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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery  
Association

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Concordia is blessed with a deep musical heritage that continues to this day. The gospel is proclaimed every time we sing one of the great hymns of the Church. I'd like to pass on the following words from our bishop, Larry Wolrabe



who speaks eloquently about the great gift of music:

When Martin Luther shared his fresh understanding of justification by faith—God’s unconditional grace toward sinners, given as a gift solely for Christ’s sake—he employed every tool at his disposal to spread this good Word. For sure, the Good News of Christ needed to shine forth in every service of worship. But the liturgy of the medieval Catholic church was more a spectacle to be watched than an experience to be shared. The language of the liturgy was Latin, the priest was the main actor, the music “performed” by choirs and cantors. Worshipers all too often felt like onlookers more than participants.

**Luther on Music in Worship** Luther boldly transformed this status quo. The liturgy- like the freshly translated Scriptures – was recast in the vernacular of the German people. Worship was transformed from a priestly monologue into a living dialogue between pastor and people. And music was no longer restricted to the choir loft and chancel. Luther placed German limns in the hands (the first Lutheran humnbook appeared in 1524) and hearts of the faithful

**Bach: The Fifth Evangelist** Two centuries after Luther’s birth, the man who would do more than any other Lutheran to put flesh and bones on the Great Reformer’s vision for music in worship cape along. Johann Sebastian Bach was born into a family of notable church musicians on March 21, 1685 in the village of Eisenach, where Luther himself had lived for a time while attending grammar school. Bach’s father and older brother imparted their musical gifts to young Johann while he attended schools in the German towns of Eisenbach, Ohrdruf, and Luneberg. For the first half of his career (1703 to 1723) Bach moved around to various German cities that needed his gifts as an organist, choirmaster and composer. With his first wife (and cousin) Maria Barbara Bach, he had seven children. Following Maria’s death in 1820, Bach married Anna Magdalena Wulcken, who bore his next thirteen children. Nine of Bach’s twenty children survived him! In 1723 Bach became the music director in Leipzig’s famous churches of St. Thomas and St. Nicholas, and he taught music in the St. Thomas school and local university. These were Bach’s most fertile years as a composer and church musician. He composed nearly two hundred cantatas, each of which was based on the appointed scripture readings for the Sundays in the liturgical year. Bach is probably remembered most often for his great works such as the *B Minor* Mass and the *St. Matthew* Passion, which was first performed in St. Thomas Church on Good Friday in 1729. The key to Bach’s remarkable success as a church musician was his ability to synthesize music and theology. This synthesis was perhaps best symbolized by the letters SDG which Bach penned on nearly all of his compositions – standing for *Soli Deo* Gloria – “to God alone be the glory.” In a Bible that Bach owned there is a marginal note in Bach’s own handwriting (near a passage in II Chronicles): *Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand with his gracious presence.* Bach’s uncanny ability to wed theology and music led Archbishop Nathan Soderblom (1866-1931) to nickname him “The Fifth Evangelist” (i.e., after Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).

**Bach Rediscovered** In our day, Johann Sebastian Bach is perhaps (after Martin Luther himself) one of the world’s most well-known Lutherans. But such was not always the case. When Bach died on July 28, 1750 he was destitute, buried in a pauper’s grave. Once he passed from the scene his music was largely neglected until it was rediscovered by the 19<sup>th</sup> century composer Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). Almost single-handedly Mendelssohn revived interest in Johann Sebastian Bach and his musical legacy. Thanks to Mendelssohn and his musical heirs, interest in and appreciation for J. S. Bach’s music continues into our own day. In 2017 Bach’s grave inside Leipzig’s St. Thomas Church (where his remains were reburied in 1950) is proving to be a place of pilgrimage for large crowds of Reformation 500 visitors for whom sacred music remains, in Luther’s words, “second only to the Word of God.”

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Bruce*

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

## Announcements and Assignments

### Coffee and Cookie Servers

July 2 Irene Olson  
July 9 Gordy Kassenborg  
July 16 Carolyn Edwards  
July 23 Kathy Krogstad  
July 30 Germaine Gress  
August 6 Doris Kassenborg  
August 13 Mavis Wang  
August 20 Barb Grover  
August 27 Myron Hagene



### Dorothy Lee (1931-2017)

We extend our sympathy to Kathy Krogstad. Her mother Dorothy Elaine (Bjelland) Lee, 86, of Oklee MN passed away on Sunday, June 04, 2017 at her home in Oklee MN surrounded by her loving



family.

Dorothy Elaine Bjelland was born February 28, 1931, rural Winger, MN to Carl John and Trine Helena (Lyngaas) Bjelland. She was baptized in the Lutheran faith in Winger MN, April 20, 1931. She was confirmed May 27, 1945 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodburn, OR. She attended rural school in Badger Township, Erskine, MN and 5 years of high school in Oregon and Washington. She graduated from Erskine High School, 1949.

Dorothy married George Herman Lee, October 29, 1949 at Saron Lutheran Church, rural Erskine, MN. They made their first home in rural Erskine and in 1956 moved to Oklee, MN. They were married 63 years. George passed away December 28, 2012.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She worked 10 years at Oklee Elementary School as a teacher's aide, besides being a homemaker. Dorothy was active in church, Sunday School, and Hospice. She was a Board member for Board of Aging and Mac Manor, Rydell Refuge and PTA.

Dorothy and George spent 12 winters in Arizona. They enjoyed traveling and camping. She loved their cabin on Wolf Lake, Bemidji. Dorothy also enjoyed reading, knitting, making quilts for her grandchildren, bird watching, flowers, gardening, and collecting over 350 Christmas Nativity scenes.

