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From Pastor Bruce

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

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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 Wed evenings to contemplate this tremendous season of the church year.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce



Concordia Ladies

Date: **February 10th**

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

Place: **Fryn' Pan**



Coffee and Cookie Servers

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

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

Announcements & Assignments

Church Bulletin

If anyone has information that they would like 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*

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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.



LENTEN WORSHIP

SCHEDULE

Supper at 5 p.m.

Services follow

February 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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





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

With Our Thanks
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

From the Cemetery Association

Thank you to all association members for donations of time and money throughout 2014. Special thanks to:

- 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.

Jello Cheesecake

from 2014 Fall Dinner



Ingredients

Crust

3 cups crushed graham cracker crumbs

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup melted butter

Filling

13 oz box of lemon Jello

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar

2 pkgs 8-oz cream cheese, softened

$\frac{1}{2}$ 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



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Saturday, February 14

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!"

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

Charles Schulz



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

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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.

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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

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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



Submitted by Lloyd Gunderson



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

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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 winner 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!

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)

Concordia Ladies

February 10 1:30 p.m.

Lenten Supper & Services

February 18 5:00 p.m.

February 25 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays

February 2 Verne Wik

February 8 Randy Myhre

February 10 Cadence Larson February 15 Nancy Ruud

February 17 Becky Jegtvig

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