

Parish Pulse

United In Christ
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Pastor's Notes

Council Meetings

2ND-LN 7PM

8TH-C 7PM

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T 7PM

17TH-Parish Council 9AM

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Pastor Dan's Duluthian Travel Diary.

Day 1. Destination: Duluth. We made it, it took forever, but we made it. The plan was to leave the house by 11am. In true Morton tradition, we pulled out of the garage around 2:30 pm.

Highlight of the day: The Jerk Chicken wings at The Green Mill will always occupy a special place in my heart.

Day 2. Destination: The Zoo.

Highlight of the day: A tie between seeing the prairie dogs and eating a spicy pastrami sandwich.

Day 3. Destination: The Adventure Zone/The Aquarium.

Highlight of the day: Leaving The Adventure Zone.

Day 4. Destination: PhoHolic A Taste of Vietnam. Drop what you are doing now and go. Not a great parking situation but the food and service was wonderful.

Highlight of the day: Other than the Pho (a Vietnamese noodle soup), my genuine surprise when both kids actually liked the restaurant.

Day 5. Destination: Gooseberry Falls.

Highlight of the day: As of yet, unknown. Olivia just left the Hotel and said she would get me a pastrami sandwich, so maybe that...

Day 6. Destination: Home

Highlight of the day: It will be amazing to see my cats and be farther than 20 feet away from the kids. Then and only then, I can relax!

Notice how dedicated to you all that I would not only write this for all of you whilst on my vacation, but even more heroically, I wrote it on the Friday (my traditional day off) of my vacation. So, twice as dedicated?

Anyhoo, I hope all of you enjoy a restful conclusion to your summer before we all have to get back to it in September.

God's Peace be with you all.

Pastor Dan Morton

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
100th
*Anniversary
Celebration*

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

AUGUST 2023

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:

Kerri Solie
Shelley Rice

Pastoral Acts for July

Concordia:

Funeral-

-Rose Marie Ranz; Pr. Dan

Baptism-

-Jonah Charles Anderson, son
of Jon Anderson & Sara
Simon; Pr. Phil Larsen

Little Norway:

Wedding-

-Raquelle Ackre & Parker
Aube; Pr Dan

Trinity:

Burial-

-Red & Jan Mosher, Bethel
Cemetery Beltrami, MN; Pr. Dan

Non-Member:

Graveside Service-

-Olga Viola (Berg) Ofstedal;
Varnes Lutheran Cemetery
Fertile, MN; Pr. Dan

AUGUST 6

Ushers: Chris Solie and Nick Solie

Greeters: Glenn & Kathy Netland

Lector: Heidi Larson

Communion Assistants:

Heidi & Kurt Larson

Live Stream:

AUGUST 13

Ushers: Neil Steffes and

Keith Christianson

Greeters: Carol Swenby & Sylvia Rickey

Lector: Lindi Christianson

Assisting Minister: Elaine Erdahl

Communion Assistants:

Scott Braun, Lindi Christianson

Live Stream:

AUGUST 20

Ushers: Daryl Haas & Evan Haas

Greeters: Mark & Arla Jensrud

Lector: Richard Wellman

Assisting Minister: Heather Larson

Communion Assistants:

Danny & Jodie Strem

Live Stream:

AUGUST 27

Ushers: Travis Jensrud & Levi Jensrud

Greeters: Taylor & Amber Sannes

Lector: Brian Gunufson

Communion Assistants:

Ron & Lori Sannes

Live Stream:



Little Norway July Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

17-George & Sue Ackre
27-Tim & Kim Larson
31-Paul & Gloria Kaste

Birthdays

01-Kathy Christensen
-Nicholas Kronschnabel
07-Josh Benson
12-Robert Christensen
-Tommy Larson
23-Delilah Morton

August Deacon-Lisa Duckstad **Janitor**-Mike Larson

Altar Guild & Communion Prep (July, August, September 2023)

Colleen Kaste, Teri Johnson, & Carolyn Troite

Esther/Mary Circle- August 3, 2:00 pm at church

Dorcas Circle- August 14, 7:00 pm at church

August Readers- **August 6**-Lisa Duckstad **August 13**-Chuck Schulstad

August 20-Kim Andersen **August 27**-Colleen Kaste



Parish Office Hours

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be open

Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; CLOSED on Fridays.

