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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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We are in the season of Easter. The signs of Easter are all around us. The snow encased fields turned to black and are now brimming with bright green. One species of bird after another is filtering into the wood lots and farmsteads vying for territory, treating us all to a concert of the finest music nature can offer. Many farmers have done the work of fall and spring, all in the month of April, for the purpose of getting the soil ready for seeding. Given the costs of putting in a crop, especially this year, farming is again one of the best examples of a “leap of faith.” Farmers can do everything just right but the forces of nature, grain companies, OPEC, financial and grain markets, to name a few, can bring all their hard work to naught. Yet year after year the land is seeded. Hope indeed does spring eternal.

So it is with our life of faith. Adversity, hardship and loss are part and parcel of our life as Christians. Powerful forces align against us and there is little we can do to repel them. Yet we do not succumb to despair but continue to live our lives as people of hope. Like farmers we continue to lean forward as long as we can. As long as we have a pulse we know that we have a mission, a purpose for living that God has called us to be a part of, each of us according to our unique gifts and abilities. In the end we are an Easter people; despite all evidence to the contrary we recognize that in the end we are a part of a victorious enterprise: the Kingdom of God.

Easter has come. We are God’s victorious resurrection people. Amen.

Paster Bruce

Announcements & Assignments



Meeting: May 11, 2010 1:30 pm
Bible leader: Group
Lunch: Carolyn Edwards
& Germaine Gress



Cookie Servers

May 2 Sylvia Teigen
May 9 Mavis Wang
May 16 Barb Grover
May 23 Carolyn Edwards
May 30 ELCA

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



Your Donations

can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

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"Miracles" is the subject for Kids Corner in May. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website. Programs, pictures, and videos from previous Memorial Day Services are located in the Cemetery Section of the website.



Cemetery Clean-Up Wednesday, May 26th 5:00 PM

Alternate date
(if there is a weather delay)
Friday, May 28th at 5:00 PM



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help..



May 9, 2010

80th Birthday



**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN
HOUSE TO CELEBRATE
HAROLD HORPEDAHL'S
80TH BIRTHDAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
1-3 PM**

**AMERICAN LEGION
303 30TH STREET NORTH
MOORHEAD**

**HOSTED BY HAROLD'S
CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN**

90th Birthday

**Our Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother,
Aunt and Friend
ELLA SWANSON
Is turning 90**



Sunday, May 16

**We'll begin the celebration
during the morning church service
10:00**

**Concordia Lutheran
Church**

followed by dinner & entertainment.

**Ella's extended family (the
congregation) is invited to join us in
marking this milestone in Ella's life.**

Please no gifts, only your best wishes.

Gordon, Leonard, Sharon and our families



SALAD BAR LUNCHEON

Saturday,
June 12, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church

6637 80 Ave North
Glyndon, Minnesota

Featuring

Eric Bergeson

“Down on the Farm”

Bergeson’s Nursery
Fertile, MN

Adults \$6.00
12 and under FREE

Memorial Day Service



**Monday, May 31st
10 AM**

Potluck follows service



Donations

Concordia General Fund

*In Memory of Bernice Sather - Osie Juve,
Doris Kassenborg, Genelle Sather*

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*In Memory of Evangeline Johnson
Merle and Marje Bekkerus*

*In Honor of Harold Horpedahl's 80th
Birthday - William and Ruth Farabee*

*Donations - Gertrude Berkness, Anne
Gunderson, Lois Jensen, Jill Morris,
Edna Severson*

Concordia Cemetery Association

*In memory of Mervin Berkness – Gertrude
Berkness*

*In Memory of Evangeline Johnson - Hazel
Haarstad, JoAnn & Dan Jones, Tom &
Sherry Watt*

Folding the Flag



When a flag is removed from a coffin at a military funeral, it is folded with great ceremony. The flag is folded 13 times to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but there is much more to the flag

folding. Read on ...

- The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of

peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

- The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that, "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."
- The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.
- The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
- The 10th fold is a tribute to the fathers, for they, too, have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Remembering Those Who Served



VETERANS IN CONCORDIA CEMETERY



Civil War

Aanund Kragnes Andreas Rice

World War I

Almer Gunderson	Andrew Gunderson
George Gunderson	Leon Hammett
Ovean Hite	Joseph B. Johnson
Andrew Kosen	Fred Lee
Signe Lee	John Morken
Obert Morken	Thomas Olson
Paul Skarstad	Eugene Studlien
Goodwin Thortvedt	Ed Wilson

