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From Pastor Bruce



Dear Members and Friends of
Concordia Lutheran:

This month many in our
community will be celebrating their
Buffalo River Heritage of which
Concordia Lutheran played a key
role. Many people find researching
their family tree to be a very
rewarding endeavor. I consider
having met four of my grandfather

Jens Krogstad's first cousins in Norway. One of my favorite
photos is of Reidulf Krogstad with his hand on top of his
grandfather's (my great-great-grandfather) Jen's tombstone.
In the background is Vernes Lutheran Church of which my
ancestors were founding members in the 11th century (it is the
original building). Reidulf informed me that our ancestors
were farming in the area three hundred years prior to the
establishment of the church. My parents currently live on the
same farm that my father's grandparents homesteaded in
1883. For many Norwegians a predictable response might
be, "It must be nice having such young soil."

The prophet Isaiah speaks to the importance of being aware of our heritage in the following passage:

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
Who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
And to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father,
And to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain;
When he was one I called him,
Then I blessed him and multiplied him.

Isaiah 51:1-2

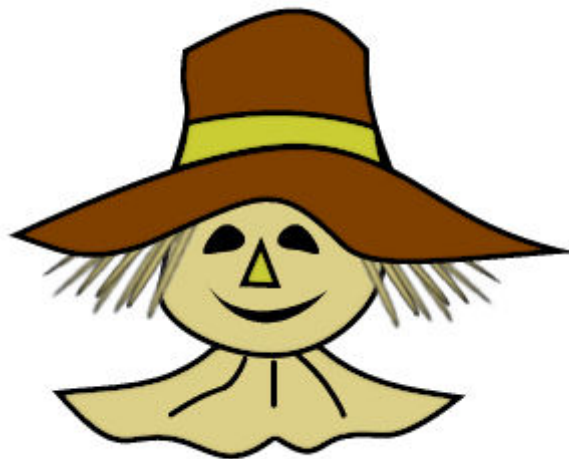
As important as my ethnic heritage is to me, my most important heritage is the spiritual one that started when the first Jew: Abraham (and Sarah). WE tend to think of justification as originating with Jesus but God's first act of claiming a person as his own through a special covenant (agreement) took place over 2,000 years before Christ. God chose Abraham who was raised in the ancient city of Ur (modern Iraq). He was raised in a part of the world that practiced something similar to astrology as their religion. Yet God in his mercy claimed Abraham as his own child and

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made a vow to him in the first covenant He ever made with people.

Let us look to the rock from which we were hewn, and be grateful that we, like Abraham, are recipients of this great grace of God through his son, Jesus Christ.

God bless,
Pastor Bruce



Fall Begins on Saturday, Sept. 22!

Announcements



Tuesday, September 11 1:30 p.m.
Fryn' Pan



Cookie Servers

September 2	Delores Hagene	October 7	Linda Koester
September 9	Becky Jegtig	October 14	Osie Juve
September 16	Polly Hanson	October 21	Barb Grover
September 23	Sylvia Teigen	October 28	Carolyn Edwards
September 30	Doris Kassenborg		



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 Apostles Creed” is the subject for Kids Corner in September. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Announcements

Week-End on the Buffalo September 22-23, 2012

*Mark
Your
Calendar*



Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 – 10 a.m.

- Speakers include:

Mark Piehl, archivist at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County, who will talk about the upcoming exhibit of works by Orabel Thortvedt of our community and Anne Stein of Georgetown.

Jim Skree, archivist at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and the Stone Church in Houston MN (and cousin of many in the Buffalo River community). Most early pioneers migrated from Houston County in the southeastern corner of Minnesota, and he will talk about the historical, ethnic, and familial connections these two communities share.

- Lunch

Announcements

- Bus tour of pioneer homesteads/homesites (\$10.00)

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012 – 9 a.m.

- Coffee
- Communion service at 10 a.m.
- Lunch

Pre-registration is encouraged.

