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This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In the spirit of the event I will be offering a series of excerpts from Dr. Gerhard Forde. I believe there has never been a more profound expositor of Martin Luther's theology than he. Forde was one of my favorite professors at Luther Seminary and had a profound



influence on my theology and preaching. I hope that you enjoy this passage. I'd like to thank Will McDavid for posting this quote online.

FORDE ON THE BOUND (RELIGIOUS) WILL AND FREEDOM

<http://www.mbird.com/2014/01/forde-on-the-bound-religious-will-and-freedom/>

From Gerhard Forde's *Where God Meets Man*, one of the most grace-packed bits of Lutheran theology out there:



“It is in this theology of old versus new that we can see, finally, the reason for Luther’s formulation of the problem of bondage and freedom. The old Adam is totally bound. No compromise is possible with him. To allow him a ‘little bit’ of freedom is to open the doors to the whole sticky attempt to combine grace with his fraudulent spiritual ambitions. It is to bind man to his self-imposed legalisms and reduce God to his helper. It is to reintroduce the insipid piety of the ‘little bit.’ There is absolutely no way to cure this old Adam, no way to allow him into the picture. He is ‘totally depraved.’ He must die. And that is just what the Gospel means. The cross and resurrection sounds his death knell. Almighty God moves onto the scene to reclaim his own.

And so the gospel is the announcement and realization of total freedom. It is not a matter of little bits. God moves in Christ to raise up a new man – a completely free man – not just to do a partial repair job. **When the old Adam is put to death one is set free from bondage to spiritual ambition, legalism, and tyranny.** And Luther, for one, meant this quite literally. One is absolutely free. It is a total state.”

Here is a drastic parting of the ways with a theology of glory. The Christ of the Cross **takes away** the possibility of doing something. The theologian of glory might be able to follow to the point of accepting the truth that Christ has fulfilled all things, but then that will have to be used as a motivational tool to make sure the law gets its due. The point is precisely that the power to do good comes only out of this wild claim that everything has **already** been done. The language has to break out into preaching. Never mind that when we look to ourselves we find no sign of good works. Never mind our fears and our anxieties. We are looking in the wrong place. Look to Christ! He has done it all. Nothing will be gained by trying to shore up the Old Adam. Christ leaves nothing for the Old Adam and Eve to do. The old can only be killed by the law, not given artificial respiration by recourse to it... To the theologian of the cross the language of grace and faith must be pushed absolutely to this length – until it kills the old and raises the new.

-Gerhard O. Forde, *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bruce

Announcements and Assignments

Coffee and Cookie Servers

May 7 Orpha Hoelstad
May 14 Polly Hanson
May 21 Barb Grover
May 28 Kathy Krogstad
June 4 Becky Jegtvig
June 11 Sue Kassenborg
June 18 Sylvia Teigen
June 25 Linda Koester



Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3
5:30-7:00 p.m.



Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, May 9
1:30 p.m.
Fryn' Pan

Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out
7:30 a.m., May 26
Fryn' Pan



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

In May the subject in Kids Corner is "Confirmation." Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of the website.



Veteran's Coffee Hour

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum from 10-noon Wednesday, May 10.

People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.
~John Maxwell

Donald Nelson 1938-2017

Don Nelson, 78, of Glyndon, MN passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Villa St. Vincent, Crookston, MN.

Donald Claire Nelson was born in Fargo ND on November 29, 1938 to Gustave and Clara (Christianson) Nelson. He grew up and attended school in Dilworth MN, graduating in 1956. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Army and served two years in Korea.

In 1961, while cruising down Broadway in Fargo, he met Phylis Richards and they were married on August 5, 1961 in Glyndon MN.

Don worked as a truck driver and dock man for 30 years until his retirement. He enjoyed being outside and going for walks. He also had a passion for woodworking, gardening, fishing and while healthy, never missed a day of feeding the birds.

