

# THE MESSENGER

Arendahl | Grace | North Prairie | Pilot Mound

## Pastor Sarah's at "Dusk" ZOOM BOOK CLUB LIST 2026

Thursday, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

7/23 - Falling Upward, Richard Rohr

8/27 - Endling, Maria Reva

9/24 - Twice, Mitch Albom

10/ 22 - The Storyteller's Death, Ann Davila Cardinal

11/19 - The Director, Daniel Kehlmann

12/17 - Secret of Secrets, Dan Brown

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Those we remember that were received into the arms of God's mercy, into the blessed glorious company of the saints in light.

Mary Ann Molstein Hamann  
October 6, 1920 — June 2, 2026  
Chatfield, MN  
North Prairie Lutheran  
June 27, 2026

Congratulations to Brent Olson who begins a new adventure from teacher and coach at Lewiston School to Principle at Rushford-Peterson School on July 1st. He will now be involved with the day to day activities of the school.



## CELEBRATIONS GALORE!

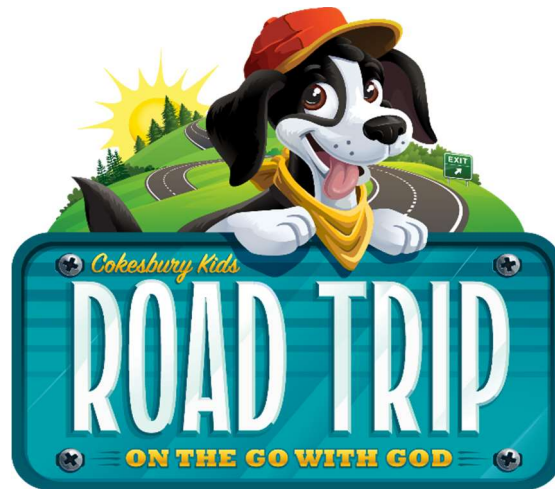


On June 14th we celebrated with family and friends Bernice Gathje's 83rd Surprise Birthday at Arendahl Lutheran Church. Happy Birthday!

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All are invited  
to our monthly  
Bible Study Monday, August 27  
Ferndale Country Club  
10:00 am  
We are reading Jeremiah 6 - 12



**All Families Are Invited to VBS!**  
Bring your entire family and your friends to  
North Prairie Church **Wednesday, August 12!**

We'll have an evening full of fun as we learn  
about God's love for us through puppetry,  
music, games and sharing!

**5 p.m.** Registration begins  
**5:30-6:15** Supper is served  
**6:15-7:45** We'll be "On the Go"  
(rotating learning stations for all ages)  
**7:45** Campfire with s'mores for all!

All are welcome!

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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:  
Allan 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) to leave a message for (North Prairie and Pilot Mound).



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



362 people attended the 2026 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly May 2 in Mankato, including Dave and Willa Holger and Jo Anne Agrimson from Arendahl.

Keynote speaker Dr. Michael Chan reminded us that “Christian baptism marks a new chapter in a sacred and ancient people-building project that began with Abraham and Sarah. Baptism is not as a break from that covenantal story, but a new thread woven into it.”

That thread of baptism was woven into an assurance that if we have faith as small as a mustard seed, it will be enough, according to Bishop Regina Hassanally.

The business of the day included synod elections, approving updates to the synod constitution, adopting the synod spending plan for 2027-28, receiving reports from executive council members, including a report from Dave Holger. Rev. Barbara Lund joined us as the ELCA Churchwide Representative and shared a report from churchwide.

Representatives from various ministry partners, organizations, committees, and more set up tables for all to visit during breaks. These included Good Earth Village and Lutheran Campus Ministries along with a dozen others.

The assembly was much more than just a meeting: it was a joyful, music-filled celebration of baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit we share.

Over \$19,000 in offering has been received, which will help support campus ministries, the candidacy process and International Women Leaders of the ELCA.

We were blessed to attend!

