

Parish Pulse

United In Christ
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Pastor Notes

Council Meetings

6th-LN 7pm
12th-C 7pm
13th-F 7pm
20th-ML 7pm
21st-Parish Council 9am
T-No Council Meeting

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November already? We just finished with all the Halloween decorations and now we see Christmas in the stores! What happened to November? November always reminds me of a gray month. The leaves are usually all fallen, the fields are now plowed up. It seems the sun shines only a few days. You visit with others on the fall, and most complaints are we know what is ahead of us, Winter. It all seems to start in November, gray skies, rain turning to snow, endless wind - the beginning of our coldest times of the year.

Well, let us take this time and reflect on the positive and joys of November. As the year winds down and the days grow shorter, this month can often feel like a time of reflection and gratitude. Reflection of our growth as a student learning the alphabet to the learning of the economic structure of the world. We have a big election coming in November, reflection to what is the truth being told. We need to always look to God for his truth and ask for God's guidance. Our farmers reflect on the past crop year, what they have learned from the various types of seed to the new farming practices. Farmers have this time for the gratitude of a bountiful and safe harvest.

Veterans Day on November 11th, gratitude to those veterans who have served and are serving. The gratitude we have for all who have risked their lives for us to keep our freedom. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Community plays a crucial role in biblical teachings. Gatherings during November foster fellowship and unity. Thanksgiving gathering with friends and family to share testimonies and blessings. We need to look back at the original Thanksgiving, this gathering we shared with families and our new friends in this native land. We need to remember this day not as a day for Turkey, naps and football, but for a day of feast and thanksgiving. Maybe being able to have the turkey, naps and football would be a blessing to those without?

As November winds down, it leads into Advent, marking anticipation for Christmas. This transition allows for a mix of gratitude and hope. Preparing spiritually for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Reflect on your faith journey and deepen your spiritual practices during this season. Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Let us give Thanks for one another.
Jamie Morvig, SAM

NOVEMBER 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:
Karin Braun
Katie Pearce

NOV. 3

Ushers: Tim Fuchs and Isaac Ness

Greeters: Wayne & Cheryl Hegg

Lector: Larry Erdahl

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants:

Ryan & Kylie Strem; Carol Swenby

Live Stream:

NOV. 10

Ushers: Chad Braun and Jared Brainard

Greeters: Tim & Andrea Sykes

Lector: Ray Nelson

Assisting Minister: Tim Sykes

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants:

Ray & Sylvia Nelson; Sandy Rasmussen

Live Stream:

NOV. 17

Ushers: Chris & Leah Swenby

Greeters: Lee & Cindy Abrahamson

Assisting Minister: Carol Petersen

Lector: Jared Brainard

Communion Assistants:

Craig & Cindy Engelstad;

Cindy Abrahamson

Live Stream:

NOV. 24

Ushers: Daryl Haas and Evan Haas

Greeters: Stacey Oftedahl & Aaron Broden

Lector: Brandon Neibauer-Adams

Communion Assistants:

Trevor & Kiley Desrosier; Vickie Solie

Acolytes: Lane Haas

Live Stream:

NOV. 26-PARISH THANKSGIVING SERVICE-7PM

Ushers: Natty & Lori Messick

Greeters: Danny, Jodie, & Mya Strem

Lector: Georgina Gullickson

Communion Assistants:

Mark & Heidi Benson; Kristy Langved

Live Stream:

Pastoral Acts for October

Concordia:

Affirmation of Baptism-

Grant Benson, Elly Gorder,

Owen Gregoire, Gracee

Henrickson, Kane Oistad

Pr. Dan

Faaberg:

Baptism-

Emersyn Josie Hanson;

daughter of Kyle Hanson &

McKenzie Sirjord; Pr. Dan

Affirmation of Baptism-

Bennett Grunhvd, Amelia

Iverson, Bailey Iverson, Breezy

Iverson; Pr. Dan

Little Norway:

