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## From the Pastor

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

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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

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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*

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## Basement Floor Project



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.

## Concordia Ladies



**Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

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

**Place: Fryin' Pan**

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## Coffee and Cookie Servers



### October

October 5 Osie Juve  
October 12 Carolyn Edwards  
October 19 Irene Olson  
October 26 Sue Kassenborg

### November

November 2 Regina Hanson  
November 9 Germaine Gress  
November 16 Mavis Wang  
November 23 Phylis Nelson  
November 30 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*

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## Concordianews.org

“Luther & the Lord’s Prayer” is the subject for Kids Corner in October. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

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Announcements and Assignments



***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 80<sup>TH</sup> AVE. N***

***GLYNDON, MN.***

***7 miles Northeast of Dilworth on County Road 11***

All proceeds go to the flooring fund

## Announcements and Assignments



### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

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

Set your clocks back one hour  
before going to bed on November 1<sup>st</sup>!

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It wasn't a coincidence that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on Halloween (All Hallow's 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."

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With Our Thanks

# **Donations**

## **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



With Our Thanks

# More Donations

*In Memory of Jeni (Mjolsness) Meuwissen (continued)*

Tommerdahl Family

Terry & Joy Eidem

Patti & Chet Lundberg

Don & Wendy Johnson

Gregg & Kristi Trautwein

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

John & Kelly Prigge

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**Sunday, October 12**

## ***Thank-You's for Our Pastor***

- 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.

## With Our Thanks

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.

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

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## Recipe of the Month

### Norwegian Pancakes



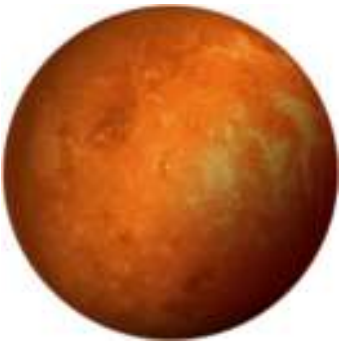
#### Ingredients

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.

## Bits and Pieces



THE RED PLANET

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>. NASA managers made the selections out of 58 proposals received from researchers and engineers all over the world.

*Sign up for the free Norwegian Embassy Newsletter:*

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I'm so glad I live in a world with Octobers!

~L M Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

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## Bits and Pieces

# Reformation Sunday is October 26<sup>th</sup>



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 ,

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For, though all things shall pass away,  
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!

~Martin Luther

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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.

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**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

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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.

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### 50<sup>th</sup> 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.)

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3. The history surrounding Leif's discovery of Vinland (and North America) is hazy, but the story begins with Bjarne Herjölfsson 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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# 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

## ***Sunday School every Sunday***

11:00 a.m. (follows worship)

## ***Fall Dinner***

October 12 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## ***Concordia Ladies***

October 14 at 1:30 p.m.

## ***Birthdays***

October 22 Lloyd Gunderson

## ***Anniversaries***

October 18 Paul and Karolynn Decker

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