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Pentecost meets Memorial Day

I was listening recently to an interview with an individual who was described as being one of the most influential religious leaders of our country. It is easy to see how this might have happened. His father was the pastor of a large and growing congregation. His son, while not seminary educated, was a technician who did the important job of helping to record/broadcast the program. After his father's death he took over the role of leading the congregation. He has been enormously successful in attracting large numbers of people to worship in person and a far greater number, I am guessing of able-bodied, individuals who observe others worshiping on television and consider this to be worship. In contrast to the central beliefs of his father's denomination, he states that he feels that mention of sin and scripture is counterproductive to the success of reaching out to as many people as possible. It is likely that he is correct that talking about the reality of sin in the lives of his congregants and quoting scripture would likely

not result in the numerical growth he has experienced. In the interview he stated that he preferred to concentrate on positive thinking and upon his own experience. In a society where most Americans value these more than scripture and sin preaching, it is easy to see how he might be successful.

Today I went to the funeral of one of my local airmen, younger than I, who died of natural causes. Tragically, this was at the same congregation that experienced the loss of a member who died in combat in Iraq. Both were weekly attenders of worship in their church and were active in the support of their religious community and the surrounding community. In life and in death neither of these men, from what I have heard publicly described of them, put confidence in positive thinking or in their own spiritual experiences.

Today, as I write this, was also the anniversary of Operation Tiger. It was an exercise intended to simulate the landing on Normandy; it was ordered by General Eisenhower as a live-fire training exercise in anticipation of D-Day. Nazi submarines, by chance, happened to be in the area and began firing on the American Higgins landing craft and other naval craft. All told, 946 servicemen were killed. The primary culprit identified in these deaths was a lack of a common radio

frequency. Thankfully this was corrected prior to the subsequent attacks on Normandy.

I would guess that a significant percentage of those soldiers, marines and airmen who died on Utah and Omaha beaches were aware that they would not survive. What does a gospel of positive thinking have to say to them? In contrast what does Luther's gospel of the cross have to say to them?

The true gospel is not about our experience even if couched in the religious terms of faith. All that matters is the one who rejected the temptation to pursue positive thinking/success and instead took the way of the cross. That is the chance that his pursuit of the mission (in Christ's sake his Father's mission) for the sake of the gospel and for others.

Please join us for the Concordia Memorial Day service.

God Bless,

Pastor Bruce





Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 1:30

**Lunch: Carolyn Edwards &
Germaine Gress**



Cookie Servers

May 6	Orpha Hoelstad	June 3	Sylvia Teigen
May 13	Delores Hagene	June 10	Doris Kassenborg
May 20	Becky Jegtvig	June 17	Linda Koester
May 27	Polly Hanson	June 24	Osie Juve



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*

As the Lord put on the body, leaving behind his omnipotence, so Christians put on the Holy Spirit, and receive eternal life.

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Cemetery Clean-Up

Join us at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 23 to clean up the cemetery for Memorial Day.

If it's raining, cleanup will be rescheduled for the same time on Friday, May 25.

“Momisms”

- ✓ What if everyone jumped off a bridge? Would you do it, too?
- ✓ Clean your plate! Think of the starving children in ...
- ✓ Don't cross your eyes, they'll get stuck that way!
- ✓ You'd lose your head if it weren't screwed on!
- ✓ If I've told you once I've told you a thousand times ...
- ✓ Close that door! Were you born in a barn?

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13



Remember to sign up to **bring a salad** to the luncheon on May 12.

On **Friday May 11** we will meet at the church at **9:00** to set up for the WELCA salad luncheon and to make Rommegrøt.

See you at the church if you are able to be there.



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“The Sixth Commandment and the Family” is the subject for Kids Corner in May. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



Helen (Kassenborg) Egan

1924-2012

Helen Elaine Kassenborg was born August 30, 1924, to parents Alvin and Lena (Brendemuhl) Kassenborg. We extend our sympathy to her family. Helen passed away on March 7, 2012 in California.

