

# **Concordia News**

## **Large Print Edition**

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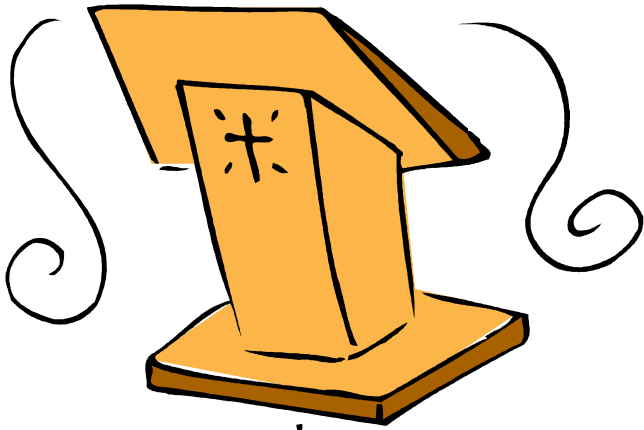
A newsletter for members, families, and friends of Concordia  
Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

June 2007

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## From The Pastor

Over a year ago I began work at Concordia as your pastor. You had no idea of how it would go and neither did I.

We did many things. We sold the parsonage. We ended a long standing parish alignment with Scandia and went on our own. We had Lenten Services, an educational speaker on the Moslem faith, talked about issues like climate change, the Iraq war, poverty, homelessness, and other current topics. We started a Sunday school and confirmation program.

We're also looking at a celebration, 135 years of ministry at Concordia. People are excited and friends

and family are gathering from near and far for this anniversary celebration on Father's Day 2007.

We will also be looking at what we may do in the future for pastoral ministry as I have turned in my resignation effective the end of June. It could be an exciting time, cause even though my leaving may be disappointing to some of you, it may also be a blessing in disguise for the ministry at Concordia.

Whatever may be, know that we have loved working with you, getting to know you and we have also appreciated the care that you have given us. In all things God works for good for those who love the Lord. I thank you for the privilege of being your pastor.

*Pastor Paul*



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6637 80<sup>TH</sup> AVE. NORTH  
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**WELCA**

**June 12, 2007**

1:30 at the Church

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Mavis Wang

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**Cookie Servers**



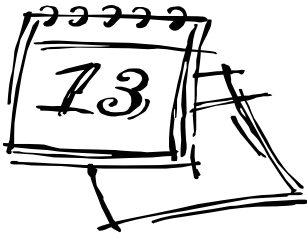
June 3 Germaine Gress

June 10 Delores Hagene

June 17 Regina Hanson

June 24 Becky Jegtvig

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## 2007 Calendar Of Upcoming Events

1. **June 6<sup>th</sup>** Area Strategy Meeting- 7:30 Dilworth  
Lutheran Church
2. **June 9<sup>th</sup>**\_50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
for Valdemar & Delores Hagene – 2:00- 5:00
3. **June 17<sup>th</sup>** Father's Day  
135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service-10:00 am  
Dinner following service-11:30am
4. **June 24<sup>th</sup>** Farewell Dinner for Pastor Paul and  
Rosine – potluck

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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 29<sup>th</sup> St. Circle S.**  
**Moorhead, MN. 56560**



We invite you to join us on **Saturday, June 9, 2007** as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for **Valdemar and Delores Hagene**. The celebration will be held from 2:00-5:00 at Concordia Lutheran Church. No gifts, please.

*Gerald, David, Teresa,  
Derek and Michael Hagene*

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## **Riverside Country School Reunion**

The Riverside Country School will be having an all school reunion/ potluck dinner on Saturday, June 16, 2007. 12:00pm – 5pm, in a shelter at Gooseberry Park.

Anyone who has pictures, please bring them with you. Come and enjoy a fun filled day with us.

# Concordia's 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Concordia Lutheran  
Church

Pastor Paul Bortnem

**Sunday – June 17<sup>th</sup>,  
2007**

Worship Service- 10:00  
a.m.

Dinner- 11:30 a.m.

*Speakers will be:*

Pastor Jill Steichen

Pastor Floyd Synsteliën

# Thank You For:

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of Lavyna "Johnnie" Humphrey:*

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

*In Memory of Allard & Josephine Bergland:*

Allan & LuAnn Bergland

*In Memory of Walter Engesetter:*

Al & Marlene Bekkerus

*In Memory of Bekkerus Relatives:*

Al & Marlene Bekkerus

*In honor of Olaf & Gunder Bjonfald's*

*(twins) 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday:*

Nieces: Joanne Biver, Linda Beal & Carol Suf





## Clotheslines

A clothesline was a news forecast  
to neighbors passing by.

