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Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

The season of fall is upon us. Autumn is a time for reflection. This season we are reminded of the fleeting nature of life. The trees full of colorful leaves are stripped of their beauty with a simple gust of wind. What had been vibrant and alive takes on the hues of death. Concordia Lutheran has experienced many reminders of mortality in recent months. Illness and death have impacted many lives this year. As I write this Valdemar Hagene's family is mourning his passing. Life marches on. It appears nothing is permanent. All is subject to the powers of death. The green leaves turn a vibrant color then drop lifeless to the ground. It would be tempting to succumb to depression, even despair, this time of year; perhaps reflection and contemplation might not be such a good thing if it were to lead us into darkness. But does death have the final word?

One encouraging thing about fall is looking at the branches of a bare tree. Initially it might be depressing as it appears lifeless. However, a closer inspection will reveal hints of life. Notice the buds. Nature provides for life even in the face of apparent death. How much more for those of us who are aware of what Jesus Christ accomplished through his death and resurrection for us. On the lifeless tree to which our savior was nailed, it appeared that death had won. Thankfully, this was not the end of the story. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead. Through faith we have been given the assurance that as Christ was raised, so will we. We may grieve but we never grieve as those without hope. Fall has come, winter is coming but ultimately we are the people of spring.

God bless,
Pastor Bruce

Announcements and Assignments



Meeting: Tuesday, October 9th
Time: 1:30
Lunch: Fry'n Pan



Cookie Servers

October 7 Linda Koester
October 14 Osie Juve
October 21 Barb Grover
October 28 Carolyn Edwards
November 4 Regina Hanson
November 11 Germaine Gress
November 18 Mavis Wang
November 25 Phylis Nelson

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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"Martin Luther's Catechisms" is the subject for Kids Corner in October. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.



Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4th

Set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday, November 3rd!

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

~Martin Luther



Reformation Sunday is October 28th

Doris Eidem, 94, of Felton, MN passed away on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012 at Essentia Health, Fargo. Her funeral and burial were held at Concordia on Tuesday, Sept. 4th.



Doris was born June 6, 1918, on the family farm to William and Lillian Borgen. She was baptized and confirmed at Landstad Lutheran Church rural Perley. She graduated from Felton High in 1936. Doris was the eldest of eleven children. Her family depended on her to help with cooking, cleaning, and child care. Her special job was making 10 loaves of bread every other day. Doris and Lloyd Eidem were married by Lloyd's brother-in-law on Easter Sunday in New Effington, SD on March 28, 1937. Lloyd and Doris were together for 54 years. They loved living on the farm and raised their family working side by side. When her children were older she helped with the field work as well. Doris was an excellent seamstress making clothes for her children and later, patching jeans for her grandsons.

Doris was an active member of Concordia Lutheran Church rural Glyndon, MN. Her faith was an important aspect of her daily life, and helped her through trying times. The last 13 years of her life provided many challenges. Doris faced them bravely and honestly. Her need to be busy and involved led her to her hobby of making quilts for family and friends. She enjoyed meeting with quilters at Scandia Lutheran Church to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other charitable organizations. Her strength and resilience have inspired all who knew her. Doris was an independent and beautiful woman.

Doris is survived by her daughters, Darlene Meyer, Forest Lake MN, and Marge Lee, Moorhead MN; sons, Lee Eidem, Moorhead MN and Terry (Joy) Eidem, Felton MN; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

She is also survived by her brothers, Billy, Russell, Bert (Elaine), Curt (Betty), and Dennis Borgen; and her sister Ann (Rex) Lindblom. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, grandsons, Ryan Lee and Shannon Eidem and son-in-law, Merle Meyer, three brothers, John, Charles, and Leon Borgen and a sister Mae Stennes.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Essentia Health for the excellent care and many kindnesses shown to Doris and her family.



Concordia Lutheran Church

Fall Pork Loin Dinner

SUNDAY October 21, 2012

Serving from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

6637 80th Avenue North
Glyndon, Minnesota

FREE WILL OFFERING

With Our Thanks



Valdemar Erik Hagene

age 80, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 in Eventide, Moorhead, MN. His funeral and burial were held at Concordia on September 28th.

