

# Parish Pulse

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## Pastor Notes

January 2025, can you believe this? Like a science fiction movie or maybe the Song "In the year 2525" wait that is another 500 hundred years! But it seems crazy that we are already in 2025. Is time moving faster the older we get? I read an article by Jillian Wilson she explains: There's a reason why you may feel like the years moved slowly when you were a kid but zoom by now. Experts say our perception of time greatly changes as we age, which makes certain periods feel like they go by quickly. She added that the perception of time is also influenced by memory and how much you've experienced. For an 8-year-old, a week is a big portion of their life. For an 80-year-old, a week is a much smaller portion of their life, which contributes to the feeling that it went by quickly. I guess this explains when I was a child the summer vacation just drug by as I wanted to see all my friends again in school. Now the summer goes so fast I often question what happened?

New Year's resolutions? My sister is always coming up with a new resolution, she is going to read more books, finish her quilting projects, exercise more, eat healthy and clean her house. What do I say to that? Bah Humbug! If I make a resolution to exercise more and eat healthy, I will do the opposite. So, I just don't make the resolutions, then I won't be disappointed in myself for not making the goals.

In the book of Genesis, God created the heavens and the earth, bringing forth light to darkness. Likewise, January symbolizes the dawning of a new era, a time to leave behind the old and embrace the new. It invites us to reflect on God's creative power and His ability to make all things new.

In the Bible, the number one is often associated with new beginnings, fresh starts, and God's sovereignty. The fact that January is the first month of the year reflects this idea of new beginnings. Just as God began His creation in the first month, He desires to do new things in our lives as we enter a new year.

January marks the end of the old year and the start of the new. Winter is a time of rest and preparation for the spring. We can use January for a time of spiritual renewal and getting ready for the new things God wants us to do. This time of year, we can become closer to God, and he can prepare our hearts. God can bring us to each new year and another season of life. He is the God of the past, present and future.

Maybe this should be our New Year's resolution? We spend more time with God. This doesn't mean we need to dive deep into a bible study or spend the time to read the Old Testament. These things are all good, but what if we just talked more to God? Carry on a conversation with Him as you would with a dear friend. We always tell him how we are doing, but maybe ask how is he doing?

Blessings to all this New Year of 2025!

Jamie Morvig, SAM

## Council Meetings

7th-Concordia 7pm

\*See worship schedule for  
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JANUARY 2025

### 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**

#### Pastoral Acts for December

##### Concordia:

**Baptism:**

Norah Gerri Elizabeth Haugen,  
daughter of Sam & Shawna  
Haugen; Pr. Dan Morton

##### Maple Lake:

**Baptism-**

Lucas Michael Sharp, son of  
Mike & Adrienne  
Kronschnabel-Sharp;  
Pr. Darrell Morton

**Altar Guild:**

**Lindi Christianson**  
**Donna Christianson**

**JAN. 5**

**Ushers:** Travis and Emmett Jensrud  
**Greeters:** Jon & Tammy Hemmah Family  
**Lector:**  
**Acolytes:** Koa and Wren Larson  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Danny, Jodie, & Mya Strem  
**Live Stream:** Connor Fuchs

**JAN. 12**

**Ushers:** Ryan and Bryer Strem  
**Greeters:** Trevor & Kiley Desrosier  
**Lector:** Lindi Christianson  
**Assisting Minister:** Shane Erickson  
**Acolytes:** Bristen Desrosier &  
August Fuglseth  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Hallie & Jared Brainard; Sylvia Rickey  
**Live Stream:** Connor Fuchs

**JAN. 19**

**Ushers:** Travis & Connor Fuchs  
**Greeters:** Shane & Tracy Fuglseth  
**Assisting Minister:** Elaine Erdahl  
**Acolytes:** Pam Blaeser  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Kathy & Glenn Netland; Larry Erdahl  
**Live Stream:** Andrew Larsen

**JAN. 26**

**Ushers:** Chad & Karin Braun  
**Greeters:** Jeff & Heidi Haaven  
**Lector:** Darcey Larsen  
**Communion Assistants:**  
Sue & Mark Lindberg; Darcey Larsen  
**Acolytes:**  
**Live Stream:** Andrew Larsen



Concordia church quilting will begin on January 9th at 9:30 a.m. and meet every Thursday and Friday through the winter months. Come join us for fun and fellowship, no skills required! Bring your own sack lunch, we will provide coffee & goodies!





## Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 10, 2024

President Elaine Erdahl called Concordia's Church Council meeting to order @ 7:00 pm on December 10, 2024. Those present were Elaine Erdahl, Dan Morton, Tina Sandberg, Nick Neibauer-Adams, Salome Hansen, Karl Tollefson, Brandon Neibauer-Adams, Mackinzie Burke, Liz Lisburg, Sue Lindberg and Belinda Fjeld from the Parish Board.

Brandon opened with devotions from 1st Corinthians 5:12-13.

Secretary's Report from November was reviewed via email and accepted as presented. (Nick/Tina) M/S/A.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report: The Thanksgiving Offering (\$841) will be given to the Food Shelf and Care and Share. A Certificate of Deposit was renewed at the Red River State Bank @ 4.5% interest. A motion by Brandon, seconded by Nick and passed to accept the report as presented. M/S/A.

Pastor's Reports: Pastor Dan reported that pulpit supply will be needed starting in January as Pastor Darrell Morton is retiring at the end of December. The synod is aware of the need for help in January and February. A rotation schedule will be planned for all the churches.

Parish Report: (Belinda) Belinda reports the Parish Board has approved the budget for 2025. Concordia's payment to the Parish will remain approximately the same. The Parish Board has forgiven three months' payments from each congregation this past year. Starting in January, Jamie Morvig will be getting paid a salary as our SAM, Synod Authorized Minister. There is planning underway for a Virtual Church Directory and two volunteers will be needed from each congregation to help with submitting photos. The Call Committee has interviewed two candidates for pastor without success yet.

Committee Reports: Home & church Life: (Liz) Liz is planning a Bingo Night on January 8th from 6:00 to 7:30 with the Parish Youth helping serve Taco in a Bag and floats.

Outreach: (Mackinzie) Concordia is participating in the "Angel Tree Program" and working in connection with the school for 57 children in need. We are happy to report that "angels" have stepped up to give gifts to others and gifts will be picked up by December 22nd. There were seven families who joined Concordia church on Sunday November 24th and gift bags were given to each family.

Parsonage: The work on blueprints for the kitchen and measuring for cabinets continues.

Education: (Tina) The Children's Christmas program will be December 15th during church services, including 50 plus children. A woman's bible study entitled "Risen Motherhood." Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning January 15th at 7:00 p.m. A guy's bible study could be held during Sunday School if there is interest.

Daycare: (Brandon) A two year lease for the Daycare was reviewed for 2025 and 2026. A motion was made by Sue, seconded by Nick, and passed approving this lease. M/S/A Branson will present the contract to Andrea for signing.

Worship: (Jami) The Christmas Eve service will be held December 24th at Concordia at 4:00 p.m. The Christmas offering will go to the Area Food Shelf. We request that checks be made out to Concordia and indicate on the memo line to be given to the Area Food Shelf. Beginning the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in January, worship will be a more contemporary service including new hymns.

Management and Finance: (Nick) Much discussion was held on the proposed budget for 2025. A motion was made by Karl, seconded by Mackinzie and passed to increase Jon Christianson's salary to \$19,000 annually. M/S/A

A motion was made by Nick, seconded by Tina to increase the monthly salary to Taylor Sannes to \$250.

M/S/A Concordia will continue to support Pathways and invite them do a presentation to our congregation to encourage our youth to attend camp. Tina will check on this.

A motion was made by Nick, seconded by Sue to accept the budget as amended for 2025, which passed. M/S/A

Old Business: Brandon is meeting with the Nominating Committee in preparation for 2025 and searching for volunteers. Please consider this opportunity to serve our church.

New Business: A date for the Annual Meeting was set for January 26, 2025 following worship.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed @ 9:10 pm. (Elaine/Tina). M/S/A

Concordia's next council meeting will be January 14th, 2025.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary

*Little Norway*  
*January Anniversaries & Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

05-Cody & Hailee Benson

*Birthdays*

03-Jennifer Larson

04-Barbara Schulstad

05-Soren Larson

07-Kim Andersen

12-Sara Preusser

13-Irene Vidden

17-Lynne Gullickson

19-Lionel Sandness

21-Lucy Fuglseth

22-Dean Kronschnabel

30-Kristen Larson

**January Deacon**-Lisa Duckstad **Janitor**-Jim Larson

**Altar Guild & Communion Prep**

Sara Preusser, Heidi Benson, Lynne Gullickson

**Esther/Mary Circle**- Jan 2nd 2:00pm at LN

**Dorcas Circle**- Jan 13th, 7:00pm at LN

**January Readers**-**Jan 5**-Jennifer Larson **Jan 12th**-Joan Kronschnabel

**Jan 19th**-Kim Larson **Jan 26th**-Lisa Duckstad

\*No council meeting\*

  
Winter  
BLESSING



**LITTLE NORWAY COUNCIL**

December 4, 2024

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

Mark called the meeting to order.

