

# Parish Pulse

*United In Christ*  
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## *Pastor's Notes*

Dear People of the United in Christ Lutheran Parish,

I write to you from the past. Where I am it is the 21st day of April, in the year 2023. I don't know when or where you are reading this, it is simply my hope that whenever and wherever you are right now, it isn't snowing. Back here in the past, it is snowing, and doing so rather hard at times. Just yesterday, 80% of our lawns were free of the dreaded whiteness. Today, disaster.

For the past several months, Harry has been asking me for a soccer ball that he can play with. Not wanting my boy to be kicking a ball in my home, I told Harry that I would get him his ball in the Spring. I waited a good long while to order that thing. I waited through all of Lent. I waited past Easter Sunday. Finally, the snow was really leaving. So I ordered the ball. It showed up yesterday, just as it was starting to snow.

I hope you are well in the future. I hope you are reading this outside with the light shinning around you. My hope for us all is warmth and green grass. I just need to keep reminding myself that I am not the one who makes the schedule. I am not the one in control. What I need to keep in mind is that the one who does make the schedule, the one who is in control, is the one who loves me.

May God's Peace Be With You,

Pastor Dan Morton

(This letter is to be read in the voice of Actor Peter Coyote)

## *Council Meetings*

3RD-LN 7pm

9TH- CLC 7pm

10TH- F 7pm

17TH-ML 7pm

T 7pm

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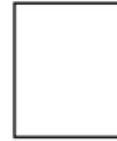
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*Concordia Lutheran Church*  
*100th Anniversary*  
**1923-2023**

Concordia Lutheran Church  
PO Box 615  
Fertile, MN 56540



**Saturday, September 30th**

- 4:00 pm** Anniversary Choir Rehearsal  
Concordia Sanctuary,  
all are welcome
- 5:00 pm** **Registration** - Fertile/Beltrami  
High School Commons
- 5:30 pm** **Dinner** - FBHS Old Gym
- 7:30 pm** **Program** -  
Concordia Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 1st**

- 9:30 am** **Worship Service of Praise & Thanksgiving** with Coffee & Cupcakes & Open House

*Please share the Anniversary  
information with family & friends*

*Save the Date  
for the*

*Concordia Lutheran Church*  
**100<sup>th</sup>**  
*Anniversary  
Celebration*

**Saturday, September 30th & Sunday, October 1st, 2023**

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## Concordia Worship Participants

Thank you for serving in this capacity!  
If you are unable to serve on the Sunday listed  
please exchange with someone on the list and  
notify the church office.

