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Matthew 13: 24-30



Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And

the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Every organization, including Concordia Lutheran, occasionally has times of reflecting on what is essential to be faithful stewards of the gospel in terms of how it carries out specific ministries and manages its physical and financial resources. We have all heard the horror

stories of deep divisions and bitter in-fighting about things as petty as what color to paint the kitchen (what a contrast to Concordia's peace filled deliberations on basement flooring and shingles!).

In this month's Bible study, our synod's bishop, Larry Wohlrabe addresses the issue of what is truly essential in the life of a congregation. What is written below are excerpts. If you would like to read the full article, which I commend to you, feel free to click on the following link:

<http://nwmnsynod.org/resources/bishops-bible-study-current-month/>

"My dad loved rows that were straight and houndstooth clean of weeds. He was a lot like the farmhands in this parable. When they realize their enemy has sowed weed-seed on their turf, they're eager to do a little separating of the wheat from the weed, while it is still growing...but the farmer in the parable will have none of that. *"Let both of them grow together until the harvest."* (Matthew 13:30)

Compared to his own farmhands, this farmer is much less interested in "appearances," less enamored with "purity" in his fields.

But why? To what end? Why does the farmer in the parable tolerate such weeds-among-the-wheat messiness on his farm?

It's because he always has his eyes on the goal: ***the harvest***. The farmer doesn't want to lose one single stalk of wheat, one solitary sheaf. If I didn't know better, I'd think that this crazy farmer even imagines that some of those ***weeds*** might—when day is done—turn

out to be **wheat** after all! Such wishful thinking, such patient willingness to err on the side of grace is God's preferred way of dealing with us and the whole human family. What appears to be a shocking tolerance of messiness is actually God's fierce determination to ***“show forth [God's] almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy.”***

If we have *God's Word, Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper*—surrounded by a *community of believers* gathered and scattered for witness and service in the world—that is enough! Everything else is up for grabs under the guidance of the Holy Spirit—subject to wherever the discernment of the community might lead.

If all of this sounds like a formula for messiness in the church, well and good! The church, after all, was never meant to be a dust-free, neat-as-a-pin spiritual museum. The church is more like a M.A.S.H. unit (mobile army surgical hospital) in a deeply troubled, divinely loved world."



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

Coffee and Cookie Servers

November 6 Regina Hanson

November 13 Delores Hagene

November 20 Linda Koester

November 27 Doris Kassenborg

December 4 Mavis Wang

December 11 Orpha Hoelstad

December 18 Clinton Babolian

December 25 CHRISTMAS



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, November 2

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Ladies



Date: Tuesday, November 8

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryn' Pan

Join the ROMEOS!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m. Friday, November 25 - Fryn' Pan



Pastoral Care

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 lesson for Kid's Corner in October is "Good King Hezekiah" Kid's Corner is located in the congregation section of our website.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 6 at 2 a.m.

*Turn your clocks back 1 hour
before going to bed on*

Saturday, November 5

Veterans Coffee Hour

Fargo Air Museum

1609 19th Avenue North, Fargo

Wednesday, November 9

10 a.m. - Noon





Trim the Tree! Deck the Halls!



Join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at **1 pm** on **Saturday, November 26**. 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 conversation. Whether or not you help decorate,

everyone can sing and have a cup of coffee. Thank you – and Happy Thanksgiving!



Congratulations Harold Horpedahl!

Harold has been an honor flight escort in the past, but in October he was one of the veterans honored for his Korean War service. *Picture on page 4.*



Winter's Coming

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



Veterans Day Friday, November 11

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of the Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Burton Rockstad

Lloyd Gunderson

In Memory of Glenn Gilberry

Donald Johnson

In Memory of Gilbert & Esther Kassenborg

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

In Memory of Joan Erickson

Delores Hagene

Wescott Tommerdahl

Louis Stoutenberg

In Memory of Paul Fee

Donald Johnson

In Memory of Dolly Quiggle

Donald Johnson

With Our Thanks
More Donations

Concordia News

In Memory of Joan (Oberg) Erikson

Regina Hanson

In Memory of Burton Rockstad

Regina Hanson



Thank You ... to Barb Grover and everyone who helped with the Fall Dinner. The food was delicious! Thanks as well to all who attended and helped make this annual celebration of fall a success.

November

November comes and November goes,
With the last red berries and the first white snows.
With night coming early and dawn coming late,
Ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.
The fire burns and the kettle sings,
And earth sinks to rest until next spring.



~*Elizabeth Coatsworth*

Banana-Cranberry Bread

A great way to use up leftover cranberry sauce

Ingredients

2 ½ cup sugar	1 cup butter
3 mashed bananas	3 eggs
1 cup cranberry sauce	½ cup milk
1 tsp vanilla	4 cups flour
1 ½ tsp baking soda	1 ½ tsp baking powder
1 tsp cinnamon	½ tsp nutmeg
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans	



Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease loaf pans.
- Mix sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in eggs, bananas, cranberry sauce, milk and vanilla.
- In a separate bowl, mix together flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg.
- Gradually add flour mixture to the rest of the ingredients. Mix thoroughly and pour into loaf pans.
- Bake for 50-60 minutes. To test, insert a toothpick in the center of each loaf. If it comes out clean, bread is done.



Where's Harold? This picture taken at the World War II Memorial in Washington is of the participants in October's WDAY Honor flight.

Honor Flights

“We can’t all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they walk by.” *~Will Rogers*

This quote from Will Rogers explains what Honor Flight is all about. The goal is to send all of our veterans to Washington DC to visit the monuments there free of charge, as a special way of saying thank you for their service. Currently World War II, Korean War, and terminally ill veterans are eligible to apply.

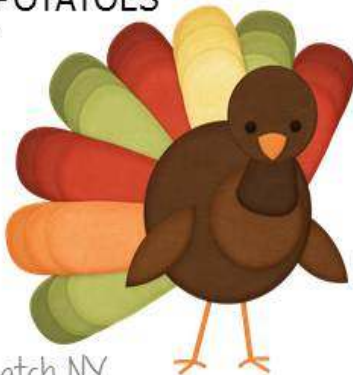
Bits and Pieces



Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

APPLE PIE
BEANS
BREAD
CORN
CRANBERRY SAUCE
GRAVY
HAM
MASHED POTATOES
MILK
PUMPKIN PIE
ROLLS
SQUASH
STUFFING
SWEET POTATOES
TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY

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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 November 2

Concordia Ladies 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 8

Veteran Coffee Hour 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 9

ROMEOs 7:30 a.m., Friday, November 25

Tree Trimming 1:00 p.m., Saturday November 26

Birthdays

November 1 Alene Sladky

November 9 Neil Hanson

November 11 Ruth Farabee

November 23 Eileen Killian

Anniversaries

November 26 Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

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