

THE MESSENGER

Arendahl | Grace | North Prairie | Pilot Mound

Pastor Sarah's at "Dusk" ZOOM BOOK CLUB LIST

Thursday, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Please email me if you are
interested at
sarahjwalkerbrown@gmail.com
and I will email you the ZOOM
link.

11/27 - **The Librarianist**,
Patrick deWitt

12/18 - **Next Year in Havana**,
Chanel Cleeton

Confirmation Class
Saturday, November 1st
9:00 am -11:00 am
Bethel Lutheran Church,
Rochester, MN
will be packaging Food for
KIDZ



**Melanie Fay Montgomery born on January 12th,
2025 was baptized September 27th at Arendahl
Lutheran Church gathered with family and friends.**

Parents: Taylor & Jessica Montgomery

**Sponsors: Jordan Montgomery (uncle) and Allison
Swiggum (aunt)**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES: That we at United Lutheran Parish may be open to God's will, strength and healing for...

- **Health:** Laura Eide (wife of Gary Eide), Judy Graham, Wayne Haug, Emily Charlebois, Sandy Thompson, Karolyn Boyum, Michele Pelz, Val Haseleiet, Pat Mattson...
- **On Going Health Concerns:** Tom Haugstad, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Janine Lange...
- **Homebound:** Arlene Holtegaard
- **Assisted Living and Care Centers:** Marlow Boyum, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Sandy Thompson...
- **Our Military:** Tom Moen, Dustin Willcox (grandson of Bob & Ardis Willcox), Dakota Winkelman (nephew of Tom & Deb Haugstad) and their families.



Reese Gorder and Nichole Hall modeling products at the Grace WECLA Bazaar on October 11th.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS “At the Well” Bible Study. *As the Samaritan woman went to Jacob’s well to draw water and Jesus said, “Give me a drink.” John 4:7* The two discuss thirst (physical and spiritual), relationships, and religion.

You are invited to **Norsland Lefse**, Rushford, MN once a month as we gather to connect our personal story with God’s story through Scripture. Come to be surprised, to laugh, and be spiritually fed. Invite a friend!

Monday, November 10th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

We now enter the book of Exodus.

See you there!



Grace Lutheran Church Meatball Supper

September 28th

The crew was ready to serve with a SMILE on their faces.

Another fabulous year of gathering to connect with neighbors, friends, and good food! Thank you team.



Thank you to all who participated in the celebration of my Ten Year Anniversary (October 1st, 2015) with serving at United Lutheran Parish and my Twenty-Fifth Ordination Anniversary August 6th, 2000. My heart is filled with appreciation and gratitude. Each of you made the day memorable. Many, many thanks for your generosity.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Sarah

Kathy Chatelaine, Assistant to the Bishop of SEMN Synod for Global Ministry is to the right of the picture. To the left is Pastor Sarah Walker Brown.

North Prairie WELCA Announcements for NOVEMBER, 2025

Sunday, November 2nd - 9:30 am, WELCA meeting prior to worship; Election of officers
(Nominating Committee-Beth, Charlene),

Priscilla Circle # 2 – devotions

Sunday, November 9th - 10:30 am – Worship with Thankoffering at
Arendahl

Wednesday, November 12th – 9:00 am WELCA Quilting; potluck



STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2025:

Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) and School Kits (LWR).

Quilting Days will be during the months of July – November.

PARAMENTS for Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: Lynne Clarke, Eileen Koljord

BULLETIN BOARD for Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: Circle # 1 – Dorcas

Other Upcoming events for WELCA include:

TBD – Yearbook planning

Thursday, Dec 11th – Pre-Order Bake Sale, 2 – 4 pm pick-up

Friday, Dec 12th – Holiday Bake Sale at Sterling Drug, Rushford, 9 am – 2 pm

Sunday, Dec 14th – WELCA Treasurer's Book close

To Be Determined –Executive Bd meeting, Annual Meeting including allocation of money
raised, Installation of Officers and Historian report

BOOKS CLOSE – DECEMBER 14th If you haven't been able to participate in WELCA during the year, please consider giving a donation in support of our "Women's Ministry". Donations can be sent to North Prairie Lutheran Church, or given to Gayle Burdick, WELCA Treasurer or Diane Drinkall, WELCA President

WELCA is making plans for our **35th Annual Christmas Holiday Bake Sales** again this

December. Watch for more information (either via newsletter or email), if you have questions or comments, contact President Diane.



Please add these dates to your calendar. Your participation makes for a great opportunity to volunteer and support the work of our Women of the ELCA at North Prairie.

Looking forward to working with YOU during 2025. To streamline communications for WELCA with e-mail, text, and/or calls and to cut costs for postage and paper, please forward your e-mail address and phone #s to WELCA President Diane Drinkall: 507.459.1776 or dedrinkall@hotmail.com



“Pre-Order” CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

NORTH PRAIRIE WELCA will be taking orders for your holiday entertaining and enjoyment. We are taking orders for:

**Rommegrot, Sweet Soup,
Krumkaka, Rosettes and Sandbakkelsers**

**ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY calling: 507.875.2339
by Friday, December 5th, 2025**

Orders will be available for
PICKUP on Thursday, December 11th from 2:00-4:00 pm
at North Prairie Lutheran Church, 35957 State Hwy 30, Lanesboro, MN.

