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## Words from Pastor Bruce

We are in the season of Pentecost. The first day of Pentecost was marked when the followers of the risen Christ were gathered and the Holy Spirit descended upon them giving them various speaking abilities of many different countries by which they would be empowered to convey



the gospel to the world. The disciples were spiritually inspired and might be considered the first truly spiritual people in the history of the church.

The word, "spiritual" has gained much popularity of late, particularly among those who have separated from or have never been connected to the Church or any religion. More and more we encounter people who say that they are "spiritual but not religious," meaning that they have no interest in a corporate identity of any kind but are totally self-contained in their spiritual nurture and expression. They are not necessarily atheistic or even hostile to organized religion but claim to have charted their own independent

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course where they account only to themselves and depend only on themselves for inspiration, nurture or direction. However, according to recent independent studies, such individuals rarely pray, meditate, ponder the meaning of life or their role in the cosmos and most importantly, describe little involvement in pursuing the best interests of their communities or the less fortunate in those communities or beyond. In other words, according to what the great religions of the world understand as "spirituality," they are largely AWOL (Absent Without Leave) and cannot not to be understood as spiritual at all.

Recently studies of hundreds of such individuals that claim this moniker indicate that spirituality of any kind, actually has little or no role in their lives; they are simple not affiliated with any religion at all and have chosen to live their lives with little concern for anyone other than themselves or their families and closest friends. Given that "me first" has become primary guiding motto for most Westerners, it should be of no surprise that they should reject religion which has not only universal truth claims with implications for how we are to live our day to day lives, but also reject the great historical religions which have an accumulated wisdom based not just on the personal

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experience of the isolated individual, but on the experiences of centuries of people who have lived lives of integrity in pursuit of the ideals embodied by the tenets of these religions.

This Pentecost we are reminded that our personal spirituality is rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the sending of his Spirit into his disciples the day of Pentecost. You and I are his present day disciples, claimed in our baptisms for a life of following Jesus, sustained by his Spirit through regular participation with our siblings in the faith, the Church, and participating with this community in receiving the means of grace through his Church in the form of Word and Sacrament.

Next month I would like to dedicate my entire column to a recently departed brother in the Lord, Francis Cardinal George of Chicago, who addressed the issue I have attempted to address, that there is not such thing as "spiritual but not religious," with great clarity, succinctness and power.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Bruce*

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## Announcements and Assignments



### Concordia Ladies

Date: **June 9th**

Time: **1:30 p.m.**

Place: **To Be Announced**

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### Coffee and Cookie Servers



June 7	Carolyn Edwards	July 5	Mavis Wang
June 14	Regina Hanson	July 12	Sylvia Teigen
June 21	Germaine Gress	July 19	Barb Grover
June 28	Sue Kassenborg	July 26	Orpha Hoelstad

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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*

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“Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors” is the subject for Kids Corner in June. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

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## Announcements and Assignments



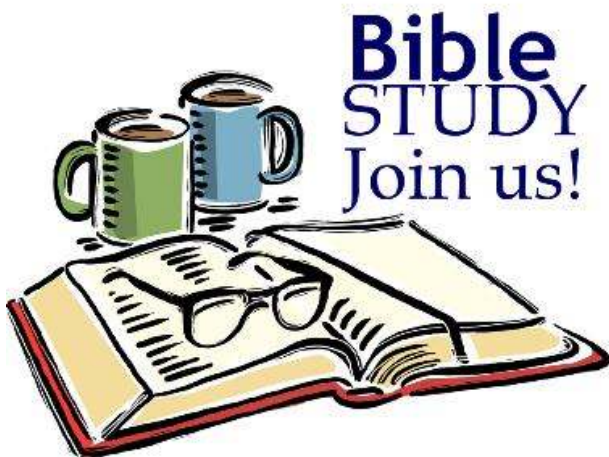
If anyone has information that they would like to see in the weekly bulletin or someone who would like to be put on

the prayer list, please e-mail by Wednesday of that week to the following address: [mgrover1424@gmail.com](mailto:mgrover1424@gmail.com). I will

I do my best to get the information in.

Thank You,  
*Barb Grover*

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Everyone is invited to attend monthly Bible study at Concordia **June 3**

**5: 30 to 6: 30pm**

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## Obituary

# **Leroy Horpedahl (1924-2015)**

LeRoy Horpedahl passed away in his home on April 27 after a long struggle with Parkinson's and other ailments. His last days were spent comfortably in his home surrounded by family and lots of visits from friends. He was 91 years old.

