

Parish Pulse

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Pastor Notes

Council Meetings

4th-LN 7pm
8th-F 7pm
10th-C 7pm
18th-ML 7pm
19th-Parish Council 9am
T-No Council Meeting



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December, the twelfth month of the year. Lots of business- have end of year reports to complete. Information needs to be sent to your tax person, close out of the books for 2024. The end of the Church's Ordinary Time and preparing for Advent.

This is also the end of my first GriefShare that I have facilitated. This has brought me so much joy, getting to know those in my class and having the honor to share their stories. One of the member's asked if we remembered the song "Come on Ring those Bells"? A favorite Christmas song written back in 1976, "Come on Ring those Bells, Everybody Sing. Jesus is the King, born for you and me!!" Boy did this bring back memories for me. My mother had a Bible Book Store in my hometown. This song was just released at that time, and it would play in the store, that tune would just stick with you. I worked at the store during the holidays to help her out. We were very busy during the Christmas holidays, another familiar quote at the time was "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

What is the meaning of Advent? Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's nativity at Christmas time as well and Christ's expected return in the Second coming. During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - hope, peace, joy, and love. Christians from all denominations and backgrounds celebrate Advent in different ways but all focus on the anticipation of waiting for the arrival of Jesus.

What does Advent mean to you personally? Does it mean that there are 25 more days until Christmas? That there are 25 more shopping days until Christmas? Does this mean that you will need to get the Christmas lights on the house and the tree cut down or pulled from the box in storage? Does this mean that you will need to check all those 100's of lights to make sure they are all working before putting them up on the tree? What about those Christmas cards, have you ordered those yet and how many do we send out this year? What about all those Christmas cookies, what kinds do we start with and how many? Do we need to make those travel plans early or do we stay home? The holiday stress! Holiday School programs, no longer Christmas programs-we need to be politically correct. The Sunday School program for practicing and preparing. I'm getting exhausted just thinking about what needs to be done!!

Wait - - - Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Let us all just take a deep breath and remember this phrase. Don't let our high expectations ruin the most beautiful time of year. Jesus is the King, born for you and me!!! Blessings to all this Advent, let us pray for hope for our Country, peace for our World, Joy for our families and Love for one another.

Jamie Morvig, SAM

DECEMBER 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:

Heather Larson

Jami Revier

****December 15th-Christmas Program during worship service****

DEC. 1-ADVENT CANDLE:

QUINTEN & AMANDA DESROSIER FAMILY

Ushers: Ben & Caleb Sather

Greeters: Brandon & Laura DeLage

Lector: Taylor Sannes

Acolytes: Eve Revier & Natlie Whitcomb

Communion Assistants:

Verna Norland, Bonnie Abel,

Donna Christianson

Live Stream: Easton Fredericks

DEC. 8-ADVENT CANDLE:

TYLER & ADELLE CHRISTIANSON FAMILY

Ushers: Jan & Lisa Christianson family

Greeters: Craig & Cindy Engelstad

Lector: Justin Burke

Assisting Minister: Brian Gunufson

Acolytes: Eve Revier & Natalie Whitcomb

Communion Assistants:

Lori & Natty Messick; Kristi Gullickson

Live Stream: Connor Fuchs

DEC. 15-ADVENT CANDLE:

COLE & TANYA CHRISTIANSON FAMILY

Ushers: Jeff & Connor Haaven

Greeters: Jon & Lindi Christianson

Assisting Minister: Isaac Ness

Acolytes: Eve Revier

Communion Assistants:

Ron & Lori Sannes; Lindi Christianson

Live Stream: Bjorn Messick

DEC. 22-ADVENT CANDLE

ISAAC & CAATELYN NESS FAMILY

Ushers: Lyle Fuchs & Grant Benson

Greeters: Brandin & Briana Solie

Lector: Kelsey Braun

Communion Assistants:

