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. Every once in a while you may hear someone speak critically of liturgy and creeds by saying something like, "the same words every Sunday, it is boring, I don't even think about what I am saying". Of course one answer might be, "You are missing a rich blessing when you disconnect the links between your heart,

your mind and your tongue." Or one could state, "I have heard attention spans are diminishing in the United States; I hope you don't become a surgeon."

Tradition is falling on hard times in a society that has little or no sense of history, not just national or global but even personal history. Traditions are hard to create and easy to destroy, but before we cast them off as being old fashion we must consider the cost. I found the following article on the ELCA website without any attribution, so I cannot give credit to its author but he or she hits on some important matters that are relevant to this discussion:

Scriptures, Creeds, Confessions

Scriptures A cradle that holds the infant Jesus. Baby blankets that clothe the newborn Christ. Lutherans often use these well-known metaphors from Martin Luther to describe the Christian Scriptures

and their importance. These simple metaphors clearly and profoundly describe both what the Scriptures are and what is their purpose.

Simply stated, the Scriptures tell about Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit uses the Scriptures to present Jesus to all who listen to or read them. That is why Lutheran Christians say that the Scriptures are the “source and norm” of their teaching and practice. As the Gospel writer John wrote, “these things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

Obviously, the Scriptures that are collected into a book or Bible describe and speak about many other things — everything from the creation of the world to the world’s end. Because these writings originate from a time period that spans about a thousand years and come to us in a variety of handwritten manuscripts and fragments, they have been studied carefully with all the tools of research that are available. This research continues to enrich understanding of the Scriptures and their message. Despite the diversity of viewpoints and the complexity of the many narratives contained in the Scriptures, Lutheran Christians believe that the story of God’s steadfast love and mercy in Jesus is the heart and center of what the Scriptures have to say.

Creeds Like the Scriptures, the three ecumenical creeds — the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed — are written documents. They originate from the earliest centuries of the Christian church's history, a time when theological and philosophical questions about the identity of Jesus were widely debated among Christians. All three creeds affirm that God is fully present in Jesus, that Jesus Christ is both God and human (not a semi-divine or superhuman creature that is neither). These three creeds are called ecumenical because they are all accepted and used by the overwhelming majority of the world's Christians. All three are affirmed in the Lutheran confessional writings and in the ELCA's governing documents.

Although these three creeds, like the Scriptures, are written, most Christians experience and use them spoken aloud with other Christians in worship. Along with many other Christians, Lutherans use the Apostles' Creed at baptism; it is also the Creed most often used in basic Christian education (as in the Small Catechism). Lutheran Christians often use the Nicene Creed at festivals like Easter and Christmas and during seasons of the year related to those festivals. Some Lutheran congregations recite the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost) because of its focus on the relationships between the persons of the Triune God.

Lutheran Confession On many occasions in the 16th century, Martin Luther and other evangelical reformers were asked to give an account of their teaching and practice. In response Philip Melanchthon, one of Luther's colleagues, wrote, "We must see what Scripture attributes to the law and what it attributes to the promises. For it praises and teaches good works in such a way as not to abolish the free promise and not to eliminate Christ." Although the writings that comprise the Book of Concord engage a range of issues regarding teaching and practice, they do not address every question or topic. Rather, they focus on the Scriptures' purpose: to present Jesus Christ to faith.

The Book of Concord includes seven writings composed by Luther and others. Lutheran churches around the world have affirmed these writings, and the ELCA affirms them in its governing documents. Lutherans most often use them in teaching — for example, when the Small Catechism is used in basic Christian instruction, or when the Augsburg Confession is used to teach women and men preparing for ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

Coffee and Cookie Servers

July 1	Linda Koester	August 5	Germaine Gress
July 8	Irene Olson	August 12	Delores Hagene
July 15	Gordon Kassenborg	August 19	Mavis Wang
July 22	Carolyn Edwards	August 26	Doris Kassenborg
July 29	JoLyn Johnson		



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bible Study

No Bible Study in July

Concordia Ladies

No meeting in July



Join The Romeos!

Retired Old Men Eating Out

7:30 a.m., Friday, July 27

Fryn' Pan



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

This month's story is "Give to Caesar ..." Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



Veteran's Coffee Hour

Join your fellow veterans at the Fargo Air Museum from 10-noon Wednesday, Wednesday, July 11.

YOU
CAN
HELP



Consider a small donation to the newsletter to help cover printing and postage costs.



Donate to the Food Shelf!

Leave your non perishable donations in the box in the Narthex.



America was not built on fear. It was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.

Harry S. Truman

Eva Hedstrom

1928-2018



Eva (Nelson) Hedstrom, 89, of Anoka, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, died peacefully at home on June 5, 2018, surrounded by her husband and family.

Eva was the granddaughter of Levi and Ingeborg Thortvedt. Born in Moorhead, she grew up in our community and was confirmed at Concordia in 1942. Although she lived in Anoka for 43 years, she took great pride in and was dedicated to her family's legacy and the preservation of the history of the Buffalo River Settlement.