Heidi gave devotions with a poem on Christmas time.

**Pastor's Report:** Dan reported that as of the end of year Darrell will be stepping down. Parish approved schedule to go to a 4 service Sunday Schedule. This would eliminate the 3 Sunday service for a Pastor and the country churches would go one Sunday with no Pastor. We would still have services, but no Pastor. Pulpit supply is getting hard to find. There are some options available to investigate, we could look at streaming in a sermon from Concordia. Mark suggested we reach out to the Synod for help as they provide us with a sermon. Mark will reach out to Kip Fontaine, the Parish President. The most important issue is that we continue to meet as a Church and have worship. This will affect all churches in our Parish and we can all work together.

**Secretary report:** Jamie read the minutes from the November meeting, Heidi motioned to approve, Colleen second/ passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Hunger appeal we collected \$1600 for world hunger and \$705 for local. They are looking into the Insurance policy to see if we can save some money. The annual premium has been paid. Colleen and Teri are getting all the year end information together for the annual report and budget.

**Vice President's report:** John reported the online directory will be implemented in 2025. We need an Action representative from LN to make sure the pictures and information gets in. Review of the 2025 Budget completed. John reminded us that the local food shelf must purchase items from the Food Bank. If we look to donate to local food shelf, we need to put in memo use as needed.

**Deacon's:** Heidi and Joan reported they are getting everything lined up for the Candlelight Christmas eve service. Looking to add a Circle of Light to the service.

**Trustees:** Jim reported the plumbing in the parsonage has been completed. Flooring will be the next project. Batteries needed for the fire alarms. Thermometer is in front window. Jim will install the alarms in the parsonage as new requirement for insurance. Basement chairs at Church have been taken care of.

**Education:** Kristen reported the Christmas program will be December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 service. Group 2 in charge of lunch. Sunday School will be at 10:00am January.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) New Council Member update
- b) Reminder of year end reports due to office.

**New Business:**

- a) Parish proposed 2025 budget reviewed.
- b) Darrell retirement addressed
- c) New Sunday schedule reviewed.
- d) Update on Call- no update currently.

Jamie motioned to adjourn, Teri second.

Next meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with Potluck.

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*



Because of New Year's Day, the Faaberg WELCA will meet Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with Peggy Ystenes leading the devotions. We will spend the day quilting and will continue Friday a.m., January 10.

The Afternoon Bible Study will be held Monday, January 13, at 1:30 p.m. with Roz Sannes leading the lesson.



## Faaberg Council Meeting December 8, 2024

The Faaberg Council met on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 7pm in the church basement.

Attending were Peggy Ystenes, Jeff Gullickson, Tony Grieve, Steve Gullickson, Brad Hanson, Sue Knutson, Brenda Grunhovd, Vickie Thronson, Dave Harstad and Les Krogstad.

Peggy called the meeting to order. Motion by Sue, second by Steve to approve the agenda. Carried

Vickie read the Secretaries Report. Corrections were that Mid-Valley Electric removed the lights under the balcony and replaced them with can lights. One light was used in the Balcony, one is a spare. The \$1,212.99 was for a new sewage pump, not sewer pumping. Sewer pumping was not needed. With the corrections, motion by Jeff second by Brenda to approve minutes. Carried.

Jeff gave the Parish report. The Call process is continuing. Because Pastor Darrell is retiring, the Parish has come up with a new schedule for the first 3 months of 2025. The 4 country churches will alternate not having a pastor one Sunday a month. Worship times for the 4 were also changed starting January 1. This leaves Pastor Dan and SAM Jamie Morvig with 2 services each Sunday. Some options for these open Sunday's were discussed. The Parish is also looking into having a digital Parish directory instead of a printed book.

