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Message from Pastor Bruce

Most every Sunday and most every newsletter, I dedicate my message to what the gospel means for us and individuals and what it means for us as a church family at Concordia Lutheran. While this is important and will continue to be my primary goal for the future, it is good to take our stock in what it means for us to be connected to and partners with other congregations of the Lutheran tradition. In this and future issues of the Concordia newsletter, I would like to express the closest jurisdictional expression of Lutheranism for us; it is the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. This season of Easter we looked at the singular historical event of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and then spent the remainder of the season of Easter focusing in on what this means for our identity as individuals and as a congregation. The season of Pentecost started with the singular event of God sending the Holy Spirit upon his disciples, forming the Church, and then sending to Church to reach out to the world with the saving message of the resurrected Jesus Christ. In Easter we learn who we are, individually and corporately; during the season of Pentecost we learn more in depth about our identity but also learn what



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difference this makes; in short what to do with this new creation God has worked and continues to work in our lives as individual Christians as well as our lives as part of the broader Church of Jesus Christ. I submit below information that pertains to the season of Pentecost as it pertains to Concordia's part of the broader church, the nearest expression of which is our local synod. The information is from our Synod's website and I hope will reveal to you a deeper sense of what it means for us to be members of a Church which is larger than Concordia.

I pray this fall is a blessed one for you and your families and for Concordia Lutheran,

Pastor Bruce

Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Our Purpose

The purpose of the Northwestern Minnesota synod is to serve God's mission by focusing its entire life on calling, raising up, forming in faith and spiritual leadership and sending out the next generation of disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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- We have *a heart for God's Mission* to redeem creation. The synod is the hands and feet of God's mission. As Christ followers led by God's Holy Spirit we...
- join in that work to *bring hope and healing*, reconciliation and redemption to the world.
- pray and are *guided by the message of scripture* to discern God's will in NWMN synod.
- *live out the Greatest Commandment* of Matthew 22, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind ... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- *live out the Great Commission* in Matthew 28 to "Go therefore and make disciple of all nations."
- are *missional pioneers*, led out of our comfort zones by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness of the communities and contexts God has called us to serve.
- are not a "settled" church comfortable with the status quo, but rather a sent church that sees itself as *on the move for the sake of the gospel* and the sake of the world. (Rick Rouse and Craig VanGelder, *Field Guide for the Missional Congregation*, Augsburg Fortress 2008, 25).

Our Mission Field

Our “mission field” is right outside our front door. Every member of the synod is a missionary. Our challenge is to reclaim the Christian practice of sharing our faith in both word and deed. We can no longer expect the unchurched to come to us through the front doors of our sanctuaries, we must go to them. We must take the church public and to reach the spiritually needs of our communities. This is our single greatest opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.

Northwestern Minnesota for generations has been ‘Lutherland’. Most small towns have several Lutheran congregations with a strong sense of intergenerational community and caring. The identity of many of our rural churches is rooted in Lutheran Northern European immigrant story. Among the elders their faith goes deep into their bones. Among younger generations there is a vibrant faith in action.

What Difference Does Synod Ministry Make?

Missional

Supporting one another in evangelical mission development.

Leadership

A strong church require effective leadership, both ordained and lay. Jesus devoted major energy to the leadership formation of his disciples. So must we. If you reflect on synod ministry, you notice the

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prominence of leadership formation, support, development and accountability. These are critical functions to the health of the church.

Relationships

The church is at its best when gifts, burdens and mission are shared. Synod ministry oversees and tends the important relationships, networks and formal structures of our ministry together, helping congregations do together what could not be done well alone.

Accountability

Synodical ministries of decision-making, leadership support and development, congregational support, and extended ministry are structured around the mutual accountability of the community of faith. Decisionmaking is democratic; leaders are elected by their congregations or appointed by the synod council or the synod assembly.

Our constitutions bind us to a confession of faith based on Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. In this way we choose to evaluate and discern our ministry by its faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his Gospel of Salvation.

If you would like to receive the weekly email newsletter from the NW Synod featuring news and information about its people and congregations, visit <http://nwmnsynod.org/news-events/>

newsletters-and-publications/northern-lights/ and click “Subscribe”



Concordia Ladies

Date: September 8, 2015

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: Fryn' Pan

Coffee and Cookie Servers



September 6 Delores Hagene

October 4 Kathy Krogstad

September 13 Becky Jegtvig

October 11 Germaine Gress

September 20 Polly Hanson

October 18 Mavis Wang

September 27 Sylvia Teigen

October 25 Phylis Nelson

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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“The Eye is the Lamp of the Body” is the subject for Kids Corner in September. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.

