

# **Concordia News**

## **Large Print Edition**

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

February 2008

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## **Words from Pastor Gretchen**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks be to God for each one of you!  
And thanks be to God for Lucas John, the newest member of God's family at Concordia Lutheran! What joy!

The Epiphany season reminds us that we are all God's beloved children, called to share the hope that has been given to us in Jesus Christ, and to bear the light of Christ to our neighbors.

What a wonderful witness and reminder was Lucas John's baptism on the Baptism of Jesus Sunday! For at every baptism we review the truth that we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And as we move into the Lenten season in February, we turn our attention to the way of the cross, the death of Jesus, and what it means to be baptized into the death of Christ. Lent calls us to

return to the Lord as we remember our mortality and seek God's forgiveness.

As you give thanks to God for each new day on our journey to Easter, remember that God's mercy is new for you each morning and God's loving kindness never fails you.

Grace and Peace,

*Interim Pastor Gretchen*



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**WELCA**

February 12, 2008

**Bible leader:** Group

**Lunch:** 11:30 am Fryn Pan



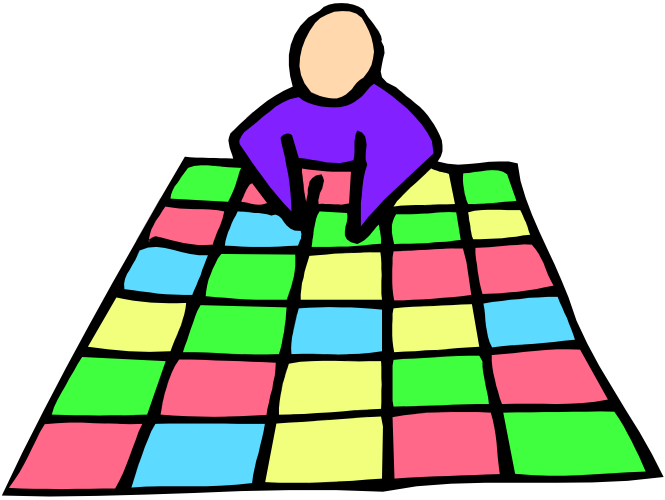
**Cookie Servers**

February 3 Becky Jegtvig

February 10 Evangeline Johnson

February 17 Barb Grover

February 24 Margret Kragnes

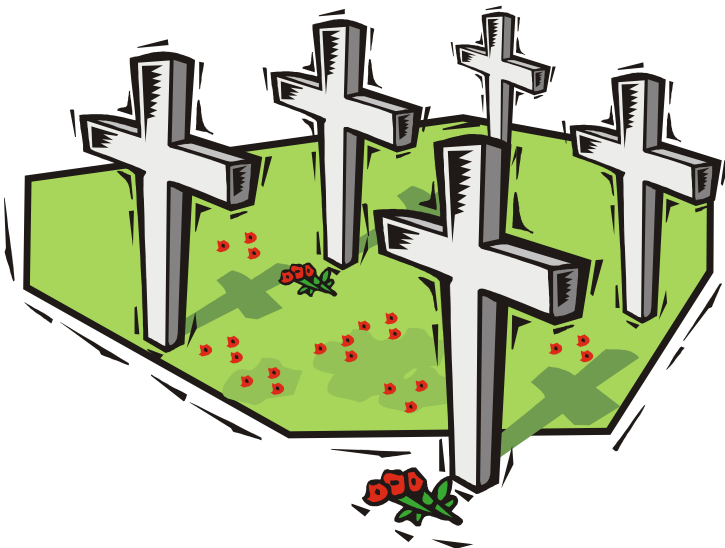


## Quilting

We are going to start quilting on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. If you are interested in quilting, please join us. Please bring scissors, pins, irons or a sewing machine if you are able. If you have any fabric that you would like to donate, bring it with you. Bring a sack lunch, in case we are there past lunch time.

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## Cemetery Association Meeting



A meeting for the cemetery association held will be held on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the basement of the church.



