

Concordia News

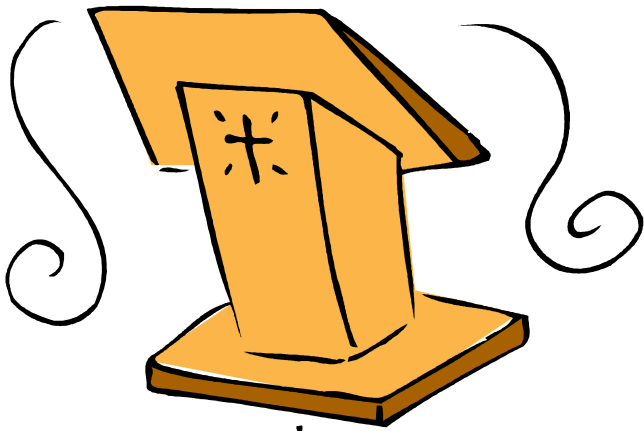
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A newsletter for members, families, and friends of Concordia
Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

May 2007

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From The Pastor

The Season of Resurrection

I raked the lawn today and noted the buds on the trees. My eyes watered and itched in the wind bearing promises of rain. Little shoots stick their noses through the ground and the rabbit nips them off long before they stretch their limbs. It is a season of resurrection, of new birth.

The texts on each Sunday speak of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. Like the cycle of nature he had a cycle of death and resurrection. He speaks to us of death and resurrection in our own lives. No, not something completely new; and yet, completely new. It is the same old me; and yet, forgiven, raised from death to life. I am new.

That's the thing about Jesus, he accepts me just as I am. Then, he works his miracle in me and although it is still me, it is a new me. We keep seeing him in the Gospel readings through the Season of Easter until the Ascension. And when

we see him in the texts it is as if he is there when we most expect him and also when we least expect him. I think that's another thing about Jesus that we often forget – he walks with us and is ever with us, even when we are wandering in the mud. That's what is so incredible about the resurrected Christ...he doesn't forget us when the going is toughest. Surely, we won't forget him.

So, as you rake the leaves, plant the seeds, cut the grass be ever aware of the presence of Jesus.

Pastor Paul



**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
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CONCORDIA CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION
6637 80TH AVE. NORTH
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WELCA

May 10, 2007

1:30 at the Church

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Carolyn Edwards &
Germaine Gress

Cookie Servers

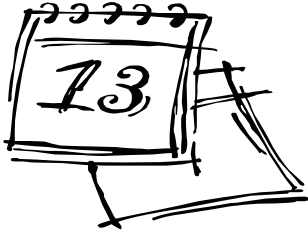


May 6 Ella Swanson

May 13 Sylvia Teigen

May 20 Mavis Wang

May 27 Carolyn Edwards



2007 Calendar Of Upcoming Events

- 1) **May 8th** WELCA – 1:30 pm
- 2) **May 13th** Mother's Day
- 3) **May 28th** Memorial Day Service honoring Our Fallen
Heroes – 10:00 am
- 4) **June 17th** 135th Anniversary Father's Day

135th Anniversary of Concordia Lutheran Church Sunday – June 17th, 2007

Worship Service- 10:00 a.m.

Dinner- 11:30 a.m.

Special Note:

The caterer's deadline for the meal is **May 20, 2007**, so they can prepare accordingly. It is very important to get your reservations in so we can give the caterer an accurate count. *The deadline for the coffee mugs had passed. There will be a very limited quantity available the day of the anniversary.*



The annual Memorial Day service will be held on Monday May 28 at 10:00 AM. at Concordia Church. The service will honor the military personal buried in our cemetery as well as all military personal around the world that have served our County. The music and messages will be both patriotic and religious. David Kaul, a Concordia College graduate will be the soloist. The Cemetery Association will again provide carnations to honor each military person buried in Concordia Cemetery.

A potluck lunch will be served after the memorial service. Please join us as we honor our military who gave so much for the freedom we have in this great Country.



Thank You to all the men who helped put together and serve the ham dinner on Palm Sunday. It was another success, especially because of the poor weather that we had

that day.

Thank You For:

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Hazel Anderson

Don and Evangeline Johnson

In memory of Orvis Gunderson

Lee Gunderson

Lorie Chastain

Bruce & Lois Boelter

In memory of Gladys Kragnes

Melvin & Ardoth Kragnes

Donation:

Edna Severson

Gertrude Berkness



Thank you to following who
purchased Easter lilies for
the church for Easter
Sunday:

Concordia WELCA

Eddie & Carolyn Edwards

Lloyd Gunderson

Valdemar & Delores Hagene

Regina Hanson

Don & Evangeline Johnson

Osie Juve

Glenn & Doris Kassenborg

Margret Kragnes

Irene Olson

Ella Swanson



Dear Family and Friends,

I wish to thank you for coming to celebrate my 80th birthday,
and for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts. God's blessing to
all.