Survivors are two sons, Mike (Audrey) and Gene (Debbie) and five grandsons; sister Alvina Burke; two sisters-in-law,

Helen Kassenborg and Doris Kassenborg; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in our community. Helen was buried in Pacific Palisades, California next to her husband Maurice and son Patrick.



May 27, 1931

"...Then swinging westward again towards the river, seeming almost to take aim at Concordia

Lutheran Church, it [the tornado] took this building and laid it in a tangled mass of wreckage. Several gravestones in the cemetery were turned over..."

Moorhead Daily News, Thursday May 28, 1931

"Evidently drawing up a huge amount of water from the Buffalo River, the tornado plastered everything on the Nels Hanson farm with a heavy coating of mud. It picked up cattle and chickens and scattered them all over the prairie. Six cows were killed and a hog....a baker's dozen (of chickens) remain alive and these walk about the yard caked with mud and minus most of their feathers."

Moorhead Daily News, Friday, May 29, 1931

The background of the entire page is a stylized, semi-transparent American flag. The stars and stripes are visible but faded, serving as a backdrop for the text.

***Concordia Cemetery Association
invites you to its annual***

***Memorial Day
Service***

Monday, May 28

10 AM

Potluck Lunch follows Service



SALAD LUNCHEON

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, May 12, 2012

10:30 AM

\$8.00

*Featuring the musical stylings
of Susan Green*

Rommegrøt will be sold

6637 80 Ave N Glyndon, MN 56547

From Hwy 10

7 miles north on County Rd 11, turn left.

From Hwy 75

Turn east on County Rd 26(90 Ave N).

Go 4 miles, turn right onto County Rd 11 (70th St).

Go 1 mile south, turn right.

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Helen (Kassenborg) Egan

Cindy Christopherson

In Memory of Merle Meyer

Darlene Meyer

Donation

Wally & Carol Thomas

Newsletter Gifts

Darlene Meyer Lois Horpedahl

Steve and Christy Sem

Olive Kosen Davis Kosen

Thank-you for all the cards and phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital recovering from my surgery. A special thank-you for your prayers and visits to Pastor Bruce and Kathy.

Myron Hagene

*Thank
You*

To all who helped set up and donated, prepared, and served the ham dinner. It was a great success!

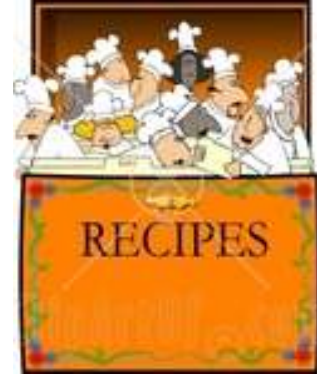
Special thanks to Hornbacher's in Moorhead, who has generously supported this event over the years. This year they special-ordered the hams for us and provided a \$150 giftcard that covered almost all of the grocery expenses.

Krumkake and Rommegrøt!

Thanks to all the ladies who helped make krumkake for the salad luncheon. We tried out rommegrøt recipes and have settled on the tastiest one for sale that day.

Recipe of the Month

Easy Corn Salad



Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 pinch salt and ground black pepper
- 1 (15.25 ounce) can sweet corn, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1 small tomato, chopped

Directions

- Whisk together the apple cider vinegar, sugar, olive oil, water, salt, and pepper in a large bowl.
- Add the corn, green & red bell peppers, onion, and tomato, and lightly toss.
- Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Remembering A Local Hero:

Louis James Hauge, Jr.



Louis Hauge, Jr. was born on December 12, 1924 in Ada, Minnesota. He was active in all athletics, but left high school after his first year and worked in a canning factory in Ada, where he became assistant foreman. He later was employed by a ship yard in Tacoma, Washington as a painter.