LeRoy was born at home on the farm, one of six children of immigrant Norwegian parents in the rural farming community of Glyndon, Minnesota, April 13, 1924. He attended a one-room elementary school in the country, then boarded in town so he could attend high school. His enlistment in the Navy enabled him to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota through the Navy V12 program and was trained as an officer in the Navy at Notre Dame.

Discharged from active duty, LeRoy married the love of his life, Alice Hammett, and they began their 67 year adventure together! He worked as a lineman for the local power company, then moved to

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Indiana where he taught at Tri-State University. The opportunity to earn a Master's degree took him to Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. From there, he disappeared with his family into the Secret City: Los Alamos, New Mexico. Planning on a brief stay in this mountain community, LeRoy and Alice have made it home for almost 64 years.

LeRoy spent 45 years working on projects for Los Alamos National Laboratory, moving from the ranks of professional engineers into a management level at the lab. He was also very active in the life of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and many other organizations.

During the early years of his retirement, he and Alice were able to travel much of the world, including trips to China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, Alaska, the Panama Canal, France, Italy, England, Africa and, of course, Norway, where the Norwegian he was taught as a young boy in America was still tinged with an accent that identified his father's origin in Fjaerland.



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The Cerro Grande fire destroyed their home and a life's worth of memorabilia, family heirlooms and photos. However, LeRoy and Alice tackled the job of re-building, designing a comfortable Southwest-style home on the same site. They were able to care for their daughter, Kristine, while she fought and finely succumbed to the ravages of Lupus at the young age of 49.

LeRoy's last few years have been in the loving care of his wife Alice and a number of nurses and caregivers. Whoever tucked him in at night received his selfless gift of: "Thank you for a wonderful day!" Whoever visited experienced the amazing light in his eyes and broad smile as he greeted them. He loved telling everyone about his family and the exciting things they were doing. He was clearly so proud of them all! LeRoy was preceded in death by his sister Harriett Randell, two brothers Arnold and Clifford, and his daughter Kristine. He is survived by Alice and their three sons: Gary, David and Paul. He is also survived by his brother, Harold Horpedahl (Sally) of Moorhead and sister Ruth Farabee (Bill) of Wilmington, NC.

With Our Thanks  
**Donations**

**Concordia Cemetery**

*In Memory of the LeRoy Horpedahl*

Harold & Sally Horpedahl

Lloyd Gunderson

Donald Johnson

Ed & Jean Hohenstern

Ray & JoLyn Johnson

*In Memory of the Partyke Family*

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

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*Donations*

Darlene Eidem Meyer

Susan Storaasli Kirkeby

Harriet Muffley

With Our Thanks  
**Thank You's**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the 16 May luncheon. Some of you came one day to make *krumkaker*, some came one day to make *rømmegrøt*, some came one day to decorate and set up tables, many came on the 16th with delicious salads along with homemade rolls and *rømmebrød*, many came as guests, many worked setting out and serving the food and many cleaned up after the luncheon was over. The Tweten family entertained us with their beautiful music. Lorna Rockstad made flatbrød for us. Each of these activities was an important part of our luncheon, an enjoyable and successful event. No one can do this alone... team work makes it all possible.

*A sincere thank you to each one of you.*

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**Thank you** to everyone who gave generously for the free will offerings during our Lenten suppers and worship. The Church

## With Our Thanks

Council decided to donate the offerings locally. We were able to give several hundred dollars each to the Felton Food Pantry and Great Plains Food Bank.

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**Sincere gratitude** to all who attended the annual Memorial Day service at Concordia on May 25<sup>th</sup> and your help in making it a

success. Thanks to everyone who brought food for our potluck lunch after the service. Thank you to all who helped arrange the food, set and decorated the tables, made the coffee, and cleaned up after. It is always amazing the variety of foods we get for a potluck lunch!

Special thanks to soloist Chuck Hendrickson and his accompanist Jean Hellner for the beautiful music. To Pastor Bruce for the invocation and inspirational message. To Orpha Hoelstad and Kathy Krogstad for their performance and their history of music as well. To

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the Minnesota Honor Guard for the flag ceremony and to Dawn Gunderson for the flag folding narration. Many thanks to Verne Wik for bugling Taps for several years.

We are so pleased that Ray Johnson and his family continue to update the video of our veterans every year. Thank you!