Regina Hanson










Sunday School

We once again have a Sunday school. It meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Karolyn (Teigen) Decker is the teacher. If you have any questions or would like to enroll your child please contact Karolyn at 701-361-5693 or come any Sunday morning.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is holding an Adoption information meeting on May 1, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes (1401 Madison Avenue). There are many children in need of permanent loving families. LSS can assist families in the adoption of children in Minnesota and from countries around the world. Please call (218) 236-1494 x207 or x215 to register. For more information, visit www.minnesotaadoption.org.

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Nat'l Day of Prayer 	4	5
6 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Communion White	7 6:00 PM Area Strategy Meeting at Our Saviour's, Moorhead	8  ELCA 1:30 PM Happy Birthday  Osie Juve	9	10	11	12
13 Happy Mothers Day 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	14	15 Happy Birthday  Harold Hbrpedahl	16 6:00 Confirmation	17	18	19
20 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Happy Birthday  Ella Swanson White	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday  Barb Glover Mae Ellingson	25	26
27 Pentecost 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Happy Birthday  Ralph Groat Red	28 Memorial Day 9:00 Bernhard Hegland Memorial Dedication 10:00 Service Honoring our Fallen Heroes	29 6:00 PM Area Strategy Meeting at Dilworth Lutheran	30	31		

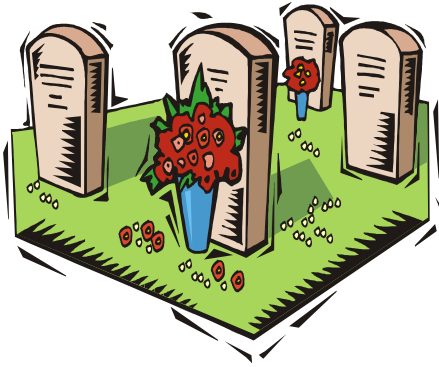
Bits and Pieces

"An Area Strategy for Mission" group is meeting to discuss ELCA strategies for mission in our area. The group meeting this Spring is composed of pastors and laypersons from the churches of Our Savior's, Dilworth Lutheran, Glyndon Lutheran, Scandia, North Buffalo, Concordia, and perhaps others. Representing Concordia are Irene Olson, Margaret Kragnes, and Eileen Johnson.



May 7 - Area Strategy meeting at Our Savior's (6 PM)

May 29th - Area Strategy meeting at Dilworth Lutheran (6 PM)

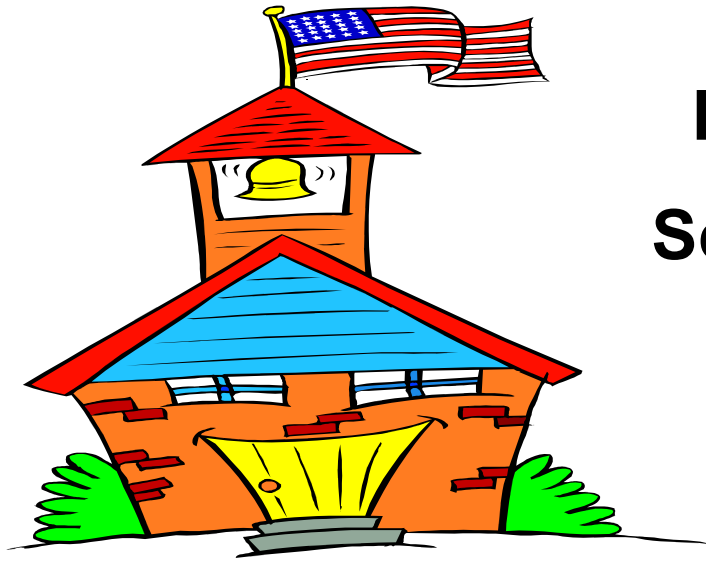


Concordia Cemetery Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Concordia Cemetery Association was held at the Church on April 10. Election of board of directors was held and Aron Kassenborg & Ray Johnson reelected to a three-year term. Other business the by-laws were amended to provide for moving the date of the annual meeting to February each year. Copies of the annual report are available for members at the church.

If you wish to make a donation of any kind to the Cemetery Association, please send your checks to the Cemetery Treasurer, Raymond Johnson at the address below.

Raymond Johnson
1955 29th St. Circle S.
Moorhead, MN. 56560



Riverside Country School Reunion

The Riverside Country School will be having an all school reunion on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 2 pm – 5 pm in a shelter at Gooseberry Park. Anyone who has pictures, please bring them with you.



Remembering Bernhard...



Bernhard Hegland was killed in action in World War I and is buried in Somme-American Cemetery in Bony, France. His family has purchased a memorial stone to make sure that future generations do not forget this uncle who died in France so long ago

and is buried so far away.

He was the brother of Sophie Bekkerus, Allette Grover, and Carl Hegland who are all buried in Concordia Cemetery. At 9 AM on Memorial Day Hegland cousins from around the country will gather to dedicate Bernhard's memorial, which will be located next to his brother Carl's gravesite in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Many family members will stay for Concordia's service to pay their respects to all of Concordia's veterans.