Don is survived by his wife; daughters, Julie Nelson, Sheila (John Mahlke) Young, Karne (Scott) Nelson-Zilka; son, Chris (Maria) Nelson; grandchildren, Austin and Jessica Young and Daniel and June Zilka; brother, Howard (Lorita) Nelson, sister, Eileen Larsen and sister-in-law, Joyce Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gordon and sister, Kathleen.

The family would like to thank Hospice of the Red River Valley and the staff at Villa St. Vincent for the wonderful care they provided Don.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead, MN. Interment was in Comstock (MN) Cemetery.



Cemetery Clean-up

Wednesday

May 24

5:00 PM

In case of weather delay:
Friday, May 26 at 5



HERITAGE LUNCHEON



Concordia Lutheran Church

Saturday 13 May 2017

10:30 A.M.



Music by the Trilling Trio



Rømmegrøt & Krumkake for sale

Cookbooks for sale



6637 80th Avenue North


Glyndon MN

From Highway 10: 7 miles north on County Road 11, turn left

From Highway 75: Turn right on County Rd 26 (90 Ave N)

Go east 4 miles, turn right on County Rd 11 (70th Street)

South 1 mile, turn right



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017

10 A.M.

SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
A CEREMONY IN THE CEMETERY

WEATHER PERMITTING



POT LUCK LUNCH FOLLOWS
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
6637 80TH AVENUE NORTH
GLYNDON, MINNESOTA

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of the Partyke Family
Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Donald Nelson
Donald Johnson
Lloyd Gunderson

In Memory of Merle Meyer
Darlene Meyer

In Memory of Ardoth Kragnes
Roger Kragnes

In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg
Doris Kassenborg

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In Honor of Regina Hanson's 90th birthday
Doris Kassenborg
Dick & Mavis Wang

In Memory of Donald Nelson
Steve & Alene Sladky
Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

Recipe of the Month "Right to Bear Arms"

Hotdish

Colin Peterson's winning entry
2017 MN Congressional Delegation
Hotdish Off



Ingredients

- 1.5 pounds of lean ground bear meat
or other ground meat (wild game preferred)
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 leek, chopped
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 stick butter
- 1 pound of frozen potato olés
- 10 ounce can of cream of celery soup
- 10 ounce can of cream of mushroom soup
- 8 sprigs of fresh marjoram, chopped
- 15 sprigs of fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 bunch of fresh chives, chopped
- 12 ounces of frozen French cut green beans
- 4 ounces sharp Cheddar, shredded
- 2 ounces aged Gouda, shredded
- 2 ounces Gruyere, shredded
- ½ can chow mein noodles

Directions

- Preheat oven to 425°F.
- Grease a hotdish pan using a stick of butter until well greased (don't use all the butter).
- Line the bottom of the pan with a solid layer of potato olés (you won't use the entire bag).
- Put the pan in the oven for 15 minutes to brown the potatoes.
- Melt a pad of butter in a cast iron skillet on medium high heat. Add onions and leek and sauté for three minutes. Put meat in the pan and use a spatula to break down the meat as it browns. Do not overcook. Season with cracked black pepper as you go.
- Remove browned potato olés from the oven and spread the meat mixture on top.
- Turn oven heat down to 375°F.
- In another bowl, mix both cream soups, marjoram, thyme, chives, and frozen green beans. Mix vigorously, then spread evenly over the potato and meat layers in the hotdish. Sprinkle cheddar atop it all. Cover the hotdish with aluminum foil and bake at 375°F for 35 minutes.
- Remove the foil, and sprinkle Gouda, Gruyère, and chow mein noodles atop the hotdish.
- Place back in oven, uncovered, and turn the heat up to 400°F for 25 minutes.
- Remove from oven. Let stand 10 minutes, if you can *bear* to wait.



...to Clinton and all who helped with another successful Palm Sunday Dinner!

Heritage Luncheon Preparations

Thank you in advance for your help in preparing for the Heritage Luncheon on April 13th!



Making krumkake:
Sunday, April 30th,
following worship

Making Rommegrøt:
Sunday, May 7th
following worship

Set-up and Decorating: Friday,

May 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the church

Join the fun!
Enjoy the fellowship!