If at any time you need a Pastor, you may reach Pastor Dan at 320-260-6955.

Thank you.



Faaberg Announcements

The Afternoon Bible Study will meet at Faaberg Monday, August 14, at 1:30 p.m. with all present reading/discussing the study together.

August is a good time to be purchasing the items for the LWR kits we put together in September. School kits include: four 70-notebooks, one 30-centimeter/12 inch ruler, one pencil sharpener, one blunt scissors, five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, five black or blue ballpoint pens, one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2 1/2 inch eraser. The Personal Care kits include: one light-weight bath-size towel (dark colors best), two bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping, one adult-size toothbrush, one sturdy comb, and one metal nail clipper.

Faaberg Council Meeting July 12, 2023

The Faaberg council met at the church Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Attending were Scott Van Den Einde, Steve and Georgia Gullickson, Roz Sannes, Brenda Grunhovd, Darla McWilliam, Brad Hanson, Jeff Gullickson, Tony Grieve, Vickie Thronson, Sue Knutson and Peggy Ystenes.

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Motion by Darla, second by Roz to accept the agenda, carried.

Vickie read the secretaries report. Motion by Steve, second by Peggy to accept, carried.

Peggy gave the treasurers report. General Fund balance of \$7,563.65 with offerings thru July 2nd. Peggy noted that the Commercial and Work Comp insurance has been paid. Motion by Brenda, second by Tony to accept, carried. Sue reported that the financial audit had been completed.

Jeff reported that the Parish Council will be following the Synod guidelines moving forward after the receipt of Pastor Phil Larsen's resignation. Pastor Phil's resignation is effective July 23, 2023.

Old Business: Darla will be meeting with Rick Krogstad about some property next to hers. We will not move forward with the Quit Claim Deed until she does.

New Business: Peggy made a motion to give Pastor Phil a retirement gift, second by Sue, carried.

Steve reported that he and Scott helped Jordan and Ryan Van Den Einde July 8-10th to remove the chimney on the church. The lift needed to do the work was rented from Jered Gunnufson. Helping to haul away the debris were Brad Hanson and Marvin Gunderson. Our thanks to the guys for their great work!

Soffit and fascia on the south side of the church should be replaced. The integrity of the remaining soffit and fascia should also be checked. The trustees were asked to look into costs.

Georgia made a motion to have pest control (spraying) done on the church exterior, second by Brenda, carried. Peggy will contact a company she knows who does this.

Darla volunteered to look into adding some sound dampening panels for the basement.

Having no further business, Sue made a motion to adjourn, second by Peggy, carried.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer together in closing.

Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm

Secretary,

Vickie Thronson

We send our love and prayers to Pastor Phil and Darcey in Pastor Phil's retirement years. We have been truly blessed, as a congregation and parish, to have such a man, as Phil, to lead and guide us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God richly bless you!

August will be a quiet month as far as activities at Maple Lake, but we will be having a wedding! Our niece, Tomina Slevin will be married on the 26th! Looking forward to the day and so fun to have it at Maple Lake. Let the sun shine all day!

Thanks to Curt Block and Briley Raaen for painting the south end of the church. It is done! Power washing the siding before the primer was slow and tedious, but necessary as just about all the paint came off. Heights are not Curt's thing anymore, so thankfully Briley was able to paint the highest portions while Curt ran the equipment. It looks so much better! Thanks guys!