Affirmation of Baptism-

Jacob Larson; Pr. Dan

Maple Lake:

Affirmation of Baptism-

Sarah Lunak, Greg Ramberg,

Max Ramberg; Pr. Dan

Trinity:

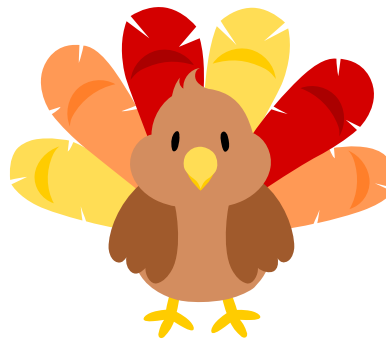
Affirmation of Baptism-

Mikayla Anderson; Pr. Dan



NEW CONCORDIA CHURCH LOCKED DOOR POLICY

At the August Concordia council meeting it was decided, for security reasons, that the parking lot (west) door into the church would remain locked during office hours. If there is a function going on at the church, the door from the parking lot will be unlocked. This began on Monday, August 19. The glass doors (south) across from the school, will be open during office hours. The parking lot door will be locked with instructions to go to the glass doors.



**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.**

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 8, 2024

Due to the lack of availability of a majority of the Concordia council members, the scheduled October Concordia Church Council meeting was not held. The council members had a short text meeting.

A motion was made by Nick Neibauer-Adams and seconded by Brandon Neibauer-Adams to donate \$3500 to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund for hurricane relief.

The council members responded via text and the motion was passed. The funds used for this donation will come from the Thrivent Mission Annuity Fund in the amount of \$2000, \$1100 from the Memorial Account and \$400 from the General fund.

It was noted that a lock has been installed on the door in the Chapel area. The next council meeting will be on November 12th.

Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary



Little Norway November Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

25-Allan & Diane Erickson

Birthdays

01-Donald Larson

05-Ryan Benson

09-Kim Larson

14-Cynthia Kaste

21-Hailee Benson

23-Kayla Pierre

28-Joan Kronschnabel

-Garrett Lisburg

November Deacon-Joan Kronschnabel **Janitor**-
Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Lynn Jacobson, Stacie Kronschnabel, Jennifer Larson

Esther/Mary Circle- Nov 7th 2:00pm at LN

Dorcas Circle- Nov 11th, 7:00pm at LN

November Readers- **Nov 3rd**-Joan Kronschnabel **Nov 10th**-Lucy Fuglseth

Nov 17th-Jennifer Larson **Nov 24th**- Lisa Duckstad



The "Hunger Drive" is this month. Please make checks payable to *Little Norway Congregation* and mark the memo line as a "world hunger" or a "local hunger" donation. There will be envelopes for those offerings in the back of the church. Please have them turned in by the end of the month.

LITTLE NORWAY COUNCIL

October 2, 2024

Members present: Teri Johnson, Jim Larson, Pastor Dan, Heidi Benson, Colleen Kaste, Joan Kronschnabel, Lisa Duckstad and Jamie Morvig.

Jamie called the meeting to order.

Joan gave devotions.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan reported he completed the required Boundaries Training. Confirmation at LN will be the 13th of October. Pulpit fill is taken care of through November.

Secretary report: Jamie read the minutes from the September meeting, Heidi motioned to approve, Jim second/ passed.

Treasurer's report: Colleen and Teri passed out the 3rd Quarter financial review. With no questions, Joan motioned to approve, Jim second/passed.

Vice President's report: No report, Next parish meeting October 17th. No update on the call process.

Deacon's: Joan reported Mission Sunday will be October 27th with Potluck served after. Donations from the potluck and offering will be announced to be given to this Mission. Jamie will lead worship for that Sunday.

Trustees: Jim reported still Looking for Janitors for November. The landscaping at the parsonage will be completed the week of October 7th by Kyle Simonson, D&B Construction Mentor. He will reshape under the deck and work on sloping out. Pest control has sprayed the church for bugs. Sewer cover needs to be fixed, and septic will need to be covered prior to winter. Ross has been in for wiring the TV for basement-this is all completed. The sign will be addressed.

