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Announcements & Assignments

Lent is the season in which we delve into the mystery and meaning of Jesus' mission as revealed by the culmination of that mission in his last days on earth. This year we will be utilizing Creative Communications dramatic readings. The name of this series is By His Wounds We are Healed. Lent begins Feb 26 with Ash Wednesday. A simple meal at 5:00 will be followed by worship. Let us gather this season of Lent to worship our Lord together. The description of the series follows:

The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In each service in this series, we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him "the iniquity of us all." Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and "by his wounds we are healed."

Ash Wednesday – Blasphemy – John 10:31-39

Jesus is accused of blasphemy and misusing God's name.

Week 1 – Violating the Sabbath – Luke 6:6-11

Jesus is accused of violating the Sabbath.

Week 2 – Dishonoring Authority – John 19:12-16

Jesus is accused of dishonoring authority, calling himself a king.

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Week 3 – Murder – John 11:47-53

Jesus is accused of inspiring rebellion and the destruction of Israel; he is accused of being in league with Satan, who is “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44).

Week 4 – Associating with Tax Collectors and Prostitutes –

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus is accused of associating with tax collectors and prostitutes.

Week 5 – Stealing – Luke 23:1-5

Jesus is accused of forbidding the paying of taxes.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bruce

Coffee and Cookie Servers



February 3 Sue Kassenborg

March 1 Kathy Krogstad

February 10 Clinton Babolian

March 8 Irene Olson

February 17 Sylvia Teigen

March 15 Becky Jegtvig

February 24 Myron Hagene

March 22 Polly Hanson

March 29 Linda Koester

Bible Study

Due to unpredictable winter weather, Bible Study times & locations will be announced at each Sunday's worship.



Bible
STUDY
Join us!



Concordia Ladies

Tuesday, February 11

1:30 p.m.

Fryn' Pan



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m., February 28

Fryn' Pan

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor

Bruce at 218-329-2245.



Veteran's Coffee Hour

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

I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short tubby toddler coming at me with a weapon!



~Unknown



Ash Wednesday

February 26

Light Supper

5 pm

Followed by Worship

Lenten meal & services continue

on March 4, 11, 18, and 25



Annual Meetings February 2

A potluck will follow morning services. Volunteers are needed to set up before and clean up after the meal.

Concordia's annual meeting will follow the meal. Financial information to be included in the Annual Report should be turned in to Wes Tommerdahl by **January 20th**.

The **Cemetery Association annual meeting** will follow the congregation's meeting.



Church Cancellations

It's the season of ice, snow, and cold weather again. Services will be cancelled when the wind chill exceeds minus 20 degrees or when NOAA (the National Weather Service) advises "No Travel." The congregation president and pastor will determine if other circumstances (low visibility, icy conditions) should result in cancellation. WDAY TV should broadcast the cancellation, but a few times they have not. When in doubt, do not hesitate to call Pastor Bruce the day of, at 218-329-2245. If you reach voice mail he may be talking to someone else, so please leave a message and he'll return your call as soon as he can.

Stay warm! Stay safe!

Announcements & Assignments

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Sally Horpedahl

Ruth & Bill Farabee

*Thank
You*

To all Cemetery Association Members for time volunteered and monetary donations throughout 2019.

Thanks to the following for their special efforts:

- ★ **Laura Von Bank** for mowing the Concordia Cemetery.
- ★ **Jeff Winter** for mowing the Leif Erickson Cemetery.
- ★ **Neil Hanson** for auditing the Cemetery Books.
- ★ **Alene Grover Sladky** for maintaining the website.
- ★ **Karolynn Decker, Sylvia & Walter Teigen** for printing the Cemetery news in the newsletter.
- ★ All who participated in the Memorial Day Service, with a special thanks to Organist **Kathy Krogstad** and Pianist **Orpha Hoelstad**.
- ★ **Gordon and Sue Kassenborg** for providing mower gas for the Concordia Cemetery.

Recipe of the Month

Cool Ranch Pork Chops



Ingredients

- 6 boneless pork chops
- ½ cup ranch dressing
- ¼ cup grated onion
- ¼ cup grated green or red pepper
- 3 cups crushed Cool Ranch Doritos
- Salt & Pepper

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Crush Doritos in a large Ziploc bag
- In a shallow bowl, mix ranch dressing with onion and peppers; salt and pepper to taste
- Coat both sides of the pork chops with dressing mix
- Shake each coated pork chop in Doritos to cover
- Place in greased 9 X 13 pan
- Cook for 20-25 minutes

Happy
Valentine's Day



from the

Moorhead Daily News

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Judging Teams Awarded Honors

4-H Group Gets Good Ratings at Winter Shows

A judging team made up of 4-H members acquitted themselves admirably against both youth and adult teams at the Winter Shows in Crookston, county agent Daniel Peet announced today.

