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*From Pastor Bruce*



Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

*Here is the final portion of the excellent summary about Pentecost from the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.*

It is evident that the phrase “out of sight is out of mind” applies to the longest season of the church year, but then Martin Luther did refer that the Holy Spirit, which is the centerpiece of the season of Pentecost, is the “bashful member of the Trinity”, nonetheless, as the Holy Spirit is the ongoing presence of God in the world, it is important that we do not forget about the Spirit. We are not in this life alone; God is with us:

The Lutheran church of the Baroque observed three days of Pentecost. Some composers wrote sacred cantatas to be performed in the church services of these days. Johann Sebastian Bach composed several cantatas for days of Pentecost, including *Erschallet, ihr Lieder, erklinget, ihr Saiten!* BWV 172 in 1714 and *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt*, BWV 68 in 1725. Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel

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wrote cantatas such as *Werdet voll Geistes* (Get full of spirit) in 1737. Mozart composed an antiphon *Veni Sancte Spiritus* in 1768.

Olivier Messiaen composed an organ mass *Messe de la Pentecôte* in 1949/50. In 1964 Fritz Werner wrote an oratorio for Pentecost *Veni, sancte spiritus* (Come, Holy Spirit) on the sequence *Veni sancte spiritus*, and Jani Christou wrote *Tongues of Fire*, a Pentecost oratorio. Richard Hillert wrote a *Motet for the Day of Pentecost* for choir, vibraphone, and prepared electronic tape in 1969. Violeta Dinescu composed *Pfingstoratorium*, an oratorio for Pentecost for five soloists, mixed chorus and small orchestra in 1993.

### Customs and traditions

In Italy it was customary to scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy Whitsunday is called *Pasqua rosatum*. The Italian name *Pasqua rossa* comes from the red colours of the vestments used on Whitsunday.

In France it was customary to blow trumpets during Divine service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

In the north west of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks take place at Whitsun (sometimes on Whit Friday, the

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Friday after Whitsun). Typically, the parades contain brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white. Traditionally, Whit Fairs (sometimes called Whitsun Ales) took place. Other customs such as morris dancing and cheese rolling are also associated with Whitsun.

Public holiday

Since Pentecost itself is on a Sunday, it is automatically a public holiday in Christian countries. Additional restrictions to Sunday opening hours may apply.

Pentecost Monday is a public holiday in many European countries including Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania (since 2008), (most parts of) Switzerland, Ukraine and also in the African nations Senegal, Benin and Togo.

In Sweden it was also a public holiday, but Pentecost Monday (*Annandag Pingst*) was replaced by Swedish National Day on June 6, by a government decision on December 15, 2004. In Italy and Malta, it is no longer a public holiday. It was a public holiday in Ireland until 1973, when it was replaced by Early Summer Holiday on the first Monday in June. In the United Kingdom the day is known

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as Whit Monday, and was a bank holiday until 1967 when it was replaced by the Spring Bank Holiday on the last Monday in May.

Literary references

According to legend, King Arthur always gathered all his knights at the round table for a feast and a quest on Pentecost: *So ever the king had a custom that at the feast of Pentecost in especial, afore other feasts in the year, he would not go that day to meat until he had heard or seen of a great marvel.*

German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe declared Pentecost “*das liebliche Fest*” – the lovely Feast, in a selection by the same name in his *Reineke Fuchs*. “*Pfingsten, das liebliche Fest*”, speaks of Pentecost as a time of greening and blooming in fields, woods, hills, mountains, bushes and hedges, of birds singing new songs, meadows sprouting fragrant flowers, and of festive sunshine gleaming from the skies and coloring the earth - iconic lines idealizing the Pentecost holidays in the German-speaking lands. Further, Goethe records an old peasant proverb relating to Pentecost in his “*Sankt-Rochus-Fest zu Bingen*” – Ripe strawberries at Pentecost mean a good wine crop.

Alexandre Dumas, père mentions of Pentecost in *Twenty Years After* (French: *Vingt ans après*), the sequel to *The Three Musketeers*.

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A meal is planned for the holiday, to which La Ramée, second in command of the prison, is invited, and by which contrivance, the Duke is able to escape. He speaks sarcastically of the festival to his jailor, foreshadowing his escape : “Now, what has Pentecost to do with me? Do you fear, say, that the Holy Ghost may come down in the form of fiery tongues and open the gates of my prison?”

