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In last month's newsletter I made reference to the challenges faced by farmers in our area due to adverse weather and depressed prices. In mid Oct our Bill Tesch, our new bishop, sent out a message of encouragement. He is not just giving a speech about positive thinking it is much deeper than that. He is drawing on the ancient wisdom drawn from our faith traditions dating back to well before the time of Christ. Often times when we experience great adversity we can isolate ourselves from our brothers and sisters in Christ and also separate ourselves from one of the greatest sources of mental and spiritual strength, scripture. Christians have found consolation in Christian fellowship for centuries. By engaging the Bible we tap into the experiences of believers over the millenia that have struggled with the issue of suffering as it pertains to God and God's people. Pastor Tesch alludes to one of the greatest resources we can draw on during difficult times, the book of Psalms. One of the most haunting is Psalm 22, which begins with the words "My God my God why have you forsaken me?" These words were used in worship a thousand years before Jesus quotes them from the cross. The good thing for us is that Jesus utilizes these words and uses them at the very end of his experience of not just physical but spiritual suffering. Ultimately we find the greatest encouragement in Christ on the cross. It is in this that we find God's response to our suffering knowing that He "gets it" and that through the resurrection he shows us that there is hope beyond our suffering. In the meantime we know that we have a companion, one who walks through even the darkest valleys with us. In large part this is what we are up to every Sunday morning as we do what believers have done for thousands of years drawing upon the consolation of God's people who support each other during times of joy and times of adversity.

You can find Bishop Tesch's 'Day of Prayer' video on our website:

<http://www.concordianews.org/congregation/pastor.htm>

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bruce

Announcements and Assignments

Coffee and Cookie Servers

November 3 Polly Hanson
November 10 Becky Jegtvig
November 17 Kathy Krogstad
November 24 Irene Olson
December 1 Sue Kassenborg
December 8 JoLyn Johnson
December 15 Orpha Hoelstad
December 22 Lloyd Gunderson
December 29 Carolyn Edwards



Bible Study

Wednesday, November 6
5:30 – 7:00 pm



Deck the Halls!

Advent is a joyful time of year! Our holiday season will begin when we gather to decorate the church and trim the tree at

**1:00 pm,
Saturday,
November 30**

When the church is decorated and the tree is trimmed, we will prepare for the Advent season with a program reminding us of why we celebrate Christmas. We'll continue our fellowship with a cup of coffee and some Christmas treats. If you are not able to help with the decorations, do come anyway and celebrate the season with us!



The Hat and Mitten Tree will be up again this year. We encourage you to bring something for the tree that Saturday or in the following weeks to benefit homeless kids in the Fargo-Moorhead community. We have been given money through the Thrivent Action Team for this event, and the plan is to give these gifts before Christmas.

Hope to see you there!

It's Heating Season Again!

Your donation to the general fund will help keep us warm this winter!



**THANK A
VETERAN!**

**Monday,
November 11**

Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, November 12
1:30 p.m.
Fryn' Pan



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out
7:30 a.m., November 29
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 November, celebrate Thanksgiving in Kids Corner. 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, November 13.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Sat., Nov. 2



Sally Horpedahl
1934-2019



Sally Anne (Haugen) Horpedahl, 85, of Dilworth, MN, passed away on Saturday, September 28, 2019, surrounded by her family at Tender Hearts in Dilworth, MN.

Sally was born on January 3, 1934, to Hans and Nettie Haugen in rural LaMoure, ND. She was the next to youngest of seven children.

Sally graduated from LaMoure in 1952 and moved to Fargo and worked for Reinhardt Brothers as a secretary. In 1954, she met Harold Horpedahl, fell in love and married him on June 3, 1955. They built a home on the Horpedahl farm northeast of Dilworth.

Together, Sally and Harold raised five kids. Sally kept busy as a stay at home mom and helping Harold on the farm. Sally was involved in Concordia Church activities, homemakers, birthday club, ladies auxiliary, and 4-H. Sally was a talented seamstress and crocheted and knit many beautiful things! Sally loved working outside all summer long and kept a beautiful yard and many beautiful flowers.