Trevor & Kiley Desrosier; Caty Larson

Acolytes: Koa Larson & Wren Larson

Live Stream: Connor Fuchs

CHRISTMAS EVE-4:00PM CONCORDIA

Ushers: Jon & Cole Christianson

Greeters: Jared & Hallie Brainerd

Lector: Owen Gregoire

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants:

Chad & Karin Braun; Scott Braun

Live Stream: Eve Revier

DEC. 29

Ushers: Chris Solie and Nick Solie

Greeters: Larry & Elaine Erdahl

Lector:

Acolytes: Bristen Desrosier and

Austin Fuglseth

Communion Assistants:

Dick & Kelsey Braun; Scott Braun

Live Stream: Connor Fuchs

****CHRISTMAS DAY-NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT CONCORDIA**

Pastoral Acts for November

Concordia:

Committal:

Tom Quirk; Greenwood Cemetery, Fisher, MN-Pr. Dan

Baptism:

Emberlee Veldonna Leiser, daughter of Max & Kari Leiser; Pr. Dan

New Members:

Brandon & Laura DeLage, and Reese; Jeremy & Ashley Ranz, Garrett and Hannah; Ryan & Danielle Gregoire, Ivy and Owen; Sue Erickson; Maverick & Jena Gunufson, and Garrett; Andrea Sykes; Burton Kvernevig; Pr. Dan

Faaberg:

Funeral-

Eleanor Olson; Pr. Darrell Morton

Little Norway:

Baptism-

Lachlan Graham Gidley Abbot; Pr. Dan

Trinity:

New Members-

Michael & Myla Donavon; Pr. Dan



Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting

November 12, 2024

President Elaine Erdahl called Concordia's Church Council meeting to order @ 7:00 pm on November 12, 2024. Those present were Elaine Erdahl, Dan Morton, Tina Sandberg, Nick Neibauer-Adams, Salome Hansen, Karl Tollefson, Brandon Neibauer-Adams, Jami Revier, Sue Lindberg and Belinda Fjeld from the Parish Board.

Elaine opened with devotions from Psalms 126.

Secretary's Reports from September and October were reviewed via email and accepted as presented. (Nick/Jami) M/S/A.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. A motion to use monies from "Keep the Heat" fund and pay \$2,000.00 for air conditioning and \$2,000.00 for the pre-pay fuel bill was made, seconded and passed. (Karl/Brandon)

Pastor's Reports: Pastor Dan reported that Pastor Darrell Morton will be stepping down from his pastoral duties at the end of the year. Jami Morvig, our SAM, Synod Authorized Minister, will increase her help with the Parish duties. Genelle Netland, Assistant to the Bishop, will return to her duties starting December 1st. She is our contact person for the calling of a new pastor.

Parish Report: (Belinda) Belinda reports that Jami Morvig has been completing her SAM classes, leading a Grief Share group, leading monthly Worship services at Fair Meadow Nursing Home, completing parish visitations, meeting with her mentor and leading church services two Sunday's A month. The Synod Bishop is aware of Pastor Darrell Morton's stepping down from pastoral services the end of the year. The Parish Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26th, at Concordia Church. The offering has been designated for the Area Food Shelf and the Care and Share. Jami Morvig is baking the pies to be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Committee Reports:

Home & church Life: (Liz) Liz was absent and reports no new business.

Outreach: (Mackinzie) Mackinzie was absent. The parish members donated a great supply of gently used winter clothing items for men, women, and children and Nick delivered them to the Crookston Care and Share. We are encouraged to bring food items for the food shelf during November. Concordia will participate again in the "Angel Tree Program" and work in conjunction with the school for families in need. There are several families and individuals interested in joining Concordia on Sunday November 24th and gift bags will be given to each family.

Parsonage: The leaks in the upstairs bathroom have been repaired and the downstairs bathroom is complete.

Education: (Tina) The children will sing this Sunday for church services. Practice for the Christmas program will start this Sunday and the program will be December 15th during church services. A young woman's Bible study entitled "Risen Motherhood. Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments" is planned for two times a month. This information will be shared in the Parish Pulse and church bulletins. A motion was made by Nick, and seconded by Jami and passed to pay the cost of the books. If there is interest, a Guy's Bible Study could be held during Sunday School.

