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This passage from the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Phillipians is one of the very key scriptures which tell us about Jesus’ identity and about his mission. It is also one of the very earliest of Christian hymns which

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Paul quotes from at length. This hymn speaks of

Jesus as having existed with the Father before the creation of the universe and his being one with the Father. This implies that Christ had all the power as part of the Triune Godhead. We learn, however, that Christ surrenders the power and glory for the purpose of becoming fully human, taking the form of a slave and willingly submitting to death on the cross.

What is striking about Christ’s nature is how different it is from human nature. Our nature tells us to look out for #1 first and foremost. This is not the result of our being raised in a capitalistic country, it is a part of our inheritance from our first parents, Adam and Eve. Having all they needed they nonetheless wanted something more. Their sin was not physical it was spiritual. Their sin was wanting to be their own gods, not depending on God but depending only on themselves. It was not a fall “down” into animal instincts but a fall “up” seeking to displace trust in God with trust in themselves. In effect they were guilty of mutiny; God had created them to be in relationship primarily with himself, they chose to pursue independence. They wanted to be the captain of their own ship and throw their true Captain overboard. This spirit of rebellion to God is as much of our DNA as being born with two eyes. Our only choice, outside of Christ, is to rebel. It is into this context that Christ enters into the confused mess that has resulted from this original rebellion, the mess of the world as we hear on the daily news and the mess we tend to make of our own lives as we live them with little thought of God’s desire to be in relationship with us.

Susan Eastman Assistant Professor of the practice of the Bible and Christian Formation Duke Divinity School sums up this passage as well as any author:

The movement in this drama is descent and ascent (that is, Christ’s descent from heaven to earth and 30 years later his ascent from earth to heaven). First it tells of Christ’s descent from a position of being in the form of God and equal with God, to being in the form of a slave, in the likeness of human beings, in the appearance of a singular human being, obedient even to the point of death by crucifixion. Having been raised on a cross, Christ is exalted even higher by God, so that all creation will bow down and confess him as Lord.

This exaltation echoes in 3:20-21, where Christ the “Savior,” a name which Caesar Augustus took to himself, will subject all things to himself. This powerful Savior also will transform our body of humiliation to be conformed to his body of glory, so that we ourselves are caught up into the divine movement of humiliation and exaltation.

For this very reason, the story of Christ also moves from separation to solidarity, and from difference to likeness, as Christ moves into the most despairing depths of human experience. In the form of a slave, he mirrors back to us the reality of our own enslavement to sin and death. He comes very near, so near that he “gets under our skin.” This is the “kindness” of God, in that God becomes one of our kind, kin to us. This is the incarnation, and it is the source of the life-transforming power that animates Paul’s words...”

May God continue to bless you through the ongoing gift of his Son’s life, death and resurrection.

Pastor Bruce



Meeting: October 11 1:30 PM
Location: Fryn' Pan



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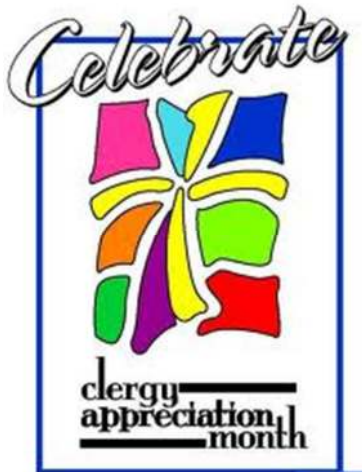
- October 2 Osie Juve
- October 9 Regina Hanson
- October 16 Linda Koester
- October 23 Carolyn Edwards
- October 30 Irene Olson
- November 6 Barb Grover
- November 13 Sylvia Teigen
- November 20 Phylis Nelson
- November 27 Sally Horpedahl

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



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“The Second Commandment” is the subject for Kids Corner in October. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month

... and Sunday, October 9th is **Pastor Appreciation Day**. Be sure to thank Pastor Bruce for his service!

FALL PORK LOIN DINNER

**October 23
11:30 AM – 1 PM**

Free Will Offering



Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled.

Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents

the dynamic organ virtuoso

CHELSEA CHEN in concert

Sunday, October 23, 2011
4 p.m.

First Lutheran Church
619 Broadway
Fargo

Tickets at the door:
\$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors,
\$5/Students



Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of our country's leading organists. She has electrified audiences throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. Info: 280-2189.

Additional information about Chelsea Chen can be obtained at www.chelseachen.com



Fuel oil is a major expense for the congregation. As the winter heating season approaches, donations to the Church's general fund will be greatly appreciated!

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Rex Stoutenburg

Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

In Memory of Richard Erickson

Myron Hagene



To all who have purchased copies of the Concordia history book, magnets, etc.

Your financial support is appreciated!

The Meaning of Luther's Seal



There is a **black cross** within the heart, to always remind us that Christ saved us through his death and resurrection.

Although the cross is black it does not change the color of the heart because the cross is the source of life.

The **red heart** is in the center of a **white rose**, to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace. The rose is white because white is the perfect color of all angels and blessed spirits.

The rose is set in a **sky blue background**, to show that our faith is a hint of the heavenly joy to come.

