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The season of Lent is approaching as in mid-February we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday. As usual there will be a simple supper at 5 PM immediately followed by worship services. As we anticipate the season of Lent it is good to remember what and why it is. The following brief description is found in the 15th March 2011 issue of *Thinking Faith*; Author Norman Tanner offers the following:

"The earliest mention of Lent in the history of the Church comes from the council of Nicaea in 325 AD. The council of Nicaea is best known for the profession of faith – the 'Nicene Creed' – which is still recited in most parishes every Sunday immediately after the sermon. However, the council also issued twenty canons of a practical nature, dealing with various aspects of church life, and the fifth of these canons speaks of Lent.

The word used for Lent in this fifth canon is *tessarakonta* (in the original Greek), which means 'forty.' For the first time in recorded history, we have mention of this period of preparation for Easter as lasting forty days. Much earlier, Christians had introduced Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Soon afterwards, a period of two or three days preparation, specially commemorating Christ's passion and death – the 'Holy Week' part of Lent today – had been adopted by various Christian communities. But the first mention of a preparatory period lasting the forty days comes from this fifth canon of Nicaea."

The author rightly goes on and emphasizes that in the post-reformation church the emphasis is not primarily on preparation but on God's gracious intervention into human history through the incarnation of his Son Jesus Christ.

Luther's perspective was that good works flow from a lively faith in God. While there is no harm, perhaps even good, in many sacrificial Lenten practices (giving up chocolate for Lent, for example) the focus is not to be on our sacrifice but God's (of his own flesh and blood on Good Friday). What feeds these practices is not guilt or shame, which manifest themselves in the failed endeavor to earn God's grace, but gratitude, a free response to God's grace.

Join us this season as we pause Wednesday evenings to contemplate this tremendous season of the church year.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

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



Concordia Ladies

Date: **February 10th**

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

Place: **Fryn' Pan**



Sunday, February 15th

There will be a **potluck lunch** following services. The **congregation's annual meeting** will follow lunch. Afterward the **annual meeting of the cemetery association** will be held.

Coffee and Cookie Servers



February 1	Sylvia Teigen
February 8	Doris Kassenborg
February 15	Linda Koester
February 22	Irene Olson
March 1	Carolyn Edwards
March 8	Regina Hanson
March 15	Germaine Gress
March 22	Mavis Wang
March 29	Sylvia Teigen

Lenten Supper Servers

February 18	Doris Kassenborg, Mavis Wang
February 25	Polly Hanson, Regina Hanson, Delores Hagene
March 4	Sylvia Teigen, Karolynn Decker
March 11	Irene Olson, Linda Koester
March 18	Sue Kassenborg, Orpha Hoelstad
March 25	Osie Juve, Kathy Krogstad

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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"Water into Wine" is the subject for Kids Corner in February. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

If anyone has information for the weekly bulletin or has someone to add to the prayer list, please e-mail by Wednesday of that week:



mgrover1424@gmail.com

I will do my best to get the information in.

Thank you, *Barb Grover*



February 18, 2015

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Supper at 5 p.m.

Services follow at 6

February 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25



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HAM DINNER

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

6637 80 Avenue North

Glyndon, MN 56547

March 29, 2015

from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

From Hwy 10, 7 miles North on County Rd 11
From Hwy 75, turn right onto County Rd 26(90 Ave N).
Go east 4 miles, turn right onto County Rd 11(70 St)
And go 1 mile south, turn right.

Free Will Offering

Donations

Concordia Cemetery

In Memory of Harriett Randel
Donald Johnson

In Memory of Margaret J & Willie G Svenkesen
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Johnson

Basement Floor Fund

In Memory of Olaf, Karine and Esther Wik
Vallie Wik Walline

Corrections: Last month the donation to the cemetery from Alton Mjolsness should have been credited to the Alton Mjolsness family. Lois Jensen made donations in memory of Walter Engesetter to both the cemetery association and the general fund.

