

# **Concordia News Large Print Edition**

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

May 2009

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## **Easter Reflections**

The season of Easter lasts about three times as long as the 12 days of Christmas. This is appropriate as Easter is the premier season of the church year. Easter defines

in the most basic terms, who we are individually and collectively as Christians. I believe Tony Campolo said that being a Christian is not about making people good but raising people from the dead. The message of Easter is so radical, so counter-intuitive that we need all of the 40 days of the season of Easter to make sense of the great news proclaimed to the

frightened women outside Jesus' tomb: "He is arisen."  
We are surrounded far more by symbols and evidence of the ultimate power of death that even we who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection required several Sundays of hearing the story proclaimed again in different ways from different New Testament sources. Down to a genetic structure our cells are in a constant state of breaking down. Common sense would seem to move us to the conclusion that death is the victor and that resurrection is a false hope of the naive, in the same category as belief in the Easter bunny. The news proclaimed 2000 years ago to the shaking and quivering women is the message we need to hear time and time again. As Paul reminds us time and time again, because Christ died and rose this is our fate as well through faith in him! Death does not have the final word; the resurrected Christ does! Hallelulia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

God bless,  
Bruce Krogstad



## WELCA

May 12, 2009

1:30 pm

Bible Leader: Group

Lunch: Germaine Gress

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## Cookie Servers

May 3 - Ella Swanson

May 10 - Sylvia Teigen

May 17 - Mavis Wang

May 24 - Carolyn Edwards

May 31 - Barb Grover

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If you know of someone who is in the hospital or would like a home visit please let me know. I can be reached at **218-329-2245** Thank you.

Pastor Bruce

# Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 25, 2009



**10:00 AM**



A potluck lunch will be served following the service.

Thank  
You

To Pastor Bruce, for his words, to Gary, Pat & Heidi for their music, to the WELCA ladies for making and serving the delicious lunch – to anyone who helped clean and get the church ready for Glenn’s memorial, to Wright’s Funeral Home, to all who came to the visitation & service, for the flowers & memorials and to my great family for being there for me – Glenn smiled at all of you – Thank you!

Doris Kassenborg & family

**Thank You For:**

**Concordia News**

*In memory of Edna Muth*

Neil & Polly Hanson

*In memory of Malcolm Tufton*

Regina Hanson

## **Concordia News (cont'd)**

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*

Doris Eidem

David & Peggy Kragnes

Al & Genelle Sather

Daniel & JoAnn Jones

*Gifts*

Anne Gunderson

LaVonne Akers

## **Concordia General Fund**

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*

Patricia Fuchs

Ralph & Barb Grover

Deanna Ulven

Russ & Lois Bekkerus

Robert & Trina Ulven

James & Julie Bannan

Bryce & Cindy Christopherson

Thomas & Nicollete Edwards

**Bread of Life Food Pantry (Felton)**

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*

Glenn's family

**Concordia Cemetery Association**

*In memory of Edna Muth*

Regina Hanson

Lois Jensen

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg*

Glenn Kassenborg Family

Lloyd Gunderson

Holly Kassenborg

Richard Erickson

Dan & Nancy Rudd

Gerald Hagene

Myron Hagene

Margie Brantner

Jerod Hanson

Pat Olson

Ida Lewis

Lois Jensen

Dorothy Powers



## **Concordia Cemetery Association (cont'd)**

*In memory of Glenn Kassenborg (cont'd)*

Osie Juve

Ella Swanson

Regina Hanson

Alvina Burke

Bonita Lilly

Lenny Swanson

Orpha Hoelstad

Kjell Hoelstad

Gene Kragnes

Terry & Joy Eidem

Val & Delores Hagene

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

Lance & Marilyn Nelson

Eddie & Barb Bernhardson

Stan & Lorraine DeJong

Neil & Polly Hanson

Erik & Kris Hanson

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

Duane & Joan Erickson

## Concordia Cemetery Association (cont'd)

*In memory of Mel Tufton*

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

*In memory of Neil Berry*

Donald & Evangeline Johnson

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### TAPS



Day is done...

Gone the sun

From the lake

From the hills

From the sky

All is well ...

Safely rest,

God is nigh.

Fading Light...

Dims the sight,

And a star

Gems the night

Gleaming bright...

From afar

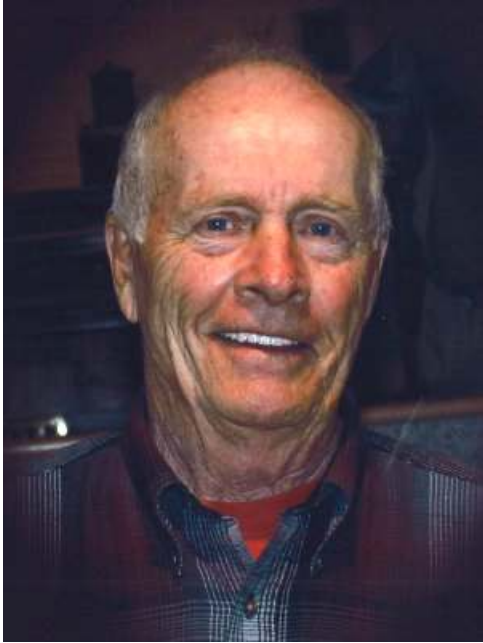
Drawing nigh....

Falls the night.

*Major General Daniel Butterfield*

## WITH SYMPATHY

**Glenn L. Kassenborg**, age 77, died peacefully in his home on April 1st, 2009.



Glenn was born September 30, 1931 in Glyndon, MN to Alvin and Lena (Brendemuhl) Kassenborg. He grew up in the Glyndon area, attending grade and high school at MSTC Campus School, graduating in 1949.

