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This past Sunday the Psalm that we read at Concordia Lutheran was the 23rd Psalm. A passage that probably ranks in the top five of most Christian's favorite scriptures.

I'd like to focus on the role of the shepherd's staff. It was a multifunction device including a walking staff. However, it did not exist primarily for the benefit of the shepherd but for the benefit of the sheep. Sheep have no claws, or sharp teeth; they are slow and are followers, followers sometimes to their own peril. The crook is then used to redirect a sheep away from self-harm. It stands against the self-will of the sheep, much to the consternation of the offending sheep.

God does this at times with us. When we determine that we will be taking a certain course of action that does not serve us, our neighbor or God well, God will sometimes intervene, most of the time with natural consequences, to propel us to get back on the right course in our lives. The other function of the staff is to protect the flock from predators. God has blessed us in this country with law enforcement and other first responders, who when they are true to their God given vocation, are his agents for keeping us safe from

those who might want to do us harm. We will never know what transpires at night when we sleep, that is done by those in uniform on our behalf.

However, the most important thing the Good Shepherd does for us is that he was not only willing to protect us with his life but more importantly to save us with his death. Jesus came to earth to not only make things a little better (which he did through his healing miracles) but also to give us new life through the forgiveness of sins and through the promise of the resurrection.

The image of Jesus the Good Shepherd is common in altar paintings. It is a touching portrayal of Jesus' love for his people. It typically involves him holding a very cute woolly lamb. As descriptive an image as this is, such paintings would be well-served to have looming in the background a cross, for it is on the cross that we, the sheep of God's fold, find our ultimate hope in the death and resurrection of our Good Shepherd.

I wish you a blessed rest of the summer as we follow Jesus together.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

Coffee and Cookie Servers

August 5	Germaine Gress	September 2	Myron Hagene
August 12	Delores Hagene	September 9	Regina Hanson
August 19	Mavis Wang	September 16	Kathy Krogstad
August 26	Doris Kassenborg	September 23	Barb Grover
		September 30	Sylvia Teigen



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bible Study

Wednesday, August 1
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, August 14
1:30 p.m.
Fryn' Pan



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m., Friday, August 31
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 "Samuel" 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, Wednesday, August 8.



VOTE!

Minnesota Primary

Tuesday, Aug. 14

Vote Early: Vote anytime through August 13, by mail (absentee) or in person at your county office. You can register in person on election day.



Donate to the Food Shelf!

Leave your non perishable donations in the box in the Narthex.

The Dog Days of Summer

The month of August is often referred to as the "dog days of summer" but not because of pet pooches. The star Sirius, also known as the dog star, appeared at sunrise during the month of August in ancient Roman times.



World War One Veteran Videos

As mentioned in the June newsletter, the Cultural & Historical Society of Clay County has allowed us to post two videos. The first was created for our Memorial Day service by Markus Krueger and talks about the experiences of some of Concordia's World War One veterans. It is located under the 'History' tab in the Congregation section of the website. The direct link is:

<http://www.concordianews.org/cemetery/memday/wwivets.htm>

We are very pleased that we have been allowed to post a copy of a video created specifically for and seen by the public at the World War I exhibit at the Hjemkomst Center. It shares the background story of Eugene Studlien's funeral in 1921. It is also found under the history tab: <http://www.concordianews.org/cemetery/memday/studlien.htm>



YWCA's 35th Annual Chocolate Fantasy and Chili, too! September 6

YWCA's 35th annual *Chocolate Fantasy and Chili, too!* event is a special way to support the YWCA Emergency Shelter, which each year helps over 1,400 women and children in rebuilding their lives.

On September 6 from 11 am-7 pm, some 1,500 attendees of all ages will come to the Delta by Marriott (1635 42nd Street SW, Fargo) to enjoy local chocolate delicacies, bid on silent auction items, rub elbows with celebrity servers, and listen to live music.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12 (ages 5 and younger are free!).

For tickets, please visit:

<https://www.ywcacassclay.org/events> or call 701-232-2547.

Knowing trees, I understand patience.

Knowing grass, I understand persistence.