# PILOT MOUND LUTHERAN CHURCH

RURAL CHATFIELD



\*\*\*\* 51th \*\*\*\*

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FEATURING THE CHATFIELD BRASS BAND

# SUNDAY, JULY 19 2026

SERVING @ 6:00pm

MUSIC @ 7:00pm



BARBECUES, PIES, ICE CREAM,  
POP AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED



~~~~ PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS ~~~~

# *GRACE WELCA - JULY/AUGUST 2026*

## **QUILTING**

Wednesday, July 8:00AM  
Wednesday, July 22 9:00AM

Wednesday, August 12 9:00AM  
Wednesday, August 26 9:00AM

## **MONTHLY MEETING**

Thursday, July 16 2:00PM

Servers are Lucy Benson and Kathy Hallum.

Items on the agenda will be a follow up on Gammel Dag, and  
planning for Honor Day in September.

## **NO MONTHLY MEETING IN AUGUST**

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





## Arendahl Women of the ELCA

Meeting and Bible study will be on Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 at El Barco Mexican Restaurant in Rushford. (There will be no meeting in July.)

The Bible study is found on pages 40 and 48 of the Gather magazine: "I am more than one thing, and I am because you are." This is session two and three of the "I am worthy" series by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. This three-part Bible study helps us to define who we are, what we can be, and what we can do in the world, in light of our God-given giftedness, identities and relationships.



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Save the Date!  
Arendahl's Biennial Bazaar  
Saturday, November 7, 2026

**North Prairie WELCA Announcements for JULY-AUGUST, 2026**

Please join us for **QUILTING DAYS** – **ALL are welcome** to come and participate in this mission in ministry. Working together, serving others. Also, enjoy great conversation. Contact Diane if you have questions.



**JULY -- Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am (potluck)**

**AUGUST -- Wednesday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am (potluck)**

**NEXT WELCA Meeting**

**Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30 am WELCA meeting prior to worship;**

**STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2026:**

- Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) Quilting Days - months of July – November
- School Kits (LWR) Collection thru September 27<sup>th</sup>

**PARAMENTS for May/Jun/Jul/Aug:** Gayle Burdick, Kari Hanson

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



**Upcoming events for WELCA include:**

- July 15<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days
- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sun, 9:30 am NP WELCA Meeting, prior to worship
- Sep 9<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days
- Sep 27<sup>th</sup> – School Kits collection due

**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 2026. 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)

## ***STEWARDSHIP SERVICE PROJECT***

July-August-September stewardship project will focus on providing "SCHOOL KITS" for Lutheran World Relief. We invite all individuals and families in our community to participate. Arendahl and North Prairie WELCAs will collect and deliver to LWR drop off sites in-October. YOU CAN CHOOSE to assemble any of these kits throughout the year and/or give a monetary donation to help with shipping cost overseas.

Education is important to every community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases adults – despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, and their communities.



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO DONATE. KITS WILL BE SHIPPED IN OCTOBER.**

Items need to be at the churches by SUNDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup> for packing in boxes.

**(To Be Determined)** Box drop off will be Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 am – 11 am; LaCrosse, WI

### **Include the following items in each School Kit:**

**4 – 70 sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; No loose-leaf paper**

**1 – 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**

**1 pencil sharpener**

**1 pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades works well)**

**5 unsharpened # 2 pencils with erasers, secure together with a rubber band**

**5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band**

**1 box of 16 or 24 crayons**

**1 – 2 1/2" eraser**

**(NP and ARENDAHL have some extra drawstring bags from last year) -----**

**1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill.**

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY ITEMS:** with any religious symbols, messages, your congregation's name, business names, items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

SHARING GIFTS OF EXTRAORDINARY LOVE – Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt...ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom even a simple bar of new soap is special.

