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and friends of  
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## Happy New Year From Concordia News!

As the old year passes and a new one begins, we all like to take stock of what we accomplished in the past year, and what we hope to get done in the new one. We measure our success by what we've completed, perhaps how much money we've made, spent, or saved, if we got a promotion – all the tangible ways we can say “We did it!”

It is important to remember, though, as we chart our course for 2011 that God does not judge us by such a yardstick. Our goal as Christians should not be simply what we achieve, but how we achieve it. Do we take time to listen, and do we hear what others are saying to us? Are we considerate of the needs and feelings of others, or do we simply focus on the shortest and easiest way to get to where we want to go?

As we take stock of the old year, we should think about not only what we've done but how we've done it. Did we pass along the love and gracious forgiveness God has granted us through Jesus, or was our goal so selfishly important that we convinced ourselves we didn't have time or reason to be considerate of those we dealt with along the way?

As we plan for the new year, we should think about how we can help those around us even as we work toward the goals we set for ourselves.

The old year fades away, and with it all the cares, failures, mistakes and successes of a time now past. The new year unfolds as endless possibility. Make the most of it! May it be the Happiest of New Years!



No meeting this month

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## Cookie Servers



January 2	Delores Hagene
January 9	Mavis Wang
January 16	Polly Hanson
January 23	Doris Kassenborg
January 30	Becky Jegtvig
February 6	Orpha Hoelstad
February 13	Germaine Gress
February 20	Osie Juve
February 27	Regina Hanson

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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

“Parable of Two Builders” is the subject for Kids Corner in January. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of

our website.

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We will be taking the Christmas tree down on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 1 PM. We will have coffee after the decorations are put away. Please bring a treat to share with the coffee.

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Church  
Bulletin  
Bloopers



I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, even though he  
dies, yet shall he live.

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## Cemetery Association

### Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 12, 2010

10 AM at Concordia

*Coffee & Cookies Served*





## 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.

### **General Fund:**

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

Lloyd Gunderson

105 3 St N

Moorhead, MN, 56560

### **Concordia Newsletter**

Make checks out to Concordia News and mail to:

Valdemar Hagene

6756 70 Ave N

Glyndon, MN 56547

### **Concordia Cemetery Association:**

Make checks out to the association and mail to:

Ray Johnson

7333 70 St N

Glyndon, MN 56547



## Food Donations Wanted

Bring canned or boxed groceries to the church and put them in the box in the Church narthex. They will be brought to one of the following:

- ✚ Dorothy Day House
  - ✚ Churches United for the Homeless
  - ✚ Bread of Life
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*From the Ole & Lena files*



Ingeborg took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve so she could enjoy the doings at Ole and Lena's that night.

When she woke up she said to her husband Sven, "I dreamt you gave me a diamond necklace for New Year's Eve. Vat do you tink dat means, den?"

Sven smiled slyly and said, "Vell, ve'll find out tonight now, von't vee?"

Sure enough, at midnight Sven gives Ingeborg a peck on the cheek and reaches in his back overall pocket and hands her a small package.

"Its good to know I did yust right on this," Sven said as Ingeborg ripped open the package. Sure enough, there in her hand was a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams."

