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It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand years. Martin Luther believed in the power of the Word to accomplish that which it stated. Luther had such a high esteem for the Word that he personally translated the Old Testament from Hebrew and the New Testament from

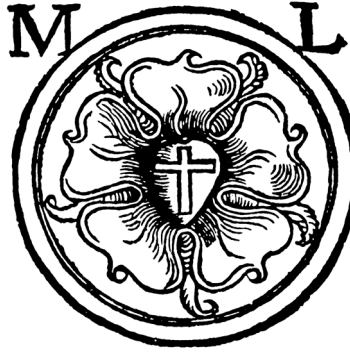
Greek into German, the language of Luther's people. He also created a worship service that could be understood by any German instead of Latin which few could understand, Luther revealed his esteem for the printed word. Luther is the most prolific author of all time; his complete works are about 100 books.

This being said, in the July Concordia newsletter, we learned of Luther's high regard for hymns. He believed the combination of words and music was a powerful combination of the visual mated with the musical for the communicating of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Luther also had an esteem for art to communicate the gospel. I pass on the following article to you that explains Luther's seal and its significance:

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology.

*The first version was used in Luther's writings in the 1520s for the first time, and was in black and white, with Luther's initials.*



*A colorized rendition of the seal began appearing as printers began to include color images in Luther's works.*



*Each one was laboriously painted by hand.*

By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.

Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the

Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

*(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)*

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Bruce*



Kjell Hoelstad returned home on July 10 after a long journey through the 'medical world.' Thanks to all for the prayers and expressions of support. It is great to have him back in the community!

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## Coffee and Cookie Servers

August 6 Doris Kassenborg      September 3 Regina Hanson  
August 13 Mavis Wang              September 10 Kathy Krogstad  
August 20 Barb Grover              September 17 Barb Grover  
August 27 Myron Hagene            September 24 Lloyd Gunderson



**Bible**  
STUDY  
Join us!

### Bible Study

Wednesday, August 2

5:30-7:00 p. m.

## Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, August 8

1:30 pm

Fryn' Pan



## Join The Romeos!

*Retired Old Men Eating Out*

7:30 a.m., August 25

Fryn' Pan



**Correction:** Concordia's first Memorial Day service was organized by Lloyd Gunderson in 2002. Last month it was erroneously reported as 2005.



**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Following services

Contact Kathy Krogstad for more  
information

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*Pastoral Care*

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

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Kids Corner is taking the summer off ... see you next  
month!



## **Veteran's Coffee Hour**

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum from  
10-noon Wednesday, August 9.

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## **Solar Eclipse August 21, 2017**

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon is perfectly  
positioned between the earth and the sun. On August 21, the eclipse  
will be visible from coast to coast. The last time this happened was  
in 1979, and it won't happen again until 2045.



## **Ruth Jane Bekkerus**

**1917-2017**



Jane Bekkerus, age 99, of Moorhead MN, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. The funeral was held at Scandia Lutheran on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. She was buried next to her husband at

Concordia.

Ruth Jane Preston was born October 7, 1917. Jane admired everything about life; from traveling throughout the Midwest to starting a family of her own. In her free time she enjoyed going up north to the family cabin, reading devotionals, watching films, and learning about her own family history. Genealogy had been a long time passion of Jane's and kept her very busy. Most of all she loved being around family and friends.

Jane left behind a remarkable imprint that will be cherished and missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Harold "Bek" Bekkerus; beloved son, Theodore "Teddy"; brothers, Jim and Bill Preston; and sister, Molly B. Flood.

She is survived by sister Mary Gwynn (John); Judy Bekkerus; three grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and many loved ones.

With Our Thanks

# Donations

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of Shannon Eidem*

Lee Eidem

## Concordia News

*In Memory of Jane Bekkerus*

Steve & Alene Sladky



## Thank you, Kirby!

New doors were purchased for the church and Kirby

Kassenborg donated his services to install them. The doors look great. Thanks!





