



Parish Pulse

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Council Meetings

5TH-C 7PM
6TH-LN (following worship
at Concordia)
13TH-F (following worship
at Concordia)
20TH-ML (following
worship
at Concordia)

Pastor Notes

I don't quite know how this happened, but it seems that it's March. At the time that this is being written, we have had but one mid-week Lenten service, almost all of the snow has melted, all the while I don't recall Winter ever really happening. Almost a total absence of snow outside for a season should make me happy, but I just can't imagine a world in which there isn't some sort of hidden fee to go along with all of this sunshine.

There is always a hidden fee you know. Some sort of small detail that doesn't quite show up on the paperwork, and yet you know that it's there. I used to get really paranoid about sales tax, ground zero of hidden fees. When I was young, of very limited means (I believe my allowance started at 3\$ a week), and always using cash for purchases, I always wanted to know exactly how much something cost. On the Air Base that we lived, this was no problem, the price on an item at the Base store was always the price that was paid, no sales tax to be found. I would hear tell of a land called "off-base" where every item purchased would cost just a few cents or even dollars more than price listed on the shelf. I found this very confusing. I would hate approaching the cash register at a store not really knowing if I had the funds to take care of the purchase I wanted to make.

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One of the great things about the resurrection is that as far as we go, all fees have been waived. It's hard to accept this news that comes our way when we approach the bar with the very sizable tab that the server has given us. Then all of a sudden, the face behind the bar joyously announces that "the House" has taken care of all costs. It's hard to know what to do with a gift like that. It's hard to know how to trust a gift like that. My children would argue that the obligation to go to church, sometimes twice in the same week, is an astonishing cost for all of this forgiveness. I used to feel the exact same way. Funny how the prices change as we get older...

Have a wonderful March, and enjoy pondering how this love and resurrection stuff could possibly be given so freely.

Pastor Dan Morton

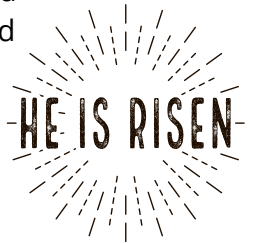
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Concordia Worship Participants

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:
Carolyn Christian &
Lori Messick



Pastoral Acts for February

Concordia:

Wedding-

-Katie Karol Engelstad &
Connor Lewis Morgan ; Pr. Dan



LENTEN SERVICES

7:00 pm-Concordia

MARCH 6-

Live Stream: Bjorn

MARCH 13-

Live Stream: Easton

MARCH 20-

Ushers: Isaac Ness &
Tony Englestad

Greeters: Ron & Lori Sannes

Live Stream: Bjorn

MARCH 3

Ushers: Lyle Fuchs & Grant Benson

Greeters: Betty Nelson & Wendy Morton

Lector: Darcey Larsen

Acolytes: Bristen Desrosier & Austin
Fuglseth

Communion Assistants:

Glenn & Kathy Netland; Sylvia Rickey

Live Stream: Bjorn

MARCH 17

Ushers: Chad & Lydia Christianson

Greeters: Dave & Amanda Riegert

Assisting Minister:

Lector: Stacy Christianson

Acolytes: Tucker Christianson

Communion Assistants:

Sandy Rasmussen; Ron & Lori Sannes

Live Stream: Bjorn

MARCH 10

Ushers: Ryan & Bryer Strem

Greeters: Tyler & Adelle Christianson

Assisting Minister: Brian Gunufson

Lector: Sue Lindberg

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants:

Stacy & Chad Christianson family

Live Stream: Easton

MARCH 24-PALM SUNDAY

Ushers: Chris Solie & Nick Solie

Greeters: Cory & Tina Sandberg

Lector: Brandon Neibauer-Adams

Acolytes: Mya Strem

Communion Assistants:

Danny & Jodie Strem; Kristi Gullickson

Live Stream: Easton

MARCH 28-MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM

Ushers: Reid & Owen Jensrud

Greeters: David & Jeannie Thorson

Lector: Dean Rasmussen

Communion Assistants:

Craig & Cindy Engelstad

MARCH 29-GOOD FRIDAY-7PM

Ushers: Jon Christianson

Live Stream:

MARCH 31-EASTER SUNDAY

Ushers: Chad & Karin Braun

Greeters: Nick &

Brandon Neibauer-Adams

Lector: Lindi Christianson

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants:

