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A Few Words from Pastor Bruce

The following is an excerpt from Wikipedia, the on-line encyclopedia:

The New Testament teaches that the resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is a foundation of the Christian faith. (I Corinthians 15:12-20) The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God (Romans 1:4) and is cited as proof that God will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31) God has given Christians “a new birth into a living hope through resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (I Peter 1:3) Christians, through faith in the working of God (Colossians 2:12) are spiritually resurrected with Jesus so that they may walk in a new way of life. (Romans 6:4)

Easter is linked to the Passover and Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper and crucifixion that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a

new meaning, as he prepared himself and his disciples for his death in the upper room during the Last Supper. He identified the loaf of bread and cup of wine as symbolizing his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. I Corinthians 5:7 states: “Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast – as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” This refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.

The day of Easter marks the inauguration of the season of Easter. The phenomenal history-changing event of Easter morning is but the beginning of the season of Easter. The rebirth which took place that first Easter morning is continually extended/re-experienced in our lives throughout the season of Easter whenever we gather around God’s work. Let us worship our resurrected Lord Easter Sunday and beyond.

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce



Date: April 12

Time: 1:30 PM

Lunch: Irene Olson

Cookie Servers



April 3 Sylvia Teigen
April 10 Phylis Nelson
April 17 Barb Grover
April 24 Delores Hagene
May 1 Mavis Wang
May 8 Polly Hanson
May 15 Doris Kassenborg
May 22 Becky Jegtvig
May 29 Orpha Hoelstad



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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“Passover” is the subject for Kids Corner in April. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Palm Sunday Ham Dinner

Following services
on April 17th



Church
Bulletin
Bloopers



This being Easter, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

To purchase lilies to decorate the church for Easter, please send a check made out to WELCA for \$10 per plant to:

Delores Hagene
6756 70th Ave N
Glyndon MN 56547



Eugene Kragnes

1944-2011

The funeral for Gene Kragnes, 66, was held on March 9, 2011, at Concordia. He passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 3, 2011, in Fargo, surrounded by his family.

Eugene Alvin Kragnes was born on October 12, 1944 in Fargo, the son of Alvin O. and Adeline (Rosman) Kragnes. Gene was baptized and confirmed in Concordia Lutheran Church. He served in the ND Air National Guard. Gene was educated at the rural Crossroads District #70 School, Moorhead High School, NDSU and the Hanson Mechanical School.

Gene was raised on the family farm near Georgetown then later moved to his farm near Kragnes. He raised sugar beets, beef cattle, soybeans and small grain. His life was farming, family and friends. He enjoyed coffee and conversation in his home or yours. He tirelessly offered his support, especially to his Dad, Uncle Bernard, Aunt Mildred as well as many other family members.

Eugene is survived by his siblings, brother Burton (Doris) Kragnes of Detroit Lakes MN, sisters Lorna (Burt) Rockstad of Ada MN, Orpha (Kjell) Hoelstad of Kragnes MN and Sylvia (Walter) Teigen of Moorhead MN; nieces and nephews Renee Kragnes, Kirstin (Paul) Burton, Kent (Kate) Rockstad, Brent (Angie) Kragnes, Erik (Gretchen) Rockstad, Deidra Kragnes, Karolynn (Paul) Teigen-Decker, Neil (Elizabeth) Rockstad and 16 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

This Life on Earth

Easter means that this life on earth is not all there is.
Jesus went "to prepare a place for us" in His Father's
heavenly mansions for all eternity.

Jesus died for our sins, paying our penalty,
so that we could be forgiven.

He was resurrected, to prove that death has no hold on those
who repent and accept Him as Savior.

This life on earth is a prelude to eternal joy with our Lord.

Easter is a celebration of our eternal destiny.

~ Joanna Fuchs

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Mae Koester Ellingson

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| Val & Delores Hagene | Doris Kassenborg |
| Gregg & Kristi Trautwein | Lloyd Gunderson |
| Dorothy Powers | Bruce & Kathy Krogstad |
| Regina Hanson | Gordon & Sue Kassenborg |
| Harold & Sally Horpedahl | Donald Johnson |
| Ray & JoLyn Johnson | Dalan & Diane Rasmussen |
| Al & Genelle Sather | Loretta Tweten |
| Linda, Chuck, Holly, Steve, Carl & Evan Hedstrom | |
| LeRoy & Alice Horpedahl | |

In Memory of Evelyn Kragnes

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| Dennis Kragnes | Osie Juve |
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In Memory of Gene Kragnes

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| Lloyd Gunderson | Val & Delores Hagene |
| David & Gloria Lee | |

In memory of Harold Anderson

Donald Johnson

More Donations

Concordia General Fund

In Memory of Adell Swanson

Irene Morken Hogstad

In Memory of Evelyn Kragnes

Ella Swanson

In Memory of James Oberg

Ella Swanson Osie Juve

Doris Kassenborg

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In Memory of Mae (Koester) Ellingson:

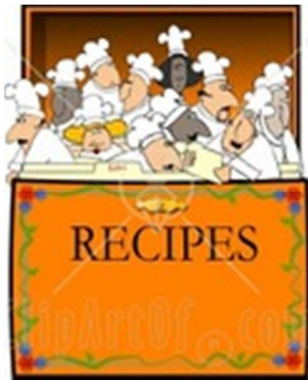
Irene Olson

In Memory of Harold Anderson

Regina Hanson

In Memory of Gene Kragnes

Irene Olson



Recipe of the Month Parmesan Chicken

Ingredients

- 6 Ritz crackers, finely crushed
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1/2 cup cream cheese
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon dried onion
- 1 tablespoon chives

Directions

- Mix cracker crumbs and parmesan cheese on a plate. Rinse chicken and dip in crumb mixture.
- Heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add chicken and cook 5-6 minutes on each side. Transfer to plate, cover to keep warm.
- Add broth, cream cheese, chives and onion to skillet and bring to a boil. Cook 3 minutes or until thickened
- Spoon over chicken



Why don't all Christians celebrate Easter on the same date?