~Hal Borland

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Eva Hedstrom
Carl Hedstrom

In Memory of the Thortvedt Family
Carl Hedstrom

In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg
Kim & Rich Ulven



We omitted **Colleen Edwards'** birthday on the June calendar. Our mistake. So, so Sorry!

Belated birthday wishes from *Concordia News*.
We'll try harder next year!

Erik Hanson and Elizabeth Tou

Norwegian-American Missionaries

This is an excerpt from "To The Ends of the Earth" by Torbjørn Greipsland. It tells the stories of 30 missionaries with a list of almost 1,000 more. For Elisabeth it was tough to sit alone at home when Erik was gone. She frightened away common thieves with a bottle

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of lye. She would threaten them by saying if they did not get out of the place they would be blinded. Her threats were effective because of the thieves' beliefs in powerful magic.

It was worse when King Befanatrika was off with all his warriors. One day while Erik was away the town was attacked by 200 Mahafaly warriors. Elisabeth climbed up on the roof and sat and sang hymns while the looting was going on. People back home in America interpreted this as incredible courage, but when I mentioned it for a Malagasy priest, he smiled and said, "It just shows how well she had adapted to the culture. For men from these tribes it is taboo to assault a woman in public. Had she been hiding inside the house, she could have been both raped and killed, but on the roof they could not do anything to her." Find out more at <https://norwegianheritage.org/>

A Prayer for Summer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for
all your people. Amen.

Skillet Cheesy Loaded Potatoes



Ingredients

8 pcs. bacon, sliced into 1" pieces

3 russet potatoes, thinly sliced

8 oz. grated cheddar cheese

Salt & Pepper

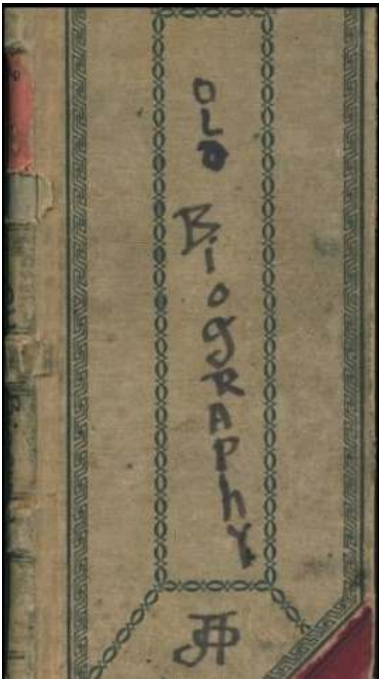
2 TB sour cream

3 sliced green onions

Directions

- In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Place on a paper towel and set aside.
- In the same skillet, add potatoes and sprinkle with salt & pepper. Stir so all slices are coated with bacon grease. Cook until potatoes are tender.
- Sprinkle with cheese. Cook until bottom of potatoes are brown and cheese has melted.
- Sprinkle with onions and bacon and dot with sour cream.

Orabel Thortvedt's Journal Now On-Line



Orabel Thortvedt's handwritten journal of "Old Biographies" (with both bios and small sketches of people, homes and events) can now be viewed on-line on the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County's website.

<http://www.hcsdigital.org/exhibits/>

The journals are a treasure-trove of information about the first 50 years of life along the Buffalo and are a "must read" for anyone interested in the history of the Buffalo River Settlement.

A word of warning: Orabel wrote down oral history as she heard it and her biographies aren't the result of scholarly research. One simple example: She writes that Tarje Grover immigrated to Houston County MN. His family actually arrived in Dane County, Wisconsin in 1846, moving to Houston in 1853. For those interested in piecing together an accurate picture of their ancestors' lives Orabel's biographies shouldn't be considered authoritative. They do, however, provide a vivid picture of what life was like in the community and offer insights into our ancestors that will enhance our

understanding of who they were. We are grateful for Orabel's faithful recording of the stories of our pioneer families.

If you are interested in helping transcribe the journals so they can eventually be digitally searched, there are instructions on the site explaining how you can participate in this on-going project.

“Wilson”

Page 112-113 of “Old Biographies”

John Wilson, son of Abraham and Sigri Wilson, married to Stina Sannes, daughter of John and Anne Sannes, which in turn was the daughter of Kari and Ole Kragnes.

