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A Mother's Day Story of Hope

by Holley Gerth

It started with a wedding, a boy and a girl standing at the altar. They said “*I do*” and it seemed so simple. Years later when they thought about having children they said “*we will*” and thought it would be the same. Only it wasn't. Instead of picking out pink or blue onesies they stared month after month at single pink lines on pregnancy tests.

There were tears and prayers, moments of anger and frustration, loss and a little one that slipped to heaven before even a “*hello*” on earth. They wondered what family would look like for them, if maybe they had done something wrong or had been disqualified.

Then one night she watched a special on television about foster kids who age out of the system, who are told at eighteen, “*have a nice life.*” She wondered who would cheer for them at their college graduation, walk them down the aisle, rock their babies, who they would call when they lost a job or just had a bad day. “*That's not okay,*” she said, “*Not okay at all.*”

In the meantime, God showed her that she didn't have to be a physical mother to still be a Mama. In Genesis Eve is called “*the mother of all living.*” All women are mothers, she discovered, because *all women bring life into the world in some way.* So she birthed books and her friends threw her a book shower. Through her books, she got to mother women all over the world. She started to

heal but there was still a place deep inside saved for someone. She prayed for her child who was out there somewhere without knowing a name or face.

Years went by and she was invited to a banquet at *Saving Grace*, a place for girls who age out of the foster system or would otherwise be homeless. She met a twenty-year-old young woman that night and she knew almost right away, "*This is my daughter.*" Her husband agreed. It took time. There were lunches and conversations and hugs and misunderstandings and prayers and they did the awkward dance of becoming family until they knew it by heart. One day that girl, Lovelle, moved into their guest bedroom. Took their last name. Called them "*Mom and Dad.*" Later Lovelle met a boy and her Dad walked her down the aisle in a white dress. She and the groom said "*I do*" too.

More time passed and last fall Lovelle called, emotion in her voice. "*Mom, I'm pregnant,*" she said. And I almost dropped the phone because this Mother's Day story is mine. *I'm going to be a Grandma.* Just last week I sat next to my daughter at another banquet for *Saving Grace*. I leaned over and placed my hand on her beautiful belly. And I felt a flutter, my granddaughter saying "*hello*" for the first time. My eyes filled with tears. I thought of Mark and I on our wedding day, all those pink lines, meeting Lovelle, becoming

a family, her wedding day too and the moment I knew that we would be grandparents. Then I imagined what years from now may hold as I hold that little girl—story times and bubble baths and trips to the zoo to see long-necked giraffes. *Oh, there is so much yet to be.*

If you are hurting this Mother's Day I want you to know I've been there. I wish I could wrap an arm around your shoulder, take you out for coffee, listen long and hard. This is what I know for sure—you may feel alone but there is hope. Your story is not over yet. Be patient. The One writing it knows what you need and when you need it.

If you are celebrating this Mother's Day then I am joining in with you. As a daughter, a Mama, a Grandma, a woman who has come to understand what extravagant grace looks like. I will wrap my arms around my family today and I will place my hand on that beautiful belly again. I will be grateful, so grateful, that nothing turned out the way I planned. Proper stories seem to close with “The End” but that doesn't seem quite right at this moment. Because this feels like it's still only the beginning. There is so much more to come. *I can't wait to meet you, Little One.* Happy Mother's Day to you, to me, to all of us, because we are all mothers in some way today. And we are all part of the great story of motherhood God is writing from generation to generation, from Eve to eternity.

Coffee and Cookie Servers

May 6 Myron Hagene

June 3 Kathy Krogstad

May 13 Orpha Hoelstad

June 10 Becky Jegtvig

May 20 Polly Hanson

June 17 Carolyn Edwards

May 27 Barb Grover

June 24 Sylvia Teigen



Bible Study

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 2

Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, May 8

1:30 pm

Fryn' Pan



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m., Friday, May 25

Fryn' Pan



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

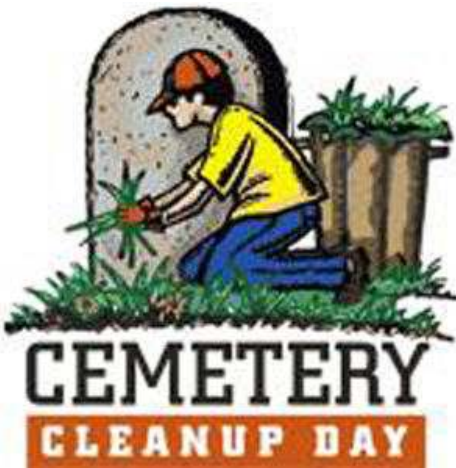
This month's story is "Memorial Day." Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



Veteran's Coffee Hour

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum from 10-noon Wednesday, May 9.

