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

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From the Pastor

Summer is often thought of as the time for life and growth, that all too brief season that has followed an unrelenting winter and a tepid spring. While we all anticipate the warmth, sun and green of summer, sometimes our own personal experience stands at odds with nature's display of life. I think of our shut-ins. Some of them don't even have an opportunity to open a window to experience the fragrances that the outdoors provides to the rest of us. Others may have open windows but may not have a gleam of sunlight on their skin for days. Summer may be a season of false hopes and empty promises for many. I have first hand sympathy for those of you in this position. After nearly a month of spasmodic coughing, light headedness/weakness, I saw a doctor this week, who stated that I was recovering from pneumonia and that while I was no longer contagious, it

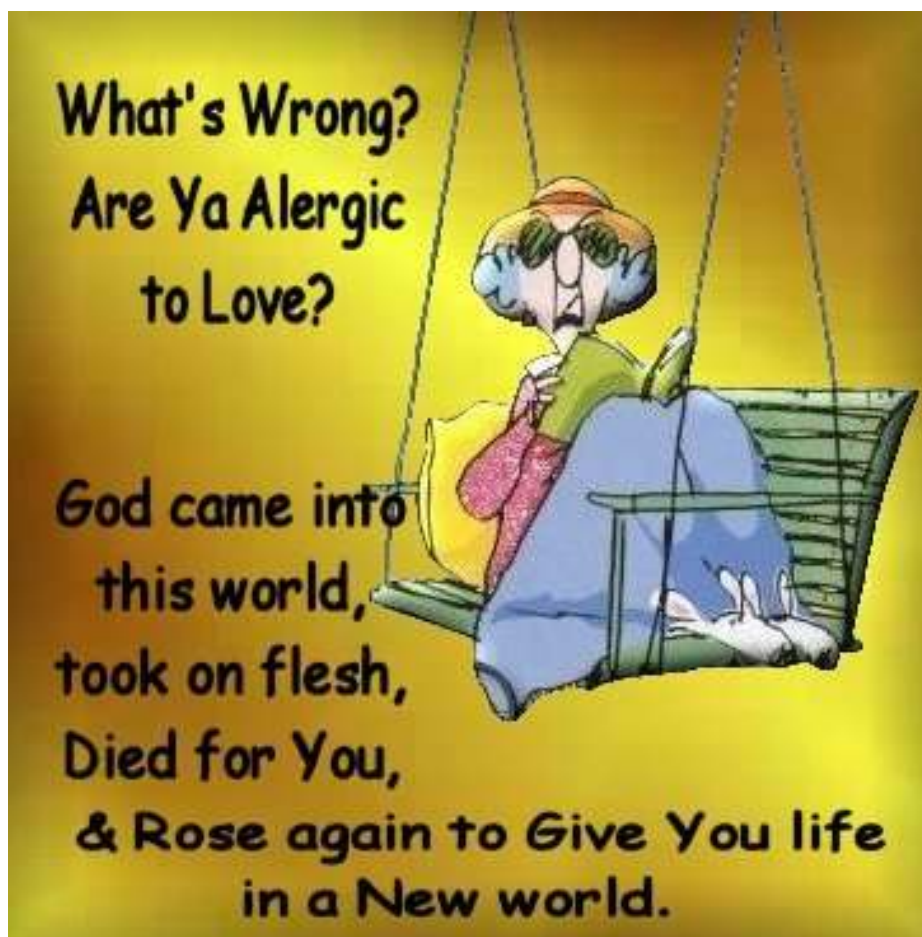
could take an extended time to heal. Within the last week both my parents, in separate injuries, have spent a combined 10 days in the hospital and as of June 17 finally are back home, both confined to the main level of their farm house and both dependent on walkers and home services (so far limited to myself for a week and my brother for a week). This has not been a good time for my parents (who are in their mid to upper 80's), but their suffering and my family's participating in it, is certainly building empathy for those who have fared far worse. Suffering can produce empathy, where we can truly experience a measure of the pain others are going through. None of us volunteer for suffering, but sooner or later it will come to us all. The only question is, what will we do with the suffering? Will it make us bitter, cynical and cold? Or will we choose to assimilate it allowing it to make us empathetic, open hearted and caring?

If this summer is less than ideal for you or your loved ones I commend to you the first 8 chapters of the book of Romans. I find chapters 5 and 8 particularly fitting as the Apostle Paul takes on questions of suffering.