In 2002, Sally had two debilitating strokes that completely changed her life. Harold's health also started to fail so the decision was made to sell the farm and move to Moorhead. With the help of many Home Health angels, family, and friends, Harold took care of Sally there until his death in March of 2018. After Harold's death, Sally moved to Tender Hearts in Dilworth and she was comfortable and happy there.

Sally is survived by her children, Diane (Leo) Murr, Nancy (Dan) Ruud, Steve Horpedahl, Ron (Jamie) Horpedahl, and Sue (Dean Hanson) Sip; grandchildren, Heath (Alyssa), Brandon, McKaila, Adam (Megan), Amanda, Emily, Andy, Aaron, Skylar, Lisa, Tony, and Joseph; great-granddaughter, Eve Murr; sisters in law, Alice and Ruth; numerous nieces and nephews; and her little companion dog, Maisey.

Sally is preceded in death by her loving husband, Harold; daughter in law, Lorna; parents, Hans and Nettie; sister, Hazel; brothers, Kenneth, Leo, Robert, Ole, and Harvey.

Funeral services and burial were held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Concordia.

Donations

Concordia General Fund

In Memory of Sally Horpedahl

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In Memory of Sally Horpedahl

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In Memory of Richard (Dick) Skrei

Jim & Linda Koester

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**Thanks to all who helped with
the fall dinner!**

**Order a Free
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Button**



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secretary.state@state.mn.us



From the
**Moorhead Daily
News**

November 7, 1928
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The Concordia Sunday School of Concordia Church held its closing day exercises Sunday afternoon, November 4. A song service was held and a short talk was given by Rev. M G Hagen.

The Sunday School had an enrollment of sixty-five children this summer. Rev. M G Haugen was superintendent and Mrs. B. J. Gunderson and Mrs. A. J. Midgarden, assistants. Mrs. Olaf Wik and Alice Midgarden had charge of the primary department which consisted of twenty-one students. Misses Elvina Grover and Geneva Olson, Mrs. William Jensen and Mrs. A. J. Midgarden conducted the intermediate class. Mrs. A. T. Grover and Miss Selma Lee, explanation class, Mrs. B. J. Gunderson conducted the adult Bible class, Miss Selma Snartland was secretary of the Sunday School and Miss Elvina Grover, or-

ganist.

Miss Alice Midgarden has been elected president of the Concordia Luther League; Milo Skrei, vice-president and Miss Delia Olson, secretary and treasurer.

The League will discontinue during the winter months until the last part of March, when it will meet and continue during the summer months.

Albert Grover, president; Alice Midgarden, vice president; and Miss Delia Olson, secretary and treasurer, are the retiring officers.

The retiring committees are: Miss Florence Thortvedt and Miss Anna Studlien, program; Misses Judith Holte, Selma Lee and Florence Kassenborg, social; Miss Geneva Olson, Eugene Grover and Thorance Snartland, membership.

**Concordia Church Confirms Sixteen
November 2, 1933**

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Sixteen young people who were confirmed at Concordia church last Sunday were Harold Bekkerus, Gerald Grover, Lloyd Gytri, Earl Engebritson, Harry Engebritson, Harold Johnk, John Knutson, Vernon Krages, James Midgarden, Edmund Nelson, Lawrence Snartland, Uno Snartland, Mable Neirby, and Esther Wik. Rev. C. B. Runsvold officiated at the service. Luncheon was served at the noon hour and communion held at 2 in the afternoon. There was a large attendance.

**Social News
November 2, 1936**

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Concordia Ladies Aid will hold a regular meeting in the church basement Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Elmer Grover and Mrs. Clarence Grover are hostesses. Members are requested to bring their mission boxes to this meeting.

November 24, 1942

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Norman L. Hanson of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is home for a furlough with his mother and brothers. He has been stationed at Fort Sill since his induction two years ago.

NOVEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	4 	5	6 Bible Study 5:30 pm 	7	8  ALENE SLADKY	9  NEIL HANSON
10 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	11 Veterans Day  RUTH FARABEE	12 Concordia Ladies 1:30 pm 	13	14	15	16
17 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23  EILEEN KILLIAN
24 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	25	26  KJELL & ORPHA HOELSTAD	27	28 	29 ROMEOS 7:30 am 	30 TREE TRIMMING 1:00 

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