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From Pastor Bruce

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 Wikipedia:

“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.

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce



Date: May 10
Time: 1:30 PM
Lunch: Germaine Gress
& Carolyn Edwards



Cookie Servers

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

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th



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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!

news@concordianews.org

The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,
And wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of March."



~ *Robert Frost*

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



Salad Luncheon

Featuring

The Rusty Chords

A Musical Group

Saturday

May 21, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church

6637 80 Avenue North

Glyndon, Minnesota 56461

Free Will Offering

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

All mothers are working mothers!

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

Donald Johnson

Val & Delores Hagene

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Marge Brantner

Terry & Joy Eidem

Lila Anderson

Harlan & Linda Sauter

Marge Eidem Lee

David & Gloria Lee

Donation

Richard & Kim Ulven

More Donations

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In Memory of Eugene Kragnes

David Kragnes	Ralph and Barb Grover
Blanchard & Doris Krogstad	Regina Hanson
Ray & Jolyn Johnson	Doris Eidem

Concordia General Fund

In Memory of Eugene Kragnes

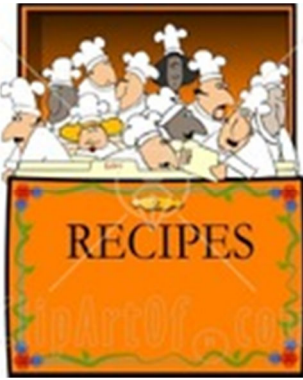
Howard Rockstad	Erik & Gretchen Rockstad
Shirley Rockstad	Ken & Mae Rosman
Steve & Alene Sladky	Margret Kragnes
Osie Juve	Ella Swanson
Don and Phylis Nelson	Emanuel & Gladys Dahlsad
Wescott Tommerdahl & Marie Thompson	

In Memory of Ole Kjonaas

Walter & Sylvia Teigen	Paul & Karolynn Decker
Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad	

In Memory of Harold Anderson

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad



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 softened

½ cup crushed walnuts

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!

Remembering Those Who Served

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.

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



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
Mable Gunderson Young

Carl Swanson

Other Conflicts

Joe O. Babolian
Clarence Brown
Walter Engesetter
Allan Kassenborg
Eugene Kragnes
Jerry Sabo

Donald Bekkerus
Robert Burke
Victor Gress
Glenn Kassenborg
Harry Lohse
Richard Tommerdahl

Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Daniel Christianson
Arnold Horpedahl
Henry Kragnes
Robert Morken
Robert Nelson
Aulden Olson
Robert Tommerdahl

Bernhard Hegland
Ralph Johnk
Olaf Midgarden
Dennis Nelson
John Oberg
LeRoy Olson
Harold Wik

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

10 AM
Monday, May 30th

Sponsored by
Concordia Cemetery Association

Potluck Lunch Follows



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 there 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*



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion Sunday: May 1

WELCA

Tuesday, May 10

1:30 PM

Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 21

10:30 AM

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 30

10:00 AM

Birthdays

May 8	Osie Juve
May 20	Ella Swanson
May 15	Harold Horpedahl
May 24	Barb Grover
May 17	Orpha Hoelstad
May 27	Ralph Grover

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