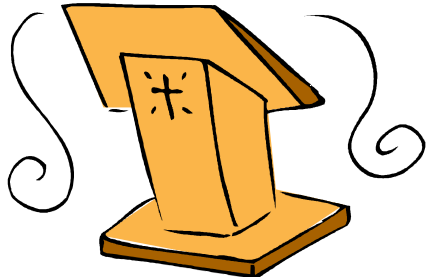


# Concordia News

A newsletter for members, families, and friends of Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

Concordia Lutheran Church/Cemetery Association

May 2007



From The Pastor

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## The Season of Resurrection

I raked the lawn today and noted the buds on the trees. My eyes watered and itched in the wind bearing promises of rain. Little shoots stick their noses through the ground and the rabbit nips them off long before they stretch their limbs. It is a season of resurrection, of new birth.

The texts on each Sunday speak of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. Like the cycle of nature he had a cycle of death and resurrection. He speaks to us of death and resurrection in our own lives. No, not something completely new; and yet, completely new. It is the same old me; and yet, forgiven, raised from death to life. I am new.

That's the thing about Jesus, he accepts me just as I am. Then, he works his miracle in me and although it is still me, it is a new me. We keep seeing him in the Gospel readings through the Season of Easter until the Ascension. And when we see him in the texts it is as if he is there when we most expect him and also when we least expect him. I think that's another thing about Jesus that we often forget – he walks with us and is ever with us, even when we are wandering in the mud. That's what is so incredible about the resurrected Christ...he doesn't forget us when the going is toughest. Surely, we won't forget him.

So, as you rake the leaves, plant the seeds, cut the grass be ever aware of the presence of Jesus.

*Pastor Paul*

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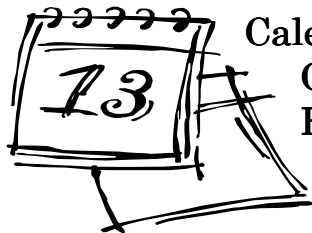


**WELCA**  
**May 10, 2007**  
1:30 at the Church  
Bible leader: Group  
Lunch: Carolyn Edwards &  
          Germaine Gress

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**Cookie Servers**

May 6 Ella Swanson  
May 13 Sylvia Teigen  
May 20 Mavis Wang  
May 27 Carolyn Edwards



**Calendar  
Of Upcoming  
Events  
For 2007**

- 1) **May 8<sup>th</sup>** WELCA – 1:30 pm
- 2) **May 13<sup>th</sup>** Mother's Day
- 3) **May 28<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Day Service  
honoring Our Fallen Heroes – 10:00  
am
- 4) **June 17<sup>th</sup>** 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Father's Day



The annual Memorial Day service will be held on Monday May 28 at 10:00 AM. at Concordia Church. The service will honor the military personal buried in our cemetery as well as all military personal around the world that have served our County. The music and messages will be both patriotic and religious. David Kaul, a Concordia College graduate will be the soloist. The Cemetery Association will again provide carnations to honor each military person buried in Concordia Cemetery.

A potluck lunch will be served after the memorial service. Please join us as we honor our military who gave so much for the freedom we have in this great Country.

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**135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Concordia Lutheran  
Church**

Sunday – June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Worship Service- 10:00 a.m.  
Dinner- 11:30 a.m.

**Special Note:**

The caterer's deadline for the meal is **May 20, 2007**, so they can prepare accordingly. It is very important to get your reservations in so we can give the caterer an accurate count.

The deadline for the coffee mugs had passed. There will be a very limited quantity available the day of the anniversary.

# Thank You For:

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In memory of Hazel Anderson*  
Don and Evangeline Johnson

*In memory of Orvis Gunderson*  
Lee Gunderson  
Lorie Chastain  
Bruce & Lois Boelter

*In memory of Gladys Kragnes*  
Melvin & Ardoth Kragnes

*Donation:*  
Edna Severson  
Gertrude Berkness

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**Thank You** to all the men who helped put together and serve the ham dinner on Palm Sunday. It was another success, given the poor weather that we had that day.

