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From Pastor Bruce

Reformation has just passed but it does merit mention as Martin Luther's rediscovery of the gospel is what continues to inform our Lutheran faith.

This great discovery is at the heart of Luther's statement that we are "saved by grace through faith." It is this belief that has freed millions from the bondage to shame and guilt which had ensnared Christians for a millenia. Obedience to the expectations of the medieval church had robbed people of the freedom and peace which comes from knowing that in Christ we have no need for fearing God or being ashamed of who we are. To provide a historical understanding of the Reformation I include the following excerpt from the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

Pastor Bruce

Reformation Day is a religious holiday celebrated on October 31 in remembrance of the Reformation, particularly by Lutheran and some Reformed church communities. It is a civic holiday in Slovenia (since the Reformation contributed to its cultural

development profoundly, although Slovenes are mainly Roman Catholics) and in the German states of Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, and Thuringia. It is also a national holiday in Chile since 2008.

In the United States churches often transfer the festival, so that it falls on the Sunday (called Reformation Sunday) on or before October 31 and transfer All Saints' Day to the Sunday on or after November 1.

In 1516–17, Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar and papal commissioner for indulgences, was sent to Germany by the Roman Catholic Church to raise money to rebuild St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Roman Catholic theology stated that faith alone, whether fiduciary or dogmatic, cannot justify man; and that only such faith as is active in charity and good works (*fides caritate formata*) can justify man. The benefits of good works could be obtained by donating money to the church.

On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther wrote to Albrecht, Archbishop of Mainz and Magdeburg, protesting against the sale of indulgences. He enclosed in his letter a copy of his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences," which came to be known as The 95 Theses. Hans Hillerbrand writes that

Luther had no intention of confronting the church, but saw his disputation as a scholarly objection to church practices, and the tone of the writing is accordingly “searching, rather than doctrinaire.” Hillerbrand writes that there is nevertheless an undercurrent of challenge in several of the theses, particularly in Thesis 86, which asks: “Why does the pope, whose wealth today is greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build the basilica of St. Peter with the money of poor believers rather than with his own money?”

Luther objected to a saying attributed to Johann Tetzel that “As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory [also attested as ‘into heaven’] springs.” He insisted that, since forgiveness was God’s alone to grant, those who claimed that indulgences absolved buyers from all punishments and granted them salvation were in error. Christians, he said, must not slacken in following Christ on account of such false assurances.

According to Philipp Melanchthon, writing in 1546, Luther “wrote theses on indulgences and posted them on the church of All Saints on 31 October 1517”, an event now seen as sparking the Protestant Reformation. Some scholars have questioned Melanchthon’s account, since he did not move to Wittenberg until

a year later and no contemporaneous evidence exists for Luther's posting of the theses. Others counter that such evidence is unnecessary because it was the custom at Wittenberg university to advertise a disputation by posting theses on the door of All Saints' Church, also known as "Castle Church".

The 95 Theses were quickly translated from Latin into German, printed, and widely copied, making the controversy one of the first in history to be aided by the printing press. Within two weeks, copies of the theses had spread throughout Germany; within two months throughout Europe. Luther's writings circulated widely, reaching France, England, and Italy as early as 1519. Students thronged to Wittenberg to hear Luther speak. He published a short commentary on Galatians and his Work on the Psalms. This early part of Luther's career was one of his most creative and productive. Three of his best-known works were published in 1520: To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation, On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church, and On the Freedom of a Christian.

Announcements and Assignments



Date: November 8 1:30 PM
Thankoffering Service

Lunch: Delores Hagene



Cookie Servers

November 6	Barb Grover	Dec. 4	Delores Hagene
November 13	Sylvia Teigen	Dec. 11	Mavis Wang
November 20	Phylis Nelson	Dec. 18	Polly Hanson
November 27	Sally Horpedahl	Dec. 25	Doris Kassenborg



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*



God promises a safe landing
– not a calm passage.