9:30 a.m. Worship

### Altar Guild:

Cathy Forgit  
Kathy Netland

### MAY 7

**Ushers:** Tyler Christianson; Ron Hanson

**Greeters:** Jon & Tammy Hemmah

**Lector:** Brian Gunufson

**Acolytes:** Mya Strem & Eve Revier

**Communion Assistants:** Tammy  
Hemmah; Ron & Lori Sannes

**Live Stream:**

### MAY 14

**Ushers:** Chad & Karin Braun

**Greeters:** Neil & Bridget Steffes

**Lector:** Sue Lindberg

**Assisting Minister:** Tim Sykes

**Acolytes:** Mya Strem & Eve Revier

**Communion Assistants:** Sue & Mark  
Lindberg; Scott Braun

**Live Stream:**

### MAY 21

**Ushers:** Jeff & Connor Haaven

**Greeters:** Chad & Kari Hitchen

**Assisting Minister:** Brian Gunufson

**Lector:** Justin Burke

**Acolytes:** Kenna Jensrud

**Communion Assistants:** Ray & Sylvia  
Nelson; Verna Norland

**Live Stream:**

### MAY 28

**Ushers:** Chris Solie & Nick Solie

**Greeters:** Bruce & Norma Erickson

**Lector:** Lindi Christianson

**Acolytes:**

**Communion Assistants:** Larry &  
Elaine Erdahl; Vickie Solie

**Live Stream:**

### Pastoral Acts for April Concordia:

#### Funeral-

-Byron Oliver Olson;  
Pr. Darrell Morton

### Faaberg:

**Funeral-** (& Anderson Funeral  
Home of Mahanomen)  
Melvin Renna; Pr. Dan

### Trinity:

#### Baptism-

-Reis Marcus Skaug,  
son of Ryan & Karina Skaug,  
Pr. Dan



## Blasting off for adventure!

Concordia VBS

June 11-15; 4:30-7pm

Registration forms will be available in the  
narthex and online soon! Looking for adult  
or 7-12 student volunteers to help make  
VBS an awesome week for our kids!

Earn service points! E-mail:

concordiasundayschool1@gmail.com

if interested! Or contact Hannah Chisholm  
or Amber Sannes





## Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 11, 2023

President Taylor Sannes called the meeting of Concordia's Church Council to order on April 11, 2023 @ 7:05 pm. Those present were Pastor Dan Morton, Taylor Sannes, Nick Neibauer, Carol Petersen, Karl Tollefson, Kristina Sandberg, Liz Lisburg, and Sue Lindberg.

Taylor opened with devotions from Acts 22:8.

The Secretary's Report The secretary's report was emailed, reviewed and accepted (Carol/Nick) M/S/A.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report The treasurer's report was accepted as presented (Sue/Nick) M/S/A.

Pastor's Report: Easter Sunday service was special with a full church. Pastor Dan is meeting with a bishop this week and April's pulpit supply is covered.

Committee Reports:

Management and Finance: (Nick) The gutters are needing cleaning. An estimate for gutter covers will be obtained. A lengthy discussion was held on the options for the church parsonage with the congregational meeting and vote this Sunday. The congregation will vote on the three options for the parsonage.

Outreach: (Mackenzie) Mackenzie was absent. Our Facebook page and website need Concordia's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary added for the event coming up Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Home and church Life: (Liz) The Easter brunch with fruit and snacks served approximately 35 people following services. The Senior Sunday will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30 am, with 13 Seniors being recognized and receiving their quilts. Coffee and cake will be served after services.

Education: (Tina) The Sunday School kids sang with the choir on Palm Sunday. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Tina has found an online Bible Study with "Right Now Media" for children through adults and Pastor Dan will review these series. Bids were received for painting the Sunday School rooms, hallways, chapel, for \$2,475.00 and the kitchen for \$350.00 from Kylie's Painting. Plans to remove the chalkboards and replace them with white boards have been made, with Tom Oftedahl and Kurt Larson helping. A motion was made and seconded (Sue/Karl) to price and purchase paint, remove and replace the chalk boards with white boards, paint the Sunday School rooms, hallways, chapel, and kitchen using Kylie's Painting Service. (M/S/A). Dorothy Schuschke has offered to donate funds in memory of Art Schuschke for the white boards. Monies are available from the Maintenance Fund to use as well for the expenses.

Daycare: (Lori) Lori was absent. Karl informed the council that Andrea hopes to apply for grant monies to pay for wood chips or rubber chips for the playground area of the daycare.

Worship: (Carol) Nothing new with worship services.

Old Business: This Sunday following church services, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on 3 options regarding plans for Concordia's current parsonage. There will be a two-part vote to eliminate one of the options, which are to

- 1) repair and remodel the current parsonage, 2) purchase a new parsonage, or 3) build a new structure for the parsonage.

The second vote will then decide which of the two remaining options, the church council will pursue.

New Business: Discussion was held on establishing a Maintenance and Finance subcommittee, a Parsonage Committee, which would be ongoing for consistency and carry over, year to year, for semi-annual inspections, and providing information for needed repairs and upkeep on the parsonage.

Adjournment motion was made @9:00 pm. (Nick/Carol) M/S/A followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary

Addendum: Taylor Sannes called the congregational meeting to order @10:45 am on 4/16/2023 and after much discussion, two votes were held. The first vote results were 1) 51 votes to repair; 2) 17 votes to purchase; 3) 12 votes to build.