William Shakespeare mentions Pentecost in a line from Romeo and Juliet Act 1, Scene V. At the ball at his home, Capulet speaks in refuting an overestimate of the time elapsed since he last danced: “What, man? ‘Tis not so much, ‘tis not so much! ‘Tis since the nuptial of Lucentio, Come Pentecost as quickly as it will, Some five-and-twenty years, and then we mask’d.”

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**Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2013**

**Time: 1:30 p.m.**

**Place: Fryn' Pan**

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## Coffee and Cookie Servers

**August**

**September**

August 4 Phylis Nelson

September 1 Becky Jegtvig

August 11 Barb Grover

September 8 Polly Hanson

August 18 Orpha Hoelstad

September 15 Sylvia Teigen

August 25 Delores Hagene

September 22 Doris Kassenborg

September 29 Linda Koester

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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*





## **Concordianews.org**

The topic for Kids Corner in August is “Let My People Go!” Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

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In August of 79 A. D. Mount Vesuvius erupted. About half of the inhabitants of Pompeii escaped to the sea, but over 2,000 people were killed and buried under seven feet of lava, ash, and pumice.



### **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> is National Friendship Day**

Friendship day was originally introduced as a marketing ploy by Hallmark. However, in 1935 (in part as an antidote to the wretched conditions brought on by the Depression) Congress gave it official status. In 2011 the United Nations declared Friendship Day an international holiday with Winnie the Pooh as its official ambassador.

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## **Gordon Dennis Swanson**

**1941-2013**

Gordon died unexpectedly from a heart attack on Sunday July, 21, 2013. Gordon was born on August 9, 1941 at St Ansgar Hospital, Moorhead, MN to Sigfred (Sig) and Ella (Orud)



Swanson. He was baptized in Salem Lutheran Church, Wolverton, MN and confirmed at Concordia Lutheran Church rural Glyndon. He graduated from Moorhead State Teachers College School in 1960 and NDSCS in 1962 with a degree in accounting.

He married Claryce Nater and they had three children. In 1989, Gordy married Loretta (Hall Tripp) Swanson. Gordy worked for several farming related businesses located in Ashby, Warren, and Moorhead, MN. He spent 41 years as office manager/accountant with Rick Electric, and realized one of his dreams on an all expense paid trip to Australia/New Zealand they gave him as a retirement gift. Gordy loved accounting and continued some part time work from home for the station his son Denny manages and was also doing the accounting for the LCMS-North Dakota District. Gordy and two of his buddies started ECG Fishing Trips and had just returned from a

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wonderful fly in fishing trip to Canada. Gordon was a very active Grandpa and could be found at all of their sports and school activities, he never missed them. He was very proud of all his children and grandchildren. He was very involved with church activities and was always available to lend a helping hand or ear to anyone who needed it. He built many lasting relationships through participation and study of God's word.

Gordon is survived by his wife Loretta, his mother: Ella Swanson, Moorhead, children: Dennis (Patty) Moorhead, MN, LeAnn Jaksha, Duluth, Joel, East Bethel, MN. Stepdaughters: Shanna (Wayne) McArthur, Moorhead, Heather Burns (fiance', Todd Persinger), Bradenton, FL, Nichole (Jim) Anderson, Sioux Falls, SD, siblings: Lenny (Vonnie) Fargo, Sharon (Bill) Lipp, Audubon, MN. Father in law: Eugene Hall, Jamestown, ND. Grandchildren: Paul (Kelsey), Ray, Wyatt Swanson, Jordan and Jessica Jaksha, Justin (Callie) Schiermeister, Paige and Lydia McArthur, PJ, Kallie and Emilie Burns. Great Grandchildren: Sophie and Haylee Swanson, and Khloe Schiermeister. He was preceded in death by his father Sigfred (Sig) and grandson, Brett McArthur. The celebration of his life was held July 25<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead. Interment is in Concordia's cemetery.