There were no secrets you could keep  
when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link,

For neighbors always knew

If company had stopped on by

To spend a night or two.

For then you would see the fancy sheets

And towels upon the line:

You would see the company table cloths

With intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth

To folks who lived inside

As brand new infant clothes were hung

So carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could














So readily be known

By watching how the sizes changed

You'd know how much they had grown.  
It also told when illness struck,  
As extra sheets were hung:  
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too.  
Haphazardly were strung.  
It said, "Gone on vacation now"  
When the lines hung limp and bare.  
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged  
With not an inch to spare.  
New folks in town were scorned upon  
If wash was dingy gray,  
As neighbors raised their brows,  
And looked disgustedly away.  
But clotheslines now are of the past  
For dryers make work less.  
Now what goes on inside a home  
Is anybody's guess.  
I really miss that way of life.  
It was a friendly sign  
When neighbors knew each other best  
By what hung on the line.

*Author unknown  
Submitted by Barb Grover*

# June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9:00 Coffee </p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> <i>Communion</i> Harold &amp; Sally Horpedahl White</p>	4	5 	6 6:00 PM Area Strategy Meeting at Dilworth Lutheran 	7	8 	9 
<p>10 9:00 Coffee</p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> Green</p>	11	12 	13	14 Flag Day 	15	16 
<p>17 <i>135th Celebration</i> 9:00 Coffee</p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Dinner Green</p> 	18	19	20 	21 Summer Begins 	22  Walter & Sylvia Teigen	23
<p>24 9:00 Coffee</p> <p><b>10:00 Worship</b> 11:00 Farewell Potluck for Pastor Paul and Rosine</p>	25	26 	27	28	29	30 Pastor Paul's Last Day

# *Bits and Pieces*



## **I'm Only A Farmer**

I am only a farmer.

I know the sun better than anyone.

And the soil.

And the wind.

And the rain.

I am the man who works with them.

Who loves them.

And who sometimes fears them.

I am only a farmer.

I am the sower of seeds.

I am the tender of stock.

I am the reaper of harvest.

I am sweat.

And tears.

And pride.  
I am only a farmer.  
I am the man who feeds the young.  
And the old.

The weak.  
And the strong.  
I am the black earth of Spring.  
The green hills of Summer.  
The harvest gold of Autumn.  
And the cold white stillness of Winter.

I am only a farmer.  
I am warm memories of the past.  
The steely reality of the present.  
And a hopeful dream of the future.

I am an optimist  
A thinker.  
A watcher.  
And a doer.

I am only a farmer.  
I live in a complex world.  
Made of simple things.  
And they are my source of joy.

And hope.

And comfort.

I have walked the morning fogs.

I have paused for the Summer song of the  
Meadowlark.

And I have savored the breeze off freshly cut hay.

I have paused, remembering, by the stream I knew as  
a boy.

I have felt the power of a thousand storms.

And rejoiced in the fresh world left in their wake.

I am only a farmer.

I am an accountant.

Chemist.

And doctor.

I am a midwife.

And mechanic. I am a seller.

Trader.

And buyer.

I am a husband.

Helper.

And partner to my wife.

I am a father.

Comforter.

And a teacher to my children.  
I am only a farmer.  
Not a man of riches.  
But a man of great wealth.  
I have learned to treasure life.  
And all things living.  
To respect their maker.  
And my own.  
I am humbled by the earth's bounty.  
And awed by the endless rebirth.  
I am fascinated by the marvelous intricacies  
Of my world.  
And enriched by their beauty.  
I am only a farmer.  
If a man can be truly free, than I truly am.  
The day.  
The week.  
The month.  
They have been entrusted to me.  
They are mine to spend.  
They are mine to invest.  
They are mine to use wisely.  
It is a solitary profession I have chosen.

Or, perhaps, that I have been chosen for.  
A profession where there are no certainties.

Where no guarantees are granted.

No promises given.

No excuses taken.

I have but one man to answer to.

On man to depend upon.

One man to confide in.

And in the quiet of the years, I have come

To know him well.

I am only a farmer.

I am perseverance.

And creativity.

And courage.

I am only a farmer.

I am confidence.

And ingenuity.

And intelligence.

I am only a farmer.

A seeker of excellence...

And I will endure.

*Author unknown*

*Submitted by Harold Horpedahl*



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