Valdemar was born on December 1, 1931 in Moorhead, MN to Erik Hagene and Venla (Snartland). He grew up and attended school in Riverside Country School. Early memories of growing up on a farm include driving a team of horses during threshing time. Drafted in 1952, Valdemar was stationed in Heilbronn, Germany during the Korean War. After honorable discharge from the Army, he attended the State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND.

On June 8, 1957 he married Delores (Muth) in Nashua, MN, together they had two children. He worked in the Produce & Grocery Delivery business up until 1970. In 1972, he started working at North Dakota State University in Building Maintenance where he remained until his retirement in 1995.

He was baptized, confirmed in his faith and lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran Church. For many years he served on the church board as treasurer and council member.

Valdemar was a member of Sons of Norway and American Legion. He enjoyed working outside his whole life, whether farming, gardening or maintaining his spotless yard. A big baseball fan, Valdemar attended hundreds of baseball games that his sons were involved in and enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins. In his later years he enjoyed going to his Army reunions. But most importantly, Valdemar enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Valdemar is survived by his wife of 55 years, Delores, Glyndon, MN; two sons, Gerald of Fargo, ND and David (Teresa) of New Prague, MN; sister, Regina (Hanson) and brother, Myron both of Moorhead, MN; two grandsons, Derek and Michael of New Prague, MN. Valdemar was preceded in death by his father and mother.

Honoring Lifetimes of Service

Val was fastidious in his care of the Leif Erickson Cemetery, and he was a steadfast member of the Cemetery Association. He spent years on the church council, and Delores was active in Sunday School and WELCA. Val and Delores handled the finances and mailings of *Concordia News* and its predecessor, *The Informer*, for decades. The Hagenes' dedication was deeply appreciated and Val's presence and conscientious work in the church community will be sorely missed.

Donations

Concordia Cemetery

In Memory of LaVonne Akers

- Regina Hanson
- Myron Hagene
- Mike & Kay Edwards
- Kristi & Gregg Trautwein
- Ray & JoLyn Johnson

In Honor of Margret Kragnes' 90th Birthday

- Harold & Sally Horpedahl

In memory of Lawrence Gilbery

- Darlene Meyer

In memory of Doris Eidem

- Marge Lee
- Todd Lee
- Darlene Meyer and Family
- Lee Eidem
- Harold & Sally Horpedahl
- Donald Johnson
- Theodore & Jane Bekkerus
- Gregg & Kristi Trautwein
- Lloyd Gunderson

In memory of Shannon Eidem

- Lee Eidem

A big thank you to all the ladies of our church for all the food and work done at Doris Eidem's funeral. A special thank you to Clinton and Kjell for their help. Really great! Thanks everyone!

WELCA

Recipe of the Month



Mint Surprise Bars

Ingredients

2 cups (24) graham crackers, crushed
1 (6 oz) pkg mint flavored chocolate chips
1 can (15oz) sweetened condensed milk
Nuts or coconut, if desired.

Directions

- Mix together, spread in a greased 8 x 8" pan
- Bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes



Thank You!

To everyone involved in the "Week-end on the Buffalo" effort The speakers were interesting, the tour was lots of fun, and the food was great!

Special thanks to "A Friend's House" (the John Olness homestead) and Steve Johnk (Skrei cabin) for allowing us to visit their homes. Thanks to the Hedstroms (Thortvedt homestead) for making their home available on the tour and for the open house on Sunday afternoon. Thanks to Tom and Sherry Watt (Grover Homestead) for allowing us to visit and for hosting afternoon coffee.

The First Norwegians to See the Buffalo

I told this story at the "Week-end on the Buffalo" and was asked to reprise it in the newsletter. I heard it from Obert Grover and he said he had heard it from my great-grandpa, Tarje's son Alex Grover. If you haven't heard this tale, you'll probably understand why by the time you reach the end! Alene Anne

The Civil War and Sioux Uprising prevented most families from leaving the safety of Houston County. With the war over and a treaty signed with the Sioux, it was time for those looking to establish or expand their holdings to move to the frontier areas of Western Minnesota. Stories in the *Decorah Posten* and flyers circulated, touting the Red River Valley as a farmer's paradise.

