

# Concordia News

## May 2009

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



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The season of Easter lasts about three times as long as the 12 days of Christmas. This is appropriate as Easter is the premier season of the church year. Easter defines in the most basic terms, who we are individually and collectively as Christians. I believe Tony Campolo said that being a Christian is not about making people good but raising people from the dead. The message of Easter is so radical, so counter-intuitive that we need all of the 40 days of the season of Easter to make sense of the great news proclaimed to the frightened women outside Jesus' tomb: "He is arisen." We are surrounded far more by symbols and evidence of the ultimate power of death that even we who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection required several Sundays of hearing the story proclaimed again in different ways from different New Testament sources. Down to a genetic structure our cells are in a constant state of breaking down. Common sense would seem to move us to the conclusion that death is the victor and that resurrection is a false hope of the naive, in the same category as belief in the Easter bunny. The news proclaimed 2000 years ago to the shaking and quivering women is the message we need to hear time and time again. As Paul reminds us time and time again, because Christ died and rose this is our fate as well through faith in him! Death does not have the final word; the resurrected Christ does! Halleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

God bless,  
*Pastor Bruce*

## WELCA ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WELCA

May 12, 2009

1:30 pm

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Germaine Gress

### Cookie Servers



May 3- Ella Swanson

May 10- Sylvia Teigen

May 17- Mavis Wang

May 24- Carolyn Edwards

May 31- Barb Grover

### Memorial Day Flowers

Flowers are as much a symbol of mourning and heart-felt wishes for the peace of soul of the dead as they are of gaiety and happiness. Memorial Day is the day to decorate the graves of our brave and patriotic soldiers with wreaths, bouquets, flowers and garlands. Honor the old and disabled war veterans that have earned glory for their nation by gifting them flowers and floral bouquets. Show them that you care for them and respect them for what they have done and endured for us in rougher times to let us live in peace by giving them gift baskets and beautiful flower arrangements.

It is also time to pray for the peace of the souls of our brave soldiers who lost their lives on the warfront giving their blood to color our lives with the happiness and prosperity that we enjoy today. Decorate their graves with beautiful rose wreaths and garlands to make their graves look as grand as they themselves did while fighting as real life heroes, valiantly, in the names of their country and the motherland. Give them the glory that they deserve.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

**Monday, May 25, 2009**



**10:00am**



A potluck lunch will be served following the service.

# Thank You For:

*Thank You*

To Pastor Bruce, for his words, to Gary, Pat & Heidi for their music, to the WELCA ladies for making and serving the delicious lunch – to anyone who helped clean and get the church ready for Glenn’s memorial, to Wright’s Funeral Home, to all who came to the visitation & service, for the flowers & memorials and to my great family for being there for me – Glenn smiled at all of you – Thank you!

*Doris Kassenborg & family*

## Concordia News

*In memory of Edna Muth*  
Neil & Polly Hanson

*In memory of Malcolm Tufton*  
Regina Hanson

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*  
Doris Eidem  
David & Peggy Kragnes  
Al & Genelle Sather  
Daniel & JoAnn Jones

*Gifts*  
Anne Gunderson  
LaVonne Akers

## Concordia General Fund

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*  
Patricia Fuchs  
Ralph & Barb Grover  
Deanna Ulven  
Russ & Lois Bekkerus  
Robert & Trina Ulven  
James & Julie Bannan  
Bryce & Cindy Christopherson  
Thomas & Nicollete Edwards

## Bread of Life Food Pantry (Felton)

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*  
Glenn’s family

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In memory of Edna Muth*  
Regina Hanson Lois Jensen

