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## Reflections on Independence Day

I was reading an article written by a protestant pastor saying that as Christians we cannot in good conscience celebrate Independence Day. He stated that the waging of an armed conflict that resulted in the death of thousands by the Founding Fathers was not justifiable from the perspective of scripture, particularly from the perspective of the New



Testament. While we err on the side of peace as Christians, war should be the last option and is by nature a brutal and tragic event with a litany of unseen consequences, I believe his assessment that war with Britain can be summarized as the result of a lack of willingness to be taxed without representation is overly simplistic. Our forbearers certainly were motivated by financial concerns, but were heavily influenced by interpreting scripture as backing up natural law, which held that there were certain inalienable rights, rights which all governments throughout time needed to be

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subject to and, if they were not, needed to be changed if not by peaceful means (the preferable method) then through revolt.

The question for you and me as Americans and as Christians needs to be a deeper one than, "Was the American revolution ethically/theologically justifiable?" Our questions as Christians in the shadow of July 4 more importantly should be "Is there anything for which we would contemplate doing what the framers of the Declaration of Independence did when they literally put (by signing their names) their lives on the line?" Is there anything that we hold dear enough that we are willing to commit not only potentially our physical safety for but are willing to commit our day to day lives to pursue?

As you contemplate this question I commend you to look to Jesus as an example and to those who followed him such as the Apostle Paul. Take some time to read through the gospels and books like Galatians and Romans for not only information but inspiration. The promise of eternal life, forgiveness of sins and our spiritual Independence Day from sin and Satan were won for us in the death and resurrection of God's Son. As his followers we live in the daily awareness that our liberty was the result of a terrible self-sacrifice of God's own flesh and blood. To echo Paul's words, "For

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freedom Christ has set us free stand fast therefore and do not submit to the yoke of slavery." Not a bad message for we as Christians who have much to celebrate every July 4 and every Sunday as we gather to give God thanks for sending his Son to go to battle for us.

God bless,

*Pastor Bruce*

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## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following services on **July 27** to discuss and vote on a new floor for the basement, re-shingling the church roof, and repairing pipes in the women's bathroom.



## Concordia Ladies



No meeting in July

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## Coffee and Cookie Servers



| July    |                | August    |                |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| July 6  | Regina Hanson  | August 3  | Phylis Nelson  |
| July 13 | Germaine Gress | August 10 | Barb Grover    |
| July 20 | Sue Kassenborg | August 17 | Orpha Hoelstad |
| July 27 | Mavis Wang     | August 24 | Delores Hagene |
|         |                | August 31 | Sylvia Teigen  |

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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



If you are an average American you will spend about 6 months waiting at red lights during your lifetime.

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## Concordianews.org

“Freedom in Christ” is the subject for Kids Corner in July. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

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**Sunday, August 10, 2014**

### **Benefit for Randy & Deb Myhre**

to help defray medical expenses  
related to Deb’s recent brain aneurysm.



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### **Ten Commandments of Minnesota**

1. Der’s only one God, ya know.
  2. Don’t make that stuffed walleye on your wall an idol
  3. Cussin’ ain’t nice.
  4. Go to church even when yur up nort.
  5. Honor your folks.
  6. Don’t kill. Catch and Release.
  7. There’s only one Lena for every Ole. No cheatin’.
  8. If it ain’t yur lutefisk, don’t eat it.
  9. Don’t go braggin’ about how much snow ya shoveled.
  10. Keep your mind off your neighbor’s hot dish.
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With Our Thanks

# **Donations**

## **Concordia Cemetery Fund**

*In Memory of Emmett Gunderson*

Dean Gunderson

*In Memory of Erv Backlund*

Ella Swanson

*In Memory of Jerry Kuehl*

Bev Edenborg     Donald Johnson

Dick & Mavis Wang

*In Memory of Allard & Josephine Bergland*

Allan & LuAnn Bergland

*In Memory of Orvis Gunderson*

Marietta Gunderson & Family

With Our Thanks



## **Thank You's for A Successful Memorial Day Service**

We are so grateful for the large attendance at our annual Memorial Day service, thank you to all who attended.

Thank you to Kathy and Orpha for leading us in music, playing many of the songs from the WWII period.

Thank you to Verne Wik for playing taps during our service as well as at the flag raising service outside. Taps is always a moving segment in our program.

We also extend our appreciation to the honor guard from the Minnesota National Guard for the flag folding performance, as well to Dawn Gunderson for narrating the flag citation service.

Thank you to Gerald Hagene for placing the flags on each of the Veterans graves, as well to all who showed up on Wednesday to trim around all the markers in the cemetery.

Thank you to Harold and Donald for arranging for the flag on our Concordia Flag Pole.

Special Thank you to Kjell Hoelstad for bring us the Memorial Day message and to the Ray Johnson family for again bringing us



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the Video featuring all of the men and women of Concordia who have served our country in the military. Also to Pastor Bruce for being with us and always having words of comfort for our service.

Thank you as well to all who contributed with a gift to the work we do here in the cemetery. Last but not least the ladies that served coffee and to the many that brought food for our pot luck.