Daycare: (Brandon) A two year lease for the Daycare will need to be renewed for 2025 and 2026 by the end of the year.

Worship: (Jami) The Christmas Eve service will be held December 24th at Concordia at 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Tina, seconded by Jami and passed to donate the Christmas offering to the Area Food Shelf. A motion was made by Karl, seconded by Nick, and passed, to purchase licensure/printing rights for some new contemporary music for worship services.

Management and Finance: (Nick) No new business.

Old Business: Ryan Strem is obtaining another quote from Site on Sound for screen and projector equipment.

New Business: No new business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made @ 8:47pm. (Brandon/Jami). M/S/A

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary

Little Norway
December Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

02-James & Jennifer Larson
28-Dean & Ginny Radke
29-Kathy & Ernie Christensen, Jr.

Birthdays

02-Hadley Howell
03-Duane Hanson
10-Jordyn Berhow
11-Preston Hovde
12-Mark Morvig
13-Cody Benson
15-Sophia Preusser
16-Edward Larson
17-Jodi Lene
18-Charles Schulstad
20-Karen Busch
23-Robert Heckman
30-Karl Lisburg

December Deacon-Heidi Benson **Janitor**-Don Larson

Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Lynn Jacobson, Stacie Kronschnabel, Jennifer Larson

Esther/Mary Circle- Dec 5th 2:00pm at LN

Dorcas Circle- Dec 9th, 7:00pm at LN

December Readers- **Dec 1st**-Kim Andersen **Dec 8th**-Roger Moe

Dec 15th-Lucy Fuglseth **Dec 22nd**-Garth Kaste **Dec 24th**-Mark Gullickson

Dec 29th-Lisa Duckstad



LITTLE NORWAY COUNCIL

November 6, 2024

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

Mark called the meeting to order.
Jamie gave devotions.

Pastor's Report: Jamie reported for Pastor Dan, Thanksgiving service will be November 26, 7pm at Concordia. This will be a parish wide service with coffee and pie served after. Christmas schedule for Little Norway will be Christmas eve at 6pm.

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

Treasurer's report: Quarterly report given last month. Colleen reported the insurance has gone up 29%. Checking to see if we could raise the deductibles.

Vice President's report: John reported, Parish council will review the budget next meeting. November parish fund waived. The Thanksgiving offering will go to Care and Share. New copier for Parish office has been ordered and will be in this month. Council is looking to update the Parish directory, looking at on-line options. Next meeting will be November 21st.

Deacon's: Joan reported Mission Sunday donation of \$2407. This will be used to purchase equipment for VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) International eye clinics.

Trustees: Jim reported still Looking for Janitors for November.

Tree decorating will be the 24th after church. Coffee and cookies after church. Brent covered the septic for winter. Parsonage info under old business.

Education: Kristen reported the Christmas program will be December 15th, 11:00 service. Group 2 in charge of lunch. Round table in basement the chairs have small nails sticking out, ripping clothes. Look into purchasing new chairs and moving those to the balcony. The existing TV and VCR will be given free to anyone in the congregation.

Unfinished Business:

a) Church parsonage- Landscaping has been completed and looks nice. Dean is finishing up the windows. Drip on the copper pipe in basement, easy fix but need to take care of outside faucet leak first. The flooring is now ready to be completed.

New Business:

- a) Parish monthly expense waived
- b) A new council member committee to be organized.
- c) Trustees need to complete the giving reports
- d) Review the insurance and see if we can lower the rate.

Heidi motioned to adjourn, Brent second.

Next meeting December 4, 2024

Devotions: Kim Larson Lunch: Lisa Duckstad

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:



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**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.**



Faaberg Announcements



The Faaberg WELCA will meet Thursday, December 5, at 9:00 a.m., with a favorite Christmas carol sing-a-long. The meeting will finalize our year-end fund distributions. We will be spending the day quilting and will quilt again Friday morning.