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Dear Family and Friends,  
I wish to thank you for coming to celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, and for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts. God's blessing to all.  
*Regina Hanson*



Sunday School

We once again have a Sunday school. It meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Karolyn (Teigen) Decker is the teacher. If you have any questions or would like to enroll your child please contact Karolyn at 701- 361-5693 or come any Sunday morning.

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Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is holding an Adoption information meeting on May 1, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes (1401 Madison Avenue). There are many children in need of permanent loving families. LSS can assist families in the adoption of children in Minnesota and from countries around the world. Please call (218) 236-1494 x207 or x215 to register. For more information, visit [www.minnesotaadoption.org](http://www.minnesotaadoption.org).







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Thank you to following who purchased Easter lilies for the church for Easter Sunday:

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Ella Swanson    | Eddie & Carolyn Edwards   |
| Margret Kragnes | Don & Evangeline Johnson  |
| Osie Juve       | Concordia WELCA           |
| Irene Olson     | Regina Hanson             |
|                 | Glenn & Doris Kassenborg  |
|                 | Valdemar & Delores Hagene |
|                 | Lloyd Gunderson           |

# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Nat'l Day of Prayer 	4	5
6 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Communion White	7 6:00 PM Area Strategy Meeting at Our Saviour's Moorhead	8  ELCA 1:30 PM Happy Birthday  Ose Jue	9	10	11	12
13  Happy Mother's Day 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	14	15 Happy Birthday Harold Horpedahl	16 6:00 Confirmation	17	18	19
20 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship White Happy Birthday Ella Swanson	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Barb Grover Mae Ellingson	25	26
27 Pentecost 9:00 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Happy Birthday Peggy Grove Red	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> 9:00 Bernhard Hegland Memorial Dedication 10:00 Service Honoring our Fallen Heroes	29 6:00 PM Area Strategy Meeting at Dilworth Lutheran	30	31		

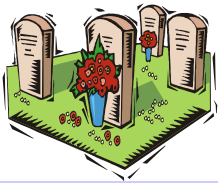
# Bits and Pieces

"An Area Strategy for Mission" group is meeting to discuss ELCA strategies for mission in our area. The group meeting this Spring is composed of pastors and laypersons from the churches of Our Savior's, Dilworth Lutheran, Glyndon Lutheran, Scandia, North Buffalo, Concordia, and perhaps others. Representing Concordia are Irene Olson, Margaret Kragnes, and Eileen Johnson."

May 7 - Area Strategy meeting at Our Savior's (6 PM)

May 29th - Area Strategy meeting at Dilworth Lutheran (6 PM)

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## Concordia Cemetery Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Concordia Cemetery Association was held at the Church on April 10. Election of board of directors was held and Aron Kassenborg & Ray Johnson reelected to a three-year term. Other business the by-laws were amended to provide for moving the date of the annual meeting to February each year. Copies of the annual report are available for members at the church.

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If you wish to make a donation of any kind to the Cemetery Association, please send your checks to the Cemetery Treasurer, Raymond Johnson at the address below.

**Raymond Johnson**  
1955 29<sup>th</sup> St. Circle S.  
Moorhead, MN. 56560



## Riverside Country School Reunion

The Riverside Country School will be having an all school reunion on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 2pm – 5pm, in a shelter at Gooseberry Park  
Anyone who has pictures, please bring them with you.

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## Remembering Bernhard...



Bernhard Hegland was killed in action in World War I and is buried in Somme-American Cemetery in Bony, France. His family has purchased a memorial stone to make sure that future generations do not forget this uncle who died in France so long ago and is buried so far away.

He was the brother of Sophie Bekkerus, Allette Grover, and Carl Hegland who are all buried in Concordia Cemetery. At 9 AM on Memorial Day Hegland cousins from around the country will gather to dedicate Bernhard's memorial, which will be located next to his brother Carl's gravesite in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Many family members will stay for Concordia's service to pay their respects to all of Concordia's veterans.

Anyone interested in attending the dedication is welcome to join us!