It has been my privilege to be a part of this program the past 12 years. Thank you to all who have been a part of Memorial Day at Concordia.

Lloyd Gunderson

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## Norwegians in the Revolutionary War

Norwegian immigration is usually said to have begun in 1825 with the arrival in New York of the sloop *Restauration*, but small settlements of Norwegians began springing up in America in the 1600s.



## With Our Thanks

The town of Bergen, New Jersey was founded in 1624 by a small group of Norwegians who had been living in Amsterdam and came to the New Netherlands colony with other Dutch colonists. There were also small settlements in what would become upstate New York. Norwegian Quakers settled in Pennsylvania. About 1700, the first ship hired specifically to bring Norwegians to America brought Quakers to South Carolina!

In 1704 Norwegians erected Lutheran church built of stone at the corner of Broadway and Rector Streets in New York City. It stood in what is now the churchyard of Trinity Church, known for surviving and offering refuge during the devastation wrought on 9/11.

Norwegian men from these settlements, and sailors, farmers and tradesmen from other parts of the colonies fought for American Independence.

Thomas Johnson and Lars Brunn (Lewis Brown) served under John Paul Jones on the *Bon Homme Richard*. Joseph and Jonas Stevens were part of a Massachusetts unit. After the war they helped found the town of Norway, Maine.

In South Carolina the fighting was primarily between Americans: revolutionaries versus loyalists. Men of Norwegian descent fought on both sides.

## With Our Thanks

Don't forget! General George Washington traced his ancestry to Vikings who settled in England in 970 A.D.

Although small in number, Norwegian-Americans were here in 1776 and helped us win our independence from England. Remember them as you celebrate this 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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## Your Donations

can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. We'll send confirmation of your gift to the address you provide.

### **General Fund:**

Make checks out to Concordia Lutheran Church and mail to:

Neil & Polly Hanson, 7312 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Glyndon MN, 56547

### **Concordia Newsletter**

Make checks out to Concordia News and mail to:

Walter Teigen, 915 4th Avenue South, Moorhead MN 56560

### **Concordia Cemetery Association:**

Make checks out to the association and mail to:

Ray Johnson, 7333 70 St N, Glyndon MN 56547

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## Recipe of the Month

### Zucchini Au Gratin

#### Ingredients

8 TB butter (1 stick)    3 yellow onions, sliced  
4 large zucchini, sliced ¼" thick  
2 teaspoons salt        1 teaspoon black pepper  
¼ teaspoon nutmeg    2 tablespoons flour  
1 cup hot milk         ¾ cup bread crumbs  
¾ cup grated Gruyere or sharp cheddar cheese



#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- Melt 6 TB butter in 12" pan. Add onions, cook for 20 minutes
- Add zucchini and cook covered for 10 minutes
- Add salt, pepper, nutmeg and cook uncovered for 5 minutes
- Stir in flour. Add hot milk. Cook on low heat for a few minutes stirring constantly, until it makes a sauce
- Pour mixture into an 8 by 10 baking dish.
- Combine bread crumbs and cheese and sprinkle on the zucchini mixture. Drop small pieces of remaining butter on top.
- Bake for 20 minutes, or until bubbly and brown.

From the

***Moorhead Daily News***

**July 28, 1931**



## **Clay County School Forms Own District**

A new school district was organized at the special meeting called at the old district 6 west building north of Glyndon, commonly known as the Gunderson School Wednesday. The school unit has now organized as district 121 and will continue its business independently of the other school in district 6, formerly known as district 6 east.

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## **Concordia Church to Aid Student Project**

Members of the Concordia Lutheran Church ladies have voted to support the student scholarship fund project according to action taken at the meeting held Thursday in the home of Mrs. A. J. Midgarden north of Watts Siding.

## Bits and Pieces

The Moorhead circuit of the Womens Missionary Federation is sponsoring a project to give a scholarship gift of \$75 to some student of the circuit who will enter Concordia College this fall.

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### **Paintings of Miss Thortvedt Shown**

**July 6, 1936**

Four examples of the painting of Miss Orabel Thortvedt, daughter of Mr & Mrs Levi Thortvedt, of near Glyndon, are being displayed in the window of the American State Bank. Representing her favorite subjects, the pictures are all of animals. One is a copy of Rosa Bonheur's work, "The Lion," another depicts two cats, copied from a snapshot; while the two others are studies of her horse, "Topee," and of a police dog.

Miss Thortvedt, with a desire to study painting since she was a rural school girl, was given the opportunity to do so in 1930, when she enrolled in a Minneapolis art school. Since then she has been engaged to paint for prominent Minneapolis residents, and more recently for Moorhead citizens.

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# Dates to Remember

***Happy Independence Day – Friday, July 4***

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

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

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

Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

## ***Congregational Meeting***

July 27 following worship

## ***Concordia Ladies***

No meeting in July

## ***Birthdays***

July 4 Sue Kassenborg      July 15 Michael Edwards

July 20 Jim Koester      July 21 Linda Koester

July 22 Pastor Bruce      July 25 Gerald Hagene

July 26 Myron Hagene

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