THE MESSENGER

Arendahl | Grace | North Prairie | Pilot Mound

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: Marlo Boyum,
 Harold and Arlene Jensen,
 Tom Haugstad, Dean
 McConochie (lives in
 California), Nancey Gathje,
 Emily Charlebois, Janine
 Lange, Jesse Arnold, Ardis
 Willcox, Michelle Pelyz,
 Linda Kingsbury, Jim
 Rislove, Brett Bergan, Tom
 McCabe...
- On Going Health Concerns: Tom Haugstad.
- Homebound: Arlene Holtegaard...
- Assisted Living and Care Centers: Barb Holien, Marlow Boyum, Ruth Black, Harold and Arlene Jensen.
- Our Military: Tom Moen, Dustin Willcox (grandson of Bob & Ardis Willcox), Dakota Winkelman (nephew of Tom & Deb Haugstad) and their families.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

7:00 pm

March 6th - Pilot Mound

March 13th - North Prairie

March 20th - Arendahl

Holy Week

March 24th - *Palm Sunday*, 9:00 am at Pilot Mound, SS children singing.

10:30 am at North Prairie

March 28th - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm at North Prairie

Good Friday - 7:00 pm at Arendahl

Easter

March 31st - 7:00 am at Pilot Mound

9:00 am at Grace

10:30 am at Arendahl

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.

The 2024 Reading List

03/21 - The Book of Goose, a novel, Yiyun Li

04/25 - DEMON COPPERHEAD, BARBARA KINGSOLVER

5/23 - Killers of the Flower Moon, David Grann

06/27 - Solito; A Memoir by Javier Zamora

07/25 - THE SEVEN SISTERS, LUCINDA RILEY

08/22 - The COMFORT of CROWS: A Backyard Year, Margaret Renal

09/26 - The Dutch House, Ann Patchett

10/24 - On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, Ocean Vuong

11/21 - The Sentence, Louise Erdrich

12/26 - LAND OF MILK AND HONEY, C Pam Zhang

PILOT MOUND'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIELD TRIP TO THE NORDIC LANES

The Sunday school children met at the bowling alley in Rushford on January 28th. In attendance was Madison & Ciara Erickson, Ruth Weatherly, Addie & Hazel McCabe, and Hailey, Ila, Mae, & Orson Erickson. The day was filled with smiles, spares, gutter balls, conversations, and a delicious lunch.





Lois Ulrich was received into the arms of God's mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of saints in light.

October 22, 1928 - January 5, 2024

North Prairie Lutheran Church

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Sunday, February 11, 2024 - 11:30 am North Prairie Lutheran Church

Members present: Pastor Sarah; Paul Boyum, Dana Knudsen, (A); Doris Horsman, Sonia McCabe, (PM); Brad Gorder, Allan Kingsbury, (G); Diane Drinkall, Brent Olson (NP). Absent: Keith Agrimson, David Hallum, Steve Erickson, Anita Brown.

President Paul Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

The secretary's report was read and had been previously approved via email/text.

There were no comments regarding the treasurer's reports. A motion to approve was made by Sonia McCabe. Allan Kingsbury seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no Parish Nurse report today.

Pastor Sarah gave her report. Pastor officiated a funeral for Lois Ulrich (NP). Other functions attended were congregational annual meetings, required SE MN Synod workshops held in January, holding worship services at Good Shepherd, and monthly Zoom Book Club.

Pastor highlighted upcoming events for ULP churches:

Feb 13 - Root River Clergy Conference held at Grace

Feb 14 – (ULP) Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, mid-week services at 7:00 pm

Feb 15 - Retreat for SEMN Synod Deans

Feb 18 - Root River Conference 2024 Annual Meeting, at Faith Lutheran, St. Charles

May 11 – (ULP) SE MN Synod Assembly, May Clinic Event Center, Mankato

May 12, 19 -- Confirmation at Grace, Pilot Mound, North Prairie

Jun 2 – ULP Joint worship at North Prairie (Pavilion, weather permitting) with GEV, encouraging all to attend, including families with children. 10:00 am service

Jul 14 – (ULP) Brad Boice Gospel Service, Pavilion – 2:00 pm

Aug 4 – Fjaerland Reunion (A)

First on agenda for business was the policy regarding transgender issue that was sent following the November meeting. Following discussion, no action will be taken at this time.

A motion to accept the current officers for the coming year was made by Allan Kingsbury and seconded by Brent Olson. Motion passed. Officers are President Paul Boyum, Vice-President Sonia McCabe, Secretary Diane Drinkall and Treasurer Chuck Eidenshink.

