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Words from Pastor Bruce

Reflections on the season of Easter. Some of you reading this remember attending worship where the service was often over an hour and a half, in some cases longer with sermons that regularly went over half an hour. Those days are gone. Few congregations would tolerate anything longer than a service that lasted longer than an hour. We live in an age where we want to hear the bottom line. Increasingly Americans are impatient with things that take a long time. We are the Dragnet generation, where in that show the detective who interviews witnesses regularly says, "Just give me the facts ma'am (sir)."



In many ways the current societal impatience is unfortunate as the deepest thoughts and truths are always steeped in nuance and subtlety and violence is done to these great concepts by trying to condense them into a short sound-bites. Little is more complicated than the death and resurrection of one who is claimed to be divine. How can we make quick and easy sense of a Man/God who dies in a paragraph or two, saying nothing about that entity being raised from the dead? To complicate matters further, issues of the Trinity are also thrown into the mix. No bumper sticker or 60 second television ad can begin to do justice to what is involved in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, newsletters are not books

Words from Pastor Bruce

and I need to be brief and feel compelled to say something about the season of Easter in just a few words.

If the most basic and abiding fear of humans is the fear of death, if there is nothing that humans can do to prevent death, then as a species we cannot manage this predicament on our own. We need help from an outside source to resolve what Ernest Becker referred to as "the worm at the core" that robs us of any sense of ultimate peace, security or meaning. We cannot fathom that our identity, hopes and dreams are utterly vanquished at the point of death. Any notion of a continuity of the self beyond death is at best wishful thinking, a pipe dream apart from divine intervention. Of all religions Christianity is the only one that has at its heart and soul an answer to the human predicament of our mortality. In the death and resurrection of God's Son we have the only viable hope for a life beyond this one.

So if we insist on the "bottom line" this is as close as it gets: through Christ's death and resurrection and our participation in that through our baptisms and ongoing life of faith, we are assured that we too will live with him and with those who have died in him forever. Thank God for the ongoing gift this season of Easter!

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Bruce*

Announcements and Assignments



Concordia Ladies

Date: **May 12th**

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

Place: **Fryn' Pan**

Coffee and Cookie Servers



May 3	Polly Hanson	June 7	Carolyn Edwards
May 10	Sylvia Teigen	June 14	Regina Hanson
May 17	Doris Kassenborg	June 21	Germaine Gress
May 24	Linda Koester	June 28	Sue Kassenborg
May 31	Irene Olson		

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*

60th Anniversary Celebration

We invite you to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary for **Sally and Harold Horpedahl** on **June 6** at Concordia Lutheran Church from 2 to 4 pm. We will also celebrate Harold's 85th birthday.

Their children and grandchildren

Announcements and Assignments



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“The Martyrs” is the subject for Kids Corner in

May. Kids Corner is located in the congregation

section of the website.

Church Bulletin

If anyone has information that they would to see in the weekly bulletin or

someone who would like to 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

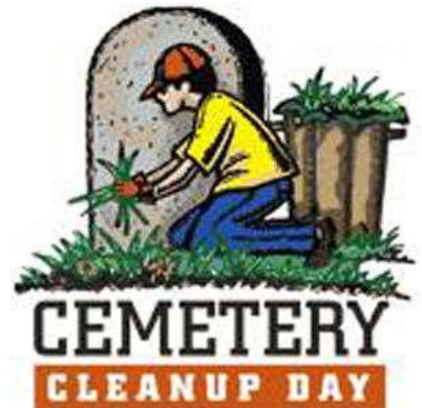
Cemetery Clean-up

Wednesday

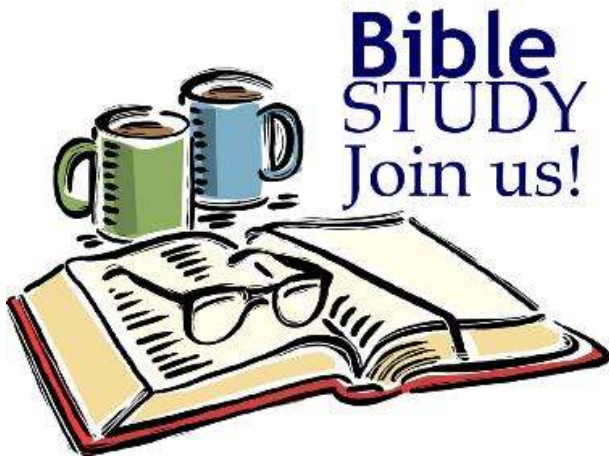
May 20

5:00 PM

Weather Delay – Friday, May 22 at 5



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Everyone is invited to attend monthly Bible study at Concordia Lutheran, the 1st Wednesday of the month, 5: 30 to 6: 30pm. We will use the "Gather" magazine for now. Our May 6th study will be on Forgiveness, using the

January/ February 2015 issue. We will have the lesson available for those interested. All (*men and women*) are invited.

Memorial Day Service

The annual Memorial Day observation will be on May 25, at 10:00 AM. We will honor the veterans buried in Concordia by showing the video, which has become a tradition here at Concordia. The program will be special this year with a guest soloist, Chuck Hendrickson, a member of Trinity choir, who also sings with the Master Chorale of Fargo/Moorhead. Pastor Bruce Krogstad will bring us the Memorial Day message. The Minnesota National Guard will present the Colors. After the service we will have the changing of the Flag on the Cemetery flag pole. Please join us for Potluck lunch after the service.



SPRING LUNCHEON



Saturday, May 16, 2015

10:30 A.M.

