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From the Pastor



Dear Members and Friends of Concordia Lutheran:

After the twelfth day of Christmas comes the season of Epiphany. The word: Epiphany, however, precedes the Christian era. The word itself is Greek but the concept pertains to the revelation of the divine to humanity and is a theme that transcends many different religions. Epiphany for ancient Judaism was almost always an event that was accompanied by sheer terror. When Jehovah presented himself, typically in the form a heavenly messenger (angel), even those fully devoted to Him were petrified by fear. So the common New Testament angelic greeting, which we read over Christmas when angels appeared to announce the coming of the baby Jesus, is "be not afraid."

While Christianity does share much in common with other religions, what sets it apart is that accompanying the Christian version of Epiphany is the unique preface: "be not afraid." Even prior to Jesus' birth we find this unusual even strange/counter-intuitive greeting. Never in human imagination could people have conceived that a divine appearance should be qualified by the commandment

to not be fearful. It is this that makes Christianity a religion of hope, comfort, peace and love. In the season of Epiphany we are confronted with the Divine that when revealed still instills us with a sense of overwhelming awe but never sheer and unqualified horror. Through Christ, God has introduce Himself as a God of love. This is the heart of the gospel and the source of our earthly and eternal hope.

I'd like to leave you with a small portion of Wikipedia's description of "Epiphany":

In Christianity, the Epiphany refers to a realization that Christ is the son of God. Western churches generally celebrate the Visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation of the infant Christ, and commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Traditionally, Eastern churches celebrated Epiphany (or Theophany) in conjunction with Christ's baptism by John the Baptist and celebrated it on January 19; however, many have begun to adopt the Western custom of celebrating it on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas. Protestant churches often celebrate Epiphany as a season, extending from the last day of Christmas until Ash Wednesday.

God bless,

Pastor Bruce



Concordia Ladies

No meeting in January

Coffee and Cookie Servers



January

January 5 Kathy Krogstad

February 2 Polly Hanson

January 12 Orpha Hoelstad

February 9 Sylvia Teigen

January 19 Delores Hagene

February 16 Doris Kassenborg

January 26 Becky Jegtvig

February 23 Linda Koester

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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“King Solomon” is the subject for Kids Corner in January. All baptism and confirmation records 1883-1923 have been transcribed and are available in the congregation/history section of the site.

Concordia Annual Report

Make sure to submit all financial information that needs to be included in the annual report to Sylvia Teigen by **January 15, 2013**.



NOMINATE

Nominations are needed for one board position on the **Cemetery Association Board** to be voted on at the annual meeting. Contact Aron Kassenborg (701-238-1950) or Ray Johnson (701-238-4218) with your nomination or any questions.



Donald Kassenborg

Donald Kassenborg 80, resident of Sunland, California, passed away at 04:30, October 27, 2013. Don had been battling lung cancer for several years.

He is survived by 3 children. Gary Kassenborg, Dean Kassenborg, and Lisa Harrison Kassenborg, also a sister Janice Parnell Kassenborg, all living in California.

Don was cremated; there was a memorial service on Saturday, November 30 at the American Legion in Sunland.

Announcements and Assignments



Christmas “Un-Trimming”

We will meet to take down the Christmas decorations on **Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 am**, followed by coffee and cookies.

Annual Meetings - February 2, 2013

Join us after worship for a **potluck dinner**, followed by the congregation’s annual meeting. This will be followed by the annual meeting of the cemetery association.



Newsletter



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In Memory of Robert Burke

Mike & Donna Burke

In Memory of Harold & Lucilla Anderson

Keith Anderson

With Our Thanks

Thank you to all the faithful cookie servers. Their treats make Sunday morning coffee a special time of fellowship throughout the year.



Thanks to all the people for the wonderful Christmas pot luck. Such a special day with the fellowship and togetherness of the Christmas Season. Thank you to all of the ladies who arranged the meal, those who brought food and attended. Events at the church require everyone to participate in some way. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the tree and the church. It was a fun gathering and fellowship. Thanks to Orpha and Kathy for the nice lunch and carol singing. Don't forget that we will take it all down on January 11.



With Our Thanks



Thank you to Mrs. Loretta Swanson for the beautiful poinsettia in memory of Gordon Swanson. It adds color to our altar.

Thank you to *all* the members who purchased poinsettias for the altar at church.

The flowers add color and festivity to the church during the holiday season. The flowers were in honor and memory of loved ones and families.



Thank you to Raymond Johnson and family who have been cleaning the church yard this winter. It looks so nice and is easy to get around in the parking lot. Thanks so much.

New Year's Resolution: To suffer fools more gladly.

From the Moorhead Daily News



Ole E. Kragnes Dies Wednesday

January 8, 1942

Had Been Prominent in Township Affairs

Ole E. Kragnes, 68, died Wednesday night at his farm home northeast of Kragnes after an illness of several months.

Prominent in township affairs, Mr. Kragnes included among the offices held during his residence in the county those of treasurer of the township, school board clerk, and deacon of Concordia Church. He was born in Houston County January 12, 1873, moving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kragnes to Clay County in 1875. Kragnes Township was named after his father. Miss Anne Louise Erickson and he were married December 26, 1898, at Concordia Church.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Kragnes are eight sons and a daughter: Allard and Henry, in Moorhead; Ernest, Lloyd Minister, Sask., Canada; Oberlin, Edward and Abner, at the farm home;

Bits and Pieces

Lester, Baltimore MD; and Mrs. John Lufgren, Glyndon. There were 12 children born to the couple. Brothers who survive are Gilbert, Felton; Ben and Alvin, Glyndon; and Oliver, Sturgess, Sask, Canada. There are two grandchildren.

Funeral services have not been arranged. The body is at the Merrill Moore mortuary, Fargo.

Editor's Note: Ole was more commonly known as Emanuel.

Kragnes Rites Saturday at Concordia Church

January 9, 1942

Services for Ole E. Kragnes, prominent Kragnes township resident who died Wednesday will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in Concordia Church. Reverend C. B. Runsvold, Moorhead, will officiate. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Miss Juve, 71, of Moland Dies

January 10, 1936

Miss Oline Juve, lifelong resident of Moland Township, died this morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Theodore Skree in that township.

Bits and Pieces

Miss Juve was born June 14, 1865, and had been making her home with Mrs. Skree for the past 15 years.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Skree are a brother, Nicholas Juve, who makes his home with a cousin and Alden Juve in Kragnes Township; O.T., M.R., and T. J. Skree of Moland Township; Robert Olson, at the Skree farm; Orvil Osmundson, Rudolph Bergland, Gena Bergland, and Mrs. Leon Hammett, Moorhead, all cousins of Miss Juve.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Leo Johnson chapel and at 3 p.m. in the Concordia Church on the Buffalo River near Kragnes. Rev. J. M. Moe of the Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo will officiate and interment will be in the family lot beside the church.

Pallbearers will be three Skree brothers, Alden Juve, Rudolph Bergland and Robert Olson.

Editor's Note: The last name has been corrected. The original news story misspelled Juve as "Jube."



There are two diversions that ease the bite of winter. One is the January thaw; the other, seed catalogues.

Hal Borland

A New Year's Prayer



Dear Lord,

So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a

few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

Amen

Church signs from around the country



Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 11 a.m. (following worship)

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Help Us Take Down Christmas Decorations

January 11 10 a.m.

Annual Report Submissions Due

January 15

Birthdays

January 3	Sally Horpedahl
January 6	Germaine Gress
January 11	Polly Hanson
January 22	Dalan Rasmussen
January 30	Irene Olson

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