

# Parish Pulse

United In Christ  
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## Council Meetings

5TH-LN 7PM  
11TH-C 7PM  
12TH-F 7PM  
13TH-PARISH COUNCIL 9AM  
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## Pastor Notes

Is the month of June significant in the Bible? I like to spend time on the computer and “google” is a favorite pastime. So, I googled it- Meaning of June in the Bible. June in the Bible is the transition from spring to summer, with growth and maturity. We just celebrated graduation, either from kindergarten, high school or even college. Congratulations to our graduates, they have grown and matured in their years of school. They will now transition from youth to adults- spring to summer.

The Bible often uses agricultural metaphors to illustrate spiritual truth, and June's seasonal changes are no exception. The month of June the trees are now green, flowers are up and blooming. The wheat, beans and corn are now up, and we look in wonder at the rows that have formed and wheat now starting to wave in the wind. These are the signs of the blessings God has given his followers. These crops are not just sources of physical sustenance, but also represent the spiritual nourishment provided by the Word of God. Moreover, the changes from spring to summer in June can symbolize spiritual growth and maturity. Just as crops grow and mature under the sun's warmth, so do believers under God's love and guidance. Therefore, the seasonal changes in June aren't merely about shifts in weather or agricultural activities; they're deeply embedded in the fabric of Biblical teachings.

Psalm 104:19 He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.

Let's pray and ask for God's guidance for our recent Graduates. May the Lord Bless all these children of God, may he guide them in their future endeavors and bless them with his love and guidance. Amen

Submitted by: Jamie Morvig

JUNE 2024

## 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:**  
**Jami Revier**  
**Heather Larson**

### JUNE 2

**Ushers:** Ryan & Bryer Strem  
**Greeters:** Dave & Ginny Strem  
**Lector:** Jared Brainard  
**Acolytes:**  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Vickie Solie, Cindy Leiser  
**Live Stream:**

### JUNE 16

**Ushers:** Jan & Cort Christianson  
**Greeters:** Richard & Sherry Wellman  
**Assisting Minister:** Tim Sykes  
**Lector:** Richard Wellman  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Heidi & Kurt Larson  
**Live Stream:**



We are looking forward to another  
fun week of VBS at Concordia  
June 9-13th from 4:30-7:00pm!

For registration information,  
check out our Facebook page:  
**Concordia Lutheran Church-  
Education**

### JUNE 9

**Ushers:** Travis & Connor Fuchs  
**Greeters:** Terry & Caty Larson  
**Assisting Minister:** Isaac Ness  
**Lector:** Ray Nelson  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Caty Larson, Lindi Christianson  
**Live Stream:**

### JUNE 23

**Ushers:** Travis & Levi Jensrud  
**Greeters:** Lyle & Diane Fuchs  
**Lector:** Brandon Neibauer-Adams  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Chad & Karin Braun  
**Live Stream:**

### JUNE 30

**Ushers:** Tim Fuchs & Isaac Nesss  
**Greeters:** Mark & Sue Lindberg  
**Lector:** Charlie Duckstad  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Lori & Ron Sannes  
**Live Stream:**

## Pastoral Acts for May

### Concordia:

#### Funeral-

Joseph (Joe) Daniel Berg,  
Pr. Dan Morton

#### Memorial Service-

Mark Hanson at  
Erikson-Vik-Ganje Funeral  
Home Fertile,  
Pr. Darrell Morton

#### Norman Cemetery-

Graveside service for  
Matthew (Matt) George Reese,  
Pr. Dan Morton

### Trinity:

#### Baptism-

Mallory Jane Lenz, daughter of  
Ryan & Rebecca Lenz; S.A.M.  
Jamie Morvig

### Maple Lake:

#### Funeral-

Keith Ardell Fontaine at  
Bethany Lutheran Red Lake  
Falls, MN.; Pr. Dan Morton

#### Funeral-

Joanne Winifred Koelling,  
Pr. Dan Morton





Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
May 14, 2024

President Elaine Erdahl called the Concordia Church Council meeting to order @ 7:01 pm on May 14, 2024. Those present were Elaine Erdahl, Pastor Dan Morton, Nick Neibauer-Adams, Mackinzie Burke, Salome Hansen, Liz Lisburg, Brandon Neibauer-Adams, Jami Revier, Sue Lindberg and Verna Norland of the Parish Board.