Sue & Mark Lindberg;

The regular meeting of the Concordia Lutheran Church council was called to order by President Elaine Erdahl on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present were; Elaine Erdahl, Pastor Dan Morton, Nick Neibauer-Adams, Brandon Neibauer-Adams, Karl Tollefson, Tina Sandberg, Mackenzie Burke, Jami Revier and Salome Hansen. Elaine read an opening devotion from 1 Kings 19:11-13 and prayer. Those elected at the annual meeting were: President Elaine Erdahl, Vice President Brandon Neibauer-Adams, appointed at this meeting were: Secretary Sue Lindberg, Treasurer Karl Tollefson, Education Tina Sandberg, Home & Church Life Liz Lisburg, Management and Finance Nick Neibauer-Adams, Outreach Mackenzie Burke, Worship Jami Revier, Financial Secretary Salome Hansen and Financial Treasurer Taylor Sannes. Nick made the motion to approve all elections and appointments, Karl seconded, approved by council.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented, discussed, and approved with a motion by Nick, second by Tina.

Pastor Dan reported that the Lenten worship has been planned out and the pulpit supply has been organized for the next few months.

Committee reports:

Management and Finance – Nick gave a list of projects around the church that need attention. They include; complete the landscaping, gutter and irrigation repair, the fireplace in the fireside room, remodel the chapel to include cabinets, white boards and mount a TV to make it a more functional space for Sunday School use. The flooring in the Sacristy needs to be replaced, the Stained Glass Windows need repair and attention, the Daycare doors need attention, the bell tower is having water issues, quotes are being obtained for adding runners to the drawers in the kitchen to make them more functional and dishwasher issues.

There was no report available for Home and Church life.

Outreach – Mackenzie is continuing work on the website.

Education – Tina reported the VBS Theme for this year is “Diving Into a Friendship with God”.

Worship – Jami has organized her committee and Altar Guild has been reorganized with new members and gave thanks to those who have served and to those who have volunteered to serve.

Old Business: the Christmas offering needs to be distributed

New Business: it was reported that the Mardi Gras youth event went very well. The council discussed making a donation to the youth and adults attending the national youth gathering. It was decided to use the Christmas offering, outreach funds and some educational funds totaling \$7700.00 to support this mission and its educational value for our youth. Nick made the motion, Mackenzie seconded and approved by council. Tina gave an update from the call committee. She stated they are moving forward with the necessary paperwork to submit to the Synod office. There was discussion to request that a Parish Board member attend the meetings of this council to give any updates and also to take information as necessary back to the Parish Board meetings. It was also decided to move the next meeting to March 5 because of scheduling conflicts.

A motion to adjourned was made by Nick, second by Jami and closed the the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Salome Hansen for Sue Lindberg

Little Norway March Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

14-Nicholas & Stacie Kronschnabel

Birthdays

01-Camryn Benson

03-Jerome Larson

09-Jerry Orre

-Theresa Sandness

10-Peter Van Erem

11-Colleen Kaste

16-Shelby Duckstad

-John Gullickson

24-Mike Larson

29-Heidi Benson

-Lisa Orre

31-James Larson

March Deacon-Joan Kronschnabel **Janitor**-Mark Benson

Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Sara Preusser, Heidi Benson, & Lynne Gullickson

Esther/Mary Circle- Mar. 7th, 2:00 pm at church

Dorcas Circle- Mar. 18th- 7:00 pm at church

March Readers- **Mar. 3**-Lucy Fuglseth **Mar. 10**-Joan Kronschnabel

Mar. 17-Laura Gullickson **Mar. 24**-John Gullickson **Mar. 31**-Kim Anderson



LITTLE NORWAY COUNCIL

February 7, 2024

Members present: Mark Benson, Heidi Benson, Jim Larson, John Gullickson, Brent Bakke, Teri Johnson, Joan Kronschnabel and Jamie Morvig.

Mark called the meeting to order.

Heidi gave devotion.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan absent. Council discussed the need to have Pastor Dan at every meeting. We would contact him if there was a pastoral concern, he will have an open invitation. He receives emails on the minutes. This will free up his schedule for now.

Secretary report: Jamie read the minutes from the December 6th meeting, Heidi motioned to approve, Brent second passed.

