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Galatians 5:22: “The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, humility and self-control.” (Apostle Paul)

This past Sunday we acknowledged Flag Day, three weeks ago Concordia hosted yet another marvelous Memorial Service; by the time you read this newsletter we will likely have celebrated Independence Day. While as Lutherans we do not worship our country we do ascribe that despite its imperfections, it is still worthy of our support and personal sacrifice. What drives and informs what some might call patriotism, is not a spirit of nationalism but of faith informed by scripture. The Apostle Paul stated that God is the author and founder of government and through governance God works his will in the world to provide for humanity. It is hard to imagine a better system for accomplishing God’s will for peace and justice in this world than a democracy; while the US is not the only democracy in the world, while our country is not perfect, it is OUR country and we are called to build it up as well as hold it (and ourselves) accountable. To this end we participate in local, state and federal government affairs, at the very least, by voting.



From Pastor Bruce

Many Americans are growing weary of an increasingly nasty presidential campaign that is still long from over. While passionate debate is a good thing, it should never be reduced to primarily name calling. While both our major political parties are guilty of verbal food fights, it is understandable why this is occurring. One need not look far to see evidence that our society is becoming coarser. Tail gaiting and road rage were nearly non-existent a decade ago in the Fargo Moorhead area, now they are daily events. Inflammatory bumper stickers are sprouting like mushrooms in the spring. Random acts of kindness to strangers seem to be increasingly displaced by random acts of violence. Shouting is displacing reasoned discourse in our daily lives and not only in the public square.

As we likely will not see a return to civility any time soon in the presidential race or in our culture as a whole, we as Christians are called to follow not the standards of the world but the standards of the Kingdom of God as summarized by Paul in Galatians 5:22.

May God bless you and may God bless America,

Pastor Bruce

Coffee and Cookie Servers



July 3 Gordy Kassenborg

August 7 Mavis Wang

July 10 Carolyn Edwards

August 14 Barb Grover

July 17 Randy & Deb Myhre

August 21 Myron Hagene

July 24 Germaine Gress

August 28 Regina Hanson

July 31 Doris Kassenborg



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 6

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Ladies



No meeting in July

Join the ROMEOS!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m. Friday, July 29 - Fryn' Pan





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*

Please let me know if you are interested in contributing to or purchasing a cookbook.

The project needs your support before it can go forward.

Thank you, *Barb Grover*

mgrover1424@gmail.com

Stone Church Sesquicentennial

August 28, 2016

There wasn't enough interest to charter a bus to Houston for the Sesquicentennial Celebration but the welcome mat is still out for anyone traveling on their own. Maybe a carpool? A tour of the church and 'family farms' is still possible on Saturday. The Rushford Inn has rooms available (507-864-2222) for \$80/night plus tax.

Email news@concordianews.org or contact Sylvia if you are interested in participating in the activities in Houston.



Sidney Snartland

1924-2016

Sidney H. Snartland, 91, died on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in Sunnyside Care Center, Lake Park, MN. His funeral and burial were held at Concordia on June 10, 2016.

Sidney was born July 22, 1924 in Fargo ND to Saave and Helene (Svenkeson) Snartland. He grew up in Moland Township and graduated from Moorhead High School. He farmed with his parents before serving in the U.S. Army in Hawaii from 1945 to 1946. He returned to Moorhead where he worked for a short time for the telephone company and then began a forty-year career with American Crystal Sugar Company. He served at several facilities including Renville, MN, Rocky Ford, CO, Moorhead, MN and Crookston, MN. He was the youngest and first Lineman to be promoted to Assistant Superintendent, the job from which he retired in Crookston, MN, in July of 1986 at the age of 62.

Sidney married Carole Olstad on July 2, 1950 in Hettinger, ND and they made their home in Moorhead. She died on March 8, 1970 and he raised their four children on his own, working hard to keep the family together. He married Esther Elizabeth Dufault on April 4, 1981 and they made their home in Crookston, MN. She died on June 17, 2010.

Sid was a lifelong tinkerer and handyman who could fix or improve anything. He was always making something and enjoyed woodworking. Early electronics (radio and television) were a hobby back when everything had tubes.

He enjoyed fishing, the cabin on Maple Lake, and vacationing on Cotton Lake when the kids were young. He also was interested in the old west and enjoyed western movies. Family connections were most important and vacations were spent returning home and visiting family. He was active in the church, leading Sunday School in Rocky Ford, CO.

Sidney is survived by his children, Nancy (Wendell) Slate, Westminster, CO, Ron (Brenda) Snartland, Mesa, AZ, Phill (Julie) Snartland, St. Cloud, MN, and Gail (Curtis) Johnson, Moorhead, MN; grandchildren Jeff (Renee) Slate, Carole (Dustin) Greenwell, Kristen (Steve) Jacobson, Jim Snartland, Aaron (Tess) Johnson, Alexander (Crystal) Johnson; great-grandchildren, Kaia Greenwell and Evelyn Jacobson; step-children Arnold (Karen) Dufault, Bernie (Gary) Mackowick, Cal Dufault, Richard Normandin (surviving spouse of Connie); step-grandchildren Dave, Vince and Chad Mackowick, Todd Dufault, Jenna Mackowick, Krista Lippitt and Kim Huot; several step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carole; his second wife Esther Elizabeth; step-child Connie, step-grandchildren Geri, Joey and Rae Ann; and step-great-grandchild Cole.

