



# Concordia News

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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association

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Reflections on the season of Easter. Some of you reading this remember attending worship where the service was often over an hour and a half, in some cases longer with sermons that regularly went over half an hour. Those days are gone. Few congregations would tolerate anything longer than a service that lasted longer than an hour. We live in an age where we want to hear the bottom line. Increasingly Americans are impatient with things that take a long time. We are the Dagnet generation, where in that show the detective who interviews witnesses regularly says, "Just give me the facts ma'am (sir)."

In many ways the current societal impatience is unfortunate as the deepest thoughts and truths are always steeped in nuance and subtlety and violence is done to these great concepts by trying to condense them into a short sound-bites. Little is more complicated than the death and resurrection of one who is claimed to be divine. How can we make quick and easy sense of a Man/God who dies in a paragraph or two, saying nothing about that entity being raised from the dead? To complicate matters further, issues of the Trinity are also thrown into the mix. No bumper sticker or 60 second television ad can begin to do justice to what is involved in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, newsletters are not books and I need to be brief and feel compelled to say something about the season of Easter in just a few words.

If the most basic and abiding fear of humans is the fear of death, if there is nothing that humans can do to prevent death, then as a species we cannot manage this predicament on our own. We need help from an outside source to resolve what Ernest Becker referred to as "the worm at the core" that robs us of any sense of ultimate peace, security or meaning. We cannot fathom that our identity, hopes and dreams are utterly vanquished at the point of death. Any notion of a continuity of the self beyond death is at best wishful thinking, a pipe dream apart from divine intervention. Of all religions Christianity is the only one that has at its heart and soul an answer to the human predicament of our mortality. In the death and resurrection of God's Son we have the only viable hope for a life beyond this one.

So if we insist on the "bottom line" this is as close as it gets: through Christ's death and resurrection and our participation in that through our baptisms and ongoing life of faith, we are assured that we too will live with him and with those who have died in him forever. Thank God for the ongoing gift this season of Easter!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bruce*

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**COFFEE AT 9 A.M. ~ WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 A.M. ~ EVERY SUNDAY**



### Concordia Ladies

Date: **May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **1:30 p.m.**  
Place: **Fryn' Pan**



Everyone is invited to attend monthly Bible study at Concordia Lutheran, the 1st Wednesday of the month, 5: 30 to 6: 30pm.

We will use the "Gather" magazine for now. Our May 6<sup>th</sup> study will be on Forgiveness, using the January/ February 2015 issue. We will have the lesson available for those interested. All (*men and women*) are invited.

### Coffee and Cookie Servers



- May 3 Polly Hanson
- May 10 Sylvia Teigen
- May 17 Doris Kassenborg
- May 24 Linda Koester
- May 31 Irene Olson
- June 7 Carolyn Edwards
- June 14 Regina Hanson
- June 21 Germaine Gress
- June 28 Sue Kassenborg

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We invite you to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary for **Sally and Harold Horpedahl** on **June 6** at Concordia Lutheran Church from 2 to 4 pm. We will also celebrate Harold's 85th birthday.

*Their children and grandchildren*

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



### Memorial Day Service



The annual Memorial Day observation will be on May 25, at 10:00 AM. We will honor the veterans buried in Concordia by showing the video, which has become a tradition here

at Concordia. The program will be special this year with a guest soloist, Chuck Hendrickson, a member of Trinity choir, who also sings with the Master Chorale of Fargo/Moorhead. Pastor Bruce Krogstad will bring us the Memorial Day message. The Minnesota National Guard will present the Colors. After the service we will have the changing of the Flag on the Cemetery flag pole. Please join us for Potluck lunch after the service.



### Concordianews.org

"The Martyrs" is the subject for Kids Corner in May. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

### Church Bulletin

If anyone has information for the weekly bulletin or has someone to add to the prayer list, please e-mail by Wednesday of that week:

[mgrover1424@gmail.com](mailto:mgrover1424@gmail.com)

I will do my best to get the information in.

Thank you, *Barb Grover*

### Food Donations

Canned goods can be placed in the box in the narthex. They will be brought to a local food shelf.



### Cemetery Clean-up Wednesday May 20 5:00 PM

*Weather Delay –*  
Friday, May 22 at 5

# SPRING LUNCHEON



*Saturday, May 16, 2015*

*10:30 A.M.*

*Concordia Lutheran Church*

*6637 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue North*

*Glyndon MN*

*Entertainment by  
The Tweten Family  
Members of the Master Chorale*

*Rømmegrøt & Krumkake for sale*

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**From Highway 75:** Turn right on County Rd 26 (90 Ave N)

Go east 4 miles, turn right on County Rd 11 (70<sup>th</sup> Street)

South 1 mile, turn right

# MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015  
10 A.M.

SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY  
A CEREMONY IN THE CEMETERY  
WEATHER PERMITTING



POT LUCK LUNCH FOLLOWS

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
6637 80<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH  
GLYNDON, MINNESOTA

# Donations

## Concordia Cemetery

*In Memory of the Gorder Family*  
Gloria Tomas

*In Memory of the Partyke Family*  
Paul & Jenifer Partyke

## Concordia News

*In Memory of Duane Leach (Mavis Wang's brother)*  
Doris Kassenborg  
Donald Johnson

### Donations

Bonita Swanson Lilly  
Gloria Gorder Tomas  
Rosine Bortnem  
Amy Kragnes

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# Thank You's

**Thank you** to everyone for the get well cards. Thank you for the visits from Pastor Bruce and others while I was in the hospital. The prayers and get well wishes helped me to get well.