In the mean time, I pray that God would bless you when the sun shines on you, when you inhale the smells of life

that nature affords us and when the summer breeze wafts gently by you. However, know that God is with us when we do NOT have such an experience of summer and that through his Son Jesus Christ's sufferings can empathize with us better than anyone else.

God bless,
Bruce Krogstad





WELCA

No Meeting in July



Cookie Servers

July 5 - Linda Koester

July 12 - Margret Kragnes

July 19 - Phylis Nelson

July 26 - Irene Olson

The Concordia Cemetery Association announces an opportunity to memorialize loved ones with new entrance gate posts being erected at each end of the driveway to the cemetery. The name plate will indicate that Concordia Cemetery was established in 1876. A name plate can also be added to give the name(s) of the donors as well as the name of the individual or families that will be memorialized. For more information, contact Raymond Johnson at 218-238-4218.

Your Help is Needed!!

We are looking for volunteers to help fill the following positions in our church:

1. Someone to read the Lessons and Psalms every Sunday
2. Someone to put together and print the bulletins each week

If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would be interested to help, please contact Pastor Bruce or a Council member.



Join us for our 2nd Annual Lutheran Night at the RedHawks

What: Pre-game picnic & Baseball Game (reserved seating)

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Cost: \$7 for pre-game picnic and reserved seating at game

Time: 5:30 Gates Open, 5:45 Picnic Begins, 7:05 Game

Where: Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave North, Fargo
Seating is Limited and on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline for reservations is July 15, 2009! Reservation sheets are on the table in the Narthex at the church.



Walter S. Hanson, 92, Eventide Lutheran Home, Moorhead, MN, died there on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Walter was born on September 24, 1916, to Nels and Laura (Svenkeson) Hanson on a farm in Clay County. He grew up and attended school in Riverside

Country School. He was baptized, confirmed in his faith and a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran Church. He had served as a trustee on the church board. Walt was a lifelong farmer who enjoyed farming, carpentry, fishing and traveling. But most importantly, Walt enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by three nephews, Keith (Kathy) Hanson, Glyndon, MN, Neil (Polly) Hanson, Glyndon, MN, Les Hanson, Janesville, WI; three nieces, Cheryl (Richard) Ostlie, Northwood, ND, Loretta (Arvid) Nesdaahl, Florida, and Faye (Roger) Wegscheid, Arizona; sister-in-law Regina Hanson, Moorhead, MN; and many great-nieces and nephews and friends.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lawrence, Norman and Arthur Hanson; and one niece, Norma Kramlik.

Services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 2:00 pm



A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "You know I can't read yet."

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

Thank You For:

Concordia General Fund

In memory of Walter Hanson

Eddie & Carolyn Edwards

In memory of Glenn Kassenborg

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Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Walter Hanson

Val & Delores Hagene

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Lloyd Gunderson

Doris Kassenborg

Wally & Sylvia Teigen

Terry & Joy Eidem

Jim & Dorothy Powers

Ida Lewis

Osie Juve

Irene Olson

Ella Swanson

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

Ray & JoLyn Johnson

Ethel Menholt

Kjell & Orpha Holstad

Eugene Kragnes

Paul & Karolynn Decker

Spotlight for Memorial Wall & Flag

To be constructed this summer being donated

by:

Glenn Kassenborg Family in memory of Glenn

John and Shirley Grover in memory of Willy,

Luella, Tom and Tommy Grover

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In memory of Davis Kosen

Regina Hanson

In memory of Walter Hanson

Lois Jenson

Doris Eidem

Church Feud

There was a feud between the pastor and the choir director of Hicksville Southern Baptist Church.



It seems the first hint of trouble came when the pastor preached on “dedicating yourselves to service,” and the choir director chose to sing “I Shall Not Be Moved.”

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Pastor put the incident behind him. The next Sunday he preached on “giving.” Afterward, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn “Jesus Paid It All.”

By this time, Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear the pastor’s sermon on “the sin of gossiping.” Would you believe the choir director selected as its anthem “I Love to Tell the Story?”

There was no turning back, the following Sunday the pastor told the congregation that, unless something changed, he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the director led them in “Why Not Tonight?”

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the pastor resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The choir director could not resist. He led the choir in “What A Friend We Have in Jesus.”

Submitted by Lloyd Gunderson

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



Thank you!