Thank You

From the Cemetery Association

Thank you to all cemetery association members for time volunteered and monetary donations throughout 2014. Thanks to the following for their special efforts:

- Erin and Gunner McKaig for mowing the Concordia Cemetery.
- Donald Johnson for mowing the Leif Erickson Cemetery.
- Lloyd Gunderson for auditing the Cemetery Books.
- Alene Grover Sladky for maintaining the website.
- All who participated in the Memorial Day Service, with a special thanks to Lloyd Gunderson, Harold Horpedahl, Pastor Bruce and Kathy Krogstad, Orpha and Kjell Hoelstad.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Recipe of the Month

Jello Cheesecake

from the 2014 fall dinner



Ingredients

Crust

- 3 cups crushed graham cracker crumbs
- ¾ cup melted butter

Filling

- 13 oz box of lemon Jello
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 pkgs 8-oz cream cheese, softened
- ½ tsp cream of tartar
- 8 oz tub of Cool Whip
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Directions

- Mix crackers & butter and press into a 9 X 13 pan
- Dissolve Jello as directed on package, set aside
- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese & butter
- Slowly add in Jello and mix well
- Add Cool Whip and mix well
- Add lemon juice and mix well
- Pour into crust
- Refrigerate until set

All you need is love ... but a little chocolate now and then can't hurt.

Charles Schulz



A VALENTINE'S STORY

A true story from Reader's Digest



During World War II a young couple had planned a romantic Valentine's Day wedding. Suddenly the young man, a private stationed at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, received orders to prepare to ship out, and all leaves were canceled. He was a young man in love; he went AWOL.

The couple married four days earlier than originally planned, and the groom returned to base to an angry sergeant. After hearing the explanation, the sergeant understandingly replied, "Okay, okay!" Then, as an afterthought: "But don't let it happen again!"

Church Basement Memories

The church basement dates back to the original building completed in 1884. After the 1931 tornado, the basement was cleaned up and covered. Church services and activities were held in the basement even as the new building began to be constructed above it.

So many memories of all the things that happened in the church. There are memories upstairs as well as downstairs. It was a good time for fellowship and gathering for many events. I remember being excited about family weddings in the church with receptions in the basement. We celebrated Lorna, Burton, Orpha, and my own weddings. I was so pleased to be able to celebrate Karolynn's wedding here also. Like many families, the children were confirmed at Concordia and they could say that their heritage went back several generations and even find pictures on the display. Now we feel that all are children of the church no matter when they joined.

There was a wooden floor in the basement that was painted red and the poles were papered with red brick paper which for some reason was fascinating for children to play around. There are many memories of getting ready for Christmas Programs and having Bible School in the basement.

Do you remember the rolling pie rack with shelves for pies for church dinners? The dinners that the girls waited tables. Some of the girls were better at clearing tables than others. I remember I was not as good and that I spilled dirty plates down the front of my dress and tried to survive the embarrassment the best I could until we were finished.

Do you remember when part of the basement had a cement floor before the rest of the floor was finished? That summer we did not have to be as careful during Bible school as we did after the floor was finished. I am lucky to have so many good experiences at Concordia Church.

Sylvia Kragnes Teigen

I remember just after the basement was remodeled there was a dinner at church, I think to celebrate. Obert Grover and Henry Gunderson decided to give everyone a demonstration of shuffleboard using the new ends that had been included in the floor. Tables were moved aside and the two men had a grand time demonstrating the game with the brand new tangs and biscuits. I honestly don't remember ever playing shuffleboard (although I must have) or watching anyone else play shuffleboard in the basement. It makes me smile to remember Obert and Henry bringing all their 'body English' to bear as they showed us how to play the game!

Alene Sladky

I have so many wonderful memories hosted in the basement. Delicious fall suppers, beautiful wedding receptions- also well done funeral luncheons.

