

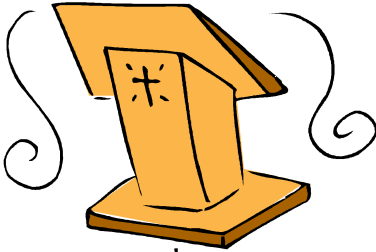
Concordia News

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

November 2006

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From The Pastor

Thanksgiving

The air is cold
Several had died
Sickness was everywhere
Alone with friends on a new continent

It was a time
To take time
And thank the good Lord
Who traveled with them to the new land

Born out of someone else's history
It has become our Nation's history
This attitude of returning Thanks

For
Hopes and dreams
That become possibilities, or
Reality.

So we give thanks
To our Creator and Sustainer
For all the blessings.

Pastor Bortnem



If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?

Their AGE

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONCORDIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 158
DILWORTH MN 56529



WELCA

November 14, 2006

1:30 PM – Thank Offering Service

Bible Leader: Group

Lunch: Delores Hagene

Cookie Servers

November 5 - Doris Kassenborg

November 12 – Evangeline Johnson

November 19 – Linda Koester

November 26 – Sue Kassenborg

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

...you wonder why bread and wine are used for
Communion instead of coffee and donuts.

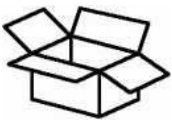
Veteran's Day



When it comes to Veteran's Day this year, remember the families of over 88,000 servicemen who are still missing from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. It is hard to believe but it's true. Think of the families in your prayers.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Remember to bring your canned goods to the church. Place them in front of the altar. The food that is collected will be brought to one of the local food pantries before Thanksgiving. Please try and remember to bring canned goods throughout the year, as there is always the need for food.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers.



Services for Dr. Leroy J. Olson, emeritus professor of microbiology at the UTMB, will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. at Lloyd James Funeral Chapel in Tyler with Pastor Mark Braaten officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery. He passed away on October 21, 2006, in Tyler.

Dr. Olson was born on May 28, 1926 in Fargo, North Dakota. He received a bachelor's degree in biology-chemistry from Concordia College in Minnesota in 1950, a master's degree in veterinary parasitology from Kansas State University Graduate School and a PhD in medical parasitology-basic medical science from UTMB Graduate School in 1957.

Dr. Olson was associated with UTMB for 45 years. He began as a research assistant and served as a full professor for many years until his retirement in 1998. At his retirement he was serving as coordinator of the Medical Microbiology course.

He was a member of the American Society of Microbiology, American Society of Parasitologists, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Southwest Association of Parasitologists where he served as president in 1972.

Dr. Olson is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna Doran Olson of Tyler; sons, Eric Olson MD of Midland, Stephen Olson of California, Martin Olson of Tyler; daughters-in-law, Julie K. Olson and Anna Quarton Olson and 4 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler TX 75701 or Concordia Cemetery Association, 1955 29th St Circle, Moorhead MN 56560





Brown Bag Seminar

Concordia Church will be having a series of Education Classes on Mid-Eastern Studies Nov 5th, 12th, and 19th. Our speaker will be Pastor Marvin Hartmann, retired after many years at Bethel in Wahpeton.

Pastor Hartmann has made a retirement hobby of studying the Mid-East. Come and join us for this “need-to-know” subject in today’s world!

This series of Brown Bag Seminars will be at Concordia Church 11/5, 11/12, and 11/19; at 11:00 AM to 12:00 – break for lunch (coffee will be supplied) continue 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM.

-Pastor Paul and the Education Committee



Brown Bag Schedule

Mid-Eastern Studies

The Reverend Marvin Hartmann



Sunday, November 5

Session One: Muhammad – Militant Messenger

Session Two: The Story of Islam

Sunday, November 12

Session One: The Koran, Bible of Islam

Session Two: Women, Love, Marriage and Property

Sunday, November 19

Session One: Mathematical Righteousness

Session Two: Bloodshed of Jihad

Seminars begin at 11:00 AM. There will be a break between the two sessions for lunch. Coffee is provided.

