



Parish Pulse

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Pastor Notes

While you are receiving your February Parish Pulse, I will be on my annual trip to Florida! My friend Carol and I have been going since 2018, we head off for Fort Myers and the last few years staying in Bonita Springs. We have asked our daughters to join us, and this has been a memorable experience. My 10-year-old Granddaughter Bree will join us this year. She asked a few years ago "Grandma when do I get to go to Florida?" I said 10, well guess what she's 10!! Our children spend the first week with us and we enjoy a 2nd week in quiet. A good vacation for Carol and I is if we can get through at least 3 books.

It is coming up on an anniversary for me, 1 year ago I started all the paperwork to become a SAM (Synod Authorized Minister). I was commissioned in May but started with all the paperwork in March. To become a SAM you need to apply, you know how that goes the paperwork, but not too bad. They give you 2 years to complete the 6 required classes. I will have completed 4 of my 6 by February. The classes are either by zoom or in-person. You can become a SAM prior to the completion of the classes.

I can't describe the Joy this has brought to my life. As you all know, the visitation is my priority and my visits to Assisted Living and nursing home truly has blessed me.

A few years ago, Gloria Kaste asked if I would be a reader at church (Little Norway), with no hesitation I gave a firm NO! Then she asked if I would lead our Dorcas Circle, well yes, I could, how hard could that be. Until she asked me to pray! I don't pray out loud. I often think that Gloria is watching my journey and saying You go Girl!!!! So here we have a stuffy old Banker leading church service, can you believe it?

Now you may wonder, why Jamie are you bringing this up?? Well as you know our Parish along with many other Parishes are short of Pastors. A SAM is a wonderful help to the Pastors and help to the Parish. Would this be a calling for you? We could have more than one SAM, there are also Lay Ministers that could help. I'm asking you to pray about this and our Parish that a Pastor answers our call. Maybe this idea would be something you could give back to God.

There is no mention of February in the bible. From a spiritual perspective, we can see this period as a time of preparation. Just as the ancient Israelites looked forward to the rains, we too can use this time to prepare our hearts for spiritual growth and renewal. February often marks the deepest part of winter in many regions, a time of apparent dormancy in nature. Yet beneath the surface, life is quietly preparing for spring's renewal. This natural cycle echoes the spiritual truth found in Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

February invites us to cultivate patience and hope, trusting in God's unseen work in our lives even in seasons that feel barren.

February is the month of love! Valentines Day, flowers, chocolate and my favorite heart shaped pizzas from Papa Murphy's! We celebrated our wedding with the Heart shaped Pizza on a cold February 14, 2013. Happy Anniversary to my best friend and Husband.

Blessings to all. Jamie Morvig, SAM

Council Meetings

5th-LN 7pm
11th-C 7pm
12th-F 7pm
13th-Parish Council 9am
19th-ML 7pm
26th-T 7pm



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FEBRUARY 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 January

Concordia:

Baptism:

Teagan Lynn Sandberg,
daughter of Cory & Tina
Sandberg; Pr. Dan Morton

Funeral: Nancy Barbara
Christian; Pr. Dan Morton

Altar Guild:
Carolyn Christian
Lori Messick

FEB 2

Ushers: Mark Lindberg and Ron Sannes
Greeters: Natty & Lori Messick
Lector: Ray Nelson
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Craig & Cindy Engelstad; Carol Swenby
Live Stream: Connor Fuchs

FEB 9

Ushers: Tim Fuchs and Isaac Ness
Greeters: Shane & Lacy Fredericks
Lector: Jared Brainard
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Ryan & Kylie Strem; Heidi Haaven
Live Stream: Andrew Larsen

FEB 16

Ushers: Chad & Kari Hitchen family
Greeters: Chad & Stacy Christianson
Lector: Sue Lindberg
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Stacy & Lydia Christianson;
Sandy Rasmussen
Live Stream: Eve Revier

FEB 23

Ushers: Jeff & Connor Haaven
Greeters: Danny & Chezzie Netland
Lector: Natty Messick
Communion Assistants:
Larry Erdahl; Amber & Taylor Sannes
Acolytes:
Live Stream: Eve Revier

Parish First Communion Class

There will be First Communion Class for third graders and their parents, **Sunday, February 23, 6:30pm**, at Concordia in the Fellowship Hall. There will be only **ONE** class this year which will include instruction and painting of your communion cups. Please try to attend and paint your cup!! If you have any questions, please call the parish office- 218-945-6696. Thank you.

Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 14, 2025

President Elaine Erdahl called Concordia's Church Council meeting to order @ 7:00 pm on January 14, 2025. Those present were Elaine Erdahl, Dan Morton, Tina Sandberg, Karl Tollefson, Brandon Neibauer-Adams, Mackinzie Burke, Jami Revier, and Sue Lindberg.

