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. We are in season of Easter. For the most part nature usually cooperates giving us physical evidence of new life after the death of winter. Darkness has given way to light as the days are longer than nights; on top of this, life has had victory over death in the empty tomb. Light indeed has overcome darkness.

However, this does not mean that the powers of darkness do not put up a good fight. We have losses of all sorts, the ultimate being the loss of the life of loved ones and even our own, one day. So despite Christ's victorious resurrection we grieve and can grieve on many different levels simultaneously. If we live long enough we will likely lose the acuity of our senses; hearing and seeing are particularly subject to the vagaries of the passing years. The saddest loss are illness of the mind that even attack our humanity. As our physical strength wanes and illnesses cease to be temporary but become chronic, we lose independence, power, autonomy, self-determination and oftentimes, dignity. Others increasingly have to do that which we used to be able to do for ourselves. These changes can grind down the positive characteristics of perseverance and sometimes lead us to a sense

of helplessness, hopelessness, loneliness and depression that can drag us into despondency, despair and depression.

My next door neighbor growing up lived well past one hundred. He drove until he was 99 and shot his last buck at 98. He was an optimist and kept a positive attitude; however, even he lamented that all of his former friends of his age were gone and that the majority participants in the senior citizen's group at his church were his children's age. However, he had a lively faith, worshiped weekly, kept up with current events and stayed interested in the lives of others. Burleigh was my father's inspiration for what it meant to grow old with grace.

This life guarantees us nothing and promises us nothing. Our life in Christ, however, guarantees us new life every day and concrete reasons for being people of hope and people of grace.

Christ has risen; He has risen indeed. May the hope of the new life in the Kingdom to come trickle down into your day-to-day lives today and every day.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

Coffee and Cookie Servers

April 1	Clinton Babolian	May 6	Myron Hagene
April 8	Germaine Gress	May 13	Orpha Hoelstad
April 15	Mavis Wang	May 20	Polly Hanson
April 22	Lloyd Gunderson	May 27	Barb Grover
April 29	Doris Kassenborg		



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bible Study

5:30 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 4

Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, April 10
1:30 pm
Fryn' Pan



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m., Friday, April 27
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 "Judas." 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, April 11.

If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

~Anne Bradstreet

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It's the time of year that we ask you to consider a small donation to the newsletter to help cover printing and postage costs.



Harold Horpedahl

1930-2018

Harold H. Horpedahl, 87, passed away on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Sanford Health, Fargo, ND.

Harold was born to Lars and Sophie (Holgerson) Horpedahl on May 15, 1930 on the family farm in rural Glyndon, MN. He attended Riverside country school near the Buffalo River.



Harold was proud of his two brothers who served in WWII which influenced his decision to join the Army at the age of 18. Harold served in the Army (1948-1952) and attained the rank of Sergeant in the 1st Infantry Division, 26th Regiment. After basic training at Fort Knox, KY, he sailed off to Germany to serve in the Korean War. Harold was very proud to have served his country. He was moved by the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C., which he was overjoyed to visit with the 2016 Honor Flight.

Harold met his sweetheart, Sally Haugen of LaMoure, ND, and the two were married on June 3, 1955 in Verona, ND. Together they have five children. This past June, they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Obituary

Harold purchased the family farm after his father's death and farmed and raised livestock. For 37 years, Harold worked for Red Owl where he made lifelong friendships. For his 75th birthday, Harold chose to go skydiving which he described as the "thrill of a lifetime". After having the opportunity to go on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C., Harold and Sally worked together on a dishtowel fundraising project for others to have the same opportunity. He was a lifetime member of Concordia Church, the VFW, American Legion, and Sons of Norway. He proudly served on the Church Council and the Cemetery Board for many years.

With a twinkle in his eye and a great sense of humor, he reached out to those he cared deeply about: his children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, neighbors, new and old friends. He was always interested in learning and hearing about everyone's joys and challenges. He did all this, while being Sally's caregiver for the past 16 years, despite his own growing health issues.

Harold is survived by his wife Sally; children, Diane (Leo) Murr, Wahpeton, ND, Nancy (Dan) Ruud, Fargo, ND, Steve, Fargo, ND, Ron (Jamie), Moorhead, MN, and Sue Sip, Ada, MN; grandchildren, Heath (Alyssa), Brandon, McKaila, Adam (fiance Megan), Amanda, Emily, Andrew, Aaron, Skylar; and great-granddaughter, Eve; sister,

Obituary

Ruth (Bill) Farabee; sisters-in-law, Eileen and Alice; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Arnold, LeRoy and Clifford; sister, Harriett Randel; and daughter-in-law Lorna Horpedahl.

A visitation was held Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Wright Funeral Home with the funeral at Concordia on Monday.

