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Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

We are entering the season of Epiphany. I have included an extended quote from Wikipedia about the season below. While this background information is interesting, the purpose of Epiphany

is to emphasize not just God's revealing himself through Jesus Christ, but God's revealing Himself as a gracious and loving Father. This is an important distinction from most Old Testament revelations of the divine which usually struck terror into the hearts of witnesses of divine epiphanies (revelations). May we grow in the awareness of the depths of God's love for us as we contemplate the amazing news of God revealed through Jesus Christ for us.

**Pastor Bruce**

The Koine Greek ἐπιφάνεια, epiphaneia derives from the verb "to appear" and means "appearance," "manifestation." In classical Greek it was used of the appearance of dawn, of an enemy in war,

but especially of a manifestation of a deity to a worshipper. In the New Testament the word is used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer either to the birth of Christ or to his appearance after his resurrection, and five times to refer to the Second Coming.

The observance had its origins in the Eastern Christian Churches and was a general celebration of the manifestation of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. It included the commemoration of his birth; the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem; all of Jesus' childhood events, up to and including his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist; and even the miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. It seems fairly clear that the Baptism was the primary event being commemorated.

Epiphany is celebrated by both the Eastern (Orthodox) and Western (Roman Catholic) Churches, but a major difference between them is precisely which events the feast commemorates. For Western Christians, the feast primarily commemorates the coming of the Magi, with only a minor reference to the baptism of Jesus and the miracle at the Wedding at Cana. Eastern churches celebrate the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan. In both traditions, the essence of the feast is the same: the manifestation of Christ to the world

(whether as an infant or in the Jordan), and the Mystery of the Incarnation. The miracle at the Wedding at Cana is also celebrated during Epiphany as a first manifestation of Christ's public life.

Western Christian churches:

The Western Church (Roman Catholic) had separated the celebration of the Nativity of Christ as the feast of Christmas and set its date as December 25; it reserved January 6 as a commemoration of the manifestation of Christ, especially to the Magi, but also at his baptism and at the wedding feast of Cana. In parts of the Eastern Church, January 6 continued for some time as a composite feast that included the Nativity of Jesus: though Constantinople adopted December 25 to commemorate Jesus' birth in the fourth century, in other parts the Nativity of Jesus continued to be celebrated on January 6, a date later devoted exclusively to commemorating his Baptism.

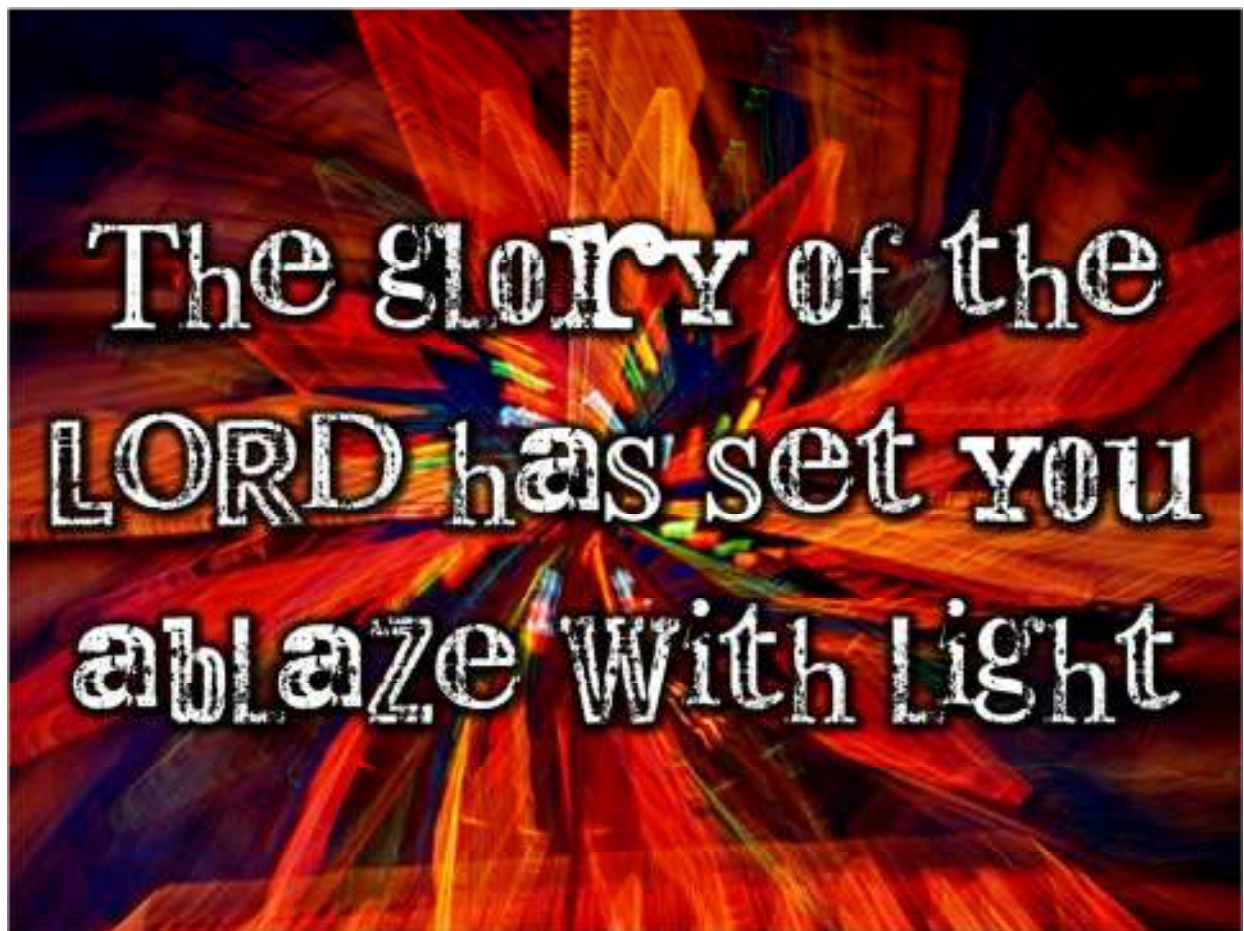
Liturgical practice in Western churches:

