

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,

What a joy to be in community with believers who confess the name of Jesus Christ! Thank you for your good spirit and hospitality at the evening all-church suppers we shared in June. I commend you for the initiative you are taking to do the important work of naming a vision for Concordia Lutheran and the reasons for that vision.

We are on a faith journey, a pilgrimage! Naming the vision and the reasons for that vision, and developing a plan of action that will enable us, with God's guidance and direction, to move toward that vision are all a part of our pilgrimage.

A pilgrimage is a seeking of that which is sacred. It includes intentional listening for God, careful thought, and joyous action for

the purpose of being the most alive, effective, gracious, growing servants of Christ that we can be.

Journeying means we will encounter new things. There may be uncertainty along the way; that can make us uncomfortable. By nature, human beings need certainty. Uncertainty can even bring fear for some.

Yet Christ tells us not to fear. God cares for you so much that even the hairs of your head are counted! Christ goes before us and walks with us. So let us focus on on fear or the uncertainty of what the future may bring; rather let us focus on gratitude for all the gifts God has given this congregation. Pray for each other and for our congregation; pray for you on our exciting pilgrimage! We are blessed to be a blessing!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Gretchen

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Concordia Cemetery Association
6637 80th Ave. North
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WELCA

No Meeting in July



Cookie Servers

- July 6 Linda Koester
- July 13 Margret Kragnes
- July 20 Phylis Nelson
- July 27 Irene Olson



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Ice Cream with toppings,
Beverage

When: Wednesday, July 23

Where: Concordia Lutheran Church

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Free Will Offering

Thank You For:

Concordia Cemetery Association

*In memory of Clifford Larson and his sons, Jon and Jerry
Anne (Larson) Gunderson*

*Veterans Memorial Plant Stands and Plants given in memory of
Bernhard Hegland and his nephews, Gerald Grover and Harold
Bekkerus*

The Hegland Family

*In memory of Nancy Tommerdahl
Gordon and Sue Kassenborg
Margret Kragnes*

*In memory of Victor Gress
Arla Hilde*

In memory of Robert Olson

Elizabeth Donahue Doviak

In honor of Mae Ellingson's 93rd Birthday

Carl and Eva Hedstrom

In memory of Gunder Bjonfald

Delores and Olaf Bjonfald

In memory of Irna Brandt

Dick and Mavis Wang

Donations:

Burton Grover

In memory of Allard and Josephine Bergland

Allan and LuAnn Bergland



I want to thank all of our friends who sent cards and prayed for me during my hospital stay. I am slowly doing better. Your prayers really help. God

bless you!

Carol



Donations for the Concordia Cemetery Association may be mailed to:

Raymond Johnson
1955 29th Street Circle South
Moorhead MN 56560

Please make your check out to:
Concordia Cemetery Association



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

The Clay county chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans is sponsoring a pre-game PICNIC and GAME at the Redhawks Thursday August 21st at 6 PM at Newman Outdoor Stadium. Cost is \$5 for both. A check payable to Thrivent Financial Clay Chapter is due at time of reservation.

To reserve your tickets:

- Call Irene at 277-8819
- Email: cassie.huesman@thrivent.com
- On July 29 or 30 pick up a ticket at the Thrivent Financial office at 3303 Flechtner Drive, Suite 110 in Fargo between 9 AM and 4 PM.
- There will also be a sign-up sheet at the church.

This is open to all Lutherans. **The Deadline to pre-order tickets is July 23.** Cassie said the seats are in the reserved section - very good seats! So come enjoy an evening picnic and fun with the REDHAWKS.

What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labour,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

By Annie Johnson Flint



Independence Day Trivia Questions



1. The Declaration of Independence begins with what words?
2. What document was the legal framework for the United States?
3. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?
4. How did the Liberty Bell get its crack?
5. How many stars were on the first United States flag?
6. In what year did Congress recognize the Pledge of Allegiance?
7. Where was the first national capitol located?
8. When is the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence?
9. In what city was the Liberty Bell located?
10. What is the official anniversary date of Flag day?

Have a Fun and Safe Fourth of July!



Answers to “Independence Day Trivia”

1. **“When in the course of human events”**
2. **The constitution**
3. Francis Scott Key
4. It acquired a crack on the first ring
5. The first flag had 13 stars and 13 stripes
6. 1942
7. 1774 – Carpenter’s Hall, Philadelphia PA
8. July 4, 1776 41 years, 185 days apart
9. Philadelphia PA
10. June 14th

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day Sue Kassenborg | 5 |
| 6 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Service | 7 | 8 No WELCA this month | 9 Trygve Skolness | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Service | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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