Education: No report

Unfinished Business:

- a) Church parsonage- The back yard will have the landscaping issues taken care of the week of October 7th. Lee Duckstad has this all lined up. The cleaning has been completed and once the landscaping has been completed, we will look at either laying carpet or flooring.
- b) Mission dinner is all set, Service group 1 is in charge.

New Business:

- a) Colleen handed out the list of Charities given in 2023. Discussion on eliminating Water to Thrive and adding it to the FB Food shelf. Discussion on the ELCA disaster relief will need additional funds due to recent hurricane. It was suggested we give Rural Revival \$500 and increase the Disaster relief to \$1000. Total charities will be \$8,000 this year like the 2023 charities, Jamie motioned to approve, Lisa second/passed.
- b) Lynn Gullickson would like to use the basement for her Stamping group. Approved.
- c) The council discussed reimbursement for expenses. The Parish has a policy for reimbursement for expenses. This is approved with voucher request along with receipts. LN will discuss for use in 2025.

Heidi motioned to adjourn, Lisa second.

Next meeting November 6, 2024

Devotions: Lee Duckstad Lunch: Brent Bakke

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Morvig

Parish Office Hours

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

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

Faaberg Announcements

We are planning to do a Bible Study on the book of Luke, weekly, for 8 weeks, starting in January. Time and day to be determined later. We would like to get an idea on how many would be interested in this. There is a book and a video.

Katy Krogstad's family has donated several books and the video. We will need to know how many more books we need to order. You *don't* have to purchase the book to come. Anyone is welcome to come watch the video and join in the discussion. This is open to everyone!

If you are interested in this, please contact Lynda Sevald- 945-6202, or Vicki Krogstad-945-6344, by December 1st. Thank you!



The Faaberg WELCA will meet Thursday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m. with Dorothy Harstad leading the Thankoffering Devotions. We will quilt the rest of the day and again Friday morning.

The Afternoon Bible Study will be held Monday, November 11, at 1:30p.m. with Jan Helgeson leading the study.

We will be decorating for Christmas at Faaberg Saturday, November 30, starting at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to help.

Trinity Lutheran Church council met October 22, 2024 at the church. Members present were Dean Smith, Joni Page, Jolene Billing, Barb Hamre, Mark Langved and Kristy Langved.

President Dean called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Kristy read the secretary's report from August. Mark made a motion to accept it as read, seconded by Joni and carried.

Jolene gave the treasurer's report. Kristy made a motion to file for audit, seconded by Barb and carried.

There was no pastor's report. Kristy reported that the parish council had decided to forgo each churches monthly contribution for the month of November.

Old business: The cross light was tabled until next spring. The fridge has been replaced. 52 backpacks have been packed for Lutheran World Relief. We pre-paid for fuel in September.

New business: Mark made a motion to donate \$791 to The Fertile-Beltrami Food Shelf, \$250 to The Care and Share, \$250 to Grand Forks Mission, and \$250 to Pathways. Seconded by Joni and carried. This will deplete the special funds account.

Mark asked about snow removal and Joni volunteered Jim Page to do the driveway and parking lot and Mark volunteered to do the sidewalks again.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Langved, Secretary



Blessed we are to enjoy the beautiful fall colors! It came about later than usual but has been so fun to see the maples bursting with color! Thank you, Lord!

Thank you, Lord, for the ordinary, routine things in our lives too! The November events in our church seem routine, but what a privilege to be able to see them through and worship together either at meetings or worship services.