Treasurer's report: Teri reported that she has started her duties as co-treasurer. Vanco has now been closed and RRSB has forms for those members wishing to direct deposit for giving. Church offering envelopes have been ordered. CD is up for renewal. Colleen has been in contact with Bank regarding the rates. Breakdown of duties: Teri will be paying bills and Colleen will continue to complete the computer reporting. The council welcomed Teri Johnson to the board.

Vice President's report: John gave Parish update: Pastor Phil Blom will be going to Ethiopia to visit the wells; he will present a plaque from our Parish quote from Isaiah 55. Deb Niebauer will be the 3rd member of the visitation team. Lenten service will all be at Concordia with the Youth serving a lite supper prior. Each congregation will be hosting, LN will host on March 6th. First communion planned for February or March. Website will be updated along with Facebook and YouTube. Pulpit fill is good through March.

Deacon's: Welcome to Joan as her role as Deacon. Cross needs to be up before Ash Wednesday.

Trustees: Jim reported the water system has been pressurized. TV is up in the basement for Sunday School, work was completed on the pews that need attention. Janitor needed for April.

Education: No report

Unfinished Business:

March 1st the comprehensive insurance will be in place. This will cover our 1099 employees.

Church cleaning contract with Kim Larson is ready for signatures.

New Business:

TV for Sunday School has been installed.

LN Member Roaster- review for additions, corrections or subtractions. Name changes for members recently married.

LN will host Lenten Service March 6th.

Jamie presented information regarding the Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) program. Jamie has completed the application with Bishop Bill Tesch. Next stages are to meet with Pastor Dan, Council and Parish Council to review obligations. A mentor has been contacted. Jamie is looking for no compensation for this role, just help with mileage and payment to the mentor. The course is 2 years with 7 areas of training to be completed. The Council congratulated her and will support her on this journey. This will be a help to Parish during the call process.

Brent motioned to adjourn; Jim second/passed.

Next meeting April 3, 2024

Devotions: Lunch: Jamie Morvig

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Morvig

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be open

Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Fridays 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Thank you.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

The family of Art Gredvig invites you to celebrate his 100th birthday with us on April 6, 2024 at the Fertile Community Center from 11:30-1:30.



Faaberg Announcements

Faaberg WELCA will meet Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with Sue Knutson leading the devotions. We will spend that day quilting, and also Friday a.m. March 8.

The Afternoon Bible Study will be Monday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m.
Sue Knutson will lead the study.

A breakfast will be served after the 8:15 a.m. Palm Sunday service, March 24. Group 1 will make the arrangements and do the work.

Norman Cemetery Corporation will hold it's annual meeting at the Faaberg Church on March 3rd, beginning at 11 AM with a potluck dinner to follow. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Only one month away from “April showers bring May flowers!” We can say we have breezed through the ’23-’24 winter even if March brings snow. It has been kind of unbelievable!

March, of course, brings Lenten season. Come to Concordia on Wednesday nights for a soup supper served by the parish youth at 6:00 p.m. Services begin at 7:00 and choir practice following the service for those who would like to sing in the Good Friday Cantata on March 29th. This will make your week go fast!

The ladies of Maple Lake have been busy quilting and should be wrapping it up soon. It has been a fun activity with lots of visiting and good snacks too! Huge thank you to Kathy S. for the dying of sheets and hemming the quilts. And, for all who make the tops...hats off to you! Be sure to check them out on the pews for the next few weeks.

16 layette packs have been put together and are ready to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief in May. A big thank you to Sue K. for heading this up and for securing the Thrivent funds. These packs will be welcomed by those who need them the most.

Coffee will be served March 17th after 9:00 church. Free will donations will go to the WELCA organization.

The council will meet again on March 20th following the Lenten service at Concordia. We will meet in the Shepherd’s room.

You still have time to either sell or buy a raffle ticket for the quilt raffle to be held on April 14th! Money from the raffle will be used to secure new tables and chairs for the dining area. Sales have been good! Thank you for your support!

The updated calling tree list is now available. If you have not received a copy yet be sure to pick one up on the table in the entry. The calling tree is used not only for church cancellations but also to notify members of specific prayer concerns. It has proven to be very effective when put into action!

Greeters and custodians for March are John and Kathy Swanson. Thank you to all who volunteer for this ministry!

We are grateful for all our members at Maple Lake and the parish. Intentionally keep those who are struggling with health, financial, relationship or whatever crisis in their life in your prayers. God has commanded us to love one another as He has loved us, and prayer has a powerful effect on people and their hearts. Peace to all this Lenten season.

