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Dear Members and Friends of
Concordia Lutheran:

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Easter is the high festival of the
Christian church. Christmas gets all
the press because of the
commercial value that comes with it,

but the resurrection of Christ has been regarded as the central thrust and purpose of God's action of having his Son born to Mary. Without the resurrection Jesus would be one of hundreds if not thousand Messiah pretenders which roved around Israel at the turn of the Millenium. His death was a prerequisite for setting up the miracle of his being raised from the dead. In our baptism we relive, we directly participate in the burying and raising of Jesus. Our everyday lives are to be a burial of the Old Adam/Eve and a resurrection of the new person. Every day is a new day for the Christian. We find our hope in the grace of God as revealed in this central, sacrificial act of his Son. I'd like to pass on a small excerpt from the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia:

The New Testament teaches that the resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is a foundation of the Christian faith.

The resurrection established Jesus as the powerful Son of God and is cited as proof that God will judge the world in righteousness. God has given Christians "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Christians, through faith in the working of God are spiritually resurrected with Jesus so that they may walk in a new way of life.

Easter is linked to the Passover and Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper and crucifixion that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as he prepared himself and his disciples for his death in the upper room during the Last Supper. He identified the loaf of bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed";this refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.

One interpretation of the Gospel of John is that Jesus, as the Passover lamb, was crucified at roughly the same time as

the Passover lambs were being slain in the temple, on the afternoon of Nisan 14. The scriptural instructions specify that the lamb is to be slain "between the two evenings", that is, at twilight. By the Roman period, however, the sacrifices were performed in the mid-afternoon. Josephus, Jewish War 6.10.1/423 ("They sacrifice from the ninth to the eleventh hour"). Philo, Special Laws 2.27/145 ("Many myriads of victims from noon till eventide are offered by the whole people").

Let us celebrate not only the Sunday of Easter but the season of Easter together.

God Bless,
Pastor Bruce





Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 1:30

Lunch: Fryn' Pan



Cookie Servers

April 1 Germaine Gress

April 8 Mavis Wang

April 15 Phylis Nelson

April 22 Sally Horpedahl

April 29 Barb Grover

May 6 Orpha Hoelstad

May 13 Delores Hagene

May 20 Becky Jegtvig

May 27 Polly Hanson



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*

Shared joy is a double joy. Shared sorrow is half a sorrow.

~Scandinavian proverb

Announcements & Assignments

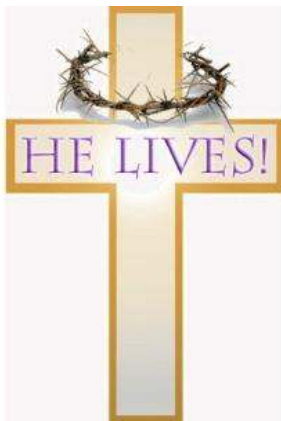


Ham Dinner
Sunday, April 15
at 11:30 AM

Following Worship Service



Holy Week Service
Friday, April 6
6 PM
No supper



Easter Service
Sunday, April 8
10 AM



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“The Third Commandment and the Resurrection” is the subject for Kids Corner in April. Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of our website.

Annual Memorial Day Service



The Cemetery Association will again sponsor our Memorial Day Service on
Monday, May 28
Potluck dinner follows service

Spring Flowers



WELCA SALAD LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 12

Music provided by
Susan Green

With Our Thanks

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Keith Brendemuhl

Kristi & Gregg Trautwein

In Memory of Lowell Johnson

Val & Delores Hagene

In Memory of Partyke Family

Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Gorder Family

Ernest & Viola-parents

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Erna-sister

Gloria Tomas

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In Memory of Gilbert, Esther, and Glenn

Kassenborg

Donald Kassenborg

Gifts

Dorothy Powers; Amy Kragnes; Eileen Horpedahl; Donald Kassenborg; William & Ruth Farabee; Anne Gunderson; Marijo Thoreson; Gloria Thomas; Irene Hogstad; and Harry & Phyllis Fillafer

Thank you to Pastor Walker for donating his time and talents to tune the piano at the church. What a wonderful gift to share.

Thank you to all for the cards and phone calls and visits when I was in the hospital and now at home during my illness. And thank you to Pastor Bruce for the visits. Val Hagene

Thank you to everyone who served supper at Lenten services and to those who attended.