# Ham & Pasta Salad



## Ingredients

3 cups uncooked small shell pasta (12 oz bag)

2 cups frozen peas

3 cups diced cooked ham

1 cup sliced celery

1 cup chopped red bell pepper ½ cup dill pickle relish, drained

2 cups Colby-Monterey Jack cheese shredded or diced (2 cups)

¾ cup mayonnaise

¼ cup ranch dressing

¼ cup fresh chives

1/8 teaspoon pepper

## Directions

- Cook and drain pasta as directed, add peas during last 2-3 minutes of cooking time. Rinse with cold water and drain well.
- In a large bowl, mix ham, celery, bell pepper, pickle relish and cheese. In a small bowl, mix remaining ingredients
- Add pasta and peas to large bowl, mix gently. Mix in mayonnaise mixture and toss to coat.  
Cover and refrigerate until serving time.



***From the Moorhead Daily News***  
**August 20, 1936**

**J.H. Fisch Company Will Build  
Kragnes Elevator**

The J. H. Fisch Company of Barnesville has been awarded the contract to build an 80,000 bushel grain elevator at Kragnes for the Farmers Elevator Company of Kragnes to replace the one destroyed by fire July 10.

The new structure will be iron clad and the Fisch company's bid was chosen from among five. The new structure will be similar to one which has just been constructed at Comstock by the Fisch firm, except that the Kragnes also will have a coal shed and warehouse. Work will begin as soon as materials and equipment can be assembled.

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**Clay Resident 59 Years Dies**

**E O Studlien, 71, of Kragnes Township  
is victim of Embolism**

E O Studlien, 71, Kragnes Township resident for 59 years, died at 7:45 pm Wednesday at a local hospital. Cause of death was embolism,

the formation of a blood clot in the heart. He was admitted to the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Studlien is survived by his wife; two sons, Olaf and Edwin, at home; two daughters, Mrs. C. I. Ramstad, 212 Eleventh Street South, and Mrs. Paul Skarstad, Adams No. Dak.; two sisters, Mrs. Marian Hearl, 210 Sixth Street South and Mrs. C. O. Kragnes, Kragnes; one brother, Robin, Grand Forks ND; and four grandchildren.

He was born in Houston, Minn. March 3, 1865, coming to Kragnes Township with his father at age 12 years. He had resided the balance of his life on the farm where his parents settled. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge, had served many years on the school board and also the Kragnes Town board. He was a past member of the Sons of Norway lodge.

He was married on December 9, 1889, to Ingeborg Roholt at Concordia Church near Glyndon.

Funeral services have not been arranged. The body is at the Wright chapel.

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## **August 11, 1937: Clay County Members to State Fair**

Three Clay County 4-H members were awarded prizes for exhibits at the sub-district club contest held in Ada on July 30, according to

Miss Margaret Opp, Clay County leader, who received the results of the judging today.

Helen Wardeberg, Prairie View club, Barnesville, was awarded first prize on her thrift exhibit at the contest and Wanda Grover and Shirley Sands of the Moland club won in the clothing team exhibit. All three will go to the Minnesota State Fair...

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### **August 13, 1942: Comets Have Meeting**

The Buffalo River Comets 4-H club held their regular monthly meeting Friday at the schoolhouse. The meeting was called to order by president Helen Kassenborg. On the program was a demonstration of canning by Helen Kassenborg and Ilene Olson. Slides were shown by County Agent G. E. May and Sidney Snartland gave a reading. Lunch was served by Mrs. Olaf Wik and Mrs. Eleanore Kassenborg.

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Ole and Sven went fishing one day in a rented boat and were catching fish like crazy. Ole said, "Ve better mark dis spot so ve can come back tomorrow and catch more fish."

Sven then proceeded to mark the bottom of the boat with a large 'X'. Ole asked him what he was doing, and Sven told him he was marking the spot so they could come back to catch more fish.

Ole said, " Ya big dummy, how do ya know ve are goin' ta get da same boat tomorrow?"

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# Dates to Remember

## **Worship Services every Sunday**

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

Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**Bible Study**    5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 2

**Concordia Women** 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 8

**Veteran Coffee Hour** 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 9

**Church Picnic** following services Sunday, August 13

**ROMEOS**          7:30 a.m., Friday, August 25

## **Birthdays**

- 4      Diane Muhr
- 10     Bill Farabee
- 11     Sue Sipp and Ron Horpedahl
- 17     Carolyn Edwards
- 23     Margaret Kragnes
- 27     Donald Johnson

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