### Memorial Day Tribute

“They answered their country’s call to arms,  
Into battle they did go,  
Where their final destination was,  
No one will ever know

May their final resting place,  
Under some unknown sod,  
Be forever hallowed,  
For it is known only unto God.”  
TMP

### The Unknown Soldier

There’s a graveyard near the White House, where  
the Unknown Soldier lies,  
And the flowers there are sprinkled, by the tears of  
mothers’ eyes.  
I stood there not so long ago, with flowers for the brave  
When suddenly I heard a voice, it sprang out from the  
grave  
“I am the Unknown Soldier, “ the spirit voice began,  
“And have a few questions I must ask, man to man:  
Are my buddies taken care, was their victory complete.  
Or is the big reward you promised, selling pencils on the  
street?

Did we really win that victory we struggled to achieve,  
And do you still respect that Silver Star, above that  
empty sleeve?  
And that babe who said, Hello Central, give me No  
Man’s Land,  
Can you replace her daddy with a military band?  
Does a Gold Star in the window now mean anything at all?  
I wonder how my old girl feels when she hears a bugle call.  
I wonder if the profiteers have satisfied their greed?  
I wonder if a soldier’s mother is ever in need?  
Yes, I am the Unknown Soldier, maybe I died in vain,  
But if I were alive and my country called, I’d do it  
all over again.”

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## VETERANS IN CONCORDIA CEMETERY

### *Civil War*

Aanund Kragnes                      Andres Rice

### *World War I*

Almer Gunderson	Fred Lee
Andrew Gunderson	Signe Lee
George Gunderson	John Morken
Leon Hammett	Obert Morken
Bernhard Hegland	Thomas Olson
Oveon Hite	Paul Skarstad
Ben Johnson	Goodwin Thortvedt
Andrew Kosen	Ed Wilson

### *World War II*

Harold Bekkerus	Lester Kragnes
Florence Grover	Russell Kragnes
Gerald Grover	Vernon Kragnes
Emmett Gunderson	Gust Langlie
Orvis Gunderson	Donald LaPash
Norman Hanson	Eddie Menholt
Harold Johnk	Sidney Morken
Ann (Thortvedt) Johnson	Thorance Snartland
James Juve	Ralph Stevenson
Eloise (Olson) Kincaid	Mable Young
Bernard Kragnes	

### *World War I and World War II*

Roy Gorder                      Robert Olson

### *Korean War*

Donald Bekkerus	Harry Lohse
Walter Engesetter	Richard Tommerdahl
Allan Kassenborg	Aulden Olson
	(buried in Wahpeton)

### *Vietnam*

Glen Anderson                      Joe Babolian

### Just A Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast.  
He sat around the Legion telling stories of his past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.  
And though sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,  
And his Legion buddies listened, for they knew  
whereof he spoke.  
But we’ll hear his tales no longer, for old Bill passed away.  
And the world’s a little poorer, for a soldier died today.  
He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin.  
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the  
soldiers part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.  
If we cannot give him honor while he’s here to  
hear the praise,  
Then at least lets give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say,  
Our country is in mourning because a soldier passed away.



## Memorial Day 2007

This Memorial Day we are still at war. Remember all the soldiers that have been killed and wounded in Iraq.

There were over 16 million servicemen and women in WWII. Less than 3 million are still living, and are dying at a rate of 1200 to 1500 every day. That is hard to imagine, but according to the Veteran's Administration, that is true.

There are only 3 veteran's left from WWI and they are 112, 108, 106 years old. The year started with 17.

There are more women in combat today. Already 52 women have been killed and 370 wounded.

It is hard to imagine, but there are still 6400 servicemen missing from the Korean War, 1800 from the Vietnam War, and 73,000 from WWII. Some of these are recovered every year. There are 125 men still missing from the longest war, The Cold War, which little is mentioned. These figures are from the U.S. Government as of September 2006.

Go to a Memorial Day Service this year. We can be proud of our Veterans

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

## The Origin of Taps

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Garrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing of it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission for his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The Captain asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals.



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Concordia Lutheran Church!

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Sunday Worship:

Coffee 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

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

Concordia Women of the ELCA

Second Tuesday – 1:30 pm

Pastor: Rev. Paul Bortnem