

Concordia News

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

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The Real Meaning of Christmas

A Christmas Poem by Joseph P. Martino Copyright© 2003

Two thousand years ago the King of Kings was born.
'The Lamb of God' later made to feel the thorn,
If his words are accepted and not scorned,
They will make us all reborn.

Though God's grace, Joseph and Mary presented
A gift to the world that day, which we can all repay,
by living the ten commandments each and every day.

Try to remember and keep in your heart and mind
Jesus' gospel while here on Earth,
Redemption not a life lived in constant mirth.
Peace on Earth, good will toward man
Everyone should try it, whenever they can.

The Lord gave us the option and choice of 'free will,'
Now it's up to us to fit the bill.

So when you're Christmas shopping for family and friends,
and money is tight at both ends,
Remember that the greatest gift of all,
Is your love of Jesus in the manger stall.

Happy Holidays

Concordia Lutheran Church
Concordia Cemetery Association
6637 80th Ave. North
Glyndon MN 56547



WELCA

December 9, 2008

1:30 PM

Bible Leader: Group

Lunch: Fryn' Pan Moorhead



Cookie Servers

December 7 - Irene Olson

December 14 - Barb Grover

December 21 – WELCA

December 28 – Polly Hanson

At the time this issue of the newsletter was published we were in the process of hiring a new pastor. Please keep us your prayers while we are going through this process.

We would also like to wish everyone who receives a copy of the newsletter a Blessed Christmas.



WELCA Potluck Dinner

Sunday, December 14th, after the service.

So if a Christian is touched only once a year, the touching is still worth it, and maybe on some given Christmas, some quiet morning, the touch will take.

Harry Reasoner



Country Sleigh Ride

By Marian Ruatti

I'm riding down a country lane
Once more in memory,
Where sleigh bells and children's laughter
Play a winter symphony.

Trees stand like solemn sentinels
In fields of winter white,
Or did I see one bend and sway
To greet this happy sight?

Guided by our cousin, Hans,
And decked in grand array.
Snorting, steaming, trotting,
The horses pull the sleigh.

We cuddle under furry robes
Pretending we can stay,
But we are city cousins
In the country for the day!



Christmas Day Service
10:30am

Thank You For:

Concordia General Fund

In memory of Jack Fankhanel

Eddie & Carolyn Edwards

Concordia Cemetery Association

In memory of Lois (Hammett) Partyke

Glenn & Doris Kassenborg

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Leroy & Alice Horpedahl

Ralph Fischer

In memory of Paul Morken

Allen & Genelle Sather

Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.

Charles Schulz

Dear Friends,

Thank you again for the absolutely beautiful quilts and flowers. How thoughtful of you! We really appreciate it. And thanks again for the privilege of being in partnership in the gospel. God's peace be with you always.

Sincerely,
Gretchen and family



Thank You to all

who contributed food and worked at the Center Mall Bazaar in November. It was a great success. The WELCA raffled off a

beautiful chest that was given to them by Pastor Paul Bortnem. Irene Olson was the lucky winner of the chest. We are looking forward to participating in the bazaar again next year.



a christmas prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



Bits and Pieces



The Meaning of the Candy Cane

The fascinating story behind the candy cane ...

The birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ are signified through the elements of the candy cane ~

JESUS CHRIST is

our Good Shepherd (staff shape) ~ 1 Pt. 5:4

our Rock (hard candy) ~ 1 Cor. 10:4

our Sinless Savior (white) ~ 2 Cor. 5:21

our Sacrificial Lamb (red) ~ Eph. 1:7

The STRIPES symbolize pain inflicted upon Jesus before his death on the cross and a bold stripe to represent the blood he shed for humankind. The three stripes can also represent the power and presence of the Trinity (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

The smell and taste of PEPPERMINT relate to the herb hyssop. Psalm 51:7 states, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

The candy cane is meant to be shared - broken into pieces for all to share. That reminds us of Jesus' words, "This is my body which is broken for you" (1 Cor. 11:24).

What a *sweet* way to share the Gospel !

And you just thought it was just good candy :-)



There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.

Erma Bombeck



Note: I will be in Arizona for the months of January, February, and March, if you have any information, articles, etc that you would like to have in the newsletter, please send it to me at the following e-mail address:

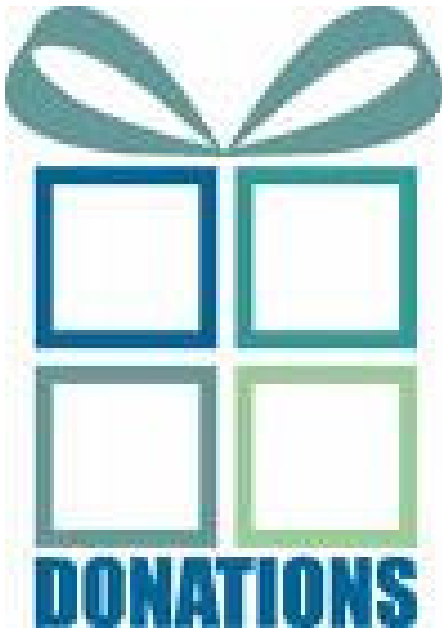
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Thank You, *Barb Grover*



A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away.

Eva Logue



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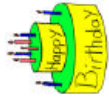




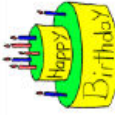





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Valdemar Hagene 	2 Clinton Babolian Gordy Kassenborg 	3	4	5	6
7 BLUE 2nd Sunday in Advent Communion 9:30am Coffee 	8	9 WELCA 11:30am Fryn Pan 	10	11	12	13
14 BLUE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church 3rd Sunday in Advent POTLUCK DINNER	15	16 Paul Decker Don & Evangeline Johnson  	17 Delores Hagene 	18	19	20 
21 BLUE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church 4th Sunday in Advent	22	23	24 WHITE Christmas Eve 	25 WHITE 10:30am Service Christ is Born! 	26 Glenn & Doris Kassenborg 	27
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