

# 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, Sarah Turnmire, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Nancey Gathje, Emily Charlebois, Wayne Hasleiet, Janine Lange, Jessie Arnold...
- **On Going Health Concerns:** Tom Haugstad.
- **Homebound:** Lyle Bremmer, Arlene Holtegaard...
- **Assisted Living and Care Centers:** Barb Holien, Marlow Boyum, Ruth Black, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Donna Haugstad
- **Our Military:** Tom Moen, Jon Wiley (Bev Klinski grandson-in-law), Dustin Willcox (grandson of Bob & Ardis Willcox), Dakota Winkelman (nephew of Tom & Deb Haugstad) and their families.



Dear Siblings in Christ,

The past few years we have felt lost with the isolation and worries in varied ways, however we have found one another in new ways, and want to find paths of renewal and rebirth amid the crisis of our days.

The month of June is filled with many opportunities to reconnect with friends, new found friends, family, and community. You are invited to check out all the activities listed on the calendar. An exciting event that Pilot Mound Lutheran has been invited to participate in is the 2023 Friendship Wagon Train. The faith community of Pilot Mound Lutheran are preparing a box lunch for the 50-60 people arriving by horse drawn wagon at noon on Wednesday the 28th. Twenty-three years ago, June of 2000, Pilot Mound Lutheran was involved in this activity...wow, the time flies! Doris Horsman's mother of ninety-five years was pictured petting a huge beautiful horse with a bright smile on her face.

And on Thursday June 29th the wagon train continues its travels to Peterson where the Peterson American Legion Auxiliary will be serving a lunch for the people riding the trail at Grace Lutheran in downtown Peterson. All funds received on the 2023 Friendship Wagon Train will be submitted to Special Olympics. You are invited to come and see some beautiful horses and meet the lovely people of the Friendship Wagon Train. Come and see!

We as a people of faith are about head and heart, the outward journey of engagement with the world and the inner journey of experiencing Spirit within. We are a people of renewal and rebirth. It has been a joy to be with you on this unexpected journey of life.

In Joy and Christ's love, Pastor

Sarah

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
Arendahl Lutheran Church

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

Vice President Sonia McCabe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

There were no additional comments regarding the treasurer's reports as presented. Motion to approve was made by Diane Drinkall and seconded by Keith Agrimson. Motion passes.

There was no Parish Nurse report or Youth report.

Pastor Sarah reported on what she has been busy with – leading Lenten and Holy week services. Easter services at North Prairie included First Communion for Gemma Charlebois, Brooks Kimball, Korbin Young, and Margaret Young. She also officiated a funeral and burial for Darlene Kryzer, a non-member. Also, funeral services for Sarah Golish-Turnmire will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Also Pastor Sarah had done nursing home visits and services for Chosen Valley Care and Good Shepherd campuses. Confirmation classes have been completed with Affirmation of Baptisms at Grace, Pilot Mound, and North Prairie.

Pastor Sarah will be on call for Chatfield and Root Prairie Lutheran Churches from June 16 -30.

For business we discussed the summer events happening at our ULP churches. Pilot Mound will be hosting the Wagoneers Trail Ride (they support Special Olympics) with a noon lunch on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Pilot Mound will also be holding their annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Fjaerland Reunion will meet at Arendahl on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Grace's Supper and Song is scheduled for Sunday evening August 13<sup>th</sup>. On August 27<sup>th</sup> ULP will host a "Brad Boice Concert" at North Prairie in the Pavilion with refreshments following. Details for local advertising and refreshments to come later.

In other business we discussed the costs related to printing and mailing the newsletter. At this time we have decided to combine the months of January/February and July/August news and calendars.

Pastor Sarah also reminded us of an upcoming ULP meeting with Bishop Regina Hassanally and Pastor Matt Larson regarding questions/concerns about ELCA stance on hot button social issues on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at North Prairie.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> following worship at North Prairie.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm was made by Keith and seconded by Dana Knudsen. Motion passes.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Drinkall, Secretary

May 6 2023 SE Minnesota ELCA conference  
The meeting with 350 in attendance opened with a worship service

**Theme**

**Flourish like trees planted by a stream of water**

By Bishop Regina Hassanally

As we make our way out of a season of intense isolation, it is important to remember we are not alone as individuals or congregations. Each and every one of us has been called to share in the ministry of Christ Jesus our Lord. Each and every one of us is a member of the one body of Christ.

We each have a role in the ministry of the whole synod as individuals and congregations. Each congregation's ministry can be fortified and strengthened by the ministry and presence of the congregations around it.