Elaine opened with devotions from Lamentations 3:21-24. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

Secretary's Report from December was reviewed via email and accepted as presented. (Karl/Jami) M/S/A

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report: A motion by Tina, seconded by Brandon to accept the report as presented passed. (Monday/S/A)

Pastor's Reports: Pastor Dan reported that pulpit supply in January is on a rotation schedule for all the churches.

Committee Reports:

Home & church Life: (Liz- absent) A big thank you to Liz for the successful Bingo Night on January 8th with the Parish Youth helping. Over 115 people were served Taco in a Bag and Root Beer floats followed by exciting Bingo. Thanks to Dave Strem for calling the Bingo.

Outreach: (Mackinzie) Concordia participated in the Christmas "Angel Tree Program" with recommendations by the school for 58 children from 20 local families. We want to give a big THANK YOU to the 32 donors who gave to this cause, the most donors ever.

Parsonage: The work on kitchen cabinets continues with the help from Grand Forks Custom Woodworks company.

Education: (Tina) A young woman's bible study entitled "Risen Motherhood, Gospel Hope for Everyday Moments" is beginning January 15th at 7:00 p.m. with 21 ladies signed up. Please feel free to join us.

Daycare: (Brandon) A two-year lease for the Daycare with Andrea was signed December 19th for 2025 and 2026. A motion by Sue, seconded by Tina was made and passed to reimburse Andrea for the cost of updates for painting and a vanity in the girl's bathroom. (M/S/A)

Worship: (Jami) January 12th was the first Sunday using a more contemporary service including new hymns with musicians on guitar, flute, piano and drums and it went well. The contemporary services will be the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Management and Finance: (Nick-absent) The parsonage furnace needs replacing and bids were received from two businesses. A motion was made by Tina and seconded by Karl and passed to go with Maynard's Plumbing and Heating (Joel Larson), as this was the lower bid. (M/S/A)

Old Business: The Annual Meeting is set for January 26, 2025 following church services. Brandon and the Nominating Committee continue searching for volunteers for the Vice President position. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

New Business: A motion was made by Tina and seconded by Brandon to give Pastor Darrell Morton a gift for helping with pastoral duties, as he is now retiring. Two gift certificates will be purchased, Erickson Smokehouse and Aaron's Groceries, and we thank him so much for all he has done for the parish. (M/S/A) A discussion was held on the recent fires in California. A motion was made to give \$2,500 to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Fund and passed. (Mackinzie/Jami) M/S/A

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed @ 8:30 pm. (Sue/Karl). M/S/A
Concordia's next council meeting will be February 11th, 2025.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary

Little Norway
February Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

14-Jamie & Alton Morvig
22-Jennifer & Karl Lisburg
23-Joan & Dean Kronschnabel

Birthdays

20-Sue Ackre
-Cora Bertelsen
22-Jeffrey Larson
27-Susan Jones

February Deacon-Kim Larson **Janitor**-Brent Bakke

Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Sara Preusser, Heidi Benson, Lynne Gullickson

Esther/Mary Circle- Feb 6th-2:00pm at LN

Dorcas Circle- Feb 10th-7:00pm at LN

February Readers-**Feb 2**-Lisa Duckstad **Feb 9**-Lucy Fuglseth

Feb 16-Kathy Christensen **Feb 23**-Kim Larson

Looking ahead to March--Quilters will be starting!

Blessed

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



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

A Bible study on the book of Luke, "Gut-level Compassion", by Lisa Harper, will begin Wednesday, February 5, at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call Lynda Sevald or Vicki Krogstad.

The Faaberg WELCA will meet Thursday, February 6, at 9:00 a.m. with Roz Sannes leading the devotions. We will spend the day quilting and again Friday morning.

The Afternoon Bible study will be held Monday, February 10, at 1:30p.m. Jan Helgeson will lead the study.

There will be a potluck dinner the third Sunday of each month as long as we have 11:00 services, beginning February 16. Freewill offerings will be for WELCA missions.

Anyone who would like to be part of a text message prayer chain, please contact Nancy Grunhvd at 218-556-0101. There is no need to call anyone or respond to the text. Everyone will receive the same message.

THE NORMAN LUTHERAN CEMETERY CORPORATION WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025 AT FAABERG LUTHERAN CHURCH BEGINNING AT NOON WITH A POTLUCK DINNER AND THE MEETING TO FOLLOW. ALL ARE WELCOME.

February is the perfect month to emphasize our mission statement at Maple Lake – “Connecting, Caring & Sharing in Christ.” What better time to be a friend, to do or say an act of kindness and share the love of Jesus with someone! May the love of Jesus shine through us!