Moorhead Daily News

May 29, 1926
Page One Headline:

Lightening Kills J T Holte

John T. Holte, prominent farmer of the Kragnes vicinity, was instantly killed at 5:08 a.m. today when struck by a bolt of lightening while fishing from a boat with Nels Larson and Knud Sunde of the Kragnes district at Cotton Lake, 12 miles northeast of Detroit Lakes.

Sunde and Larson were stunned but not injured. With four other members of the party they brought the body into Detroit this morning.

Mr. Holte left for Cotton Lake on Friday afternoon with Larson, Sunde, Sever Rasmusson, Henry Olson, Alvin Kragnes, and Arthur Gorder, all farmers of the Kragnes district. The men camped out on the shores of Cotton Lake last night.

Mr. Larson reported to the *News* this morning that Holte, Sunde and himself went out fishing at 4 a.m. today, but took cover under trees on the shore when the rain began falling. When the rain stopped, the men again entered the boat and rowed to the fishing ground where they anchored. Mr. Holte's death occurred shortly after they anchored.

The deceased man's watch stopped at 5:08 a.m. Some money in his pocketbook was melted by the bolt.

Mr. Holte came to his present home in 1874 when four families drove up from Houston, Minn. to this district with ox teams, according to E. O. Studlien, one of the district's pioneers. The heads of the group were Targe Holte, John Holte's father, Michael Larson, O. T. Kiland, and A. O. Kragnes. John Holte was four years old at the time. He had lived on the home farm from that time until his death. His wife died about 1912. The only surviving relatives are a sister, Mrs. O. T. Kiland of Canada, a son Jacob, 21, and a daughter, Julia, both living at home.

The deceased had taken a prominent part in community projects. He was township assessor for many years. He was a strong supporter of all economic measures intended to benefit the farmer and served as a director from Clay County on the board of the Minnesota Potato Growers Exchange during the life of the exchange.

Mr. Holte was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company of Kragnes and has served as secretary of the company since its organization. He also assisted in the organization of the Farmers Elevator of Averill. At the recent Farmer-Labor convention held in Barnesville, Mr. Holte was one of the candidates nominated for state senator from this district to succeed A. A. Haagenson. He withdrew from the ballot in favor of N. H. Nelson of Dale.

June 1, 1926

Holte Services to be held Wednesday

Funeral services for John T. Holte, Clay County farmer who was killed by lightening while fishing at Cotton Lake Saturday, will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. from the farm home near Kragnes and at 2 p.m. from the Concordia Lutheran Church. Rev. M. G. Holm will officiate and burial will be beside Mr. Holte's wife in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be friends of Mr. Holte who accompanied him on the fishing trip: N J Larson and Knud Sunde, who were stunned by the same bolt that killed Mr. Holte, Henry Olson, Arthur Gorder, Alvin Kragnes, and Severt Rasmusson.

May 9, 1931

Espeland Funeral Takes Place Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Osten Espeland, 86, of Morken Township, will take place Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Concordia Lutheran Church. Rev. C. B. Runsvold will be in charge and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Espeland died Thursday at her home. She is survived by her husband, five children, and numerous other relatives.



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Concordia's Veterans



In Concordia Cemetery

Civil War

Aanund Kragnes

Andres Rice

World War I

Almer Gunderson
Andrew Gunderson
George Gunderson
Leon Hammett
Ovean Hite
Joseph B. Johnson
Andrew Kosen
Fred Lee

Signe Lee
John Morken Obert Morken
Thomas Olson
Paul Skarstad
Eugene Studlien
Goodwin Thortvedt
Ed Wilson

World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder

Robert Olson

World War II

Harold Bekkerus
Florence Grover
Gerald Grover
Emmett Gunderson
Orvis Gunderson
Norman Hanson
Everette Hite
Harold Johnk
Ann Thortvedt Johnson
James Juve
Eloise Olson Kincaid
Davis Kosen
Bernard Kragnes