World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder Robert Olson

World War II

Harold Bekkerus	Florence Grover
Gerald Grover	Emmett Gunderson
Orvis Gunderson	Norman Hanson
Harold Johnk	Ann Thortvedt Johnson
James Juve	Eloise Olson Kincaid
Davis Kosen	Bernard Kragnes
Lester Kragnes	Oberlin Kragnes
Russell Kragnes	Vernon Kragnes
Gust Langlie	Donald LaPash
Eddie Menholt	Sidney Morken
Henry Skolness	Thorance Snartland
Ralph Stevenson	Carl Swanson
Mable Gunderson Young	

Other Conflicts

Joe O. Babolian	Donald Bekkerus
Clarence Brown	Robert Burke
Walter Engesetter	Victor Gress
Allan Kassenborg	Glenn Kassenborg
Harry Lohse	Jerry Sabo
Richard Tommerdahl	

Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Daniel Christianson	Bernhard Hegland
Arnold Horpedahl	Ralph Johnk
Henry Kragnes	Olaf Midgarden
Robert Morken	Dennis Nelson
Robert Nelson	John Oberg
Aulden Olson	LeRoy Olson
Robert Tommerdahl	Harold Wik



The soldier, above all others, prays for peace, for he must bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.
~Douglas MacArthur

The Numbers

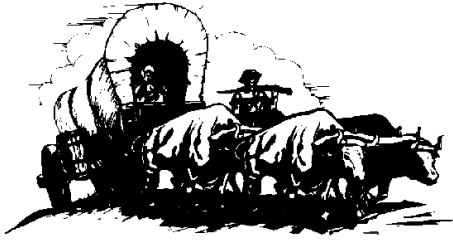
American Revolution – Gulf War

Military service during war	41,891,368
Battle deaths	651,030
Other deaths in service (theater)	308,800
Other deaths in service (nontheater)	230,279
Nonmortal woundings	1,431,290
Living war veterans	17,456,000
Living veterans	23,442,000

Global War on Terror

Total Currently Serving (as of Sep. 30, 2009)	1,471,008
Deployed to Iraq (as of Sep. 30, 2009)	164,100
Deployed to Afghanistan (as of Sep. 30, 2009)	66,400
Battle Deaths (as of March 10, 2010)	4,201
Other Deaths (in Theater) (as of March 10, 2010)	1,175
Non-mortal Woundings (as of March 10, 2010)	36,906

The Journey to the Buffalo



By Levi Thortvedt
Excerpts from the serial published in the
Moorhead Daily News in 1938

Towards evening it began to rain a little. When we made camp that night, the mosquitoes were the worst we had ever experienced.

My mother made milk mush (*melke grod*) and Sir! when the pot was filled with milk and placed over the camp fire, it was a stiff, rich mixture of sweet milk and mosquitoes. Mother threw the milk away and filled up the kettle again with fresh milk, but the same thing happened and also for the third time. The third time she threw the pot away with such vigor that it almost struck a nearby calf in the head. We went supperless to bed that night.

There must have been billions upon billions of these seemingly patched together and weakly built insects. It was the number of them that did the business. The next morning there was a layer of dead mosquitoes 6 or 7 inches high around the ashes of the camp fire. This sounds like a fish story, but can you prove that it was not the fact?

Next: *The Burbank Hotel*

Syttende Mai

Norway's Constitution was signed on May 17, 1814 at Eidsvoll. It remained in union with Sweden until 1905, but Norway celebrates its return as an independent nation on this date. Norway's Constitution Day is a national holiday, but unlike the U.S., there are no displays of patriotic fervor and military might; children's parades and local schools are the focus of the day.

Things Mom Would Never Say



- "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
- Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery."
- "I think the tattoo on your ankle looks great – why not get another one?"
- "Let me smell that shirt -- Yeah, it's good for another week."
- "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."
- "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
- "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve."
- "Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve."

Returning from the Civil War















"In 1864 I had to go to war. In July 1865, we were discharged and got our wages at Fort Snelling. I bought the gun I had used from the government. As I was on the way home, I would shoot now and then as I was so happy just going home. My shots frightened my wife who thought we were Indians, and she hid in the cornfield until she knew it was safe to come home."

-Torjus Haraldson
(1830-1921)

Torjus served in Co. E, MN 2nd Regiment during the Civil War. The Haraldsons were members of Concordia at the turn of the 20th Century.

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 May Day 
2 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Communion	3 	4 WELCA 1:30 	5	6	7	8  Osie Juve
9 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church  Mother's Day	10	11 WELCA 1:30 	12	13	14	15  Harold's 80th Party Mhd Amer Leg
16 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Ella's 90th Dinner 	17 Syttende Mai 	18	19	20 	21	22
23 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	24  Barb Grover Mae Ellingson	25	26	27  Ralph Grover	28	29
30 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church	31 Service 10 AM Potluck Memorial Day					

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Coffee Hour: 9:00a.m

Worship Service: 10:00a.m.

Communion: 1st Sunday of the month

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