Our next meeting is being scheduled for May 5th following worship at North Prairie. President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Drinkall, Secretary

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH BOARDS FOR 2024

4-PT ULP BOARD

Paul Boyum –A, President Diane Drinkall – NP, Secretary Sonia McCabe – PM, V. President Chuck Eidenshink - Treasurer

Keith Agrimson - ADavid Hallum – GBrent Olson – NPDana Knudsen – AAllan Kingsbury –GSteve Erickson – PMBrad Gorder – GAnita Brown – NPDoris Horsman – PM

ARENDAHL LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Paul Boyum Treasurer: JoAnne Agrimson

Vice President: Kevin Agrimson Financial Secretary: Sharlyn Boyum

Secretary: Willa Holger

Deacons: Karolyn Boyum Trustees: Keith Agrimson

Bernice Gathje Randy Boyum
JoAnne Agrimson Kevin Agrimson
Rachel Boyum David Holger
Nate Whitacre

Root River Conference: Donna & Allen Aarsvold Good Earth Village: Nate & Britta Whitacre

Good Shepherd Annual Mtg: Sharlyn & Paul Boyum SE MN Synod Conference: Rachel Boyum, Bertha Boyum Nominating Committee: Bernice Gathje, Donna Aarsvold

Ushers: Kevin Agrimson, Paul Boyum

Cemetery Board

President: Keith Agrimson

Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Holger

Historian: Becky Stocker

Nate Whitacre
Randy Boyum
David Holger

Kevin Agrimson

WELCA Officers

Co-Presidents: Bertha Boyum Treasurer: Sharlyn Boyum

Willa Holger Mission in Community & Action: Donna Aarsvold

Secretary: JoAnne Agrimson Mission in Growth: Sharlyn Boyum

GRACE LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Allan Kingsbury Treasurer: Elaine Eidenschink

Vice President: Tim Hallum Financial Treasurer: Linda Kingsbury

Secretary: Karen Thompson

Deacons: Maynard Thompson Val Hasleiet Susie Norby

Danielle Gorder Sally Poepping Brenda Bergan

United Lutheran Parish

Trustees: Wayne Hasleiet Bill Grindland
David Hallum Jordon Bergan

Nominating Committee: Allan Kingsbury, Linda Kingsbury, David Hallum, Brad Gorder

Board of Education: Brenda Bergan, Jordan Bergan, Rhonda Bauer

Root River Conference: Bill Grindland, Susie Norby

Good Shepherd Annual Meeting: Tammy Hallum, Judy Graham

Cemetery Board

Wayne Hasleiet Allan Kingsbury
Bill Grindland Mary Miner

Tim Hallum

WELCA Officers

Co-Presidents: Val Hasleiet Secretary: Karen Thompson

Susie Norby Treasurer: Kathy Hallum

Altar Guild

Lorraine Benson Mary Miner
Kathy Hallum Susie Norby
Tammy Hallum Karen Thompson
Val Hasleiet Danielle Gorder

NORTH PRAIRIE LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Diane Drinkall

Vice President: Beth Vitse

Secretary: Pam Brown

Financial Secretary: Lynne Clarke

Memorial Secretary: Lynne Clarke

Investment Trustee: Roger Hegland

Treasurer: Lisa Koljord

Deacons: Doreen Goodman, Kari Hanson

Trustees: Ryan Vitse, Joel Goodman

GSLH Delegate: Roger Hegland

Head Usher: Gary Olson, Assistant Usher: Ryan Vitse

Foundation Board

President: Gary Olson Secretary: Diane Drinkall Beth Vitse

Vice President: Jarred Treasurer: Justin Brown Matthew Holtegaard

Mosdal Brent Olson

Cemetery Board

Ryan Vitse, President Lowell Holtegaard Harvey Bue Beth Vitse, Secretary Keith Brown Adam Drinkall

Doreen Goodman, Treasurer

WELCA Officers

President: Diane Drinkall

Vice President: Charlene Eide

Mission in Growth-Discipleship: Eileen Koljord

Mission in Action-Stewardship: Lisa Koljord

Mission in Action-Stewardship: Lynne Clarke

Treasurer: Gayle Burdick

Mission in Community-Justice: Charlene Eide

PILOT MOUND LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Sonia McCabe Treasurer: Annie Hongerholt
Vice President: Tom Haugstad Financial Secretary: Norine Minter

Secretary: Jill Peterson

Deacons: Troy Danielson, Tom Haugstad

Trustees: Dave McCabe, Steve Erickson, Bob Peterson

Board of Education: Doris Horsman, Linda Danielson Sunday School Leaders: Kery Erickson, Annie Hongerholt