November 2nd – The Synod Women’s Organization is having a Leadership Training Day at Camp Emmaus. It is specifically for the SWO board members and leaders of each of the 8 conferences in our NWMN Synod. I mention this because I have a new appreciation for the work that goes into keeping the WELCA organization vital! The Annual convention in Moorhead in September was so good! The business end of things is always a bit dragged out, but the speakers were inspiring and we were all together because we love God and want to keep doing His work! Some churches do not have an active organized WELCA unit, but if you are a woman and member of an ELCA church, you are a member! So keep an eye out for those spring and fall gatherings – you are an important part of this ministry.

Nov. 6th – Maple Lake WELCA will meet at 6:00 for potluck supper, business meeting with elections and then cut out fabric squares for our winter quilting project. Maybe you will be interested in sewing a top in your spare time! Kits will be made available for whoever wants to try!

November 19th – The Hitterdal – Our Savior’s Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting in the basement at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested can attend.

November 20th – Maple Lake council meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the budget for 2025!

November 26th – Parish Thanksgiving service at Concordia! Mark your calendars.

Greeters for November are: Doyle & Michelle Qualley (Ryan, too!)

Custodians for November are: Kip & Sheila Fontaine

So, yes, we are grateful for our church and our church family. May you all have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Submitted by: Marlene Block

Maple Lake Church Council Minutes

Date: October 16th, 2024, at Maple Lake Church. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Marlene Block, Sue Kronschnabel, Brenda Langved, Pastor Dan, Mike Slevin, & MaryBeth Swanson.

Devotions: Mike shared a devotion and then council members shared one blessing from the past two days.

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

Treasurer's Report: There have been statements missing from YWAM and Wycliff, Brenda will call. September giving was good. Mike mentioned that he is getting updates from Red River about password changes. Brenda will update. Our CD has matured. Brenda will contact Red River on different options for reinvestment. MM/S by Mike Slevin/Sue Kronschnabel to accept minutes as submitted. MC.

Pastor's Report: We will have a new member Sunday. Marlene will contact and schedule with Joel Larson & family. Confirmation will be this Sunday for Sarah Lunak, Max & Greg Ramberg.

Parish Board Report: Next meeting is October 17th. No Report, possible discussion on payment forgiveness.

Deacon's Report: Mike is looking for someone to take over the job of filling the candles. Marlene will get cards for Confirmation. Mike will get more wine for communion this weekend.

Trustees' Report: No Report

Old Business:

1. Mid Valley came and worked on the heaters. They have ordered parts. The heat has been turned off until they return.
2. No update from the Nominating committee (Sue, John David, Kip)

New Business:

1. Anne has decided it is time for her to step aside as Organist. She will continue until we have a replacement.
 - A. Tom Hovland is temporarily available to play the 1st weekend of each month, and has agreed to play.
2. The Bid from Popper's music was reviewed. It was for a Midi Sequencer that would allow someone to play music on the organ and record it for playback on Sunday. The sequencer is \$1395, \$400 for someone to install and teach members how to use it, and \$135 for a wooden stand. It was suggested to take the interest from the CD (990.65) and then \$1000 (approx.) from savings to purchase. MM/S Brenda Langved/Mike Slevin to proceed with the purchase of the Midi Sequencer and Set Up. MC. MM/S by MaryBeth Swanson/Sue Kronschnabel to take the interest from matured CD plus approx. \$1000 from savings to pay for sequence and Set Up, for a total of \$1795. MC.

Other Business

1. Parish Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 27th.
2. Marlene will talk to Maynard about Member giving statements to be completed and distributed in November.

Adjourn: MM/S to adjourn by Brenda Langved/MaryBeth Swanson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:46 p.m.

Next council meeting: Wednesday November 20th, at 7 p.m. at Maple Lake Church

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2024

Members present were Kip Fontaine, Verna Norland, Pr. Dan Morton, John Gullickson, Belinda Fjeld, Jeff Gullickson and Kristy Langved.

President Kip called the meeting to order at 9:00 and opened with a check-in around the room as to how each person felt their church and the parish were doing.

Kristy read the secretary's report. Belinda made a correction to the minutes to read that Daryl Haas took the offering from the fair worship home with him and it was not left at the Concordia Food Stand. Verna made a motion to accept the minutes with that correction, seconded by Belinda and carried.