**ULP members are welcome to come Thursday
and purchase items. Pre-orders for
Norwegian items preferred.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Let's fill our churches with poinsettias again this year. Kari Hanson will pick up poinsettias for our church sanctuaries. Please make checks payable to Kari Hanson. Cost of each plant will be **\$15.00**.

Please place your order by signing up in the rear of the church at North Prairie. Also specify if your flower is in someone's honor or memory.
First Sunday in Advent is November 30th.

Orders are due by **Sunday, November 23rd.**



TO: NORTH PRAIRIE WOMEN..... 35th Annual Christmas Bake Sale

NORTH PRAIRIE WELCA will be holding a “Christmas Holiday” bake sale on Friday, December 12th in the lobby of Sterling Drug, Rushford from 9 am – 2 pm (or gone).



We are looking for **YOUR** favorite holiday bakings, including decorated cookies, breads, candies, and Norwegian pastries – Spritz, Krumkaka, Sandbakkelsers, Rosettes, Lefse, etc.



If you have questions, feel free to call Diane at 875-2339.

PLEASE BRING your unwrapped items to the church on **Thursday, December 11th** from 1-4 pm
OR call to make other arrangements.



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2nd .
Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour!

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**ARENDAHL WOMEN CELEBRATE
"OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS"
AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SERVICES NURSING HOME**



The Arendahl Women of the ELCA gave the program, birthday gifts, and refreshments for the October birthday party at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Services nursing home in Rushford. The photos are of Jo Anne Agrimson and Barb Morrison who provided a fun and fabulous karaoke program for the residents.



Arendahl Women of the ELCA
The Arendahl Women of the ELCA
meeting and Bible study will be on
Tuesday, November 18 at 9:00 at church.

This will be a special and important meeting. We will celebrate with a "Friendsgiving" brunch. This will be our end of the fiscal year annual meeting, and we will make decisions about benevolence with the money we have raised. The Bible study for November is "Money, stewardship and generosity" session three - "Generosity: There's a wideness in God's mercy." on page 36 of the Gather magazine.



GRACE WELCA – NOVEMBER 2025

QUILTING

Wednesday, November 12th 9:00AM

Wednesday, November 26th 9:00AM

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, 20th 2:00PM

Givings for the year will be discussed and there will be voting for the 2026 officers.

Servers are Susie and Val



UPCOMING - NEXT MONTH

Sunday, December 7th 2:00PM

Grace Welca Christmas Party: Potluck, Attendees please bring a dish to share, any tasty tidbit will do. Also, bring a gift to exchange(valued around \$10.00)

Christmas in Peterson: Sat. Dec.13th 10-3 p Members bring Christmas baking to sell

*WELCA is our church organization for all women members.
Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in WELCA activities!*

Women ^{of the} ELCA 



Arendahl and North Prairie

will have their

“Thankoffering Sunday”

on November 9th

Grace will have their

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on November 9th

Thankoffering information

“A legacy of generosity” by Cindy Novak

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The spiritual practice of collecting Thankofferings began in the late 19th century. Women would place a Thankoffering container or “mite” box on a windowsill or another prominent place in their home. They would then place small offerings into the box, sometimes daily, to acknowledge God’s blessings.

Not long after came the idea of holding an annual Thankoffering service. During this special worship service, women combined their individual offerings into one larger gift that would support missions in their communities and around the globe.

Today, Thankofferings sustain the ongoing ministries of the church wide women’s organization. Those ministries include justice and advocacy work, anti-racism training, scholarships, global education, grants and a multitude of online and printed resources that raise awareness of issues like domestic violence, human trafficking and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, to name just a few.

The meaning of Advent



The history and origin of Advent trace back to the early centuries of the Christian faith, evolving over time to become the sacred season known and celebrated by millions of Christians today.

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.

Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. The candles are often set in a circular Advent wreath. The advent candles correspond to the themes of each week of advent. Families and church congregations begin lighting a candle on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and they light another candle each subsequent Sunday.

The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the *Prophet's Candle*. The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called *Bethlehem's Candle*. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the *Shepherd's Candle*. To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the *Angel's Candle*. The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

The **fifth candle** represents **light and purity** and is called *Christ's candle*. It's placed in the middle and lit on Christmas Day.



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES

There are people who will starve to death today. We don't truly understand how blessed we are in America. As Christians we are to feed the poor and help people who are in need. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another and as we serve others we are serving Christ. Matthew 25:35, 40 explains to us about feeding the hungry – Jesus said “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” and “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me”.

Donations to food shelves typically drop off after the holiday season, while the need for food doesn't.

