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A newsletter for members, family, and friends of
 Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery
 Association

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Our bishop, Larry Wohlrabe, was recently honored to speak at a nationwide ELCA youth



gathering. Uncharacteristic for a pastor his message was short. Characteristic to his gifts as a preacher it was impactful. As the pastor to all congregations of our synod, I pass it on below.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bruce

Here in Acts 8 we meet a fellow who's having the most significant day of HIS life. We aren't told his name.

All we're told is that he was from the East African nation of Ethiopia; he was a eunuch (whatever that means); he was his queen's treasurer; and he was traveling between Jerusalem and his homeland.

Just a few scraps of information – that speak volumes about this man:

- He was a *foreigner* of a different race from a different country
- He was a eunuch – a slave who (like other slaves in the ancient world) had been castrated early in life so he could be completely devoted to his owner
- And he was the queen's slave, in charge of all her money: a lowly slave with lofty responsibilities.

But why was this black man from East Africa traveling between Jerusalem and his homeland?

I think it's because **he was a spiritual seeker** like so many folks nowadays – especially youth and young adults. Though presumably raised in the religion of his homeland, somewhere along the line he was drawn to the Jewish faith. He honored the God of the Jews, traveled to Jerusalem for Jewish festivals and read the Jewish scriptures, our Old Testament which is exactly what he was doing, as he rode in his chariot through the desert, from Jerusalem back home to Ethiopia.

And fortunately, the eunuch wasn't alone on that desert road. A Christian named Philip was there, too, encountering the eunuch just as he was reading from the prophet Isaiah about a mysterios "Suffering Servant" who faced humiliation, barrenness and death.

This Bible passage was getting under the eunuch's skin, causing him to wonder: "Who in the world was Isaiah writing about?"

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Coffee and Cookie Servers

- October 7 Carolyn Edwards
- October 14 Clinton Babolian
- October 21 Barb Grover
- October 28 Germaine Gress
- November 4 Becky Jegtvg
- November 11 Polly Hanson
- November 18 JoLyn Johnson
- November 25 Irene Olson



**Janice (Kassenborg) Parnell
1939-2018**



Janice Parnell of North Hills, California, died August 13, 2018. Services were held August 22 in Whittier, California. She was born February 9, 1939, the daughter of Ben and Alice (Grinde)

Kassenborg and was baptized at Concordia. Janice leaves behind a son, David, of Kingman, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Donald, an infant sister and a toddler brother. She and Gordon Kassenborg were first cousins through both parents. Her cremains may be buried at Concordia in the future.

Bible Study

Wednesday, October 3
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, October 9
1:30 pm
Fryn' Pan

Join The Romeos!

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



**Tuesday
November 6**

In Minnesota you are eligible to vote if you have lived at your current address for at least 20 days.

If you plan to vote on Election Day: You can register at the polling place before casting your ballot. Save time on Election Day by registering at your county office by October 16.

Absentee Voting: In Minnesota anyone can vote absentee for any reason, either by mail or at the county offices up to 46 days before the election.

You can apply for an absentee ballot anytime before Election Day, but if you want to vote absentee by mail, you need to submit your application in enough time for your county registrar to process your application and mail it out so that you can return it by Election Day. Absentee ballots received after November 6 will not be counted.

Information and applications are available online at www.sos.state.mn.us For questions about how or where to register and/or vote in Clay County, call the County Auditor's Office at 218-299-5006.

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 October the subject in Kids Corner is "Martin Luther's Wife." 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, October 10.



**Daylight Savings Time
Ends**

2:00 am, Sunday, Nov. 4

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Harold Horpedahl
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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank you Pastor Bruce for all you do!

