

Parish Pulse

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United In Christ
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Pastor's Notes

Council Meetings

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The annual Polk County Fair has come and gone! The town of Fertile was a busy hub for those 5 days as we played host to people from across Polk County and across the country.

The fair is a hub of excellence as people bring in entries to compete for who is the best in the county. We come to see the best of everything, whether it is livestock, vegetables, quilts, pies, or paintings! I wonder if this could also be a time where we see the best in each other?

This was my first Polk County Fair and it was fun watching the grounds transform from the empty grass that I walk my dog through into a bustling midway, lively grandstand, and center for delicious new foods. I was shocked that everything fit! Especially the people as KROX reported that there were about 60,000 people who were expected to attend.

With all of the new faces, I am reminded that each and every one of the people that I encountered was my neighbor. Now they may not live in Fertile, but for Fair week we were all drawn to the same event. We know that God calls all people on earth our neighbor and maybe that is because we are all drawn to the same God. In God we are all made into equal and beloved children. So now that the fair has come and gone and our town is back to its quietness, we remember that our neighbors are still out there. They may have scattered to their own homes far from here, but they still carry with them the love of Christ just like we carry it here. I hope that everyone had a blessed fair week and are enjoying the rest of the summer months!

Blessings, Pr. Katie Ohren-Shipman Pastoral Acts for July

Erickson-Vik-Ganje Funeral Home:

Celebration of Life-

Caroline Cynthia Rolland; Pr. Katie Ohren-Shipman **AUGUST 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: Carolyn Christian Lori Messick

AUGUST 3

Ushers: Travis and Connor Fuchs **Greeters**: Glenn & Kathy Netland **Lector**: Brandon Neibauer-Adams

Communion Assistants: Sue & Mark Lindberg

Live Stream: Easton Fredericks

AUGUST 10

Ushers: Chad & Kari Hitchen **Greeters**: Daryl & Margie Haas

Lector: Verna Norland
Communion Assistants:

Carol Swenby, Sandy Rasmussen **Live Stream**: Easton Fredericks

AUGUST 17

Ushers: Keith & Tyler Christianson Greeters: Ryan & Kylie Strem Lector: Heather Larson Communion Assistants:

Ryan & Kylie Strem

Live Stream: Easton Fredericks

AUGUST 24

Ushers: Ben & Caleb Sather **Greeters:** Taylor & Amber Sannes

Lector: Owen Gregoire
Communion Assistants:
Cindy Leiser, Scott Braun

Live Stream:

Grief Share

Grief Share will be starting up again October 1st at 10:00 am Concordia. Grief share is a special program for anyone who has experienced a loss. As we all know, there is no time limit on grief. If we have enough interested, I will also have a Grief share in the evenings. Please contact the office if you're interested in signing up. Jamie Morvig, SAM

AUGUST 31

Ushers: Chad & Karin Braun **Greeters:** Dick & Kelsey Braun

Lector: Kelsey Braun
Communion Assistants:
Caty & Terry Larson

Live Stream:

Little Norway August Anniversaries & Birthdays Anniversaries

17-George & Sue Ackre 27-Tim & Kim Larson

01-Kathy Christensen -Nicholas Kronschnabel

07-Josh Benson

12-Robert Christensen

-Tommy Larson

23-Delilah Morton

August Deacon-Heidi Benson Janitor-Mike Larson

Altar Guild & Communion Prep

Teri Johnson, Kim Andersen, Joan Kronschnabel

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

Dorcas Circle- No meetings until September

August Readers: August 3-Heidi Benson; August 10-Lucy Fuglseth;

August 17-Lynn Jacobson; August 24-Chuck Schulstad

August 31-Carolyn Troite

Bible Study Fellowship

All Parish women are invited to the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) starting this September at Concordia church Fellowship hall on Tuesdays, from 2-3:30 pm each week until May 2026. This year the Study is called Exile and Return. We will be exploring the lives of men and women in the Old Testament who firmly built their lives on God's promises. While they certainly weren't perfect, they were faithful. These men and women were willing to sacrifice everything to serve the Lord. When the world threatened their comfort, their position, their livelihood, and even their lives, they stood firm.

In a world chasing visibility, we are called to faithfulness. In a culture obsessed with status, we follow a sacrificial Savior.

Please join us in September studying His word together. To register, call Sandy at 218-289-3908 - or Jane at 218-289-6536 to get a book ordered for you. Hope to see you there!

Parish Office Hours

The summer hours for the Parish Office will be Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4pm. Fridays- office closed.

If at any time you need a Pastor, you may reach Pastor Dan at 320–260–6955 or Pastor Katie at 320–287–4184 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. 218-945-3065.

Address for Food Shelf is PO Box 373-Fertile, MN 56540

Faaberg Announcements

Afternoon Bible Study – will be held Monday, August 11 at 1:30 pm with Addie Black leading the study.

