

# **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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## **Words from Pastor Bruce**

Epiphany occurs on January 6 each year. “Epiphany” means “showing forth,” and the feast commemorates

the first showing forth of Christ to the world, when His presence was revealed to the three Magi.

In the season of Epiphany we also:

- Remember the revelation of Christ to John the Baptist, to the disciples, and to all Christians.
- Remember Christ’s baptism and our own, together with the ways in which Christ was revealed to humankind, especially in the healing miracles.
- Ponder the ways in which we ourselves are called to bring Christ to the world.

The predominant symbol of the season is Light—the light from the Star of Bethlehem and the Light of Christ spreading throughout the world. The liturgical color of Epiphany is green.

The number of Sundays in the Epiphany season varies from four to nine according to the date of Easter Sunday (which is a movable feast derived from the lunar calendar). In 2010—there are six.

Christ has come in Bethlem this Christmas. He will be revealed to us as we gather around word and sacrament this month. Let us gather so that Christ might be revealed not just to the world but to us as well!

*Pastor Bruce*



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**Meeting: NO MEETING IN JANUARY**

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**Cookie Servers**

- Jan. 3 WELCA
- Jan. 10 WELCA
- Jan. 17 Delores Hagene
- Jan. 24 Regina Hanson
- Jan. 31 Becky Jegtvig



## Concordianews.org

“John the Baptist” is the subject for Kids Corner in January. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

A mission school principal in Africa and over a dozen homeschooling moms and Sunday School teachers have emailed their thanks for “Kids Corner.” They report that their kids love the songs, crafts, and games that help make each month’s subject come alive. The Internet allows us to reach people and touch lives far beyond our own doors.



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*

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The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**



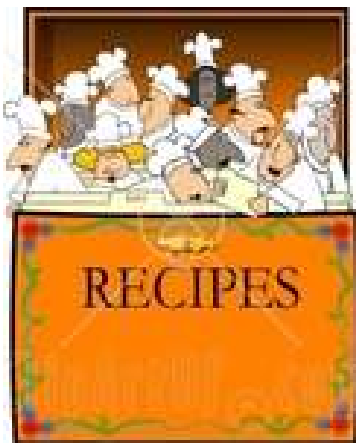
January 18 is the Martin Luther King national holiday. It has been designated as a day of service to community and country since 1994. You can join an organized service activity, or just take the time to call or visit an isolated friend or relative,

drop off a donation at the local food shelf, clean out a closet and donate your gently worn clothes to a local charity's thrift store – spend just a little of your day doing something that will touch another life and make it better. “Make it a day on ... not a day off!”

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Potluck followed by the  
annual meeting after  
services on  
February 7, 2010



## Recipe of the Month RIS KREM

There are many ways to make ris krem as there are with most traditional dishes. This is the basic recipe so one can add or delete as

1 cup rice

6 cups of milk

1/4 of a vanilla stick

3 tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons butter

1 package gelatin dissolved in water

2 cups whipping cream

Use a heavy bottom kettle. Cook the rice, vanilla and the milk for 2 to 3 hours stirring often to prevent scorching.

When well cooked add the sugar and butter and stir until blended. IF you put the rice in a mold pan (like a jello mold) you will want to add the gelatin at this time. (If you serve the rice in a bowl, you do not need the gelatin.)

When the rice mixture is very cold, whip the cream and fold it into the rice so the mixture is well covered with whipped cream.

Put the ris krem into a bowl (or mold if that is your choice) and add one whole almond. The one who finds the almond in their dish of rice wins the Christmas treat.

OR bring four or five cups of water and some salt to a rolling boil. Add the rice and bring it to a rolling boil stirring it a couple of times. Put a cover on the kettle and turn off the heat under the kettle. Let the rice then "cook" for several hours until the water has been soaked into the rice.

Add a cup or so of milk to the rice mixture and cook it again stirring as the rice becomes thick and smooth and soft. Add the sugar (and butter if you wish). I do not use butter.

When the rice mixture is very cold, whip the cream adding vanilla or almond flavoring. Fold the cream into the rice.

Make sure to have ample cream in the rice mixture so it is not at all dry. Put the ris krem into a bowl and add one whole almond if you want to play a little Christmas game. The one who finds the almond in their dish of rice wins the Christmas candy treat.



Serve the ris krem with a red sauce. Use your favorite red fruit or fruit juice. When the fruit in the saucepan is warm add some cornstarch to make a slightly thickened sauce and some sugar if you wish a sweeter dessert. Boil a short time just until the cornstarch thickens the fruit or fruit juice.

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Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

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The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut a steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times "Now," asked the teacher, "Can anyone the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

# Donations

**Gift to Concordia Church** in loving Memory of 4 generations of Svenkesons, especially for Margaret and Willie Svenkeson — From Lowell and Barbara Svenkeson Johnson, daughter of Margaret and Willie

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## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who put up and decorated the Christmas tree in the church. It made the season brighter. We will meet on Saturday, January 16 at 9 a.m. to take down the tree. Bring your left over Christmas cookies to share for coffee.



## Thank You ...

To those who donated and purchased poinsettias. They made the church look so beautiful for Christmas.

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## **New Year Prayer for the Elderly**

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God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones that I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.

