



# Concordia News

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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**We are preparing for the celebration of the season of Lent. The online encyclopedia Wikipedia defines Lent as follows:**

"Lent in the Christian tradition, is the period of the liturgical year leading up to Easter. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer – through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial – for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Conventionally, it is described as being forty days long, though different denominations calculate the forty days differently. The forty days represent the time that, according to the Bible, Jesus spent in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by Satan.

This practice was virtually universal in Christendom until the Protestant Reformation. Some Protestant churches do not observe Lent, but many, such as Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans, do."

Yes, Lent has fallen on hard times in the USA. The fastest growing churches do not celebrate Lent. As one studies modern Protestantism, the fastest growing denominations are those who accentuate the positive and diminish the negative. Marketing for the purpose of attracting as large, and generous giving audience, has relegated Lent to the history books for most US congregations. As sermons in these faster growing congregations appeal to the desire of people to succeed/prosper materially, the message of the Cross is lost. It doesn't fit the strategic plan for congregational growth. It is a "downer" and what people hanker for is something positive and uplifting. A deity who becomes human for the purpose of suffering and dying is not the "pick-me-up" most folks are wanting.

So do Lutherans gather during Lent for the purpose of getting depressed? No. We gather for the purpose of acknowledging the incredible sacrifice God's only Son made for us and for our salvation. We gather out of gratitude not out of guilt. We gather in order to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for the depth's of God's love for us as revealed through Jesus Christ.

Let us worship together this Lent. Lenten services will begin Ash Wednesday March 9 at 6 PM. Services will be preceded by a simple meal in the church basement.

God bless,  
*Pastor Bruce Krogstad*



**Date:** March 8

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Place:** Fryn Pan



### Cookie Servers

- March 6 Orpha Hoelstad
- March 13 Germaine Gress
- March 20 Osie Juve
- March 27 Regina Hanson
- April 3 Sylvia Teigen
- April 10 Phylis Nelson
- April 17 Barb Grover
- April 24 Delores Hagene

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*



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"Jesus in the Desert" is the subject for Kids Corner in March. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'



Getting what you want is not nearly as important as giving what you have.

~Tom Krause



### In Memory of Mae (Koester) Ellingson

Funeral Services were held for Mae Ellingson on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Bottolfson Chapel at Eventide Home in Moorhead.

Mae was born on May 24, 1915, to Ole and Helma Thortvedt at their home northeast of Dilworth MN. She graduated from Moorhead State Teachers College and then taught in Thief River Falls and Wolverton, MN. On September 4, 1938, she married Kenneth Koester. Together they made their home and farmed near Glyndon. She also worked with Grosz Studio for many years. Mae was a lifelong member of Concordia where she was very active in Ladies Aid and taught Sunday School.

Mae is survived by children, Becky (Virgil) Jegtvig, Jim (Linda) Koester, Cleone (Richard Klomstad) Koester; grandchildren, Shereen Jegtvig, Kevin Koester and Kory Koester; two step-grandchildren, Kristen (Chris) Roulette, Derek Klomstad; two great-grandchildren, John and Kendyl Reis; and two step great-grandchildren, William and Nicholas Roulette.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother and four sisters.



### Ash Wednesday

March 9th

### Lenten Services

March 16

March 23

March 30

**Join us for a meal together at 5 PM  
Lenten Service at 6 PM**

# Donations

## Concordia Cemetery Association

*In Memory of Partyke Family:*  
Paul & Jennifer Partyke

*In Memory of Mae (Koester) Ellingson:*  
Doris Kassenborg  
Val & Delores Hagene

*In Memory of Gorder & Kragnes Families:*  
Gloria Gorder Thomas

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### Consider a donation to the Church's General Fund

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Thanks to retiring council members Osie Juve and Irene Olson for their years of dedicated service to the congregation!

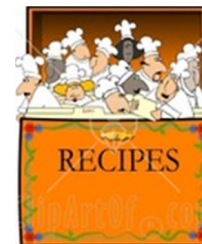
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## A Lenten Check List



- ✓ Give up complaining —focus on gratitude.
- ✓ Give up pessimism— become an optimist.
- ✓ Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- ✓ Give up worry—trust in God's Plan.
- ✓ Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- ✓ Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- ✓ Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- ✓ Give up negativism—be positive.
- ✓ Give up anger—be more patient.
- ✓ Give up pettiness—become mature.
- ✓ Give up gloom—find and enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- ✓ Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
- ✓ Give up sin—turn to virtue.
- ✓ Give up giving up—hang in there!