*Sylvia Teigen*

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**Thank you** to the Kassenborg daughters - Kay, Kari, Kim, and Kristi - for the gift of music on Easter Sunday. We hope to hear from them again! They are the children of Doris Kassenborg and the late Glenn Kassenborg.

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**Thank you** to everyone for helping to make the Palm Sunday Dinner a success. When we all work together for the church, much can be done. We need the combined effort of the men and women in the church.

Thank you to those who attended and those who worked. It was a wonderful church dinner.  
*Sylvia Teigen*

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**Thanks** for the lovely Easter card and kind words and so many signatures! It gives me great pleasure to take care of the website and help with the newsletter, and I was surprised and humbled by the show of appreciation.

*Alene Sladky*

## Recipe of the Month Scalloped Potatoes

*Served at the Ham Dinner*



### Ingredients

- 1 30-oz pkg shredded hash browns
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup chopped pieces of ham
- 1/2 cup flour mixed with about 1/2 cup water
- 1 stick of margarine, sliced
- 1-2 pints whipping cream or half & half
- Salt & pepper

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Put the half of the potatoes in a greased cake pan
- Add a layer of onions
- Cover with margarine slices and ham
- Spread the rest of the potatoes
- Mix flour & water with 1 pint cream or half & half and pour over potatoes
- Pour cream/half & half on mixture so that potatoes are just covered
- Bake for 1 - 1 1/2 hours



**Mothers Day is Sunday, May 10th**

### Thank you Mom, For Everything

How did you find the energy, Mom -  
To do all the things you did,  
To be teacher, nurse and counselor to me  
Back when I was a kid.

How did you do it all, Mom-  
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,  
Yet still find time to be a playmate,  
I just can't comprehend!

I see now it was love, Mom  
That made you come whenever I'd call  
Your inexhaustible love, Mom -  
I thank you for it all.

*Unknown*

# Concordia's Veterans



## In Concordia Cemetery

### Civil War

Aanund Kragnes                      Andres Rice

### World War I

Almer Gunderson	Signe Lee
Andrew Gunderson	John Morken Obert Morken
George Gunderson	Thomas Olson
Leon Hammett	Paul Skarstad
Ovean Hite	Eugene Studlien
Joseph B. Johnson	Goodwin Thortvedt
Andrew Kosen	Ed Wilson
Fred Lee	

### World War I and World War II

Roy Gorder                      Robert Olson

### World War II

Harold Bekkerus	Lester Kragnes
Florence Grover	Oberlin Kragnes
Gerald Grover	Russell Kragnes
Emmett Gunderson	Vernon Kragnes
Orvis Gunderson	Gust Langlie
Norman Hanson	Donald LaPash
Everette Hite	Eddie Menholt
Harold Johnk	Sidney Morken
Ann Thortvedt Johnson	Henry Skolness
James Juve	Thorance Snartland
Eloise Olson Kincaid	Ralph Stevenson
Davis Kosen	Carl Swanson
Bernard Kragnes	Mable Gunderson Young

### Korea, Vietnam, Cold War

Joe O. Babolian	Glenn Kassenborg
Donald Bekkerus	Eugene Kragnes
Clarence Brown	Burton Kragnes
Robert Burke	Harold Lohse
Ed Edwards	Merle Meyer
Walter Engesetter	Alton Mjolsness
Victor Gress	Jerry Sabo
Valdemar Hagene	Jay Rex Stoutenberg
Allan Kassenborg	Richard Tommerdahl



## Veteran Sons of Concordia Buried Elsewhere

Daniel Christianson	Dennis Nelson
Allen Gunderson	Robert Nelson
William Gunderson	James Oberg
Bernhard Hegland	John Oberg
Arnold Horpedahl	Vernon Oberg
Ralph Johnk	Aulden Olson
Henry Kragnes	LeRoy Olson
Olaf Midgarden	Robert Tommerahl
Robert Morken	Harold Wik















## A Prayer for Memorial Day

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In Jesus' name, Amen  
*Mary Fairchild, author*

# MAY 2015

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3 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship 	4 	5	6 BIBLE STUDY 5:30-6:30 pm	7	8  OSIE JUNE	9
10 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship HAPPY MOTHERS DAY	11	12 CONCORDIA LADIES 1:30 pm Fryn' Pan	13	14	15  HAROLD HOPPEDAHL	16 SPRING LUNCHEON 10:30 am
17 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  ORPHA HOELSTAD 	18	19	20 CEMETERY CLEAN-UP 5 pm  ELLA SWANSON	21  Newsletter Deadline	22 Alt clean-up day  MILEY LARSON  RANDY & DEB MYHRE	23
24 RED Pentecost 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship  DEB MYHRE BARB GROVER	25 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE and POTLUCK 10:00 am	26	27  RALPH GROVER	28	29	30
31 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship						

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