Memorials may be given to Concordia Cemetery Fund, Serenity Living Center, Dilworth MN or Sunnyside Care Center.

Krispy Ice Cream Pie



Ingredients

8 oz white chocolate 4 cups Rice Krispies cereal
1 ½ quarts strawberry ice cream
2 cups whipped topping ½ cup white or dark chocolate chips
8-12 strawberries

Directions

- Rinse the strawberries under cool running water and gently pat dry. The strawberries need to be completely dry before dipping, so spread them out and let them air-dry if necessary.
- Put a sheet of parchment paper on a cookie sheet.
- In a small deep bowl, melt chocolate chips in microwave, stir until smooth.
- Hold each strawberry by its top leaves and dip in chocolate. Shake gently to remove excess chocolate and place on parchment.
- Refrigerate chocolate dipped strawberries.
- In a large bowl, melt white chocolate in the microwave.
- Stir in cereal until completely coated.
- Press evenly into a 9" or 10" springform pan.
- Freeze crust for half an hour.

- Remove ice cream from freezer and allow to soften until it is easy to spread.
 - Remove crust from freezer and spread ice cream evenly over the crust.
 - Cover and freeze for at least 2 hours.
 - Remove form from cake.
 - “Frost” with whipped topping
 - Garnish with chocolate covered strawberries
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Fourth of July Humor

Why are there no knock-knock jokes about America?

Because freedom rings.

What did one flag say to the other flag?

Nothing. It just waved.

What kind of tea did the American colonists prefer?

Liberty!



Memorial Day 2016

Sincere gratitude to all who attended the annual Memorial Day service at Concordia on May 30 and helped make our services a success. Thank you to everyone who brought food for our potluck lunch after the service; it is always amazing the variety of food we get for our potluck lunch. To all who helped arrange and serve the food, set and decorated the tables, made coffee, and handled the clean-up, heartfelt appreciation for your efforts to make it such a great experience for everyone.

Special thanks to

- Our guest soloist Chuck Hendickson and his accompanist Jean Hellner for the beautiful music
- Pastor Bruce for the invocation
- Orpha Hoelstad and Kathy Krogstad for their performance and history of music as well

With Our Thanks

- The Minnesota Honor Guard for the flag ceremony
- Verne Wik for playing taps all these years
- Ray Johnson for his inspirational message

We are so pleased that Ray and his family continue to update our video honoring Concordia's veterans each year.

My gratitude to everyone who has contributed in some way the last fourteen years that it has been my honor to host this special day. It has been my privilege to honor the Veterans of Concordia who gave so much to preserve the freedoms that we are able to enjoy today.

Lloyd Gunderson



A note from Marilyn Chilicas, daughter of Merle and Marge Bekkerus offered a correction to a Concordia News donation listed in June. The memorial was listed as being in memory of Roland Walline *and* Merle & Marge Bekkerus, given by Marie Bekkerus. The memorial for Roland Walline was given *by* Merle and Marge Bekkerus.

Marilyn wrote: "Marie Bekkerus was my grandmother and passed away 1973. Both my mom and dad are doing well here in Bismarck." Our apologies for the error, and thank you, Marilyn, for the update on your parents!



Thanks to everyone who made my 90th birthday so special!

Osie Juve



NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY

Charles Minches of St. Louis, Missouri is generally credited with the invention of the ice cream cone. On July 23, 1904 Minches, who was a vendor at the World's Fair being held in his hometown, filled a pastry cone with two scoops of ice cream to make the first ice cream cone. However, Italo Marchiony of New York City filed a patent application for the ice cream cone months before the fair opened, and he began selling lemon ice in cones in 1896.

In 1984, Congress passed a joint resolution and President Reagan declared the third Sunday in July to be National Ice Cream Day, the highlight of July as National Ice Cream Month. The International Dairy Foods Association promotes this special day around the world.



From The Moorhead Daily News

July 13, 1940

“Social News”

Marriage licenses today by B. B. Rusness, county clerk of court, went to Wilfred J. Grover and Luella M. Stensrud, both of Clay County ...

Bits and Pieces

July 3, 1934

“Concordia Church Choir Makes First Appearance”

The Concordia Church Choir made its first appearance Sunday morning in connection with church services. Raymond Huss is director and Alice Midgarden, accompanist.

Members of the choir are: Agnes Wik, Lucille Kragnes, Gladys Jensen, Mary Olive and Jean Thortvedt, Myrtle Oscarson, sopranos; Gertie Snartland and Esther Wik, altos; James Midgarden, Uno and Lawrence Snartland, Emmett Gunderson, Arnold Horpedahl, tenors; Olaf Midgarden, Glenn Gunderson, Harold Johnk, and Harold and Bernhard Bekkerus.

A Nation Free

Today is a time for fireworks and fun

But we shouldn't forget its reason.

This is one of the most important days
of the entire summer season.

Today's the day our nation became free
and the date of the country's birth.

Celebrating that we have grown to be
one of the best countries on earth.

Sharon Hendricks

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Bible Study 5:30 p.m., Wednesday July 6

Concordia Ladies No meeting in July

ROMEOS 7:30 a.m., Friday, July 29

Birthdays

July 4 Sue Kassenborg

July 15 Michael Edwards

July 20 Jim Koester

July 21 Linda Koester

July 22 Pastor Bruce, Sammy Hatman

July 25 Gerald Hagene

July 26 Myron Hagene

July 30 Phylis Nelson

Anniversaries

July 18 Diane & Leo Murr, Nancy & Dan

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