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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Reflections on Independence Day

I was reading an article written by a protestant pastor saying that as Christians we cannot in good conscience celebrate Independence Day. He stated that the waging of an armed conflict that resulted in the death of thousands by the Founding Fathers was not justifiable from the perspective of scripture, particularly from the perspective of the New Testament. While we err on the side of peace as Christians, war should be the last option and is by nature a brutal and tragic event with a litany of unseen consequences, I believe his assessment that war with Britain can be summarized as the result of a lack of willingness to be taxed without representation is overly simplistic. Our forbearers certainly were motivated by financial concerns, but were heavily influenced by interpreting scripture as backing up natural law, which held that there were certain inalienable rights, rights which all governments throughout time needed to be subject to and, if they were not, needed to be changed if not by peaceful means (the preferable method) then through revolt.

The question for you and me as Americans and as Christians needs to be a deeper one than, "Was the American revolution ethically/theologically justifiable?" Our questions as Christians in the shadow of July 4 more importantly should be "Is there anything for which we would contemplate doing what the framers of the Declaration of Independence did when they literally put (by signing their names) their lives on the line?" Is there anything that we hold dear enough that we are willing to commit not only potentially our physical safety for but are willing to commit our day to day lives to pursue?

As you contemplate this question I commend you to look to Jesus as an example and to those who followed him such as the Apostle Paul. Take some time to read through the gospels and books like Galatians and Romans for not only information but inspiration. The promise of eternal life, forgiveness of sins and our spiritual Independence Day from sin and Satan were won for us in the death and resurrection of God's Son. As his followers we live in the daily awareness that our liberty was the result of a terrible self-sacrifice of God's own flesh and blood. To echo Paul's words, "For freedom Christ has set us free stand fast therefore and do not submit to the yoke of slavery." Not a bad message for we as Christians who have much to celebrate every July 4 and every Sunday as we gather to give God thanks for sending his Son to go to battle for us.

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce

COFFEE AT 9 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

Concordia Ladies



NO MEETING IN JULY

Coffee and Cookie Servers



- July 6 Regina Hanson
- July 13 Germaine Gress
- July 20 Sue Kassenborg
- July 27 Mavis Wang
- August 3 Phylis Nelson
- August 10 Barb Grover
- August 17 Orpha Hoelstad
- August 24 Delores Hagene
- August 31 Sylvia Teigen

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



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“Freedom in Christ” is the subject for Kids Corner in July. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following services on July 27 to discuss and vote on a new floor for the basement, re-shingling the church roof, and repairing pipes in the women’s bathroom.



Norwegians in the Revolutionary War



Norwegian immigration is usually said to have begun in 1825 with the arrival in New York

of the sloop *Restauration*, but small settlements of Norwegians began springing up in America in the 1600s.

The town of Bergen, New Jersey was founded in 1624 by a small group of Norwegians who had been living in Amsterdam and came to the New Netherlands colony with other Dutch colonists. There were also small settlements in what would become upstate New York. Norwegian Quakers settled in Pennsylvania. About 1700, the first ship hired specifically to bring Norwegians to America brought Quakers to South Carolina!

In 1704 Norwegians erected Lutheran church built of stone at the corner of Broadway and Rector Streets in New York City. It stood in what is now the churchyard of Trinity Church, known for surviving and offering refuge during the devastation wrought on 9/11.

Norwegian men from these settlements, and sailors, farmers and tradesmen from other parts of the colonies fought for American Independence.

Thomas Johnson and Lars Brunn (Lewis Brown) served under John Paul Jones on the *Bon Homme Richard*. Joseph and Jonas Stevens were part of a Massachusetts unit. After the war they helped found the town of Norway, Maine.

In South Carolina the fighting was primarily between Americans: revolutionaries versus loyalists. Men of Norwegian descent fought on both sides.

Don’t forget! General George Washington traced his ancestry to Vikings who settled in England in 970 A.D.

Although small in number, Norwegian-Americans were here in 1776 and helped us win our independence from England. Remember them as you celebrate this 4th of July!

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Emmett Gunderson
Dean Gunderson

In Memory of Erv Backlund
Ella Swanson

In Memory of Jerry Kuehl
Bev Edenberg Donald Johnson
Dick & Mavis Wang

In Memory of Allard & Josephine Bergland
Allan & LuAnn Bergland

In Memory of Orvis Gunderson
Marietta Gunderson and Family



Thank You's for A Successful Memorial Day Service

We are so grateful for the large attendance at our annual Memorial Day service, thank you to all who attended.

