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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Nov 1 is the day that the Church will be celebrating All Saints Day. The Roman Catholic and Orthodox expressions of Christianity emphasize the role of the saints of



the past more than even the liturgical expressions of Protestantism drawing regularly upon them for inspiration and even as intermediaries between humans and God. While they are not considered divine, they nonetheless, according to Catholic doctrine, can be agents through whom prayers may be channeled. Some have wrongly interpreted this as being idolatry. Others, such as Lutherans historically, have believed that while the Saints can be good role models they are not entities to venerate or to pray to.

It is tempting to think of the Saints of the church as being spiritual super heroes of the ancient past who like all super heroes may inspire us but are difficult to relate to except for occasionally viewing them either as being mono-dimensional or as semi-divine beings that we put on pedestals but largely do not impact our day to day life. However, as we dig into the lives of the saints we see them as being spiritual guides not just because of their highly integrated faith (their faith is melded into the most mundane parts of their day-to-day lives) but also because in their writings many of them freely reveal their full humanity, including not only their spiritual successes but their ongoing spiritual struggles as well as their weakness. The central characteristic of all the saints, is a universal awareness of their humanity, their weakness even their sinfulness. Most of the great Saints of the Church would likely be mortified if they knew the high regard modern Christians have for them and would likely reject any notion of their truly being spiritual super stars. Their defining attribute that over-arches all is their humility. They lived with the daily awareness that their righteousness had little if anything to do with their good deeds or even their faith. Their righteousness was based exclusively in the awareness that in Jesus Christ and in him alone resided their only claim to being considered a Christian, certainly a Saint. Without exception they believed that their hope lay exclusively in God's unilateral and unconditional regard for them as most powerfully revealed in their infant baptism. The only qualifier for them to be considered "saints" is what God has done for them through the life, death and resurrection of his Son.

To conclude, yes it is good to read of the lives of the great saints of the Church and to strive to be faithful to God as they were, more importantly, it is good to recall the goodness of God as he worked out his grace through their brokenness and sinfulness knowing that he has promised to do so in our lives, his modern day saints.

Grace and Peace to you the saints of Concordia Lutheran!
Pastor Bruce

COFFEE AT 9 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 A.M. ~ EVERY SUNDAY

Concordia Ladies



Date: October 14, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fryn' Pan



Daylight Savings Time Ends

2:00 A.M., Sunday, November 2

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 1st!

Coffee and Cookie Servers



- October 5 Osie Juve
- October 12 Carolyn Edwards
- October 19 Irene Olson
- October 26 Sue Kassenborg
- November 2 Regina Hanson
- November 9 Germaine Gress
- November 16 Mavis Wang
- November 23 Phylis Nelson
- November 30 Linda Koester

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



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.

General Fund/Basement Floor Project:

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

Neil & Polly Hanson
7312 90th Avenue North
Glyndon MN, 56547

If your donation is for the floor project, please indicate on the memo line of your check.

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Make checks out to Concordia News and mail to:

Walter Teigen
915 4th Avenue South
Moorhead MN 56560

Concordia Cemetery Association:

Make checks out to the association and mail to:

Ray Johnson
7333 70 St N
Glyndon MN 56547



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"Luther and the Lord's Prayer" is the subject for Kids Corner in October. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

Basement Floor Project Donations Needed

The congregation voted to replace the floor in the church basement. The new floor is in, but your financial support of this project is still needed and will be greatly appreciated. Mail your check (with "basement floor project" in the memo line) to our treasurers or drop it in the collection plate.

VOTE on Tuesday, November 4th!



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fall Dinner

SUNDAY, October 12, 2014

Serving from 11:30– 1:00pm

Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert

FREE WILL OFFERING

6637 80TH AVE. N

GLYNDON, MN.