## Recipe Corner



### Butterscotch Cheesecake Bars

1-12oz. package butterscotch chips

1/3 cup butter or margarine

2 cups crushed graham crackers

1 cup chopped nuts

1- 6 oz. package cream cheese

1 can sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp. vanilla

1 egg

Mix the crushed graham crackers and nuts together. Divide in  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Melt the butterscotch chips in the microwave.

Stir in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the crumb/nut mixture and press into a 9 X 13 pan.

Beat the cream cheese until it is fluffy, add the vanilla, milk and egg.

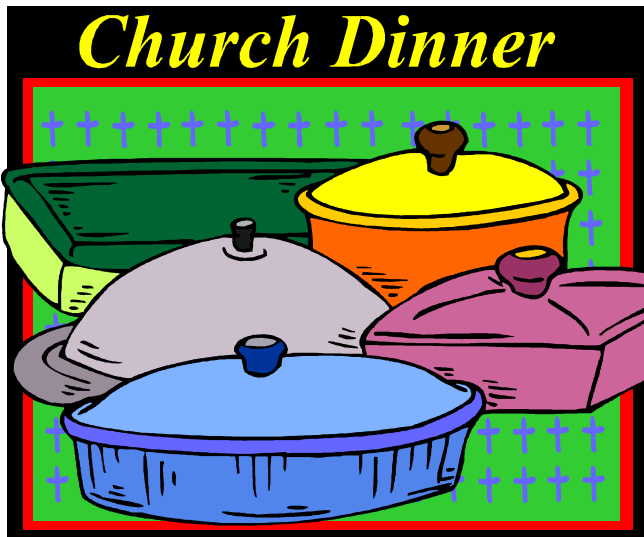
Pour over crumb/nut mix, spread evenly.

Sprinkle remaining crumb/not mixture on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Submitted by Alene Sladky

## Annual Meeting



The annual meeting for Concordia Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, February 3, 2008.**

**POTLUCK DINNER** There will be a potluck dinner on February 3, 2008, followed by the Annual meeting.

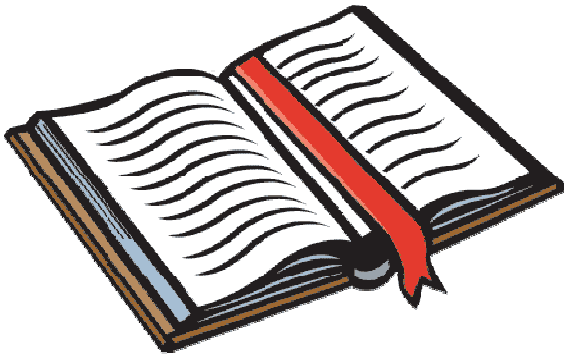
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The season of **Lent** begins February 6, 2008 with **Ash Wednesday** services. WELCA will be serving a meal each Wednesday at during the Lenten season at 6:00pm, followed by Lenten Services at 7:00pm.

Please join us for the meal and service.

## Readers are Needed



I am looking for people who would like to volunteer to read the lessons and psalms on Sundays. If you would be willing to do this, there is a sign-up sheet on the

table in the narthex along with a print out of the lessons so you can look them over before you read. Thank you.

Pastor Gretchen Person



## Kids in Church

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church

service, "Do you know why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied,

"Because people are sleeping."



# Thank You For:

## Cemetery Association

*In Memory of Willie & Margaret Svenkesen, Evelyn Svenkesen,  
Great Grandparents Lislands, Grandparents Gunder & Signe  
Svenkesen and extended family of these early pioneers  
Barbara (Svenkesen) Johnson*

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## Mr. You and Mr. Me

*What is America? I ask myself,  
It is happiness, contentment, success, and  
wealth, with a touch of hardship, dirt, and  
grime, mixed together with work and time,*

Until that mixture, from what I see, Is Mr. You or Mr. Me?

America is a sweetheart, modest and dear;

It's high school and college, or a cheerleader's cheer.

It's a bright hello or a sad goodbye,

The desire to work and the will to try.  
It's all these things and much more too,  
That go into making the Red, White, and Blue.  
America is football, baseball and track,  
Or just a little afternoon snack.  
It's a drive in the country, a walk into town,  
Or just a policeman making his round,  
It's a chocolate sundae or a picture show  
That forms the pattern of this land we know.