Harold played a leading role in the life of the church and especially in the care of the cemetery over his lifetime. His commitment was exemplary and his presence will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be shared with Concordia Cemetery Fund.



A man who was completely innocent offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom for the world. It was the perfect act.

~Mahatma Gandhi

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Glenn Kassenborg

Doris Kassenborg

The Cemetery Association would like to acknowledge Harold Horpedahl's years of service mowing the Leif Erickson cemetery (prior to Don Johnson taking over), marking graves, serving on both church and cemetery boards, participating in Memorial Day programs, and generously playing a life-long active role in the life of our church community.

The annual Palm Sunday dinner held on March 25 was another *delicious* success. Thanks to Clinton and all who worked on putting it together and serving our many guests. Your

generosity in dedicating time and effort to these functions is what keeps the congregation going. Thank you for all you do for Concordia!

*Thank
You*

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Pashka

Pashka is a traditional Russian Easter dessert

Ingredients

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. cream cheese	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. butter
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
1 cup chopped almonds	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup mixed diced candied peels
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups raisins	1 envelope unflavored gelatin
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water	Bottle of maraschino cherries



Directions

- Soften cream cheese
- Beat in butter, sour cream and sugar until well blended and creamy in texture.
- Add almonds, candied peels and raisins. Blend thoroughly.
- Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve over hot water. Add to cream cheese mixture and mix very well.
- Use a spatula to spread in an oiled mold. Any 4-cup mold will do, but one in the shape of a cross is most traditional.
- Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.
- When ready to serve, tip on a serving plate.
- Decorate with maraschino cherries. If the mold is not cross-shaped, you can make a cross with the cherries for decoration.

from the *Moorhead Daily News*

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Parent-Teacher Group Formed at Two Rural Schools



Grover-Gunderson Unit is Formally Organized at Session on Thursday Evening

Organization of the Parent-Teachers association for patrons of the Grover and the Gunderson school districts was completed at a meeting of the group at the Gunderson school Thursday evening. Mrs. Albert Thysell, Hawley, was the principal speaker at the meeting.

The group is now part of the Minnesota State Parent-Teacher Congress. The name of the organization is the Grover-Gunderson Parent-Teacher association. The group meets once a month.

Officers elected last night were: Mrs B J Gunderson, president; Mrs. Carl Hagelin, vice-president; Mrs. William Sprung, secretary; and A. H. Koops, treasurer.

Musical numbers were presented at the meeting by a group of young people from Hawley.

Those who acted on the refreshment committee were Mesdames Andrew Gunderson, B J Gunderson, Walter Langlie, and Earl Sands. There were 75 at the meeting. The group will have its next meeting Friday, April 17, at the Grover school.



Celebrating Easter in Norway

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Easter holidays in Norway. It also marks the

change in season, and summer curtains and other seasonal decorations come out of storage.

The prevalent color for Easter is yellow, and yellow candles and flowers are popular decorations of the season. In pagan times, birch trees were brought into the house to welcome the smell of spring. In the last century, the Norwegian Women's Public Health charity (*Norke Kvinner Sanitetsforening*) reintroduced this tradition by selling birch twigs decorated with feathers as a fund raiser.

The Wednesday before Easter is the last workday/shopping day before the holiday. Many make their way to mountain cabins for a last vacation of skiing and winter sports.

The crime story is a tradition – whether reading the latest crime novel or watching special miniseries on television. Milk companies even print crime stories on milk cartons!

On Good Friday there are no commercials on television – only public service announcements or ads for charities are aired. A procession (*korsvandring*) that starts at the Oslo Cathedral is led by a large cross (which is on wheels). Like the Olympic torch, it is ‘carried’ by a relay of people. When the cross reaches St Olav Catholic Church it is decorated with red roses.

Saturday is known as “Easter Eve” and is often celebrated with children’s skiing competitions. A children’s biathlon includes skiing, of course, but throwing snowballs replaces shooting rifles in the target competition.

Midnight services usher in Easter, and Easter breakfast is a grand buffet with eggs, cured meats, pancakes and cheeses. Hard boiled eggs are often served in colorful, painted shells. Lamb is the traditional Easter dinner.

Easter in Norway is also a little like our Groundhog’s Day! It predicts what the summer weather will be. If it is a beautiful, sunny day then it will be a good summer. If it freezes the night before, then summer will be late.

Dates to Remember

Easter Service 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 1

Worship Services every Sunday

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

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Bible Study 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3

Concordia Women 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 10

Veteran Coffee Hour 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 11

ROMEOS 7:30 a.m., Friday, April 27

Birthdays

April 10 Regina Hanson

April 14 Lee Eidem

April 16 Kjell Hoelstad

Anniversaries

April 3 Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

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