

Parish Pulse

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Pastor Notes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ME!!! I was commissioned last May, and it seems the time has just flown by. A year that I have been your SAM (Synod Authorized Minister). During this time, I have started preaching and now up to twice a month, I have baptized a new baby, was honored to officiate a funeral. I have been with those during their end-of-Life process. Spiritually I have grown, and I find this journey just amazing and brings such joy to my life. Thanks to all of you in sharing this process with me.

May is the month everything starts turning green. New growth, new beginnings. Spring and new growth come straight from the heart of God. God's plan as in Genesis 2:5 "Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground." Genesis 2:6-7 "But streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Once God breathed the breath of life into Adam, "The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden was the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis 2:9). Even after Adam and Eve sinned, in His faithfulness to humankind, God promised, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

We need to prepare our hearts spiritually for Spring, planting and watering our seeds for them to grow. We need to plant and water spiritually. To continue to grow in His Word. Let's ask God to lead us in looking for ways to cultivate our spiritual spring, with God's encouragement, His truth, through prayer, offering our gifts of time and talents. We can each support others in their spiritual growth, with words of encouragement.

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May--time for graduation! Congratulations to all the 2025 Graduating class of Fertile-Beltrami. Keep these young people in your prayers as they start a new chapter in their lives.

Let us pray for our United in Christ parish, that our prayers for a new Pastor will be answered. A new beginning for that special person and a new chapter in the life of our Parish. Prayers of gratitude to our Call Committee for all the hours of work.

Dear Lord, Thank you for renewing and giving new life to things. You have designed the seasons to each hold a special lesson for us. You created everything so wonderfully and orchestrated everything to work in harmony in nature. Amen

Jamie Morvig, SAM

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A SPECIAL MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4, 2025, AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES, TO CONSIDER AND VOTE ON A RECOMMENDATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE AND PARISH BOARD TO CALL A CANDIDATE PASTOR. PLEASE ATTEND TO ENSURE A QUORUM AND BE PART OF THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH AND CHURCH. THANK YOU. (A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT OUT AS A REMINDER)

CONCORDIA QUILTERS 2025



MAY 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

Altar Guild:
Heather Larson
Jami Revier

MAY 4

Ushers: Chris & Caiden Swenby
Greeters: Neil & Bridget Steffes
Lector: Taylor Sannes
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Kiley & Trevor Desrosier; Tammy Hemmah
Live Stream: Easton Fredericks

MAY 18

Ushers: Keith & Tyler Christianson
Greeters: Chad & Karin Braun
Lector: Brandon Neibauer-Adams
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Ryan & Kylie Strem; Scott Braun
Live Stream: Easton Fredericks

MAY 11

Ushers: Jeff & Connor Haaven
Greeters: Kurt & Heidi Larson
Lector: Heidi Larson
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Heidi & Kurt Larson; Sandy Rasmussen
Live Stream: Easton Fredericks

MAY 25

Ushers: Chad & Karin Braun
Greeters: Dave & Ginny Strem
Acolytes:
Communion Assistants:
Sylvia Rickey, Carol Swenby,
Anna Duckstad
Live Stream: Connor Fuchs

Pastoral Acts for April

Concordia:

Baptism- Weston Jacob Solie;
son of Braidy & Emily Solie;
Pr. Dan Morton
Nash Christian Chapman; son of
Brian Chapman & Josie Christian;
Pr. Dan Morton

Trinity:

Funeral:
June Larson; Pr. Dan Morton

Maple Lake:

Baptism:
Penelope Pearl Morvig; daughter
of Travis Morvig & Eva Qualey;
Pr. Dan Morton

CONCORDIA VBS: "TRUE NORTH" WILL BE JUNE 8-12!
WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
"CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-EDUCATION"
FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION!



Concordia Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 8, 2025

President Brandon Neibauer-Adams called Concordia's Church Council meeting to order @ 7:00 pm on April 8th, 2025. Those present were Brandon Neibauer-Adams, Dan Morton, Tina Sandberg, Salome Hansen, John Walters, Verna Norland, Jared Brainard, Anna Duckstad, and Sue Lindberg.

Brandon opened with devotions from John 6:1-14, Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

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

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report: John reported he has the new Certificates of Deposit and will be kept in the office safe. Dean Rasmussen has been paid for the new drum set for the church. Reports were given and accepted as reported (Jared/Sue) M/S/A.

Pastor's Reports: Pulpit supply is going well. All congregations will have a pastor or SAM for Easter services.

Parish Report: (Verna) The monthly rent for use of the office space is due. The Parish council voted to forgo the monthly fees for each congregation for the month of April.