Lester Kragnes
Oberlin Kragnes
Russell Kragnes
Vernon Kragnes
Gust Langlie
Donald LaPash
Eddie Menholt
Sidney Morken
Henry Skolness
Thorance Snartland
Ralph Stevenson
Carl Swanson
Mable Gunderson Young

Korea, Vietnam, Cold War

Joe O. Babolian
Donald Bekkerus
Clarence Brown
Robert Burke
Ed Edwards
Walter Engesetter
Victor Gress
Valdemar Hagene
Allan Kassenborg
Glenn Kassenborg

Eugene Kragnes
Burton Kragnes
Harold Lohse
Merle Meyer
Alton Mjolsness
Jerry Sabo
Sidney Snartland
Jay Rex Stoutenberg
Richard Tommerdahl



Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Merle Bekkerus
Daniel Christianson
Allen Gunderson
William Gunderson
Bernhard Hegland
Arnold Horpedahl
Ralph Johnk
Henry Kragnes
Olaf Midgarden
Robert Morken

Dennis Nelson
Donald Nelson
Robert Nelson
James Oberg
John Oberg
Vernon Oberg
Aulden Olson
LeRoy Olson
Robert Tommerahl
Harold Wik















On This Memorial Day

We honor those who served before,
We honor those who are no more.
We honor those who serve today
Whether right next door or far away.
We know the debt we owe them all
Because each of them answered
the nation's call.
Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines
The guardians of the American Dream.
On Memorial Day we remember them,
Their gifts of time, of life, of limb.
Men and women, young and strong,
Our best and bravest, thank you all.



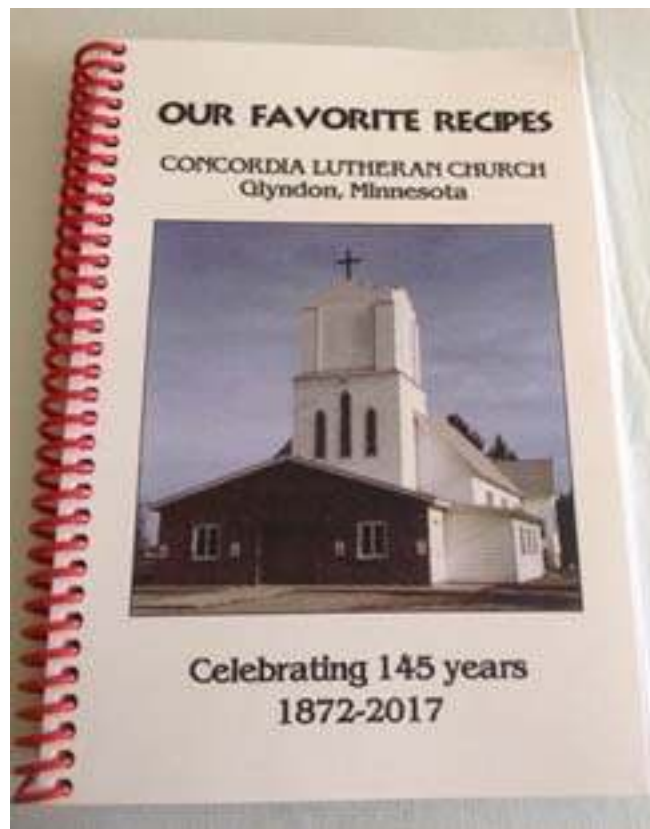
MAY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Bible Study 5 pm 	4	5	6
7 WHITE Communion 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Rommegret Making follows Services	8  Oste Juve	9 Concordia Ladies 1:30 pm 	10	11	12 Set-up and Decorating 10:00 a.m. 	13 HERITAGE LUNCHEON 10:30 am 
14 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	15  Harold Horpedahl	16	17  Orpha Hoelstad	18	19	20  Ella Swanson
21 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	22	23	24 CEMETERY CLEAN-UP 5 pm  Burt Grover	25	26 Cemetery Clean-up (alt) ROMEOS 7:30 a.m. 	27  Ralph Grover
28 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	29 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE—10 am Potluck follows 	30	31			

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