Happy Mother's Day Sunday May 13



Cemetery Clean-up

Wednesday

May 23

5:00 PM

In case of weather delay:

Friday, May 25 at 5

Concordia Lutheran Church

10:30 A.M.

Saturday 19 May 2018

HERITAGE LUNCHEON



Celebrating the Music of Norway



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 North: Turn right on County Rd 26 (90 Ave N)

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

South 1 mile, right



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018

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

Ella Swanson

1920-2018



Ella B. Swanson, 97, Moorhead, MN passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Fargo, ND.

Ella was born to Carl and Amelia (Johnson) Orud on May 20, 1920 in Wolverton, MN. She

attended and graduated from Wolverton High School.

Ella met the love of her life, Sigfred Swanson of Glyndon, MN and they were married May 18, 1940. They farmed near Kragnes, MN and later moved to Moorhead, MN. Together they have three children.

Ella was an active member of Concordia Lutheran Church, and truly enjoyed the company of the “ladies aid” group. She loved going to the lake to spend time with family either at South Lida Lake or Lake Maud. Ella made many friends over the years and cherished the special relationships she had with each one. She enjoyed being called grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma by her family, as well as by the neighbor children who claimed she was their “extra” grandma.

Obituary

Ella is survived by her son, Leonard (Vonne) of Fargo ND, daughter, Sharon (Bill) Lipp of Audubon, MN, daughter-in-law, Loretta Swanson of Moorhead MN; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Eugene, son Gordon; and the Swanson in-laws; Sam and Adelle; Gunder and Alice; Bud and Lois; Carl; and Luella and Allen Ulness. The funeral service was held at 10:00 A.M., on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Concordia Lutheran Church, rural Glyndon, MN. Interment will take place in the church cemetery later in the spring.

She is gone

You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived....You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left....Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love that you shared...You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday....You can remember her and only that she is gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on...You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

~David Harkins

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Church

In Memory of Ella Swanson

Ella Swanson Family

Margret Kragnes

Ray & JoLyn Johnson

Ann Bengtson

Virgil & Lois Scholz

Carolyn Edwards

Anne Olsgaard

Germaine Gress

Fern Olsen

Ralph & Barb Grover

Donald & Arlene Dickelman

Bruce & Kathy Krogstad

Blanchard & Doris Krogstad

The McCaslin Family:

Chad & Jessica McCaslin

Robert & Carol McCaslin

Kim & Jeff Case

Martha & Phil Heisner

Carrie & Jesse Hagen

In Memory of Harold Horpedahl

Harold Horpedahl Family

Dale & Patricia Hearn

Lyle & Jennie Rasmussen

Marjorie Iverson

Chuck & Margaret Cheney

Ella Swanson

Bruce & Linda Boelton

Bell Bank

Leslie Hanson

Michael & Dawn Ganje

Concordia Church Donations— In Memory of H. Horpedahl (cont'd)

Robert & Deb Rosco

Howard & LoRita Nelson

Verna Kragnes & Richard Hall

Reed & Roni Scheephoerster

Donation

Betty Bergland

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Donald Johnson

Dennis & Shirley Woltjer

In Memory of Merle Meyer

Darlene Meyer

In Memory of Lloyd & Doris Eidem

Terry & Joy Eidem

In Memory of Harold Horpedahl

Harold Horpedahl Family

Dick & Mavis Wang

Lloyd Gunderson

Jason & Tanya Wang

Deborah Farabee

Rick & Jane Roggensad

Ruth & William Farabee

David & Connie Hoffman

Randy & Penny Railing

Myron Hagene

Gregg & Kristi Trautwein

Marilyn Fuchs

Joe & Julie Bruhn

Art Ruud & Linda Simms

Concordia Cemetery Donations— In Memory of H. Horpedahl

(cont'd)