Committee Reports:

Home & Church Life: (Anna) Deb Neibauer is helping with visitation.

Outreach: (Janadee) Janadee was absent but has been working hard on a slide show presentation for church updates. A new smart tv will be purchased to display updates in the narthex. Weston Jacob Solie, son of Braidy & Emily Solie was baptized on April 6th. Welcome to our family Weston.

Parsonage: The plan is to start the demolition process of the parsonage kitchen after Easter. New appliances and flooring will be needed. The new kitchen cabinets have been ordered.

Education: (Tina) Five preschool children started Sunday School on April 6th. The Sunday School will be singing on Mother's Day. Vacation Bible School will be held June 8th to the 12th and supplies have been ordered with the potential for 70 students. VBS is open to all area students.

Daycare: (Verna) Nothing new to report.

Worship: (Jami) Jami was absent but she reported the microphone feedback has been fixed. A motion was made and passed to pay Forty-five dollars for the instrumentalists and the singers who help with the Contemporary Worship Services. (Tina/John) M/S/A

Management and Finance: (Jared) A water leak was noted in the Fellowship Hall and is being investigated. Another quote will be obtained for audio and screens for the church.

Old Business: A list of charities/memorials was finalized and will be included in the bulletin for anyone wanting to make donations. This list includes the following: building, cemetery, quilting, choir/music, local charities, Lutheran World Relief, and new technology fund.

New Business: Discussion was held on adding shelving in the quilting room and Tina will check with the local building center for this project.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed @ 7:50 p.m. (Verna/Tina). M/S/A
Concordia's next council meeting will be May 13th, 2025.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Sue Lindberg, Secretary

Little Norway May Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays

01-Allan Erickson
02-Mark Gullickson
07-Jeff Morvig
10-Lisa Duckstad
14-Byron Troite
15-Lachlan Abbott

19-Stacie Kronschnabel
23-Jacob Larson
25-Lee Duckstad
-Harry Morton
26-Garth Kaste
28-Ella Kronschnabel

May Deacon-Lisa Duckstad **Janitor**-Mark Gullickson

Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Kathy Christensen, Susan Jones, Dione Rasmussen, & Theresa Sandness

Esther/Mary Circle- May 1st-2:00pm at LN

Dorcas Circle- May 12th-7:00pm at LN

May 4- Chuck Schulstad **May 11**-Kathy Christensen **May 18**-Lisa Duckstad

May 25-Mark Gullickson



LITTLE NORWAY COUNCIL

April 2, 2025

Members Present: Pastor Dan Morton, Joan Kronschnabel, John Gullickson, Jim Larson, Teri Johnson, Mark Benson, Colleen Kaste, Lisa Duckstad, Kristen Larson and Jamie Morvig.

Mark called the meeting to order.

Devotions were given by Lenten Service

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan is busy with Lenten Worship, confirmation and Easter week coming up.

Secretary Report: Jamie read the minutes from the March meeting. Jim motioned to approve. Teri second/passed.

Treasurers' Report: Colleen reported on the 1st quarter financials. We have covered all expenses with congregational pledges. CD renewal to 4.2%. Colleen requested to transfer \$25,000 from the UBM savings into a CD at Red River State Bank for 4.2%. All synod bills are up to date. Joan motioned to approve the report along with the new CD. Lisa second/passed.

Vice President Report: John reported that the Parish board is very happy with the sermon bank that is now available for all NWMN Synod members. Thanks to Mark Benson for his input on this project. Fair Worship is set for July 13th. April Parish contribution has been waived. Each congregation needs to check their constitution on the procedure in voting for a new pastor. Synod helps with pulpit fill.

Deacons: Heidi is deacon for April and Lisa for May. Jamie SAM asked that during the Easter service communion will be around the altar. Also requested we could get special music for the day.

Trustees: Jim reported the sewer is still frozen at the parsonage. The elevator will have the annual inspection. The piano upstairs was tuned in March.

Education: Kristen reported she is checking into Senior Sunday. The last day of Sunday school will be set for May? Kristen reported there are more coming to Sunday School and if this continues, she will need some help for next year. The council thanked Kristen for the job she has been doing, and this is a wonderful problem to have!

Unfinished Business:

- a. Janitorial Contract needs to be signed.
- b. Parsonage, the flooring has been ordered and should be here in 3 weeks, Joel Viken will be installing the flooring and will make it a priority.

New Business:

- a. May and June Sunday Services/Pulpit Fill ~ Little Norway will run their own service on Palm Sunday with Lisa running the service. April and May, the time changes to 11:00. We will need the following Sundays: May 11 and June 1st.
- b. Easter service will be 9:00 am and Maple Lake will be 11:00
- c. Fire alarms and extinguishers will need to be checked.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting is May 7, 2025, at Little Norway

Devotions: Colleen Kaste

Lunch: John Gullickson

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



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

There are no Faaberg WELCA meetings until September.

