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We are in the season of Easter. It is ironic that as spring was delayed so was Easter. In fact it could only ever be later by one day. The following is an article from the online encyclopedia Wikkipedia:

“Easter marks the end of Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. The last week of the Lent is called Holy Week, and it contains Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Easter is followed by a fifty-day period called Eastertide or the Easter Season, ending with Pentecost Sunday.

Easter is a moveable feast, meaning it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. The First Council of Nicaea (325) established the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon (the Paschal Full Moon) following the northern hemisphere’s vernal equinox.[3] Ecclesiastically, the equinox is reckoned to be on March 21 (even though the equinox occurs, astronomically speaking, on March 20 in most years), and the “Full Moon” is not necessarily the astronomically correct date. The date of Easter therefore varies between March 22 and April 25. Eastern Christianity bases its calculations on the Julian Calendar whose March 21 corresponds, during the 21st century, to the 3rd of April in the Gregorian Calendar, in which calendar their celebration of Easter therefore varies between April 4 and May 8.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In many European languages, the words for “Easter” and “Passover” are etymologically related or homonymous.[4] The term “Pascha”, from the same root, is also used in English to refer to Easter. Easter customs vary across the Christian world, but decorating Easter eggs is a common motif. In the Western world, customs such as egg hunting and the Easter Bunny extend from the domain of church, and often have a secular character.”

As Lutherans we recall Martin Luther’s words that every Sunday is to be a little Easter. Easter is by far the most significant day/season of the church year. It is the event that served as the catalyst for the formation of the Church. It is the event that serves as the only basis for optimism in the face of our own mortality. Because Christ has been raised so will we. Death holds no power over us any more. Christ has risen, he has risen indeed.

Pastor Bruce



Date: May 10

Time: 1:30 PM

Lunch: Carolyn Edwards and
Germaine Gress



Cookie Servers

- May 1 Mavis Wang
- May 8 Polly Hanson
- May 15 Doris Kassenborg
- May 22 Becky Jegtvig
- May 29 Orpha Hoelstad
- June 5 Germaine Gress
- June 12 Osie Juve
- June 19 Regina Hanson
- June 26 Linda Koester

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 Story of Ruth” is the subject for Kids Corner in May. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Each month when the newsletter is posted to our website, an email is sent out to those interested. If you’d like to receive a notice – or add a friend or family member to the email list – send an email. Like to add a birthday or anniversary to our calendar? Send an email!

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Your Mother is Always With You...

Your mother is always with you...
She's the whisper of the leaves
as you walk down the street.
She's the smell of bleach
in your freshly laundered socks.
She's the cool hand on your brow
when you're not well.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.
She's crystallized in every tear drop.
She's the place you came from,
your first home...
She's the map you follow
with every step that you take.
She's your first love
and your first heart break...
and nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, Not space...
Not even death...
will ever separate you
from your mother...
You carry her inside of you...

Author Unknown



**Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 8**



Happy May Day



Salad Luncheon

Featuring

The Rusty Chords

A Musical Group

Saturday

May 21, 2011

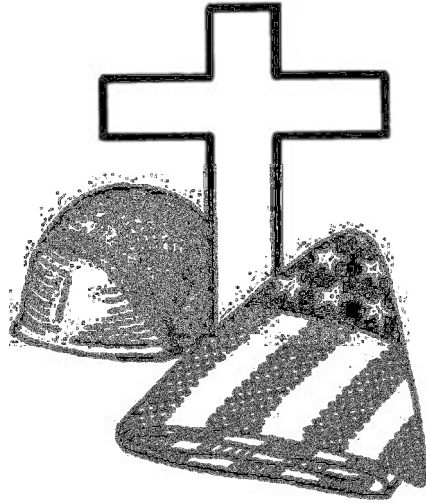
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Concordia Lutheran Church

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Free Will Offering



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

10 AM
Monday, May 30th

*Sponsored by
Concordia Cemetery Association*

Potluck Lunch Follows

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Partyke Family:

Paul & Jennifer Partyke

In Memory of Harold Anderson

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

In Memory of Eugene Kragnes

Harold & Judith Thompsen

Lanny & Lois Brantner

Diane & Dalan Rasmussen

Trent & Laura Eidem

Helen Kassenborg

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Lloyd Gunderson

Doris Kassenborg

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In Memory of Eugene Kragnes

David Kragnes

Ralph and Barb Grover

Blanchard & Doris Krogstad

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Doris Eidem

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In Memory of Eugene Kragnes

Howard Rockstad

Erik & Gretchen Rockstad

Shirley Rockstad

Ken & Mae Rosman

Steve & Alene Sladky

Margret Kragnes

Concordia General Fund (cont'd)

In Memory of Eugene Kragnes

Osie Juve

Ella Swanson

Don and Phylis Nelson

Wescott Tommerdahl & Marie Thompson

Emanuel & Gladys Dahlsad

In Memory of Ole Kjonaas

Walter & Sylvia Teigen

Paul & Karolynn Decker

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

In Memory of Harold Anderson

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

Donation Corrections from April issue

Concordia General Fund

In Memory of Adell Swanson:

Irene Morken Hogstad

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In Memory of Mae Koester Ellingson

(not Adell Swanson):

Irene Olson

If you take the garbage out and the dumpster is full, please call

Fuchs Sanitation

498-2875

to request a garbage pick-up.