Thank you to Kathy and Orpha for leading us in music, playing many of the songs from the WWII period.

Thank you to Verne Wik for playing taps during our service as well as at the flag raising service outside. Taps is always a moving segment in our program.

We also extend our appreciation to the honor guard from the Minnesota National Guard for the flag folding performance, as well to Dawn Gunderson for narrating the flag citation service.

Thank you to Gerald Hagene for placing the flags on each of the Veterans graves, as well to all that showed up on Wednesday to trim around all the markers in the cemetery. Thank you to Harold and Donald for arranging for the flag on our Concordia Flag Pole.

Special Thank you to Kjell Hoelstad for bring us the Memorial Day message and to the Ray Johnson family for again bringing us the Video featuring all of the men and women of Concordia who have served our country in the military. Also to Pastor Bruce for being with us and always having words of comfort for our service.

Thank you as well to all that contributed with a gift to the work we do here in the cemetery. Last but not least the ladies that served coffee and to the many that brought food for our pot luck.

It has been my privilege to be a part of this program the past 12 years. Thank you to all who have been a part of Memorial Day at Concordia.

Lloyd Gunderson

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Sunday, August 10, 2014
Benefit for Randy & Deb Myhre
to help defray medical expenses related to Deb's recent brain aneurysm.

Recipe of the Month Zucchini Au Gratin

Ingredients

- 8 Tablespoons butter (1 stick)
- 3 large yellow onions, sliced
- 4 large zucchini, sliced 1/4" thick
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup hot milk
- 3/4 cup bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup grated Gruyere or sharp cheddar cheese



Directions

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- Melt 6 TB butter (3/4 stick) in 12" pan, add onions and cook for 20 minutes
- Add zucchini and cook covered for 10 minutes
- Add salt, pepper, nutmeg and cook uncovered for 5 minutes
- Stir in flour. Add hot milk and cook on low heat for a few minutes, until it makes a sauce
- Pour mixture into an 8 by 10 baking dish.
- Combine bread crumbs and cheese and sprinkle on the zucchini mixture
- Drop small pieces of remaining butter on top.
- Bake for 20 minutes, or until bubbly and brown.

Ten Commandments of Minnesota

1. Der's only one God ya know.
2. Don't make that stuffed walleye on your wall an idol.
3. Cussin ain't nice.
4. Go to church even when yur up nort.
5. Honor your folks.
6. Don't kill. Catch and Release.
7. There's only one Lena for every Ole. No cheatin'.
8. If it ain't your lutefisk, don't take it.
9. Don't be bragging about how much snow ya shoveled.
10. Keep your mind off your neighbor's hot dish.

From the
**Moorhead Daily
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July 28, 1931



Clay County School Forms Own District

A new school district was organized at the special meeting called at the old district 6 west building north of Glyndon, commonly known as the Gunderson school Wednesday. The school unit has now organized as district 121 and will continue its business independently of the other school in district 6, formerly known as district 6 east.

Concordia Church to Aid Student Project

Members of the Concordia Lutheran Church ladies have voted to support the student scholarship fund project according to action taken at the meeting held Thursday in the home of Mrs. A. J. Midgarden north of Watts Siding.

The Moorhead circuit of the Womens Missionary Federation is sponsoring a project to give a scholarship gift of \$75 to some student of the circuit who will enter Concordia College this fall.

Paintings of Miss Thortvedt Shown July 6, 1936









Four examples of the painting of Miss Orabel Thortvedt, daughter of Mr & Mrs Levi Thortvedt, of near Glyndon, are being displayed in the window of the American State Bank. Representing her favorite subjects, the pictures are all of animals. One is a copy of Rosa Bonheur's work, "The Lion," another depicts two cats, copied from a snapshot; while the two others are studies of her horse, "Topee," and of a police dog.

Miss Thortvedt, with a desire to study painting since she was a rural school girl, was given the opportunity to do so in 1930, when she enrolled in a Minneapolis art school. Since then she has been engaged to paint for prominent Minneapolis residents, and more recently for Moorhead citizens.



If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Sue Kassenborg 	5
6 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	14	15  Michael Edwards	16	17	18	19
20 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Jim Koester	21  Linda Koester	22  Pastor Bruce Krogstad	23	24	25  Gerald Hagene	26  Myron Hagene
27 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 11 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	28	29	30	31		

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