Information is on the bulletin board about the Water to Thrive project. If you would like to make a donation towards providing a well in Ethiopia, make your check to Maple Lake Church and write "well" on the memo line. This is a parish wide effort and your support is appreciated.

The nomination committee will be meeting to discuss positions that need to be filled for 2024. We will be looking for both president and vice president at the top of the list. Would you be willing to serve in this capacity? Pray for the committee as they prepare to ask members in early fall...and pray for guidance as the opportunities arise for you to serve in this ministry. God will provide for all our needs!

Greeters and custodians for August are Maynard and Sheri Johnson. Thanks!

Enjoy the rest of the summer – keep up with the news of the parish as we seek an interim pastor. And, as always, pray for one another!

Submitted by: Marlene Block



United in Christ Lutheran Parish Council

July 13, 2023

President Kip Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members present were Kip, Pr. Dan Morton, Lyle Fuchs, Jeff Gullickson, Belinda Fjeld, Verna Norland, John Gullickson, and Kristy Langved.

Kip led devotions reading Psalm 46.

Kristy gave the secretary's report. Verna made a motion to approve as read, seconded by Belinda and carried.

Lyle presented the treasurer's report, answering the question about the worship expense being over budget. He explained that the taping of the services is in that category, as well as licensing fees and baptismal supplies. Baptismal supplies will be moved to their own line item. Individual church contributions will be addressed in August. Jeff made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by John and carried.

Pr. Dan gave the pastor's report. Pulpit supply is done through August. He has had many baptisms and funerals.

Old business: Polk County Fair service and Water to Thrive - the service was well attended, and the offering was great. We need to make sure each church treasurer sends the Water to Thrive donations to the parish, so it can all be put into the same account and sent to Water to Thrive. Belinda presented an invoice for \$85.25 from the Fertile Journal for the corrected article that was in the paper. Lyle made a motion to pay that bill, seconded by Verna and carried.

Pr. Phil update and parsonage - Phil and Darcey are building a home on Maple Lake and are waiting for a basement at this time. Lyle made a motion to allow Phil and Darcey to remain in the parsonage as long as needed, seconded by Jeff and carried.

New business: The next meeting of the council will be July 23rd at 1:00 pm, following the parish worship and potluck meal. Council will visit with Acting Bishop Netland and Pr. Phil Blom about transitional/ interim Pastor duties. We'd like another meeting later with church presidents, council members, Sunday school leaders, and the parish council. We talked about doing this on Wednesday, July 26, if that works for all involved.

Call process- Kip will set up a meeting with the synod about this.

Parish board terms need to be addressed at a future meeting.

Youth director- discussion was tabled until later.

July 23rd celebration- Belinda will order dinner rolls from Hugo's in Fosston, Kip will pick them up. Concordia will provide coffee and lemonade. As a reminder: if your last name begins with A-J please bring a hot dish, K-R please bring a salad, S-Z please bring a dessert.

Verna made a motion to give Phil and Darcey a thank you gift. Seconded by Belinda and carried.

There was some discussion about having a pancake breakfast/lunch fundraiser for Phil and Darcey. This was tabled until later.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2023, at 1:00pm.

Lyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John and carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Langved

Reflecting on forty-one years of service in Global Mission

Lou-Marie and I arrived in Thaba Nchu (Black Mountain) in late 1982 after being placed there by the Cape Orange Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. I was called to serve a small congregation in the sprawling resettlement area of Onverwacht/Botshabelo. The town was created by the Apartheid regime as a dumping ground for mainly Sesotho-speaking people who were being forcibly removed from “white” towns and farms in the region. We were both welcomed and challenged, especially by the youth, as the people struggled against the Apartheid homeland system, demanding political freedom and basic human and socio-economic rights.



We were in Chicago for studies when Nelson Mandela and other liberation movement leaders were released from prison in 1990 and then served an Afrikaans-speaking congregation in Gelvandale, Port Elizabeth when the first democratic national elections were held in April 1994. I was able to attend the first public hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in April 1996.