The Afternoon Bible Study will be held Monday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m.
with Nancy Grunhovd leading the study.

We have two graduating seniors, Jonah Harstad and Micah Iverson. They
will be honored and given quilts at the 9:00 a.m. service May 18.

115 quilts will be packed and delivered to Lutheran World Relief in
May. 2 quilts were donated to Churches United in Moorhead.

Faaberg Council Meeting April 9, 2025

The Faaberg council met on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at Concordia Church in Fertile after Lenten Services.

Attending were: Pastor Dan Morton, Brad Hanson, Steve Gullickson, Tony Grieve, Jeff Gullickson, Peggy Ystenes, Dave Harstad, Roz Sannes, Vickie Thronson and Sue Knutson.

President Dave called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

Motion by Roz, second by Peggy to approve the Agenda, carried

Vickie read the secretary's minutes from the February meeting. Motion by Steve, second by Brad to accept, carried.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. The payment to the Parish for April had been deferred. The bill for the new furnace was paid. The propane tank was filled in March. She submitted all the paperwork for the Paid Leave Law, and received correspondence acknowledging that. Billing will start in 2026. Along with the Property Tax Statement is a Special Assessment for Solid Waste. Peggy is going to call the Auditor/Treasurer's office to inquire why we're being billed for that. Peggy received a notice from the Church insurance provider, informing of a 22% rate increase coming in June. Motion by Sue, second by Jeff to approve the report, carried.

Pastor Dan reported the Call Committee is still working. Upcoming events are Holy Week, Easter and Confirmation.

Old Business: Reminder to encourage participation in the Parish Directory.

New Business: Sue reported that the Audit Committee had met on March 23. Everything looked great.

May 4th Faaberg will not have a Pastor for Sunday service. Tony Grieve volunteered to lead worship.

Having no further business, Jeff made a motion to adjourn, second by Sue, carried.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer together in closing.

Secretary,

Vickie Thronson

Let's get right to it! Spring has arrived along with lots of church, school and family activities.

Even before May, we are looking forward to the baptism of little Penelope Morvig! More on this next time!

May 7th – the Maple Lake ladies will meet at 6:00 for a potluck supper with a business meeting. Following the business part we will be assembling layette and health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please join us!

May 11th – Last day of Sunday school...that's kind of sad, but know summer is a good time to pause classes. So many thanks to our faithful teachers and all our love to the kids!

May 18th – Senior recognition Sunday. We have 3 beautiful (and handsome) seniors this year to celebrate! Gabby Mosher, daughter of Tyler and Missy Mosher; Ella Bolstad, daughter of Josh and Kari Bolstad; and Easton Petry, son of Tim and Angie Petry. Where have the years gone? Baptism, Confirmation and now graduation....what a privilege to see these kids grow up. Congratulations to them on their accomplishments – we are proud of you! God bless each one.

May 21st – Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome; help us keep our focus on Jesus!

May 22 – 23 – Lutheran World Relief pick up dates in Grand Forks. We will be donating quilts, layette kits and health kits. Thanks to all who have contributed with donations and time.

Looking ahead: Vacation Bible School will be June 2 – 6th. This year it is a camping theme: True North, Jesus in a Wild World!! How fun and I think the decorating of the church will be WILD! Contact Angie Petry (218-574-2335) for more information and registration details. The VBS program will be held on Sunday, June 8th at 11:00. Hopefully, we as a congregation will be able to help out by donating the needed food and craft items. A list will be made available in the entry of the church.

Greeters and custodians for May: Kelly & Amy Solie and girls. Many thanks in advance!

Way ahead: If you have wanted to be involved in a bible study that is very bible based and in depth, consider joining the next fall session of Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)! The study will be in the Old Testament; it is a 30 week study and meets on Tuesday afternoons at Concordia. It is so good! Reach out to me for information – we will start up again in September.

And, the Synod Women's Organization will have their next annual convention in Alexandria on September 19 – 20th. Jennifer Hockenberry, Interim Executive Director will be the speaker. Never too early to start planning!

That's all.....praise God every day – all day!

Submitted by: Marlene Block

Maple Lake Church Council Minutes

Date: April 16th, 2025, at Maple Lake Church. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attending: Marlene Block, Mike Slevin, Angie Petry, John Swanson, Brenda Langved, Pastor Dan, Marlow Jacobson & MaryBeth Swanson.