Concordia Lutheran Church

6637 80th Avenue North

Glyndon MN

Entertainment by

The Tweten Family

Members of the Master Chorale

Rømmegrøt & Krumkake for sale

From Highway 10: 7 miles north on County Road 11, turn left

From Highway 75: Turn right on County Rd 26 (90 Ave N)

Go east 4 miles, turn right on County Rd 11 (70th Street)

South 1 mile, turn right

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015

10 A.M.

SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

A CEREMONY IN THE CEMETERY

WEATHER PERMITTING



POT LUCK LUNCH FOLLOWS
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
6637 80TH AVENUE NORTH
GLYNDON, MINNESOTA

With Our Thanks
Donations

Concordia Cemetery

In Memory of the Gorder Family

Gloria Tomas

In Memory of the Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

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In Memory of Duane Leach (Mavis Wang's brother)

Doris Kassenborg

Donald Johnson

Donations

Bonita Swanson Lilly

Gloria Gorder Tomas

Rosine Bortnem

Amy Kragnes

With Our Thanks
Thank You's

Thank you to everyone for the get well cards. Thank you for the visits from Pastor Bruce and others while I was in the hospital. The prayers and get well wishes helped me to get well.

Sylvia Teigen

Thank you to the Kassenborg daughters - Kay, Kari, Kim, and Kristi - for the gift of music on Easter Sunday. We hope to hear from them again! They are the children of Doris Kassenborg and the late Glenn Kassenborg.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make the Palm Sunday Dinner a success. When we all work together for the church, much can be done. We need the combined effort of the men and women in the church. Thank you to those who attended and those who worked. It was a wonderful church dinner.

Sylvia Teigen

Thanks for the lovely Easter card and kind words and so many signatures! It gives me great pleasure to take care of the website and help with the newsletter, and I was surprised and humbled by the show of appreciation.

Alene Sladky

With Our Thanks



**Mothers Day
is Sunday, May 10th**

Thank you Mom, For Everything

How did you find the energy, Mom –
To do all the things you did,
To be teacher, nurse and counselor to me
Back when I was a kid.
How did you do it all, Mom-
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,
Yet still find time to be a playmate,
I just can't comprehend!
I see now it was love, Mom
That made you come whenever I'd call
Your inexhaustible love, Mom –
I thank you for it all.

Unknown



Recipe of the Month

Scalloped Potatoes

Served at the Ham Dinner



Ingredients

- 1 30-oz pkg shredded hash browns
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup chopped pieces of ham
- 1/2 cup flour mixed with about 1/2 cup water
- 1 stick of margarine, sliced
- 1-2 pints whipping cream or half & half
- Salt & pepper

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Put the half of the potatoes in a greased cake pan
- Add a layer of onions
- Cover with margarine slices and ham
- Spread the rest of the potatoes
- Mix flour & water with 1 pint cream or half & half and pour over potatoes
- Pour cream/half & half on mixture so that potatoes are just covered and bake for 1 – 1 ½ hours.

Concordia's Veterans



In Concordia Cemetery

Civil War

Aanund Kragnes

Andres Rice

World War I

Almer Gunderson

Signe Lee

Andrew Gunderson

John Morken Obert Morken

George Gunderson

Thomas Olson

Leon Hammett

Paul Skarstad

Ovean Hite

Eugene Studlien

Joseph B. Johnson

Goodwin Thortvedt

Andrew Kosen

Ed Wilson

Fred Lee

World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder

Robert Olson

World War II

Harold Bekkerus

Lester Kragnes

Florence Grover

Oberlin Kragnes

Gerald Grover
Emmett Gunderson
Orvis Gunderson
Norman Hanson
Everette Hite
Harold Johnk
Ann Thortvedt Johnson
James Juve
Eloise Olson Kincaid
Davis Kosen
Bernard Kragnes

Russell Kragnes
Vernon Kragnes
Gust Langlie
Donald LaPash
Eddie Menholt
Sidney Morken
Henry Skolness
Thorance Snartland
Ralph Stevenson
Carl Swanson
Mable Gunderson Young

Korea, Vietnam, Cold War

Joe O. Babolian
Donald Bekkerus
Clarence Brown
Robert Burke
Ed Edwards
Walter Engesetter
Victor Gress
Valdemar Hagene
Allan Kassenborg

Glenn Kassenborg
Eugene Kragnes
Burton Kragnes
Harold Lohse
Merle Myers
Alton Mjolsness
Jerry Sabo
Jay Rex Stoutenberg
Richard Tommerdahl



Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Daniel Christianson

Allen Gunderson

William Gunderson

Bernhard Hegland

Arnold Horpedahl

Ralph Johnk

Henry Kragnes

Olaf Midgarden

Robert Morken

Dennis Nelson

Robert Nelson

James Oberg

John Oberg

Vernon Oberg

Aulden Olson

LeRoy Olson

Robert Tommerahl

Harold Wik



A Prayer for Memorial Day

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We

ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In Jesus' name, Amen
Mary Fairchild, author



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Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Sunday School 11:00 a.m. (follows services)

Bible Study

May 6 5:30 p.m.

Concordia Ladies

May 12 1:30 p.m.

Spring Luncheon

May 16 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Service

May 26 10:00 a.m.

Birthdays

May 8 Osie Juve

May 15 Harold Horpedahl

May 17 Orpha Hoelstad

May 20 Ella Swanson

May 22 Miley Larson

May 24 Barb Grover

May 27 Ralph Grover

Deb Myhre

Anniversaries

May 22 Randy & Deb Myhre

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