My gratitude to everyone who has contributed in some way in the last thirteen years to help us honor the Veterans of Concordia who gave much to preserve the freedoms we are able to enjoy today.

God Bless America!

*Lloyd Gunderson*

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A stylized, blue, bubbly font logo that reads "60th Anniversary". The numbers "60th" are in a bold, blocky font, while "Anniversary" is in a more cursive, flowing script. The entire logo has a slight drop shadow.

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 grandchildre*

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Pina Colada Salad



#### Ingredients

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| 1 ½ cups green grapes                      | 1 ½ cups red grapes                  |
| 1 ½ cups blueberries                       | 1 ½ cups strawberries, halved        |
| 1 cup pineapple chunks (8 oz can, drained) |                                      |
| ½ cup raspberries                          | 1 can frozen pina colada mix, thawed |
| ½ cup sugar                                | ½ cup pineapple-orange juice         |
| 1/8 tsp almond extract                     | 1/8 tsp coconut extract              |
| ¾ cup grated coconut                       |                                      |

#### Directions

- Mix fruit in large serving bowl
- In a small bowl, whisk together pina colada mix, sugar, juice and extracts until sugar dissolves. Pour over fruit.
- Refrigerate
- Sprinkle grated coconut on top just before serving



***From the Moorhead Daily News***

**June 28, 1933**

**HONOR COUPLE WED 25 YEARS**

**Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Midgarden**

**Of Glyndon Feted by Friends**

Sunday the Concordia Sunday School teachers and families and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. A J Midgarden surprised them and helped them celebrate their silver wedding.

Three of the original attendants were present Sunday: Miss Julia Midgarden, Moorhead; Gilbert Bekkerus, Glyndon; and Ted Bekkerus, Moorhead.

Buffet style dinner was served on Sunday at 1 o'clock.

Decorations on the table, a wedding cake and pink tapers.

Rev. C. Runsvold, pastor of Concordia church, gave a speech of congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Midgarden have three children:

## Bits and Pieces

Alice, graduate of Moorhead High School '26, Concordia College, '30; and taught home economics at Elgin, Minnesota, last year.

Olaf, 31, graduate of Moorhead High, freshman at Concordia College last year.

James, sophomore at Moorhead High School last year.

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**June 3, 1943**

### **Clay Pioneer Woman Dead**

Mrs. Gunder O. Lee, 86, pioneer Clay resident since 1871, died Wednesday night at her farm home, four miles north of Watts Siding, Moland Township. She was ill for a short time only.

Born in Telemarken, Norway, January 12, 1857, she came to this country with her parents in 1861. Her father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. Ole G. Thortvedt, first settled in Houston County in 1861. Ten years later they migrated to Clay County and



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homesteaded in what is now Moland Township. Mrs. Lee has made her home there since that time.

Thone Thortvedt before her marriage, she was married in Moland Township July 6, 1875. She was active in church affairs of the community and was a charter member of Concordia Lutheran Church and its ladies aid. Mr. Lee died in 1929.

Survivors include two sons, four daughters, a sister, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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**June 16, 1931**

**Moorhead Circuit Luther League**

**To Meet June 26-28**

Dr. C. W. Landahl, superintendent of the Lutheran missionary field in China, who has been engaged in that work for 35 years, will be the principal speaker at the annual convention of the Moorhead

## Bits and Pieces

Circuit Luther League convention to be held at Halstad June 26 to 28, it was announced today.

Dr. Landahl will delivery two addresses, one at the convention session Sunday morning, June 28, and at the Sunday evening choral union concert.

The annual convention was to have been held at Concordia Lutheran Church northeast of Moorhead near the Buffalo River, which was demolished in the recent tornado that swept through Clay County.

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### **Hymns for the Aging**

- It Is Well With My Soul (but my back hurts)
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- Just A Slower Walk With Thee

I Love To Tell The Story (but can't remember the ending)

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# Dates to Remember

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

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.          Worship: 10 a.m.

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

## ***Bible Study***

June 3 5:30 p.m.

## ***Concordia Ladies***

June 9 1:30 p.m.

## ***Horpedahl 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary***

June 6 2-4 p.m.

## ***Birthdays***

June 5 Mavis Wang

June 16 Kathy Krogstad

June 26 Walter Teigen

## ***Anniversaries***

June 3 Harold and Sally Horpedahl

June 7 Ruth and Bill Farabee

June 22 Walter & Sylvia Teigen

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