

# Concordia News – Large Print

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and friends of  
Concordia Lutheran Church and  
Concordia Cemetery Association

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## **A Few Words from Pastor Bruce**

Dictionary.com defines Epiphany as the following:

1. A Christian festival, observed on January 6, commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi; Twelfth-day.
2. An appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity.
3. A sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.

What is lacking in the above definitions of Epiphany, is the the understanding of it being an entire season in the church year. It is more than just a brief event. God's revelation of Himself through Jesus Christ is not a flash in the pan event. It

is more than a profound experience with a life span of a May fly. Over several weeks God sits us down and shows us who His Son is and who He is not. However, this is not some impersonal theological exercise. God reveals more than just facts about Himself, He reveals His identity as the One who is there for us. Epiphany is not some cold formula that reaches no deeper than our brains. It is a season during which God seeks to win us over by an accurate and loving portrayal of what His Son was and still is up to. Epiphany is not an objective history lesson as much as it is a love poem with your name inserted. You are the object of not only the grand movements of human history but you are the individual and personal beneficiary of God's grace as revealed through His Son Jesus Christ. God did not just reveal His Son for the world but more importantly revealed His Son for you.

Epiphany is a profoundly personal time during which we see that God did not just send His son for everyone, but sent Him for you and for me.

May God bless you during this season  
as He reveals Himself to you as His beloved child,

*Pastor Bruce*



**Date:** February 8

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Place:** Fryn Pan

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## Cookie Servers

February 6 Orpha Hoelstad  
February 13 Germaine Gress  
February 20 Osie Juve  
February 27 Regina Hanson  
March 6 Linda Koester  
March 13 Carolyn Edwards  
March 20 Irene Olson  
March 27 Sally Horpedahl



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

“The Story of Naaman” is the subject for Kids Corner in February. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

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My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

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The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

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### Cemetery Association



### Concordia Congregation

Saturday, February 12, 2011  
10 AM at Concordia  
*Coffee & Cookies Served*

Sunday, February 6, 2011  
Potluck follows Service  
Annual Meeting follows Meal



## 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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## Presidents Day or Washington's Birthday?

Washington's Birthday has been an official federal holiday since 1885. In 1968, Congress moved the observances of Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day\* to Mondays to create more 3-day week-ends. Washington's date of birth was February 22. Ironically, observed on the third Monday in February, the holiday can never fall later than February 21.



Each state designates its own holidays and chooses whether or not to observe federal holidays. A few states do



not recognize Washington's Birthday as a legal holiday. Lincoln's Birthday was never a Federal holiday, although (particularly in the north) it has been widely observed as a state holiday. With the addition of two new federal holidays - Columbus Day (1971) and Martin Luther King's Birthday (1986) - many states eliminated the Lincoln holiday. Some states, including Minnesota, declared the federal Washington's Birthday holiday as Presidents' Day in honor of all presidents.

*\*Veterans Day returned to its original fixed-date observance on November 11, 1978.*

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People are funny: they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church!



# Donations

## Concordia General Fund

*In Memory of Adel Swanson:*

Burton & Lorna Rockstad

Gene Kragnes

Kjell and Orpha Hoelstad

Walter & Sylvia Teigen

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of the Kosen Family:*

Anne Kosen

*In memory of Emil and Signe Boen:*

Anne Kosen

## *Donation for Gravestone Restoration*

Cherie Sabo

Al & Genelle Sather

Carl & Eva Hedstrom (*Aunt Orabel Thortvedt*)

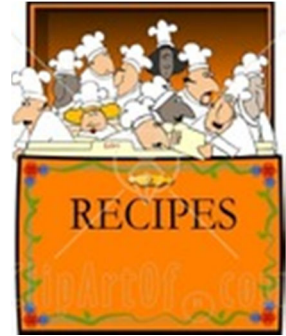
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*Donation*

Cherie Sabo

# Recipe of the Month

## Taconite Tater Tot Hotdish



### Ingredients

- 1-1.5 pounds ground beef
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 small cloves garlic, chopped
- 8-12 oz Pepper Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 pkg Tater Tots
- Salt & Pepper

### Directions

- Brown ground beef, drain fat. Saute onion and garlic.
- In a large bowl, mix beef, onion, garlic, soup, salt & pepper.
- Spread evenly into 9 X 13 baking dish. Cover with ½ shredded cheese. Place tater tots evenly in one layer over entire pan.
- Bake at 450 degrees for 30 minutes, or until tater tots are crisp.
- Cover with remaining cheese and continue baking until cheese melts.

## 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

Things went along day after day until one morning Thone, my sister, and I went over to “Old Fish Place” to set out our traps. I had a fine big muskrat in my trap and just as I had gotten it out we heard a yell and a splash in the river about 25 rods upstream. We looked up the river and saw men wading across to our side dressed in red, blue and gray. We thought it was Indians and ran home, leaving muskrats, and reported the Indians were coming. Mother hollered for father, who was in the woods. He came running and asked what it was. She said we had seen Indians coming across the river. We pointed to the place and father asked, “Why do you

think it was Indians?”

“Well, they had red blankets on,” we said. Father stood and looked a while but nothing was seen. After a while something appeared moving one after another in regular Indian fashion, coming very near in the direction of our house. Father said, “Well, they are full bloods and they have clothes.” They were coming closer and closer with a peculiar action, stooping down to the prairie once in a while. Then all at once father woke up and made a quick motion with his hand. “It is surveyors,” and so it was.

We went down to meet them and they were equally surprised to see white people. They left their instruments and came to the house to get a good drink of milk. They asked if we had butter to sell. “Yes, plenty,” was the answer. They decided to move their camp nearer to ours so it would be handy to get milk and butter.

Father asked if he could go along with them for a while to learn how to understand section stakes and quarter stakes. “Yes, sir, come,” was the answer from a well-built man, apparently the leader of the outfit. His name was Charley White. “Come along and we will show you how to take the number of your claim. Your house stands in section 29, town 142, range 48, in the northeast quarter.”

Father was with them for two days and Sir! he could tell when he found a section stake in what direction it laid, as four sections always come together with their corners. This was valuable

knowledge for these new settlers, who did not know a bit about those hieroglyphics that were cut deep in the wood of every section stake.

George Cooly was the head surveyor and had charge of the crew. Charley White came next, he was father's instructor in reading section stakes. When they left, Charley promised to send father a fine cane as soon as he got back to St. Paul late in the fall.

When they left the settlers began to hunt up the section stakes to get the description of their claims. Father helped them. Now they could file anytime, but this was put off until the fall when their other work was finished.

*Next Month: Cattle Lost!*

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For God so lo**V**ed the world,

That He G**A**ve

His on**L**y

Begott**E**n

So**N**

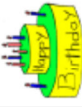






**T**hat whosoever

Believeth **I**n Him

Should **N**ot perish,

But have **E**verlasting life.      *John 3:16*

# February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Worship Communion <b>Potluck-Annual Mg</b>	7  Trevor Perringson	8  <b>WELCA</b> 1:30 pm Frym' Pan		10	11 	12 Cemetery Assn Annual Meeting 10 AM
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