That's why I've been thinking so much about trees. Trees, it seems, know this. Trees know their livelihood depend on deep and wide roots.

We each need a deep taproot, something solid and solitary, rooted in Christ and our communities. We each need a lateral root system, too. This fibrous outreach to other individuals, communities, and congregations connects us to one another.

When we are deeply rooted in Christ and connected in community, we have all that we need to flourish, like trees planted by streams of water.

**Susan Brower**

**Minnesota State Demographer**

SE Minnesota Synod consists of the following conferences—Cannon River, Minnesota River, Zumbro, Root River, and Blue Earth  
Her comments and presentation gave information.

-demographics to help us see the future

-aging population—baby boomers retirement, deaths and relocation due to jobs etc. as well as worker shortage especially in caregiving and teaching.

These effect ourselves and direction our congregations and how we think about the changes and how we need to deal with them.

-Discussed urban/rural shifts.

**Rev Kimberly Vaughn**

**Director, Christian Community & Leadership Mission (CCLM) –ELCA**

She spoke about mission support

-new start programs

-chaplaincy and mission support

**Business Meeting**

-election ballot for SE Minnesota Synod accepted as presented.

-budget as proposed by directors accepted.

-motion to increase allocation to give additional \$10,000 to Good Earth Village was defeated.

-synod will be in the process this year to update social statement

**Respectively submitted by Bertha Boyum and Rachel Boyum**

## North Prairie WELCA Announcements for JUNE, 2023

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am** WELCA meeting prior to Worship, Devotions - Circle # 1 Dorcas

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - “Women’s Day”** event at Good Earth Village. 9 am - 3 pm. All are invited. More information in newsletter.



### **STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2023:**

Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) and School Kits (LWR). Quilting Days will be during the months of July - November.

**PARAMENTS for May/Jun/Jul/Aug:** Gayle Burdick, Twilah Brown

**FLOWERS for June:** Circle # 2 - Priscilla

**BULLETIN BOARD for May/Jun/Jul/Aug:** Circle # 2 - Priscilla

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The “WELCA YEARBOOKS” are available. Please contact President Diane if you do not have one. Please give any corrections or additions to Diane to keep info up-to-date.

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Upcoming events for July WELCA include: **“BLESSED ARE THE PIECE MAKERS”**

**July 11/12 -- (Tue pm / Wed) - Quilting Days, potluck.** (Everyone are welcome)



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 2023. 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](mailto:dedrinkall@hotmail.com)

# GRACE WELCA - JUNE 2023

## QUILTING

There are no quilting dates in June. The quilters are taking the month of June off.

## NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JUNE

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 20th. Servers are Kathy Hallum and Carol Ramsey.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

**Peterson Gammel Dag Fest/Scandinavian Midsummer Celebration**

**Saturday, June 24th 10:00am – 3:00pm**

~Grace WELCA will serve hot turkey sandwiches and baked Norwegian goods in the church basement~

We need volunteers to work 2 hour shifts, and to bring baked goods (not all need to be Norwegian)

Please call Susie or Val if you can do either of these things. (phone numbers in Welca booklet)

Good Shepherd Birthday Party is Monday, July 10th at 2pm. Committee members Val, Carolyn, Linda, Susie and Sandy should plan the event. If you'd like to be a part of this, please let them know.

Save the date: Supper and Song is Sunday, August 13th. Supper from 6-7 pm (menu to be determined) and "Song" starting at 7pm. This year the group "SisterLuv" from Spring Valley will be performing. Hope to see you all there!

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June 30, 1973

## Celebrating 50 years

Treats before church

10:00 June 25, 2023

Arendahl Lutheran  
Church

Willa and Dave Holger





# WOMEN'S DAY | SAT. JUNE 24

## Boundless Compassion: A Transforming Way of Life



Come and explore how **compassion is an essential component** in the transformation of a society seeking peace and harmony. Boundless Compassion is a mission that helps to create a community of people committed to living and bringing compassion into personal life, community, and the world.

The day includes an inspiring **morning keynote session** lead by Julie Klock, introducing the primary concepts of boundless compassion, followed by a delicious lunch, and afternoon **workshops** to explore unique ways to cultivate compassion in your daily life and communities. We'll **close with worship and communion**: leaving you with the courage and strength to grow deeper in your capacity for compassion.