Easter Eggs



Eggs have been part of Easter celebrations since the earliest days of Christianity. There is an old story from the early Church in Rome that Mary Magdalene brought eggs to share with the other women who gathered at Jesus' tomb that first Easter morning, but dropped them when she saw the empty tomb. An egg with a broken shell was said to represent the unsealed tomb.

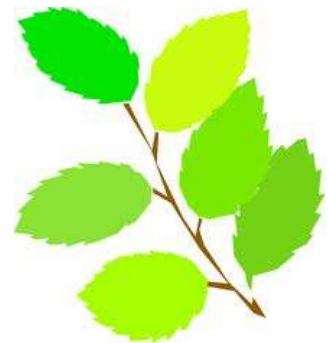
His household accounts show that England's King Edward I (1239-1307) paid to have 450 eggs painted for Easter.

In many places eating eggs is given up during Lent, so their return is a symbolic part of Easter breakfast.

Decorated eggs are old and treasured, symbols of Easter around the world.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

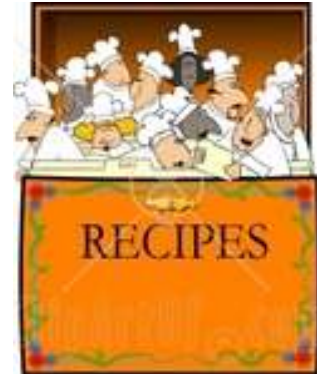
~Martin Luther



Recipe of the Month

Slow Cooker Potato & Double-Corn Chowder

From Betty Crocker



Ingredients

1 bag (4 cups) frozen hash browns potatoes, thawed

1 can (15.25 ounces) whole kernel corn, undrained

1 can (14.75 ounces) cream style corn

1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk

1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)

8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce 1/4 tsp. pepper

Directions

- In 3 to 4 quart slow cooker, mix all ingredients.
- Cover, cook on low heat setting 6 to 8 hours (or high heat setting 3 to 4 hours) to develop flavors.
- Total time will vary with appliance and setting.
- Reduce heat to medium

Served by Regina, Neil and Polly Hanson at one of our Lenten Suppers – a big hit!

Concordia News will sponsor

Saturday-Sunday

Sept. 22-23, 2012

“Week-end on the Buffalo”

If you are a descendant of a Buffalo River pioneer or just interested in local history, set aside the week-end of Sept. 22-23 for a good time at Concordia!

Planning is already underway. Saturday will start with lunch at the church, followed by a program that will include a presentation by Mark Piehl of the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

We'd like your help to put together a little bus tour of the pioneer farms along the river. Sound interesting? Suggestions?

