – desks
- Leroy – boy's cloak room
- Joann – girl's cloak room
- Muriel & Regina – erasers

Howard brought up that the girls could carry two pails of water just as well as the boys if they didn't want to carry two pails of water in the morning they could carry one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Harold made the motion that the girls carry two pails of water. It was seconded. Everybody said "I."

The meeting was adjourned.

Willma Jensen, Secretary

Recipe of the Month Betty McCollum's Turkey, Sweet Potato and Wild Rice Hotdish

*Winner of the 2015
 Minnesota congressional delegation
 hotdish competition*



Ingredients

- 1 lb ground Turkey
- 2 large bunches of kale leaves
- 3 cups cooked wild rice
- ½ yellow onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ tablespoon red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tbs butter
- 4 oz crimini mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/8 cup cream
- ½ teaspoon thyme, minced
- 1 package frozen sweet potato tater tots

Directions

- Brown ground turkey in pan with salt and pepper, set aside.
- Add kale leaves and 1 cup water to large saucepan and cover, stirring occasionally. Do this until water has evaporated and kale has wilted. Remove from saucepan and set aside.
- On medium heat, add mushrooms, onions, and 2 TB olive oil to saucepan. Do not stir and let mushrooms brown and begin to carmelize. After 5-6 minutes, stir, add salt and pepper to taste, let sit another 5-6 minutes.
- Add kale, butter, thyme, garlic, cinnamon, paprika, red pepper flakes. Cook additional 1-2 minutes.
- Add milk, cream, and chicken stock. Reduce heat and cover, stirring occasionally until mixture thickens. Add flour if necessary.
- Preheat oven to 425.
- Combine all ingredients in 9 X 9 pan, Top with sweet potato tots and bake until tots brown, about 35 minutes.

Pastor’s Message

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- We have a heart for God’s Mission to redeem creation. The synod is the hands and feet of God’s mission. As Christ followers led by God’s Holy Spirit we...
- join in that work to bring hope and healing, reconciliation and redemption to the world.
- pray and are guided by the message of scripture to discern God’s will in NWMN synod.
- live out the Greatest Commandment of Matthew 22, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind ... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- live out the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to “Go therefore and make disciple of all nations.”
- are missional pioneers, led out of our comfort zones by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness of the communities and contexts God has called us to serve.
- are not a “settled” church comfortable with the status quo, but rather a sent church that sees itself as on the move for the sake of the gospel and the sake of the world. (Rick Rouse and Craig VanGelder, *Field Guide for the Missional Congregation*, Augsburg Fortress 2008, 25).

Our Mission Field

Our “mission field” is right outside our front door. Every member of the synod is a missionary. Our challenge is to reclaim the Christian practice of sharing our faith in both word and deed. We can no longer expect the unchurched to come to us through the front doors of our sanctuaries, we must go to them. We must take the church public and to reach the spiritually needs of our communities. This is our single greatest opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.

Northwestern Minnesota for generations has been ‘Lutherland’. Most small towns have several Lutheran congregations with a strong sense of intergenerational community and caring. The identity of many of our rural

churches is rooted in Lutheran Northern European immigrant story. Among the elders their faith goes deep into their bones. Among younger generations there is a vibrant faith in action.



What Difference Does Synod Ministry Make?

Missional

Supporting one another in evangelical mission development.

Leadership

A strong church require effective leadership, both ordained and lay. Jesus devoted major energy to the leadership formation of his disciples. So must we. If you reflect on synod ministry, you notice the prominence of leadership formation, support, development and accountability. These are critical functions to the health of the church.

Relationships

The church is at its best when gifts, burdens and mission are shared. Synod ministry oversees and tends the important relationships, networks and formal structures of our ministry together, helping congregations do together what could not be done well alone.

Accountability











Synodical ministries of decision-making, leadership support and development, congregational support, and extended ministry are structured around the mutual accountability of the community of faith. Decisionmaking is democratic; leaders are elected by their congregations or appointed by the synod council or the synod assembly.

Our constitutions bind us to a confession of faith based on Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. In this way we choose to evaluate and discern our ministry by its faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his Gospel of Salvation.

If you would like to receive the weekly email newsletter from the NW Synod featuring news and information about its people and congregations, visit

<http://nwmnsynod.org/news-events/newsletters-and-publications/northern-lights/> and click on “Subscribe.”

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Bible Study 5:30 pm 	3	4	5
6 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion 	7 	8 Concordia Ladies 1:30pm	9  Doris Kausenberg  Neil & Polly Hanson	10	11	12
13 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship GRANDPARENTS DAY  Sylvia Reigen	14	15	16	17	18  Ernest Edwards	19
20 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Newsletter Deadline 	21  Dick & Mavis Wong	22	23 FALL BEGINS  Curt Lynde	24	25	26
27 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	28	29	30			

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