The West observes a twelve-day festival, starting on December 25, and ending on January 5, known as Christmastide or the Twelve Days of Christmas. Some Christian cultures, especially those of

Latin America and some in Europe, extend the season to as many as forty days, ending on Candlemas (February 2).

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the priest, wearing white vestments, will bless the Epiphany water, frankincense, gold, and chalk. Chalk is used to write the initials of the three magi over the doors of churches and homes. The letters stand for the initials of the Magi (traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), and also the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates as “may Christ bless the house.”

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*Announcements and Assignments*



No meeting in January



## Coffee and Cookie Servers

### January

### February

January 6 Kathy Krogstad

February 3 Polly Hanson

January 13 Orpha Hoelstad

February 10 Sylvia Teigen

January 20 Delores Hagene

February 17 Doris Kassenborg

January 27 Becky Jegtvig

February 24 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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“Jesus in the Temple” is the subject for Kids Corner in January. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

## Concordia Annual Report



Make sure to submit all financial information that needs to be included in the annual report to Karolynn Decker by **January 15, 2013**.

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### Christmas “Un-Trimming”

We will meet to take down the Christmas decorations on **Saturday, January 19** at **10:00 am**, followed by coffee and cookies.

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### Annual Meetings - February 3

Join us after worship for a **potluck dinner**, followed by the congregation’s annual meeting. This will be followed by the annual meeting of the cemetery association.



Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.

*~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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*Concordia News*  
mailing list?**

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# **Donations**

## **Concordia Cemetery Fund**

*In Memory of Harold and Lucilla Anderson*

Harold Anderson Family

*In Memory of Harold Ingebretsen*

Donald Johnson

*In Memory of Paul Mikkelsen*

Kristi & Gregg Trautwein

*In Memory of Robert Burke*

Mike & Donna Burke,

Kara & Andrew Orsini

*In Memory of Margaret Jane & Willie Gustav Svenkesen:*

Barb & Lowell Johnson

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Lois Jensen

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*In Memory of Harold Ingebretson*

Regina Hanson

*Donation*

Lois Jensen

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## **Cemetery Association News**

We are searching for candidates to fill **two board positions** on the Cemetery Association Board. Nominations or questions for the board position can be forwarded to the following people:

Aron Kassenborg, Gerald Hagene, Wescott Tommerdahl, Harold Horpedahl or Ray Johnson.

**Thank you** to all volunteers and donors throughout the year.

**Thank you** to Stacy Johnson and Grandpa Donald Johnson for mowing the cemetery in 2012.

**Special thank you** in memory of Valdemar Hagene for the countless years of service he donated to the church and caring of the Leif Erickson Cemetery.

**Thank you** Karolynn, Sylvia and Alene for all you do for this church community as it is a great thing you do.

# **Recipe of the Month**

## **Chicken Taco Soup**



### **Ingredients**

3 boneless chicken breasts

2 (10 oz) cans diced tomatoes with chiles, undrained

1 (16 oz) can, chili beans

1 (15 oz) can, black beans

1 (15 oz) can, whole kernel corn

1 (8 oz) can, tomato sauce

1 (12 oz) bottle or can of beer

1 pkg taco seasoning (1 ¼ oz)

Shredded Cheddar Cheese (optional)

Sour Cream (optional)

Crushed Tortilla Chips (optional)

## *Recipe of the Month*

### **Directions**

- Place the onion, chili beans, black beans, corn, tomato sauce, beer, and diced tomatoes in a slow cooker. Add taco seasoning, and stir to blend. Lay chicken breasts on top of the mixture, pressing down slightly until just covered by the other ingredients. Set slow cooker for low heat, cover, and cook for 5 hours.
- Remove chicken breasts from the soup, and allow to cool long enough to be handled. Shred the chicken by hand. Stir it back into the soup, and continue cooking for 2 hours.
- Serve topped with shredded Cheddar cheese, a dollop of sour cream, and crushed tortilla chips, if desired.



