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The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

By Joanna Fuchs

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran," and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To those who've served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;
They're exceptional; no other group compares.

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We're grateful for the many things they've done;
They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they're worth.

These men and women served us and our country,
Our Veterans – the very best on Earth.



Many restaurants offer freebies to Veterans on Nov. 11. Here are just a few:

• **Olive Garden** – free choice from the 7 most popular entrees

- **Chili's** – free entrée
- **Ponderosa Steak House** – free buffet
- **Applebee's** – free meal from special menu
- **Denny's** - free Grand Slam breakfast
- **Perkins** – free Magnificent Seven breakfast
- **Village Inn** - free breakfast
- **Krispy Kreme** – free donut and coffee

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- **Outback Steakhouse** – free Bloomin'Onion
- **Red Lobster** – free appetizer or dessert
- **TGI Fridays** - free lunch
- **Home Depot** – 10 percent discount
- **Great Clips** - free haircut
- **Meineke** - free oil change
- **Casey's General Store** - free Car Wash
- **Bed, Bath & Beyond** – 20% discount 11/8-11/11

Proof of service (ID, DD214) required for most offers



Veterans ID Card Coming Soon

Congress recently passed the **Veterans ID Card Act**.

President Obama signed it into law on July 20, 2015.

This law creates a new government ID card for veterans.

For those who are not service retirees, those who are VA healthcare eligible, or live in a state that offers a Veteran

designation on their drivers licenses, it will eliminate the need to carry a DD214.

From the Pastor



Previously I mentioned Concordia's connection to the broader church in our own backyard, the NW MN Synod. Today I would like to highlight the leader of our Synod, Bishop Larry Wohlrabe. Larry and I overlapped at Luther Seminary in the early 1980s and again in the mid- to late 1990s when he was an assistant to the bishop. While Larry has been tasked with important

administrative and leadership responsibilities, he continues to be a pastor/theologian and will be long after he leaves his current role. We are blessed to have him as our bishop. I commend the biography to you below. God Bless, [Pastor Bruce](#)

Larry began his ministry as bishop of the synod on September 1, 2007. In the ELCA synod bishops serve six-year terms, and their duties are described in detail in Chapter 8 of the **Synod Constitution**. Many of the constitutional duties of the office of bishop are carried out by other members of the synod staff. Larry views his ministry as bishop as having several key components:

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- *Preaching the Word and teaching the faith* Larry seeks to set the tone (theologically, relationally, organizationally) for how the people of our synod participate in God's mission.
- *Asking imaginative, missional questions* Larry tries to keep God's mission in Jesus Christ front-and-center in all that we do. This often involves helping others "reframe" the concerns, questions or anxieties they bring to him. In partnership with Keith Zeh he helps chart a course for missional ventures and pathways to congregational renewal in the synod.
- *Garnering resources for God's work* Larry spearheads efforts to invite financial gifts to the work of our synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. In partnership with the synod council, he exercises careful stewardship of the resources available to the synod.
- *Tending servant-leaders in God's mission* In partnership with Laurie Natwick, Larry relates to rostered leaders from the point of their entry into the ELCA candidacy process through their retirement from active rostered service. He attends to the gifts, health and fidelity of our rostered leaders—including their

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relationship to the synod and the ELCA. He and other members of the synod staff give focused attention to the call process. Larry also works with other synod staff in encouraging, supporting and equipping elected and appointed lay leaders in congregations and other ministries.

- *Leading the synod staff* Larry provides direction, clarity, and feedback for members of the synod staff. He helps them function as a team in service to God's mission.
- *Cultivating connections within the synod and the ELCA* One way Larry does this is by serving **ex officio** on boards of directors for ELCA and ecumenical ministries. He also bears responsibility for tending global partnerships, especially our "companion synod," the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in southern India.
- *Navigating transitions and change* Larry views most church conflict as symptomatic of the rapidity of change in the 21st century church. Since 2007 the synod has reflected these changes in myriad ways—through moving the synod office (2008), right-sizing the size of the synod staff (2009-2010), and dealing with losses of members and congregations following the 2009 ELCA

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Churchwide Assembly. “Change may be the only constant that we face,” he likes to say. Relying on the constancy of God’s love and grace provides hope in the midst of such rapid changes.



