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From the Pastor

The day of Thanksgiving is not a traditional festival of the church year. This is because its origins have no direct connection to the early church (such as Christmas, Easter or Pentecost). Most Americans believe that its origins date back to the time of the Pilgrims, however, its origins date back to the Old World. The main insight is that it is a time of intentional/national expression of gratitude for God's blessing to His people. I pray that you would experience such a time in the life of your family this coming Thanksgiving. Feel free to read the Wikipedia article below for further information:



Pastor Bruce

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

In the English tradition, days of thanksgiving and special thanksgiving religious services became important during

the English Reformation in the reign of Henry VIII and in reaction to the large number of religious holidays on the Catholic calendar. Before 1536 there were 95 Church holidays, plus 52 Sundays, when people were required to attend church and forego work and sometimes pay for expensive celebrations. The 1536 reforms reduced the number of Church holidays to 27, but some Puritans wished to completely eliminate all Church holidays, including Christmas and Easter. The holidays were to be replaced by specially called Days of Fasting or Days of Thanksgiving, in response to events that the Puritans viewed as acts of special providence. Unexpected disasters or threats of judgment from on high called for Days of Fasting. Special blessings, viewed as coming from God, called for Days of Thanksgiving. For example, Days of Fasting were called on account of drought in 1611, floods in 1613, and plagues in 1604 and 1622. Days of Thanksgiving were called following the victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588 and following the deliverance of Queen Anne in 1705. An unusual annual Day of Thanksgiving began in 1606 following the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 and developed into Guy Fawkes Day.

Concordia Ladies



Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fryin' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



November

November 2 Regina Hanson

December 7 Becky Jegtvig

November 9 Germaine Gress

December 14 Orpha Hoelstad

November 16 Mavis Wang

December 21 Delores Hagene

November 23 Phylis Nelson

December 28 Ella Swanson

November 30 Linda Koester

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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“Elections” is the subject for Kids Corner in November. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

Announcements and Assignments



Daylight Savings Time Ends 2:00 A.M., Sunday, November 2

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

If anyone has information that they would to see in the weekly bulletin or be put on the prayer list, please e-mail by Wednesday of that week to the following address: mgrover1424@gmail.com. I will do my best to get the information in.



Thank You, *Barb Grover*

POLLS WILL BE OPEN

FROM 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.



on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

including voting at Concordia for Moland Township. This is your chance to be heard. Especially in a non-presidential year your vote really counts!

It's That Time of Year



If the weather or roads are bad, check WDAY Channel 6 television or WDAY radio 970. We will notify the stations and they will broadcast church cancellations.

Heating Season is again upon us, and the Farmer's Almanac is predicting another long cold winter. ☹️ Your donation to the general fund will help make sure the church stays warm and toasty for us all winter long!



Celebrate the Coming of Christ!

Advent begins Sunday, November 30th

As we express our gratitude to our veterans, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John F. Kennedy

Trim the Tree! Deck the Halls!



Join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at **1 pm** on **Saturday, November 29**. After the decorations are in place we will celebrate the coming of our Savior with the singing of Christmas carols. After the singing, Kathy and Orpha invite everyone for coffee and fellowship. Whether or not you help decorate, everyone can sing and have a cup of coffee. Come and join the fun and festivities, and enjoy the fellowship!

Happy Birthday

November 10th is the 521st anniversary of Martin Luther's birth.



With Our Thanks
Donations

Basement Floor Fund

In Memory of Edwin L. Edwards

Carolyn, Eileen, Colleen, Mike, and Ernie Edwards

Donation

Dick and Mavis Wang Ardoth Kragnes

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Jeni (Mjolsness) Meuwissen

Richard & Sharon Krabbenhoft

Delores Bekkerus Lloyd Gunderson Regina Hanson

In Memory of Harold Fenske (Irene Olson's brother)

Lloyd Gunderson

In Memory of Virgil Jegtvig

Regina Hanson

Donation

Arlene Rehder

**So Thankful for Your Support...
But Basement Floor Project
Donations Are Still Needed**



We're already enjoying our new basement flooring, but we're still working to reach our fund-raising goal. Your financial support of this project will be greatly appreciated. Mail your check (with "basement floor project" in the memo line) to

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

Special Thanks

A special thanks in this time of sadness to all of you who sent us beautiful cards, thoughts, prayers and memorials, and a special thank you to Pastor Bruce for his visits and the beautiful private memorial service we had for Virg.

Again many thanks,

Becky, Shereen, Jim, and grandkids Kendyl and John.