S.S Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Proper

Nominating Committee: Linda Danielson, Dave McCabe, Tom Haugstad Auditing Committee: Eric Thompson, Luke McCabe, Chad Erickson

Head Ushers: Bob Peterson, Steve Erickson 4-pt Council Alternate – Linda Danielson

Family League: Opie & Norine Minter, Mike & Cherie Stevens, Kevin Weatherly & Kery Erickson

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Cemetery Board

President-Steve Erickson Secretary-Deb Erickson Vice-president-Bob Peterson Treasurer-Doris Horsman

WELCA Officers

President: Deb Erickson

Vice President: Cheri Stevens Secretary: Sonia McCabe Treasurer: Doris Horsman



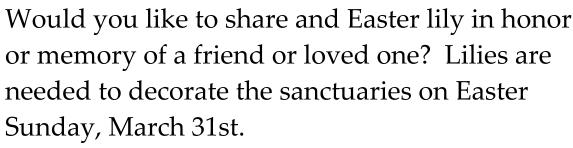
What Is the Jellybean Prayer?

Orange is for heaven so bright.
Yellow is for God's perfect light.
Black is for the sins we've made.
Red is for the blood Christ gave.
White is for the cleansing from sin.
Green is for our new life in Him.
Pink is for His free gift to share.
Purple is for the crowns we'll wear!
The witness of the Jelly Beans is true.
Trust in Jesus because He loves you!

The Lord has risen! Luke 24:34 NIV

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Easter Lilies



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

Please place your order by signing up in the rear of the church. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 24th. Also specify if your Easter lily is in someone's honor or memory.



Notice of the 2024 Synod Assembly

The 2024 Synod Assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato, MN. Registration instructions, the proposed agenda and program, and other pertinent details will be published in RCWeekly and on the Southeastern Minnesota Synod website at www.semnsynod.org.

Respectfully,

Rev. Josh Enderson SEMN Synod Secretary

Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 8:00am to 5:30pm

Theme: Every Congregation Connected

Registration: 8AM Event: 9AM-5:30PM

North Prairie WELCA Announcements for MARCH 2024

Sunday, March 10th: 9:30 am - WELCA meeting prior to worship, Dorcas Circle #1 – devotions

Women of the **ELCA**

STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2024:

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

PARAMENTS for Jan-Apr: Doreen Goodman, Sue Moen

BULLETIN BOARD for Jan-Apr: Priscilla Circle # 2

The 2024 Program yearbooks are available soon. Contact President Diane if you have not received your copy.

Upcoming APRIL events for WELCA to include in your calendar!

Monday, April 8th – Good Shepherd Birthday Party, 1:30 pm Mission in Community, Charlene Eide – Program; Executive Board serves

Sunday, April 28th – 23rd Annual Meatball Dinner.

The WELCA Fundraising Committee is working hard to have a successful Meatball Dinner. We will need workers to help on Friday and Saturday with prep and then Sunday

the year long Hello

prep and serving our meatball dinner. The plan is to have both dine-in and carry-outs.

"Many hands make light work!"

We will need as many persons that are able and willing to help, please contact Dinner Committee Lynne Clarke, Gayle Burdick, or Diane Drinkall.

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 2024. 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 - WELCA President Diane Drinkall: 507.459.1776 or dedrinkall@hotmail.com

GRACE WELCA - MARCH 2024

QUILTING

Wednesday, March 13 9:00AM
Wednesday, March 27 9:00AM
Everyone is welcome to join the Quilters group!

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 21 2:00PM

Installation of WELCA Officers

We will also be handing out the new Welca booklets for 2024.

Bible study will be based on 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21.

Discussion on "In what ways do you try to change yourself for the better?"

Servers are Susie Norby and Val Hasleiet.

The Grace Welca 2024 Booklet committee (Susie Norby, Val Hasleiet, Kathy Hallum, Karen Thompson, and Deb Book) will meet to assemble the 2024 booklet on either March 5th or 6th. Final date yet to be determined.

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



Each Thrivent member can apply for two Action Team cards per year. Even if you are not a

HELP US HELP OTHERS!

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Connecting faith & finances for good."

ACTION TEAM

Thrivent member, you are able to apply for one Action Team card per year with an annual fee of \$20 and enjoy the benefits as an associate member.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! It starts with an idea. It is easy to take action on something you are care about. Choose a project to support (such as Sunday Schools, Confirmation class, WELCA fundraisers, Family Youth Leagues, Improvement Funds, Churches, Cemetery, Community outreach

ministry, other). Thrivent provides up to \$250 Community Impact Card dollars to use for advertising, supplies, etc. for fundraising, buying materials for making quilts or items to fill school bags, holding informational workshops, supplies for community events to name just a few.