Ushers - for August are Dennis and Roz Sannes.

School and Personal Care Kits: Items for kits will be packed on Rally Day Sunday and Faaberg WELCA will accept donations for the LWR shipping expenses.

Items needed for each kit are as follows and can be dropped off at the church:

School Kits – Four 70 page notebooks, five un-sharpened #2 pencils with erasers, five black or blue ballpoint pens, one box of 16 or 24 crayons, one pencil sharpener, one 12 inch ruler (30 centimeters), one blunt scissor, and one 2½ inch eraser.

Personal Care Kits – one bath towel (dark colors best), two bars of soap in wrappers, one toothbrush (sealed), one nail clipper and one large tooth comb.

90th Birthday Party for Marian Cerkowniak! Saturday, August 2nd, 2:00 p.m. at Faaberg Church. Everyone welcome!

Blessing:

Go forth in joy. Laugh and share delight. Be at ease in your struggles, bold in your loving, joyful in giving and graceful in your praying. Become a song of God's delight. Amen

Sound familiar? It was the blessing that was given at the closing of the fair worship service..inspiring! This is what God wants us to be. Read it again, phrase by phrase and claim it. God will give us the ability to do these things if we just ask Him and then do it! These words put a song in my heart! The ordinary things in life become more meaningful as we are strengthened by His Word and promises. Others will be touched by our example of God's loving ways if we live life in this way. Thank you, Jesus.

August 3rd – you are invited to join us at 9:00 at Maple Lake for our outdoor service. We will hear God's word, enjoy the company of one another and top it off with an ice cream cone! If you have a lawn chair, bring it along...and don't forget the kids!

August 19th - "Sabbath at the Lake" for the ladies! This is a day of fellowship, good food, relaxation and inspiration. 8:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Point on Maple Lake. \$30.00 registration fee, details on the flier. Hope to see you there!

August 20th – Council meets at 7:00 p.m. (mostly ordinary, sometimes extraordinary!)

Coming up – September 19-20th, Synod Women's Organization Annual Convention in Alexandria. All 5 churches should have the flier on their bulletin board for more information and registration details. Please consider attending and pray about it and for it! Thank you.

Greeters and custodians for August: Dusty & Elissa Raaen and family, that would be Brody, Briley and Paisley (thanks!)

Even in the most ordinary activities of our daily lives we can become a song of God's delight! Wonderful thought! Have a good rest of the summer.

Submitted by: Marlene Block

Attention Women of Maple Lake Church

Greetings to each of you! We hope your summer is not flying by too fast and you are enjoying this season of the year!

We would like to invite you to our **August 6th** meeting of our WELCA.

We will gather at Kari Morvig's house at 6:00 to enjoy a potluck supper and company before a short meeting and then we will get our school kits packed for our Lutheran World Relief. We have been gathering supplies so don't worry about going shopping for anything if you don't have time. There is a list available at church if you choose to pick some things up. However, if you don't have the time, we are taking donations and will do the shopping for supplies.

If you would like a ride or need directions, please call Kari at 218-280-0237 or 218-945-3165. I will be glad to pick you up or arrange a ride! Kari's address is: 13312 405th St SE Fertile.

It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship! We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ,

Sue Kronschnabel and Kari Morvig



COST: \$30. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WOMEN OF THE ELCA.
PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK BY AUGUST 5, 2025
TO TERRY PIPHO, 323 - 49TH AVE SW, MOORHEAD, MN 56560

Sabbath at the Lake -Printer friendly version for registration	
Name	
Phone#	
E Mail	
Address	_
Home Congregation	

Cost \$30 Make checks Payable to Women of the ELCA
Please Mail Registration Form and Check by August 5th 2025
To: Terry Pipho 323 49th Ave SW, Moorhead, MN 56560

Please bring a chair cushion as needed as we will be sitting on folding chairs.

During the afternoon we will be putting together "blessing bags" to hand out to those in need.



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.

Women ELCA

Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization

37th Annual Convention

September 19, 2025 - 12:00-8:00 September 20, 2025 - 8:00-3:30

> First Lutheran Church 1655 18th Ave E Alexandria MN 56308



Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Hockenbery, Interim Executive Director of Women of the ELCA



Theme: How to be an authentic woman of God today.

1 Peter 1:13 "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Bible Study, keynote, breakout sessions, worship, banquet, business meeting.





