

Concordia News

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

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Words from Pastor Gretchen

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
The promise of life in Jesus Christ is
strong and sure.

In this month of May, on the fiftieth day of Easter (May 11) we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. We call this fiftieth day of Easter the festival of Pentecost. The name comes from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover.

The Greek word for Spirit means “breath.” On Pentecost and each day, God breathes into us the Spirit – literally, the breath of life. And we are given the gift of the Spirit – the gift of life – so that we may share it with others. We have been blessed to be a blessing. We are called to give, that we may receive. The gifts given by the

Spirit to you, the people of God at Concordia Lutheran, are countless and opportunities for generosity abound.

Thanks again to all the quilt-makers for sharing your marvelous gifts so that others may be wrapped in the warmth of God's love! The quilts you made are truly beautiful. Living together in the covenant of our baptism, and living together in trust and hope, its exciting to wonder ... what marvelous acts of generosity and kindness will be shared in the month of May? How will God's Spirit work among us this month in creative and life-giving ways?

Peace be with you,

Interim Pastor Gretchen



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WELCA

May 13, 2008

1:30 PM

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Germaine Gress and Carolyn Edwards



Cookie Servers

- May 4 Ella Swanson
- May 11 Sylvia Teigen
- May 18 Mavis Wang
- May 25 Carolyn Edwards



Cemetery Clean-up

Will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm. If inclement weather, clean-up will be held on Friday, May 23 at 6:30 pm.



Memorial Service

A graveside memorial service for Nancy Tommerdahl will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2008, at 2:00 pm.



Syttende Mai Celebration

Saturday, May 17, 2008

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Serving: Rommegrøt, Søt Suppe, lefse, sandwiches, glorified rice, dessert, coffee and lemonade

Cost: \$6.50

Everyone is Welcome!





Memorial Day Service

May 26, 2008

10:00 am

This Memorial Day, May 26, 2008, will be a special one as we dedicate our flag pole and new stone memorial with all of the Veterans' names inscribed on it. Please plan on attending the service, and staying for the potluck lunch that will be served after the service.

We still have a few things to do on the cemetery, so keep the memorials coming!

Thank You For:

Concordia News

Gift:

Daniel & JoAnn Jones

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Gunder Bjonfald:

Jill & James Morris

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

Val & Delores Hagene

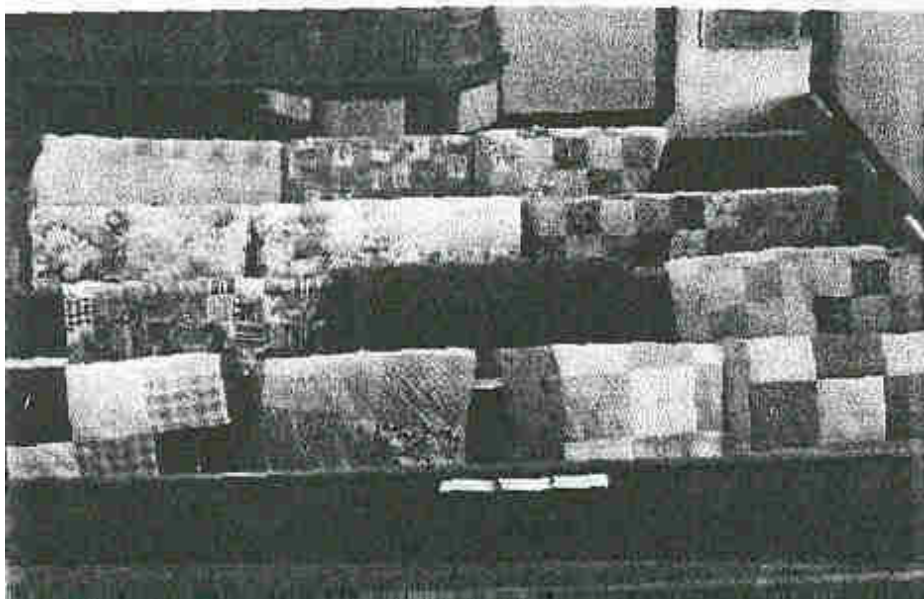
Harold & Sally Horpedahl

In Memory of Bill Green:

Donald & Evangeline Johnson



Thank You to all who joined us for quilting. A special Thank You to Regina Hanson for donating the fabric to make the quilts. We enjoyed the fellowship and we were able to complete **11 quilts** which were donated to the **Gladys Ray Shelter**, and 2 were reserved for later use. We are looking at starting up again sometime in the fall, please check the September newsletter for more information.





