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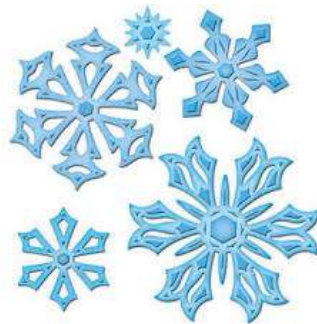
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We tend to think of the leaders of the church as being exclusively male. However, this is not the case in Roman Catholicism which has numerous female saints and the veneration of Mary, nor should this be the case as Lutherans. I'd like to pass on the following article from Bishop Wohlrabe

who does a fine job making "Katie" (as Martin Luther called her) come alive:

Over the past year we've paid lots of attention to Martin Luther and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. But who was Katharina, and why should we number her as a Lutheran who made a world of difference?"

Mrs. Luther embraced more than the domestic roles of wife and mother. She also managed a large parsonage/boarding house/hotel called the Black Cloister, which formerly housed Luther's monastic community. In addition to the Luther family, there were always boarders, students and travelers coming and going from this home in Wittenberg, the epicenter of the Reformation. The extent of Katie's responsibilities included

management of a farm, livestock, gardens, a fishery and even a brewery!

In the scope of her duties as manager of the household, Katie needed to pay especially close attention to financial matters. “The one source of continuing tension was that Luther thought money was for spending or giving away....Katie, however, managed affairs with a firm hand....[For example] the archbishop of Mainz himself sent [the Luthers a wedding gift of] ten gold gulden. Luther commanded that the gift be returned [to the Catholic archbishop]. Katie disobeyed and kept the money, only to produce it the first time the cupboard became bare.”



JOY WOHLRABE BY
STATUE OF KATIE
LUTHER IN THE
COURTYARD OF THE
BLACK CLOISTER,
WITTENBERG.

Katharina was also something of a physician and psychologist, who treated Luther’s many ailments as he grew older. She also dealt directly with the despair (probably depression) that periodically afflicted him. One time, when Luther locked himself away, battling depression, he stepped out of his study only to find “his wife and children all dressed in black. He asked who had died. ‘God has died,’ Katherine von Bora replied.

‘This is impossible,’ Luther said. ‘God cannot die.’ ‘Then why are you behaving as though God were dead?’ she challenged him.” In short, Katie was a force to be reckoned with—a strong woman whose determination kept her from being cowed by her famous husband. In an age when women were minimally educated, Katie participated in the “Table Talks” that surrounded meals among the scholars in the Black Cloister. Martin “encouraged her, especially in her studies of Scripture....[and] Katharina also encouraged Luther’s theological writing.”

The resilience of Katharina’s firm faith in Christ enabled her to weather Luther’s death in 1546. This same faith shone through in 1551, when she was on her own deathbed in Torgau, Germany. “Her last words, spoken to her sons, were, *‘I will stick to Christ like a burr to a topcoat.’*”

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bruce



Coffee and Cookie Servers

January 7	JoLyn Johnson	February 4	Becky Jegtvig
January 14	Clinton Babolian	February 11	Gordon Kassenborg
January 21	Irene Olson	February 18	Polly Hanson
January 28	Orpha Hoelstad	February 25	Sylvia Teigen



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bible Study

Wednesday, January 3

5:30-7:00 p. m.

Concordia Ladies

No meeting in January



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m., Friday, January 26

Fryn' Pan



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

This month's story is "The Escape to Egypt". 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, January 10.

Christmas "Untrimming"



On **Sunday January 14** we will be taking down the church Christmas tree and Christmas decorations after the church service. When we have finished our task we will have coffee and fellowship. Feel free to bring any left-over Christmas cookies you would like to share for the coffee. If you have none left over to bring, come for coffee anyway as there always seems to be enough goodies for everyone's coffee. Please come and join us!

Thank you to all who helped make Concordia look so beautiful for Christmas and then for helping to put the decorations away for Christmas next year!!!! We could not do it without each one of you!

Annual Meetings - February 4

A potluck will follow morning services. Volunteers needed to set up before and clean up after the meal.

Concordia's annual meeting will follow the meal. Financial information to be included in the Annual Report should be turned in to Wes Tommerdahl by **January 15th**.

The **Cemetery Association annual meeting** will follow the congregation's meeting.

Open Cemetery Board Seats

There are two vacancies on the cemetery board. Consider volunteering! It isn't a time-consuming job, but it is an important one. You can find out about what's involved by speaking to any current board member.

Cancellations

Services will be cancelled when the wind chill exceeds minus 20 degrees or when NOAA (the National Weather Service) advises "No Travel." WDAY TV and radio should broadcast the cancellation, but a few times they have not. When in doubt, do not hesitate to call Pastor Bruce the day of at 218-329-2245. If you reach voice mail he may be talking to someone else, so please leave a message and he'll return your call.