**Pre-registration is requested**, limited walk-ins available. Check-in **begins at 9:00AM** at Log Lodge and the cost is **\$35 per person**. Handicap parking is available at all buildings. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at by calling 507-346-2494 or email us at [info@goodearthvillage.org](mailto:info@goodearthvillage.org).



### Afternoon Workshops:

- W-1: Compassionate Caregiving
- W-2: Compassionate Parenting
- W-3: Compassionate Community
- W-4: Compassion for Creation
- W-5: Compassion for Yourself



**To Register:** Visit [www.goodearthvillage.org/womensday](http://www.goodearthvillage.org/womensday) or return this form to Good Earth Village 25303 Old Town Dr, Spring Valley, MN 55975. **Must be received by June 21.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one workshop that you would like to attend. W-1: Compassionate Caregiving W-2: Compassionate Parenting W-3: Compassionate Community W-4: Compassion for Creation W-5: Compassion for Yourself

☐ \$35 Check Enclosed ☐ \$35 Cash Enclosed Please charge \$35 to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Billing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

# North Prairie/Arendahl Sunday School News

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, we had fun handing out May Day baskets to the residents of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. We made 50 baskets to hand out and the residents enjoyed receiving them.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we had a potluck and outside cleanup at both churches and cemeteries.

Our last day of Sunday School was May 14<sup>th</sup>. We played games and had cake and ice cream.



Thanks for the great Sunday School year! Any summer events will be communicated to our Sunday School families at that time. We'll see everyone in the fall!

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AS WE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP LISTS CURRENT, PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ADDRESS CHANGES or if you are a member of another church or do not wish to remain a member at Arendahl, Grace, North Prairie or Pilot Mound, let us know so your name can be removed from the membership and mailing address lists.



You can contact our church secretaries:

Linda Kingsbury at [secretaryglc@goacentek.net](mailto:secretaryglc@goacentek.net) or leave a message at Grace (and Arendahl) Lutheran Church office – 507-875-2218 or

Sheri Holtegaard at [holte@acegroup.cc](mailto:holte@acegroup.cc) or leave a message at North Prairie (and Pilot Mound) Lutheran Church office – 507-875-2460.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep the memberships at United Lutheran Parish up-to-date!



# 2023 *Class of*

"I KNOW the plans I HAVE FOR You"  
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you  
HOPE and A FUTURE." Jeremiah 29:11

May God's blessings guide you to accomplish  
Your goals throughout the coming years.

When you see one of our ULP seniors,  
'Congratulate' them on a job well done.



**JACKSON BERGAN**  
Rushford-Peterson  
GRACE

**EMMA BUSKER**  
Lanesboro  
NORTH PRAIRIE



**KELSI GOLDSMITH**  
Chatfield  
ARENDAHL







**VINCENT GRAHAM**  
Henning  
GRACE



**JACOB HOLIEN**  
Rushford-Peterson  
GRACE

**KAIL HONSEY**  
Rushford-Peterson  
NORTH PRAIRIE



**JOSIE KAHOUN**  
Stewartville  
GRACE

**EMMA OLSON**  
Rushford-  
Peterson  
NORTH PRAIRIE





# Wellness Bingo

As we come together to tend to the needs of our community, let's also make sure we're *nurturing our own well-being!* How many of these small steps can you do during our time together? A little friendly competition and laughter can be a balm in emotionally stressful times. Who can be first to get a row in any direction, or cover the whole card?

 <b>Drank a glass of water</b>	 <b>Named 5 things</b> <i>I am grateful for today</i>	 <b>Took a stretch break</b>	 <b>Listened respectfully</b> <i>to an opposing viewpoint</i>	 <b>Walked outside at least 5 minutes</b>
 <b>Smiled at two new people</b>	 <b>Gave my worries up to God</b>	 <b>Brought my own mug</b>	 <b>Felt joy while singing in worship</b>	 <b>Gave someone a compliment</b>
 <b>Gave my full attention</b>	 <b>Introduced someone to my Portico rep</b>	<b>GRACE!</b>	 <b>Washed my hands for 20 seconds</b>	 <b>Thanked someone on the Synod staff</b>
 <b>Was patient while waiting in line</b>	 <b>Learned something new about the ELCA</b>	 <b>Said a prayer</b>	 <b>Had a good laugh</b>	 <b>Chewed my food mindfully</b>
 <b>Said hello to my Portico rep in person or online</b>	 <b>Took 3 deep breaths</b>	 <b>Listened to my body</b>	 <b>Ate at least 1 serving of fruits or vegetables</b>	 <b>Made an intentional choice to spend, save, or share</b>

Portico Benefit Services is the ELCA's benefit ministry, dedicated to supporting the whole-person well-being of rostered ministers, church professionals, and their families for life. Follow us on Facebook for more wellness inspiration: [facebook.com/porticobenefits](https://facebook.com/porticobenefits).



## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES

### Food Drive for Hunger



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”.

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.

NP WELCA

**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 your local food shelf)**

### FOOD BANK WISH LIST

As you gear up to give, fill your list with these top nonperishable items\* food banks need most!

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

\*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





## UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

### Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

#### **ARENDAHL**

##### ***Birthdays***

03-Lisa Agrimson  
05-Britta Whitacre  
06-Paul Boyum  
15-Adam Roos  
16-Keith Agrimson  
17-John Knudsen  
23-Andrea Pauly  
24-Randy Boyum  
26-Gail Boyum

##### ***Anniversaries***

16-Nathan & Britta  
Whitacre  
20-Jacob & Lisa Agrimson  
30-David & Willa Holger

#### **GRACE**

##### ***Birthdays***

01-Linda Jenkins  
02-Josie Kahoun  
06-Janice Johnson  
08-Judy Graham  
08-Jenny Thompson  
08-Kayla Thompson  
09-Linda Kingsbury  
13-Courtney Mattson  
20-Dan Mattson  
21-Brenda Bergan  
25-John Kahoun

##### ***Anniversaries***

25-Trey Olson  
27-Scott Boyum  
  
***Anniversaries***  
04-David & Tammy Hallum  
18-Duane & Mary Miner  
  
19-Brian & Rhonda Bauer  
19-Allan & Linda Kingsbury  
19-Ardell & Andrea Lee  
21-Andy & Theresa  
Pederson

#### **NORTH PRAIRIE**

##### ***Birthdays***

03-Lu Brown  
03-Bethany Holtegaard  
05-Ben Johnson  
09-Josh Albrechtson  
09-Keith Eide  
12-Daniel Hatlevig  
13-Cora Mayer  
15-Harold Jensen  
20-Twilah Brown  
21-Shannon Goodman  
22-Madilynn Honsey  
  
25-Jaden Dahl  
26-Donald Eide  
28-Daniel C. Gordon  
30-Benjamin Lawstuen

##### ***Anniversaries***

06-Derek & Sarah  
Holtegaard  
08-Merv & Sue Moen  
09-Keith & Anita Brown  
  
11-Jeff & Tammy Brown  
26-Joel & Doreen Goodman  
29-Timothy & Kimberly  
Wilde

#### **PILOT MOUND**

##### ***Birthdays***

04-Aveianna Jonsgaard  
06-Debra Haugstad  
07-Cayson Slavin  
09-Casey Goddard  
09-Brynn Horsman  
11-Mike Stevens  
15-Joyce Kramer  
16-Robert Dahl  
19-Dayton Danielson  
19-Trenton Rockvam  
23-Emily Charlebois

##### ***Anniversaries***

26-Raelyn Borst  
30-Brett Horsman  
  
***Anniversaries***  
02-Seth & Jessica Erickson  
03-Dean & Deb McConochie  
  
04-Harry & Jane Kesler  
14-David & Sonia McCabe  
14-Guinn & Norine Minter  
  
26-Dustin & Kari O'Byrne  
26-Mike & Sheri Stevens

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

Any updates/corrections should be sent to [united\\_lutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:united_lutheran@yahoo.com)

## June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>ALL WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS</b> 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			1	2	3
<b>4</b> Worship 9:00 AM Pilot Mound 9:30 am NP WELCA Meeting 10:30 AM North Prairie	5	6	<b>7</b> 12:30-1:30 PM Pastor Sarah leads worship at Chosen Valley Campus	8	9	10
<b>11</b> Worship 9:00 AM Grace 10:30 AM Arendahl  PAVILLON RESERVED	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM NP Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
<b>18</b> Worship 9:00 AM Pilot Mound 10:30 AM North Prairie	19	20	<b>21</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (July/Aug)	<b>22</b> 7:00-8:00 pm Pastor Sarah’s at “Dusk” Zoom Book Club –The Lighthouse Road by Peter Geye	23	<b>24</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm SE MN Synod Women’s Day at Good Earth Village 10:00 am-3:00 pm Grace WELCA event - Gammel Dag
<b>25</b> Worship 9:00 AM Grace 10:30 AM Arendahl	26	27	<b>28</b> NOON PM - Friendship Wagon Train Lunch	29	30	

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