

Concordia News Large Print Edition

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

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Lenten Reflections

When you think of unlucky numbers you might well think of the number 13. Perhaps the origins of this superstition date back to Judas, Jesus' 13th disciple. However, if one were to try to guess the unluckiest number of both the Old and New Testaments, the number 40 would be a pretty safe guess.

The phrase "40 days and 40 nights" would register as a meaningful one in probably most Americans' minds. Most likely people would think of the duration of the great flood in Genesis which wiped out nearly all human life. Others would be led to think of the 40 years of wilderness wanderings of the people of Israel following Moses, again

a time in which there were very few survivors. Others may think of the duration of Jesus' stay in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry when he was confronted with the powers of death and evil. Few would contemplate that Lent lasts 40 days. We sometimes hear that Jesus went to the cross so we would not have to, or that Jesus submitted to death so that we would need to. The Apostle Paul has a different notion, however. He was of the opinion that Jesus did not go to the cross instead of us (literally "in our stead or place") but that he went before us and as his disciples we follow in his footsteps. Paul said that baptism was a participation with Christ in death and resurrection. Perhaps the best reason Lent is 40 days is that we again walk through death with Jesus to our own cross, where again the old Adam/Eve are crucified and the new individual is raised from the dead. At its best Lent is a reenactment of what occurred for the first time in our baptism and what, according to Martin Luther, needs to happen daily to us as we remember our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

As we face the prospects of a very real and very threatening flood, how are you going to ponder what this season of Lent, soon to be followed by Easter, means to you. God bless you this season of 40 days and nights. May the joy and power of resurrection be all the more real to you as you walk behind Jesus in his pilgrimage to the cross and beyond.

God bless,

Bruce Krogstad





WELCA

April 14, 2009

1:30 am

Bible Leader: Group

Lunch: Irene Olson



Cookie Servers

April 5 Sally Horpedahl

April 12 Osie Juve

April 19 Doris Kassenborg

April 26 Sue Kassenborg



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

HAM DINNER

Palm Sunday



Sunday, April 5, 2009

Serving 11:00am- 1:00pm

Free Will Offering



Bits and Pieces



Watch Your Marriage Bloom!

All marriages need tending and care to nurture growth in their relationship because, if marriages don't grow, they will wither. So "feed and fertilize" your marriage at a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend.

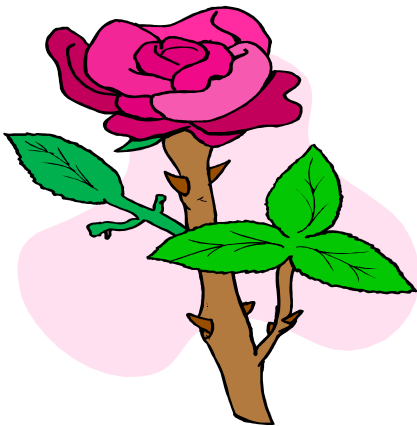
It's time away with your spouse focusing only on each other. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling and no group sharing. No one tries to change who you are.

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.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Minnesota are April 24-26

in Brooklyn Center; October 16-18 in Duluth; and November 20-22 back in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit

www.godlovesmarriage.org



Touch someone with your love,
Rather than focus upon the thorns of
life,

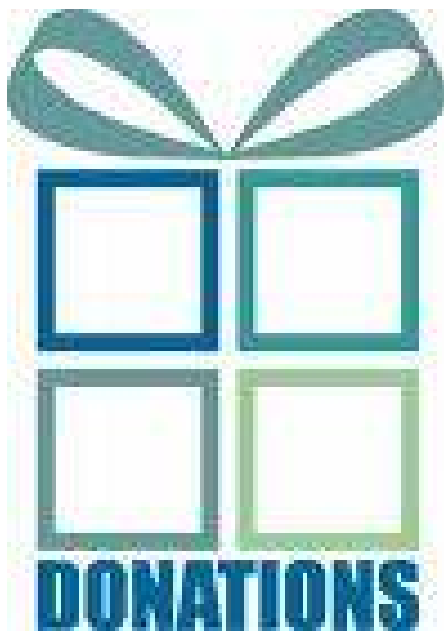
Smell the roses and
count your blessings!

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer, For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer, Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer,

“Lead us not into temptation,” she prayed, but deliver us some E-mail.”





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Minnesota Blizzard

Up there by Lake Wobegon it was snowing heavily and blowing to the point that visibility was

almost zero when Lena got off work. She made her way to her car and wondered how she was going to make it home. She sat in her car while it warmed up and thought about her situation. She remembered Ole's advice that if

she got caught in a blizzard, she should wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it. That way she would not get stuck in a snow drift. This made Lena feel much better and sure enough in



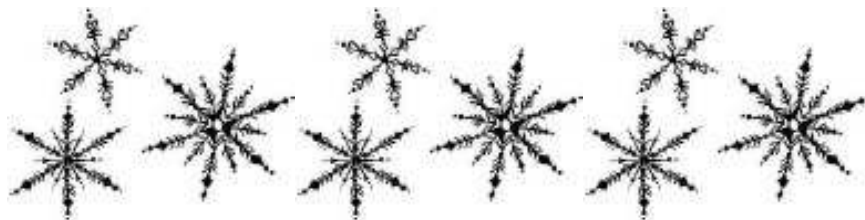
a little while, a snow plow went by, and she started to follow it. As she followed the snow plow, she was feeling very smug as they continued, and she was not having any problem with the blizzard conditions.

After quite sometime had passed, she was somewhat surprised when the snow plow stopped and the driver got out and came back to her car and signaled her to roll down her window. The snow plow driver wanted to know if she was all right, as she had been following him for a




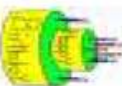

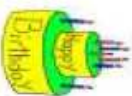





long time. She said that she was fine and told him of Ole's advice to follow a snow plow when caught in a blizzard.

The driver replied that it was OK with him, and she could continue if she wanted...but he was done with the Wal-Mart parking lot and was going over to Kmart next.



April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 PURPLE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church </p> <p>Men's Ham Dinner PALM SUNDAY</p>	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday 6:00 Service Regina Hansc...	11
<p>12 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p>	13	14 WELCA 1:30pm 	15 Dennis Edwards 	16 Kjell Hoelstad 	17 24 Arbor Day 	18
<p>19 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church</p> <p>Diane Rasmussen </p>	20  Dalan & Diane Rasmussen 	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church</p>	27	28	29	30		
			1 Supper 5 PM Service 6 PM	2	3 Gordon & Sue Kassenborg 	4



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