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A Few Words from Pastor Bruce

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





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*

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

~Tom Krause



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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.

Ash Wednesday

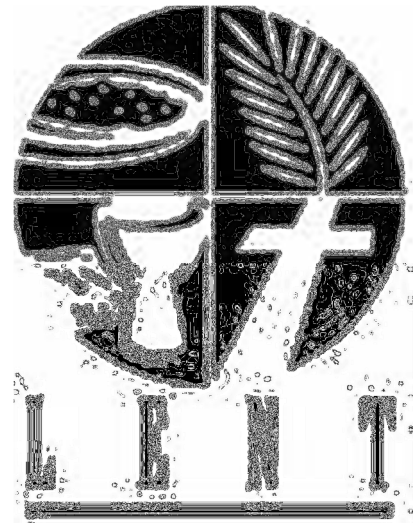
March 9th

Lenten Services

March 16

March 23

March 30



Join us for a meal together at 5 PM

Lenten Service at 6 PM



The sermon this morning:

'Jesus Walks on the Water'

The sermon tonight:

'Searching for Jesus'



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.

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!



Why is the shamrock the national flower of Ireland?

St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity.



Daylight Savings Time

March 13th

Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday,

March 12th. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 13th.



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

Spring Flowers



It's Been a Long Winter!

Celebrate the First Day of

SPRING

Sunday, March 20th

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of the Partyke Family:

Paul & Jennifer Partyke

In memory of Mae (Koester) Ellingson:

Doris Kassenborg

Val & Delores Hagene

In memory of the Gorder & Kragnes Families

Gloria Gorder Thomas

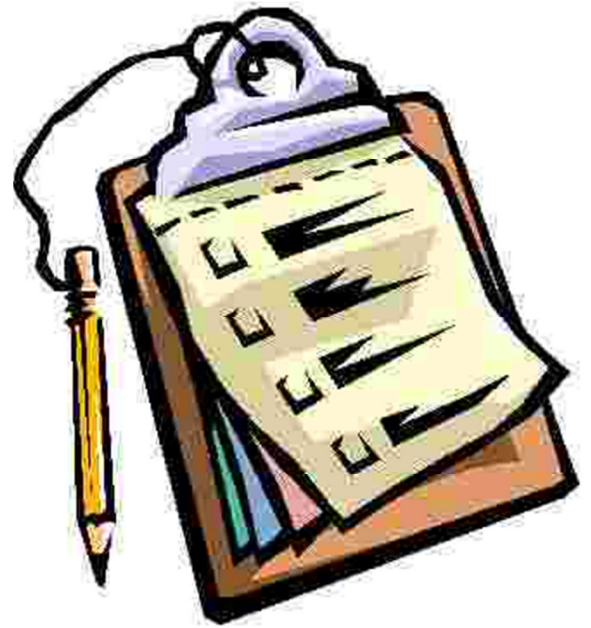
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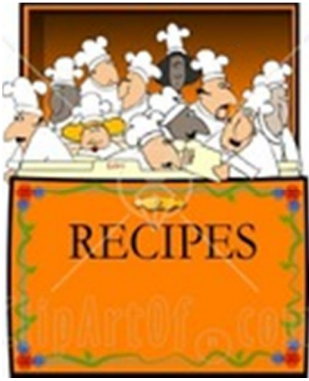


**Consider a donation to the  
Church's General Fund**

# 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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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## **Food Donations**

### **Needed**

Bring canned or boxed groceries to the church and put them in the box in the Church narthex. They will be brought to one of the following:



- ++Dorothy Day House
- ++Churches United for the Homeless
- ++Bread of Life



## 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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From the Ole & Lena files



Ole was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds."

When Ole returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 25 pounds. "That's amazing", the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"

Ole nodded and said, "Il tell you though, I tout I vas gonna drop dead dat 3rd day." "From hunger you mean?" the doctor asked. "No, yust from all dat skippin! "



# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## ***Worship Services every Sunday***

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion Sunday, March 6th

## ***Lenten Services every Wednesday beginning March 9***

Meal: 5 PM

Worship: 6 PM

## ***WELCA***

Tuesday, March 8

1:30 PM Fryn' Pan

## ***Birthdays***

March 1 Peggy Kragnes

March 7 Kathy Grover

March 20 Karolynn Decker

March 30 David Kragnes

## ***Anniversaries***

March 22 Jim & Linda Koester

March 23 Ralph & Barb Grover

March 24 Curt & Kris Lynde

March 31 David & Peggy Kragnes

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