Upcoming events to note: Christmas eve service at Faaberg will be at 4pm; Annual meeting January 19, 2025 after 11AM service; First Communion Classes February 23, with First communion Service Sunday March 2, 2025.

The Nominating committee has begun reviewing positions to be filled at the January Annual meeting.

**Old Business:** Brad reported that Herman Miller had done the soffit repairs. He also found some openings in the bell tower and plugged them.

Jeff said he had done weed spraying and cleaned up some shrubs.

**New Business:** It was brought up that having new hymnals would be nice. The words to the songs printed in the weekly bulletins are from the new Red hymnals. Sue had checked and estimated each hymnal would cost \$30.00 After some discussion Sue made a motion to purchase 20 Red hymnals for \$30 each. Seconded by Jeff, carried.

The Parish office has room for the Faaberg Record Book. Currently the book has been kept up by Peggy, and is in the Faaberg safe. Going forward the Parish office would update the records. Motion by Les, second by Dave to move the record book to the Parish office.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. Peggy noted she had received a letter from Red River Bank notifying us of a new monthly fee for ACH. After some discussion Vickie made a motion to move our Checking and Savings accounts from Red River Bank to Ultima Bank. Second by Sue, carried. Tony made a motion to transfer some money from the Hodous Funds savings account to the checking account. Second by Brenda, carried.

We worked on the 2025 budget. Motion by Dave, second by Tony to approve the treasurer's report and the proposed 2025 budget. Carried.

Having no further business Steve made a motion to adjourn, second by Dave. Carried

Vickie Thronson – Secretary

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah is an exclamation, hymn or song of praise. Hallelujah can be said in January and should be said every day of the year!

I know the Christmas season has passed, but, Hallelujah was the theme of the Sunday School Christmas program and what a time of praise it was! So many young beautiful voices singing about Jesus and praising His name! The kids did a great job and we thank Elissa, Angie, Amber, MaryBeth, Amy, Kari B. and Jamie for all the practice time and patience! A special shout out to the soloists on the closing hallelujah song – Paisley Raaen, Gracie Solie, Brynn Larson, Kalin Carlson and Britta Solie, a very touching and well done performance.

As we start the New Year we know we have a few issues to handle being short of pastoral services – but, God knows our situation and will take care of us. Hallelujah! We will work with each other in prayer and communion and continue to proclaim the gospel to others as He has equipped us to do just that!

Jan. 12th – Big day at Maple Lake! Sunday school at 10:00, services at 11:00, Annual meeting immediately following services, then pot luck dinner! Anne Pederson will be honored as we thank her for being our organist these past 45+ years! Anne says she started playing for church when she was 13. She did take 6 years off while she raised her young children but has been playing ever since! Anne will celebrate her 96th birthday in February....what a lady! She is a real gift to our church and community.

The sewing kits for quilts are available in the entry for anyone who wants to try their hand at sewing a quilt top! We have lots of quilting supplies and look forward to being together during the winter months. Please notify Sue K, Kathy S. or myself if you want to be added to our call list for quilting dates.

Greeters for January are Jody & Denise Gudvangen and girls

Custodians for January are Josh & Kari Bolstad and family

May you all have a good January and keep those hallelujahs going up!!

*Submitted by: Marlene Block*



**Maple Lake Church Council Minutes**

**Date:** December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Maple Lake Church. Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

**Devotions:** Members shared Christmas memories/traditions.

**Secretary's Report:** MM/S by Brenda Langved/Angie Petry to accept minutes as submitted. MC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Giving was down in November was the best month of giving this year. MM/S by Angie Petry/John Swanson to accept minutes as presented. MC.

**Pastor's Report:** Due to pulpit supply shortages, there are changes to our current worship schedule. Worship time will change to 11 a.m. beginning in January. Communion will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. The third Sunday of the month Maple Lake will worship without a pastor. We can use the sermon streamed via Youtube from Concordia, or have a parish member give a devotion. The Call Committee will meet the second week of January to make revisions to our paperwork. Also, Ella Bolstad will be editing video/images to add to our "application" highlighting our different churches.

**Parish Board Report:** No Report.

**Deacon's Report:** No Report.

**Trustees' Report:** No Report

**Old Business:**

1. No update from the Nominating committee (Sue, John David, Kip)
2. Marlow Jacobson will clear the snow this winter. Kyle Simonson will clear if it is a major snow, or if Marlow is unavailable.

