



# 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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The leaves are nearly gone and those that remain are only a washed out version of their more colorful cousins. The days are getting shorter and hints that winter is coming are getting more numerous. We have been through these times before and recognize that this is just part of the cycle of nature. The unfortunate thing is that the anticipated harvest is delayed with the untimely rains. The satisfaction of having the harvest completed and the fields prepared for winter has also been delayed. Restlessness can easily replace a sense of satisfaction. Anxiety can displace peace. Few people who have never farmed are aware of the unique stressors placed upon the 2 percent of the population that work the land. The independence that many urban people envy about the life of farmers comes with a great price, as we see again this fall.

Farmers do not live with the illusion of being in control of their own destinies. They do not live their lives with the false sense that most others do, that they can live life according to their own terms. It is no mystery why farmers tend to pray more and worship more regularly than city folk. They recognize their need for divine support and the need to cultivate their relationship with God.

Concordia Lutheran was founded by those who were keenly aware of their need for a gracious God and were willing to invest their scarce resources to build a church and to call their first pastor. While much has changed in the century that has passed since Concordia was founded, there is one constant, one thing we of which we can be certain: God is there for us and continues to sustain and strengthen us every time we gather around Word and Sacrament. If life seems uncertain, I invite you to come to the one place we can experience the one thing that does not change: God's ongoing mercy and love for us.

God Bless,  
Pastor Bruce Krogstad

## Announcements & Assignments



**Meeting:** November 10, 2009 1:30 pm

**Bible leader:** Group

**Lunch:** Delores Hagene

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### Cookie Servers

Nov. 1 Becky Jegtvig  
Nov. 8 Evangeline Johnson  
Nov. 15 Linda Koester  
Nov. 22 Margret Kragnes  
Nov. 29 Phylis Nelson

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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



### Concordianews.org

At Kids Corner, the theme for November is All Saint's Day. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of the website.

Did you know that there's a complete listing of all the "residents" in Concordia's cemetery? The "Register of Graves" is found in the Cemetery section of the website.

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### Church Bazaar

We will be participating in the 18 Annual Church Bazaar at the Center Mall on November 14 and 15.

**Times:**

Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Sunday from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.  
*Martin Luther*

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### Fall Dinner

We will be having a Pork Loin dinner on Sunday, November 8, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. This will be a freewill donation.

If anyone is interested in helping with the dinner please contact:

Karolynn Teigen-Decker: 701-361-5693

Sylvia Teigen: 218-236-6693

Make certain to save the date and we look forward to seeing you there!

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### 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.

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### Ole and Sven

*From the Sons of Norway-Kringen Lodge  
Newsletter, August 2009*

Reverend Ole is the pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church and Pastor Sven is the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road. One day they were seen pounding a sign into the ground, that said:

**DA END ISS NEAR!**

**TURN YERSELF AROUNT BAFORRE IT'S TOO LATE!**

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "Leave me alone, you Skandihooivan religious nuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash... Rev Ole turns to Pastor Sven and asks, "Do ya think maybe da sign should yust say, **Bridge Out?**"

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# Donations

**Gift to Concordia Church** in Memory of Walter Engesetter from Lois Jensen

**Gift to Concordia Church** from Olive Kosen

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## Concordia Cemetery Association

We have several grave markers and monuments that are in need of repair.

Some are close to tipping over and have become a safety concern. The policy of the Cemetery association is that each family is responsible for the monument or markers that have been installed in the cemetery. Several monuments belong to families that are no longer living in the area, or no surviving family members living. The Board has identified several that need a new foundation or only need to be re-leveled. The cost of the entire project is about \$1300. If you recognize some of the family stones that need repair and you would like to be part of this rebuilding program, any contribution would be appreciated.

**Here is a listing of some of the markers that have been identified for repair:**

Aande Halverson  
Gustav Grover  
Mable & Alice Grover  
Gunhil & Halvor Salvason  
Thilda Bekkerus  
JJ Aggerholm  
G. Muhle  
Ida & Larce Svenkeson  
Tweten  
Studlien  
Kittel  
Engesetter  
Gorder

If you would like more information contact:  
Harold Horpedahl (218) 233-7201

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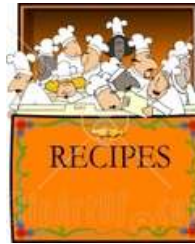
## Wednesday, November 11 is Veteran's Day!



Remember not only our nation's veterans but also those currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and on land and sea around the world.

