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Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In General Congress Assembled

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence indeed, will dictate, that Governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

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No meeting in July

Cookie Servers

- July 4 No Services
- July 11 Margret Kragnes
- July 18 Phylis Nelson
- July 25 Irene Olson
- August 1 WELCA
- August 8 Barb Grover
- August 15 Polly Hanson
- August 22 Sally Horpedahl
- August 29 Osie Juve

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact either of our "summer pastors":

Bill Ahlfeldt 701-219-6293

Jim Kloster 701-293-1120







For Maggie Grover Daughter of Ralph & Barb Grover

Saturday, July 17th 2:00 PM Church Basement

Maggie will marry John Minge on September 18, 2010 in Eagan MN



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Pictures of Concordia's Memorial Day program are available in the Cemetery section of the website, go to Memorial

Day Services and click on 2010. You can also purchase a copy of the Veteran's slideshow. Details are on the website and on page 6 of this newsletter.

Happiness & moral duty are inseparably connected. ~George Washington



Memorial Day DVD Available

The Cemetery Association is making DVD's of the Memorial

Day Tribute to Concordia's Veterans available for purchase for \$10.00 each. The money will be used for the Cemetery Restoration Project (repairing headstones, etc.). Please send your check, made out to the Cemetery Association, to:

> Ray Johnson 7333 70th Street North Glyndon MN 56547

Allow about two weeks for delivery.

Pastor Bruce's Going Away Potluck Supper Wednesday, July 6th

A chance to wish him safe journey and good luck in his Air Force reserve deployment in Germany.

Church Council meeting follows





Your Donations

can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

General Fund:

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

Lloyd Gunderson 105 3 St N Moorhead, MN, 56560

Concordia Newsletter

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In Memory of Luella Ulness: Evelyn Kragnes Sharon Jack Carol Ziegler Sue Kjelland

In Memory of Shannon Eidem: Marge Lee Trent & Laura Eidem Osie Juve Terry & Joy Eidem Donald Johnson Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad Dalan & Diane Rasmussen Harold & Sally Horpedahl

In Memory of Robert Burke Alvina Burke

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In honor of Gladys Ingebretson's 90th birthday Regina Hanson



The Best Memorial Day Service Ever

Thanks to organizer Lloyd Gunderson, Pastor Bruce, and everyone who participated in or contributed to this year's Memorial Day Service. The potluck lunch was full of great goodies, too! It was perhaps the best

attended service so far, and has received rave reviews from those who were there. The flag folding was well received, and the poetry and music were commented on as well. The highlight of the service was the video honoring Concordia's veterans, living and dead.

Thanks to the dogged determination of Harold Horpedahl, all but one of our deceased vets was remembered with a picture. Ray Johnson and his family did an outstanding job of putting this special slideshow tribute together. Order your own copy today!

Ordering info can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

~Abraham Lincoln



Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Salad Luncheon on June 12. It was a delightful "Down on the Farm" day. Eric Bergeson was a treat for everyone and the wide array of salads made it a delicious buffet in both

looks and taste. Thank you to all who organized the day and those who participated in any way Thanks to everyone who attended.

The Bergeson Nursery will have a customer appreciation open house on Saturday, August 7th. "Join us for music, food, ice cream and garden tours!"

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Ours is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea.

~John Gunther

Recipe of the Month

Mediterranean Salad

Ingredients

4 large spring onions, chopped
8 small radishes, diced
12 plum tomatoes, diced
1 cucumber, peeled & diced into 3/8" pieces
½ ounce parsley, chopped
Salt & Pepper
Cayenne pepper to taste
8 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
4 tsp fresh lemon juice

Directions

- Mix vegetables in a bowl. Add salt, pepper and cayenne to taste.
- Sprinkle with olive oil & mix well
- Sprinkle with lemon juice & mix
- Taste and adjust seasoning

To make a spring onion fan to garnish salad, cut off all but 3 inches of the white part of a spring onion. Make several parallel, lengthways cuts outward from the center of the white part, beginning 1 inch from the bottom. Put in ice water in refrigerator for about an hour. Ends will curl. Use to garnish salad.



The Journey to the Buffalo



By Levi Thortvedt Excerpts from the serial published in the *Moorhead Daily News* in 1938

We turned off the trail and went due west to the Red River. Here is where E. R. Hutchinson lives, two miles south of Georgetown. He was the other man we met at Lightning Lake. He had a little log cabin that stood a little ways to the south of the road that goes down to the river. There was a ferry to get across the river. Another thing that stays in my mind is that the Hutchinson children came over and pointed at our flock of sheep. They had apparently never seen sheep before. Hutchinson was not at home but he had a man to take care of the ferry. Of course we got across the river and were now in Dakota Territory. This sounded a little harsh as we had always heard that it was full of hostile Sioux Indians. We drove through big heavy timber with elm trees for about a quarter of a mile and then camped for the night where the river makes a fine curve. It is deep and wide, with the clay colored water which is so peculiar with the Red River of the North. You can take a pail of it, and let it stand for half an hour, and you will have a thick layer of yellow, white clay in the bottom of the pail.

At [our camp on the Red River] we stayed a week, taking long hikes to look at the land. One day father, Ola Midgarden, and Tarjei Muhle went way up on the west side of the Sheyenne River, which enters the Red River about two miles from where we camped. Another hike was taken to the south and they swam in the Sheyenne River and proceeded along the Red River as far south as Fargo is now located.

They came to a big slough and found a place to cross near the river. This slough is still prominent in the south part of Fargo, and as described by my father must have been what is now known as Island Park. At this point they turned back and retraced their steps to the camp.

I well remember the great Dakota prairie, with tall grass and level as a lake, as far as the eye could see. It looked kind of gloomy toward evening.

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One day one of my Uncle Aanon's oxen was missing, and after a while the old ox appeared on the Minnesota side of the river. It was a problem to get him back over the wide, deep and muddy Red River. There was one young man in the party by the name of Ola Anderson who was a good swimmer. He went down to the river, got ready, and swam across and after a long tussle with the old ox finally got him into the river. Ola followed him closely to guide him. Across on the other side the men stood ready with long ropes to pull the ox out of the mud and up on the land – then there was a jubilee in camp and father gave Ola a dollar for the good job.

Some way or other they were not satisfied with the land here in Dakota; long slough or wire grass all over the prairie, so they were afraid that the land was subjected to be flooded; and another thing that was fresh in their minds, the Indians! You must remember that it was only eight years since the terrible massacre.

Friday, July 3, we broke camp and again crossed the Hutchinson ferry and started south on the Red River Trail, heading to Otter Tail County .. coming as far as Probstfield's, where we camped for dinner. He had just returned from St. Cloud and was out plowing his corn. He recognized our party and asked father where he was heading for now.

"Otter Tail County," said father.

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"What's the matter with the land in Dakota?" asked Probstfield, and father said it was too low, with too much slough grass and even driftwood was found on the prairie. These are the chief reasons for leaving.

"Well, if its higher land you want, I can tell you where you can find it," he said and father asked where that was. Probstfield in answer points over to the Buffalo River, the timber of which could be plainly seen. He also made the remark about the Buffalo country being so high that at the Hudson Bay Company had to do at Georgetown during high floods was to drive their cattle and horses a little ways up the Buffalo River, and it was dry. And Sir! Probstfield goes on to say with considerable effect, "If the land on the Buffalo River does not suit you, you can just as well drive back to where you came from because you won't find land in the whole United States that will."

Next Month: The Buffalo!

This year marks the 140th anniversary of the Thortvedt party. The group reached the Buffalo on July 9, 1870.

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