Submitted by: Marlene Block

Maple Lake Church Council Minutes

Date: February 21, 2024, following Lenten Service at Concordia. Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Attending: Pastor Dan, Marlene Block, Sue Kronschnabel, Shelia Fontaine, Kip Fontaine, Angie Petry, Doyle Qualley, Tracy Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Mike Slevin, & MaryBeth Swanson.

Devotions: Lenten Service

Secretary's Report: MM/S by Tracy Johnson/Sue Kronschnabel to accept minutes as submitted. MC.

Treasurer's Report: MM/S by MaryBeth Swanson/Tracy Johnson to accept report as submitted. MC.

Pastor's Report: The Lenten schedule has been figured out. The current pastor supply will be Dan and Darrell. Dan has a few names if need to fill in. Pastor Blom's contract has officially ended, if he were to return it would be just for pulpit supply.

Parish Board Report: Met last Sunday and approved the Ministry Site Profile as submitted by the call committee. We are almost at a point where pastors could look at our parish profile. More than likely, we would be looking at a pastor that is coming from a different church vs. a recent seminary graduate. The next meeting is March 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Deacon's Report: Mike will need a deacon to check on the candles after March 10th. We need a deacon to take charge of communion supplies. Marlene will ask Kari to take charge of getting more wine. Marlene will order the cups for communion because she has the ordering information at this time. Mike will look into ordering the Styrofoam covers for the candles.

Trustees' Report: No Report

Old Business:

1. The Calling Tree is still being updated. Tracy will call land line numbers to make sure they are still working. A few more cell phone numbers were added during the meeting.
2. Water Softener is working. Shelia will track down the user's manual, figure out how it works, and get salt for the first few months. We will add this to the monthly janitor's list of responsibilities, along with directions on the softener itself. Marlene will have Tyler Petry try and contact Maynard's plumbing.
3. The stained glass from the old doors is available for a project. If anyone is interested in repurposing them to display in the church contact Marlene.

New Business:

1. Steeple: Marlene has been in contact with Bill Brandt from Steeple People. He will come with a drone to inspect the damage of the weather vane. He will then give us an estimate to complete the work. Last fall it was estimated about \$4000 to complete the job. We would be 3rd on the list to complete the work. It was decided that the vane not be repaired and reattached. It was agreed that the money would come from the Erlandson account. Doyle Qualley will try and make arrangements to meet with Bill Brandt when he comes to do the estimate.
2. We will have a special offering for Lutheran Social Services sometime in April. A few weeks before the offering, Marlene will find some literature about LSS and add it to the bulletin.
3. Minor Repairs
 - a. Door in the women's bathroom needs to be reglued. Doyle Qualley will begin this project.
 - b. The men's toilet is running, and needs some new parts. Jamie Johnson will look into this project.
4. Quilt Raffle tickets can be bought by contacting the WELCA ladies. Their goal is to raise enough money to purchase new tables and chairs for quilting.

Adjourn: MM/S to adjourn by Sheila Fontaine/Tracy Johnson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:27 p.m.

Next council meeting: March 20, 2024 following the Lenten service at Concordia in the Shepard's Room.

Submitted by: MaryBeth Swanson

Maple Lake QUILT Raffle

The Maple Lake Lutheran Church WELCA is selling tickets for this

Queen Size Quilt with 2 - 18" pillows.

All proceeds are going to the Church for expenses.

Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Contact one of the members to purchase tickets.

Drawing will be April 14th, 2024



Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 18th, 2024, 3 pm

The Parish Council met to review the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and approve it so it can be sent on to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. Those present included: Rev. Genelle Netland – Associate to the Bishop, Pastor Dan Morton, Kip Fontaine, Belinda Fjeld, Lyle Fuchs, John Gullickson; Call Committee Co-Chairs – Sara Iverson & Tina Sandberg; Church Presidents – Marlene Block, Elaine Erdahl, Dean Smith & Peggy Ystenes

Kip started the meeting with us identifying Holy numbers and their association: 3 – the Trinity, Jesus’ death and resurrection; 40 – the time of Lent, Jesus temptation and fasting, the flood; 7 – days of creation, seven churches mentioned in Revelations, Kip then read from Matthew 4:1–4.