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*  
Glenn Kassenborg Family  
Lloyd Gunderson Holly Kassenborg  
Richard Erickson Dan & Nancy Rudd  
Gerald Hagene Myron Hagene  
Margie Brantner Jerod Hanson  
Pat Olson Ida Lewis  
Lois Jensen Dorothy Powers  
Osie Juve Ella Swanson  
Regina Hanson Alvina Burke  
Bonita Lilly Lenny Swanson  
Orpha Hoelstad Kjell Hoelstad  
Gene Kragnes Terry & Joy Eidem  
Val & Delores Hagene  
Gordon & Sue Kassenborg  
Lance & Marilyn Nelson  
Eddie & Barb Bernhardson  
Stan & Lorraine DeJong  
Neil & Polly Hanson  
Erik & Kris Hanson  
Harold & Sally Horpedahl  
Dalan & Diane Rasmussen  
Duane & Joan Erickson

*In memory of Mel Tufton*  
Donald & Evangeline Johnson

*In memory of Neil Berry*  
Donald & Evangeline Johnson



## TAPS

Day is done...  
Gleaming bright  
Gone the sun  
From afar...  
From the lake  
From the hills  
All is well...  
Safely rest  
God is nigh.

Fading Light... Gleaming bright  
Dims the sight From afar...  
And a star... Drawing nigh,  
Gems the sky ... Falls the night.

Major General Daniel Butterfield

## Memorial Day 2009

We are still involved in two wars. In World War II there were 16, 112, 500 men and women serving in the armed forces. Today 2,306,000 of them survive, or 14 percent of those who served. In 10 years most of them will be gone. There is still one World War I veteran still living; he is 106 years old.

There are 125 national cemeteries and an average of 1800 veterans die year year. The busiest cemetery in the US is California National Cemetery, averaging 30 burials a day. All of these veterans are getting older – here at Concordia, we just lost our last WWII vet last winter and another of our Korean era Veterans in April.

This Memorial Day thank a veteran. The veterans of Concordia are going old, and there are not too many left.

*Harold Horpedahl*

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## Memorial Day Quotes

The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.  
*William Havard*

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty. *John F. Kennedy*



## WITH SYMPATHY

**Glenn L. Kassenborg**, age 77, died peacefully in his home on April 1st, 2009.



Glenn was born September 30, 1931 in Glyndon, MN to Alvin and Lena (Brendemuhl) Kassenborg. He grew up in the Glyndon area, attending grade and high school at MSTC Campus School, graduating in 1949. He was a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran

Church (Rural Glyndon), serving on various church boards. He worked on the home farm until August 1954 when he went into the Army. On December 26, 1954, he married Doris Winkler at Neche, ND. He was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey and then Ft. Hood, Texas until his discharge in 1956. They moved to Moorhead and then to the Glyndon area in 1957. Glenn worked at Fairway Foods in Fargo for thirteen years before farming near Glyndon. They moved to Moorhead in October 2007.

Glenn enjoyed sports of all kinds, hunting, fishing, bowling, cards, and games. They attended many of their children and grandchildren's sporting events, choir, band, and jazz concerts, and special events. Time spent with the family was the best.

Glenn is survived by his wife Doris, seven children Kevin (Kathy) Moorhead, Kelly (Shirley) Barrett, MN, Kristi (Gregg) Trautwein Fargo, Kari (Bill) Kinley Stonewall, Manitoba, Kay (Mike) Edwards West Fargo, Kim (Rich) Ulven Hawley, and Kirby (Candace) Moorhead, fourteen grandchildren Justin and Jessica (fiancé Peter Myxter) Trautwein, Brett, Danny, and Dale Kinley, Brady and Ali Edwards, Brianna, Andrew, and Carly Ulven, Ashley and Amber Kassenborg, Derek Kassenborg, and Andie Kassenborg, two sisters Helen Egan Pasadena, CA, and Alvina Burke Burlington, WI, sister-in-law Helen Kassenborg, aunts Esther Kassenborg and Hazel Olson, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, his in-laws Beady Anderson, Leora Feick, Dennis (Jan) Winkler, Marlene Winkler, and aunt Ruth Bloch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Edwin and Allan, sister Dorothy, three brothers-in-law Maurice Egan, Orville LaRowe, and Robert Burke, nephew Patrick Egan. In lieu of flowers, please give to the charity of your choice. A special thank you extended to Hospice of the Red River Valley for their care.





