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PASTOR BONDAHL PASSES AWAY

Head of Concordia Church on the Buffalo lays down his burden

Word was received in the city Saturday night of the death of Rev. Bendik Bondahl, pastor of Concordia church, upon the Buffalo River. He has been ailing for some time and death came at 5:40 Saturday afternoon. The cause of death is stated as tuberculosis of the spine.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the church where he has so faithfully labored.

Pastor Bondahl was born in Norway in 1868, and was therefore in his fortieth year. He has served as pastor of the Concordia church for a number of years and has enjoyed the love and esteem of his congregation. He was a hard worker in the Vineyard of the Lord, and will leave behind him a memory which will be counted as a blessed one to all to whom he ministered. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his untimely death, and they will have the sympathy of a host of friends.



Welcome to Concordia Pastor Bruce Krogstad
Concordia Church History .. A Anne (Grover) Sladky

Service of Remembrance
Pastor Bendik Bondahl

Procession to the Gravesite

Responsive Reading: Psalm 61

L: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer

G: From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.

L: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I;

G: For You have been a refuge for me, a strong tower against the enemy.

L: Let me dwell in Your tent forever!

G: Oh to be safe in the shelter of Your wings!

L: For You, O God, have heard my prayers,

G: You have bestowed on me the heritage of those who fear Your name.

L: So will I sing praises to Your name forever,

G: So I may honor my commitments day after day.

Biography of Pastor Bondahl

Jim Skree, Secretary of Telelaget

Hymn: "Behold a Host"

Behold, a host arrayed in white

Like a thousand snowclad mountains bright,
That stand with palms and sings its psalms
Before the throne of light.

These are the saints who kept God's Word;
They are the honored of the Lord.

He is their prince, who drowned their sins,
So they were cleansed, redeemed.

They now serve God both day and night;

They sing their songs in endless light.

Their anthems ring when they all sing

With angels shining bright.

Wreath-Laying

John Haugo, President of Telelaget

Adonna Galusha, Granddaughter of Pastor Bondahl

Closing Prayer (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we gather today to remember your servant, Pastor Bendik Bondahl, his dedication to service in your church and to its people, and his contributions to the preservation of the connections between Norwegian-Americans and their heritage, to his dying breath.

We still mourn the great and personal loss suffered by his family, knowing that while others continued his work in his church and the Norwegian-American community, no one could replace his loving presence and devotion as a husband and father.

We ask for Your guidance and blessings on those who lead Telelaget and Concordia Congregation into the future. Amen.