7 miles Northeast of Dilworth on County Road 11

All proceeds go to the flooring fund

Donations

With Our Thanks

Recipe of the Month Norwegian Pancakes



Ingredients

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups flour
- 3 Tablespoon honey
- 3 Tablespoons butter, melted

Directions

- In a large bowl, whisk together ingredients until there are no lumps.
- Heat medium skillet or crepe pan on stovetop on medium low setting
- Pour about 1/4 cup batter into pan, swirl so it covers bottom of pan evenly.
- Flip the pancake carefully as soon as it has started to brown lightly and bubble
- It only takes a few seconds to complete cooking the pancake, remove to a plate.
- Immediately butter lightly and add a small amount of jelly, honey, cheese, or meat and wrap like lefse.
- Serve 3-4 on a plate. Garnish with fruit or grated cheese.

Basement Floor Fund

In Memory of Virgil Jegtvig

Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad
Cleone Koester & Richard Klomstad

In Memory of Jeni Meuwissen

Margret Kragnes

In Memory of the A O Kragnes family

Walter & Sylvia Teigen

Donations

Ella Swanson
Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Karen Hegge (sister of Bev Edenborg)

Bev Edenborg and Don Johnson

In Memory of Jeni (Mjolsness) Meuwissen

Doris Kassenborg Darlene Meyer

Carole Jensen Marge Lee

Verne & Carol Wik

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tinnes

Tommerdahl Family

Terry & Joy Eidem

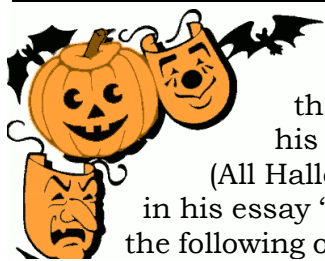
Patti & Chet Lundberg

Don & Wendy Johnson

Gregg & Kristi Trautwein

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

John & Kelly Prigge



It wasn't a coincidence that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on Halloween (All Hallows' Eve). James Jordan in his essay "About Halloween" makes the following observation: "...The defeat of evil and of demonic powers is associated with Halloween. For this reason, Martin Luther posted his 95 challenges to the wicked practices of the Church to the bulletin board on the door of the Wittenberg chapel on Halloween. He picked his day with care, and ever since Halloween has also been Reformation Day."



THANK YOU for your continued support of the basement floor fund!
The floor is in and it looks great!

I'm so glad I live in a world with Octobers!
~L M Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*



Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday is October 26th

The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the joy it has found in God. In this experience the Holy Spirit is active, and has taught us in the flash of a moment the deep secret of joy. You will have as much joy and laughter in life as you have faith in God.

~Martin Luther

Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God--
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!

~Martin Luther

Norway is going to Mars!

from the Sept. 5 Norwegian Embassy Newsletter



The Norwegian antenna RIMFAX made it onto the much anticipated Rover 2020 mission to Mars. The main goals of the next mission to Mars will be to look for bio-signatures (evidence of past life) and to make progress in preparing for human exploration of Mars.

The Radar Imager for Mars' Subsurface Exploration (RIMFAX) is a "ground-penetrating radar that will provide centimeter-scale resolution of the geologic structure of the subsurface on the Red Planet," according to a press release by NASA. The principal investigator behind the RIMFAX is Svein-Erik Hamran, from the Forsvarets Forskning (Defense Research) Institute in Norway.

The Mars 2020 Rover instruments were announced on July 31st. NASA managers made the selections out of 58 proposals received from researchers and engineers all over the world.

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Thank-You's for Our Pastor

Adapted from "Don't forget to appreciate your minister" published 10/14/2011 on The Fjelde Sisters' Wordpress blog "Journey through Life"

1. **Thank you for preaching the Word.** You make the Word of God alive and relatable in this modern, often troubled world. Through humor and illustrations, you remind us that God has and always will be with us.
2. **Thank you for your pastoral visits.** In times of sorrow and sadness, your presence and prayers bring light to some of our darkest hours.
3. **I don't always appreciate all you do.** Not just through our Sunday morning contact, but also in the hospital visits, phone calls, and personal visits you make in our community, you hold us together as a Christian family. You are a constant and steady reminder that Jesus walks beside each of us as we travel from birth until death.
4. **I am not always aware of the sacrifices you make.** It can't be easy juggling your workweek responsibilities with the needs of this small congregation, which are often unexpected and no doubt interrupt both your professional and personal time.
5. **I have not always prayed for you as I should.** I receive the constant blessing of your ministry without always remembering to return that gift with regular prayer for you, your family, and your work. I trust you forgive me for that.