Eva was preceded in death by parents Hilmen and Adele (Thortvedt) Nelson; siblings Bobbie (Jean) Nelson, and Dennis (Luvenia) Nelson; and daughter-in-law, Julie Hedstrom.

She is survived by husband Carl Wayne Hedstrom; children Linda Hedstrom; Chuck (Holly) Hedstrom and Steve (Kathy Smith) Hedstrom; grandchildren Natasha Hedstrom, Alicia Hedstrom, Kassie (Zach) Nelson, Megan Hedstrom; great-grandchildren Addie and Lily Nelson.

Obituary

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 16 at the funeral home in Anoka with lunch following at the Anoka American Legion.

Thanks to Becky Skrei Bergerson for the photo of Eva, taken by Tarjei Skræi



The Memorial Day service included a special video provided by the Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County's Markus Krueger. He told the stories of community members who served in World War I. We also viewed one from the current WWI exhibit at the Hjemkomst Center about the funeral for Eugene Studlien, who was killed in action. **Links to the videos are available** under "History" in the Congregation section of the website and "Veteran's Memorial" in the Cemetery section.

And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.

~F. Scott Fitzgerald

Donations

Concordia Cemetery Association

In Memory of Val Hagene

Delores Hagene

In Memory of Alvin and Orvis Gunderson

Lloyd Gunderson

In Memory of Allard and Josephine Bergland

Allan & LuAnn Bergland



Want a see photos in color?

Color copies of all issues of ‘Concordia News’ are available in the “Newsletter” section of the website. There are large print versions of each issue of the newsletter, too. (You know that – you are reading one!)

<http://www.concordianews.org/newsletter.htm>



Memorial Day 2018

It was a beautiful day, the service was well attended, and generous donations to the Cemetery Fund were greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who attended.

This Memorial Day service doesn't happen without the help of many. Thanks to JoLyn and Clinton for church preparations, to Lloyd Gunderson for his invaluable help putting the service together. We appreciate Gerald Hagene's efforts making sure every veteran grave had a flag. The service itself included so many - Thanks to Kathy and Orpha for their always fine music, Chloe and Dawn Gunderson for their beautiful songs and reading, the Minnesota National Guard for the flag presentation and outdoor ceremony, Markus Krueger for

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the WWI videos, Aaron Johnson for the veterans video, our bugler Verne Wik, Pastor Bruce and last but certainly not least - Hats off to Ray Johnson for a job well done in his first year taking the helm from Lloyd!

The absence of Harold Horpedahl and Don Johnson was noticed by all this year. The flag replacement ceremony was dedicated to their service, both to the country and our community.



With Our Thanks



Thanks to a great crew that organized and served the pot luck – pictured here are JoLyn Johnson (flowered red dress); picture bottom left: Polly Hanson, Irene Olson, Clinton Babolian; picture below: Sue Kassenborg and Kathy Krogstad. Thanks to all the great cooks (and savvy shoppers) who provided this varied and delicious feast!



Hotdish of Champions

*Tom Emmer's winner of the 2018 Minnesota
Congressional Delegation's Hotdish Competition*

Ingredients

30 oz. Tater tots
Can of cream of mushroom soup
1/2 tsp vegetable oil
6 eggs
Salt & Pepper
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
3/4 cup cooked and crumbled bacon
1 1/2 cup cooked and crumbled sausage
Your choice of cereal, like Chex or Total for topping

Directions

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- Cook sausage and bacon, drain off fat and set aside to cool.
- Line bottom of a 12-inch greased cast iron skillet with tater tot crowns and then line the sides of the pan.
- Bake for 15 minutes.
- While baking, heat the oil in a pan over medium heat.

Recipe of the Month

- Whisk together the eggs with a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook eggs until just set (they will cook more in the oven).
- Remove the tater tots from the oven and use a spatula to press them onto bottom and sides of a greased 12" pyrex dish.
- Crumble bacon and sausage, keeping them in separate containers. Set aside about half of the crumbled sausage in a separate bowl.
- Spread about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the sausage on top of the tater tots.
- Pour a can of cream of mushroom soup over the tots and sausage.
- Eggs form the next layer, followed by the rest of the sausage and the other cup of cheddar cheese. Make sure the cheese is spread to reach the tater tots lining the pan.
- Spread the crumbled bacon on top
- Place in the oven for 10-12 minutes
- Garnish with cereal.



Dates to Remember

Worship Services every Sunday

Coffee Hour: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Veteran Coffee Hour 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 11

ROMEOs 7:30 a.m., Friday, July 27

Birthdays

July 5 Sue Kassenborg

July 15 Michael Edwards

July 20 Jim Koester

July 21 Linda Koester

July 22 Pastor Bruce & Sammy Hatman

July 25 Gerald Hagene

July 26 Myron Hagene

Anniversaries

July 18 Leo & Diane Murr

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