It's Mom and Dad—Sister too,  
And a little brother, or me and you.  
It's Brooklyn and Jersey, the Dodgers and Phils,  
Or a beautiful river with valleys and hills.  
To make our America, the land we love.  
It's barefoot boys who skip school for fishing,  
And pigtailed girls who tag along, wishing.  
It's the old and the young, the brave and the true,  
But mostly America is made up of you.  
The names of Washington, Lincoln, and Jones,  
The Tom Smiths, Dick Phillips, and Harry Malones  
Are parts of America we see everyday  
As we walk along its crowded highway.

Yes, all of these things we daily see,  
Until they are a part of you and me.

America is brown, yellow, and white,  
With a touch of red, it's quite a sight,  
For we are a mixture from many lands  
Who believe in liberty and freedom's stands  
And we back up this faith with blood and tears  
Shed by patriots throughout the years.

It's soldiers, sailors, pilots, Marines,  
Who make up our nation's fighting machines  
It's "blood and guts" when the time demands:  
For freedom's cause we take our stands,  
Of the things we do and the things we know.  
It's our faith in God to do His will,  
Our belief that we have protection still,  
That makes America strong and free;  
It's a wonderful place for you and me.  
And though many places our feet may roam,  
May they safely return us to our home, America.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

# ***Bits and Pieces***



## **Minnesota Sesquicentennial Norwegian Statehood Pioneer Project**

Minnesota became a state on May 11, 1858. As part of the year-long celebration of the state's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Norwegian Statehood Pioneer Project is collecting information about and recognizing the Norwegians who lived in the state when Minnesota was born.

Some of Concordia's earliest members were Norwegian Statehood Pioneers. Although the Buffalo River Settlement dates to only 1870, many of its settlers came from Houston County in southeastern Minnesota, where they had lived since the early

1850's. There is an interesting article written by Jim Skree in the history section of our website about some of these ancestors:

<http://www.concordianews.org/congregation/history/stonechurch.htm>

Participating organizations will publish articles about Norwegian settlements in Minnesota in the 1850's throughout the year. The project is accepting applications for recognition of ancestors who were statehood pioneers. Descendant/applicants will receive a plaque in the shape of Minnesota with the name of their Statehood Pioneer inscribed on it. Biographies and photos that are submitted will be published in a book about Norwegian pioneers. There will be a celebration in Rochester in October, 2008.

There are more Minnesotans that claim Norwegian ancestry than in any other state in the union. Whether you read the newsletter articles, apply for recognition, attend the October celebration, or purchase the Heritage Book, the Norwegian Statehood Pioneer Project offers many opportunities to celebrate both your Minnesota roots and your pride in your Norwegian heritage.

For details about the project, visit <http://www.mn-nspp.org>

# A Thankful Hymn

By Douglas Raymond Rose












When problems overtake you  
And your soul needs time to mend,  
Just send a prayer up heavenward—  
And sing a thankful hymn.

When people seem to fail you  
And you need a faithful friend,  
Just look up to the Savior—  
And sing a thankful hymn.

There's so much to be thankful for,  
Just look back where you've been.  
Daily send a prayer up heavenward  
And sing a thankful hymn.

Submitted by Harold Horpedahl

# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service Communion</p> 	<p>4 Trygve &amp; DeeAnn Skolness</p> 	<p>5 Dennis Johnson</p> 	<p>6</p>  <p>6:00 Supper 7:00 Service</p>	<p>7 Trevor Peringson</p> 	<p>1 Evangeline Johnson</p> 	<p>2 Groundhog Day</p>
<p>10 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 WELCA 11:30am Fryn Pan Cemetery Assoc. Meeting 2:00pm at the church Lincoln's Birthday</p> 	<p>13 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service</p> <p>Becky Jegtvig</p> 	<p>18 President's Day</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Washington's Birthday</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Church Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten Service 7:00</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Leap Day</p>	

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