Doris Kassenborg	Gordon & Ellen Ramstad
Mike & Kay Edwards	Jim & Ardis Haarstad
Richard & Kim Ulven	Marvin & Jean Jacobsen
Bruce & Kathy Krogstad	Cindy Yeager
Regina Hanson	Lilian Hilgers
Osie Juve	Vance & Katie Nicholson
Lois Jensen	Ray & JoLyn Johnson
Beverly Rieck	David & Peggy Kragnes
Valley Christian Church	Margaret Kragnes
Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad	Doug & Kristin Johnson
Dan & Nancy Ruud	Bev Edenborg
Dennis & JoAnn Loewen	Bob & Sherri Pickett
Lavon & Sharon Nelson	Greg & Vickie Doeden
McKaila Ruud	Stan & Lorraine DeJong
Tim & Teri Horpedahl	Marrietta Gunderson
John & Denise Horpedahl	Delores & Gerald Hagene
Eileen Horpedahl	James Powers
Verne & Carol Wik	Chris Odden
Doug & JoAnn Rosenfeldt	Cary Sip

**Concordia Cemetery Donations– In Memory of H. Horpedahl
(cont'd)**

Lance & Marilyn Nelson

Ida Busby

Stacey Stueness

John Dahl

Helen Kassenborg

Lilian Hilgers

Tom & Laurie Carwell, Nate & Drew

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Kirby & Candace Kassenborg

Jeff, Renae, Taborn & Tori Formo

Eileen, Sandy, Anet, Donna Haugen and Families

In Memory of Ella Swanson

Family of Ella Swanson

Wes Tommerdahl

Delores Hagene

Dick & Mavis Wang

Lloyd Gunderson

Terry & Joy Eidem

Sally Horpedahl

Helen Kassenborg

Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

Lance & Marilyn Nelson

With Our Thanks



We want to thank the congregation of Concordia Lutheran for generations of religious teaching, community fellowship and support. Our family has been part of this congregation since our

grandparents were young, as have many of the families. In this time of great loss, the support from this rural Clay County faith community has been very comforting. Like the show "Cheers" the Concordia Lutheran community is a place those of us raised in this community can always call home- we are always welcomed and cared for. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for that ongoing support!

Sally has moved from Moorhead to a very comfortable and caring home in Dilworth. Her new address is: Sally Horpedahl

1108 Summerwood Trail

Dilworth, MN 56529

Correspondence and visitors are welcome!

The family of Harold Horpedahl

Concordia's Veterans



In Concordia Cemetery

Civil War

Aanund Kragnes

Andreas 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

Lester Kragnes
Oberlin Kragnes
Russell Kragnes
Vernon Kragnes
Gust Langlie
Donald LaPash

Everette Hite
Harold Johnk
Ann Thortvedt Johnson
James Juve
Eloise Olson Kincaid
Davis Kosen
Bernard Kragnes

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
Harold Horpedahl
Allan Kassenborg
Glenn Kassenborg

Eugene Kragnes
Burton Kragnes
Donald Johnson
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

Dennis Nelson
Donald Nelson
Robert Nelson
James Oberg

Bernhard Hegland
Arnold Horpedahl
Ralph Johnk
Henry Kragnes
Olaf Midgarden
Robert Morken

John Oberg
Vernon Oberg
Aulden Olson
LeRoy Olson
Robert Tommerahl
Harold Wik



Freedom Isn't Free

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform,
So young, so tall, so proud,
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes went down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night
When everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant, "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the families,
the husbands and the wives,
Whose spouses, sons and daughters
Had given up their lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of the unmarked graves in Arlington –
No, freedom isn't free.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

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

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Bible Study 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2

Concordia Women 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 8

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

Heritage Luncheon 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 19

Cemetery Clean-up 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 23

ROMEOS 7:30 a.m., Friday, May 25

Memorial Day Service & Potluck 10 a.m., Monday, May 28

Birthdays

May 8 Osie Juve

May 17 Orpha Hoelstad

May 24 Barb Grover

May 27 Ralph Grover

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