Contact: Luella Thom 320-815-7701 thom17@wisper-wireless.com



www.nwmnsynod.org/pages/synod-womens-organization



Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization Convention September 19 & 20, 2025 @ FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 1655 – 18TH AVE EAST, ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308

Convention Registration – ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM

EARLY .. Registration due by August 15, 2025

All registrations must be received by September 1st

NO CASH... CHECKS ONLY.... PAYABLE TO: NW MN SWO

All registrations MUST be postmarked on or before due dates. Full payment is required with registration form. No refunds after September 1st, however registrations are transferable.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM ... WITH CHECK TO:

NWMN SWO CONVENTION

Attn: Luella Thom

PO Box 103

Carlos, MN 56319

Phone: 320-815-7701

Email: Thom17@wisper-wireless.com

*** Please make your own hotel reservations. See attached list

PLEASE PRINT: Name:			Phone
Address:			City
State	Zip Code	E-mail	
Conference #	Name of Congregation		City
Are you the contact	for your Congregation	Unit? Yes No _	
Voting Member	(1 per Congregation) _	Non-Voting	Conference Officer
Please register early		ty Convention Planning!! arked before August 15	If postmarked after August 15
Friday & Sature	day	\$100.00	\$ 125.00
I will be attending bar	nquet: Friday:	Saturday	
Please indicate any s	pecial dietary needs:		*
For Office use only:	Name:	Check #	# Amt:

United in Christ Lutheran Parish Board Meeting July 17th, 2025

President Kip Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Those present were Kip Fontaine, Verna Norland, Belinda Fjeld, Lyle Fuchs, Kristi Langved, Jeff Gullickson, John Gullickson, SAM-Jamie Morvig, Pastor Katie Ohren-Shipman and Pastor Dan Morton.

Kip led devotions on Genesis 12.

Secretary's report: MM/S Lyle, Verna, to accept the report. MC

Treasurer's report: MM/S by John, Kristi, to accept the report MC. MM/S Verna, Lyle to forgive the month of August, MC.

Sam's report: Jamie continues to go to the nursing home and do her visitation. She met with two others regarding the steps of becoming a SAM. There are 6 core classes they will need to participate in that won't start until September. Jamie has two classes left that she has to take. She's looking at starting a Grief Share in October, possibly on Wednesday mornings. The material she's looking at ordering will cost close to \$500.00.

Pastor Katie's report: Her new laptop arrived and is working with the office printer. She meets monthly with her "First Call Co-Hort" on Zoom, this will continue for her first three years. She will have preached at all five churches after this Sunday. Pr. Katie has called on homebound folks and Jamie took her to Summerfield and Fair Meadow NH. TEXT studies are on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. Amber Sannes will be meeting with her to show her how everything works with communications.

Pastor Dan's report: It's been a summer of weddings. The Synod has asked Pastor Dan and Pastor Katie to meet monthly with a coach. They meet on Zoom with Pastor Tom Peterson who is a certified ELCA Coach. Pastor Dan and Pastor Katie have been discussing confirmation. They would like to put more emphasis on service and participation rather than points. The Pastors will contact interested Youth Directors and take care of doing the background checks.

Old Business

- Fair Worship Jeff Krogstad spoke, Steve and Mark Gullickson ushered and counted the
 offering in the fair office. Jeff Gullickson picked it up and made the deposit. The offering of
 \$960.00 will be divided between the Fertile Food Shelf and Care and Share.
- Name Tags Will be ordered for member identification for Pastor Katie.

New Business

- Installation Service All Parish Service at Concordia Installation date for Pastor Katie will be on Sunday, September 28th, 2025. We discussed the time and decided to have it at 10:30 as there will be a dinner catered by Mark Erickson after the service. It will be recorded on YouTube but will not be on Garden Valley that morning.
- 4th Qtr. Worship Schedule MM/S Lyle, Kristi, to approve the schedule, MC
- Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Pastors are looking at scheduling the dates
- "Active Membership Rosters" Please look at your by-laws, update the office of any changes
- Summer fill A motion was made to pre-fill @ 1.19 with Fertile Oil. MM/S Verna, John, MC

Kip presented Pastor Katie with her official "Letter of Call".

Next meeting - September 11th, 9:00 am

MM/S Lyle, Jeff to adjourn at 10:25 am, MC

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, respectfully submitted, Belinda Fjeld, Secretary

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: Our pulpi subject to change.	-	Worshi AUG	p Schedu UST 2025	le r	Pastor Dan Morton Pastor Katie Ohren-Shipmar SAM Jamie Austin-Morvig
	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
C 9:30 am	Pr. Katie	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Katie	SAM-Jamie
F 11:00 am	NO Pastor	Pr. Dan	SAM-Jamie	Pr. Katie	SAM-Jamie
LN 11:00 am	Pr. Dan	SAM-Jamie	Pr. Dan	NO Pastor	Pr. Katie
ML 9:00 am	Pr. Dan	SAM- Jamie	NO Pastor	Pr. Dan	NO Pastor
T Time	11am Pr. Katie	11am NO Pastor	9am SAM-Jamie	11am Pr. Dar	n 9am Pr. Katie

Holy Communion Schedule Changes:

1st & 3rd Sunday Little Norway & Trinity 2nd & 4th Sunday Faaberg & Maple Lake Concordia Every Sunday