Devotions: Prayer requests for our members and church leadership led by Marlene.

Secretary's Report: MM/S by John Swanson/Angie Petry to accept minutes as submitted. MC.

Treasurer's Report: The electric bill was lower this month. MM/S by MaryBeth Swanson/Marlow Jacobson to accept minutes as presented. MC.

Pastor's Report: Easter is this weekend. Confirmation is almost done. Maybe one or two more weeks. Jamie Morvig has been a wonderful asset in assisting with the workload.

Parish Board Report: No Report, but there should be an update from the call committee in a few days.

Deacon's Report: No Report

Trustees' Report: No Report

Old Business:

1. Kari Morvig has registered as our delegate to the Synod Convention May 30-June 1st.

New Business:

1. The entry area is looking dirty. An outdoor clean up night has been scheduled for May 5th and 6 p.m. We will be cleaning windows, siding and any other outdoor jobs.
2. Maple Lake will stay with 11:00 a.m. services for the months of May and June.
3. Senior Sunday is May 18th. It was decided to have donuts following church. Our seniors are Easton Petry, Gabby Mosher, and Ella Bolstad.
4. There was a question if the microwave was working. After some investigation, it is working.
5. A reminder to our youth who may be going to camp this summer. The church will donate \$150 per camper who attends church camp.
6. The Department of Health water report was received. We passed our inspection for the year.

Other Business

1. Easter Sunday is this weekend at 11:00 a.m. Tom Hovland will be our organist.
2. The WELCA spring gathering is April 26th in Fosston.
3. May 11th will be the last day of Sunday School.
4. May 18th there will be no pastor that Sunday. However, Mike Slevin has volunteered to share a message with us.
5. VBS will be June 2nd – 6th from 5:30-8 p.m. This year's theme is True North. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the entryway for donations. The VBS program will be June 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Adjourn: MM/S to adjourn by Brenda Langved/John Swanson. MC. Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:35 p.m.

Next council meeting: 7:00 p.m. on May 21st, 2025 at Maple Lake Church.

NEW UCLP DIRECTORY

Available as an app, online, PDF,
and a paper booklet printed
upon completion.



3 EASY WAYS TO BE INCLUDED

1-Send a message to uclpdirectory@gmail.com with your family name and an email address. We will send instructions on how you can add your information and picture.

2-Fill out an information sheet and email your family photo and we'll put it all in.

Once your email is listed in the directory, simply go the App Store/Google Play and search for Instant Church Directory and download the FREE app to begin.

Use your listed email to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the app. If you have trouble, email uclpdirectory@gmail.com or contact Chad at 507-626-0355.

Thank you. The Concordia Cemetery Board wishes to recognize those who have donated memorials and gifts this past year. Also, a special thank-you to Concordia church for thoughtfully including the cemetery in their mission giving. The ongoing operation of the cemetery would not be sustainable without all these important gifts.

Plan Ahead. These words cannot be good news coming from the cemetery president. Yet after 5 years of doing this work, that is the single best advice I can offer to people my age and older in regards to making things clear and stress-free for your family. It is quick and easy to get started and even decide on final arrangements. Please contact me for more information.

Memorial Day. Typically, the cemetery sees the most visitors around the end of May and it is amazing to see all the decorations left to honor the memories of those who have passed. We greatly appreciate our visitors and strive to have a freshly-mown facility for that weekend. Please remember that all décor brought into the cemetery is temporary - as stated on the Rules Plaque at the cemetery entrance. After July 15th, we will discard any decorations, except healthy potted plants, that impede with mowing and trimming. Thank you for your cooperation.

Helping Out. We have repaired, lifted, and cleaned about 400 gravestones in both cemeteries in the past few years. There are more to do, but many markers that just require minor edging to remove excess sod will not be included in that project. If you are able, we ask you to try gently trimming around the marker when you are out for a visit.

Archive. Creating a computer database for the cemetery is a big and ongoing project. We are also saving funeral bulletins for our archive; if you have any bulletins or clippings to donate, we would be grateful to add them to our collection.

Dean Rasmussen
Cemetery President

UCLP YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

May 7th

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

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****

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

Worship Schedule
 MAY 2025



WORSHIP TIME CHANGES FOR 2025: (Subject to change)

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
C				
9:30 am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Tim O'Shields	Jamie-SAM
F				
9am	NO Pastor	Jamie-SAM	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan
T				
Time	9am	11am	11am	11am
	Pr. Tim O'Shields	Jamie-SAM	Pr. Tim O'Shields	NO Pastor
LN				
11am	Pr. Tim O'Shields	NO Pastor	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan
ML				
11am	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	NO Pastor	Jamie-SAM

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