The 4-H team, composed of Kenneth Koester, Sabin, Gerald Pingree and Merle Maring, Georgetown, won a total of 1,798 points compared to 1,873 for the winning adult team. The youths took second place on beef and dairy judging, third on swine and sheep,

and eighth on horses. Koester and Pingree placed first in sheep and beef judging, respectively, and the individuals placed as follows: xxxKoester, fourth; Pingree seventh; and Maring, 21st.

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Clay 4-H Members Have Exhibits at Valley Winter Show

A number of Clay County 4-H Club Members have exhibits entertained at the Red River Valley Winter Shows being held in Crookston this week.

Today Miss Eleanore Stoltenow, county home demonstration agent, accompanied by Lester Stine, Morken 4-H Club; Lois Vangrud, Georgetown; and LeRoy Olson, Buffalo River Comets, are attending the show.

Corn exhibits are entered by Burton Grover, Moland Cloverleaf club; Edwin Kassenborg, Buffalo River Comets; Erwin Hurner, Morken; Wayne Champ, Glyndon Happy Hustlers. Kassenborg also has a cobbler exhibit.

President's Day Monday, February 17, 2020

On the morning of February 11, 1861, the President-elect, Abraham Lincoln, together with his family and a small party of friends, left Springfield, Illinois, the home Lincoln would never see again, for

Washington DC. A large crowd had assembled at the train station to



bid Mr. Lincoln farewell. Aware of the grave state of the republic as he set out for the nation's capitol, the future and perhaps greatest president said:

"My friends - No one, not in my position, can appreciate the sadness I feel at this parting. To this people I owe all that I am. Here I have lived more than a

quarter of a century - here my children were born, and here one of them lies buried. I know not how soon I shall see you again. A duty devolves upon me which is, perhaps, greater than that which has devolved upon any other man since the days of Washington. He never would have succeeded except by the aid of Divine Providence, upon which he at all times relied. I feel that I cannot succeed without the same Divine aid which sustained him, and on the same Almighty Being I place my reliance for support - and I hope you, my friends, will all pray that I may receive that Divine assistance, without which I cannot succeed, but with which success is certain. Again I bid you an affectionate farewell."



Where Did Leap Year Come From?

The original Roman calendar was based on the cycles of the moon. It had 304 days and 10 months – Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Junius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November and December. (The names of Quintilis-December were derived from Latin numbers 5 through 10).

The Romans eventually realized that a year should be based on the sun and not the moon. About 700 BCE the months of January and February were added, but this new calendar still had only 355 days. It didn't take long for the feast intended to celebrate the summer solstice to occur near the time of the winter solstice and vice versa!

In an attempt to make the months match the seasons, the Pontifex Maximus (high priest of Rome) was authorized to add an extra month (named Mercedonius) as needed. Leap years were considered to be unlucky. The priests were routinely bribed to make years longer or shorter for political, military, religious or personal reasons. It didn't solve the calendar problems. In 45 B.C. Julius Caesar took the advice of Cleopatra's astronomer and standardized the calendar to

more accurately reflect the solar cycle. He added 10 days to what became known as the Julian calendar and added an extra day to February every 4 years, creating the basic leap year rule. The month originally named Sixtus became July to honor Julius Caesar.

The calendar was still not exactly right, so Caesar Augustus cancelled leap year for 17 years to bring the calendar into alignment with the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. The month of Sextilis was renamed in his honor.

It takes 365 days, 5 hours and 48 minutes for the earth to rotate around the sun. The Julian calendar added one too many days about every 128 years, so Pope Gregory III removed 10 days from 1582. His Gregorian calendar offered a permanent solution by decreeing that leap years should occur whenever the year is divisible by 4, except when that year is evenly divisible by 100 but not by 400. That is why 1600 and 2000 were leap years; 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not.

Protestant countries and their colonies were slow to adopt the new “Catholic” calendar, and both the Julian and Gregorian calendars were used in Europe for almost 200 years. England and its colonies didn’t make the switch until 1752. Today we still use the Gregorian calendar.

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion first Sunday of the Month

Annual Meetings/Potluck Sunday, February 2

follows worship

Bible Study

Announced during Sunday Worship

Concordia Ladies

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 11

Veteran Coffee Hour

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 12

ROMEOS

7:30 a.m., Friday, February 28

Birthdays

February 2 Verne Wik

February 15 Nancy Ruud

February 17 Becky Jegtvig

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