Anyone interested in attending the dedication is welcome to join us!

Memorial Day Tribute

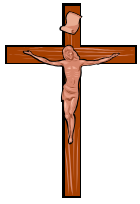
*Remembering those
who paid for our
freedom.*



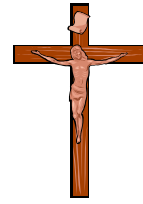
“They answered their country’s call to arms,
Into battle they did go,
Where their final destination was,
No one will ever know

May their final resting place,
Under some unknown sod,
Be forever hallowed,
For it is known only unto God.”

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VETERANS IN CONCORDIA CEMETERY



Civil War

Aanund Kragnes

Andres Rice

World War I

Almer Gunderson

Fred Lee

Andrew Gunderson

Signe Lee

George Gunderson

John Morken

Leon Hammett

Obert Morken

Bernhard Hegland

Thomas Olson

Oveon Hite

Paul Skarstad

Ben Johnson

Goodwin Thortvedt

Andrew Kosen

Ed Wilson

World War II

Harold Bekkerus

Lester Kragnes

Florence Grover

Russell Kragnes

World War II (continued)

Gerald Grover	Vernon Kragnes
Emmett Gunderson	Gust Langlie
Orvis Gunderson	Donald LaPash
Norman Hanson	Eddie Menholt
Harold Johnk	Sidney Morken
Ann (Thortvedt) Johnson	Thorance Snartland
James Juve	Ralph Stevenson
Eloise (Olson) Kincaid	Mable Young
Bernard Kragnes	

World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder	Robert Olson
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Korean War

Donald Bekkerus	Harry Lohse
Walter Engesetter	Richard Tommerdahl
Allan Kassenborg	
Aulden Olson (buried in Wahpeton)	

Vietnam

Glen Anderson	Joe Babolian
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The Unknown Soldier



There's a graveyard near the White House, where the Unknown Soldier lies,
And the flowers there are sprinkled by the tears of mothers' eyes.

I stood there not so long ago, with flowers for the brave,

When suddenly I heard a voice, it

sprang out from the grave:

"I am the Unknown Soldier," the spirit voice began,

"And have a few questions I must ask, man to man:

Are my buddies taken care, was their victory complete.

Or is the big reward you promised, selling pencils on the street?

Did we really win that victory we struggled to achieve,

And do you still respect that Silver Star, above that empty sleeve?

And that babe who said, 'Hello Central, give me No Man's Land,'

Can you replace her daddy with a military band?

Does a Gold Star in the window now mean anything at all?
I wonder how my old girl feels when she hears a bugle call.
I wonder if the profiteers have satisfied their greed?
I wonder if a soldier's mother is ever in need?
Yes, I am the Unknown Soldier, maybe I died in vain,
But if I were alive and my country called, I'd do it
all over again."

Just A Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast.
He sat around the Legion telling stories of his past.
Of a war that he had fought in and deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.
And though sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a
joke,
And his Legion buddies listened, for they knew
whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill passed away.
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.
He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin.
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the

soldiers part,

Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.

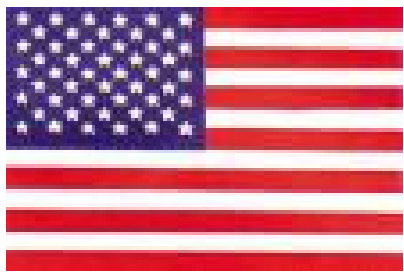
If we cannot give him honor while he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least lets give him homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say,

Our country is in mourning because a soldier passed away.

Memorial Day 2007



This Memorial Day we are still at war.
Remember all the soldiers that have been
killed and wounded in Iraq.

There were over 16 million
servicemen and women in WWII. Less than 3 million are still
living, and are dying at a rate of 1200 to 1500 every day. That
is hard to imagine, but according to the Veteran's
Administration, that is true.

There are only 3 veteran's left from WWI and they are
112, 108, 106 years old. The year started with 17.

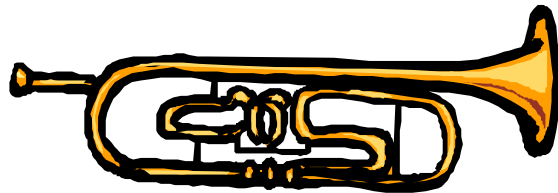
There are more women in combat today. Already 52
women have been killed and 370 wounded.

It is hard to imagine, but there are still 6400 servicemen
missing from the Korean War, 1800 from the Vietnam War,

and 73,000 from WWII. Some of these are recovered every year. There are 125 men still missing from the longest war, The Cold War, which little is mentioned. These figures are from the U.S. Government as of September 2006.

Go to a Memorial Day Service this year. We can be proud of our Veterans.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl



The Origin of Taps

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Garrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his

encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission for his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The Captain asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals.

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