Easter is celebrated by all Christians around the world, but *when* it is celebrated differs from East to West. There can be up to five weeks between the two Easter celebrations! In the 16th century, the Roman Church adopted the Gregorian calendar, while the Orthodox East continued to use the Julian calendar – but both churches celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, as determined by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. So why the difference?

East and West use different systems for assigning the date of both the vernal equinox and the full moon. Western churches use a fixed date, March 21, for the vernal equinox and then determine the full moon using ecclesiastical calculations. The Eastern churches use the meridian of Jerusalem both to calculate the vernal equinox and determine the date of the full moon. That is why Easter falls from March to late April in the West and early April to early May in the East. Sometimes both Easters fall on the same date and in 2011 East and West will celebrate Easter on April 24th. A worldwide Christian celebration!



On the Buffalo

By Levi Thortvedt

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

Sketch of the Thortvedt cabin by Orabel Thortvedt

When the Hudson Bay Company ceded its land in southern Manitoba to the Canadian government in 1869, the Meti (who were of French and Indian descent) were afraid they would not be treated fairly. They seized Fort Garry and elected Louis Riel as their president. The British sent troops, and Fort Garry was surrendered without a fight in August, 1870. The meti were given most of the rights for which they had revolted. Louis Riel left the country.

About two miles south from Probstfield's a man was seen, far to the rear, drawing in on us. He was in an awful hurry, and walked swiftly. Catching up with us, father asked if he wanted a ride. He gave father a sharp look but got in. They started to talk and, finding that father was not a very dangerous man, he opened up and told us about the uprising at Fort Garry (Winnipeg). It is known as the "Riel Rebellion" of

1870. He was a fugitive and probably Louis Riel himself, though he did not say so.

We stopped at Ole Thomson's place for lunch. There was a hay stack close by and father took a handful of hay and gave it to the horses. He felt probably he should offer to pay for it. He asked, "How much?" "Twenty-five cents," Thompson said, just for a little pitch of hay! Father told us about this lots of times. The man who rode with us did not stop for dinner but went right on.

I had to go out to look at the Red River. I thought it was awful big, being used to the Buffalo. Little particles of ice were moving in the center of it.

A couple of half breed carts had come, when I got to our wagon and one of them took a Buffalo robe and shook it. Jim, our horse, got so scared that he came very near breaking his halter. It was the smell that scared him and he never got over it ... whenever there was even a small tatter of Buffalo hide, he was up in the air.

We got to Jimmy Rice's, about five miles south of Thompson's. He had been an old stage driver on the Red River Trail. The horses were put in and given plenty of hay. Then they got busy down in the cellar, filling potatoes. I don't

remember how many bushels or how much they cost, but when they got through, it was dark. We stayed there overnight. Jimmy related lots of thrilling tales of his stage driving days. Father went to the wagon to get the big woolen blanket. It had been brought from Norway and was home spun. It was called a "*kjell*." And Sir! he discovered that it was lost. That was a bad one. It was mother's personal property and dear to the whole family.

The next morning after breakfast we started for home and Sir! coming to the big ravine near the corner of our land, lay the blanket. I will tell you there was a happy father.

Next day, we got potatoes on the table again. We had not eaten them since we left Houston County. The other two families got potatoes, too.

Things moved along smoothly. Plenty of prairie chickens – they came close to the stable and lighted on the tree tops. They were sometimes shot from a hole in the stable.

Elks were seen off and on, but seldom. Red foxes, prairie wolves were seen often. One day there was some little excitement down in the hollow a ways from the house. A fight. Our big shepherd dog and a badger. Ole Anderson was the first one there, then father, then I. Ole was quite excited

over it. He did not know what kind of animal it was. Sometimes it was a wild cat, and then a bear. The biting of the dog over the neck did not seem to hurt it a bit. Finally the dog got him over the *adboden*. Then he did not last long. They got a better view of the thing and father said, “*Ole, Dea en graveling hell sintox*” as this was the Norwegian name for it. Ole did not quite like this definition; it was too tame ... Ole carried the badger down to the river bank and skinned it. There was always money to get for the furs at the Hudson Bay post at Georgetown.

It is getting closer and closer to winter and the house and the stables had to be made warm. There was lots of work preparing for winter. Hay had to be fenced in because the cattle, sheep, and horses were running at large, those days.

Next Month: *More Settlers*

Palm Sunday

They waved palm branches as He passed

And hailed Him as their King;

Yet, they knew not of the sorrow

The coming week would bring.

The glad acclaim would soon give way
To jeers and mockery;
In Pilate's court He'd be condemned
To a cross on Calvary.

But Jesus knew He was the price
In God's redemptive plan,
The Sacrificial Lamb come down
To die for sins of man.

The centuries have passed and still
He seeks those lost in sin,
Pleading with unyielding hearts
To repent and follow Him.

On this day we shout our praise,
O, let us not delay;
The palm-strewn path of long ago
Still leads to Him today.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion Sunday, April 6th

WELCA

Tuesday, April 8

1:30 PM Fryn' Pan

Lenten Services

Supper at 5 PM

Service at 6 PM

Ham Dinner

Sunday, April 17th following worship

Birthdays

April 10 Regina Hanson

April 15 Dennis Edwards

April 19 Diane Rasmussen

Anniversaries

April 3 Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

April 20 Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

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