Elaine opened with devotions from John 1:16. Grace is a gift, justified through faith.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was reviewed via email and accepted as presented (Nick/Jami). M/S/A

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted as presented (Sue/Nick). M/S/A  
An anonymous donation of \$5000.00 was given to "Water to Thrive" for another well.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan reports there have been multiple funerals recently including one at Maple Lake Church this Thursday and one at the Funeral Home on Saturday. There is an increased need to play recorded music for funerals and weddings using our audio system. Jami Morvig will begin her SAM (Synod Authorized Ministry) in May with preaching one Sunday in the month, and assisting with communion and baptisms as needed.

Parish Report: (Verna) The Parish Board is forgoing each church's payment in May. All the necessary "Job Description" paperwork for Pastor Dan and for "Pastor New" has been filed with the Synod office. Church services will be held on July 14th during the Polk County Fair at the Hanson Free Stand and the search for someone to preach continues. A couple names were suggested for possibilities.

Committee Reports:

Home & Church Life: (Liz) May 19th is Senior Sunday honoring our 2024 Seniors. They will receive a quilt from the Concordia Quilting ladies and coffee and goodies will be served after church. There will be a Bingo Spring Fling in June following church, including all the Parish congregations.

Outreach: (Mackinzie) There are several up coming baptisms.

Education: (Tina) Absent: The last day of Sunday school was May 12th and the children sang. Thank you teachers for your dedication this past year. Vacation Bible School will be held June 9-13th and **volunteers are needed**. Plans to use the Sunday School and Noisy Offerings was tabled until the June Council Meeting.

Daycare: (Brandon) Discussion was held regarding the noise level (during nap time) when students arrive for their release time classes. The council will continue to explore options for next fall when classes resume. A safety lock on the entrance door of the Daycare needs to be replaced. Brandon and Nick will follow-up on ordering and getting the new lock installed.

Worship: (Jami) Discussion was held to have groups sing along on the hymns using the microphones during Sunday services. Service points could be awarded for the youth.

Management and Finance: (Nick) Nick is ordering new LED bulbs for the sanctuary lights. Bids to repair the sprinkler system will be obtained. Nick will check on new Bluetooth equipment for the sanctuary to play taped music during services.

Old Business: The Synod Assembly will be held on May 17-18th and Larry & Elaine Erdahl are our representatives, along with Pastor Dan. Kip Fontaine is on the ballot for Synod Council. This year's offering will go to the Spring Appeal "Funding Wellness and Partnership". The offering will directly help our new mental health initiative for leaders and our new ministry partnership with the Episcopal Church in White Earth, voted on at the 2023 Synod Assembly. A motion to give an offering of \$1000.00 was made, seconded and passed (Sue/Jami). M/S/A

New Business: The Fertile Garden Center has donated flower pots for the main door. Thank you so much for your generosity. Our next council meeting will be June 11th.

A motion to adjourn was made @ 8:10pm (Nick/Sue) M/S/A followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary



## **CONCORDIA FOOD STAND**

### **Our 100<sup>th</sup> Year At The Polk County Fair**

Open 4:00 pm Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Open 4:00 pm Thursday July 11, 2024

10:00 to closing Friday, Saturday July 12 & 13, 2024

Open at 10:30 Sunday July 14, 2024

#### **MENU:**

Wednesday – Oven Fried Chicken

Thursday Evening – Meat Balls with Gravy

Friday Evening – Roast Beef or Pork Chop and stuffing dinner

Saturday Evening – Roast Beef & Roast Pork Dinner

Sunday Noon – Roast Beef, Roast Pork and Ham Dinners

Sunday Evening – Scalloped Potato Hot Dish

We also have Hamburgers, BBQ, Pulled Pork Sandwich, and Hot Dogs.