And all of this is circled by a **golden ring**, to show that the joy of heaven is endless and most precious, just as gold is the most precious metal.

Recipe of the Month

Franklin Spice Bars



Ingredients

Bars

- 1 cup raisin
- 2 cups water
- 1 stick margarine (8 tablespoons)
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts (optional)
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1 tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cloves

Frosting

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- 2 cup brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ - 2 cups powdered sugar

Directions

- Simmer raisins in water for 10 minutes, Mix in stick of margarine and cool
- Mix in dry ingredients
- Spread in ungreased jelly roll pan
- Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes and cool completely
- On stovetop, bring butter and brown sugar to a boil. Let boil for 2 minutes
- Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk, bring to a boil again and then cool
- Stir in powdered sugar a little at a time until frosting is the right consistency, then frost cake.

Option: Use cream cheese frosting

October 9th is Leif Erickson Day



Along the Buffalo by Orabel Thortvedt

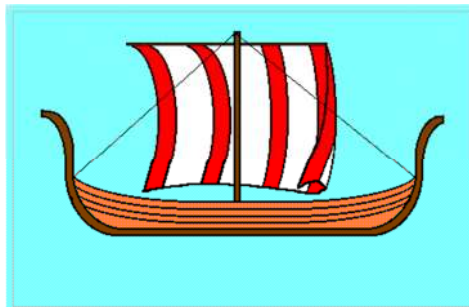


This was the wedding of Ingebor Midgarden, who left home and mother in Norway in 1866, and Leif Levi Thortvedt, who came to Buffalo River in 1870 from Houston County, Minnesota with his father, Olav Thortvedt. The marriage took place February 22, 1883, the sketch showing the wedding dance, in Olav Thortvedt's commodious two-story cabin. Old Buffalo river folk will easily recognize the participants, who, left to right, are Bendik Gunderson; Osmund Thomas, the best man, dancing with Signe Thortvedt Miller, now residing in Canada; Jorand Bendikson and Ole Midgarden; Leif Levi Thortvedt, the bridegroom, fondly swinging his bride, Ingebor; Mitchell Daly, playing the flute (he later gained prominence as a nurseryman and created Moorhead's smallest beauty spot, little Daly Park, which until 1940 was located at the junction of Third and Fourth streets on the south) [name missing in article] playing the violin; the late Mary Grover, the little girl standing alone; Ingeborg Muhle, holding her young daughter, Carrie, later Mrs. Tom Fitzgerald of Moorhead, and Thone Thortvedt, mother of Levi. For the guests there was an abundance of homemade ale and large quantities of food, with everybody having a good time. Every member of the settlement attended. Leif Levi and Ingebor Thortvedt reared a fine family of children. They lived to see the prairie country completely civilized and modernized and in their later years saw such miracles as airplanes. The well-loved couple died a few years ago. *Fargo Forum, 1941*

Copies of **Concordia Congregation and the Buffalo River Settlement** are still available. Visit Concordia's website for an order form or stop by the church. Cost is \$12.00.

Columbus discovered America?

In October we celebrate the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492, but the Icelandic Sagas recount this story of a Viking voyage from Greenland to America about 500 years earlier:



“Now sailed they thence into the open sea with a northeast wind, and were two days at

sea before they saw land, and they sailed thither and came to an island which lay to the eastward of the land, and went up there and looked round them in good weather, and observed that there was dew upon the grass. And it so happened that they touched the dew with their hands, and raised the fingers to the mouth, and they thought that they had never before tasted anything so sweet.

After that they went to the ship and sailed into a sound which lay between the island and a promontory which ran out to the eastward of the land, and then steered westward past the promontory.


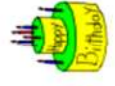




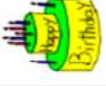

It was very shallow at ebb tide, and their ship stood up so that it was far to see from the ship to the water. But so much did they desire to land that they did not give themselves time to wait until the water again rose under their ship, but ran at once on shore at a place where a river flows out of a lake. But so soon as the waters rose up under the ship, then took they boats, and rowed to the ship, and floated it up the river, and thence into the lake, and there cast anchor, and brought up from the ship their skin cots, and made there booths.

After this they took counsel and formed the resolution of remaining there for the winter, and built there large houses. There was no want of salmon either in the river or in the lake, and larger salmon than they had before seen. The nature of the country was, as they thought, so good that cattle would not require house feeding in winter, for there came no frost in winter, and little did the grass wither there.

Day and night were more equal than in Greenland or Iceland, for on the shortest day the sun was above the horizon from half past seven in the forenoon till half past four in the afternoon...”

From The Discoverers by Daniel Boorstin

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| 2 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Communion | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  | 8 |
| 9 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Pastor Appreciation Sunday Leif Erickson Day | 10 <i>Columbus Day</i>  | 11  WELCA 1:30 PM Eryn Pan | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church | 17 | 18  | 19 | 20  | 21 | 22  |
| 23 GREEN 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church PORK LOIN DINNER 11:30-1 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 RED 9:00am Coffee 10:00am Church Reformation Sunday | 31 <i>Happy HALLOWEEN!</i>  | | | | | |

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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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