We moved to Cape Town in 2000 where I worked as Christian Education Coordinator in the diocese, collaborating with colleagues in the development of Christian education resources and the ELCSA Almanac (lectionary and daily texts) in nine languages.

In 2005 I was asked by ELCA Global Mission to serve as Regional Representative in Southern Africa. Based in Johannesburg for the past 11 years, I have been working with companion churches, mission personnel, companion synods, the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) and ELCA-supported mission outreach and diakonia projects across ten countries in the region.

Throughout this period Lou-Marie has been teaching physics and chemistry in various local high schools, working with countless young people from diverse backgrounds, who wonder about the future and appreciate open and frank discussions about everything from relationships to rap music.

It has been a tremendous privilege and honor to serve and work with so many people over more than 40 years in South and Southern Africa. We deeply appreciate the prayers and support of family, colleagues, sponsoring congregations, companion churches and ELCA Global Mission, now Service & Justice. We have


learned and experienced so much on this journey of mutual accompaniment in God's Mission. But it is a “long walk to freedom”. The journey was and continues to be by God's grace alone (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Thank you for your prayers and support over forty years and for your continuing participation in God's Mission locally and globally. Please continue to support the Missionary Sponsorship program. Visit ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving

Soli Deo Gloria!

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson
ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa
July 11, 2023





Women of the ELCA
Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization

35th Annual Convention
Saturday, September 9, 2023

Registration & Coffee 9:00-9:30 am
Day includes worship, business meeting,
speakers, fellowship and lunch.

Concludes by 4 pm.

Contact your local WELCA leader for registration details.

Zion Lutheran Church
505 Main Ave N
Thief River Falls, MN 56701



Love your Neighbor
as Yourself

Mark 12:31

Hosted by Conferences 1, 2, & 3



**Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention
September 9, 2023 @ ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
505 Main Ave North, Thief River Falls, MN 56701**

Convention Registration – ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM

Voting Member Registration due by August 1, 2023

Non-Voting Registration due no later than September 1, 2023

NO CASH... CHECKS ONLY.... PAYABLE TO: NW MN SWO

All registrations MUST be postmarked on or before due dates... no exceptions. Full payment is required with registration form. No refunds after September 1st, however registrations are transferable.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM ... WITH CHECK TO:

NWMN SWO CONVENTION

Attn: Luella Thom

PO Box 103

Carlos, MN 56319

Phone: 320-815-7701

Email: Thom17@wisper-wireless.com

***** Please make your own hotel reservations. See attached list**

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____

Conference # _____ Name of Congregation _____

Are you the contact for your Congregation Unit? Yes _____ No _____

____ Voting Member (1 per Congregation) ____ Non-Voting ____ Conference Officer

____ Convention Planning Committee ____ SWO Board Member ____ 1st time Grant Recipient

CHECK PLAN DESIRED: Please register early to save money and facility Convention Planning!!

