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Previously I mentioned Concordia’s connection to the broader church in our own backyard, the NW MN Synod. Today I would like to highlight the leader of our Synod, Bishop Larry Wohlrabe. Larry and I overlapped at Luther Seminary in the early 1980s and again in the mid- to late 1990s when he was an assistant to the bishop. While Larry has been tasked with



important administrative and leadership responsibilities, he continues to be a pastor/theologian and will be long after he leaves his current role. We are blessed to have him as our bishop. I commend the biography to you below. God Bless, *Pastor Bruce*

Larry began his ministry as bishop of the synod on September 1, 2007. In the ELCA synod bishops serve six-year terms, and their duties are described in detail in Chapter 8 of the *Synod Constitution*. Many of the constitutional duties of the office of bishop are carried out by other members of the synod staff. Larry views his ministry as bishop as having several key components:

- **Preaching the Word and teaching the faith** Larry seeks to set the tone (theologically, relationally, organizationally) for how the people of our synod participate in God’s mission.
- **Asking imaginative, missional questions** Larry tries to keep God’s mission in Jesus Christ front-and-center in all that we do. This often involves helping others “reframe” the concerns, questions or anxieties they bring to him. In partnership with Keith Zeh he helps chart a course for missional ventures and pathways to congregational renewal in the synod.
- **Garnering resources for God’s work** Larry spearheads efforts to invite financial gifts to the work of our synod and the ELCA churchwide organization. In partnership with the synod council, he exercises careful stewardship of the resources available to the synod.
- **Tending servant-leaders in God’s mission** In partnership with Laurie Natwick, Larry relates to rostered leaders from the point of their entry into the ELCA candidacy process through their retirement from active rostered service. He attends to the gifts, health and fidelity of our rostered leaders—including their relationship to the synod and the ELCA. He and other members of the synod staff give focused attention to the call process. Larry also works with other synod staff in encouraging, supporting and equipping elected and appointed lay leaders in congregations and other ministries.
- **Leading the synod staff** Larry provides direction, clarity, and feedback for members of the synod staff. He helps them function as a team in service to God’s mission.
- **Cultivating connections within the synod and the ELCA** One way Larry does this is by serving *ex officio* on boards of directors for ELCA and ecumenical ministries. He also bears responsibility for tending global partnerships, especially our “companion synod,” the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in southern India.

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Concordia Ladies

Date: November 10, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fryn' Pan



Winter's Coming

When roads are bad, check WDAY, Channel 6 television or WDAY radio 970. We will notify the stations and they will broadcast church cancellations.

Coffee and Cookie Servers



- November 1 Linda Koester
- November 8 Becky Jegtvig
- November 15 Orpha Hoelstad
- November 22 Delores Hagene
- November 29 Regina Hanson
- December 6 Polly Hanson
- December 13 Sylvia Teigen
- December 20 Doris Kassenborg
- December 27 Irene Olson

Heating Season

It is once again time to think about the fuel oil needed to heat the church. Your donations to the general fund will be greatly appreciated.



Become A ROMEO!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

Join us on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan for a little breakfast & lots of conversation!



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



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"God's Promise to Abraham" is the subject for Kids Corner in November. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

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, and so on.

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

I will do my best to get the information in.

Thank you, Barb Grover



BIBLE STUDY

Date: Wednesday, Nov 4
Time: 5:30-6:30 pm

Roofing Fund

Our shingles need replacing and the board is studying the most cost-effective alternatives. Your memorials and donations will help make this happen!