He was a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran Church (Rural Glyndon), serving on various church boards. He worked on the home farm until August 1954 when he went into the Army. On December 26, 1954, he married Doris Winkler at Neche, ND. He was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey and then Ft. Hood, Texas until his discharge in 1956. They moved to Moorhead and then to the Glyndon area in 1957. Glenn worked at Fairway Foods in Fargo for thirteen years before farming near Glyndon. They moved to Moorhead in October 2007.

Glenn enjoyed sports of all kinds, hunting, fishing, bowling, cards, and games. They attended many of their children and

grandchildren's sporting events, choir, band, and jazz concerts, and special events. Time spent with the family was the best.

Glenn is survived by his wife Doris, seven children Kevin (Kathy) Moorhead, Kelly (Shirley) Barrett, MN, Kristi (Gregg) Trautwein Fargo, Kari (Bill) Kinley Stonewall, Manitoba, Kay (Mike) Edwards West Fargo, Kim (Rich) Ulven Hawley, and Kirby (Candace) Moorhead, fourteen grandchildren Justin and Jessica (fiancé Peter Myxter) Trautwein, Brett, Danny, and Dale Kinley, Brady and Ali Edwards, Brianna, Andrew, and Carly Ulven, Ashley and Amber Kassenborg, Derek Kassenborg, and Andie Kassenborg, two sisters Helen Egan Pasadena, CA, and Alvina Burke Burlington, WI, sister-in-law Helen Kassenborg, aunts Esther Kassenborg and Hazel Olson, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, his in-laws Beady Anderson, Leora Feick, Dennis (Jan) Winkler, Marlene Winkler, and aunt Ruth Bloch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Edwin and Allan, sister Dorothy, three brothers-in-law Maurice Egan, Orville LaRowe, and Robert Burke, nephew Patrick Egan. In lieu of flowers, please give to the charity of your choice. A special thank you extended to Hospice of the Red River Valley for their care.



## **Memorial Day 2009**

We are still involved in two wars. In World War II there were 16, 112, 500 men and women serving in the armed forces. Today 2,306,000 of them survive, or 14 percent of those who served. In 10 years most of them will be gone. There is still one World War I veteran still living; he is 106 years old.

There are 125 national cemeteries and an average of 1800 veterans die year year. The busiest cemetery in the US is California National Cemetery, averaging 30 burials a day. All of these veterans are getting older – here at Concordia, we

just lost our last WWII vet last winter and another of our Korean era Veterans in April.

This Memorial Day thank a veteran. The veterans of Concordia are going old, and there are not too many left.

*Harold Horpedahl*

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## **Memorial Day Quotes**

The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.

*William Havard*

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

*John F. Kennedy*

# 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

Oberlin Kragnes

Gerald Grover

Russell Kragnes

*World War II (continued)*

Emmett Gunderson	Vernon Kragnes
Orvis Gunderson	Gust Langlie
Norman Hanson	Donald LaPash
Harold Johnk	Eddie Menholt
Ann (Thortvedt) Johnson	Sidney Morken
James Juve	Thorance Snartland
Eloise (Olson) Kincaid	Ralph Stevenson
Bernard Kragnes	Carl Swanson
Henry Skolness	Mable Young

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

Roy Gorder	Robert Olson
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***Korean War***

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

***Vietnam***

Glen Anderson	Joe Babolian
Victor Gress	Robert Burke



# 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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## **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.

*Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.*



# Bits and Pieces

## A Dream of Yesterday

I dream at night I'm walking down  
A long and dusty road,  
Back to the age of innocence,  
When life was not such a heavy load.

Where lovely rainbows shimmer  
After a soft summer rain,  
And childish laughter echoes  
In my memory again.

So ageless in their beauty  
Set in time...  
The stars and the moon at night  
In virgin beauty shine ...

The wildflowers kissed by springtime  
As winter's frost is melted away,  
And then, alas, I awaken from my dream  
And have to face another day.

*Violet Austin*



Peace will come when people live  
In friendship, side by side.  
And cherish understanding  
More than hatred, greed, and pride.

Peace will come when people see  
All people as the same,  
And no one has to live in fear,  
In ignorance, or shame.

Peace will come when people  
Who are needy can reach out  
For shelter, food, or love,  
And no one has to do without.

Peace will come when people  
Learn to listen and to care  
About the rights and dignity  
Of people everywhere.

Peace will come when love and trust  
And kindness know rebirth,  
And on that day all people  
Will rejoice in peace on earth.

*Amanda Bradley*

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You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to ...  
discourage him.






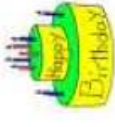


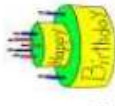

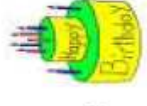
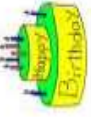

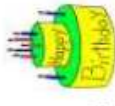


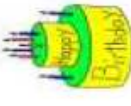
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The best mathematical equation that I  
have ever seen:

$$1 \text{ Cross} + 3 \text{ Nails} = 4 \text{ given}$$

# May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 May Day 	2
3 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church 	4  Cinco De Mayo	5  Cinco De Mayo	6  National Prayer Day	7 National Prayer Day	8 Osie Juve 	9
10 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>	11 WELCA 1:30pm 	12 WELCA 1:30pm 	13  Ella Swanson 	14	15 Harold Horpedahl 	16 Armed Forces Day
17 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Orpha Hoelstad 	18  Memorial Day Service 10:00am	19	20  Ella Swanson 	21	22 Kelli Jenkins/ John DickeIman Wedding	23
24 WHITE 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Mae Koester Barb Grover 	25 Memorial Day Service 10:00am	26	27  Ralph Grover	28	29	30
31 RED 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Church Pentecost						



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