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From Pastor Bruce



Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

~Martin Luther

As we find ourselves in the season of Easter I would like to offer you the following insights from the online encyclopedia Wikipedia:

The New Testament teaches that the resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is a foundation of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God and is cited as proof that God will judge the world in righteousness. God has given Christians "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Christians, through faith in the working of God are spiritually resurrected with Jesus so that they may walk in a new way of life.

Easter is linked to the Passover and Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper and crucifixion that

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preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as he prepared himself and his disciples for his death in the upper room during the Last Supper. He identified the matzah and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"; this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.

One interpretation of the Gospel of John is that Jesus, as the Passover lamb, was crucified at roughly the same time as the Passover lambs were being slain in the temple, on the afternoon of Nisan 14. The scriptural instructions specify that the lamb is to be slain "between the two evenings", that is, at twilight. By the Roman period, however, the sacrifices were performed in the mid-afternoon. Josephus, Jewish War 6.10.1/423 ("They sacrifice from the ninth to the eleventh hour"). Philo, Special Laws 2.27/145 ("Many myriads of victims from noon till eventide are offered by the whole people"). This interpretation, however, is inconsistent with the chronology in the Synoptic Gospels. It assumes that text literally translated "the preparation of the Passover" in John 19:14

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refers to Nisan 14 (Preparation Day for the Passover) and not necessarily to Yom Shishi (Friday, Preparation Day for Sabbath) and that the priests' desire to be ritually pure in order to "eat the Passover" refers to eating the Passover lamb, not to the public offerings made during the days of Unleavened Bread.

May you and yours have a blessed Easter,

Pastor Bruce



Announcements and Assignments



Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2013

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryn' Pan



Coffee and Cookie Servers

April

April 8 Mavis Wang

May 5 Delores Hagene

April 15 Phylis Nelson

May 12 Becky Jegtvig

April 22 Barb Grover

May 19 Polly Hanson

April 29 Orpha Hoelstad

May 26 Sylvia Teigen

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 Lord’s Prayer” is the subject for Kids Corner in April. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of our website.

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The rhyme “April Showers bring May Flowers” can be traced back to the mid-1500s. In 1557, Thomas Tusser in his work “A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry” wrote, “Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers.”

Spring Luncheon
at Concordia Church
May 18, 2013
Growing Up in Occupied Norway
during WWII
Guest Speaker: Kjell Hoelstad

April is the promise that May is bound to keep ~Hal Borland

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Sadly, we no longer have vacation bible school at Concordia in the summer. Those of us who did attend VBS at Concordia have great memories of that experience. We'd like to collect stories and photos of your recollections about Vacation Bible School at Concordia for the June edition of the *Concordia News*.



Do you have special memories of any of the programs that you participated in? Who were your teachers? What kinds of craft projects did you make? What games did you play?

Send to Karolynn Teigen Decker, 915 4th Avenue South, Moorhead, 56560; or email to news@concordianews.org Deadline for these submissions is May 17, 2013.



Memorial Day Service

Plan to join us again this year on

Monday, May 27

for our annual Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m.

Potluck lunch follows

With Our Thanks

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In Memory of Hazel Haarstad

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In Memory of Hazel Hite Haarstad

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Hazel Haarstad

1934-2013

Hazel Haarstad died February 27, 2013 at home in Moorhead. She was born March 3, 1934 to Ovean and Hazel Hite. She was confirmed at Concordia in 1954.

She married Jim Haarstad in 1952 and they had three children: Dave (Sue) Haarstad, Deb (Bob) Remark, and Dawn Groslic.

During her life she played an active role in the community including Mrs. Jaycees and Trinity Lutheran Church. She and Jim enjoyed time at their lake homes and their condo in Arizona and loved to travel and visit with family and friends.

Hazel expressed the desire to thank family and friends for their love and prayers, along with Dr. Gross, the 7th floor staff of Sanford and Hospice of the Red River Valley for the care they provided her throughout her illness.

Her funeral was March 2 at Trinity in Moorhead.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Agnes Wik Skinner (1915-2013). She grew up in Concordia, the daughter of Olaf Wik and Karine (Klokseth) Wik.

Recipe of the Month

Spring Pea & Pasta Salad



Ingredients

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| 1 16 oz pkg bow tie pasta | 1 tablespoon olive oil |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour cream | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup mayonnaise |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice | 1 tablespoon lemon zest |
| 1 tablespoon dried dill weed | 1 pinch cayenne pepper |
| Kosher salt to taste | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced red onion |
| 8 oz frozen peas, thawed | 8 oz fully cooked ham, diced |
| 8 oz sharp cheddar cheese, cubed | 2 sprigs of fresh dill for garnish |

Directions

- Boil bow tie pasta for 8 to 10 minutes, drain and rinse well with cold water. Toss in olive oil and set aside
- Mix sour cream, mayonnaise, lemon juice, lemon zest, dried dill, cayenne pepper, and salt until smooth.
- Add ham, cheese, peas and onion and mix well.
- Refrigerate until ready to serve
- Garnish with 2 sprigs of fresh dill

Orabel's Altarpiece (part 2)

By Markus Krueger

of the Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County

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November 18th was a good day for Orabel, although she and sister Stella had to pluck 4 roosters for dinner. Her brother Goodwin went to town and bought a large sack of sugar for the first time in ten years. Orabel made lefse. That evening, Aunt Thone Lee and her daughters Signe and Selma came for dinner. They brought good news. Orabel's painting was chosen to be the new altarpiece. She donates the painting to the church in memory of her parents, Levi and Ingabor Thortvedt.