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26



Donations

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Glenn Kassenborg
Doris Kassenborg

In Memory of Partyke Family
Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Harold and Lucilla Anderson
Harold Anderson Family

In Memory of LeRoy Horpedahl
Ruth & Bill Farabee

In Memory Harriet Randel
Ruth & Bill Farabee

In Memory of Robert Rinke
Roberta Quick
Art & JoAnn Swanson
Richard & Sandra Roman
Bob & Sandy Hoy
Laura Carley
Steve Stoner
Peter Welte
Laural Litchfield
W.T. Jacobson

Concordia General Fund

In memory of Harold and Lucilla Anderson
Keith Anderson

In memory of Pat (Grover) Kelly
Clare Stensrud
Karen Johnson

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In Memory of Harold and Lola Anderson
Keith Anderson & the Anderson children

Donations

Harriet Muffley
LeRoy Juve
Jean Bergland Anderson



Thanks to those who worked and those who ate at our Fall dinner! It was a success again this year. Proceeds will go to the fund for a new church roof.

Recipe of the Month Golden Potato Soup

served during Alene's tour in Norway



Ingredients

- 1 leek
- 1 onion
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 8 medium potatoes
- 2 ¼ cups diced rutabaga
- 6 ½ cups chicken stock
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 2/3 cup crème fraiche*
- Salt
- White pepper
- White wine vinegar
- Chopped parsley

**Crème fraiche is similar to sour cream but is thicker and richer with less bite. It does not curdle during cooking like sour cream. Crème fraiche is more expensive than sour cream and is not available in all grocery stores.*

Directions

- Chop the onion and white part of the leek. Add thyme and saute' until soft.
- Dice the rutabaga and potatoes and add to onions with broth. Boil until tender.
- Add the green part of the leeks and boil for a few more minutes.
- Add salt and pepper to taste and a drop of vinegar.
- Carefully mix in the cream and crème fraiche. Top with parsley.

Trim the Tree! Deck the Halls!



Join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at **1 pm** on **Saturday, November 28**. After the decorations are in place we will celebrate the coming of our Savior with the singing of Christmas carols. After the

singing, Kathy and Orpha invite everyone for coffee and conversation. Whether or not you help decorate, everyone can sing and have a cup of coffee. Come and join the fun and festivities, and enjoy the fellowship!

Biography of Bishop Wohrabe

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•**Navigating transitions and change** Larry views most church conflict as symptomatic of the rapidity of change in the 21st century church. Since 2007 the synod has reflected these changes in myriad ways—through moving the synod office (2008), right-sizing the size of the synod staff (2009-2010), and dealing with losses of members and congregations following the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. “Change may be the only constant that we face,” he likes to say. Relying on the constancy of God’s love and grace provides hope in the midst of such rapid changes.

Bio



Lawrence Robert Wohrabe was born in Mankato, MN. He graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, he was awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree with

distinction. Ordained in 1981, he served parishes in Willmar, MN; St. James, MN; and Moorhead. He was also on the staff of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, and the SW MN Synod ELCA, Redwood Falls, MN. Larry was elected bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod on June 10, 2007. Larry’s wife, Joy, is hospice and homecare social worker for St. Francis Healthcare Campus in Breckenridge, MN. They have two young adult children, Erik and Kristen.



The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

By Joanna Fuchs

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran," and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They’re loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To those who’ve served in uniform.











Our veterans should be celebrities;
They’re exceptional; no other group compares.
We’re grateful for the many things they’ve
done;
They’re always in our hearts and in our
prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they’re worth.
These men and women served us and our
country,
Our veterans--the very best on earth.



Part Two of “Adventures in Norway” will be included in next month’s newsletter as space allows.
Photo of the Kasenborg farm above the Etne River Valley, Oppland, Norway.

NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship Daylight Time Ends</p>   <p>ADVENT SUNDAY</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 5:30</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>  <p>WEIL HANSEN</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Concordia Ladies 1:30 pm Fryn' Pan</p>	<p>11 VETERANS DAY</p>  <p>VETERANS DAY</p>  <p>FRYN PARADEE</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>STUSS KILLUM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 THANKSGIVING</p>  <p>KJELL & ORFVA</p>  <p>ROSLAND</p>	<p>27 R.O.M.E.O. 7:30 AM Fryn Pan</p>	<p>28 TREE TRIMMING 1:00 pm</p> 
<p>29 ADVENT BLUE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>					

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