Your gift of time and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together.

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!

Some tips and guidance if you donate to food pantries derived from feedback by those who use them:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.



Most people buy what they think food pantry users want, but have never asked them. If you help families, single people, foster youth and the homeless, this list can help better tailor your donations! Or make a cash donation.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

### Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

#### **ARENDAHL**

***Birthdays***

05-James Knudsen  
 09-Dana Knudsen  
 16-Amelia Whitacre  
 16-Henrik Whitacre  
 17-Allen Aarsvold  
 23-Chris Goldsmith

***Anniversaries***

#### **GRACE**

***Birthdays***

01-Rick Olson  
 01-Vicky Quimby  
 03-Deb Book  
 03-Larry Pelzl  
 10-Emily Didier  
 12-Michele Pelzl  
 13-Hayley Boyum  
 13-Jon Graham  
 13-Chad Kingsbury  
 16-David Hallum  
 19-Jane Holien  
 20-Jessica Thompson  
 23-Claire Gorder  
 28-Rhonda Bauer  
 29-Erica Klein  
 30-Barb Thompson  
 31-Kim Hallum

***Anniversaries***

*01-John & Jenny Kahoun*  
*07-Maynard & Sandy Thompson*  
*12-Dennis & Edna Gravos*  
*13-Jim & Jane Holien*  
*15-Chad & Stephanie Kingsbury*  
*24-Tom & Danielle Paulson*

#### **NORTH PRAIRIE**

***Birthdays***

01-Anna Vick  
 02-Kailan Schott  
 03-Diane Eide  
 04-Derek Holtegaard  
 05-Sommer Holtegaard  
 09-Grant Horihan  
 09-Tatum Olson  
 11-Thor Mosdal  
 12-Wayne Highum  
 14-Kelly Connaughty  
 15-Tessa Holtegaard  
 16-Kim Wilde  
 18-Griffin Holtegaard  
 18-Meghan Moger  
 20-Camdyn Rye  
 22-Stephanie Drinkall  
 23-Paula Haug  
 27-Elisa Edwards  
 30-Craig Bain  
 31-Lisa Koljord

***Anniversaries***

*01-Darin & Nancy Hegland*  
*15-Nathan & Becky Olson*  
*21-Brent & Michelle Olson*  
*31-Charles & Lindsay Horihan*

#### **PILOT MOUND**

***Birthdays***

01-Annora Kramer  
 02-Grace Goddard  
 02-Kaylee Rockvam  
 05-Amanda Stevens  
 09-Paisley Lawstuen  
 13-Heather Luehmann  
 14-David Schaefer  
 15-Timothy Goddard  
 15-Alyssa Luehmann  
 15-Anastasia Hongerholt  
 16-Joe McCabe  
 19-Clay Peterson  
 25-Katelyn Burt  
 26-Deb Erickson  
 31-Duane Erickson

***Anniversaries***

*19-Nathan & Natasha Winslow*  
*28-Brian & Laci Nelson*

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)

| July 2026                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |                                       |                                                                                                      |                                                        |     |
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| 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                                                      | 4   |
|                                                                                                                                      | 5<br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Grace<br>10:30 AM<br>Arendahl                                                                                                                                          | 6   | 7                                     | 8<br>9:00 AM<br>Grace Quilting                                                                       | 9                                                      | 10  |
| 12<br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Pilot Mound<br>10:30 AM<br>North Prairie                                                                 | 13<br>6:00 pm NP<br>Foundation Mtg                                                                                                                                                                | 14  | 15<br>9:00 am NP<br>Quilting, potluck | 16<br>2:00 pm Grace<br>WELCA meeting                                                                 | 17<br>7.17-22 Fri-Wed<br>Pastor Sarah<br>Continuing Ed | 18  |
| 19<br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Grace<br>10:30 AM<br>Arendahl<br>6:00 pm<br>PM 51st Ice Cream Social,<br>7:00 pm Chatfield<br>Brass Band | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                | 21  | 22<br>9:00 AM<br>Grace Quilting       | 23<br>7:00 pm – 8:00 pm<br>Pastor Sarah’s “At Dusk” Zoom Book Club – Falling Upward, by Richard Rohr | 24                                                     | 25  |
| 26<br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Pilot Mound<br>10:30 AM<br>North Prairie                                                                 | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                | 28  | 29                                    | 30                                                                                                   | 31                                                     |     |