On a nice thirty-degree day on December 15th, Orabel, her sister Dora, and cousins Signe and Selma Lee brought the repaired 1894 painting to the church to be put in the Sunday School room. Cousin Lenora Lee Grover brought sandwiches. "As the church darkened we finished – again the old painting has its old place of honor and I was glad to see that it looks okay after being fixed by me 5 years ago." Orabel and Dora visited their parents in the cemetery there. "It is heavy to approach two cold mounds of clay – below which we

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know our beloved parents lie in sleep Eternal – I also stopped at the graves of Ted Bergh [Dora Thortvedt's husband who died after only three years of marriage], Grandpa, Grandma, and Great Grandmother Joraand Gjeitsta." Dora would join them five years later, stricken down by encephalitis at age 51.

When the altar finally came at the end of January, Orabel loaded the painting into a sleigh to be taken to the church. "Obert and Andrew Gunderson took my painting and put in new altar – they said it looked nicer than the old one but 'shined' from center aisles otherwise looked okay from pews and gallery – we were worried about this 'shine'- I think it's the light from the gallery windows – I should not have applied the copal varnish." Orabel was always too modest. Her painting is still hanging above the altar 75 years later and it looks great.

For the rest of her life Orabel continued to paint animals for friends or patrons, but she devoted more and more of her time to the study of local history after she returned to the farm. Orabel spent her days studying history and compiling her findings in her scrapbooks and journals. She became recognized as the most knowledgeable historian of the Buffalo River Settlement, writing articles for local newspapers on historic subjects, and working with

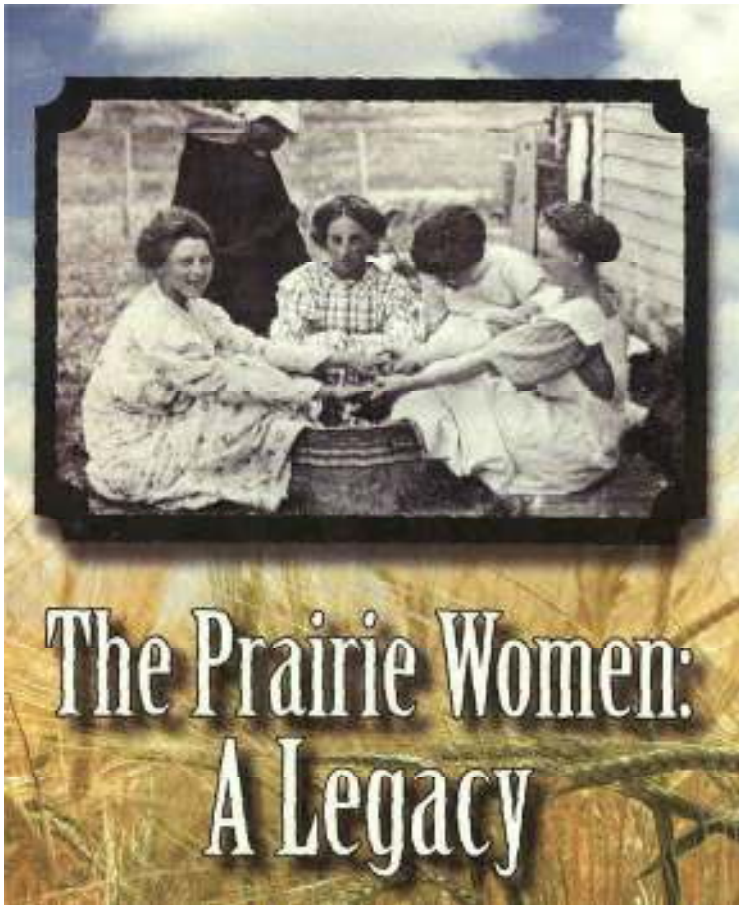
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other leaders in local history like *Forum* reporter Roy Johnson. Orabel used her art to bring history alive, painting scenes from the past with a scholar's attention to historic detail. "She filled and catalogued hundreds of old film boxes with her clippings: '165A Oxen and Covered Wagons,' '385 Womens Hairstyles,' '487 Men in Hats,' etc.," recalls niece Eva Hedstrom. Orabel's passion for art and history were fused: she used her art to illustrate history and she used history as inspiration for her art.

In addition to gathering an archive of information, she wanted to share the findings. Visitors would learn about their ancestors by looking up their families in her books. Schools would arrange fieldtrips to her house so Orabel could teach the children about local history. On one occasion, she went to a local school to demonstrate how artists paint portraits. Young Eileen Olson posed as Orabel's model that day. Remembering that Orabel painted the altarpiece at her church, Eileen asked "When did Jesus pose for Orabel?"



April is National Humor Month, National Poetry Month, National Welding Month, International Guitar Month ...



“The Prairie Women: A Legacy”

This DVD is a photographic and oral history of the lives of 4 women born at the turn of the 20th century in Clay County. In 1974, Tessie Murphy of Felton, Ida Larson of Moorhead, Katie Hilde of Ulen and our own Anne Hammett talked about life in their communities, including

epidemics, the Great Depression and the World Wars.

The Anne Hammett interview was played at the “Week-End on the Buffalo” last fall.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD, it is available for \$15. Give Laurie Hanson of Fargo a call at 701-297-0543 or email her at laurie.hanson@systemictech.com to arrange for payment and delivery. The DVD will also be available soon at the Hjemkomst Center Gift Shop in Moorhead.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA April 8, 2013 1:30 p.m.

Birthdays

April 10 Regina Hanson

April 16 Kjell Hoelstad

April 19 Diane Rasmussen

Anniversaries

April 3 Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

April 20 Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

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