If you are willing to support a project in your church community, let us know. If you need help with an please ask. There are several people in each that are willing to help you apply.



Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause YOU care about. We'll help get you started. Possibilities are endless.



-- Thrivent Members -

Please remember to direct your "Choice Dollars"

to the charity of your choice.

2023 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2024.

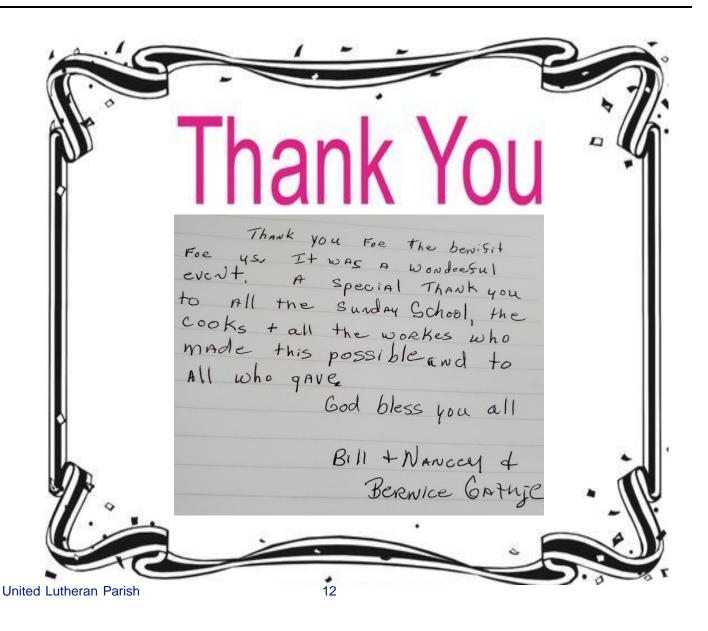


Arendahl Women of the ELCA meeting and Bible Study

Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00 Good Shepherd Lutheran Home 800 Home Street Rushford MN



Bible Study – Rivers: Springs of Life and Hope; found on page 14 of the M/A issue of 'Gather' Magazine







"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3
March 1, 2024 is World Day of Prayer

This program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. The program was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-

7. We reflected collectively on this theme from the context of our suffering as Palestinian Christian women. We hope to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love during troubled times.

Bible Study

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3 (NRSV)

Ephesians is considered one of Paul's "prison letters," written in Rome around 60-61 CE. Paul wrote this epistle to strengthen the community of faith in Christ, the grace of God and the Gospel. He also wrote to encourage them to continue their work of living in holiness and service in response to God's saving grace. Ephesians therefore carries themes of exhortation and assurance.

The first three chapters of Ephesians discuss God's salvation and the gift of unity, while the last three chapters describe the response of believers to God's plan of salvation. This year's World Day of Prayer program comes from the first six verses of chapter four. In these verses, Paul encourages the Ephesians to live a sanctified life, bearing with one another in humility and love in order to maintain the gift of unity that God had given them. Paul reminds the Ephesians that God chose both Gentiles and Jews to be saved, bringing together people of very different backgrounds through the shared promise guaranteed by Christ to all the members of his church. Paul urges the Ephesians to live a life worthy of the calling they received, as people united with one another through Christ's saving work.

This calling is not easy. It requires patience, self-denial, and love. Paul reminds the Ephesians to be united in one spirit by the hope they share in Christ. And so, we Christians spread throughout the world, can also find our unity and hope in this text.

Good Earth Village Annual Meeting

Good Earth Village welcomes our member congregations to send delegates to our Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 3.

Good Earth Village Annual Meeting 25303 Old Town Drive, Spring Valley, Minnesota 55975 Meeting location will be our Log Lodge

Sunday, March 3 2:00 registration and check-in 2:30 meeting is called to order 4:00 adjournment

Refreshments served. No RSVP required.



ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section A – Member Congregations

A Member Congregation shall be a parish or congregation in good standing of its jurisdictional unit and which embraces the Apostles' Creed.

Requirements:

- 1. Membership requirement shall be met in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors.
- 2. Agreement with the aims and objectives of Good Earth Village will be verified through continued participation and interest in its endeavors.

