



# Concordia News

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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### Pastor's Report from Concordia's Annual Report 2015



It is hard to believe we are 15 years into the new millennium. Time does move on even for a church steeped in history and tradition such as Concordia Lutheran. If we were to look only at numbers some might say that Concordia is organizationally at risk. However, while numbers are a partial measure of strength, it is only partial. I remember Bishop Art Rimmereid saying that the greatest indicator of health in a congregation is the sound of laughter. If a congregation has truly assimilated the Good News of Jesus Christ, if we truly believe in His grace and mercy for us (and spontaneously live that out in our daily lives at home, work, and on Sunday mornings), then joy will be the inevitable outcome. Insofar as we have been possessed by the experience of Christ's unconditional love for us, so that love will spill out into all our relationships.

Concordia is rooted in a proud history, but the true heritage extends back nearly 2,000 years before the ox carts rumbled up from Houston County. Our most profound identity comes not from what the original founders of Concordia did but from what the *true* founder of the entire Church did in His death and resurrection. We are blessed to be recipients and sharers of this great gift of life and joy.

In the meantime, I pray that you would participate in the sharing of that gift every time we gather expectantly for worship, hear this great news and sing joyful songs of praise and thanks to God for the underserved gift of His mercy and the daily renewing of the gift of life given us through His son, Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bruce*

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**COFFEE AT 9 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY**

**Coffee and Cookie Servers**



March 6 Gordy Kassenborg  
 March 13 Carolyn Edwards  
 March 20 Clinton Babolian  
 March 27 Germaine Gress  
 April 3 Mavis Wang  
 April 10 Lloyd Gunderson  
 April 17 Sue Kassenborg  
 April 24 Myron Hagene



**Supper at 5 p.m. -Services follow**  
 Wednesdays March 2, 9,16  
**5 pm Service Only**  
 Maundy Thursday, Mar 24  
 Good Friday, March 25



**BIBLE STUDY**  
**No Bible Study in March**  
 Join us at Lenten Services!



**Concordia Ladies**  
 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8  
 Fryn' Pan

**Join the ROMEOs!**  
*Retired Old Men Eating Out*

7:30 a.m. Friday, March 25  
 Fryn' Pan



If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.

Please email information for the weekly bulletin or prayer list by Wednesday of that week to [mgrover1424@gmail.com](mailto:mgrover1424@gmail.com)



Thank you, *Barb Grover*



**Concordianews.org**  
 "Jesus and the Money Changers" is featured on Kids Corner this month.



**Weather-related cancellations** will be announced on WDAY Channel 6 television and AM 970 Radio.

**Less sleep Sunday**

Daylight savings time begins at 2 a.m.

on Sunday, March 13



Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 12!



**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN**

**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, and so on.

1. Ella - 233-4154
2. Osie - 233-5906
3. Barb - 233-4280
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

### 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!



We welcome Randy Myhre to the board, and thank Harold Horpedahl for his service. Officers are:

- President: Gordon Kassenborg
- Vice President: Wescott Tommerdahl
- Secretary: Sylvia Teigen
- Treasurers: Neil & Polly Hanson
- Board Members: Irene Olson  
Walter Teigen  
Randy Myhre

### CEMETERY BOARD

Cemetery board officers were re-elected at the annual meeting:

- President: Aron Kassenborg
- Vice President: Gerald Hagene
- Secretary: Wescott Tommerdahl
- Treasurer: Ray Johnson
- Advisor: Harold Horpedahl



There are two open seats on the cemetery association board. Family members of those buried in Concordia Cemetery are automatically members of the association. If you're interested in learning more about board participation, contact any cemetery association board member for more information.

### There is something about the spirit of the men at Concordia Church

that needs to be respected, honored and enjoyed! Special music for church services at Concordia does not happen very often. Special music always enriches the service when we do have volunteers who offer their talents. We are always grateful to those who are willing to share. Over the past few years especially on special occasions we have filled this void during our



services by volunteering the men who happen to come to church that day to sing at some time during the service. Each volunteer is given a sheet of paper with the words of the hymn printed in Norwegian. When the time comes the pastor calls the men forward to assemble as a choir.

These men gallantly come forward with a smile and sing the song as they see it written. The sound is beautiful and rich from a group of men who share their music from the heart!