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Harold & Lucilla Anderson

The Anderson Family

In memory of the Gorder Family

Gloria Gorder Tomas

In memory of the Thortvedt Family

Carl & Eva Hedstrom

In memory of Walter Engesetter

Lois Jensen

In memory of Gordon & Mildred Juve

Allan & Genelle Sather



As the year comes to an end, the Cemetery Board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to:

All members for time volunteered and monetary donations throughout 2017.

Laura Von Bank for mowing the Concordia Cemetery.

Donald Johnson for mowing the Leif Erickson Cemetery.

Lloyd Gunderson for auditing the Cemetery Books.

Alene Grover Sladky for maintaining the website.

All who participated in the Memorial Day Service, with a special thanks to *Lloyd Gunderson, Pastor Bruce* and *Kathy Krogstad, Orpha and Kjell Hoelstad*.

The Best Sermons are Lived

Today I woke up at 7 AM and wasn't feeling very well but I needed the money, so went to work anyway. At 3 PM, I got laid off. On the way home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk I found that the spare was flat, too.

A man in a BMW pulled over to help me. We put the spare in his trunk and he gave me a ride to a gas station up the road. We chatted and I told him about this worst day of my life. He said he's been looking for someone with my skills, offered me a job and I start tomorrow morning!



Heating Season

is upon us! Your donation to the general fund will help us pay for heating this winter.



Your Donations

can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

General Fund

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

Neil & Polly Hanson
7312 90th Avenue North
Glyndon MN, 56547

Concordia Newsletter

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Walter Teigen
915 4th Avenue South
Moorhead MN 56560

Concordia Cemetery Association

Make checks out to the association and mail to:

Ray Johnson
7333 70 St N
Glyndon MN 56547

Hot Spiced Cider



Ingredients

- 1 gallon apple cider
- 1 cup orange juice
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- ½ tsp orange extract
- ½ tsp lemon extract
- 1 tsp allspice
- 4 cinammon sticks
- 2 tsp whole cloves

Directions

- Place cinnamon and cloves in a cheesecloth bag
- Combine other ingredients in a large pot and heat for 15 minutes. Do not boil!
- After about 10 minutes, drop the bag into the pot
- When mixture has reached desired temperature and taste, remove bag and serve.

The meaning of the Martin Luther King Holiday

By Coretta Scott King

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example — the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.



from the *Moorhead Daily News*

January 25, 1924

Juve Funeral

Remains of Moorhead boy to be interred at

Concordia Church

The funeral of John Andrew Juve, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Juve who passed away Wednesday at a St. Paul hospital, will be held Sunday afternoon at the Concordia church on the Buffalo River, northeast of the city. Rev. N. J. G. Wickre of Moorhead will

officiate and interment will be made in the Concordia church cemetery.

January 28, 1924

The funeral of John A Juve, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Juve was held Sunday afternoon from the Concordia church on the Buffalo River. Rev. N. J. Wickre officiated and interment was in the Concordia church cemetery.

January 16, 1940

County Resident Since 1874 Dies

**Alexander T. Grover, 80, was township pioneer,
services not completed**

Alexander T. Grover, 80, Route No 1, Glyndon, Clay County Resident since 1874 died today at 9 a.m., at the home of his son Clarence Grover.

Born February 12, 1860, in Houston County, Minnesota, he came to Clay County with his parents in 1874 and settled in Moland Township, where he has since lived. He married Pauline Anderson Kroshus on November 20, 1884. They were the first couple to be married in Concordia Church.

He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and had been chairman to the town board and trustee of the church. He retired from farming in 1923.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Clarence, Route 1, Glyndon, and Elmer, rural Moorhead, and six grandchildren. A brother, O J Grover, Eugene, Oregon, and a sister, Mrs. Andrew Sandwick, Boring, Oregon, also survive.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body is at the A J Wright funeral home.

January 16, 1940

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bergland and son Allen, 419 Seventh Street South, left Sunday on a trip to Texas and other southern states. They plan to be gone three to four weeks.

Mrs. Obert Tweten will be the hostess Thursday afternoon when the Sew and So Club of Moland township meets at her home. Mrs. Lawrence Gilberry will be assisting hostess.



New Year's Resolutions

Do you make resolutions every year, only to give up on them by the end of the month? Here are some statistics from the Statistics Brain website that might make you feel a little better!

- Americans who usually make New Year's Resolutions—41%
- Americans who infrequently make New Year's Resolutions—17%
- Americans who never make New Year's Resolutions—42%
- Americans who report they achieve the goal of their resolutions—9%
- Americans who occasionally succeed in keeping their resolutions—48%
- Americans who never succeed on their resolutions each year—42%

The practice of making resolutions dates back to ancient Babylon. People paid off debts and made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off right.

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, January 3

Concordia Women 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 9

Veteran Coffee Hour 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 10

Tree “Untrimming” Following worship on January 14

ROMEOS 7:30 a.m., Friday, January 26

Birthdays

3 Sally Horpedahl

6 Germaine Gress

11 Polly Hanson

30 Irene Olson

Congregation and Cemetery Board Annual Meetings will be held following worship and a potluck lunch on Sunday, February 4.

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