**VETERANS IN CONCORDIA**  
**CEMETERY**



***Civil War***

Aanund Kragnes

Andres Rice

***World War I***

Almer Gunderson  
Andrew Gunderson  
George Gunderson  
Leon Hammett  
Ovean Hite  
Ben Johnson  
Andrew Kosen  
Fred Lee

Signe Lee  
John Morken  
Obert Morken  
Thomas Olson  
Paul Skarstad  
Goodwin Thortvedt  
Ed Wilson  
Bernhard Hegland  
(buried in France)

***World War II***

Harold Bekkerus  
Bernard Kragnes  
Russell Kragnes  
Vernon Kragnes  
Gust Langlie  
Donald LaPash  
Eddie Menholt  
Sidney Morken  
Thorance Snartland  
Ralph Stevenson  
Norman Hanson  
Carl Swanson

Oberlin Kragnes  
Gerald Grover  
Emmett Gunderson  
Orvis Gunderson  
Harold Johnk  
Ann (Thortvedt) Johnson  
James Juve  
Eloise (Olson) Kincaid  
Lester Kragnes  
Eugene Studlien  
Florence Grover  
Henry Skolness

***World War I and World War II***

Roy Gorder

Robert Olson

***Korean War***

Donald Bekkerus  
Allan Kassenborg  
Glenn Kassenborg  
Aulden Olson (buried in Wahpeton)

Harry Lohse  
Richard Tommerdahl

***Vietnam***

Glen Anderson  
Joe Babolian

Victor Gress  
Robert Burke

**“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 the mother’s eyes.  
I stood there not 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 I 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 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.”

# Bits and Pieces

## A Dream of Yesterday

I dream at night I'm walking down  
A long and dusty road,  
Back to the age of innocence,  
When life was not such a heavy load.

Where lovely rainbows shimmer  
After a soft summer rain,  
And childish laughter echoes  
In my memory again.

So ageless in their beauty  
Set in time...  
The stars and the moon at night  
In virgin beauty shine ...

The wildflowers kissed by springtime  
As winter's frost is melted away,  
And then, alas, I awaken from my dream  
And have to face another day.

*Violet Austin*

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You can tell how big a person is by what it  
takes to ... discourage him.

The best mathematical equation that I  
have ever seen:

1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 given



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



Peace will come when people live  
In friendship, side by side.  
And cherish understanding  
More than hatred, greed, and pride.

Peace will come when people see  
All people as the same,  
And no one has to live in fear,  
In ignorance, or shame.






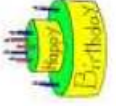

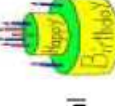
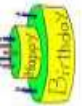
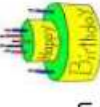

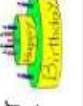

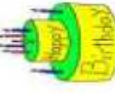
Peace will come when people  
Who are needy can reach out  
For shelter, food, or love,  
And no one has to do without.

Peace will come when people  
Learn to listen and to care  
About the rights and dignity  
Of people everywhere.

Peace will come when love and trust  
And kindness know rebirth,  
And on that day all people  
Will rejoice in peace on earth.

*Amanda Bradley*

# May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 May Day 	2
3 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church 	4  Cinco De Mayo	5 	6	7 National Prayer Day 	8 Osie Juve 	9
10 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>	11	12 WELCA 1:30pm 	13	14	15 Harold Horpedahl 	16 Armed Forces Day
17 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Orpha Hoelstad 	18	19	20 Ella Swanson  	21	22 Kelli Jenkins/ John Dickelman Wedding	23
24 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Mae Koester Barb Grover 	25  Memorial Day Service 10:00am	26	27 Ralph Grover 	28	29	30
31 RED 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Pentecost						

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**You are always welcome at  
Concordia Lutheran Church**

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### Sunday Worship:

Coffee Hour- 9:30a.m

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

Communion -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

### Concordia Women of the ELCA:

Second Tuesday-1:30 p.m.

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