



# Concordia News

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Resurrection tampers with our sense of reality. There are some things we know that are constant and these give us a sense that even if we cannot control them,



such as natural processes, at least we can predict them and thereby manage them. Our ancestors survived long, cold winters because they knew that beginning in late June the days would get shorter and that winter would come. Even though they could not control the reality of shortening days they could prepare for and thereby manage six months without any crops by storing food for themselves and for their livestock. Similarly they could anticipate the fact that the older generation(s) would grow infirm, necessitating the need for them to plan that they would not only cease to be productive but would also cease to exist. The older generation would fade requiring a new generation to be born.

The resurrection of Jesus for those who were first notified of the event, without the benefit of seeing it, was unbelievable (literally, not capable of being believed). The women's account of the raised Jesus violated the unchangeable laws of the universe. Everything that the disciples knew about the way things were supposed to work was being threatened. The order of reality was being called into question. Like the earthquake in today's Gospel reading the ground under their feet was being shaken. To say that such news was unsettling would be a gross understatement. The world as they knew it was about to be turned on its head. The closest analogy would be if the forces of gravity were suddenly reversed. Even though death was an enemy, it at least was an enemy that they knew and for which they had made accommodations. In their own way they had taken the reality of death and had made provisions for it. They may not have liked death, but if the raising of Jesus were true, it would shatter their understanding of reality, of themselves and of their religion and God.

As Jesus' disciples today what does the resurrection mean for you and for me? Perhaps another question would be more instructive, if Jesus had not been raised, what would be the implications for us today? Traditional Jewish teaching of Jesus' time declared that upon death life ceased and the deceased individuality, identity, hopes and dreams would be vanquished once and for all. If this were our belief how would we look differently at our lives and at our deaths? If life is a journey then it would be a journey that would end with our careening of a cliff into a free fall into the endless abyss of non-existence. If we knew that a planned trip would end in assured death, how would that impact the hours/days prior to the inevitable and tragic conclusion? If eternal death is the only destination in the journey of our lives then our entire life will be colored, or more aptly put, darkened, by the specter of death. Joy and light would be filtered through the dark lens of our unavoidable and eternal demise.

With Jesus' resurrection we recognize that death is defeated. The blackness of the gaping tomb is replaced by the light of his resurrection. Despair is vanquished by hope. Fear is supplanted by

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confidence. Pessimism is replaced by optimism. The "reality" of eternal death is overcome by the confidence of eternal life. In Jesus resurrection we (through faith) have been guaranteed that we too would be raised from the dead. Death has been plucked out of our human created (and thereby, failed) calculus of how the universe/our lives work. Like a house of cards our world view is toppled and in its place is a house made of brick with solid rock not shifting sand as a foundation. Because Christ not only was raised but continues to live through the Holy Spirit in our lives, our lives will never be the same and our lives will never be our own for we are God's children and no longer orphans in world that lives in the all encompassing shadow of death. We do not live in a failed kingdom subject to decay and death (that of our own making) but in God's kingdom of light and life in the reflection of the resurrection. In Christ the old has gone and the new has been born. The world and our lives will never be the same.

In conclusion I'd like to leave you with a quote from a seminary professor of mine, Donald Juel:

"Jesus is full of surprises. Old skins cannot contain the new wine. The world's uneasiness in the presence of Jesus is fully justified. He will not be found by tradition that defines human life; even death has no final power over him. The end only marks a new beginning--a beginning of the good news that Jesus, the one who is the ultimate threat to our autonomy, now becomes our source of life. It is only fitting that just as the tomb will not contain Jesus, neither can the Gospel writer's story. Jesus is not bound by its Gospel story's ending; he continues into the future God has in store for the creation. In the meantime there is only the Word, the bread, and the wine, and the promise that "you will see him." We walk by faith and not by sight. We can only trust that God will one day finish the story, as God has promised."

*The text for Easter is as follows:*

Matthew 28:1-10

1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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*Grace and peace,*

*Pastor Bruce*

### Coffee and Cookie Servers

*(when services resume)*

- May 3 Sue Kassenborg
- May 10 Barb Grover
- May 17 Clinton Babolian
- May 24 JoLyn Johnson
- May 31 Kathy Krogstad
- June 7 Germaine Gress
- June 14 Polly Hanson
- June 21 Carolyn Edwards
- June 28 Irene Olson



If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, or if you'd just like to talk through your concerns about the pandemic, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



**Mother's Day  
May 10**



### May Birthdays

- May 8- Osie Juve
- May 17 – Orpha Hoelstad
- May 24 – Barb Grover
- May 27 – Ralph Grover

Think in the morning. Act in the noon. Eat in the evening. Sleep at night

~William Blake

### Heritage Luncheon Cancelled



This year our planned program was Alex Rydell and his Irish band. Because of the virus problem we have cancelled the luncheon for this year, 2020, but will again have our luncheon next year. Alex and his band graciously accepted the cancellation for this year and the invitation to be our program for the luncheon next year in 2021.

We have a year to plan ahead to keep this date **May 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** open for the heritage luncheon and a most enjoyable program of Irish music. Guaranteed to be a special program and lunch!!