Concordia's WELCA decided to reduce costs by not scheduling a regular pick-up. The dumpster will only be emptied when someone calls.

Thank you for your help.



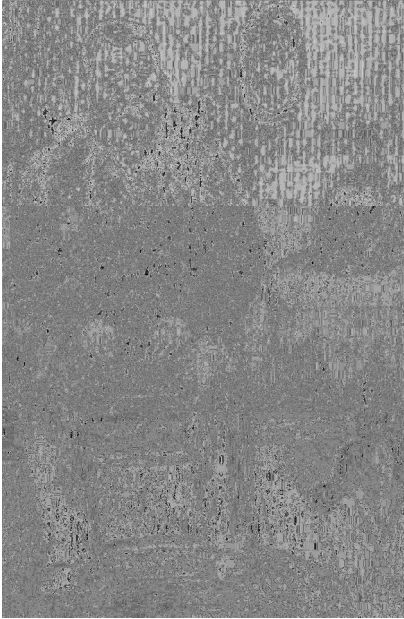
Bring canned or boxed groceries to the church and put them in the box in the Church narthex. They will be brought to one of the following:

++ Dorothy Day House

++ Churches United for the Homeless

++ Bread of Life

On the Buffalo



by Levi
Thortvedt

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

Sketch of
Bendik
Gunderson by
Orabel
Thortvedt

Father got a letter from his brother Bendick saying that he and "Lisla Ole" (Little Ole) as he was called because he was younger than my father who was known as "Store Ole" (Big Ole), with a lot of others and their families had just started on their journey to the Red River Valley. Bendick sent letters off and on from different towns as it was understood that father was to meet them to make it easier to find the Buffalo country. When we heard from them at Alexandria we knew it was time for us to start out.

In this party were Bendick Gunderson and his wife, Anna; children, Gunder, Joraand, Ovel, Andreas, Olaus and Andrew. That was all the children they had then, but later Sina and Ola were born. Father's mother, "Gamle Joraand" (Old Joraand) and his brother Ole, wife Asjar and their children Gustave, Julia, Olaus, and later Andrew were born.

Others in the party were: Vetle Lisland and his wife, Gunhild, and their children Gonlaug, Guro, Aanon, Kjetil, and Gunhild. Gunder Svenkeson and his wife, Signe and their children: Caroline, and Gunild, and later more were added to this family namely, Maren, Villa, Helene, Thea, Svenke, and Willie. Gunleik Spokeli and his wife, Gunvor; Tallef Nelson and his wife Sigri. There were four single men also Gunder Lee, Ole Aanison Midgarden, Aani Breiland and Tarjei Brevik.

Gunleik Spokeli and Tallef Nelson left their wives with us and went to Neilsville to look for land.

Something disagreeable had happened. The claim father had planned for Bendick had

been taken by Knut Melaas, who had built a little round 2 by 4 hut. They came to the place and Knute was busy with the house. Bendick got stuck on this cozy claim and offered Knute \$100 in bills right there if he would sell his right. He accepted the offer at once, as a hundred dollars was quite a bit of money in those days. Knute with the cash in his pocket started off at once.

A few days later another group of settlers came from Houston County. Gunder Muhle and his wife, Ingebor, with their three sons, Ola, Chester, Little Ola, and a sister, Kari. They settled in Moland.

Then there was Knute Juve, a widower with a son, Ola, and a daughter, Sigri; then Margit Omonson, a widow with two sons. Ola, Thor, and two girls, Anne and Ingebor. They stayed with us over winter, then moved to Climax, where they took up claims.

Things were now progressing rapidly and the new settlers were well satisfied, but theyre was one great menace and that was the unforgivable mosquito. Smudges had to be built every night on account of the cattle and horses. Making a smudge was quite a task, as there was no straw or manure to cover up the fire with, and they had to cut green grass and this was tiresome after a long, hard day's work.

Later in the summer another group of settlers came. They came from the eastern part of Fillmore County and were partly acquainted with the rest of the settlers on the Buffalo River. They were the brothers, Gjermund, Ole, and Tarjei Storasli, Kjetil Aasen and Knute Tveten.

Now we had quite a settlement, and the funny part of it was that all of the settlers had emigrated from the same district in old Norway. My father suggested that this township be called Moland after Moland prestegjeld (parish), Fyresdal, Norway. This name was unanimously accepted.