Help stock our food shelves for the summer months, which are very busy times for food shelves. Kids are home from school, and aren't eating a school lunch, so families need more food.

Children and families still need our support and donations. We have a cart located in the entryway of North Prairie church. Whatever you donate, whether it be just one item or several, we can make a difference in the lives of many.

Please join us in doing what we can to make sure families in need don't go to bed hungry. Items will be delivered at the end of each month to the local food shelf.

Cash Donations to local food shelves are encouraged at this time. Checks can be mailed to: SEMCAC Rushford Food Shelf 113 E Jessie St, PO Box 549 Rushford MN 55971 (OR a local food shelf where you live).
NP WELCA

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS



FOOD BANK WISH LIST

As you gear up to give, fill your list with these top nonperishable items* food banks need most! *Please skip any item with glass or cellophane packaging because it can be broken in transport. Pop-top can are a plus – no opener needed.

Applesauce
Canned beans
Canned chicken
Canned fish (tuna and salmon)
Canned meat (SPAM and ham)
Canned vegetables
Cooking oils (olive and canola)
Crackers
Dried herbs and spices
Fruit (canned or dried)

Granola bars
Instant mashed potatoes
Meals in a box
Nuts
Pasta
Peanut butter
Rice
Shelf-stable milk
Soup, stew and chili
Whole grain cereal



UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

<u>ARENDAHL</u>	<u>GRACE</u>	<u>NORTH PRAIRIE</u>	<u>PILOT MOUND</u>
<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>
07-Pastor Sarah	03-Kristi Agrimson	01-Tiana Olson	06-Annie McCabe
24-Olav Pauly	05-Justin Brown	04-Allen Haugen	07-Pastor Sarah
27-Kevin Agrimson	07-Pastor Sarah	05-Spencer Lang	07-Danny Dahl
	10-Lucy Benson	07-Pastor Sarah	07-Abrianna Jones
<i>Anniversaries</i>	15-Mike Graham	07-Kayla Ruhoff	07-Aubrey Thompson
29-Larry & Pastor Sarah Brown	15-Jessica Mattson	07-Ian Horihan	08-Brianna Dahl
	16-Dillen Brink	10-Dalton Eide	08-Aiden Jonsgaard
	19-Duane Miner	10-Aric Honsey	09-Scott Horsman
	20-Noelle Graham	12-Phillip Holtegaard	13-Mesa O'Byrne
	22-Jeff Lee	14-Amanda Schott	22-Sonia McCabe
	23-Alan Black	19-Tristan Honsey	24-Dominic Davidson
	25-Dan Book	20-Charles Johnson	25-Hunter Nelson
	25-Stefanie Hegland	21-Blake Bahl	
	25-Brian Thompson	22-Creighton Horihan	<i>Anniversaries</i>
	28-Brad Gorder	23-Jessica Bell	18-Matt & Alicia Hinckley
	29-Nancy Atkinson	24-Michael Hermanson	20-Brett & Beth Horsman
		25-Chasten Oloff	29-Larry & Pastor Sarah Brown
	<i>Anniversaries</i>	26-Evelyn Holtegaard	
	05-Milton & Kathy Hallum	<i>Anniversaries</i>	
	29-Larry & Pastor Sarah Brown	01-Justin & Nicole Greenwell	
		02-Rick & Kelly Brown	
		12-Jeremy & Crystal Vrieze	
		12-Justin & Pamela Brown	
		20-Harold & Arlene Jensen	
		29-Larry & Pastor Sarah Brown	

The Birthday/Anniversary lists are not complete.

Please help us keep accurate lists of these special days for our members

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	ALL WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS will be posted on KTTC TV as “United Lutheran Parish” and also on Facebook pages Contact officers for meeting updates Calendar events will be reviewed regularly					18:00 am Confirmation Class - Leave Pastor Sarah’s home to Bethel, Rochester for event: Food For KIDZ
2 DST Ends 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:00 am PM SS 9.30 am NP WELCA meeting, Dev-Cir #2; election of officers 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Milton and Kathy Hallum 65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Grace Lutheran Church, Peterson, MN “No Gifts Please”. Land Rent bids due to Church Council	3 6:00 pm NP Church Council – Land Rent Agreement	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace (Thankoffering Service) 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl (NPA Thankoffering Sunday) 11.30 ULP Council Meeting	10 10:00 am -11:00 am Gathering of Friends “At the Well”. Norsland Lefse, Rushford	11 Veterans Day 9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Root River Clergy Conference, Faith Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MN	12 9:00 am Grace WELCA Quilting 9:00 am NP WELCA Quilting, potluck	13	14	15

November 2025

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16 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:00 am PM SS 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie	17	18 9:00 am Arendahl WELCA Bible Study and Fiscal year end annual meeting	19	20 2:00 pm Grace WELCA mtg 7:00 -8:00 pm Pastor Sarah's "At Dusk" Zoom Book Club, 'The Librarianist' by Patrick DeWitt	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	24	25	26 9:00 am Grace WELCA Quilting	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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