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“The Ninth and Tenth Commandments” are the subject for Kids Corner in November. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Daylight savings time officially ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6.

Sympathy to Mavis & Dick Wang in the loss of her sister, Elthea Lass. She died Sept. 20 and the funeral was Sept. 23 at Glyndon Lutheran Church. God’s blessings to her family.





Mark Your Calendars!

The WELCA Christmas Potluck will be held **Sunday, December 11** following services.

Proceeds will be used to pay for the garbage dumpster.

IT'S TIME TO DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE!



1 PM

Saturday, November 26



Come and join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at 1 o'clock on Saturday, November 26. After the decorations are in place we will celebrate the birth of our Saviour with the singing of Christmas carols. After the singing, Kathy and Orpha invite everyone for coffee and fellowship. Whether or not you help decorate, everyone can sing and have a cup of coffee. So join the fun, festivities, and fellowship. It is a great way to bring in the Advent season with our Christian friends.

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Rex Stoutenburg

Lois Stoutenburg

In Memory of Norman Kuehl

Don Johnson



Telelaget made a \$100 donation to Concordia as a thank you for their visit on July 21st. The pleasure was all ours!

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and visits while I'm recuperating. I'm doing well and just have to take it easy.



Doris Kassenborg

With Our Thanks

*Thank
You*

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fall dinner on October 23. Thank you to everyone who helped get things ready on Saturday, those who brought food, those who were cooking, serving, and cleaning up, and those who attended. It seemed to be a success and we are so pleased to have had such good attendance. Thank you very much to everyone!

Sylvia Teigen



**Always and In Everything
Give Thanks**

There are so many everyday things we should be thankful for,
Just look around and you will see all the blessings of the Lord.

Everything we have in life is given from above,
To sustain us & to keep us & to share God's precious love.

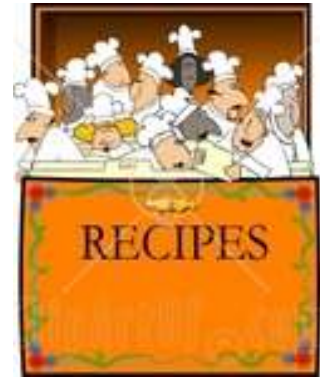
Blessings come in different ways & sometimes can be missed,
So thank the Lord who gave them for all His seen and unseen
gifts.

M. S. Lowndes

Recipe of the Month

Cranberry Apple Pie

Carla Hall of ABC's "The Chew"



Ingredients:

Pie crust

Pie Filling

4 Granny Smith apples (peeled & sliced) 1 cup frozen or dried cranberries

¼ cup brown sugar

¼ cup white sugar

¼ tsp nutmeg

½ tsp cinnamon

1 lemon (zest and juice)

2 TB corn starch

1 tsp vanilla

¼ cup water

Crumble Topping

1 cup brown sugar

¾ cup all purpose flour

½ tsp cinnamon

1/3 cup chopped pecans

½ cup chilled butter cut in ½ inch cubes

Directions:

- Prepare 9-inch pie crust – bake and cool

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- In large bowl combine apples and cranberries. Stir in salt, sugars, nutmeg and cinnamon, lemon zest and juice
 - In a small bowl, combine water, corn starch and vanilla and quickly mix into apples and cranberries
 - Fill pie
 - Place brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, pecans and butter in food processor and process until butter is cut into mixture.
 - Sprinkle topping over top of pie filling
 - Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes
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What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

- ❖ Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.
- ❖ David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.
- ❖ Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.



December 18th, 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a Thanksgiving celebration. It commemorated the Revolutionary war victory over the British at Saratoga.

President George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving for November 26th, 1789, to honor the formation of the United States government.

It wasn't until 1830 that the State of New York proclaimed Thanksgiving an official holiday. Other states soon followed its example.