Thank You



Thank you- all of the men who helped with the Palm Sunday Ham dinner. Thank you to the women who provided the desert, it wouldn't have been complete without you. The dinner was a big success. Thank to all of the individuals who contributed to the dinner expenses.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl



Thank you to Esupat Kimirei for her solo on Sunday, April 20th. Esupat is a friend of Pastor Gretchen and she is from Tanzania. She sang "How Great Thou Art" in Swahili.



Thank you

to all the women who participated with the Lenten calendars. Some of the proceeds were used to purchase new faucets for the kitchen. The rest will help us to maintain our budget.



Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

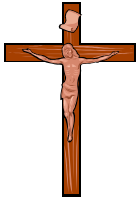
*Concordia Cemetery
Memorial Day
May 26, 2008
Monday Ten AM
Everyone Welcome
Be a part of this Tribute*

**Dedication of
Veterans Memorial
Flag Pole and Bench
Honoring all Who
Served**

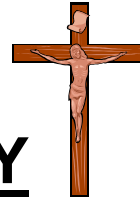
Civil War to Present
*Lunch will be served
after the service of
Remembrance*



Memorial Stone



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

Oberlin Kragnes

Gerald Grover

Russell Kragnes

World War II (continued)

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

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,

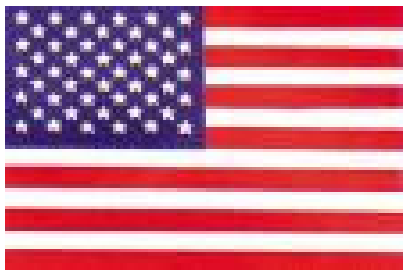
Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.

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.



This year the war is still raging in the Middle East. This country is down to its final survivor of World War I. He is 107 years old and recently met President Bush at the White House.

There are still many servicemen missing – they are:

World War II 30,314

Cold War 343

Korea 8,177

North Korea will not let the United States continue searching for MIA's.

Persian Gulf War 52

Somalia	2
Iraq	13
Vietnam	1,787

Eight of the veterans lost in Vietnam were recently found.

These figures are current as of January 1, 2008 and the search continues. It is sad that these families are still waiting to learn their fate.



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.”

TMP



Recipe Corner

ERTE SUPPE

Put dried whole yellow peas in a soup pot. Sprinkle a couple of teaspoons baking soda over the peas and cover it all with cold water. Let these peas swell overnight or so. Drain the water off the peas, rinse and cover the peas

again with fresh water. Set this pot to the side.

Put some ham hocks, smoked ham pieces, smokey links, (whatever you would wish for the taste) into another soup pot.

Cover this with water and cook until the meat falls away from the bone or falls apart.

Drain the peas again and pour the ham water over the peas adding enough water to cover the peas. Heat the soup so it is hot. Then turn the heat under the soup down to let it simmer until you feel the peas are cooked and the consistency is what you wish them to be. Add some thyme (to your taste) while the soup is simmering. Don't be afraid of the thyme, it gives the soup a good taste.



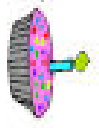
I prefer the soup to have a thicker consistency so I often let it cool off for a few hours before reheating. You may prefer a thinner soup broth; if so, don't cook it too long and serve it right away.

I usually work with a couple of cups of peas. Leftovers freeze well for another day.

Lykke til!

Submitted by Orpha Hoelstad

MAY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 WHITE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service Communion Karis Peringson</p> 	5	6	7	8 Osie Juve	9	10
<p>11 RED 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service</p>	12	13 WELCA 1:30pm	14	15 Harold Hopedahl	16	17 Syltende Mai Celebration 11:00am-1:00pm
<p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>						
<p>18 WHITE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service</p>	19	20 Ella Swanson	21	22	23	24 Mae Ellingson Barb Grover Memorial Service for Nancy Tommerdahl 2:00pm
		<p>DEADLINE</p>				
<p>25 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service</p>	26	27 Ralph Grover	28	29	30 Memorial Day (Traditional)	31
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