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. I will do my best to get the information in.

Thank You,

Barb Grover



BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, September 2

5:30-6:30 pm

Food Donations Needed



Please drop your non-perishable food donations in the box in the narthex.

By all these lovely tokens, September days are here –

With summer's best of weather, and autumn's best of cheer.

- *H. H. Jackson*



How it works: If you have a prayer request you wish to share, call the Prayer Chain. Start by calling the first person on the list below. If there is no answer, try the second name, and so on. Give your

message and ask that it be shared. That person will pass the message on to the next person on the list.

1. Ella – 233-4154
2. Barb – 233-5906
3. Regina – 233-8443
4. Doris K. – 233-7238
5. Harold/Sally-233-7201
6. Mavis – 233-5463
7. Polly – 233-8622
8. Orpha – 287-3774
9. Sylvia – 236-6693
10. Kathy – 329-2246
11. Lloyd – 287-8707
12. Irene – 277-8819
13. Jerry Hagene -701-261-4234

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery

In Memory of Peter Mead

Gail & Robert Monson

Jorgee Mjolsness

Pat Lynde Hemmah

In Memory of Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of LeRoy Horpedahl

Richard Horpedahl



September 23

The First Day of Fall

(Autumnal Equinox)

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Betty McCollum's Turkey, Sweet Potato and Wild Rice Hotdish

*Winner of the 2015 Minnesota congressional
delegation hotdish competition*



Ingredients

1 lb ground Turkey	2 large bunches kale leaves
3 cups cooked wild rice	½ yellow onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced	½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ TB red pepper flakes	1 tsp paprika
1 tbsp butter	4 oz crimini mushrooms, sliced
¼ cup chicken stock	½ cup milk
⅛ cup cream	½ teaspoon thyme, minced
1 package frozen sweet potato tater tots	

Directions

- Brown ground turkey in pan with salt and pepper, set aside.
- Add kale leaves and 1 cup water to large saucepan and cover, stirring occasionally. Do this until water has evaporated and kale has wilted. Remove from saucepan and set aside.
- On medium heat, add mushrooms, onions, and 2 TB olive oil to saucepan. Do not stir and let mushrooms brown and begin to caramelize. After 5-6 minutes, stir, add salt and pepper to taste, let sit another 5-6 minutes.

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- Add kale, butter, thyme, garlic, cinnamon, paprika, red pepper flakes. Cook additional 1-2 minutes.
 - Add milk, cream, and chicken stock. Reduce heat and cover, stirring occasionally until mixture thickens. Add flour if necessary.
 - Preheat oven to 425.
 - Combine all ingredients in 9 X 9 pan, Top with sweet potato tots and bake until tots brown, about 35 minutes.
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Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 23

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things but I don't see him enough to get as smart as him.

Grandma lives at the airport. When we want to see her, we go and get her and when my parents think she's been there long enough they take her back to the airport.

Little Citizens League

The Little Citizen's League met September 7, 1936. The meeting was opened with the secretary's report. After the secretary's report we had election of officers.

Mavis – President

Howard – Vice President

Willma – Secretary

Orvis – Entertainment

We also appointed people for duty jobs:

Harold – Library

Sidney – sink

Gunder & Olaf – wastepaper baskets

Waldo & Howard - water

Mavis & Wilma – sweeping

Jean – desks

Leroy – boy's cloak room

Joann – girl's cloak room

Muriel & Regina – erasers

Howard brought up that the girls could carry two pails of water just as well as the boys if they didn't want to carry two pails of water in the morning they could carry one in the morning and one in the

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afternoon. Harold made the motion that the girls carry two pails of water. It was seconded. Everybody said "I."

The meeting was adjourned.

Willma Jensen, Secretary



Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

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

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Bible Study

September 2 5:30 p.m.

Concordia Ladies

September 8 1:30 p.m.

Birthdays

September 9 Doris Kassenborg

September 13 Sylvia Teigen

September 18 Ernest Edwards

September 23 Curt Lynde

Anniversaries

September 9 Neil & Polly Hanson

September 21 Dick & Mavis Wang

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