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We are just into the beginning of the longest season of the church year, the season of Pentecost. The day of Pentecost has been described as the birthday of the Church. The color of the season matches the color of our fields this time of year: green. The stole, the sash pastors place over their white robes, which I wear, was made by my mother on the loom that my great grandfather Ole Sonsteli made on the family homestead in the late 19th Century. My folks live on the family homestead still. The stole has images of wheat, which is appropriate to our area and embodies the words of Jesus which speak of the need for a grain of wheat to be buried before it can bear fruit. Pentecost is the season of the bearing of God's gift of his son who was buried and raised after three days. The Church is God's tool for the continuing of Jesus' earthly ministry. Please take note of the following description of the season of Pentecost as described by the online encyclopedia Wikipedia:

The biblical narrative of Pentecost, where the 12 Disciples of Christ (Acts 1:13,26) along with about 108 other individuals (Acts 1:15), including many women, among whom was Mary

the mother of Jesus (Acts 1:14) received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room, is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. As recounted in Acts 2:1–6:[4]

“ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.” While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in tongues, the Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy (“I will pour out my spirit”) In Acts 2:17, it reads: “‘And in the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.” Acts 2:41 then reports: “Then they that gladly received his word were

baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Peter stated that this event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike. (Acts 2:39).

Traditional interpretation holds that the Descent of the Holy Spirit took place in the Upper Room, or Cenacle while celebrating the day of Pentecost (Shavuot). The Upper Room was first mentioned in Luke 22:12-13 ("And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover."). This Upper Room was to be the location of the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion. The next mention of an Upper Room is in Acts 1:13-14, the continuation of the Luke narrative, authored by the same biblical writer. Here the disciples and women wait and they gave themselves up to constant prayer: "And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus,

and with his brethren." Then the greatest event in history with exception of Jesus' Resurrection, took place in Acts 2:1–2, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.", "they" refers to the aforementioned disciples and women,; the "place" referring to the same Upper Room where these persons had "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication".Alternative interpretations suggest that "the house" mentioned was in fact the House of God, Herod's Temple.

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 17, 2012



Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 1:30

Lunch: Mavis Wang



Cookie Servers

June 3 Sylvia Teigen

June 10 Doris Kassenborg

June 17 Linda Koester

June 24 Osie Juve

July 1 Irene Olson

July 8 Carolyn Edwards

July 15 Regina Hanson

July 22 Germaine Gress

July 29 Mavis Wang



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*

And what is so rare as a day in June?

Then, if ever, come perfect days.

~James Russell Lowell



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“The Ten Commandments and Jesus’ Commandment” is the subject for Kids Corner in June. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

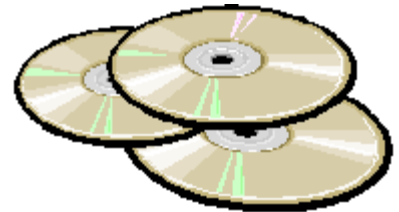
Food Shelf Donations Needed



Our local food shelves really need donations during the summer months. Donations of canned goods can be placed in the box in the narthex. They will be delivered to local food shelves.

Updated DVD Available

The updated version of our Memorial Day DVD honoring the congregation’s veterans is available for \$10. Send your check, made out to Concordia Cemetery Fund, to



Ray Johnson
7333 70TH Street North
Glyndon MN 56547

You can also view the tribute on our website:

<http://www.concordianews.org/cemetery/memvideo.htm>

Enrolling in Thrivent Choice Dollars using by Internet:

Log on to the Thrivent website at www.thrivent.com for news from Thrivent Financial to determine if you are one of the approximately 30% of Thrivent members who qualify for this Choice Dollars.

This program will allow eligible members to direct Thrivent funds to organizations as listed in a "catalog" of enrolled recipients. This will be your opportunity to benefit your own congregation as well as other Lutheran non-profit organizations. No personal donation is required to direct funds reserved in your name.

Enrolling in Thrivent Choice Dollars by phone:

Follow these steps to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

1. Call 1-800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice.
2. You will need to give your name and address, last four digits of your social security number, and your birthday.
3. Pressing the number 1 on your phone is the shortest. Pressing the number 2 gives you a five minute explanation.
4. You will be told the amount you have available to designate to an approved organization,
5. You can then select where you want your dollars to be sent.
6. They will ask if you want this designation to continue in the future. If you want your dollars to continue going to the same place "yes" completes the process.

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Bekkerus Families

Al & Marlene Bekkerus

In Memory of Helen Kassenborg Egan

LeRoy & Alice Horpedahl

In Memory of Allard & Josephine Bergland

Allan & LuAnn Bergland

In Memory of Brenda Oberg

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Duane & Joan Erickson

Regina Hanson

Dorothy Powers

In Memory of Robert Burke

Alvina Burke



... To all who made rommegrøt, helped set up the basement, brought salads and worked at the **salad luncheon**...and all who attended and made the day a great success. We sold all the rommegrøt and everyone enjoyed the day!

... To all those who helped with the **cemetery clean-up**. The cemetery looks great!

Thank you for the many cards, phone calls, and especially visits during my recovery from surgery. It's so good to be remembered by friends. Pastor Bruce and Kathy you are always so caring, thank you for your support and prayers.

Lloyd Gunderson

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."

~Harmon Killebrew

**MEMORIAL DAY
CEREMONY**

Honor & Remember



Monday, May 28, 2012

Memorial Day 2012

Thank you to everyone who participated in making our Memorial Day observation another memorable experience. Special thanks to Orpha and Kathy for arranging, selecting , and performing the music. To

Pastor Bruce for his message and his presence for this special day.