**New Business:**

1. With the changes to the worship schedule starting in January, it was suggested a Worship committee be formed. Marlene Block, Kari Morvig, and MaryBeth Swanson have volunteered and will meet in January to help plan our Sundays without a pastor.
2. Discussion was had about adding internet to the church. Sue Kronschnabel researched that it would be \$96 a month to add internet to the church. There may be a possibility that the parish may cover this expense. MM/S John Swanson/Brenda Langved in favor of adding internet at Maple Lake following outcome of parish council discussion. MC.
3. The parish budget was reviewed. We will have an increase of roughly \$50 a month for next year. A motion to accept the budget will be made at the annual meeting.
4. The council reviewed the 2024 financial report and made recommendations for a 2025 budget. MM/S John Swanson/Angie Petry to accept the Maple Lake 2025 budget and present at the annual meeting. MC.
5. Yearly reports are due to the church office by December 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Organist Updates:
  - a. Midi is up and running. Belinda will come and record January's songs. It was decided to compensate her at the weekly organist rate (\$60) for recording the monthly songs.
  - b. Tom will play 1/5, "Midi Organists" 1/12 MaryBeth Swanson, 1/19 Angie Petry, 1/26 Elissa Raaen
  - c. We will honor Anne Pederson for her +45 years during the Annual Meeting Potluck with cake & gift. A MM/S by MaryBeth Swanson/Brenda Langved to present \$450 cash gift to Anne. MC.

**Other Business**

1. Christmas Day Service will be at 10:00 a.m.
2. January 12<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School 10:00; Worship 11:00; Annual Meeting (following service); Potluck (following meeting)

**Adjourn:** MM/S to adjourn by Brenda Langved/MaryBeth Swanson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 p.m.

**Next council meeting:** Annual Meeting: Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>, following 11:00 a.m. Church service at Maple Lake Church

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council

December 17, 2024

President Dean Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05. Members present were Dean, Jolene Billing, Pr Dan Morton, Joni Page, Mark Langved and Kristy Langved.

Pr Dan led with prayer.

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

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

Dan gave the pastors report. He talked about the new worship schedule for the next three months or until we can hire a second pastor. Getting pulpit supply is difficult, Pr Darrell is retiring, doing three services a day is taxing on anyone. Jamie Morvig will help by speaking at two services a month after her vacation. Trinity will have no pastor the fourth Sunday of each month and we need to be creative as far as how we plan to cover that.

There was no trustee report.

The 2025 budget was created to present at the annual meeting. Mark made a motion to add a budget line for internet and contact Garden Valley to have it installed. Seconded by Kristy and carried.

Mark made a motion to give Pr Darrell a gift certificate to Erickson's Smokehouse on his retirement. Seconded by Kristy and carried.

The treasurers software was tabled until into 2025.

The annual meeting is January 26, 2026 and we will have worship at 10:30 (it is the first day we don't have a pastor for worship), have lunch following worship and then the meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Langved, Secretary



United in Christ Lutheran Board Meeting

December 20, 2024

Members present were John Gullickson, Belinda Fjeld, Verna Norland, Lyle Fuchs, Kristy Langved. Kip Fontaine was there via phone and Jeff Gullickson arrived later.

Belinda called the meeting to order and called president Kip by phone.

Verna gave devotions reading from 1 Peter 4:10 and Romans 12:6-8. Kip then asked that we keep Pr Phil and Darcey and their family in our prayers throughout the holiday season.

Kristy read the secretary's report from November meeting. Verna moved to accept it as read, seconded by Lyle and carried.

Lyle presented the treasurers report, pointing out rent over payment which will be adjusted in the new year. John made a motion to accept it as presented, seconded by Kristy and carried.

In Pr Dan's absence there was no pastor's report, but Lyle and Kip had both visited with Dan and he doesn't want any mileage reimbursement for 2024. "It's part of his donation."

Old business: New worship schedule- all churches are now aware of it and we plan to go forward with it starting in January. Jeff asked that the times get rotated quarterly.

Directory- Lyle made a motion to use the office debit card to pay the \$154.88 to InstantChurchDirectory.com. for one (1) year, and revisit before that year is up. Seconded by Verna and carried. We will need a contact person from each church to get photos and info onto the site. Each church is asked to put this on their annual meeting agenda and ask for volunteers for this.