The Coffee is always on and fresh pie on the side!

## **JOIN THE FUN~CELEBRATE WITH US**

## **WE CANT WAIT TO SEE YOU!**



#### From The Fairstand:

The Fair Stand committee has been busy planning for the 2024 opening of the Stand for the Polk County Fair.

This year we are celebrating 100 years of operation. What an exciting event to celebrate! We are still working on a plan for celebrating, if anyone has any pictures from past years, we would be delighted to make copies to display at the stand. This stand has done so many good things in these 100 years, the money raised helped to build the church building, funded many outreach programs and helped to fund projects at the church over the years. It has been the meeting spot for many parents and children. How many times did you say "meet me at the fairstand".

We have exciting news, Anna Duckstad is our new buyer. We are excited to be working with her.

We are looking for a Saturday night and Sunday Day shift chairman. Please call Salome Hansen if you can help.

The calling will be starting soon. If you do not get a call and would like to volunteer to help, please call either Salome Hansen or Jeannie Thorson and we can get you in.

There are pre-fair work opportunities which we need help with. On June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM we will be cleaning the fairstand, June 25 at 9:00 AM we will be making the Meatballs. On July 8, we will be cooking the roasts for the pulled pork. At 1:00 we will pulling the pork roasts to make into pulled pork sandwiches and on Wednesday, July 10 we need help in the morning and early afternoon to get ready to open at 4:00 pm. If you can help with this, again, please contact either Salome Hansen or Jeannie Thorson.

Thank you everyone for volunteering to help, this would not be possible with out you.

Salome Hansen

### *Concordia Worship*

The worship committee is looking for singers to help lead hymns during worship at Concordia. Groups of 3-4 singers would help those who are watching on TV better hear the hymns. If you're interested in participating please call or text — Elaine Erdahl @ 701-793-6497

## Little Norway June Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Anniversaries

01-Heidi & Mark Benson  
05-Kristen & Mike Larson  
07-Lynne & Mark Gullickson  
12-Barbara & Chuck Schulstad  
19-Colleen & Garth Kaste  
25-Sara & Alex Preusser

### Birthdays

02-Kate Larson  
Roger Moe  
09-Abrham Herrera  
10-Carolyn Troite  
22-Tim Larson  
28-Jamie Morvig

**June Deacon**-Kim Larson **Janitor**-Mark Gullickson

### Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Kathy Christensen, Susan Jones, & Dione Rasmussen

**Esther/Mary Circle**- June 6th, 2:00 pm at church

**Dorcas Circle**- No Mtg until September

**June Readers**- **June 2**-Kim Larson **June 9**-Chuck Schulstad

**June 16**-Dione Rasmussen **June 23**-Carolyn Troite **June 30**-Lynn Jacobson

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## PARISH NEWS



### SPRING FLING BINGO

June 23rd, 2:00 p.m.

at Concordia Fellowship Hall!

Come and join in on some Spring fun and fellowship. Everyone welcome!



## LITTLE NORWAY COUNCIL

May 1, 2024

Members present: Mark Benson, Heidi Benson, Jim Larson, Teri Johnson, Joan Kronschnabel, Colleen Kaste, Kristen Larson, John Gullickson and Jamie Morvig.

Mark called the meeting to order.

Joan gave devotion- A bit of Clay.

**Pastor's Report:** No report

**Secretary report:** Jamie read the minutes from the April 3rd meeting, Jim motioned to approve, John second passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Teri reported that all bills have been paid. The Mission Investment fund is currently around 1%, they have a new offer of 5% rate for 2 years. Colleen suggested cashing in the existing CD for the 5% rate. Jim motioned to reinvest to the 5% rate, Jamie second/ passed.