From Pastor Hartmann:

Friends of Concordia Congregation:

It pleases me that you are interested in the Islamic world and have asked me to come and teach a series of classes. I believe it is extremely important for us to know something about the Muslim world because of the current crisis arising out of terrorism in the Middle East and elsewhere and hundreds of Muslims in the greater Fargo-Moorhead area. My interest in the subject was heightened after 9-11 when I sought answers to the question, "Why do the radicals hate us so?" My goal in these classes is to help you understand who and what we are dealing with. It is not, however, to create a climate of defensiveness and hostility. It is my hope that all of you will take advantage of this opportunity and I will try my best to keep it interesting and informative. I use all sorts of drawings, pictures and charts with an overhead projector as well as handouts you can take home with you.

Please understand, you are not expected to know anything about the Muslim world, nor will you be quizzed or asked to comment unless you choose to do so. Bring you

curiosity! We want everyone to be comfortable and eager to learn.

-Pastor Hartmann

At the end of this month I will be putting letters in everyone's mailboxes at church letting you know what your contributions for the year were. If anyone wishes to give any more contributions, please put them in an envelope in the collection plate or mail them to the church. Thank you.

Clinton Babolian, Treasurer

ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7th



Thank You For:

General Fund

In memory of Norman Hanson

Margret Kragnes

Elmer & Alys Oberg

Eddy & Carolyn Edwards

Del & Darlene Tysdal

Gerald Hagene

Tom & Sherry Watt

Erik & Kathy Anderson

Doris Eidem

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In memory of Norman Hanson

Ralph & Barb Grover family

Myron Hagene

Richard Erickson

Ella Swanson

Bonita Lilly

Marge Eidem Lee

Murial Nelson

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Norman Hanson

Marcella Burke

Lance & Marilyn Nelson

Lloyd Gunderson

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

Isaac & Kathleen Okke

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Waldo & Margaret Hatledal

Glenn & Doris Kassenborg

Osie Juve & family

Ida Lewis

Richard & Mavis Wang

Arthur & Walter Hanson

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Lonny & Lois Brantner

Elsie Ostrem

Marietta Gunderson

Al & Genelle Sather

Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

Jim & Dorothy Powers

Ray & JoLyn Johnson

Stan & Lorraine DeJong

Annie Gunderson

Dan & Jo-Ann Jones, Natalie & Bridget

Jim & Hazel Harstad

Val & Delores Hagene

Duane & Joan Erickson

Terry & Joy Eidem

Verne & Carol Wik

Walter & Lee Kolle

Rolland & Vallie Walline

Myron Hagene

Olive Brantner

Eileen Gunzel

Copier Fund

Concordia WELCA

Thank you to Doris Eidem for the school kits that she made this fall. They were delivered to the YWCA shelter.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jim and Linda Koester for another enjoyable season of beautiful flowers that are planted every year on the side of the road by your house.



FINGER AND TOE TREE

We are once again sponsoring a Finger and Toe Tree. The tree will be set up in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 19th and will be there until Sunday, December 17th.

In addition to the Finger and Toe tree we are adding something new. We are adding the names of 5 children and 1 family to our tree. If you would like to sponsor one of the children or one of the family members, take their name tag off the tree and let Doris or Barb know, as they are the coordinators and have the information you need to complete the sponsorship. You can then go and purchase what is on their wish list.

BITS and PIECES

Veteran's Day

From the halls of Philadelphia
To the fields of Valley Forge,
A new nation spoke with musket smoke
And we were free from King George.

Free, but at a great price,
The green fields soil turned red!
And before the Red coats sailed away,
Freedom came with the blood that was shed!

The Continental Army went home!
And because of the steps they trod,
A new nation was firm with a strong resolve,
To live in freedom "Under God!"

1812, the Civil War, Teddy's ride up San Juan Hill,
Our Flag was carried where She was sent,
And the price of freedom was paid in full,
By the blood that our Veterans spent.

World War One, to end all wars,
Our veterans sailed across the sea
Coming home to break the great Depression
They guided the boys in the CCC!

Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo,
Sought to extinguish freedom's light.
But Americans with the help of God
Were able to set things right!

Korea and Vietnam,
The wars in the Arab States,
Wherever duty would call, our Flag went
And our Veterans stepped up to the plate!

Thank God for a land called America
And our freedom from sea to sea!
And thank God for soldiers and Veterans
Who paid the price for keeping us free!

Author, Loren R. Ingebretsen



The Final Inspection

The soldier stood and faces God,
Which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining
Just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward now, you soldier.

How shall I deal with you?

Have you always turned the other cheek?

To My Church have you been true?”

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,

“No, Lord I guess I ain’t.

Because those of us who carry guns

Can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work most Sundays,

And at times my talk was tough.

And sometimes I’ve been violent

Because the world is awfully rough.

But I never took a penny

That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.
I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.
If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much
But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was silence all around the throne,
Where the saint had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly
For the judgement of his God.
"Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well,

Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell."

Author Unknown

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl



100th Anniversary of Telelaget

The earliest members of Concordia were part of a settlement of Norwegians from the Fyrsedal district of Telemark county in Norway. Around the turn of the 20th Century, Norwegians started forming community organizations (*bygdelags*) to stay in touch and pass along the culture of their local areas of Norway.

Concordia's Pastor Bendik Bondahl was the driving force in organizing a bygdelag for Telemark. He was elected Telelaget's first president at their organizing meeting in Fargo on January 16, 1907. Among the charter members were Concordia parishioners Aadne Breiland, S. B. Salveson, Leif Thortvedt, Knut Midgarden, and A. O. Kragnes.

Telelaget's first historian, Torkel Oftlie, offered this account:

Just before Christmas in 1906 a cry was sent out for some Telers to start a Telelag ... We held a meeting in a hall in Fargo, January 16, 1907 ... Pastor Bondal read a constitution for Telelaget endorsed by Bondal, H. H. Aaker, Torkel Oftelie, S. B. Salverson, Leif Tortvedt, A. O. Kragnes, A. H. Breiland, Knut Midgard and A. K. Tveito. This draft was adopted. Pastor Bondal was elected Chairman, A. A. Trovatten, Vice Chairman, S. B. Salverson, Secretary, and Torkel Oftlie, Soga writer.

Reverend Bondahl was Telelaget president and a relatively young man when he died in 1908. He is buried in Concordia's church yard. Two of the earliest issues of the group's publication, the *Telesoga*, included stories and biographies of the Telers who lived in the "Buffalo River Settlement."

Telelaget will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2007. If you'd like to learn more about this organization whose history has such close ties to the Concordia community, visit their website at <http://www.telelaget.com>


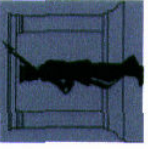




The Concordia Quilters began quilting in early September on Wednesdays.

Doris Eidem is the head quilter of this group and together they made 24 quilts. Of these there were 21 packed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief on the 17th and 3 will be given with the Christmas quilts to the Crisis Center or the Ronald McDonald House along with however many crib or twin quilts we can make before then. Everyone and anyone who is interested in this outreach, please join us each Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall of Concordia Lutheran Church. You only have to know how to tie a square knot. We enjoy good fellowship, a pot luck lunch, many laughs and still get some quilt tying done. We could use older blankets, sheets, or just any type of cotton material of any length. These are then transformed into quilts for those less fortunate.



November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Happy Birthday Alex Amundson		Happy Birthday Esther Kassenborg
5	6	7 Election Day 	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day 
9 AM Coffee 10 AM Worship				Happy Birthday Alex Amundson		Happy Birthday Ruth Farabee
11 AM-1 PM Mid-East Seminar White				Neil Hanson Let's get it done!		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 AM Coffee 10 AM Worship		1:30 ELCA Thankoffering Service 				
11 AM-1 PM Mid-East Seminar Green						
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving 	24	25
9 AM Coffee 10 AM Worship						
11 AM-1 PM Mid-East Seminar Green						
26	27	28	29	30		
9 AM Coffee 10 AM Worship White						

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