The emigration into this valley started in earnest in 1874. From one up to 10 covered wagons in each bunch of new settlers. About 20 of these covered wagon trains could be seen in one day. They came mostly from southeastern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa, and kept on from May 'til late in September.

This invasion of settlers was the greatest in number per year of any given area of approximately the same number of square miles in the United States.

Next Month: *Stage Coaches & Railroads*

All mothers are working mothers!

Recipe of the Month

Quick n' Easy

Bite-Sized Cinnamon Rolls

Ingredients

2 packages of frozen Crescent rolls

Filling

1 cup brown sugar

1 tsp cinammon

½ stick butter (4 Tbsps) softened

½ cup crushed walnuts or pecans

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Spray mini-muffin pans with Pam
- In a small bowl, mix brown sugar, cinammon and butter
- Add in walnuts and mix well
- Lay out crescent rolls in rectangles (4 per package)
- Spread a thin even layer of filling on each rectangle
- Roll each rectangle tightly
- Cut rectangle in half, then half again (each rectangle makes 4 rolls)
- Place each roll in muffin tin
- Cook at 350-375 for 12-15 minutes until golden brown. (Use time/temp from frozen roll package). Be careful not to overbake!

For larger rolls, cut each rectangle in thirds and use a regular-sized cupcake pan

7-Lag Stevne

“Strength in Unity”

July 14-17, 2011

Fargo ND

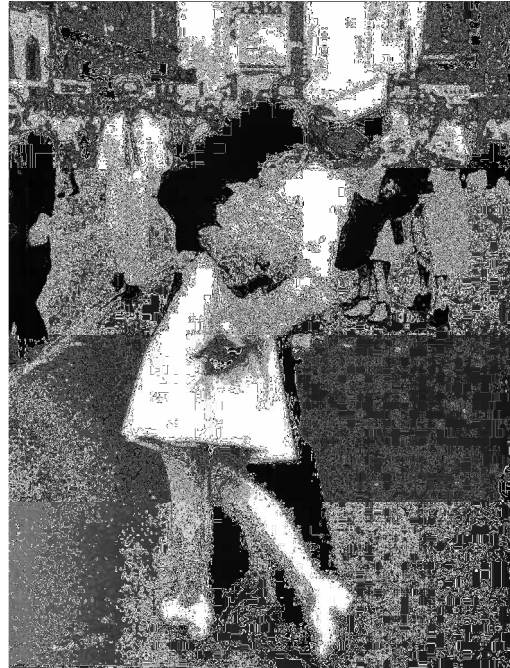


The 7-Lag Stevne is an annual get-together of descendants of immigrants from 7 areas of Norway, including Telemark. The *stevne* (a Norwegian word meaning reunion) will be held at the Best Western Doublewood Inn in Fargo from Thursday, July 14 – Sunday, July 17. Activities include classes, genealogical research, entertainment, tours and a book and craft sale. Schedule details, class descriptions, entertainer bios and registration information can be found on the 7 Lag website, www.7lagstevne.com

V-E Day

On May 8, 1945 the Allies accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. The act of military surrender was signed at Reims, France on May 7 and accepted in Berlin on May 8.

V-E Day fell on President Harry Truman's 61st birthday. He dedicated the victory to the memory of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died less than a month earlier, on April 12. On this great day of celebration, flags were flying at half mast as part of the 30 days of mourning for FDR. And the war still raged in the Pacific ...



V-J Day

Japan's surrender was announced on August 15 in Japan (August 14 in the U.S. and Europe). The picture shown here is one of the most famous ever taken. It appeared in *Life* magazine and captured the joy in Times Square on that momentous day.

The Japanese surrender was signed on September 2, 1945 in Tokyo Bay on the USS Missouri. This brought the deadliest military conflict in human history to a close. More than 60 million people lost their lives in WWII, including more than 418,000 U.S. soldiers and 1700 U.S. civilians.

Remembering Those Who Served



VETERANS IN
CONCORDIA
CEMETERY



Freedom Isn't Free

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young serviceman saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil,
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

LCDR Kelly Strong, USCG

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 Gordor 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
Eugene Kragnes	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

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WHITE 9:00am Coffees 10:00am Church Communion 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 WHITE 9:00am Coffees 10:00am Church Oste June Mother's Day 	9	10 WELCA 1:30-pm 	11	12	13	14
15 WHITE 9:00am Coffees 10:00am Church  Harold Hansdahl	16	17  Orpha Hoelstad	18	19	20  Ella Swanson 	21 Salad Luncheon 10:30 AM 
22 WHITE 9:00am Coffees 10:00am Church	23	24  Barb Grover	25	26	27  Ralph Grover	28
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Coffee Hour: 9:00a.m

Worship Service: 10:00a.m.

Communion: 1st Sunday of the month

Concordia Women of the ELCA:

Second Tuesday: 1:30 p.m.

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Bruce Krogstad

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