Lyle made a motion to give an end of the year thank you gift to Pr Dan, seconded by Jeff and carried. Jeff made a motion to give Pr Darrell a retirement thank you gift, seconded by Verna and carried.

New business: A reminder to all churches: active rosters for all UCLP churches need to be looked over by councils in October and updated for year end. Updated rosters need to be in the office in December. Possible meeting with office managers with updated lists is welcomed.

There was much discussion about WiFi in the smaller churches, concerning pastor/pulpit fill sermon from Concordia. Garden Valley could be contacted on expense, etc. to installation of WiFi in each church that doesn't have it, to allow all churches to have access to a sermon on a no pastor Sunday and to allow all churches to utilize the Luther Crest Sunday School curriculum that was purchased by the parish. Lyle made a motion to ask each church to put this issue on their annual meeting agendas, seconded by Kristy and carried.

Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday December 24: Concordia-4:00, Faaberg-4:00, Little Norway-6:00, Trinity-6:00. Christmas Day Wednesday December 25: Maple Lake 10:00.

Christmas worship offerings will go to the Fertile Food Shelf. People are reminded to make checks out to their own church and put Food shelf in the memo line.

Next meeting: February 13, 2025-9:00a.m.

Belinda adjourned the meeting and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

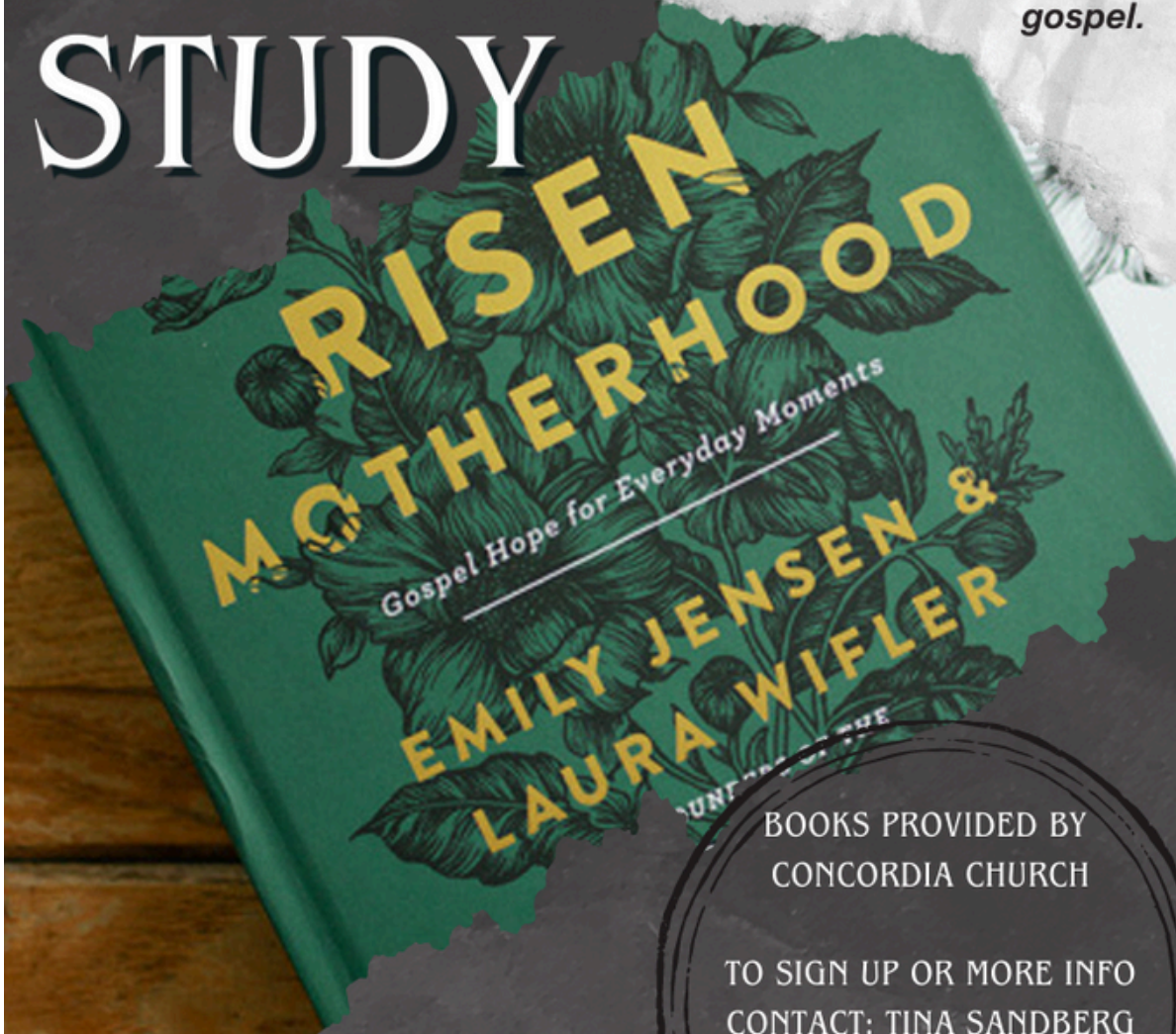
Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Langved, Secretary