The Fall Dinner

Was A Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and serve at the Fall Dinner and also for your donations to help with the expenses. We had a beautiful day and many attended. The proceeds from the dinner are going to the Flooring Fund.

Barb Grover

Thanksgiving Day brings to mind
the blessings in our lives that usually go unnoticed:
a home that surrounds us with comfort and protection;
delicious food, for pleasure in both eating and sharing;
clothes to snuggle up in,
books and good entertainment to expand our minds;
and freedom to worship our God.

Most of all we are thankful for our family and friends,
those treasured people who make our lives extra special.

~Joanna Fuchs

**Happy Thanksgiving to all the treasured people of the
Concordia community!**

Norwegian Stuffed Eggs

*An alternative to deviled eggs for
your holiday entertaining*



Ingredients

- 8 hard-boiled eggs, peeled
- ¼ cup chopped smoked salmon
- 1 TB butter
- 1 TB sour cream
- 3 TB grated Swiss cheese
- ½ tsp dill
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 16 small slices of green pepper
- 16 slices of black olive

Directions

- Slice eggs in two and remove yolks. Set white 'shells' aside.
- In a medium-sized bowl, mash the egg yolks. Add the salmon, sour cream, butter, cheese, and dill and mix thoroughly.
- Stuff egg white shells
- Garnish with slices of green pepper & black olive



From the
Moorhead Daily News
November 24, 1937

'*Kristus*' Film To Be Shown

On Monday evening November 29, the ladies' aid of Concordia Church is sponsoring the moving picture "*Kristus*" in seven full reels depicting the life of Christ. The performance will begin at 8 p.m. Admission will be 35 and 25 cents.

Waffle Supper

The Lutheran ladies aid will serve a waffle supper in the church parlors Thursday, December 2, beginning at 5 p.m. The public is invited. Prices are 25 and 15 cents.

Church Announcements

Concordia: Thanksgiving service with communion, in Norse, Thursday at 11 a.m. A special offering will be received for education. The Glyndon Luther League will be special guests of the Concordia Luther League at a social meeting held in the church parlors Friday at 8 p.m. On Monday evening, November 29, the moving picture will play.

On Veterans' Day: A Story of Service

by Marine veteran and author Benjamin Busch



When I was 13 or so, my father and I sat with my grandfather in his den. I asked him about a small painting of a rocky peak capped with snow he had made with strokes of blue, gray and white years ago.

My grandfather looked at it for a moment. He said, "I remember this kid, a private. We were being shelled by artillery, but they were shooting too high. We could hear the rounds pass just over our heads and hit the mountain somewhere behind us. It shook the ground. There was this kid crouched across from me. As the rounds went over, I could see the color leave his face, and when they exploded behind us I could see it come back. Up there on that mountain. That kid's face, dying and coming back to life, over and over. I'll never forget it."

I learned later that he had made the painting while he recovered from his wounds in a hospital at the end of the war.

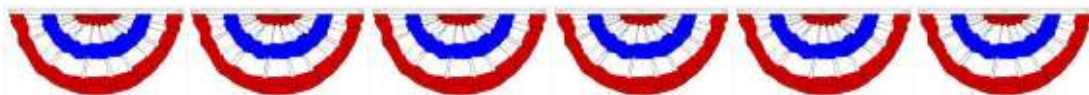
I looked at my father, who was leaning so far forward I thought he might fall out of his chair. His eyes were wide and, for a moment he looked younger than I. I didn't realize he'd been waiting since

1945 for a single story about the war from his father. My grandfather never told another.

On Memorial Day we remember veterans we have lost, but Veterans Day is to celebrate those who live. There should be no difference between those of us who have seen combat and those who volunteered in peacetime, active-duty members and reservists, 20 year careers and two year enlistments. These are all Americans who, for a time, invested their lives in service to our nation and have become direct participants in securing our independence.

There are 22 million veterans living in America today, civilians again, mowing their lawns and waiting in lines. We mention sacrifice on days like this, but sacrifice isn't the thing a veteran will recall. In the six years since I left the Marines, what strikes me is a veteran's enduring attachment to their unit, their clear memory of places and comrades, the stunning drama of their missions or unique situational comedy of their labors.

What if today – instead of thanking a veteran for their service and then passing by – you ask them for a story? We all have one to tell...



Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Sunday School every Sunday

11:00 a.m. (follows worship)

Tree Trimming

November 29 1:00 p.m.

Concordia Ladies

November 11 at 1:30 p.m. *Thankoffering Service*

Birthdays

November 1 Alene Sladky

November 9 Neil Hanson

November 23 Eileen Killian

Anniversaries

November 26 Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

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