Privileges:

- 1. Member Delegates may be selected by each Member Congregation to participate in the regular, special, and annual meetings of Good Earth Village.
- 2. Member Delegates shall be chosen by each Member Congregation from those persons age 16 or older who are in good standing in the parish or congregation.
- 3. Member Delegates shall be chosen according to the Member Congregation-Delegate Provision which provides for a minimum of three (3) delegates for the first 300 (or fraction thereof) persons in good standing in the parish or congregation. One (1) delegate is allocated for each additional 300 (or fraction thereof) persons in good standing.
- 4. Member Delegates have the right to vote, hold office, and otherwise perform duties consistent with membership practices of Good Earth Village.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Revelation 22:13



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month

Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration formed in 1982 to help restock food shelves across the state.

Ideas for donating high quality nutritious food:

GrainsMeat & proteinFruits & vegetablesCereal (low sugar)Dried beans & lentilsCanned fruit (in fruit juice)PastaTuna, ham & chickenCanned vegetablesBrown ricePeanut butterSpaghetti sauceFlourBaked beans100% Fruit juice

Other items needed:

Diapers and wipes Laundry & dish detergent Toilet paper

Baby food Personal care items

Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Psalms 146: 5-7

"America is the richest country in the world. And yet tonight, thousands of your neighbors will go to bed hungry. It may be your child's schoolmate who is undernourished and has difficulty learning on an empty stomach. Or it could be a co-worker, a working mother whose low-wage job doesn't make ends meet. Perhaps it's an elderly neighbor who has to make a decision whether to delay filling a prescription or buying groceries. The faces of hunger are as broad as the faces of America." ~ David Nasby, General Mills

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands this day their daily bread: and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen" Mother Teresa

Please consider giving a donation to a local food shelf.

Thanking you with grateful hearts, your neighbors in need.



UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

ARENDAHL	GRACE	NORTH PRAIRIE	PILOT MOUND
Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays
02-Jacob Agrimson	06-Jordan Bergan	01-Bridon Bahl	01-Jody Lawstuen
03-Arlo Roos	07-Dalton Johnson	03-Harper Dahl	02-Keri Erickson
08-Karolyn Boyum	07-Jeff Olson	13-Karen Haugen	03-Kevin Weatherly
20-John Boyum	10-Carol Ramsey	13-Emma Olson	06-Jill Peterson
	10-Kim Thompson	14-Joshua Nichols	09-Taylor Horsman
	13-Roger Malmin	16-Julie Eide	10-Alyssa Slavin
	17-Austin Agrimson	17-Charles Horihan	11-Addison McCabe
	19-Andrea Lee	19-Arlene Jensen	14-Stella Charlebois
	21-Elaine Eidenschink	20-Trinity Nichols	14-Greg Erickson
	22-Julie Boyum	27-Doreen Goodman	15-Adam McCabe
	24-Marissa Didier	29-LeAnn Olson	16-Seth Erickson
	28-Xander Auman	30-Isabelle Haake	16-Arlie Golish
	31-Corey Mattson	31-Boone Moen	20-Chad Dahl
			22-Jack Charlebois
			23-Carter Rockvam
			24-Bob Peterson
			25-Doris Horsman
			25-Brian Kesler
			26-Alicia Hinckley
			27-Carson McCabe
			28-Alexis Gilbertson
			Anniversaries
			25-Adam & Annie McCabe

The Birthday/Anniversary lists are not complete.
Please help us keep accurate lists of these special days for our members

March 2024								
Sun	KTTC TV a Facebook	Tue SHIP CANCEL as "United Luti pages Conta alendar events	neran Parish" ct officers for	and also on meeting	Fri 1	Sat 2		
3 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl 2.00-4.00 pm GEV Annual Meeting	4	5	6 7:00 pm ULP Mid- Week Lenten Worship at Pilot Mound	7	8	9		
10 DST begins 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:00-11:00 am PM SS 9.30 am NP WELCA meeting 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie	11	12	9:00 AM Grace Quilting 7:00 pm ULP Mid- Week Lenten Worship at North Prairie	14	15	16		
17 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	18	19 2:00 pm Arendahl WELCA/Bible Study at GSNH	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 pm ULP Mid- Week Lenten Worship at Arendahl	21 2:00 pm Grace WELCA mtg 7:00 pm Pastor Sarah's "At Dusk" Zoom Book Club The Book of Goose, a novel, Yiyun Li	22	23		
Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship SS sings at Pilot Mound 10:00- 11:00 am PM SS 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie	25	26	27 9:00 AM Grace Quilting	28 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	29 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship at Arendahl	30		
31 EASTER DAY 7:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 9:00 am Worship at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl								

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