### Memorial Day Service Cancelled

Due to the coronavirus, Concordia's annual Memorial Day Service has been cancelled. Please take the time to read through the list of Concordia's Veteran's on page 6 as a way of paying respect and honoring their service.

We look forward to seeing you all again as we honor our veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021!

### ***Happy Sytennde Mai (May 17)!***

May da ruts always fit da wheel on your pickup,  
May your ear muffs always keep out da nort vind,  
May da sun shine varm on yur lefse  
May da rain fail soft on yur lutefisk  
And 'till we meet again  
May da Good Lord protect us from any and all unnecessary Uff-Da's.

# Donations

## Concordia Cemetery Fund

*In Memory of Sally Horpedahl*

Ruth & Bill Farabee

Donation

Gloria Tomas

## We Need Your Support



We appreciate your donation to the general fund of any amount. Donations to the cemetery fund and newsletter are always greatly ap-

preciated as well. If you wish, your donation can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event.

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- Saute until peppers have browned and onions are translucent.
- Add hamburger and brown thoroughly; add garlic and jalapeno.
- Add lime juice, hot sauce and taco seasoning. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- Layer guacamole and sour cream on warm crust. Spread hamburger mixture evenly. Top with tomatoes, olives, lettuce and onion.
- Warm nacho dip in microwave and pour on pizza. Serve immediately!

## Recipe of the Month Taco Pizza



### Ingredients

#### Crust

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup full fat coconut milk
- ½ cup olive oil
- 3 cups tapioca flour
- ¼ cup coconut flour
- 1 TB baking powder
- 1 tsp salt

#### Taco Meat

- 2 TB canola oil
- 1 diced red pepper
- 1 diced green pepper
- ½ yellow onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ jalapeno, diced
- 1 lb hamburger
- Juice of ½ lime
- 2 TB hot sauce
- 2 TB taco seasoning

#### Pizza Toppings

- ¾ cup guacamole dip
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- ½ cup diced cherry tomatoes
- ¼ cup sliced black olives
- 2 cups chopped iceberg lettuce
- ½ cup diced green onion
- ½ cup nacho cheese dip

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a medium bowl, mix together eggs, coconut milk and olive oil.
- In a large bowl, mix the flours, baking powder and salt.
- Combine wet and dry mixtures and whip until smooth.
- Pour dough on baking sheet and use spatula to even it out.
- Cook for 10-12 minutes. It should feel like soft bread in the center when done.
- While crust is cooking, pour canola oil in large frying pan on medium high heat. Add peppers and onions.

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# Mother's Day Word Search

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FAMILY	MOTHER
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# Concordia's Veterans



## In Concordia Cemetery

### Civil War

Aanund Kragnes                      Andres Rice

### World War I

Almer Gunderson	Signe Lee
Andrew Gunderson	John Morken
George Gunderson	Obert Morken
Leon Hammett	Thomas Olson
Ovean Hite	Paul Skarstad
Joseph B. Johnson	Eugene Studlien
Andrew Kosen	Goodwin Thortvedt
Fred Lee	Ed Wilson

### World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder                              Robert Olson

### World War II

Harold Bekkerus	Lester Kragnes
Florence Grover	Oberlin Kragnes
Gerald Grover	Russell Kragnes
Emmett Gunderson	Vernon Kragnes
Orvis Gunderson	Gust Langlie
Norman Hanson	Donald LaPash
Everette Hite	Eddie Menholt
Harold Johnk	Sidney Morken
Ann Thortvedt Johnson	Henry Skolness
James Juve	Thorance Snartland
Eloise Olson Kincaid	Ralph Stevenson
Davis Kosen	Carl Swanson
Bernard Kragnes	Mable Gunderson Young

### Korea, Vietnam, Cold War

Joe O. Babolian	Eugene Kragnes
Donald Bekkerus	Burton Kragnes
Clarence Brown	Donald Johnson
Robert Burke	Harold Lohse
Ed Edwards	Merle Meyer
Walter Engesetter	Alton Mjolsness
Victor Gress	Jerry Sabo
Valdemar Hagen	Sidney Snartland
Harold Horpedahl	Jay Rex Stoutenberg
Allan Kassenborg	Richard Tommerdahl
Glenn Kassenborg	

## Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Merle Bekkerus	Dennis Nelson
Daniel Christianson	Donald Nelson
Allen Gunderson	Robert Nelson
William Gunderson	James Oberg
Bernhard Hegland	John Oberg
Arnold Horpedahl	Vernon Oberg
Ralph Johnk	Aulden Olson
Henry Kragnes	LeRoy Olson
Olaf Midgarden	Robert Tommerahl
Robert Morken	Harold Wik

## OUR MEMORIES

by Lenore Hetrick

If we remember those who are gone  
Then they live again.  
They are here once more, they smile and speak,  
Just as do living men.

So let us give our thoughts to the brave,  
Upon this Memorial Day.  
In spiritual fellowship let us speak,  
And listen to what they say.

For a soldier who died for his country must know  
Much that he could tell,  
And if we caught the message it might  
Serve us oft and well.

So in our memories let the dead  
Linger often and long.  
Recollections of that kind live,  
And are like a springtime song.



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