The annual meeting in January went well. It was a snowy morning but we had good attendance and we celebrated our long time organist, Anne Pederson! Anne has officially retired at the tender age of 95, soon to be 96! She was acknowledged during the service and celebrated with a beautiful cake made by Sue Kronschnabel following our lunch together. Anne has played in church since she was 13 and has been our organist for 45 plus years. She stated she has always had a love for music and considered her job a privilege. Anne said she would like to have made an additional comment during the service that she did not say but would like it in the newsletter. She knows Gene Erlandson would be so pleased to hear the organ being played using the Midi sequencer! He was very proud of this organ’s capabilities when he purchased it for the church in 1998. It has taken many years to see it put to good use, but yes, we thank him for his forward thinking and generosity! And to Anne, enjoy your carefree Sunday mornings!

The ladies are back to quilting – I know there are enough materials to make 100 quilts – how close will we get? Call Sue K. or myself for quilting dates. (no set schedule yet)

Feb. 5th – the WELCA will meet at 6:00 for potluck supper and quilting to follow. Join us for a nice supper together. We will figure out all the world’s problems.

Feb. 19th – Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 20th – Anne’s birthday!!

Reminders: Communion will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Every 3rd Sunday of the month will be led by members. Thanks to MaryBeth and Kari Morvig who have stepped up to help plan the services.

As always, keep our Sunday school students and teacher in our prayers as they continue to learn about Jesus and His love! To God be the glory!

Submitted by: Marlene Block



Anne Pederson with her son, Jim

Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting`

January 19, 2025

President Dean Smith called the meeting to order at 12:20. There were 16 members present.

Tammy Smith led the opening liturgy.

There were no pastors present and their reports are in the book.

Marcia Schoenborn reported from the call committee that it is going slowly. The call committee has a meeting scheduled this afternoon with Rev. Genelle Netland, associate to the bishop of the synod.

Jolene Billing gave the treasurer's report. Mark Langved made a motion, seconded by Ryan Skaug to accept it as presented and carried.

Kristy Langved gave the secretary's report. Joni Page made a motion, seconded by Sharon Lenz to accept it as read and carried.

Committee reports: Mark and Dean gave the trustees report, talking about the cross light and furnace upkeep.

Nominating committee report is in the book. Mark nominated Ross Hamre to replace Kevin Nephew as presented in the report. Dean seconded this and carried. Mark made a motion that nominations cease. With no further nominations, Dean asked that the secretary file a unanimous ballot including Ross Hamre for trustee. Carried.

Dean presented the budget for 2025, reiterating that benevolence (charities) will now come out of the general fund. Ryan made a motion to accept the budget as printed, seconded by Marcia and carried.

Dean asked for suggestions for the offering taken on Christmas Eve of last year. Sharon made a motion to give this offering to the Lutheran World Relief Disaster Fund, seconded by Mark and carried.

All old business had already been discussed.

New Business: Dean announced that next Sunday and each Sunday that we don't have a pastor or a SAM in the building for worship we will meet at 11:00 and watch Concordia's service on YouTube, until further notice.

With no further business Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mila Donovan and carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Langved, secretary
Trinity Lutheran Church Council

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2025

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

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

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

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

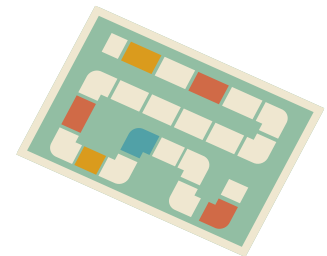
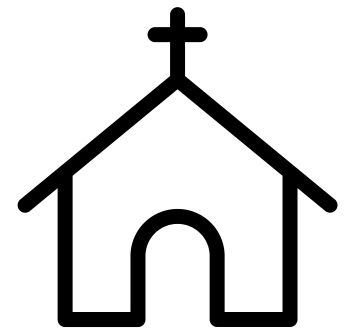
April 9th Jr. High 4:30-5:30 snack provided
Sr. High 6:00-7:30 supper provided

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

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

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CONCORDIA, LITTLE NORWAY,
 MAPLE LAKE, TRINITY, AND FAABERG
 CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNITED IN CHRIST
 LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA

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

		February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
C					
9:30 am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Keith Pearson	Pr. Dan	TBD	
F					
11:00	NO Pastor	Pr. Keith Pearson	Jamie-SAM	TBD	
T					
Time	11:00am Pr. Dan	9:00am Pr. Dan	11:00 am Pr. Dan	11:00 am NO Pastor	
LN					
9:00am	Bill Tesch	NO Pastor	Jamie-SAM	Pr. Dan	
ML					
11:00am	Bill Tesch	Pr. Dan	NO pastor	Pr. Dan	

February 23- 6:30pm First Communion Class for 3rd gr students and parents. (Painting cups)

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