A registration form is found later in this newsletter. Forms are also available on the Buffalo Week-end website:

www.buffalopioneers.org

The size of the bus will be based on the number of pre-registrations. Preregistration guarantees you a spot on the bus. Empty seats will be sold at the Week-end for \$10 each.

Youth is like spring, an over-praised season more remarkable for biting winds than gentle breezes.

Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits.



~Samuel Butler

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of LaVonne Akers

Regina Hanson

Myron Hagene

Mike & Kay Edwards

Kristi & Gregg Trautwein

In Honor of Margret Kragnes' 90th Birthday

Harold & Sally Horpedahl



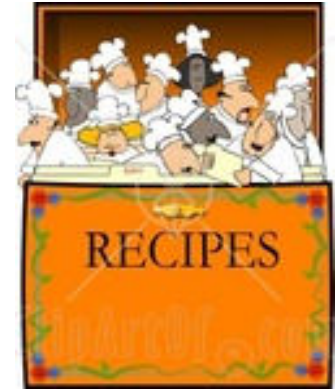
To Verna Kragnes, and siblings David, Amy and JoAnn for providing the cake and a chance for fellowship honoring their mom, Margret Kragnes, after church on Sunday, August 26.

Margret celebrated her 90th birthday on August 23.



I want to grow old gracefully but it seems there are a few wrinkles in my plan!

Recipe of the Month
Butternut Squash
Au Gratin



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 large onions, cut into 1-inch squares
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 3 pounds butternut squash –
 peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 10 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter, melted

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a baking dish with butter.
- Heat 1 tablespoon butter and olive oil in a large skillet over low heat; add onions and sage. Cover and cook, stirring

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occasionally, until onions are browned, about 25 minutes.

Season with salt and black pepper.

- Place a steamer insert into a saucepan and fill with water to just below the bottom of the steamer. Bring water to a boil. Add squash, cover, and steam until tender, 10 to 20 minutes.
- Transfer squash to baking dish; toss with garlic and 3/4 teaspoon salt. Add the caramelized onions to the pan and gently mix to combine.
- Warm cream in a saucepan over low heat; pour over squash mixture. Stir to coat. Combine bread crumbs and 1 1/2 tablespoons melted butter together in a bowl; sprinkle over squash mixture.
- Bake in the preheated oven until gratin is bubbling and breadcrumbs are browned, 20 to 25 minutes.



I intend to live forever....
or die trying...

~Groucho Marx

The First Day of School



Teacher: How can you make so many mistakes in just one day?

Pupil: I get up early !

Grandfather: What would happen if you took the school bus home?

Grandson: The police would make you bring it back !

Father: How do you like your new teacher?

Daughter: I don't. She told me to sit up front for the present and then she didn't give me one!

Father: How did you find school today?

Son: I got off the bus and there it was!

Son: I'm not going back to school ever again!

Mother: Why ever not ?

Son: The teacher doesn't know a thing, all she does is ask questions!

Bits and Pieces

Registration for "Week-End on the Buffalo" September 22-23, 2012

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Number in your party: _____

I/We plan to attend on:

Saturday

Sunday

Pre-registration is not absolutely required to attend the week-end activities. The information above will be used for program planning and meal preparation.

BUS TOUR

I/We will participate in the bus tour on Saturday afternoon

# of riders		\$/Person		Total Enclosed
	x	\$10.00	= \$	
Pre-registration reserves your spot on the tour bus. We will use the pre-registration number to rent the appropriate bus size. Any available unreserved seats will be available on Saturday.				

Make check payable to "Week-End on the Buffalo"

Drop your registration form off in the narthex at Concordia or mail it to:

Sylvia Teigen
914 4th Avenue South
Moorhead MN 56560

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA

September 11, 1:30 at the Fryn' Pan in Moorhead

WEEK-END on the BUFFALO

September 22 10:00 am

September 23 Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Communion Service 10 a.m.

Lunch follows service

Birthdays

September 9 Doris Kassenborg

September 13 Sylvia Teigen

September 28 Ray Amundson

Anniversaries

September 9 Neil & Polly Hanson

September 12 Ray & Tara Amundson

September 21 Dick & Mavis Wang

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