## Recipe of the Month Cheesie Potatoes



### Ingredients

Package of frozen hashbrowns  
 8 oz cheddar cheese  
 6 oz block of Pepper Jack cheese  
 Small onion  
 ½ garlic clove  
 3 stalks of celery  
 2 cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup  
 1 cup milk, more if needed

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees
- Spray a 9 X 12 baking dish with Pam
- Finely chop a small onion, celery and garlic clove
- Grate Pepper Jack cheese
- Mix hashbrowns, onion, garlic and celery in a large mixing bowl. Add and mix in ¾ of the cheddar and Pepper Jack cheeses.
- Stir in soup. Add milk until mixture is moist but not runny.
- Spread evenly into baking dish
- Sprinkle top with remaining cheese
- Cook 45 minutes, or until potatoes are bubbling and the cheese browns

*For a richer taste, use half and half or whipping cream instead of milk.*

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## A Lenten Fast ... for a Lifetime

If you are tempted to tell a tale told to you about someone else, ask yourself three questions before revealing it:

First: *"Is it true?"* All too often, the 'best' stories are at best half-truths, and often mere speculation.

Second: *"Is it necessary?"* Do those to whom you wish to spread the news really need to know it?

Third: *"Is it kind?"* What reason do you have to pass this along? Will it hurt someone - not just the object of the story but others around them?

Giving up idle gossip is a Lenten fast that should last a lifetime!





**Daylight Savings Time  
March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**On the Buffalo**



By Levi Thortvedt  
Excerpts from the serial published in the *Moorhead Daily News* in 1938  
Sketch of the Thortvedt cabin by Orabel Thortvedt

A panic came. Our cattle got lost. Sister Thone and I on horseback had been hunting all over for the cows, but came home in the evening without them. Nothing serious was thought of this and we could find them in the morning. We were out the biggest part of the forenoon, but no cows. Then father started out but he also came home in the evening discouraged.

With the cows away, a food panic was started. We all hunted again the next day. We went a long ways but came home at night without them. The third day, father made up his mind to go from bend to bend on the Buffalo clear to Georgetown and inquire. Nobody had seen the cattle. Neither had they at Probstfield's.

So he made up his mind he would hunt the Red River woods clear to Georgetown. He was supplied with something to eat and he had a shot gun along. It did not take long before he got into the jungles, here was a lot of

underbrush, young poplars, hazelbrush, and occasionally big oak trees and windfalls. Awful hard to get through, but he kept on moving northwards. After a long and troublesome travel, he decided to go out on the prairie again, but found that he could not cross the big slough. There was lots of wild rice and a soft bottom to it. He finally got across and reached home late at night, without the cows.

Next morning he told about his journey and his travels. He was sure there were a thousand acres of timber in one bunch. But many years later I have gone over this enclosed stretch of land and timber and there are about 4,000 acres.

Father took a rest the next day, mother and he felt very blue and helpless, as a bunch of cattle with many good milk cows and calves means a whole lot to a new settler. It means milk, butter, cream, and beef.

The eighth day the cows were lost, father made up his mind that he would follow the Buffalo River all along the bends northward. And Sir! coming far north as the bend where Salve Snartland now lives, he found the cows! All of them in one bunch, close to the river opposite where the schoolhouse now stands. Here they apparently had been all the time they had been away, by the looks of the grass. I want to impress you that here was one happy man, my father, when he found the cows. The cows were happy, too, to see people, as they came right up to him. Mother and us children met father with the cows. What a jubilee! The food panic and the worry over the loss of the cattle was over.

Next Month: *Word of an Uprising at Fort Garry*

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**It's Been a Long Winter!**

Spring Flowers



Celebrate the First Day of

**SPRING**

**Sunday, March 20th**

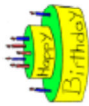

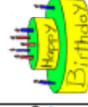







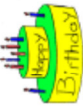



**Why is the shamrock the national flower of Ireland?**

St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity.

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# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Peggy Kragnes	2	3	4	5
6 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Worship Communion 	7  Kathy Grover	8 WELCA 1:30 pm Fryn' Pan 	9  Supper: 6 PM Services: 6 PM	10 17 St Patrick's Day 	11	12
13 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Worship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	14	15	16 Lenten Services Supper: 5 PM Services: 6 PM	17 St Patrick's Day 	18	19
20 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Worship Karolynn Decker 	21	22  Jim & Linda Koester	23 Ralph & Barb Grover Lenten Services Supper: 5 PM Service: 6 PM	24  Curt & Kris Lynde	25	26
27 PURPLE 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Worship  Dick Wang	28	29	30 David Kragnes Lenten Services Supper: 5 PM Services: 6 PM	31  David & Peggy Kragnes		

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### **Sunday Worship:**

**Coffee Hour:** 9:00a.m

**Worship Service:** 10:00a.m.

**Communion:** 1st Sunday of the month

### **Concordia Women of the ELCA:**

Second Tuesday: 1:30 p.m.

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