He was inducted into the Marine Corps Reserve on April 23, 1943 and completed light-machine gun school at Camp Elliott, California before serving with the 1st Marine Division at New Caledonia and New Guinea. Later, he saw combat action on Peleliu as a message runner with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. In this capacity, he distinguished himself for his bravery under fire and was given a meritorious promotion to corporal.

Corporal Hauge was killed in action on May 14, 1945, while serving on Okinawa as a member of the 1st Marine Division. For his heroic actions on that day, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. At the time of his death, Cpl Hauge was squad leader of a machine gun squad in Southern Okinawa

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engaged in an assault against a heavily fortified Japanese hill. It was during the evening that the left flank of Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, was pinned down by a barrage of mortar and machine gun fire. The enemy was pouring enfilade fire into the ranks of the Marines. Quickly spotting the two guns responsible for the damage, Cpl Hauge boldly rushed across an open area, heaving hand grenades as he ran. Wounded before he reached the first gun, he nevertheless continued his one-man assault and completely destroyed the position. Without stopping, he pushed forward and attacked the second gun with grenades and demolished it before falling from the deadly fire of the Japanese snipers. Inspired by his actions, his company rose from their besieged position and pressed home the attack.

Corporal Hauge's remains were eventually returned to the United States and interred in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Medal of Honor was presented to his father on June 14, 1946 by Col Norman E. True, USMC, who represented the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Camp Louis J Hauge, Jr. was a Marine encampment on Okinawa used as a transit

point during the Vietnam War. A Maritime Prepositioning Ship was named in Hauge's honor in 1984.



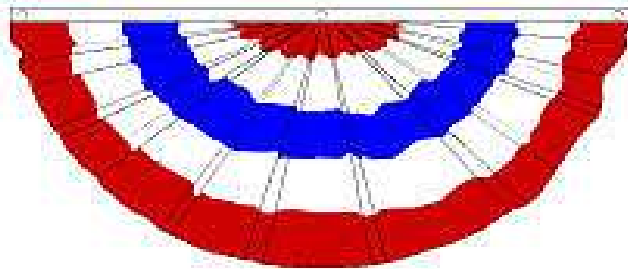
CORPORAL LOUIS J. HAUGE, JR
Medal of Honor Citation

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Leader of a Machine-Gun Squad serving with Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima in the Ryūkyū Chain on 14 May 1945. Alert and aggressive during a determined assault against a strongly fortified Japanese Hill position, Corporal Hauge boldly took the initiative when his company's left flank was pinned down under a heavy machine-gun and mortar barrage with resultant severe casualties and, quickly locating the two machine guns which were delivering the uninterrupted stream of enfilade fire, ordered his squad to maintain a covering barrage as he rushed across an exposed area toward the furiously blazing enemy weapons. Although

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painfully wounded as he charged the first machine-gun, he launched a vigorous single-handed grenade attack, destroyed the entire hostile gun position and moved relentlessly forward toward the other emplacement despite his wounds and the increasingly heavy Japanese fire. Undaunted by the savage opposition, he again hurled his deadly grenades with unerring aim and succeeded in demolishing the second enemy gun before he fell under the slashing fury of Japanese sniper fire. By his ready grasp of the critical situation and his heroic one-man assault tactics, Corporal Hauge had eliminated two strategically placed enemy weapons, thereby releasing the besieged troops from an overwhelming volume of hostile fire and enabling his company to advance. His indomitable fighting spirit and decisive valor in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Hauge and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.

/S/HARRY S. TRUMAN





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

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

150 Years since the Civil War

It has been 150 years since the “Scandinavian Regiment” was formed in 1862 at Fort Randall in Wisconsin. It was made up almost exclusively of Scandinavians, with the largest number being Norwegians. Two of Concordia’s pioneer members, A. O. Kragnes and Andreas Rice, fought in Minnesota regiments during the War Between the States, and many of the early members lost friends and family in this conflagration.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m.

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m. – Potluck follows

WELCA

Tuesday, May 8, 1:30 p.m.

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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