I wish I had said thank you much earlier. My guess is that many of us take your ministry for granted. I might be late in doing so, but I thank you for being my pastor.

From the
**Moorhead Daily
News**



October 8, 1939
From Social Notes

The following officers of the Concordia Luther League were elected Sunday evening, October 6: Fred Lee, president; Gunder Swanson, vice president; Geneva Olson, secretary-treasurer.

October 14, 1936
Confirm 20 at Glyndon Sunday

Rev. C. B. Runsvold will confirm a group of 20 young people at Sunday Services, held at 11 a.m. at the new church in Concordia district. They represent North Buffalo, Scandia and Concordia churches. Those from North Buffalo who are to receive the rites of confirmation are Aubrey Eugene Thomas, Clarice Estelle Nelson, Malcolm Sylvester Tufton, and Harriet Caroline Sorby; Concordia and Scandia: Anne Thortvedt, Wanda P. Grover, Wilma R. M. Jensen, Harold Vincent Wik, Waldo Edgar Hatedal, Marvis Angeline Snartland, Blanche F. Hanson, Charlotte E. Hanson, Harold Milo Ingebretson, Howard William Bekkerus, Orvis Aubrey Gunderson, Lester Emanuel Kragnes, Bernard Berton Kragnes, Harriet B. Horpedahl, and Ruth V. Johnk.

**50th Anniversary of
Leif Erikson Day**

Leif Erikson Day was added to the list of official U.S. holidays by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, prompted by Hubert Humphrey and other Norwegian-Americans from the Midwest and Northwest. Here are a few interesting facts about Leif:

1. Leif was born in Iceland (around 970 AD). He was therefore technically not a Norwegian, but he and his father spent time in Norway and maintained strong ties to their homeland throughout their lives.
2. Leif was the son of Erik the Red, a Viking explorer traditionally credited with








founding the first settlements in Greenland after he was banished from Iceland for three years. Erik's dad (and Leif's grandfather) was Thorvald Asvaldsson. He was banished from Norway for manslaughter. (Leif was never banished from anywhere for anything.)

3. The history surrounding Leif's discovery of Vinland (and North America) is hazy, but the story begins with Bjarne Herjolfsson who was supposedly the first European to see the continent, even if he never actually landed there.
4. Leif heard the stories of Bjarne's adventure and bought Bjarne's ship to repeat the journey. Leif is believed to have first landed on a rocky island he called "Helluland" (which many believe is Baffin Island), before visiting "Markland" (presumed to be Labrador), and then ventured to "Vinland."



5. Erik the Red intended to be on his son's 'voyage of discovery' but fell off his horse on the way to the ship. Although he wasn't injured, Erik believed the fall was a bad omen and chose to remain at home.
6. Some believe that Vinland is around the Cape Cod area. However, there is a Norse settlement at the northern tip of Newfoundland and signs of similar settlements around Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence. While Cape Cod doesn't have the same evidence, there is a stone wall in Provincetown that is said to have been built by Leif's younger brother, Thorvald.
7. Despite some claims that Leif returned to Vinland, it's generally believed he didn't. Two years after Leif's discovery his younger brother Thorvald explored this new land. Thorvald was killed in a battle with Native Americans, and is said to be the first European to die and be buried in America.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion 	6	7	8	9 Leif Ericson Day 	10	11
12 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10:00am Worship Pastor Appreciation Day FALL DINNER	13	14 1:30 Concordia Ladies	15	16	17	18 
19 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10:00am Worship	20 	21	22 	23	24	25
26 REFORMATION 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	November 1 "FALL BACK" Set clocks back one hour before going to bed

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