Tina had previously emailed the council members copies of the MSP. Kip called for a motion to approve the MSP. Lyle made the motion, John second, approved.

Pastor Genelle then shared these talking points with us.

Pastor Phil Larsen was called as a Senior Pastor; Pastor Dan was called as an Associate Pastor. Job Descriptions were given to both called pastors. Over the years, these called pastors functioned like co-pastors in many ways (independent worship leadership, shared word and sacrament – baptisms, weddings, funerals).

It is very clear to the call committee and leadership that we want to keep Pastor Dan as one of our pastors. ELCA process is that a call stands unless there is a resignation, retirement, or removal. Pastor Dan will continue to serve in his call as is. He could submit his name to be interviewed for a different call (senior pastor), but would have to go through the entire process, interview, and be voted on by each congregation. In conversation with the synod and Pastor Dan, he is hoping to stay in his role, serving in a very similar manner. Knowing this, applying for another call/role does not seem necessary. Instead, we will be putting our efforts into finding another associate pastor to serve as a partner in ministry to Pastor Dan and this parish. This will mean clearer job descriptions for each pastor, and both will be directly supervised by the joint parish council.

This is an exciting time for the church and can be an anxious time. As the call committee completes its work, your role will be to pray. Pray each day for God’s Holy Spirit to guide us to great candidates. Nominate rostered leaders that you know, or think could be a great fit for your parish.

Pastor Genelle stated that out of the seven seminaries there are only 150 graduates this year and that the Northwest Minnesota Synod has been designated only one seminary graduate to the Moorhead area.

Kip asked for volunteers to write a draft job description for Pastor Dan and the anticipated new pastor. Belinda, Marlene & Peggy volunteered. Pastor Genelle shared sample job descriptions for us to use.

Pastor Genelle gave us a “Defined Compensation and Benefit” form. She suggested using it annually to check in with our pastors on how things are going for them.

Kip reported that Amber Sannes has said yes to being our UCLP Parish Communicator. She is currently the editor of the Parish Pulse and will also administer the website. Please send any Parish news/announcements/council minutes to the following email address: www.uclpnews@gmail.com

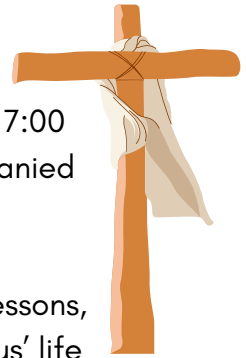
Pastor Dan asked us to designate where the Lenten Offering funds should go. Lyle moved, John second to give the offering to North Country Food Bank, all approved.

Kip shared that we received an update from Water to Thrive that enough funds have been donated for almost 6 wells! What a wonderful response from UCLP! We have chosen “Come, all who are thirsty” from Isaiah 55, to be placed on the plaque. More information to come!

Pastor Genelle led us in prayer and Kip closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Fjeld, acting secretary.

Parish Choir to present *Wondrous Love/The Shadow of the Cross Cantata*



The United in Christ Parish choir will present a Good Friday Tenebrae cantata on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church. The choir under the direction of Elaine Erdahl is accompanied by Carol Petersen.

Wondrous Love/The Shadow of the Cross is a combined cantata that incorporates scripture lessons, new compositions and familiar Lenten hymns focusing on Holy Week and the final hours of Jesus' life and crucifixion. Composer and arranger, Lloyd Larson, states "*Wondrous Love/The Shadow of the Cross* is a reminder of the magnitude of God's love; a love so great that it continues through all time and eternity." God so loved the world that he gave his only son to bear our sins and give us life. To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus is to live already in his kingdom.

May we be reminded of God's grace and forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus as we experience God's *Wondrous Love* and live in *The Shadow of the Cross*.

Attention All Parish Quilters



Did you know that Oklee Quilting Supply in Oklee, MN takes Thrivent Cards towards quilting supplies and batting?



If you are a Thrivent member and are quilting for your church, you can apply online for a Thrivent Community Impact Card worth up to \$250.00 dollars. Go to www.Thrivent.com to learn how to apply for those funds!

Notes from Trinity

The quilters are busy now at Trinity. We quilt on Mondays and if another time in the afternoon works for you we can add another day.

Coffee Fellowship continues at 10:30 before our Worship Service at 11:00. Come and enjoy Larry's coffee.