We are blessed at Concordia to have such good sports and voices! They never turn us down; they all join together with good humor and they always give us a gift of special music. Thank you many times over to each and every one of you who come up every time to appease your church musicians!!!! GOD BLESS YOU!



### Your Donations

can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

### General Fund or Roofing Fund:

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

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

### Concordia Newsletter

Make checks out to Concordia News and mail to:

Walter Teigen  
915 4th Avenue South  
Moorhead MN 56560

### Concordia Cemetery Association:

Make checks out to the association and mail to:

Ray Johnson  
7333 70 St N  
Glyndon MN 56547



In March of 2006, the old 'Informer' newsletter was replaced by **Concordia News**. This month we celebrate its 10th anniversary.

**Thank you** to Barb Grover, Concordia News editor from 2006-2009 and current editors Sylvia Teigen and Karolynn Decker for keeping this important communications channel open.

# HAM DINNER



## CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

6637 80th Avenue North

Glyndon, MN 56547

**March 20, 2016**

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 Fund

*In Memory of the Partyke Family*  
Paul & Jenifer Partyke

*In Memory of the Evangeline Johnson*  
Don & Wendy Johnson

## Concordia News

*Donation*  
Janet Kragnes Sjothun



With many willing and helping hands the church was decorated for the Christmas season so quickly that we had more time for singing Christmas carols and

fellowship coffee afterwards. The sanctuary was beautiful with the Christmas decorations and poinsettias. Thank you to everyone who came to help decorate, have coffee and for the donated poinsettias. Thank you to the young people who decorated the Christmas tree in the entry. It, too, was very beautiful and made our coffee hour so festive each Sunday during the Christmas season. When it was time to take down the Christmas decorations those willing and helping hands again came together and the work was quickly done. **Thank you everyone for helping!!!**

We all look forward to doing this again in December 2016!

## THANK YOU

to all the congregation and cemetery board members for the time and talent they share with all of us through their service. Your participation in the life of the congregation keeps it going strong!



**Are you interested in purchasing and/or contributing to a Concordia cookbook?**

Talk to Barb Grover or email her at [mgrover1424@gmail.com](mailto:mgrover1424@gmail.com). If there is sufficient interest, look for more information in

upcoming newsletters!

## Kvæfjordkake

*Named Norway's National Cake in 2002*

### "The World's Best Cake"

#### Ingredients

##### Base

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 3 TB milk
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp baking powder

##### Meringue

- 4 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar

##### Filling

- 1 ¼ cup heavy cream
- 2 TB sugar
- 2 cups vanilla custard

##### Topping

- ½ cup sliced almonds
- 10-12 sliced strawberries



#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Line a 13 X 9 pan with parchment paper
- In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy
- Mix in egg yolks, one at a time
- Add milk and vanilla extract.
- Sift together flour and baking powder and fold into batter.
- Pour into prepared pan.
- Beat egg whites with sugar until stiff peaks form.
- Pour meringue over cake and sprinkle with almonds.
- Bake on low rack in oven for 15-20 minutes, until meringue is firm and golden in color.
- Cool cake thoroughly on rack. When cooled, cut in half.
- Mix cream and sugar until firm and fold in vanilla custard.
- Slice strawberries and sprinkle with sugar.
- Spread the filling on one half and arrange strawberries on filling. Top with the other half of the cake.
- Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

~Martin Luther

## Jeremy's Egg

Jeremy was born with severe mental and physical disabilities and wasn't expected to live very long. At age 12 Jeremy exasperated his Sunday School teacher. She met with the pastor after church one Sunday and explained how distracting he was for the other 15 children in her class. She suggested he should not come to Sunday School anymore. He didn't fit with younger children and couldn't keep up with those his own age.

The pastor reminded her that Jeremy and his parents, maybe more than any other members, needed hers and the congregation's love and support. He counselled her to have patience.

The teacher worked hard to ignore his outbursts and blank stares. She talked to the other children about not laughing at Jeremy, but hard as she tried, he didn't seem to really know what was going on.