Tarje Grover had 4 young sons who would soon need land to start their own farms. His brother-in-law Andreas Kassenborg was anxious to expand his holdings and provide opportunities for his sons, too. Andreas' brother-in-law A. O. Kragnes was of the same mind. In the fall of 1868, Gulbrand Kassenborg suggested to Tarje that perhaps he should write to the Hudson Bay Trading Post in Georgetown to find out if all the claims of rich land were true. R.M. Probstfield responded enthusiastically, and encouraged the men to come up and take a look at the land.

In correspondence that continued over the winter, Probstfield suggested they take a train to the then-railhead in Alexandria. He would arrange with the livery to have good horses available for them. He told Tarje what supplies to bring from home, what could be purchased in Alexandria, and what Tarje and his friends could resupply at the Georgetown trading post. Probstfield said that the land along the river was higher than the surrounding prairie, and a survey would assure them that they had found the highest land along the river on which to build their houses. Perhaps as a result of that suggestion (or perhaps they were all just like-minded friends), Osmund Homme was invited to join Tarje, Andreas and A.O. on the journey. Osmund was a carpenter who owned and was experienced with surveying equipment. Probstfield also strongly advised that the party not follow the ox cart trail. He warned that the *Meti* (ox cart drivers) were a tricky bunch to deal with and for the uninitiated it might be best to avoid them as much as possible.

In June of 1869, A.O., Andreas, Osmund and Tarje set off on their trek to the Red River Valley. They followed Probstfield's advice in gathering provisions, and were pleased when they arrived in Alexandria and found the livery stable owner had been alerted to their requirements and was ready to provide them with 6 strong horses. They loaded their

supplies and headed west-northwest, avoiding the ox cart trail as Probstfield had suggested.

At the end of the first day they found themselves on a vast prairie that spread from horizon to horizon, just as Probstfield had said they would. They unloaded their horses and made a fire. The horses stayed close to the fire, happily munching on the prairie grass. The men were no doubt excited about the journey, pleased with how all of Probstfield's counsel had proved accurate, and thankful for his invaluable help.

The next morning they awoke to a beautiful blue sky. But the horses were nowhere in sight! There were no trees that could have been used to tie them up, and the horses seemed so content staying close to the fire it didn't seem necessary to drive a stake into the ground to tie them up ... the night before, none of our heroes hadn't given it a second thought.

So there they were, in the middle of a vast prairie with their two weeks worth of provisions in a pile on the ground. They spent much of the morning searching and calling for the horses, for although they could see from horizon to horizon and there wasn't a horse to be found, they hoped the horses might return on their own. The horses, of course, did not.

There was no doubt a far different atmosphere in the camp that night. They were, quite literally, in the middle of nowhere. These were men respected in the community, known for their business sense and careful planning. Forgetting to tie down rented horses? In the words of our ancestors, "UFF DA!"

Next month, the story of the first Norwegians to see the Buffalo will conclude.

Write it Down!

Levi and Orabel Thortvedt did an excellent job of documenting life in their neighborhood, but the Buffalo River Settlement stretched a dozen miles along the Buffalo, The stories told by the Thortvedts are treasures without measure, but the family stories that have been passed down among all the families also tell the story of this community.

It is important for future generations to learn the whole history of the settlement. You can help! Write them down! Share them with us!

Photos from the "Weekend on the Buffalo"











Top: Over 80 people joined us for the "Weekend on the Buffalo"

Middle: Lunch served Saturday and Sunday

Bottom: Tour stop at the Thortvedt cabin

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 GREEN Communion 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  Jane Bekkerus	8  <i>Gottumfest Day</i>	9 WELCA 1:30pm 	10	11	12	13
14 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship	15	16	17	18  Paul & Karolynn Decker	19	20  Newsletter DEADLINE
21 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship FALL DINNER  Lloyd Gunderson	22  Lloyd Gunderson	23	24	25	26	27
28 RED 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Reformation Sunday	29	30	31 Halloween 			

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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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