# BIBLE STUDY

*With God's design for life and godliness in mind, we will consider various aspects of motherhood in light of the gospel.*



STARTING JANUARY 15TH  
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY  
7:00PM AT CONCORDIA

BOOKS PROVIDED BY  
CONCORDIA CHURCH

TO SIGN UP OR MORE INFO  
CONTACT: TINA SANDBERG  
218-280-2214  
[TINAMSANDBERG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TINAMSANDBERG@GMAIL.COM)

We invite any mother; moms in the thick of raising kids, soon to be moms, or those who desire to be moms and want to enter into motherhood with Christ in mind.





UCLP Youth Group and Home & Church Life Committee  
are joining forces for

**FAMILY FUN SUPPER & BINGO**

on *Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 6:00-7:30 pm*

Age doesn't matter; young and old and everyone in  
between, bring a friend with and join us to see who can  
BINGO first!

All ages are welcome to join us at 6:00 for supper,  
followed by games of BINGO!

We will conclude the evening at 7:30!

**8TH  
JANUARY**

**CONCORDIA  
CHURCH**

**06.00  
PM**

**NOTE: ALL JR. HIGH KIDS & SR. HIGH KIDS COME AT 6:00PM**

United In Christ Lutheran Parish Youth Group Schedule 2025

January 8<sup>th</sup> Jr. High & Sr. High 6:00-7:30 Supper provided & BINGO!

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

February 12<sup>th</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

February 26<sup>th</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

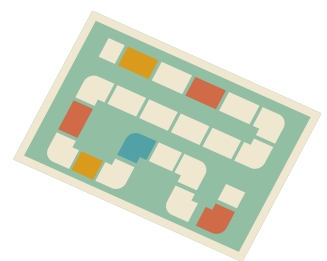
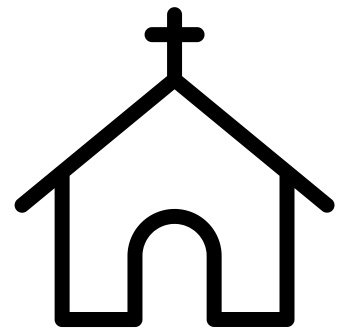
March 12<sup>th</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

March 26<sup>th</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

April 9<sup>th</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

May 7<sup>th</sup> Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided  
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided



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**\*\*Note worship time changes\*\***



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

### Worship Schedule

JANUARY 2025

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>C</b>				
<b>9:30 am</b>	Pr. Dan	<b>TBD</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan
<b>F</b>				
<b>11:00</b>	<b>NO worship</b> no pastor	<b>TBD</b>	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan
<b>T</b>				
<b>Time</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Pr. Dan	<b>9:00am</b> Pr. Dan	<b>11:00 am</b> Jamie- SAM	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>NO Pastor</b>
<b>LN</b>				
<b>9:00am</b>	Jamie-SAM	<b>NO Pastor</b>	Jamie-SAM	<b>TBD</b>
<b>ML</b>				
<b>11:00am</b>	Jamie-SAM	Pr. Dan	<b>11:00 am</b> <b>NO pastor</b>	<b>TBD</b>

Annual Meeting Dates  
 Jan 12, 2025-Little Norway & Maple Lake  
 Jan 19, 2025-Faaberg & Trinity  
 Jan 26, 2025-Concordia

Holy Communion Schedule Changes:  
 1st & 3rd Sunday Little Norway & Trinity  
 2nd & 4th Sunday Faaberg & Maple Lake  
 Concordia Every Sunday