This Spring we are going to pack Personal Care Kits to be sent in May to LWR. We are collecting them now, so you can bring them in anytime. Items needed are towels, tooth brushes, combs, bar soap and nail clippers. Thank you for giving.

A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

January 28, 2024

President Sharon Lenz called the meeting to order at 12:30, following lunch. There were 13 members in attendance. Sharon opened with the opening liturgy as printed in our annual report.

The pastor's report was printed in the annual report.

Jolene Billing presented the treasurers report. Dean Smith made a motion to accept it as presented, seconded by Mark Langved and carried.

Kristy Langved read the secretary's report from the 2023 annual meeting. Mark made a motion to accept it as read, seconded by Linda Billing and carried.

Dean presented the proposed budget for 2024. Tammy Smith made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Linda seconded it and carried.

Linda presented the nominating committee's report, which was complete except for president. Kristy nominated Dean Smith for president, seconded by Linda. Dean accepted the nomination and recommended Ross Hamre to replace him as a trustee. With no further nominations, Mark moved that nominations cease and President Sharon called on the secretary to submit a unanimous ballot including Dean for president and Ross for trustee if he will accept it. It passed. Linda will talk to Ross.

Old business: Dean made a motion to remove Chrys O'Neil's name from, and then Joni Page should close the Beltrami Trinity Sunday School checking account # 96010415-502836 at Bremer Bank and move that money to the quilters account at United Valley Bank. Seconded by Mark and carried.

New business: Jolene talked about the \$30,000+ we have in our checking account. She wondered about putting some of it into a cd for a while. Linda made a motion to put \$10,000 in a cd, seconded by Dean and carried.

Quilting will start next Wednesday morning, January 30.

Sharon read a farewell as president letter to the congregation and asked for continued prayers for the church. The congregation in return, thanked her for her years of service.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Langved, secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church

Water to Thrive Well Campaign Update

We praise God for an absolutely loving response to the needs of others! Together we have completed 5 wells, bringing safe, clean water to over 2,800 people! Plus, there is an additional \$2,895.00 that has been given towards a 6th well!

Pastor Blom shared with us the following correspondence he received from W2T last week.

Dear Phil & members of UCLP,

Your support of W2T's work is greatly appreciated! This email is to thank you for your sponsorship of a water project in Ethiopia in 2024/2025 through Water to Thrive, and to provide your project assignment information.

Your passion and support will allow us to provide clean water to communities in the Sidama Region of Ethiopia for up to 20 years. Your project is part of a group of 45 projects that we are implementing with our partner in this region known as Mekane Yesus – South Central Ethiopian Synod (MY-SCES), in partnership with Water to Thrive. These 45 projects will provide daily access to clean, safe water for over 24,000 community members.

To keep you up to date on your well's progress, we will continue to provide updates as they become available from the field. These 45 water projects should be in operation by the end of Q3 2024 and we should receive the completion report from MY-SCES by the end of Q4 2024, but these dates are subject to change based on the weather and logistical challenges our partner may face. In addition, because of construction challenges, a few projects might need to be relocated.

Here is more information about your new project:

Donor: United Christ Lutheran Parish

Approximate Date of your donation: 10/30/2023

Project Type: Hand Dug

Country: Ethiopia

District: Shafamo

Site Name: Hikato

GPS: Latitude: 6.6625; Longitude: 38.6123

Number of Beneficiaries*: 400

Plaque Text: You may use up to approximately 50+/- characters.

"Come, who are thirsty" Isaiah 55, UCLP, Fertile, MN, USA

*This represents the number of beneficiaries that live within a one-kilometer radius of the project. More typically, 3-4 times that number of beneficiaries will be using the project regularly.