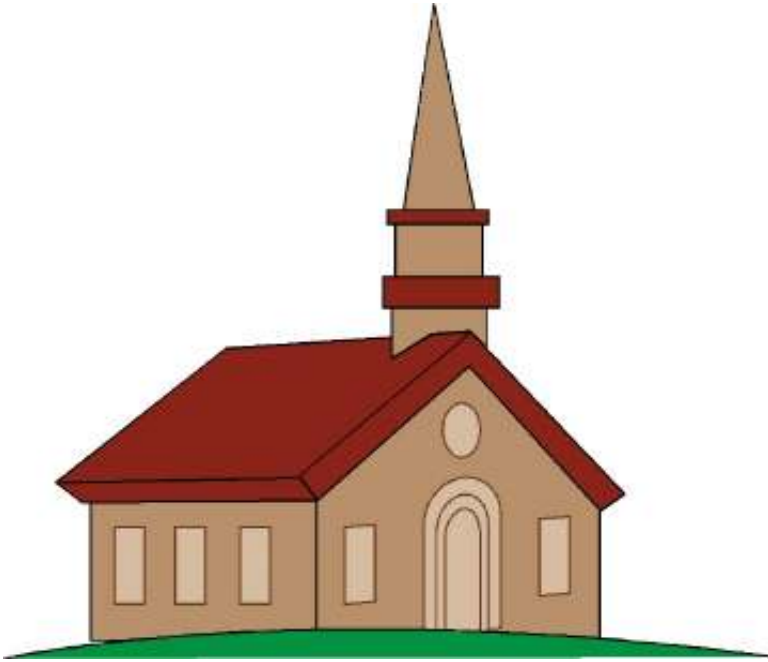
Pastor Bruce



Did you know? If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

Bits and Pieces

WHAT IS A CHURCH?



A church is many things.
It is a building with a soul.
It is a building with a heart.
It is a building that breaths
and sings and feels and
prays. It is a church.

A Church is more than
bricks and wood and steel

and concrete, and the pews and drapes and stained glass
windows.

A Church is hope and heart and faith and love and kindness-
and people.

A Church is more than land and lights and windows and doors.

A Church is warmth in a man's heart, comfort in a woman's soul,
faith in a child's eyes.

There are small churches nestled in quiet valleys. There are
large churches towering on city boulevards.

There are rich churches- and churches not so rich- but large or small,towering or tiny, all churches have the same quiet dignity, the same warm glow.

There are mighty cathedrals, hamlet chapels, wayside churches and New England meeting houses. There are churches for a thousand souls, and churches but for a few.

However, large or small, on Sabbath mornings they have a similar spiritual brightness.

A Church never dies. It can be crippled by bombs, blackened by fire, shaken by earthquakes, threatened by bigots and zealots and weakened structurally through the years- but its spiritual foundation never withers. Its strong beams of spirit never crumble.

It is a building erected on the strong foundation of humanity,held together with the mortar of Christian faith. It is built with the bricks of love, made strong with the timbers of hope and roofed with the shingles of kindness.

It is the purest of buildings, the most serene of structure- it stands night and day as a beacon for the lost. It is a lighthouse for the lonely and troubled.

The Church is a building of truce, standing in the middle of the battlefield of life.

A Church is a building of ethics, a house of worship, a house of prayer, a house of meditation.

It is and echo of a hymn on a summer Sunday morning. It is the music of bells across the snow-flaked prairies. It is the symphony of an organ resounding across the green grass of spring. It is an island of serenity on the Sabbath of a great city.

It is a building with a tower- a center of light. It is built on the foundation of forgiveness. It is a citadel of hope. Its roots are buried in the past. Its tall spires hold out arms of tomorrow.

A Church knows laughter. A Church knows tears. A Church knows peace of mind. A Church knows serenity in troubled times.

Great men have said great things about churches. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: "I never weary of churches. It is my favorite kind of scenery."




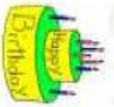
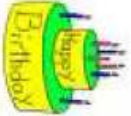
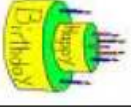
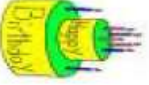

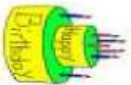

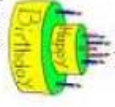
An old French proverb says " a Church is God between four walls."

It is a mansion built by man, dedicated to God - the hope of peace in the world.

IT IS A CHURCH.

Submitted by Regina Hanson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 GREEN 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Communion 	6	7	8	9	10	11
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