

# **Concordia News Large Print Edition**

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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, according to some, is the brief interlude between winter and winter. With a cooler and wetter than normal spring, perhaps some of you might concur. However, summer is also a time of growth and life. Despite the slow start to spring, the corn appears to be doing well. Small grains will likely be harvested within a month. An early frost might threaten all row crop, especially this year with late planting. Perhaps we are hoping for an extended season of growth this year.

Speaking of seasons, the Season of Pentecost is a season of growth as well. It is during Pentecost that the designated texts for Sunday expand in scope moving from salvation to living a life that is consistent with salvation. Jesus in Mark invites you and me to enter

more deeply into what it means to be a disciple. Without imposing a new law, Jesus, none the less invites even cajoles us to reach out to him and to others. To him as a way of keeping us anchored in God's grace, to others as a way to further the kingdom which initiated the season of Pentecost (the first Pentecost being a kick-off of the campaign) Jesus' followers were recruited by the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2.

What does it mean for you to live a Spirit motivated life from day to day? How would the presence of the resurrected Christ alter not only your Sunday morning life but your Monday to Saturday life as well?

As we proceed through Pentecost and the growth enhancing 14 hour days, how might God be calling you to move outside of yourself to bask in the light of His Gospel to be a participant in the mission of furthering the work of God's Kingdom right where you are?

God bless,

*Bruce Krogstad*



## WELCA

August 11, 2009

1:30 PM

Bible leader: Group

Lunch: Ella Swanson

At Ella's house

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## Cookie Servers

August 2 Barb Grover

August 9 Germaine Gress

August 16 Polly Hanson

August 23 Sally Horpedahl

August 30 Osie Juve

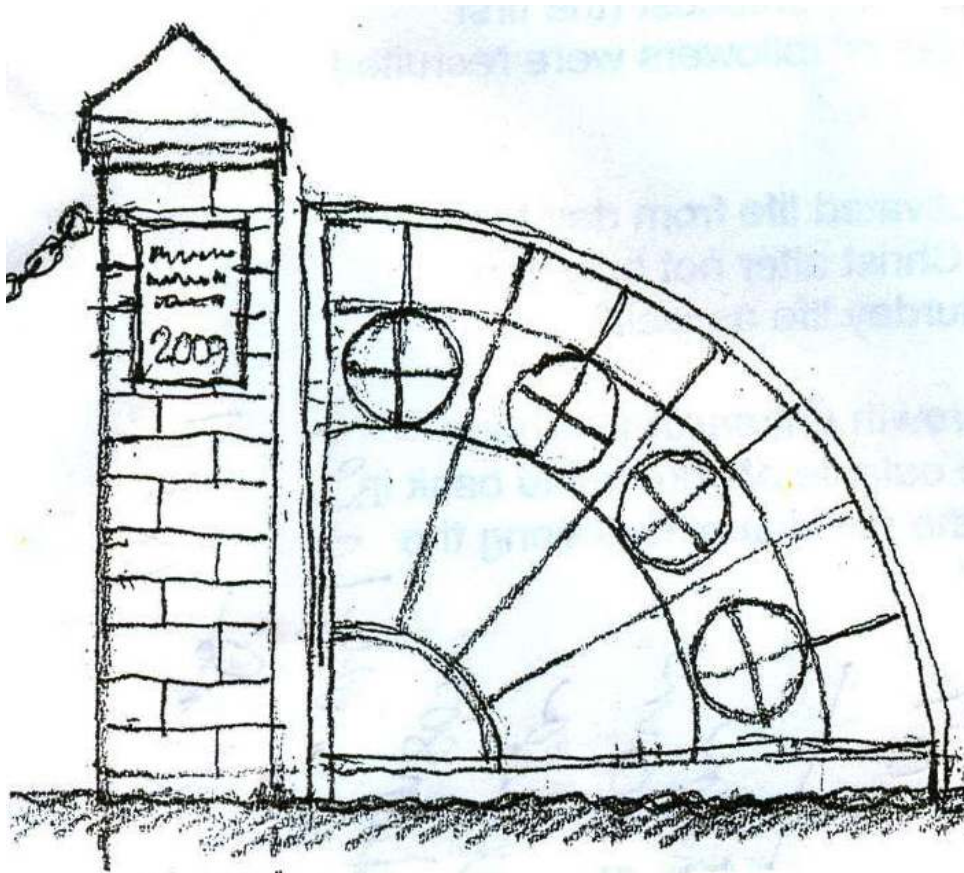
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Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



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 the Concordia Cemetery Association 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 individuals or families that will be memorialized. For more information contact Raymond Johnson at 701-238-4218.

*This is being rerun because I forgot to include the picture of the gates. Barb Grover*



# Important Date

## COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a council meeting right after church on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lutheran Night at the Redhawks

**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



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One particular four-year-old prayed,  
"And forgive us our trash baskets  
as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."





## 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.

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The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

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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:

## **Concordia Cemetery Association**

*In memory of Eloda Wilson Sangrev*

Gene Kragnes

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

Walter & Sylvia Teigen

Paul & Karolynn Decker

*In memory of Rickie Leach*

Donald & Evangline Johnson

## **Concordia Newsletter**

*In memory of Gerald Rasmussen*

Doris Kassenborg

Osie Juve

*In memory of Rickie Leach*

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

*In memory of Walter Hanson*

Irene Hogstad



## Concordia Newsletter (cont'd)

*In memory of Davis Kosen*

Irene Hogstad

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A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse.

Little Rick was excited about the task – but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was very nervous.