**Vice President's report:** John reported the May parish support will be waived for the month of May. June 13<sup>th</sup> will be the next Parish Board meeting. Fair Worship will be July 14<sup>th</sup>. Summer worship hours for Little Norway will be 9am. Office hours during summer- closed on Fridays.

**Deacon's:** Lisa is the Deacon for May.

**Trustees:** Jim reported they need Janitors. The annual inspection on the elevator has been completed. The piano has been tuned and a new coat hanger has been installed.

**Education:** Senior Sunday was April 28<sup>th</sup> - Kate Larson was recognized. May 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School. Looking at VBS during evenings.

### Unfinished Business:

- a) Church parsonage- Larsen's still have not finished the move. Once completed we will have an inspection as to what needs to be updated or fixed. The parsonage would be available to Pastor Dan and Olivia while their home is being remodeled. There still has been no progress in the remodeling job. A new contract should be drawn between Little Norway and Parish Council.

### New Business:

- a) Representative for Synod Assembly?
- b) Calcium Chloride for parsonage will be applied by the City.
- c) Spring and Fall Hunger Drive- May will be the Hunger drive for Spring. Lisa will announce it on Sunday, and it will be in the bulletin for the rest of May. Please note to either mark world hunger or local.
- d) SAM Report- Jamie reported the commissioning will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Worship Meeting during Synod Assembly. There are 46 SAM's to be commissioned on that day. The Mentor agreement has been signed, background check is being completed and the final paperwork on the Covenant needs to be signed. Twelve hours of education on Sermon preparation has been completed.

Jamie motioned to adjourn; Jim second/passed.

Next meeting June 5, 2024

Devotions: John Gullickson    Lunch: Heidi Benson

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Morvig



## Updated Summer Hours!

### *\*Parish Office Summer Hours\**

The Parish Office will be open

**Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Fridays Office Closed**

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

Thank you.

*Check out the Parish Facebook page &  
website for the latest Parish  
news & announcements!*



**Facebook Page**-United in Christ Lutheran Parish, Fertile MN



**Website**-<https://unitedinchristlutheranparish.org>



If you have something you would like included in the Parish Pulse,  
on the Facebook page, or on the website, please send to:  
[uclpnews@gmail.com](mailto:uclpnews@gmail.com)



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### *Faaberg Announcements*

The Faaberg Afternoon Bible study group will meet Monday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m. Vicki Krogstad will lead the study.

Thank you to Addie and Roger Black for again delivering quilts to Fargo in mid-May. The Faaberg quilters sent 113 quilts to Lutheran World Relief this year.

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Yes! We did indeed have a baptism! Onyx Wilson Moran was baptized into the Christian faith one month ago! Onyx is the son of Jessica Thompson (Carlton and Hazel Roed's great granddaughter) and Justin Moran. We welcome Onyx into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. We give thanks and praise to God!

Congratulations to our seniors, Chesney Gudvangen and Elijah Berhow! Chesney is the daughter of Jody & Denise Gudvangen and Elijah is the son of Nathan & Melody Berhow. May God bless them on their next adventures in life and our prayers go with them!

The summer months are upon us...many activities and obligations. We hope 10:30 Sunday services, starting in June, will be at the top of your list!

June 3-7 will be VBS at Maple Lake. Oh, what fun it is to see the cars drive up and watch the kids as they take in the decorations and get their new shirts for the week! The kids will be together from 5:30 – 8:00 Monday through Friday and return again on the 9th for the program at 10:30. Keep the adults in your prayers as they teach the kids about God's great love. Say a prayer for the students too that they have a great week together!

June 12th – The ladies of the church will be cleaning the sanctuary and entry starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be plenty of work to be done – hope you can come!

June 16th – Father's Day with coffee and treats following the service.

June 18th – Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. This is a Tuesday evening. Have any concerns or questions? Come to the meeting and we will talk about it!