In Lyle Fuchs' absence, Kip talked a bit about the accounting report. Lyle had suggested to Kip that we forgo November's contribution from each church. Kristy made a motion to accept the report as written and presented, seconded by Jeff and carried. We are each to look over the accounting report and bring suggestions to November's meeting, where we will create the budget for 2025.

Pastors report: Kip read a report from Jamie Morvig SAM. She talked about having completed some of her required classes and training. She talked about GriefShare, which she feels is going well. If it is to continue, we will need to purchase the new version of the book. She is doing worship services the 1st Wednesday of each month at Fair Meadow Assisted Living. She also serves communion during that service. She is doing visitation at Fair Meadow Nursing Home and some homebound. She has been preaching in churches monthly since May. She meets with her mentor by phone. She has some vacation time scheduled, and her goal is to start picking up 2 Sundays/month as needed starting in May 2025 and depending on the Call process.

Dan reported that all confirmation ceremony's/services are scheduled. He will be on vacation next week.

Old business: Pastoral call- Kip has visited with Bishop Tesch who reported that there are at least 2 candidates interested in our parish.

New business: Belinda has checked into a new copier/printer lease for the office. We are presently paying \$772/month and have some limitations with that lease. Belinda made a motion to enter into a new five (5) year lease with Marco at \$636.38/month, which is a monthly savings of approximately \$135.00/month and also included unlimited copies, both black & white and colored, training and maintenance. Verna seconded and it carried.

2025 parish budget was tabled until the November meeting.

Verna made a motion to have parish Thanksgiving service Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at Concordia, to instruct Concordia's worship committee to find participants from each church and that the offering from this service will go to the Care & Share and Fertile Food Shelf. Seconded by John and carried.

Jeff made a motion to forgo the monthly contribution from each church for the month of November. Seconded by John and carried. Each of us are to let church treasurers know.

Belinda made a motion to initiate a new church directory process, seconded by Verna and carried.

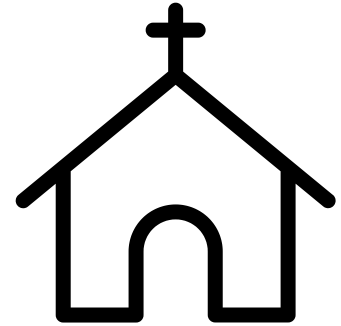
Belinda made a motion to contract with Sandhill Tax and Accounting, Inc as our new accounting firm. Seconded by John and carried.

John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Verna and carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Langved, Secretary

Youth Group Schedule

November 6th Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

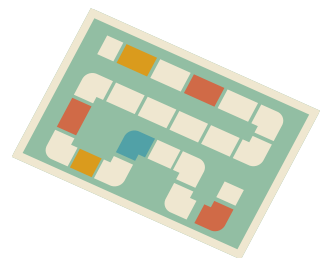


November 13th Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

November 27th Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided



December 4th Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided



Chad Christianson 507-626-0355 email: vballcechrist@gmail.com

Angie Petry 701-866-5043 email: petryfam@outlook.com

Calling all kids 7th-12th grade -you are invited!

Come join us for Youth Group at Concordia!

We'll meet for the first session September 25th

Jr High kids will meet from 4:30-5:30 with a snack

Sr. High kids will meet 6:00-7:30 with supper



NEWSLETTER OF THE CONCORDIA, LITTLE NORWAY,
 MAPLE LAKE, TRINITY, AND FAABERG
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	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
F				
8:15 am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan
C				
9:30am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan
T				
11:00am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan
ML				
9:00am	Pr. Darrell	Jamie-Austin Morvig SAM	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell
LN				
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****NOTE: Our pulpit fill may be subject to change.**

Worship Schedule
 NOVEMBER 2024

Tuesday, November 26-7:00 p.m. PARISH Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion at Concordia.