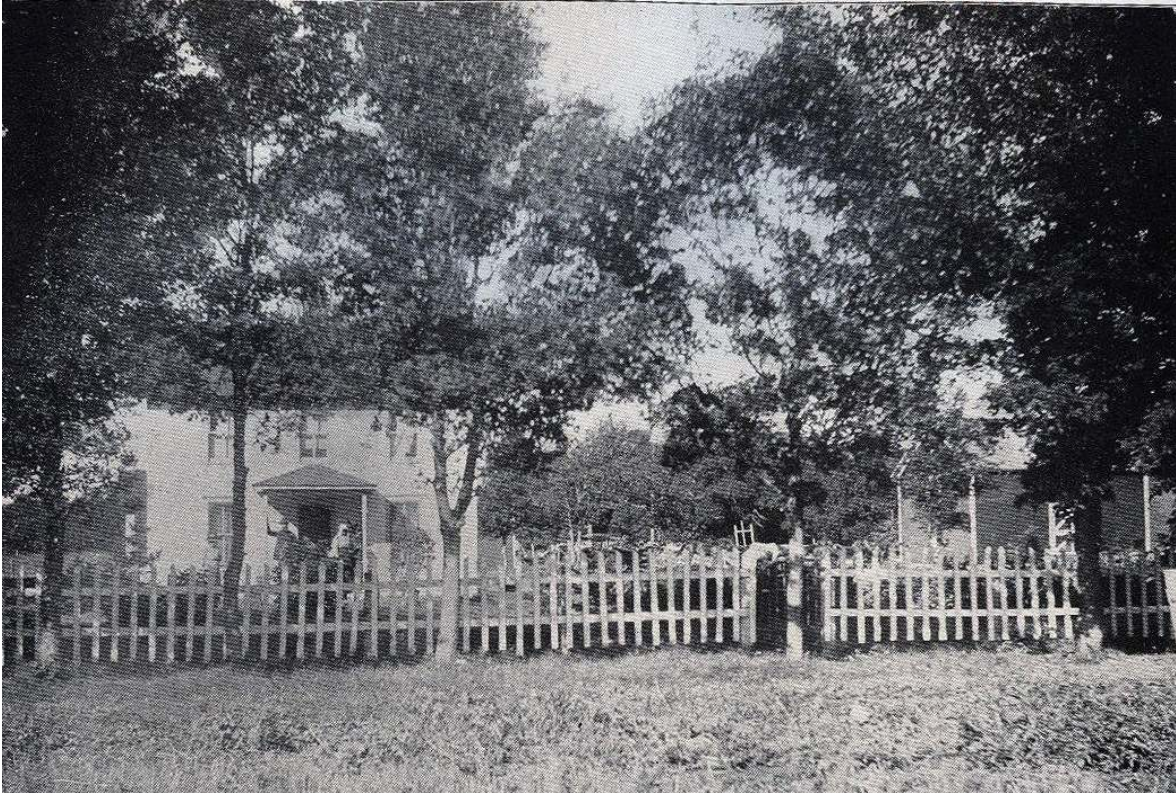
Sunday we can all worship together and share communion at Concordia. Pass the date along to friends and family. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!



The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

~Therese of Lisieux

Along the Buffalo - Adne Hanson Breiland



Breiland farm in Kragnes Township

Adne Hanson Breiland was born in Fyresdal, Telemark, Norway on March 3, 1846, and was the second member of a family of five children born to Hans and Tone Bjurfsdatter Odnason. Mr. Breiland came to this country in 1868 with the plan of remaining here about three years. His first stop was at the home of his sister in Dane County WI and then he lived with an aunt, Gro Lee, in Houston County MN. He worked at various jobs, including spending two winters as a lumberjack in the woods.

In the spring of 1871 he joined a party of some fifty men with ox teams headed for the Red River Valley. He took a claim in Moland Township, where he lived for about a year. After a

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grasshopper plague killed every living thing on his farm, he returned to the farm he still owned in Houston County in disgust, and then returned to Norway in 1875. He stayed only 6 months and, convinced grasshoppers were not a permanent institution in the Red River Valley, returned to the community and purchased his farm in Kragnes Township in 1877. He went on to become one of the most successful farmers in the area.

Breiland married Gro Torgersdatter Aken in 1876 and they adopted a daughter, Gina. Breiland was a charter member of the Moland church and was active in creating the joint congregation of Concordia.

In 1896 he and his family made an extended visit to Norway. Adne Breiland died at home on September 7, 1925 and is buried in Concordia Cemetery.

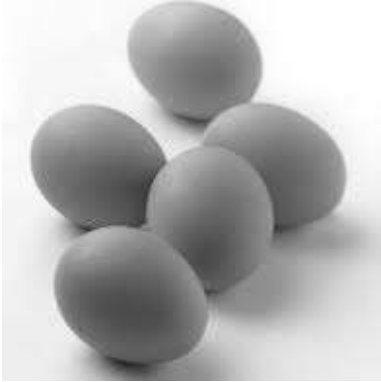
Carrots, Eggs, and Coffee

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem



was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word.



In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs and coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.



Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma she asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot

went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its insides became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Easter Bunny Humor



What is the Easter Bunny's favorite state capital?

Albunny, New York!

Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?

He was having a bad hare day!

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of story?

A cotton tale!

Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail?

To a re-tail store!

Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 AM

Worship: 10 AM

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 6 6 PM

Ham Dinner April 15

Follows Worship – Freewill Offering

WELCA

Tuesday, April 10th 1:30 p.m.

Birthdays

April 10 Regina Hanson

April 16 Kjell Hoelstad

April 19 Diane Rasmussen

Anniversaries

April 3 Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

April 20 Dalan & Diane Rasmussen

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