# Donations

## **Concordia Cemetery Association**

*In Memory of Partyke Family:*

Paul & Jennifer Partyke

*In Memory of Robert Burke:*

Mike and Donna Burke

Andrew, Kara & Landen Orsini

*In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg:*

Kirby & Candace Kassenborg

*Donations for Gravestone Repair:*

Ardoth Kragnes

*General Donation:*

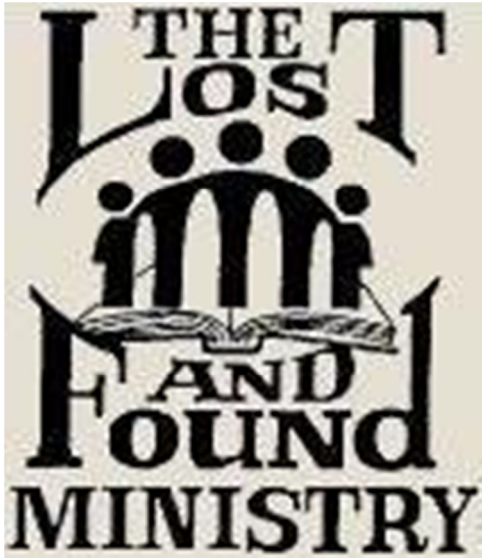
Burton & Catherine Grover

## **Concordia News**

*In Memory of Adell Espland Swanson*

Margret Kragnes

## Concordia Mission Fund



Concordia Lutheran Congregation, is a small rural congregation with a real interest in missions. This past summer, Lost and Found Ministries in Moorhead received a \$250 mission grant from Concordia's Mission Fund which we used to purchase the following DVDs by Father Martin:

"Enabling & Detachment"

"Recovery and the Family"

"Recovery & Forgiveness"

"Relapse"

"Spiritual Aspects of Alcoholism"

Thank you for supporting Lost and Found!

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Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

*Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850*



# Recipe of the Month

## Ham and Potato Soup

*Perfect for holiday leftovers*



### Ingredients

6 medium Potatoes, diced

1 med. Onion, diced

1/2 cup Butter

1/2 cup Flour

1 cup diced Ham

2 cups Milk

1 teaspoon Parsley

### Directions

- Boil diced potatoes and onions until done.
- Drain, but save the water.
- Add butter to potatoes and onions until butter melts. Add flour, ham and parsley; stir lightly.
- Pour in 4 cups of potato water and then milk.
- Turn heat up to medium and stir until soup thickens, about 5 minutes.
- Add salt to taste.

# On the Buffalo



By Levi Thortvedt

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

Sketch of the Thortvedt cabin by Orabel Thortvedt

About the latter part of August, I think it was, something new happened. It was over at my Uncle Aanon's. It was late in the evening as told by Mrs. Aanon Gunderson. She heard voices around the bend of the river and thought it was Indians. She was quick to quench the greased lamp and fire of any kind in the house, in hopes that they might pass by. But listening with both ears wide open, the voices turned out to be singing. They all stood and listened. "Oh! My God, it is a Norwegian song!" she said. Being sure that it was not a mistake, She ran into the house, lighted the lamp again, so

when these people came they saw the light. They promptly turned in. It was a happy surprise in the wilderness. Bernhard Boreson Sampson, apparently the leader of the party, came up to the house and introduced himself ; he made the rest of them acquainted.

The party consisted of Sampson, the singer; Anton Jenson, his wife Marie and her old mother; the Jensons' two sons, Jens and Jorgen, and their little sister, Marta. They were Danish.

They stayed at Uncle Aanon's three weeks, I guess. while they hunted up their claims and built a house.

Gunder and Gustave Anderson ran over the next morning and told what had happened. About the two boys that had come, but they were older than we were. Jorgen was 18, Jens, 16, and Marta about 6 years old. I remember that Jorgen built small houses for us from willow pines about 12 inches long. Jenson was sheriff for two terms, later on.

They had picked their claims four miles further down on the west side of the river, now section six, town of Moland.

Anton had been in America nine years prior to 1864, when he went back to Denmark to help fight the Germans. The Germans took Schleswig-Holstein from them at that time,

so these Danes came directly from Sonnerburk, Schleswig-Holstein. They had been compelled to speak German which Jorgen and Jens spoke fluently.

Anton Jenson had a claim in Meeker County before coming here and had some scuffles with the Indians. When they came here from St. Paul, Minn., they had a dark bay ox team and an old wagon. The ox owned by Jenson and the other by Sampson. The latter became the owner of Sampson Addition, Crookston, Minn.

Next: *Surveyors Arrive*

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Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

~*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

What are  
your New Year's  
Resolutions?



## Top 10 New Years Resolutions

Over the last 10 years, these are reported to be the 10 most common resolutions:

1. Lose weight and get healthier
2. Stick to a budget
3. Reduce debt, pay off credit cards
4. Spend more time with friends & family
5. Quit a bad habit (smoking, drinking, etc)
6. Find a better job
7. Learn something new
8. Volunteer/help others
9. Get organized
10. Travel

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