*With Our Thanks*

# **Donations**

## **Concordia Cemetery Fund**

*In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg*

Kim & Rich Ulven

*In Memory of Robert Burke*

Alvina Burke

*In Memory of Alton Mjolsness*

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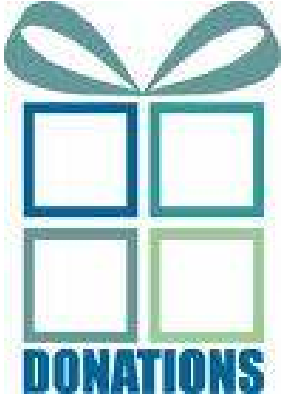
Andy & Colleen Fischer

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**Thanks to** everyone who attended the picnic on Sunday, July 22. Originally scheduled for June, it was delayed because of weather. A good time was held by all!



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**Your Donations** can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

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## Recipe of the Month

### Summer Chicken Salad

**Serves 4**



#### Ingredients

2 cups diced chicken breast

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup mayonnaise

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup diced celery

$\frac{1}{4}$  medium red onion, diced

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped green apples

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup halved red seedless grapes

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped walnuts

Salt & pepper to taste

#### Directions

- Mix ingredients together
- Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent

## **The Skrei Family**

The Skreis are part of the much larger Mandt family of Telemark, and share ancestral ties with many of the families on the Buffalo.

Targe Skrei was born in Norway 1836, the son of Targe Gastjonn and Signe Lauvik. He attended school and worked on his father's farm. In 1866 he married Gunhild Moghus, who was born in 1847. The couple came to America in 1866 and settled in Houston County, Minnesota. They joined the Thortvedt party and made the journey to Clay County in the spring of 1870. Their son Theodore, born later that same year, was the first white baby born on the Buffalo. Targe and Gunhild's other children were Signe and Hilbert.

Targe lived on his original homestead on the southwest corner of section 28, Moland Township, for the rest of his days. He was active in community affairs, although he had no interest in formally running for office. Targe died in 1895 and Gunhild died in 1908. Both are buried in Concordia Cemetery.

The Skreis are related to many of the original families in the community. Targe's brother Mikkil Hegland was the

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grandfather of Carl Hegland, Allette Grover and Sophie Bekkerus.

Targe's son Theodore married Tilda Juve. Ted and Tilda had four children: Anna, Obert, Milo and Targe. In addition, Tilda's niece and nephew, Nellie and Robert Olson, joined the family after both of their parents died. Theodore died in 1932. Tilde survived him by 26 years. Both are buried in Concordia Cemetery.

Hilbert Skrei married Amelia Dennison in Montana in 1916. He lived and worked on the original Skrei homestead until he purchased a farm in Goose Prairie Township in 1917.

Signe Skrei, who never married, lived with her brother Hilbert and his wife for many years. Amelia died in 1934. After her death Hilbert and Signe returned to Moland Township and lived with their nephew Obert. Signe died in 1947 and is buried at Concordia. Hilbert passed away in 1948.



## Bits and Pieces

Ole was turning 88 and was overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

Doc: 'I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds.

When Ole returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 30 lbs!

Why, that's amazing!' the doctor said, 'Did you follow my instructions?'

Ole nodded..... I'll tell you though, by golly, I thought I vuz gonna drop dead on dat 3rd day.

'From the hunger, you mean?' asked the doctor.

Ole: 'Heck no, it vuz from all dat durn skippin'!

From the Ole & Lena files



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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'







**From the Moorhead Daily News**

August 11, 1926

A number of parties have been given for Miss Elsie J. Bergland, who expects to leave shortly for Beaumont, Texas. A parcel shower was given May 27 at the home of Mrs. Thomas Olson by Mrs. Olson and the Misses Louise and Edna Kassenborg. About 50 guests were present. Mrs. Otto Grover entertained Miss Bergland and several friends at a chicken dinner Aug. 3. On Aug. 2 Mrs. Clarence Grover entertained the same number of friends. Friday afternoon Mrs. Leon Hammett and Mrs. Theodore H. Skrei gave a remembrance shower at the home of Mrs. Hammett in Fargo. There were about 50 guests present and they gave Miss Bergland a memory book and a number of Kodak pictures.

# 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

***WELCA***            Tuesday, August 13 at 1:30 p.m., Fryn' Pan

## ***Birthdays***

August 4            Pearl Grover

August 7            DeeAnn Skolness

August 10            Virgil Jegtvig

August 17            Carolyn Edwards *and* Tara Amundson

August 23            Margret Kragnes

August 27            Don Johnson

## ***Anniversaries***

August 5            Don and Phylis Nelson

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