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Association

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During the month of June we will be transitioning between the season of Easter and the season of Pentecost. Easter provides the propulsion for Pentecost. The explosive energy of the resurrection is that which propels the disciples of the first century and of our century, to go forth and spread the gospel to the corners of the earth.

I'd like to pass on the following summation of Easter preparing the way for the movement outward towards a hurting world that is desperate for the hope that only comes through the hope of the resurrected Christ. Thanks to pastor Richard Homer, St. James Lutheran Church, Lake Forest IL for the following:

"Throughout the seven weeks of this Easter season, the scripture readings offer words of hope and assurance and peace. This is the enduring effect of Christ's resurrection, of his triumph over the powers of sin and death. All the trouble has not been removed from this world – not at all. Yet Easter has brought us the promise that suffering and pain will not have the final word. God's love for this world will endure and finally prevail. Faith in this promise is what motivated the disciples and empowered them to persevere through all kinds of trouble.

These days you and I need to open our hearts to the peace that Christ alone can give. There is no shortage of grief and trouble in this world. Conflicts, crises, and calamities are a regular feature of our shared experience. We cannot always make peace, yet we can always remember and embrace the peace that comes with being loved by Jesus. Like the first disciples we can persevere through life's inevitable difficulties and distresses."

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bruce

Announcements and Assignments

Coffee and Cookie Servers

June 9	Polly Hanson
June 16	Carolyn Edwards
June 23	Eileen Olson
June 30	Germaine Gress
July 6	Kathy Krogstad
July 13	Linda Koester
July 20	Barb Grover
July 27	Becky Jegtvig



Richard Wang 1930-2019



Richard (Dick) Wang, 89, of Glyndon, MN, died Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in his home, under hospice care and surrounded by his family.

Richard P.

(Dick) Wang was born on March 27, 1930 at home in Soldier, Iowa, to Peter and Ragna. His early years were spent in Iowa and in 1946 he and his family moved to Glyndon, MN. He graduated from Glyndon High School in 1947.

Dick started farming after High School, raising potatoes, wheat, corn and beans. In 1950 he joined the National Guard.

On September 21, 1955, Dick married Mavis Leach in Moorhead, MN. They resided on a farm in the outskirts of Glyndon, MN, where he farmed and raised their 4 daughters.

In his spare time he enjoyed gardening. Dick is well known for growing some of the best melons around the area with his magic touch.

Dick served on the town board in Moland Township for 45 years.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mavis, of over 63 years; daughters Sherri (Bob) Pickett, of Glyndon, Renae (Jeff) Formo, of Rollag, MN, Brenda (Dan Docken) Schmitt, of Fargo, ND and Lisa Wang of Fargo; grandchildren Jason (Tanya) Wang, Tabor Formo and Tori Formo; siblings Marlene Mikkelsen, Fargo, Evonne Carlson, Dodge Center, MN, Ronald (Doreen) Wang, Glyndon, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Ellen Rarick and brothers Melvin, Ola (Doc), Peter Jr. and Robert.

A memorial service was held at Wright Funeral Home on April 20, 2019. He was laid to rest at Moorhead Memorial Gardens.

And since all this loveliness cannot be Heaven,
I know in my heart it must be June!

~Henry David Thoreau

Bible Study

Wednesday, June 3
5:30 – 7:00 pm



Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, June 11
1:30 p.m.
Fryn' Pan

Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out
7:30 a.m., June 28
Fryn' Pan



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 June the subject in Kids Corner is part one of "The Ark of the Covenant." 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, June 12.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JUNE 8

Alene will be heading to Norway and Iceland on June 13 and won't return until July, so please have your newsletter submissions in by June 8.
Thank you! Sylvia & Alene

With Our Thanks

JoAnn M. (Kragnes) Jones 1959-2019



JoAnn Margaret Kragnes Jones was a beautiful, strong, funny woman.

She was born June 28, 1959 in Fargo ND. She grew up on the family farm near Felton, Minnesota, driving trucks and hoeing beets. She graduated in 1977 from Glyndon-Felton High School. She earned her B.S. in Accounting from St. Thomas University in St. Paul. She later moved to Mesa, Arizona where she met and married Dan Jones and had twin daughters Bridget and Natalie. While there she earned her MBA from Arizona State University. The family later moved to Altoona, Wisconsin where they lived for many years. JoAnn moved to Moorhead in 2014 to be closer to family, especially her mother Margret.