The Afternoon Bible Study will be held Monday, December 9, at 1:30p.m., taking turns reading the study.

The Faaberg Sunday School Christmas Program, "Christmas Road Trip," will be presented at the 8:15 a.m. Sunday service December 15th.

Before we go into December activities we want to give a warm welcome to Joel and Jade Larson and their daughters, Brynn, Gemma and Bekah, and...Kendra Thompson, great granddaughter of Carlton and Hazel Roed, as our newest members of Maple Lake Church! We are blessed to have them join us!

At the time of writing this article we are cheering on the F-B football team as they prepare for the State Championship game at US Bank Stadium! What an accomplishment for the team and how exciting for the community! Go Falcons!

Dec. 4th the WELCA is planning a supper and evening out at Erickson Smokehouse! Supper at 6:00 (going dutch) with a short meeting included. If you would like to come please call Sue Kronschnabel before Dec. 2nd so we get an accurate number of guests. Join us..no dishes..only good company!

Dec. 15th is the Sunday School Christmas program at 7:00 p.m. The kids and teachers have been preparing for this special night in which we celebrate Jesus' birth. One thing for sure, all will be blessed!

Dec. 18th – Council meeting at 7:00. The 2025 budget will be finalized to be presented at the Annual meeting on January 12th.

Dec. 25th – Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see some extended family and former members that are home for Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing the church decorated again for the season!

Greeters for December are Tyler & Amber Petry and family

Custodians for December are Kelly & Amy Solie (1st-15th); Tyler & Amber Petry (16th – 31st). Thanks guys for taking this busy month. We know you will have full schedules at home!

We are so grateful for Pastor Dan, Pastor Darrell and Jamie Morvig for keeping our service schedules running smoothly. We continue to pray for our call committee as they seek candidates to fill our pastoral position. God has a plan for us – we just need to put our trust and faith in His perfect timing.

We look forward to Christmas and the coming year – what surprises does God have for us?! Keep those prayers and praises going up! May you all have a very Blessed Christmas!

Submitted by: Marlene Block

Maple Lake Church Council Minutes

Date: November 20th, 2024, at Maple Lake Church. Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Attending: Marlene Block, Brenda Langved, Pastor Dan, Angie Petry, & MaryBeth Swanson.

Devotions: Members shared their memories of their Confirmation.

Secretary's Report: MM/S by Brenda Langved/Angie Petry to accept minutes with grammatical corrections. MC.

Treasurer's Report: October was the best month of giving this year. The payment forgiveness has helped the budget. MM/S by Angie Petry/MaryBeth Swanson to accept minutes as submitted. MC.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Darrell will stop his pulpit supply starting in January. Pulpit supply will be a major discussion topic at tomorrow's Parish Board Meeting. There may need to be some creative changes in order to continue services with limited pulpit supply. Parish Thanksgiving service will be next Tuesday, November 27th at 7 p.m.

Parish Board Report: No Report. The next meeting is tomorrow, November 21.

Deacon's Report: No Report. Elissa Raaen has agreed to take over the responsibility of filling the candles.

Trustees' Report: No Report

Old Business:

1. Mid Valley has completed the work in the entryway.
2. Member giving statements will be available this Sunday. Statements left in the entryway will be mailed to the members by Marlene.
3. No update from the Nominating committee (Sue, John David, Kip)

New Business:

1. Alex, the organ representative was here Tuesday night. He installed and instructed a few members how to use the features of the Midi Sequencer.
2. Belinda Fjeld has agreed to come and record songs for the Midi Sequencer. It was decided to table the discussion of how much to pay Belinda, until she has had a chance to use/record songs.
3. The council reviewed the 2024 financial report and made recommendations for a 2025 budget. Most budgeted items remained the same. It was recommended to increase the budget for Insurance from \$2300 to \$2600, decrease camper support from \$1600 to \$500, and increase Synod Convention registration from \$200 to \$325.