Wear one of your service ribbons on your collar or lapel on Veterans Day. It is a respectful way to honor your fellow veterans and acknowledge your participation in the defense of the country, whether in war or peacetime.

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## Recipe of the Month Zucchini Beef Hotdish

Serves 6-8

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 3 medium zucchini's unpeeled and chopped (or one large one with seeds removed)
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 tsp .salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup sour cream or Cheez Whiz
- 6 oz. box chicken flavor Stovetop stuffing

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
  - Brown hamburger
  - Prepare stuffing per directions on box
  - Boil zucchini, onions and carrots for 5 minutes, drain
  - Mix in hamburger, soup and sour cream/Cheez Whiz
  - Spread half the hamburger mixture into a casserole or cake pan
  - Spread the stuffing as a second layer
  - Spread the rest of the hamburger mixture on top
  - Cover and back for 45 minutes
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## The Journey to the Buffalo



Levi Thortvedt wrote the story of his family's journey from Houston County in southeastern Minnesota to what became the "Buffalo River Settlement" in Clay County as a serial for the Moorhead Daily News in 1938. This month we'll join them on the third day of the journey: Saturday, May 21, 1870.

We were informed by a generous fellow that there was a good camping place two miles west of Rochester on a high knoll. In the evening when the campfires were going for the supper cooking, the lively sound of a violin was heard. It was Tarjei Muhle sitting on the wagon pole playing waltzes, polkas, and cotillions. This little stunt made me feel good and enthusiastic and livened up the whole party for that matter. We had our usual supper consisting of sweet milk mush and milk.

Sunday we didn't move on, as the sheep and cattle needed rest and to fill up good on grass. Some of the boys went down to Rochester, only two miles away, to spend part of the day. I will never forget this camping place where we could see for miles, especially to the east and to the south.

*Next: The Streets of St. Paul*

## You Can't Tell A Vet Just By Looking

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carrier didn't run out of fuel.

He is the barroom loudmouth whose behavior is outweighed in the cosmic scales by four hours of unparalleled bravery near the 38th Parallel in Korea.

She is the nurse who fought against futility in Da Nang and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years.

He is the POW who left one person and came back another.

He is the drill instructor who has never been in combat, but has saved countless lives by turning no-accounts into Marines.

He is the parade-riding legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the white-haired guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp.

A vet is an ordinary and extraordinary human being — someone who offered his life's vital years in the service of his country.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known. We will never be able to repay the debt of gratitude we owe.

—Author Unknown—

## A Brief History of Veteran's Day

November 11<sup>th</sup> was originally called "Armistice Day" and it commemorated the end of World War I at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918.

















In 1954, after both World War II and the Korean War, it was decided that the date should include all veterans, and the name of the holiday was changed to "Veteran's Day."

In 1968, a law was passed to make sure most holidays created 3-day week-ends. Because of the history and meaning of November 11<sup>th</sup>, the holiday was returned to its actual date in 1978 and has been celebrated on that date, wherever it falls during the week, ever since.

The difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day? Memorial Day honors those who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. It has become common for all deceased veterans to be recognized on Memorial Day. Veteran's Day is set aside to thank and honor all veterans, especially those still living, who served honorably in the military during times of both war and peace.



# November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <b>WHITE</b>  <i>All Saint's Day</i>                      9:30am Coffee                      10:30am Church  <i>Standard Time Returns</i></p>    <p> <i>Alene Sladky</i></p>	<p>2</p>  <p><i>Alex Amundson</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><i>Esther Kassenborg</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <b>GREEN</b>                      9:30am Coffee                      10:30am Church   Fall Dinner                      11:30-1:00</p>	<p>9</p>  <p><i>Neil Hanson</i></p>	<p>10                      WELCA                      1:30 pm  </p>  <p><b>Martin Luther</b></p>	<p>11</p>   <p><i>Ruth Farabee</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Center Mall                      Bazaar                      10 AM - 5:30 PM</p>
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<p>22 <b>GREEN</b>                      9:30am Coffee                      10:30am Church</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving</p>  <p><i>Kjell &amp; Orpha Hoelstad</i></p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <b>BLUE</b>                      9:30am Coffee                      10:30am Church   <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i></p>	<p>30</p>					



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**Sunday Worship:**

**Coffee Hour:** 9:30a.m

**Worship Service:** 10:30a.m.

**Communion:** 1st Sunday of the month

**Concordia Women of the ELCA:**

Second Tuesday: 1:30 p.m.

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