When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is My Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

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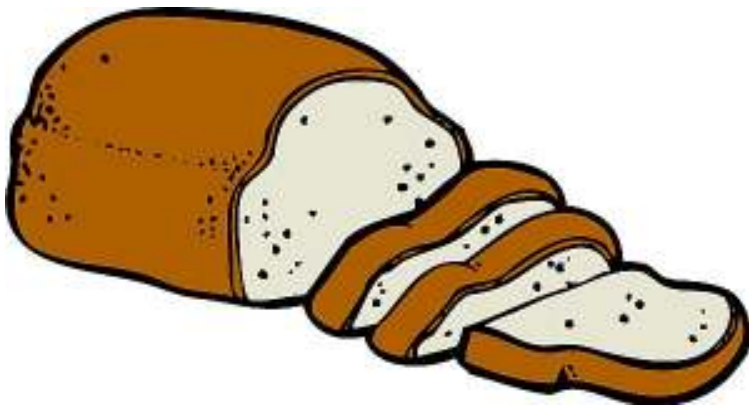
**THANK YOU** to Pastor Bruce for your many visits to Gerald while he was hospitalized.

*The family of Gerald Rasmussen*

Our sympathies to the following families on the loss of their loved ones:

***Dick and Mavis Wang and family*** on the loss of brother **Rickie Leach**.

***Dalan and Diane (Juve) Rasmussen*** on the loss of his father **Gerald Rasmussen**.



## **Bread of Life Food Pantry**

Your help is needed to fill the shelves for the food pantry in Felton.

The most needed items are:

1. Ketchup
2. Canned goods
3. Deodorant
4. Toilet Paper
5. Bath soap

Please bring your donations to the Church and put them in the boxes under the table in the narthex.

# Bits and Pieces

## 1.) QUIT WORRYING:

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

## 2.) PUT IT ON THE LIST:

Something needs to be done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let Me be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to ME. And although MY to-do-list is long, I am after all..... GOD. I can take care of anything you put into MY hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

## 3.) TRUST ME:

Once you have given your burdens to ME, quit trying to take them back. Trust in ME. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on MY list. Problems with your emotional roller

coaster? For MY sake, put it on MY list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

#### 4.) LEAVE IT ALONE:

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now. I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave ME your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with ME and forget about them. Just let ME do my job.

#### 5.) TALK TO ME:

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there is one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me- OFTEN!! I love YOU!! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include ME in on the things going on in your life. I want hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with ME. I want to be your dearest friend.

## 6.) HAVE FAITH:

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in ME that I know what I am doing. Trust ME; you wouldn't want the view from MY eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust ME. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be??

## 7.) SHARE:

You were taught share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

## 8.) BE PATIENT:

I managed to fix so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult,

have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient when it takes ME a little longer than you expect to handle something on MY to-do-list? Trust in MY timing, for MY timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

#### 9.) BE KIND:

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for MY sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know that I love each of your differences.

#### 10.) LOVE YOURSELF:

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by ME for one reason only- to be loved and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love ME. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes MY heart ache

when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong.  
You are precious to ME.  
Don't ever forget.....

*Anonymous*      *I received this from a cousin  
of mine a few years ago.  
Barb Grover*

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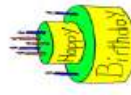
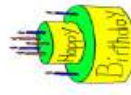
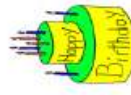
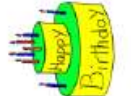
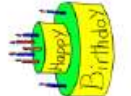
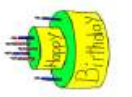

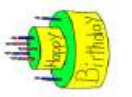
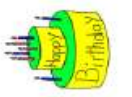
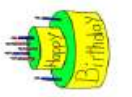
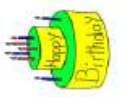
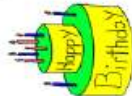
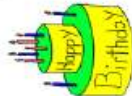
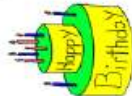

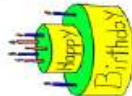
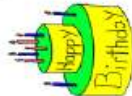
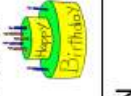
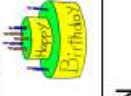
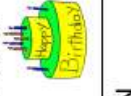
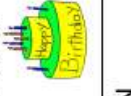
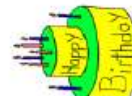
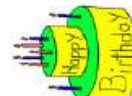
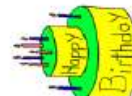
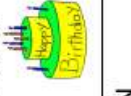
A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The grandmother more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool even though she was worried what the child may have been told.

"That's interesting," she said, "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'l' and add 'es'

# August 2009

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 2 GREEN<br>9:30am Coffee<br>10:30am Church<br>Communion   | 3<br>  | 4<br>Pearl Grover<br>                     | 5<br>    | 6<br>                    | 7<br>DeeAnn Skolness<br> | 8<br>      |
| 9 GREEN<br>9:30am Coffee<br>10:30am Church  | 10<br>Virgil Jegtvig<br>                     | 11<br>WELCA<br>1:30 at Ella Swanson's<br> | 12<br>   | 13<br>                   | 14<br>                 | 15<br>   |
| 16 GREEN<br>9:30am Coffee<br>10:30am Church   | 17<br>Carolyn Edwards<br>Tara Amundson<br> | 18<br>                                  | 19<br> | 20<br>                   | 21<br>               | 22<br> |
| 23 GREEN<br>9:30am Coffee<br>10:30am Church<br>Margret Kragnes<br> | 24<br>                                     | 25<br>                                  | 26<br> | 27<br>Donald Johnson<br> | 28<br>                 | 29<br>   |
| 30 GREEN<br>9:30am Coffee<br>10:30am Church   | 31<br>                                     |  |   |   |   |   |



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