Recipe of the Month Easy Vegetable Cheese Soup



Ingredients

- 1 16 oz package of frozen broccoli, cauliflower, carrot blend
- ¼ cup diced onion
- 1 tsp garlic
- 4 cups chicken broth
- ¾ pound of Velveeta, cut in small cubes

Directions

- In a large covered pan over medium heat bring broth, vegetables, onion and garlic to a boil. Cook until tender and remove from heat.
- Mash vegetables to desired consistency.
- Place back on medium heat. Slowly add in Velveeta, stirring constantly until cheese is completely melted and soup reaches comfortable temperature for eating.



From the Moorhead Daily News October 26, 1932 Kassenborg – Lee

At the Lutheran Parsonage, Glyndon, on Wednesday, October 19 at 5 p.m. Miss Florence Lillian Kassenborg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kassenborg, Concordia Church district, became the bride of Fred Gordon Lee, son of Mrs. Gunder O. Lee, also of Concordia Church district near Kragnes. Rev. C. B. Runsvold officiating. The attendants were Miss Louise Kassenborg, sister of the bride, and Eugene Grover. The young couple will make their home on the Lee farm.

Church Announcements

Concordia: There will be confirmation services at 10:30, Sunday School, 9:30. Communion services at 2:00 p.m. During the noon hour the regular monthly birthday party will be held in the basement. Luncheon will be served to all present.

From Pastor Bruce *continued from page 1*

I wonder why this question bugged him so much. **Was it because the eunuch saw something of himself in this passage?**

After all – like Isaiah’s “Suffering Servant” – the eunuch had been “sheared” – shorn of his manhood. He had tasted the bitterness of humiliation. He had been cut off from having a family of his own.

“Who’s the prophet writing about?” the eunuch pleads with Philip ... and Philip responds by telling him “the good news about Jesus.”

Just exactly what Philip said next, we aren’t told. But maybe it went something like this:

This mystery person, this suffering servant who experienced all the crummy things you have experienced – he has a name, and his name is Jesus.

He was born, taking the form of a slave. He spent his whole life serving people in the lowliest ways. When his enemies hoisted him up on a cross, his life was cut off. His body was thrown away, discarded like so much garbage, buried in a borrowed grave ... a grave that could not hold him! After three days Jesus burst out of his grave – alive again, nevermore to die again!

And Jesus went through all of that so that he might now live his unending life through you. As a fellow Christian friend of mine likes to say: “I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:19b-20)

As surely as Philip shared with the eunuch “the good news about Jesus” ... God’s grace, God’s underserved riches in Christ were poured over the eunuch when he was baptized.

That was his “this changes everything” turn-around moment.

Nothing that people were always noticing about him – his skin color, his status as a sexual minority, his “foreignness,” his lowly status as a slave, his lofty responsibilities as the Queen’s chief financial officer – nothing that people might have known about him held this man back from **going his way rejoicing ...**

...and, as an ancient church tradition suggests, when the eunuch reached home, he too (like Philip) told others “good news about Jesus” and thus helped plant Christianity in Ethiopia.

My young friends, you belong here – even though you might think there are 101 reasons why God could never choose you to love and embrace and forgive and send into his service.

But God thinks of you, God comes up with 101 reasons why you are JUST the kind of person God needs, a beloved child through whom Jesus chooses to live and move and have his being.

None of the ways we get all hung up on “sorting ourselves out” in this world matters, none of it matters one little bit to God.

God’s grace calls dibs on you and everyone else who has ears to hear.











God’s grace in Jesus Christ changes everything.

God’s grace sends you to tell others “the good news about Jesus.”

God’s grace calls you as surely and as certainly as anything could ever be.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Bible Study 5:30 pm 	4	5	6
7 GREEN Communion 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 	8 Columbus Day 	9 Concordia Ladies 1:30 pm  DIANE HATMAN	10 Veteran's Coffee 10 am 	11	12	13
14 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	15	16	17	18  PAUL & KARDLYNN DECKER	19	20 Newsletter Deadline 
21 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	22  LLOYD GUNDERSON	23	24	25	26 ROMEOS 7-30 am 	27
28 RED Reformation Sunday 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	29	30	31 Halloween 			

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