**January is National Soup Month**



## **Its Time for the Super Bowl!**

Two Minnesotans die in a car crash. They don't go to heaven, but to that other place.

Shortly after they arrive, the devil looks over and sees the two of them smiling and laughing and generally enjoying themselves.

He goes over and says, "What's the matter with you two? You're in the middle of a flaming inferno. You should be in agony. Why are you smiling and laughing?"

The two reply, "Oh, Mr. Devil, we're sorry if we offended you. After those cold winters in Minnesota, it just feels so good to be warm."

The devil thinks to himself, "So, they don't like it cold. Well, let me see what I can do about that."

So the devil conjures up the most vicious blizzard conceivable. The snow is eight feet deep. The temperature is

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80 below. The wind chill is 100 below, but now the two are jumping up and down and slapping each other on the back in unrestrained glee.

Again, he approaches them and asks, "What's the matter with you two? You told me you hated the cold. Why are you still so happy?"

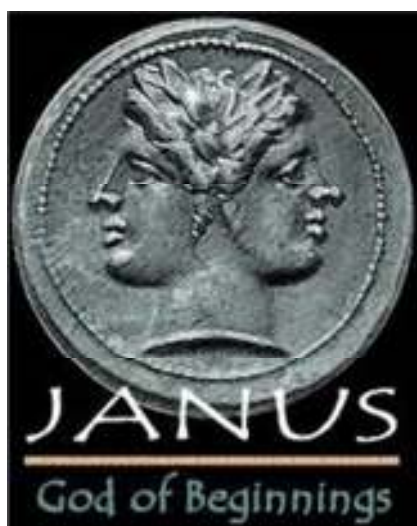
They reply, "Well, it's obvious. Hell has frozen over. The Vikings must have won the Super Bowl!"

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## **What's in a Name?**

### **January**

January is named after the two-faced Roman god Janus. He could simultaneously look ahead toward the future and look back at the past.



Known as the god of beginnings, Janus was also the god of transitions. As we leave the old year and begin the new, we all try to be a little like Janus. We take stock of the old year's

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successes and shortcomings while planning for a new year. As Christians we thank God for his favor in the good times, depend on God's forgiveness for our mistakes and His strength in adversity, and ask for His continued guidance in the New Year.

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### **Ole Midgarden**

Ole Midgarden of Moland Township, is one of Clay County's farmers who seems to have the right idea about agricultural matters, and although he does not farm so large a scale as some, he does his work in a scientific way and is making a comfortable living. Mr. Midgarden was born in Norway September 2, 1849, a son of Gunder and Thorberg (Spokali) Midgarden, natives of Norway, where they spent their life on a farm. They were parents of seventeen children, of whom ten grew to maturity, namely Tolef, deceased; John; Tore, deceased; Ole G. of this sketch; Howard and Gunder, both living; Signe, who lives in Norway; Ingeborg, Halvor, and Johanna. These children all came to America but Signe.

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Olaf spent his boyhood in Norway where he attended the common schools for a while, and also went to school a short time in America, whither he came in 1866, reaching Houston County MN in June of that year, being a pioneer in that section of the state. He remained there until 1870 and then, with other settlers, came to Clay County and took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Moland Township and lived there until 1874 when he sold out (*to Tarje Grover*) and returned to Norway, remaining in his native land for 5 years. At the end of that period he returned to America and spent a few months in Wisconsin, then came to Clay County, Minnesota, and rented land for about six years after which time he bought 160 acres in Moland Township, where he has since made his home, making all the present improvements, including erection of buildings. He carried on general and mixed farming.

Mr. Midgarden was married in 1883 to Jorund Thortvedt, who was born in Norway, from which country she came to Houston County. When young, her people moved to Clay County, she walked most of the way, helping drive the sheep and cattle. Three children, all living, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Midgarden,



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namely: Thorberg Gundella, Theckla Linda Josephine, and Gottfred Otto Leander.

Politically, Mr. Midgarden is a Republican. He has been treasurer of school district #6 nearly all the time since he has lived in the district, with the exception of the period of his absence in Norway. He is the treasurer at this writing. He was the third man to hold this office. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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**Did you know ....** The Grover Schoolhouse, built in 1881 after the original building burned down, is the oldest one room schoolhouse in Clay County still standing?

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# **Dates to Remember**

## ***Worship Services every Sunday***

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

## ***Christmas Untrimming***

Saturday, January 19 10:00 a.m.

## ***WELCA***

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## ***Birthdays***

January 6 Germaine Gress

January 11 Polly Hanson

January 22 Dalan Rasmussen

January 30 Irene Olson

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