She is survived by her 5 children: Mick (Cheryl) of Bemidji, MN, Gary (Sandra) of Brooks, MN, Kathy (Bruce) Krogstad of Moorhead, MN, Mark (Sue) of Plummer, MN and David; 7 grandchildren: Jeremy (Sarah) Lee, Adam (Sarah) Lee, Gretchen Johnson, Kayse (Zachary) Maass, Jami Nunn, Sheena Lee and Courtney Leeand; 12 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, 4 sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation and the funeral were held on Thursday, June 8 at Zion Lutheran Church in Oaklee, Rev. Margaret Jacobus officiating. Burial was in Saron Lutheran Cemetery in Erskine.

Blessed be the memory of Dorothy Lee.



### Bible Study

5:30 pm  
Wednesday, July 5

### Concordia Ladies

No meeting in July



### Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out  
7:30 a.m., Friday, July 28



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

Kid's Corner is taking the summer off! We'll be back in September.



### Veteran's Coffee Hour

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum from 10-noon  
Wednesday, July 12.

**Addition to the 1935 obituary for Osten Espeland published in June:** The Moorhead Daily News failed to include a third daughter, Bertha (Mrs. Bernhard Kragnes), who died in 1932.

# Donations

## Recipe of the Month Glorified Chicken

Serves 6-8 *Osie Juve*



### Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts (4 halves)
- 3 chicken bouillon cubes
- 3 cups water
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 stick butter
- 1 sack saltine crackers (40 crackers)
- 2 Tbsp. poppy seed

### Directions

- Boil the chicken using the chicken bouillon cubes. Bone the chicken and cut into small pieces. Combine soup and sour cream to the pieces of chicken and mix well. Place the mixture in a shallow baking dish (12 X 7 1/2 X 2).
- Topping: Melt the butter- crush the crackers into small pieces. Add 2 Tbsp. of poppy seed mix together and spread over the chicken mixture and bake at 350\* for 25-30 minutes or until crackers are light brown.

### Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of the Partyke Family*  
Jenifer Partyke

*In Memory of Lars Horpedahl, J.B. Johnson,  
Merle Bekkerus, Peter Wang Jr.*  
Harold & Sally Horpedahl

*In Memory of Almer Gunderson, Olaf Wik, Peter  
Wang Sr., Gilbert Kassenborg*  
Harold & Sally Horpedahl

*In Memory of Russell Kragnes, Henry Hite*  
Harold & Sally Horpedahl

*In Memory of Glenn Kuehl*  
Donald Johnson

*In Memory of Orvis Gunderson*  
Marietta Gunderson & Family

*In Memory of Val Hagene*  
Delores Hagene

*In Memory of Robert Burke*  
Alvina Burke

*In Memory of Dorothy Lee*  
Harold & Sally Horpedahl  
Donald Johnson  
Ray & JoLyn Johnson

*Donations in Remembrance of Memorial Day*  
Steven Johnk                      Cheryl Riley  
Delores Hagene                  Margret Kragnes  
Helen Kassenborg              Lisa Juve  
Harold & Sally Horpedahl  
Walter & Sylvia Teigen  
Richard & Kim Ulven  
Allen & LuAnn Bergland



Are you using SNAP to buy healthy food? The minimum amount you could be eligible for is \$16 per month. It may not sound like much, but that is enough for 4

pounds of beef, or 4 gallons of milk, or 6 dozen eggs! Lakes & Prairies Community Action can assist with determining if you are eligible and help you fill out an application. Call 218-512-1550 today!



Thank you to all who were able to celebrate Regina Hanson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with her.

Surrounded by friends and family many special memories were made that day.

Many thanks,  
*Regina and family*



Thank you Lloyd for all the years running the Memorial Day Service and printing of the bulletins and arranging the singers and speakers. Thanks also to the Ray Johnson family for all their work – amazing! A big thank you to Kathy and Orpha and also Pastor Bruce. I know Lloyd will help whoever takes over. Also thanks to our bugler over the years, Verne Wik.

*Harold Horpedahl*



*Graveyard Service, Memorial Day 2015*

## **THANK YOU!**

Sincere gratitude to all who attended the annual Memorial Day service at Concordia on May 29 for helping make our service a success. To everyone who brought food for our potluck lunch, thank you, and to all who helped arrange the food, set and decorated the tables, and made the coffee as well. It is always amazing the variety of food we get for our potluck lunch.

Special thanks to

- Our guest soloist Chuck Hendrickson and his accompanist Jean Hellner for the beautiful music.
- Pastor Bruce for the invocation and the inspirational message about his part in the Honor Flight.
- Orpha Hoelstad and Kathy Krogstad for their performance and history of music as well.

- The Minnesota Honor Guard for the flag ceremony and to Dawn Gunderson for the flag folding narration
- Verne Wik for playing taps for all these many years

We are so pleased that Ray Johnson and his family continue to update the video of our veterans each year, thank you!

My gratitude to everyone who has contributed in some way the last fifteen years to help honor the Veterans of Concordia who gave much to preserve the freedoms that we are able to enjoy today.

God Bless America!

*Lloyd Gunderson*

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Lloyd initiated our Memorial Day Service back in 2005. Under his watch it has grown to become a meaningful community tradition. Over 100 people attended this year's Memorial Day Service. Thank you Lloyd for your commitment to our veterans and our community. Yours will be big shoes to fill!

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# July 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Communion 	3 	4 Independence Day 	5 Bible Study 5:30 pm 	6	7	8
9 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	10	11	12 Vet's Coffee 10-Noon 	13	14	15 
16 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10am Worship	17	18 	19	20 	21 	22 Pastor Bruce Sammy Hatman 
23 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	24	25 	26 	27	28 ROMEO's 7:30 a.m. 	29
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