Bio

Lawrence Robert Wohlrabe was born in Mankato, MN. He graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, he was awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree with distinction. Ordained in 1981, he served parishes in Willmar, MN; St. James, MN; and Moorhead. He was also on the staff of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, and the SW MN Synod ELCA,

Redwood Falls, MN. Larry was elected bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod on June 10, 2007. Larry’s wife, Joy, is hospice and homecare social worker for St. Francis Healthcare Campus in Breckenridge, MN. They have two young adult children, Erik and Kristen.



Concordia Ladies

Date: November 10, 2015

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Fryn' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



November 1	Linda Koester	December 6	Polly Hanson
November 8	Becky Jegtvig	December 13	Sylvia Teigen
November 15	Orpha Hoelstad	December 20	Doris Kassenborg
November 22	Delores Hagene	December 27	Irene Olson
November 29	Regina Hanson		

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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“God’s Promise to Abraham” is the subject for Kids Corner in November. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

Announcements and Assignments



If anyone has information that they would like 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



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, November 4

5:30-6:30 pm

Roofing Fund

Our shingles need replacing and the board is studying the most cost-effective alternatives. Your memorials and donations will help make this happen!



Announcements and Assignments



How it works: If you have a prayer request you wish to share, call the Prayer Chain. Start by calling the first person on the list below. If there is no answer, try the second name, and so on. Give your message and ask that it be shared. That person will pass the message on to the next person on the list.

1. Ella – 233-4154
2. Barb – 233-5906
3. Regina – 233-8443
4. Doris K. – 233-7238
5. Harold/Sally-233-7201
6. Mavis – 233-5463
7. Polly – 233-8622
8. Orpha – 287-3774
9. Sylvia – 236-6693
10. Kathy – 329-2246
11. Lloyd – 287-8707
12. Irene – 277-8819
13. Jerry Hagene -701-261-4234



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26



Trim the Tree! Deck the Halls!

Join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at **1 pm** on **Saturday, November 28**.

After the decorations are in place we will celebrate the coming of our Saviour with the singing of Christmas carols.

After the singing, Kathy and

Orpha invite everyone to enjoy coffee and conversation.

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!



Winter's Coming When 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



It is once again time to think about the fuel oil needed to heat the church. Your donations to the general fund will be greatly appreciated.

Become A ROMEO!

Retired Old Men

Eating Out

Join us on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan for a little breakfast & lots of conversation!



Ole convinced Lena to go to the store to get some olives for the table. When Lena left, she took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, inserted it into the turkey, added more stuffing around the hen and put the turkey back in the oven. When it was time for dinner, Lena pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. With a look of total shock on her face, Lena exclaimed, "Oh no, I've cooked a pregnant bird!"

Donations

Concordia General Fund

In memory of Harold and Lucilla Anderson

Keith Anderson

In memory of Pat (Grover) Kelly

Clare Stensrud

Karen Johnson

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In Memory of Harold and Lola Anderson

Keith Anderson & the Anderson children

Donations

Harriet Muffley

LeRoy Juve

Jean Bergland Anderson



Thanks to those who worked and those who ate at our Fall dinner! It was a success again this year. Proceeds will go to the fund for a new church roof.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Golden Potato Soup

Served during Alene's tour in Norway



Ingredients

1 leek	1 onion
1 tablespoon thyme	1 tablespoon butter
8 medium potatoes	2 ¼ cups diced rutabaga
6 ½ cups chicken stock	2/3 cup heavy cream
2/3 cup crème fraiche*	Salt
White pepper	White wine vinegar
Chopped parsley	

**Crème fraiche is like sour cream but with less bite.*

Directions

- Chop the onion and white part of the leek. Add thyme and saute' until soft.
- Dice the rutabaga and potatoes and add to onions with broth. Boil until tender.
- Add the green part of the leeks and boil for a few more minutes.
- Add salt and pepper to taste and a drop of vinegar.
- Carefully mix in the cream and crème fraiche. Top with parsley.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

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

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Bible Study

November 4 5:30 p.m.

Concordia Ladies

November 10 1:30 p.m.

R.O.M.E.O.

November 27 7:30 a.m.

Christmas Decorating

November 28 1:00 p.m.

Birthdays

November 1 Alene Sladky

November 9 Neil Hanson

November 11 Ruth Farabee

November 23 Eileen Killian

Anniversaries

November 26 Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad

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