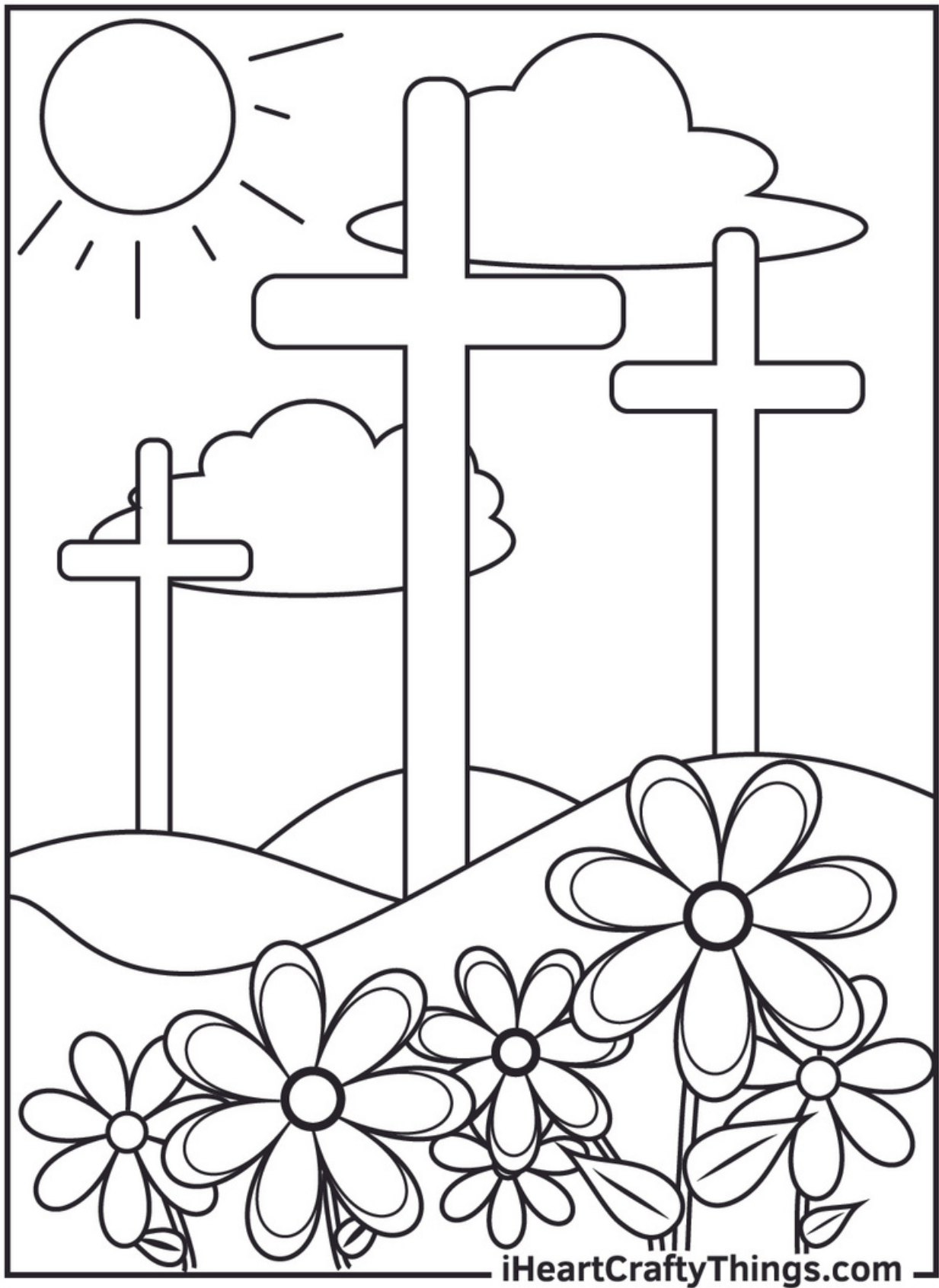
In addition to providing clean, safe water to hundreds of people, your well will significantly reduce the amount of time women and children spend collecting water. Women will gain the time they need to take better care of their families and engage in income-generating activities. Children will have more time to go to school and be absent less often as water-related diseases become a thing of the past.

Included in the cost of these projects is hygiene and sanitation training for the community. Training is also provided to a local water committee (half women) that will be responsible for keeping the water project in good working order, as well as establishing a maintenance fund for on-going sustainability.

As the well's sponsor, you will also receive a final completion report. This report will include pictures of the well and images of some of the people whose lives you will have changed forever.

Your continued support of our mission to bring clean water to those in need is greatly appreciated. We are grateful to have you as a partner as we commit to bring clean water to those who so desperately need it.

Jennifer Kondelis
Programs Assistant
Water to Thrive



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

MARCH 2024

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
F					
8:15 am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan
C					
9:30am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan
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11:00am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan
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LN					
11:00am	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell

March 17- First Communion for 3rd grade at all UCLP Parishes
March 28- 7pm Maundy Thursday Parish Worship at Concordia
March 29- 7pm Good Friday Parish Worship at Concordia