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### **A Prayer for A New Year**

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows:

We thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We leave the

irreparable past in your hands and step out into the unknown new year drawing strength and wisdom from your presence in our lives.

Help us to show patience in troubled times, to fret less and laugh more, to teach our children to laugh by laughing with them, and to teach others to love by loving them.

Thank you for the peace, the light, and the joy Jesus has brought to our lives, and help us every day to spread those gifts to those we meet.

Amen.

# *Bits and Pieces*

## **Happy New Year!**



The earliest known holiday is New Year's Day, but it was not always celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It was first observed in Babylon over 4,000 years ago. Records from about 2000 BC show that New Year's was celebrated with the first new moon after the vernal equinox. The celebration lasted 11 days!

Spring is the obvious time to celebrate the beginning of the New Year because it is the season of rebirth, and in early Roman times the celebration continued to be held in late March. The Roman emperors were always tinkering with the calendar to suit their personal agendas, and eventually the calendar was completely out of synch with the sun. In 153 BC the Roman Senate revised the calendar and declared January 1<sup>st</sup> as the beginning of

the year. Western civilization has held its New Year's celebrations on this date ever since.

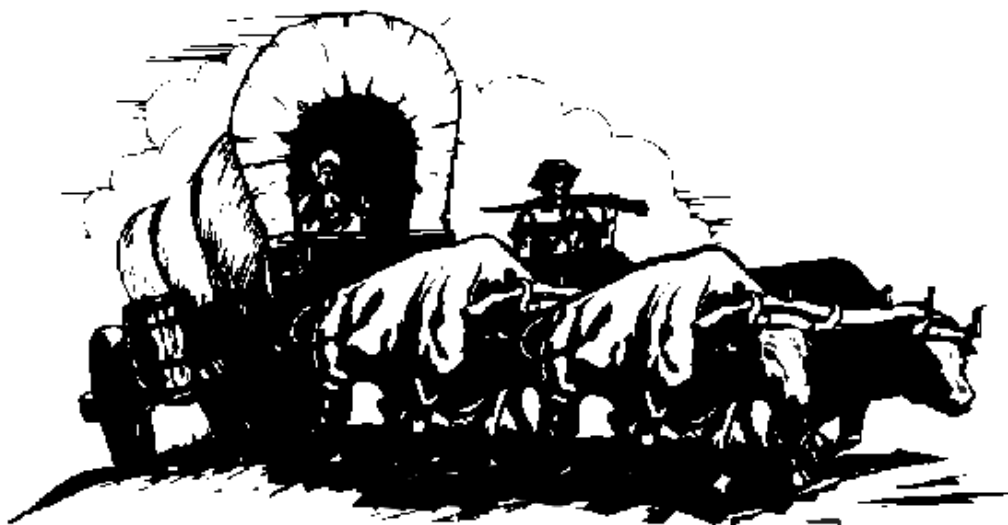
Until the Middle Ages, the Catholic church opposed celebrating New Year's because it was a pagan holiday without religious merit. Unable to stamp out the celebrations, the church assigned religious observances to the date. Western nations have officially recognized New Year's as a holiday since the late 1500's.

New Year's resolutions have been a tradition all the way back to Babylon, when the typical resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

The Greeks introduced the symbol of a baby ushering in the New Year about 600 BC. They paraded a baby in a basket to represent the rebirth of their god of wine, Dionysus. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth during New Year's festivities. New Year's falls during the 12 days of Christmas, and the church eventually accepted the representation of the infant Jesus as part of New Year's displays. Germans introduced the familiar baby with a New Year's banner in pioneer America. It had been a New Year's symbol in their homeland since the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

In the United States, this day devoted to parades and college football traces those traditions back to the first Tournament of Roses Parade in 1886, and the first Tournament of Roses football game in 1902.

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## **The Journey to the Buffalo**

By Levi Thortvedt

Excerpts from the serial published in the *Moorhead Daily News* in 1938

We crossed the Mississippi for the last time on our journey and reached St. Cloud, which was quite a place, on June 4, 1870. It was the terminal for the Red River Cart Train that brought furs and hides from the northwest. Here was the first time we had seen these carts.

We called them “half breed carts” because they were manned by French-Indians. It was a pictureseque sight when you saw these

carts loaded down or top loaded with furs, buffalo hides, deer hides, bear, beaver, mink and muskrat skins, sometimes an ox and sometimes a pony on the cart. The half breeds were dressed in their buckskin suits, wide hats and neck long hair. A raw hide string over their left shoulder kept their tobacco pouch hanging nicely over their right hip. The pouches were large and decorated with glass beads of all the colors of the rainbow. They contained mostly what is known as Indian "Kentkanick" with a little tobacco mixed in.

One half breed on a pony drove from four to six carts, one after the other. There was quite a wild smell when these caravans passed and Sir! you could hear the squeaking of the wooden axles in the wooden hubs for six miles with a favorable wind. Our horses would be sure to blow their noses every time we met a half breed cart train, showing fear caused mostly by the wild smell of these animal hides and the half breeds themselves. They had plenty of dogs and mutts with them, too.












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Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person.

*~Benjamin Franklin*

# January 2010

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