Spring came and on Palm Sunday the teacher told the children the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. To emphasize the idea of a new life in Christ, she gave each of them a hollow plastic egg. She told the children to bring it back on Easter with something inside that reminded them of new life. Jeremy stared at her blankly. She thought about explaining the assignment to his parents, but didn't see them after church.

The next Sunday all of the children put their eggs in a basket. One by one, she opened the eggs and found butterflies, tiny chicks, and flowers. She asked each child to explain what was in their egg. She praised each one, and the children beamed with pride.

Then the teacher opened an egg and found it empty. She knew it must be Jeremy's. He hadn't understood, and she felt guilty for not calling his parents to explain. The children giggled and pointed at Jeremy. Rather than embarrass him any more, she picked up another egg.

"Aren't you going to talk about my egg?" asked Jeremy in a loud voice.

"But its empty, Jeremy," said the teacher gently.

"So was Jesus' tomb!" was Jeremy's excited reply.

"Do you know what the empty tomb meant?" the teacher asked carefully.

"Sure!" said Jeremy, "Jesus got killed, but his Father didn't let him stay dead and because of that we don't have to die, either. The tomb was empty, just like my egg!"

The children were suddenly silent. After class, the teacher cried as she thought about how quickly she had given up on Jeremy, when he understood the Easter story better than any one else.

Before summer ended, Jeremy died. Those who attended his funeral were puzzled by the 15 colorful plastic eggs nestled in the flowers on his casket – all of them open, all of them empty.



## From The Moorhead Daily News

### March 24, 1924 "Locals"

Frank Rice, a farmer of the north Buffalo River district, and Clarence Grover, a farmer south of Glyndon, have exchanged farms, and Mr. Rice will operate the Bachenheimer farm between Glyndon and Sabin, and Mr. Grover will operate the Mosness farm in Morken township.

### March 8, 1930 "Social Notes"

The Parent-Teacher association of the Gunderson school met last evening. Mrs. J. W. Snyder, Fargo, president of the Parent-Teachers Council gave an interesting talk on her work. Miss Myrtle Anderson played piano numbers and the pupils of the school gave a demonstration in geography.

An exhibit of Norwegian antiques was shown, consisting of a spinning wheel, Norwegian costume, hammered copper tea kettle, coffee can 200 years old, a beaded purse 180 years old and many other interesting relics from the homes of Mrs. Anna Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Horpedahl, Mrs. Gunder Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Thortvedt, Mrs. R. J. Gunderson and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Muley.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by Mmes. B. J. Gunderson and Earl Sands.

### March 26, 1936 "Buffalo River Stages Revolt" Shoots up Miniature Geyser through Ice, High Water Overflows

Pressure of water under ice in the Buffalo River Monday caused a miniature geyser near the J. H. Anstett farm, four miles north of Watts Siding. With a loud roar the water shot into the air 10 feet, continued for about 20 minutes, then died down. Water continued to flow over the ice for several hours, however.

The Buffalo has been on a rampage during the last few days, overflowing its banks and flooding many acres of land in some areas. The ice-choked stream damaged a bridge near the Anstett farm, water flowing over the span floor. During the last 24 hours, however, the river has receded somewhat.






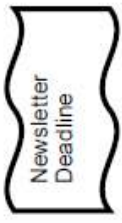





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God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

~ St Augustine

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# MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1  Peggy Kragnes	2 <b>Lenten Worship</b> Supper at 5 pm Services following	3	4	5
6 PURPLE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion 	7  Kathy Grover	8 1:30pm Concordia Ladies	9 <b>Lenten Worship</b> Supper at 5 pm Services following	10	11	12 <b>Daylight Savings</b> beings at 2 a.m. <b>tomorrow</b> Set clock ahead 1 hour before going to bed
13 PURPLE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Wescott Tommerdahl	14	15	16 <b>Lenten Worship</b> Supper at 5 pm Services following	17	18	19
20 PURPLE <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship <b>HAM DINNER</b>  Karolynn Decker	21  Newsletter Deadline	22  Jim & Linda Koester	23  Ralph & Barb Grover	24 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Service at 5 pm	25 <b>ROMEOS</b> 7:30 AM <b>Good Friday</b> Services at 5 pm	26
27 WHITE <b>EASTER</b> 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Dick Wang	28	29	30  David Kragnes	31  David & Peggy Kragnes		

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