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Concordia Lutheran Church and Concordia Cemetery Association



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Matthew 13: 24-30

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder



came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Every organization, including Concordia Lutheran, occasionally has times of reflecting on what is essential to be faithful stewards of the gospel in terms of how it carries out specific ministries and manages its physical and financial resources. We have all heard the horror stories of deep divisions and bitter in-fighting about things as petty as what color to paint the kitchen (what a contrast to Concordia's peace filled deliberations on basement flooring and shingles!).

In this month's Bible study, our synod's bishop, Larry Wohlrabe addresses the issue of what is truly essential in the life of a congregation. What is written below are excerpts. If you would like to read the full article, which I commend to you, feel free to click on the following link:

<http://nwmnsynod.org/resources/bishops-bible-study-current-month/>

"My dad loved rows that were straight and houndstooth clean of weeds. He was a lot like the farmhands in this parable. When they realize their enemy has sowed weed-seed on their turf, they're eager to do a little separating of the wheat from the weed, while it is still growing...but the farmer in the parable will have none of that. **"Let both of them grow together until the harvest."** (Matthew 13:30) Compared to his own farmhands, this farmer is much less interested in "appearances," less enamored with "purity" in his fields.

But why? To what end? Why does the farmer in the parable tolerate such weeds-among-the-wheat messiness on his farm?

It's because he always has his eyes on the goal: *the harvest*. The farmer doesn't want to lose one single stalk of wheat, one solitary sheaf. If I didn't know better, I'd think that this crazy farmer even imagines that some of those *weeds* might—when day is done—turn out to be *wheat* after all! Such wishful thinking, such patient willingness to err on the side of grace is God's preferred way of dealing with us and the whole human family. What appears to be a shocking tolerance of messiness is actually God's fierce determination to *"show forth [God's] almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy."*

If we have **God's Word, Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper**—surrounded by a **community of believers** gathered and scattered for witness and service in the world—that is enough! Everything else is up for grabs under the guidance of the Holy Spirit—subject to wherever the discernment of the community might lead. If all of this sounds like a formula for messiness in the church, well and good! The church, after all, was never meant to be a dust-free, neat-as-a-pin spiritual museum. The church is more like a M.A.S.H. unit (mobile army surgical hospital) in a deeply troubled, divinely loved world."

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bruce

COFFEE AT 9 A.M. – WORSHIP AT 10 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

Coffee and Cookie Servers

- November 6 Regina Hanson
- November 13 Delores Hagene
- November 20 Linda Koester
- November 27 Doris Kassenborg
- December 4 Mavis Wang
- December 11 Orpha Hoelstad
- December 18 Clinton Babolian
- December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY



Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Sunday, November 6
2 a.m.**

Turn your clocks back 1 hour
before going to bed on

Saturday, November 5



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Bible Study

5:30-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
November 2

Concordia Ladies

1:30 p.m. November 8
Fry'n Pan, Moorhead



Join the Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out
7:30 a.m., November 25

In November, the subject in Kids Corner is "Good King Hezekiah." Kids Corner is located in the Congregation section of the website.



Pastoral Care

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

Veteran's Coffee Hour

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum (1609 19th Avenue North) on the second Wednesday of every month from 10 until noon. In November, the get together will be **Wednesday, November 9th.**



Trim the Tree! Deck the Halls!

Join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at **1 pm** on **Saturday, November 26**. 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. Thank you – and Happy Thanksgiving!



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.



Congratulations Harold Horpedahl!

Harold has been an honor flight escort in the past, but in October he was one of the veterans honored for his Korean War service. *Picture on page 4.*

Donations

Cemetery Association

In Memory of Partyke Family
Paul & Jenifer Partyke

In Memory of Burton Rockstad
Lloyd Gunderson

In Memory of Glenn Gilberry
Donald Johnson

In Memory of Gilbert & Esther Kassenborg
Gordon & Sue Kassenborg

In Memory of Joan (Oberg) Erickson
Delores Hagene
Wescott Tommerdahl
Louis Stoutenberg

In Memory of Paul Fee
Donald Johnson

In Memory of Dolly Quiggle
Donald Johnson

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In Memory of Joan (Oberg) Erickson
Regina Hanson

In Memory of Burton Rockstad
Regina Hanson

Recipe of the Month

Banana-Cranberry Bread

A great way to use up leftover cranberry sauce



Ingredients

- 2 ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 3 eggs
- 3 mashed bananas
- 1 cup cranberry sauce
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 4 cups flour
- 1 ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease loaf pans.
- Mix sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in eggs, bananas, cranberry sauce, milk and vanilla.
- In a separate bowl, mix together flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg.
- Gradually add flour mixture to the rest of the ingredients. Mix thoroughly
- Pour into loaf pans.
- Bake for 50-60 minutes. To test, insert a toothpick in the center of each loaf. If it comes out clean, bread is done.

THANK YOU!



....to Barb Grover and everyone who helped with the Fall Dinner. The food was delicious! Thanks as

well to all who attended and helped make this annual celebration of fall a success.



Veterans Day

Friday, November 11

November

November comes and November goes,

With the last red berries and the first white snows.

With night coming early and dawn coming late,

Ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.

The fire burns and the kettle sings,

And earth sinks to rest until next spring.



~Elizabeth Coatsworth



Where's Harold? This picture taken at the World War II Memorial in Washington is of the participants in October's WDAY Honor flight.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- APPLE PIE
- BEANS
- BREAD
- CORN
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- GRAVY
- HAM
- MASHED POTATOES
- MILK
- PUMPKIN PIE
- ROLLS
- SQUASH
- STUFFING
- SWEET POTATOES
- TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY

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NOVEMBER 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 pm Bible Study	2	3	4
5 GREEN 8 am Coffee 9 am Worship 10 am Devotions	6 ELECTION DAY 10 am Columbus Lecture 	7 5 am Coffee 6 am Worship 7 am Devotions	8 10 am Mesa College High Prayer at Museum 11-12 am    11 am Prayer	9 11 VETERANS DAY   	10
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