The second vote results were 1) 60 votes to repair; 2) 17 votes to purchase. The congregational majority vote was to repair the existing parsonage. The meeting adjourned @11:35 am.

*Submitted by: Sue Lindberg*

## *Little Norway May Anniversaries & Birthdays*

### *Birthdays*

1-Allan Erickson  
2-Mark Gullickson  
7-Jeffery Morvig  
10-Lisa Duckstad  
13-Payton Larson  
14-Byron Troite  
19-Stacie Kronschnabel

23-Jacob Larson  
25-Lee Duckstad  
-Harry Morton  
26-Garth Kaste  
28-Ella Kronschnabel

**May Deacon**-Kim Larson **Janitor**-John Gullickson  
**Altar Guild & Communion Prep (April, May, & June 2023)**

Kathy Christensen, Susan Jones, & Dione Rasmussen

**Mary Esther Circle**- May 4th, 2:00pm at church

**Dorcas Circle**- May 8th, 7:00pm at church

**May Readers**- May 7-Chuck Schulstad May 14-Laura Gullickson  
May 21-Kim Larson May 28th-Ernie Christensen

**Prayer Partner Ushers: May 7**-Lucy Fuglseth & Jacob Larson

**May 14**-Don Larson & Kate Larson

**May 21**-Colleen Kaste & Ella Kronschnabel

**\*\*Last Day of Sunday School for Little Norway is May 21st!\*\***



Missing spatula, belongs to  
Laura Gullickson. Was a special  
gift from Grandma. Priceless.



*\*Parish Office Hours\**

The Parish Office will be open Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Fridays from 8:30a.m.-1:00 p.m. If at any time you need a Pastor, you may reach Pastor Dan at  
320-260-6955. Thank you.



Concordia quilters made over 130 quilts this winter! The quilts were made with tender care, joy & laughter, coffee & hugs, and great friendship! Prayers and love also!



And a special one for Pastor Phil & Darcey!



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*Faaberg Announcements*

The Faaberg Afternoon Bible Study will be held Monday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m. with Addie Black leading the study.

We will be shipping quilts to LWR the week of May 15-19.

The high school graduating seniors will be honored at the 11:00 a.m. service May 21, with the presenting of quilts. The seniors from Faaberg are: Isabelle Dahl, Josie Iverson, Lucas Iverson, and Ryan Van Den Einde.

Hello Spring! Let's get right to it!

May 3rd – WELCA will meet for a light supper and pack the Baby Care Kits to send to LWR with the quilts. Pick up date for the quilts: May 18th and 19th in Grand Forks. Thanks to the JR and SR High Sunday School class for packing the quilts, labeling and taping the boxes. It was a whirlwind!

May 14th – Last day of Sunday school and Mother's Day! Thank you to students and teachers for your faithful attendance. We appreciate all of you!

May 17th – Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please know that anyone is welcome to come to the meeting, we want all to be informed.

May 21st – Senior Recognition Sunday will celebrate 5 Seniors from Maple Lake this year. Those graduating are: Brody Raaen, son of Dusty & Elissa Raaen; Tucker Bolstad, son of Josh & Kari Bolstad; Wesley Ramberg, son of Kevin & Deb Ramberg; Kasia Wilson, daughter of Scott & Marcy Wilson; Katelyn Aakhus, daughter of Nick & Lisa Aakhus. So happy for all of them but so sad to see them go! We will pray for them in their new adventures and hope they never forget their extended family here at Maple Lake.

Our sympathies to Curt & Bonnie Qualley in the passing of their grandson, Garrett Qualley, just 2 weeks ago. Garrett was the son of Kyle & Jolene Qualley. Our love and prayers go out to the family.

And, can't help but say congratulations to Sue Kronschnabel on her retirement from Garden Valley Telephone! Enjoy the extra time at home, and away, with the grandkids!