JoAnn fought against the disease of alcoholism, and through her struggles taught her daughters how to never give up. No matter how hard her life was, she was always gracious, loving and hilariously sarcastic.

JoAnn was a fighter. Despite being a double minority - a Lutheran woman in the first class of women allowed to attend the previously all-male Catholic college - she shone brightly as a brilliant leader and scholar. She met challenges head-on, and never backed down if she could help it. She passed along her tenacity and determination to her two daughters, of whom she was exceedingly proud.

JoAnn was creative and soulful. One of her mantras was: "if you want to raise creative children, you have to withstand a little mess." She fully believed in the power of the creative and dramatic arts, and taught both of her daughters how to sew, sing, and act in theater. She was a self-proclaimed "drama queen," quick to act out any scene or break into a musical number as the occasion demanded. She readily helped her daughters with any crafts and costumes that they created - including Natalie's prom dress (which they frantically finished just minutes before the photos were taken). She selflessly gave of her time to care for her family, and frequently annoyed her daughters in their teenage years with her cheerful insistence on preparing snacks and meals for their many parties and sleepovers. Always the gracious hostess, JoAnn became an expert at planning gatherings of friends and family, including for her daughters' 14-best-girlfriends.

JoAnn was a skilled business woman. As a Certified Internal Auditor and CPA, she worked in multiple management financial administrative

positions, including an extensive period of time as the Chief Financial Officer at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. She was also proud when Bridget asked to simply exchange the last of her baby teeth for money instead of waiting for the tooth fairy because it showed good negotiating skills.

JoAnn was at her best when she was helping; whether at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, at The Chippewa Valley Care Coalition, planning the historic Averill class reunion, or caring for her mother toward the end of her life, she always found joy in serving others.

JoAnn was a faithful Christian woman, finding strength in the Lord, maintaining her strong beliefs throughout many trials in her life, and passing her devotion on to her daughters. But watch out St. Peter, we know Heaven might be in a bit of turmoil once JoAnn starts making suggestions for reorganization!

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Margret Kragnes. She is survived by her daughters Natalie (Ben) Baitcher and Bridget Jones, her siblings Amy (Gary Krause) Kragnes, David (Peggy) Kragnes, and Verna (Rick Hall) Kragnes, six nieces and nephews, and three grand-animals. Services & burial were at Concordia on Saturday, May 25.

Donations

Concordia General Fund

In Memory of Richard Wang

Irene Olson
Carolyn Edwards
Germaine Gress
Regina Hanson

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Richard Wang

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In Memory of Allard & Josephine Bergland

Allen & LuAnn Bergland

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Myron Hagene
Orpha & Kjell Hoelstad
Bruce Krogstad

The Heritage Luncheon – May 18, 2019



Thanks to the members of the Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas for a great musical program!

Thanks to Orpha for once again putting together a day of beautiful music, great food and fellowship!

It wouldn't happen without the dedicated team effort that produces that mouth-watering *krumkake* and *rommegrøt*, sets up the dining room, makes and lays out the salads, serves up the *sotsuppe*, and cleans up after ... Kjell and Clinton for their help and for selling the Norwegian goodies... great teams make for great times!



Working in the kitchen were Karolynn, Doris, Sue and Polly (and the elusive Irene).



And what would a luncheon be without people showing up to enjoy all that work? **Thanks for coming!**

A Recap of the Luncheon Saturday, May 18

Despite the wind, rain, and cold, over 50 people gathered for the annual Heritage Luncheon.

Six members of the Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas performed a wonderful program of this renowned Norwegian composer's works. Lunch included a delicious array of tasty salads, followed by *sotsuppe* (Norwegian sweet soup). *Krumkake* and *rommegrøt* were on sale.












As Orpha said – it was cloudy on the outside, but the sun shone bright inside the church that day!

You can see a short video with excerpts from two of the songs at

www.concordianews.org/congregation/history/2019heritage.htm



JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion 	3	4	5 Bible Study 5:30 p.m.  MAYIS WANG COLLEEN EDWARDS 	6	7 BIL & RUTH FARABEE 	8 Newsletter Deadline 
9 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	10	11 Concordia Ladies 1:30 pm 	12 Vet's Coffee 10 a.m. 	13	14	15
16 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10am Worship KATIN KROGSTAD 	17	18	19	20	21	22 WALTER & SYLVIA TEIGEN 
23 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	24	25	26 WALTER TEIGEN 	27	28 ROMEOs 7:30 a.m. 	29
30 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship						

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