Born to John and Stina Wilson are the following children: Oliver, Arthur, Julius, Eddie and Anne. Anne married Clarence Rinke, spring of 1924, have a son named Alvern Clarence, and a daughter, born March 21, 1925.

Clarence at the present time is a clerk at Farmer's Home. Their wedding occurred April 22, 1924. Julius is an auctioneer and Eddie (Stella's Bean) was drafted and fought in the World War (*WWI*) – but I intend later to write more about them.

John and Stina worked hard and practiced thrift and became very well-to-do; a few years ago they erected a big modern dwelling but

John was not fated to live long in his new abode, as he fell from his cultivator while working in the field from a stroke and it was a dreadful calamity to the family – he was taken to the hospital and there died June 9, 1923. The funeral was held the following 13th. His sons were pallbearers and his poor daughter Annie wept piteously and at her father's grave fell in a dead faint – but there was experienced help at hand in the form of two ex-nurses, Gena Bergland and Ella Swanson Draper – but Ola Wik jumped the ditches and across the field to Lislands for water but Anne had come to before his return.

Stina Wilson is sister to Ingebret Sannes of Moorhead. He married Kari Gunderson. Ingebret had a dried good store, died Dec. 1914. He is now dead and leaves three children – Anne, a charming lass, and two sons. Anne married Ernest Boelter in 1925.

Mrs. Reuben Eberhard of Emerson ND is a relative of John Wilson. Extra Edition! June 2, 1926 saw the marriage of Julius Wilson and Pearl Dehn.

Includes news clipping:

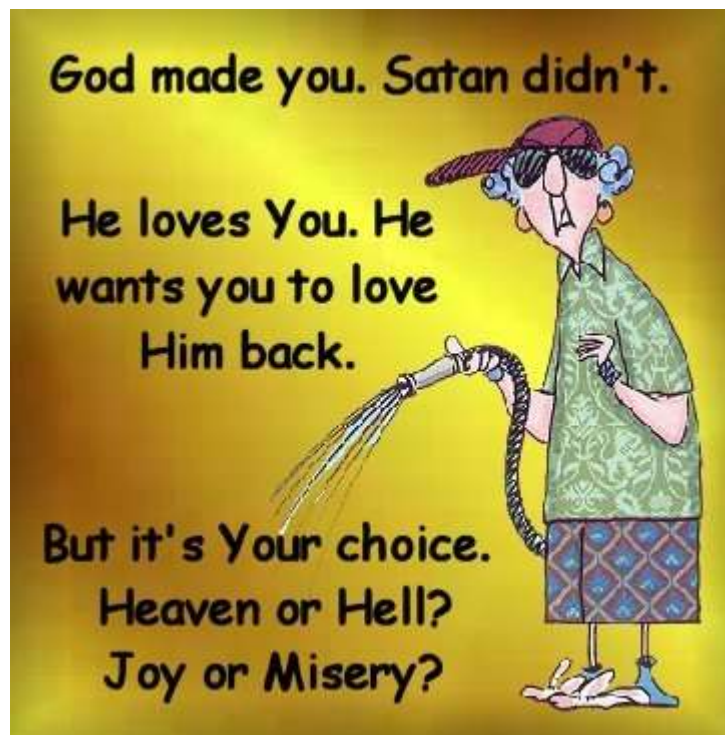
Mrs. John Wilson, Kragnes Minn., entertained at a family dinner on Thursday in compliment to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wilson of Kragnes, whose wedding took place in Fargo Wednesday evening. Mrs. Wilson is Miss Pearl Dehn, daughter of

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Mrs. Cora Dehn, 1607 Fifth Ave. S. Among the guests at dinner were Mrs. Dehn of Fargo, Mrs. Frank Dehn and son, Marvin, and Miss Leona Dehn, Lisbon ND; Misses Cecilia Fernow, Florence Oeder, and Kenneth Dehn, Enderlin and Olaf Nasset, Dickinson N.D. Cut flowers were used for the decoration of tables.

Born a son to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wilson March 28, 1927, "Woodrow."

The John Wilson farm is in section 26, west side of the river, Kragnes Township.



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