



# Concordia News

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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It is easy for Christians, especially Lutherans, to have a dim view of the universal necessity of good works. We think about Jesus who said: "Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last."

We think about Martin Luther who staked his very life on the fact that we are saved not by works but by God's mercy. One of the interesting dichotomies in the life of Martin Luther is that he said that while we are not saved BY works we are saved, in part, TO work and to do good work. It is intriguing that the one who advocated justification by grace through faith should have such a high esteem for productive work that he said to his parish not to send the brightest young people into ordained ministry but into public service, which for him meant work that would be good for the common good, the most people. He believed that Christians and non-Christians alike were created by God for the purpose of making society as a whole better: more just, more compassionate and more life giving to all. Luther believed if one were called to be a farmer one should be the best farmer one could be. If a person were called to be a garbage collector one should be the best garbage collector one could be. No vocation, not even ordained ministry, was a higher calling than another.

Luther had a deep appreciation for the importance of every one doing good work, not because they had to in order to earn salvation (or God' favor) but out of gratitude for having been saved by Jesus Christ.

Luther thought highly of the words of the Apostle Paul when he writes: "Work hard, but not just to please your masters when they are watching. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people" (Ephesians 6:6-7).

Luther would surely have celebrated Labor Day should that have been available during his time as would the author of good work Himself.

Have a Blessed Labor Day,  
*Pastor Bruce*

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

**Concordia Ladies**



**Date:** August 12, 2014  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Fryn' Pan



**Sunday August 10**  
Randy and Deb Myhre

**Coffee and Cookie Servers**



- August 3 Phylis Nelson
- August 10 Barb Grover
- August 17 Orpha Hoelstad
- August 24 Delores Hagene
- August 31 Sylvia Teigen
- September 7 Becky Jegtvig
- September 14 Polly Hanson
- September 21 Sylvia Teigen
- September 28 Doris Kassenborg

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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"The Psalms" is the subject for Kids Corner in August. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



**Food Shelf Donations Needed**



Local food shelves are always in need of donations. During the summer months, demand often exceeds food shelf supplies. Please remember those in need and help fill the food shelf box in the church narthex. The donations will be delivered to a local food shelf.



**Burton Kragnes 1937-2014**

Burton C. Kragnes, 77, of Detroit Lakes, MN, died on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Essentia Health in Fargo, ND.

Burton Conrad Kragnes was born on July 15, 1937 to Alvin O. and Adeline (Rosman) Kragnes at St. John's Hospital in Fargo. He grew up on the family farm in Georgetown, MN and graduated from Moorhead High School in 1955. Burt then attended NDSU and graduated in 1959 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Burt enlisted in the Army in 1959, going from the Army Reserves to lieutenant and finally captain.

On December 29, 1960 Burt married Doris Johnson at Concordia Lutheran Church in Glyndon, MN and they made their home in Detroit, MI while he was still in the service. He was discharged from the Army in 1962. Burt then went to work as an engineer for IBM for the next 10 years. In 1972 he became self-employed, first in the business of constructing parade floats and secondly, in 1989, as the owner of a fishing resort on Lake Lida. Burt and Doris ran the resort until 2008.

Burt enjoyed fishing and hunting, but most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also had many fond memories of time spent with his brother, Gene.

Burt is survived by his wife, Doris, his three daughters and one son, Renee (Timothy) Schmitt, Rochester, MN, Kirstin (Paul) Burton, Rochester, Brent (Angie) Kragnes, Rapid City, SD, and Deidra Kragnes, New York City, his sisters Lorna (Burton) Rockstad, Ada, MN, Orpha (Kjell) Hoelstad, Kragnes, MN and Sylvia (Wally) Teigen, Moorhead, and his 8 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eugene Kragnes.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, July 18, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at Concordia Lutheran Church, Glyndon, MN. Friends and family gathered from noon to 1:00 at the church. Burial was in Concordia Lutheran Church cemetery.

# Donations

With Our Thanks

## Concordia Cemetery Fund

*In Memory of Robert Burke*  
Alvina Burke and family

*In Memory of Paul Grover*  
Pat Lynde-Hemmah

*In Memory of Burton Kragnes*  
Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

*In Memory of the Partyke Family*  
Paul & Jenifer Partyke

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## In Appreciation

We are very thankful to have received a very generous gift of \$10,000 from a trust set up by Pearl Grover. What a blessing as we look to the future of our church.

*Gordon Kassenborg*

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## Recipe of the Month

### Berry Splash Punch



#### Ingredients

- 1 13 oz. package unsweetened cherry drink mix
- 6 cups white cranberry juice
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ cup fresh blueberries
- Garnish: fresh mint or strawberry leaves

#### Directions

- Stir together first 3 ingredients in a large pitcher until sugar is dissolved.
- Chill
- Just prior to serving, stir in blueberries
- If served by the cup, garnish with fresh mint sprigs or strawberry leaves.

## A Belated Happy Birthday

We apologize to Phylis Nelson, whose birthday on July 30<sup>th</sup> didn't make it onto last month's calendar.



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From the  
**Moorhead Daily News**  
August 15, 1923



**Concordia Church Seeks Pastor**  
**Rev H. J. Wickre to preach farewell sermon Sunday, August 26**  
**Candidate for pastorship to preach at Concordia Church Sunday**

Rev H J Wickre, pastor of five churches in the Glyndon, Buffalo River and Averill districts, was in the city today and announced that he had resigned from the pastorship of the churches and will preach his farewell sermon at Concordia Church on Sunday, August 26 at 10:30 a.m. At that time there will also be confirmation and communion services. Rev. Mr. Wickre has found it necessary to resign owing to failing health and will leave for Martell Wis, to rest for awhile before taking up the work again. Rev. Mr. Wickre came to the Glyndon neighborhood on May 20, six years ago, and during his pastorate has built up his charges in both spiritual and material ways. He has a large number of friends in Moorhead as well as Glyndon, who hope for a speedy recovery of full vigor and health. The five congregations of which he is pastor are: Concordia Lutheran Church northeast of Moorhead, the North Buffalo Church; Scandia church, north of Averill; the Lutheran church in Glyndon, and Zion church, two miles east of Glyndon.

Services will be held next Sunday, August 19, at Concordia church when a candidate for the pastorate of the churches, Rev. Osmund Johnson of Fertile will preach. There will be no services at any of the other four churches Sunday, and those churches are invited to attend at Concordia church. The services will start at 11 a.m. in the Norwegian language, and in the evening at 8 o'clock in English, to which the young people are especially invited.

*Pastor M. G. Haugen was selected to succeed Pastor Wickre. He served from 1924-1929.*

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## Life Lessons

by Regina Brett  
*Cleveland (OH) Plain Dealer*  
May 28, 2006

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste hating people.
4. Don't take yourself too seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks.
16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
19. It's never too late to be happy, but it's up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. *TODAY* is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you're sick. Stay in touch. Friends will.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have what you need.
45. The best is yet to come.
46. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
47. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
48. If you don't ask, you don't get.
49. Yield
50. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.






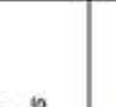





A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship MYHRE BENEFIT Virgil Jegfvig 	11	12 PRIMARY ELECTION  1:30 pm Church Ladies	13	14	15	16
17 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Carolyn Edwards 	18	19	20  Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23  Margret Kragnes
24 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	25	26	27  Donald Johnson	28	29	30
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