The WELCA shipped off 87 quilts, 42 health kits and 6 sewing kits in May. Way to go ladies! Our summer fundraiser will once again be the "No Pie!" fundraiser. Each member will be asked to contribute \$20.00 to the WELCA which will take the place of making pies to sell for the fair. You will be hearing more about this in the coming month.

Greeters for June are Karen Lunak and family.

Custodians for June are Doug and Pam Sorensen.

Thank you to individuals and families who sign up to be our greeters and custodians each month! We are grateful for you!

Greetings to former members and pastors who live elsewhere....come back for a visit! God's blessings to all.

*Submitted by: Marlene Block*



We'd love to have your kids join us for VBS Scuba 2024, an underwater adventure where kids will DIVE into friendship with God!

We'll have Vacation Bible School at Maple Lake June 3-7th from 5:30-8:00pm, program will be presented on Sunday, June 9th at 10:30 during our church service.

Register with Angie Petry  
701-866-5043, petryfam@outlook.com

## Maple Lake Church Council Minutes

**Date:** May 15th, 2024, at Maple Lake Church. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Attending:** Marlene Block, Pastor Dan, Mike Slevin, John Swanson, Tracy Johnson, Kip Fontaine, Brenda Langved, Sue Kronschnabel, & MaryBeth Swanson.

**Devotions:** Council Members shared their favorite bible verses

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

**Treasurer's Report:** There will be no parish payment for the month of May. It was discussed to use the general fund for steeple down payment instead of transferring money from savings. MM/S by Mike Slevin/John Swanson to accept the report as presented. MC.

**Pastor's Report:** There have been several funerals. Jamie Morvig will begin preaching at the end of the month. Confirmation and youth group have wrapped up for the year.

**Parish Board Report:** No Report

**Deacon's Report:** Cards for the graduating seniors will be signed and given on Senior Recognition Sunday.

**Trustees' Report:** Steeple Report (New business)

### Old Business:

1. 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.
2. Marlene Spoke to Craig about the thermostats in the entryway. He will come and check the thermostats and check the bulb for the Steeple (highway side). We will also ask him to add the north heater (entry) to the switch as well. (Still waiting for Mid Valley to arrive)
3. We will have an outdoor service on July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will need to get a sign up made for volunteers to help with chairs, set up, and ice cream servers for after church.
4. Electronic giving: Red River State provided documents to sign up those interested. Brenda has some follow up questions for the bank. More information/clarification will be given at the next meeting.

### New Business:

1. June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., the WELCA ladies will come together to deep clean the sanctuary.
2. Steeple:
  - a. The old cross will be given to Nick Aakhus to repair in the shape of a simple cross. We will try and get a solar light to add once it is fixed.
  - b. Bill Brandt returned two proposals to repair the steeple.
    1. \$5500 to replace rotted boards on crown molding, and set weather vane in place.
    2. \$15,500 to re-shingle, repair all boards that need replacing, and affix the weather vane.

After discussion and reviewing the vote of 11 members of the council taken by email on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024, a MM/S by Sheila Fontaine/Tracy Johnson to accept the bid of \$15,500 from Brandt Construction to repair the steeple. MC.

**Adjourn:** MM/S to adjourn by Brenda Langved/John Swanson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:47 p.m.

**Next council meeting:** TUESDAY June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Maple Lake Church





Mother's Day at Concordia



Senior Quilt Sunday-Concordia



**Fertile-Beltrami Area Food Shelf Hours: 1st & 3rd  
Wednesday of each month 3-6pm by appointment  
only or for emergencies. Please contact this number.  
218-945-6036.**

This is  
the day  
that the  
Lord has  
made.

-PSalm 118:24





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*

JUNE 2024

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<b>T</b>					
<b>8:15am</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Jamie Morvig SAM
<b>C</b>					
<b>9:30am</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan
<b>F</b>					
<b>11:00am</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Jamie Morvig SAM
<b>LN</b>					
<b>9:00am</b>	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell
<b>ML</b>					
<b>10:30am</b>	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell

Note: worship time change for Summer  
SAM (Synod Authorized Minister)