If postmarked by August 1

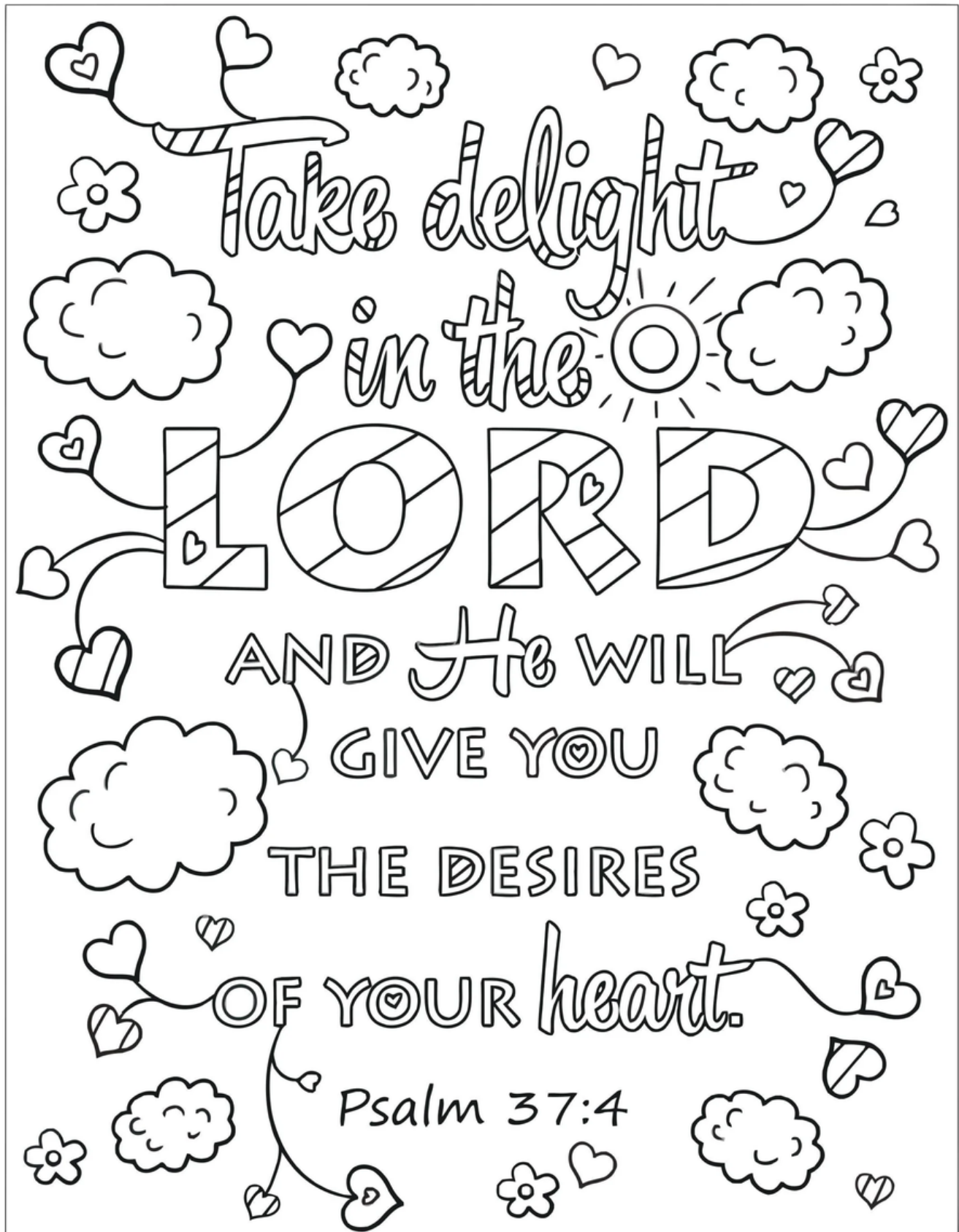
If postmarked after August 1

____ Saturday \$ 75.00
(Includes lunch, breaks and speakers for the day)

\$ 100.00

Please indicate any special dietary needs: _____

For Office use only: Check # _____ Amt: _____



NEWSLETTER OF THE CONCORDIA, LITTLE NORWAY,
MAPLE LAKE, TRINITY, AND FAABERG
CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA

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****NOTE: Our pulpit fill may be subject to change.**

Worship Schedule

AUGUST 2023

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	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
F				
8:15 am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell Morton	Pr. Dan
C				
9:30am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell Morton	Pr. Dan
T				
11:00am	Pr. Dan	NO WORSHIP	Pr. Darrell Morton	NO WORSHIP
ML				
9:00am	Darrell Morton	Terry Brandt	Pr. Dan	Terry Brandt
LN				
10:30am	Darrell Morton	Terry Brandt	Pr. Dan	Terry Brandt