In May of 1956, I brought back my husband Wally to meet my family, relatives, and friends. My parents hosted a lovely wedding reception for us.

In August 1965 the Wik family, relatives, and friends hosted another special event. We celebrated the 50th Wedding Anniversary for Olaf and Karine Wik.

All my memories of events and activities hosted in the basement through the years, I cherish.

Wallie Wik Walline

It was fun every Sunday to get dropped off and go downstairs for Sunday School. I still remember many of the songs we sang before we went to our classes. It was so nice to sit all together and look up to the older kids and then when I was an older kid to look out for the younger kids. It was like being in a big family and I still get that feeling whenever I walk through the door but especially when there is a dinner or something going on in the basement. As a kid the upstairs was a serious place but the basement was fun and I still sort of feel that way.

Requested to be anonymous



From the
**Moorhead Daily
News**
February 19, 1946

**Baby Dragons Edge
Scrappy Ulen Quintet**

**Kassenborg, Krafve Set Pace
in 29-27 Little Valley Victory**

The MSTC high school Baby Dragons marked up their sixth win of the 1945-1946 basketball season and a Little Valley conference set-to, as they eked out a victory over the Ulen Panthers, 29 to 27, last night on the MSTC floor.

Lanky Allan Kassenborg (10 points) and Marvin Krafve (9 points) paced the Dragons to walk off with the top scoring of the evening, as their efforts definitely kept the Dragons in the running.

The first and second cantos found the teams not very aggressive, but after the intermission both squads played entirely different ball. The college high five started a scoring spree which netted a seven point lead by the time the buzzer of the third frame sounded.

In the last four minutes of play, Charles Johnson dropped a free throw and a basket and Aslesen a bucket to shorten the Dragon margin by three points. Then Kassenborg sank a gift shot to put the game on ice with one minute remaining, but Johnson made a futile attempt to put the Ulen five in the lead as he checked in a two-pointer with 45 seconds left.

Richard Mickelsen and Bob Roberts made stellar defensive performances for the winners. For the losers, Harold Knutson and Johnson played a fine floor game while Aslesen was their offensive spark plug.

CONGRATULATIONS

...to 'Lanky Allan Kassenborg's' daughter Cindy, who was one of the weekly winners of the Old Dutch Foods 'Quality Moments Contest' with this picture of her mom, Helen! The contest celebrates the company's 80th birthday. Allan sold potatoes to Old Dutch. Although that didn't figure into the win, no doubt the picture's selection means a lot to the whole family!



MMMM I have loved Old Dutch since they were in cans!



Submitted by Lloyd Gunderson

One Sunday morning, the Lutheran pastor noticed Ole standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The old Norwegian had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside Ole, and said quietly, 'Good morning Ole.'

From the Ole & Lena files



'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, vat is dis?' The pastor said, 'Well, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died in the service. Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.'

Finally, Ole's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Vich service? Da 8:30 or da 10:45?'











Ole was building himself a new barn. Sven stopped by to see what was going on and watched him work awhile. Finally he said, "Ole why are you throwing away so many good nails?"

Ole replied in disgust, "The nail heads is on the wrong end, dat's why!"

Sven sighed. "Oh Ole, you crazy old fool. Don't you know dem nails is to be used on the other side of the building?"

FEBRUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 	2  VERNE WIK	3	4	5	6	7
8 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  RANDY MYHRE	9  VERNE WIK	10 Church Ladies 1:30 pm  CADENCE LARSON	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 
15 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship POTLUCK ANNUAL MEETINGS  NANCY RYDUD	16	17  BECKY JERTVIG	18 ASH WEDNESDAY PURPLE Supper at 5 p.m. Services follow	19	20	21
22 PURPLE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	23	24	25 LENTEN SERVICE Supper at 5 p.m. Services follow	26 LENTEN SERVICE Supper at 5 p.m. Services follow	27	28
			March 4 LENTEN SERVICE Supper at 5 p.m. Services follow			

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