To Ray Johson and family for providing the video which has become a tradition to view each Memorial Day. To Harold for working very hard to research and secure the veterans photographs.

To the Minnesota National Guard for providing the Honor Guard that makes our service look so professional. To Verne Wik for playing taps each year for our outdoor program.

To all the faithful that attend each year, thank you. To all who have shared food to make our gathering a friendly community affair. It has been a privilege for close to ten years since we first started by having a small gathering in the narthex graduating to the sanctuary with some years over 100 attendees. I want to thank all who over the years have lent their talents to make each Memorial Day a success to “HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED.”

Flag Day is June 14



On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution. It stated that “Resolved, That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.” It wasn’t until 1916 that the Flag’s Birthday

was officially recognized.

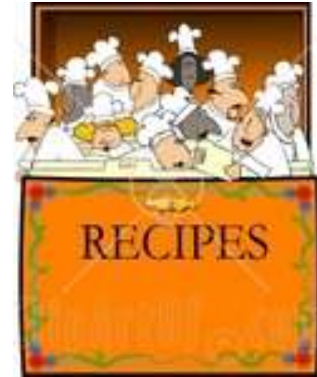
Until 1818, each new state was represented by both a star and a stripe. Illinois was about to be admitted as the 21st state when it was decided that returning to 13 stripes, representing the thirteen original states, would be more visually appealing.

Before 1912, flag makers came up with their own arrangements for the stars, so that a flag waving in Washington DC might not look the same as one flying in Kansas City KS!

President Taft was the first to issue an executive order specifying what an official American flag should look like. The last such order was issued by President Eisenhower when Hawaii and Alaska were admitted to the union as the 49th and 50th states in 1959.

Recipe of the Month

Pea Salad



Ingredients

- ½ cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
- 1 TB + 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 tsp sugar
- Ground pepper to taste
- ¼ tsp Maggi seasoning
- 1 10-oz box tiny frozen peas,
thawed & drained
- 1 cup salted peanuts
- 6 slices bacon, crisp and crumbled
- ¼ cup minced red onion

Directions

Whisk together mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, pepper, and Maggi until well combined. Gently stir in everything else. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

Along the Buffalo: Gulbrand Kassenborg



Gulbrand Gulbrandsen Kassenborg was a widower when he moved to the Buffalo River with his daughter Geline and son-in-law Tarje Grover in 1874.

Gulbrand and his wife Astri, who died in Houston County in southeastern Minnesota in 1871, are one of the connections that explain why “everyone seems to be related at Concordia.”

Gulbrand’s son Andreas married A.O. Kragnes’ sister Tone. Their children married into many other families in the community, Many, many of us can trace our ancestry to Gulbrand!

Gulbrand Gulbrandsen was born February 10, 1811 on the Skjærstein farm in the Valdres Valley, Norway and baptized March 17 in Bagn Church in Sør Aurdal. The family moved to the Thomle farms in Nordre Land parish about 1818.

On October 19, 1833, Gulbrand married Astri Andersdatter Skjærstein. Astri’s father traded the Solbjør farm for Skjærstein in 1819 after Gulbrand’s father, who was the tenant, moved to Thomle.

Their daughter Geline was born in 1834, followed by sons Andreas in 1836, and Gulbrand in 1842.

The family registered their intent to emigrate in the parish records on May 2, 1850. The only thing known about their journey comes from their son Andreas, who reported that it was a difficult voyage and the supply of fresh water ran out before they reached Quebec.

After their marriage, Gulbrand and Astri were tenant farmers, but Gulbrand was renowned as a skilled and successful blacksmith. He brought his blacksmithing tools and anvil to America and continued to blacksmith for the rest of his life.

The family made their way to Rock County, Wisconsin. Luther Valley church records show that Gulbrand “Kastenberg” and his wife took communion on October 19, 1851, and later Andreas Gulbrandsen ‘Tomlien’ was confirmed there.

Gulbrand moved his family to Houston County MN in 1853. Martin Ulvestad’s *Nordmændene i Amerika* reports that”G. G. Kassenborg from Valdres (was) among the first white settlers on the South Fork of the Root River.” (p.97) Gilbert and Esther Gilbertson and their children Andrew, Mathilda, and Gilbert are listed in township 103 (Yucatan) in the 1857 Territorial Census. ‘Gilbert Gilbertson’ received a land patent for his 40 acre farm on January 15, 1858.

Astri died on November 14, 1871 and is buried in the Stone Church Cemetery, rural Houston MN. Daughter Geline and son Andreas moved to the Buffalo River in the mid 1870's. His son Gulbrand anglicized his name to Gilbert Gilbertson and moved his family from Houston to Yellow Medicine County.



Gulbrand died August 8, 1888, and is buried in Concordia Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Glyndon MN.

Would you like to tell the story of your pioneer ancestor? It should be about 500 words. Include a picture if you can. Send email to news@concordianews.org

Week-End on the Buffalo – Sept 22-23, 2012

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at our "Buffalo Week-end" in September. If you're traveling from out of town, we have rooms waiting for you at the **Travelodge**, 3027 S. Frontage Road, Highway 10, Moorhead. Give them a call at 218-233-5333 and be sure to mention you'd like the "Buffalo Week-end" rate.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA

Tuesday, June 12, 1:30 p.m.

Birthdays

June 5	Mavis Wang
June 6	Doris Eidem
June 16	Clarice Babolian Kathy Krogstad
June 26	Walter Teigen

Anniversaries

June 3	Harold & Sally Horpedahl
June 8	Val & Delores Hagene
June 22	Walter & Sylvia Teigen

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