Coming up: VBS – "Stellar! Shine Jesus' Light!" June 5th – 9th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. The program will be on Sunday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. Wow! This will be a good one! Contact Angie Petry at 218-574-2335 for more information and registration. Such a great group of young ladies that pull this all together – thank you!

June 12 – 13th – Fair Hills Retreat for all ladies! We are looking forward to a great day and hope you will look the flyer over and decide to come! Pelican Lake is beautiful, the Fair Hills Resort is very relaxed and homey, the speaker, pastor, music and food are tops! If you have never attended this retreat, give it a try. The theme this year is WINGS- Women In God's Service.

Greeters for May are Kelly and Amy Solie and girls.

Custodians for May are Doug and Pam Sorensen (they are back from AZ!)

Lots going on and we are so grateful for the pastors who have been filling in for us to keep our normal schedule of services. Include our church, parish and pastors in your daily prayers. **This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!**



### Maple Lake Church Council Minutes

**Date:** April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Attending:** Pastor Dan, Karen Lunak, Tracy Johnson, Brenda Langved, Mike Slevin, John Swanson & MaryBeth Swanson.

**Devotions:** Mike Slevin

**Secretary's Report:** MM/S by Mike Slevin/John Swanson to accept minutes as submitted. MC.

**Treasurer's Report:** MM/S by John Swanson/Karen Lunak to accept report as submitted. MC.

**Pastor's Report:** With the various pastors used in pulpit supply, Lent and Easter were successful. No official update on Pastor Phil, just taking things day by day. However, he sang beautifully in church last week. Ms. Jossund has resigned her teaching position for 2023-24 school year, and so we anticipate her resignation as youth director soon (nothing official yet). There is a Parish Council meeting next week.

**Parish Board Report:** No report. Next meeting 4/27 at 9 a.m.

**Deacon's Report:** As the devotional books have arrived at church, Mike has continued to send one to each of our 3 college students on behalf of Maple Lake Church. The deacons are also continuing to reach out to parishioners who are sick or in need of comfort/prayers. We discussed having one of the office staff email the Deacons when someone from Maple Lake is added to the prayer list.

**Trustees' Report:** No Report

#### Old Business:

1. Sign Update: Marlene contacted Shane and the sign is still incomplete. Marlene will pick up the sign (Complete or whatever condition it is in) on May 9<sup>th</sup>, as it has been one year since the beginning of this project.
2. The NWMN Synod Great Get together was on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, in Bemidji. Marlene attended and said it was a wonderful experience. Pam Sorenson will be attending the next assembly meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Paul Qualley would like to install a new sidewalk in honor of his father. He is willing to do as much of the work as he can do and pay for materials. Marlene will remain in contact with Paul for scheduling purposes. No changes or updates at this time.

#### New Business:

1. Snow Removal costs this year have become extremely cost prohibitive. Tracy will contact the trustees to begin soliciting other options for snow removal.
2. Quarterly letter on giving: Tracy will contact Maynard to go ahead to send out the quarterly updates on giving and financial health of the church for our members. We will include the Treasurers report document and highlight the areas of need.
3. The Church weather vane is broken at the top of the church. Angie Petry volunteered the use of their drone to view the damage before sending someone up to fix it. This will need to be repaired.

**Adjourn:** MM/S to adjourn by Brenda Langved/John Swanson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:32 p.m.

**Next council meeting:** Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

*Submitted by: MaryBeth Swanson*



## FAIR HILLS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Detroit Lakes, MN  
June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Guest Speaker:  
Kate Mulvey



A free-will offering will be taken on  
Tuesday to support future  
women's retreats!

Please include a note about any  
special dietary needs. The Fair  
Hills staff will be happy to  
accommodate you!



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
May 22, 2023

## Join us at Fair Hills Resort

24270 Co. Highway 20  
Detroit Lakes, MN

All Denominations Are Welcome!  
Bring your friends!