Other Business

1. Parish Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 26th.
2. Christmas decorating of the church will be Sunday, December 1st at 4:30 p.m.
3. WELCA December meeting will be at Erickson's smokehouse on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. (Please let Sue know if you are attending.)
4. Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.
5. Christmas Day Service will be at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn: MM/S to adjourn by Brenda Langved/MaryBeth Swanson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:09 p.m.

Next council meeting: Wednesday December 18th, at 7 p.m. at Maple Lake Church

Submitted by: MaryBeth Swanson

United In Christ Lutheran Parish Board Meeting

November 21, 2024

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

President Kip called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Belinda led devotions reading from Psalms 34:1

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

Lyle presented the treasurer's report, reporting on the transition to Sandhill Accounting. Jeff made a motion to accept it as presented, seconded by Kristy and carried.

Pastors reports: Pr. Dan reported that Pr Darrell plans to retire again on December 31, 2024. Confirmation classes are going well. The visitation ministers are doing letter and card writing and in person visits. SAM Jamie reported that the Grief Share is going well and she would like to do another session next fall. She will need new books by then.

Old business: There was much discussion about the pastoral call.

Belinda made a motion to form a team including Belinda, Pr Dan, Jamie and Jeff, and that team meet to come up with ideas of a schedule which can be brought to individual church councils to address four services per Sunday, seconded by Lyle and carried.

Thanksgiving services: Belinda made a motion that the parish pay for pie, whipped cream and plates for Thanksgiving services, seconded by Verna and carried. Belinda will check on servers.

Virtual church directory: Lyle made a motion that we bring this to each individual church asking for volunteers to form an action team to manage this going forward. Seconded by Verna and carried.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on the budget.

A line-item was added for Parish Communicator.

Lyle made a motion to compensate Jamie Morvig a salary of \$10,000/year as a part time employee. Seconded by Verna and carried. This will be added as a line item also.

We tabled Pr Dan's bonus until the December meeting.

John made a motion to give a 3% increase in wages to the office managers. Seconded by Jeff and carried.

Verna made a motion to approve the budget as discussed. Seconded by John and carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Langved, Secretary

December agenda:

2025 worship schedule

UCLP Directory update

Thank you to Pr, Darrell

Pr. Dan's bonus

Youth Group Schedule

December 4th Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided

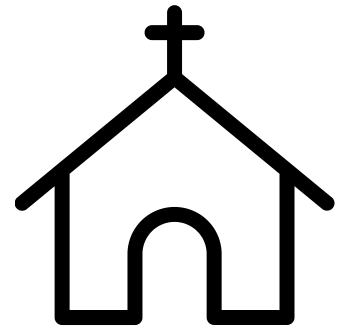
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

January 22nd Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided

Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

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

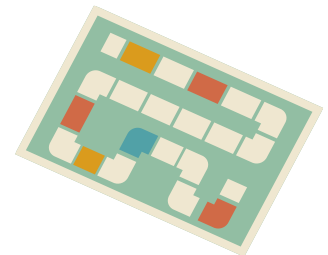


Calling all kids 7th-12th grade -you are invited!

Come join us for Youth Group at Concordia!

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

Worship Schedule

DECEMBER 2024

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
F					
8:15 am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	SAM Jamie-Austin Morvig	Pr. Dan
C					
9:30am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan
T					
11:00am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell	SAM Jamie-Austin Morvig	Pr. Dan
ML					
9:00am	SAM Jamie-Austin Morvig	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell
LN					
11:00am	SAM Jamie-Austin Morvig	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Darrell	Pr. Darrell

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:
 LN-DECEMBER 15 AT 11AM --CONCORDIA-DECEMBER 15 AT 9:30AM
 MAPLE LAKE-DECEMBER 15 7PM--FAABERG-DECEMBER DEC 15 AT 8:15AM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Concordia 4:00 pm Pr. Darrell Faaberg 4:00PM Pr. Pr. Dan
 Little Norway 6:00 pm Pr. Dan Trinity 6:00 pm Pr. Darrell



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Maple Lake 10:00 am Pr. Dan