

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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Lent is a time of introspection and reflection as we look to the awesome and horrific spectacle of the crucified God. It is amazing enough that the Divine would be willing to take human form, which we find engaging during Christmas. However, we are astounded perhaps even repealed to see the conclusion of God made flesh. However, the cross is

the ultimate end of the incarnation. It was for the purpose of crucifixion that Jesus Christ came to earth. This was the only way to redeem a fallen creation. It was the only way that God could

begin to break the strangle hold that sin, death and the forces of darkness had on humanity.

None of us truly understands the mystery of the cross. Perhaps it is sufficient simply to know that it was for you and me personally that Jesus Christ did it. If you would like to enter into this story a little more deeply and contemplate with other what it means for you, please join us at Concordia this Lent for midweek worship.

If you or anyone you know who is a member of Concordia cannot make it to church, please let me know and I would be very pleased to bring Holy Communion. If anyone is hospitalized please call me as well. I will be gone until Feb 15, when I will be leading worship, then gone the following Sunday. I look forward to seeing you Ash Wednesday! Thank you to Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt and Pastor Jim Kloster for their assistance in my absence.

It has been a pleasure to serve as interim pastor with you.

God Bless,

Pastor Bruce

**Concordia Lutheran Church
Concordia Cemetery Association
6637 80th Ave. North
Glyndon MN 56547**



WELCA

February 10, 2009

11:30 am

Fryn Pan



Cookie Servers

February 1 Becky Jegtvig

February 8 Evangeline Johnson

February 15 WELCA

February 22 Margret Kragnes



**Begins on
Wednesday,
February 25, 2009**

For many Christians, Lent is traditionally a period of fasting and repentance in preparation for Easter. However,

some churches do not observe Lent significantly.

A time of prayer and penance

The Christian churches that observe Lent today use it as a time for prayer and penance.

Few people nowadays fast for the whole of Lent, although some do still fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and many believers give up certain foods or alcohol as a form of self-discipline.

Many Christians use the time for religious reflection and contemplation.

Why 40 Days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry. Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Why is it called Lent?

Lent is an old English word meaning to lengthen. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The color purple

Purple is the symbolic color used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.

Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the color associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.



Note: Due to some problems with not being able to access the AOL e-mail address, I have changed the e-mail address for the newsletter to the following address:

mgrover1424@gmail.com

I apologize if this creates some confusion. I will be gone until the end of March, so if you have anything you would like to have in the newsletter please e-mail it to me at the above e-mail address.

Thank you, Barb Grover

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Love Speaks through Us

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If the heart could speak
what would it say
We try and tell of the feelings
that are deep within us from day to day

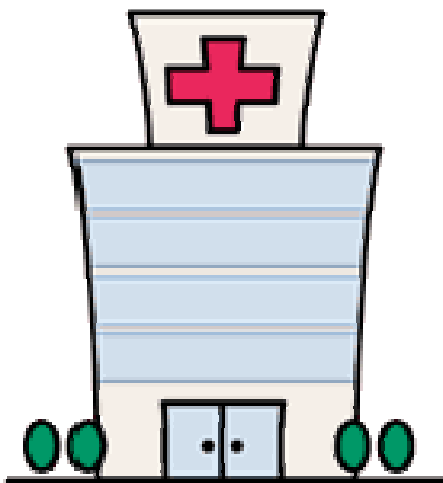
Love is a vast emotion
it can fill you up inside
it can rip you apart and leave you questioning Why?

But Love was given to us as a gift
so precious and divine
So that we can share it with others
so that the light may through us shine

Some of us look from day to day
desperate to just feel it
Some of us sort through our thoughts
just trying to figure out how to reveal it

One does not know the key to it's mystery that runs deep
It exists always
even while we sleep.

Love was given for a reason
It is truly just to share
An emotion to show someone else
how deep down we really care



If you know of someone who is in the hospital or would like a home visit please let me know. I can be reached at 218-329-2245. Thank you!

Pastor Bruce

Thank You For:

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In memory of Victor Gress

by his sister Arla Hilde

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In memory of Bernherd Bekkerus:

Steve & Alene Sladky

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Don & Evangeline Johnson

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Regina Hanson

In Memory of Herbie Rossiter:

Robert Norby

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In Memory of Henry Skolness:

Glenn & Doris Kassenborg

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

In Memory of Walter Engesetter:

Lois Jensen

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Alvina Burke

A little boy was overheard
praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me
a better boy, don't worry
about it.

I'm having a real good time
like I am."





Bits and Pieces

Start

Thinking Valentines

Say “I love you” with a Lutheran marriage encounter weekend. Get away from the everyday demands of the world so the two of you can really focus on each other. You’ll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm.

Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room.

There is no counseling and no group sharing. No one tries to change who you are. Its great for couples who already have a good marriage and want to enrich their relationship, but it also does wonders for those marriages that have lost their luster through years of child rearing and work obligations.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 13-15 and April 24-26 in Brooklyn Center, or March 27-29 in Duluth. Please register a month in advance.

For more information, contact Dick and Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-651-1575 or visit

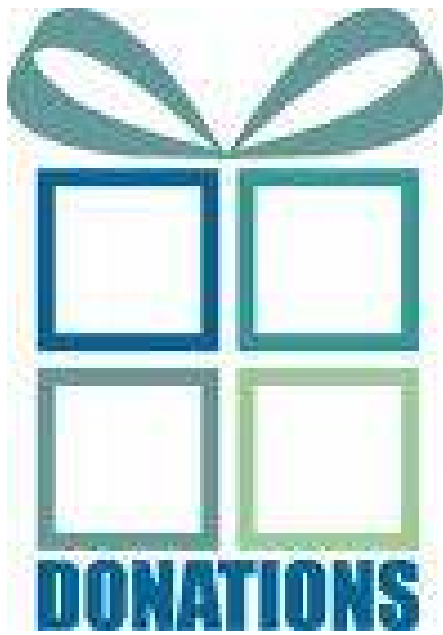
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"Allow me to introduce my wife - she's been giving me the silent treatment since 1982."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 GREEN Evangeline Johnson 	2	3	4 Trygve & DeeAnn Skolness 	5	6	7
8 GREEN Communion 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church 	9	10 WELCA 11:30am Fryn Pan Moorhead 	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 
15 GREEN 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church	16 President's Day	17 Becky Jegtvig 	18	19	20 	21
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