### Option One: Cost \$142.00

Overnight Monday/Tuesday\*  
Check in at 4 pm

Monday Evening: Meal (6pm), free time

Evening Bible Study

Tuesday Breakfast

...Plus Option #2

\*Can Request Roommate

### Option Two: Cost \$45.00

Tuesday: 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Registration: 8:30-9:30 am

Rolls & Coffee

Noon Lunch

Guest Speaker

Worship & Music

Hootenanny

### Registration Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Option Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

(Map Included)

### Mail registration form and payment to:

Marlene Block, Treas.

11637 Bay St. SE

Mentor, MN 56736

218-574-2468

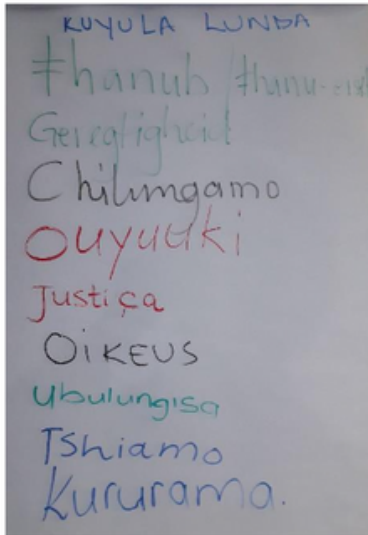
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Checks payable to:

Women of the ELCA

Dear friends,

Last month I reported on the impact of Cyclone Freddy on several southern African countries and that the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response is providing support for relief efforts through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and ACT Alliance. ELCM Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe responded saying: "We are always very grateful for the support and the kind of generosity with which the ELCA accompanies us, especially in times of disasters like the one we have just gone through. Thank you for your support and prayers."



*Words for Justice in several languages used in the region*

Recently I participated in the annual Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Christian Education Coordinators Consultation held in Johannesburg. The theme for the consultation was "Justice for Life" based on Micah 6:8.

A central objective of the consultation was to reflect on the theme of justice through the "Reformation lens," of justification by grace through faith, and how this shapes the way we hear, read, teach, worship and live out the Gospel in our respective churches and communities in the LUCSA region. Participants reflected on the concept of "intersectional justice" which looks at the ways in which systems of inequality based on gender, ethnicity, racism, poverty, disability and class "intersect" reinforcing discrimination and injustice. The African concept of "ubuntu," which means "a person is a person through other persons," was also seen as central to achieving justice. There were devotions, Bible studies, presentations and discussions on Justice and Reconciliation, Child Rights in Church and Society, Economic and Climate Justice, Culture, Ethnicity and Gender Justice and Worship and Justice. Participants shared updates from their respective churches in the Southern Africa region and worked on plans and strategies for the coming year.



Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in God's Mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully,  
Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson  
ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa  
April 21, 2023

My blog page address is: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>

Please visit my [fundraising page](#). (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals' gifts only.)

If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](https://www.elca.org/MissionaryGiving) for online giving.



NEWSLETTER OF THE CONCORDIA, LITTLE NORWAY,  
 MAPLE LAKE, TRINITY, AND FAABERG  
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**\*\*NOTE:** Our pulpit fill may be subject to change.

*Worship Schedule*

MAY 2023



	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
<b>T</b>				
<b>8:15 am</b>	Pr. Dan	NO Worship	Pr. Darrell Morton	NO Worship
<b>C</b>				
<b>9:30am</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Phil Blom	Pr. Darrel Morton	Pr. Dan
<b>F</b>				
<b>11:00am</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Phil Blom	Pr. Darrel Morton	Pr. Dan
<b>LN</b>				
<b>9:00am</b>	Pr. Darrel Morton	Pr. Laurie Natwick	Pr. Dan	Pr. Joy Grainger
<b>ML</b>				
<b>11:00am</b>	Pr. Darrel Morton	Pr. Laurie Natwick	Pr. Dan	Pr. Joy Grainger



Sunday, May 14-Last day of Sunday School-C, F, ML  
 Sunday, May 21-Last day of Sunday School-LN  
 Sunday, May 21-Senior Sunday for C, F, ML