Bits and Pieces

In 1850 Minnesota Territory's Governor, Alexander Ramsey, proclaimed that Thanksgiving Day would be on December 26th. (Aren't we glad that didn't catch on?)

Sarah Josepha Hale, an editor for the *Boston Ladies' Magazine*, wrote many articles urging a national day of thanksgiving. By 1852, Hale had succeeded in having 29 states officially declaring the last Thursday of November Thanksgiving Day.

Finally, after a 40 year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's quest was complete. On October 3rd, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November a National Day of Thanksgiving.

In 1939 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the next-to-last Thursday of the month, where it has remained ever since.

This break with tradition was prompted by requests from the National Retail Dry Goods Association to extend the Christmas shopping season. As the retailers had hoped, "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving) has grown to become the biggest shopping day of the year

.Thank a Veteran!

Concordia's A. O. Kragnes and Andrew Rice served in the Civil War. The dangers the men faced in battle were nothing compared to the threat of illness in the military camps. Consider that in Kragnes' 10th Minnesota Infantry Regiment, two officers and 35 enlisted men were killed or mortally wounded on the battlefield, but 4 officers and 111 men died from disease.

A union soldier named John Billings gave this account of the food the Army provided:

“It will now give a complete list of the camp rations served out to the rank and file, as I remember them. They were salt pork, fresh beef, salt beef, rarely ham or bacon, hard bread, soft bread, potatoes, an occasional onion, flour, beans, split peas, rice, dried apples, dried peaches, desiccated

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vegetables, coffee, tea, sugar, molasses, vinegar, pepper, and salt.

...There was but one kind of meat served at once, and this...was usually pork. When it was hard bread, it wasn't soft bread or flour, and when it was peas or beans it wasn't rice."

Today soldiers are transported to the war zone in airplanes, and whisked to and from battlefields in helicopters. In the Civil War, soldiers marched everywhere. Imagine walking from Minnesota to St. Louis, Missouri, then to Georgia, up to Virginia, and back to Minnesota! Shoes wore out more quickly than they were replaced, so soldiers were constantly finding creative ways to patch the soles of their shoes.

The daily routine of marching and setting up camp was both exhausting and boring. For every day in battle, troops likely spent 3-4 weeks marching or just sitting around in camp.

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Poor sanitation, the cold in winter, and insects in summer made camp life difficult at best.

Our Civil War veterans endured hardships we can't really imagine. Times change, but the challenges remain. The commitment soldiers make to serve on posts, ships, and camps around the world deserves our gratitude. This November 11th, be sure to thank a veteran!



Dates to Remember

Veteran's Day: November 11 – Thanksgiving: November 24

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

WELCA

November 8th, 1:30 PM

Christmas Tree Trimming

November 26 1:00 PM

Birthdays

November 1 Alene Sladky

November 2 Alex Amundson

November 9 Neil Hanson

Anniversaries

November 26 Kjell and Orpha Hoelstad

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Christmas Ideas

The Christmas shopping season is just around the corner. Are you looking for a unique gift for someone special at Christmas? Think about a "Concordia" gift!

- *Concordia Congregation and the Buffalo River Settlement* - copies of the book, magnets, and notecards are still available
- T-shirts, caps, bags, mousepads and more are available with your credit card in Concordia's on-line store
- The 2010 Memorial Day slideshow of all of Concordia's veterans on DVD




Memorial Day DVDs benefit the Concordia Cemetery Fund. Books and other Concordia Gear benefit Concordia's General Fund.



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*Concordia Congregation
and the
Buffalo River Settlement*



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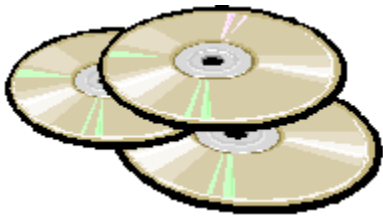
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7333 70th Street North
Glyndon MN 56547



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