

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, February 9, 2025 - 11:30 am
North Prairie Lutheran Church
Minutes approved via email

Members present: Paul Boyum (Arendahl President/ULP Council President), Keith Agrimson (A); Doris Horsman, Sonia McCabe (Pilot Mound President), (PM); Brad Gorder, Allan Kingsbury (Grace President), (G); Anita Brown, Dane Drinkall (North Prairie President/ULP Council Secretary), Brent Olson, (NP). Absent: Dana Knudsen (A), Tim Hallum (G), Steve Erickson (PM).

President Paul Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

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

There were no comments regarding the treasurer's reports. A motion to approve was made by Brent Olson. Brad Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Sarah gave her report. Now in 2025 she has had one funeral – Nancey Gathje (A). A monthly Bible Study "Gathering at the Well" is held. Pastor also does worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home and Chosen Valley Assisted Living and Chosen Valley Nursing Home.

Pastor participates in Continuing Education.

Confirmation Education is held weekly. Students will be assisting with Lenten worship. There will be three youth confirmed this spring - two from Pilot Mound and one from Grace.

Next on the agenda we discussed three events happening in our SEMN Synod - the Root River Conference Assembly, on February 16, held at Greenfield Lutheran Church, from 2-3:30 pm to which all church members are invited to attend; SEMN Synod Councils as Leaders, 2025 (for councils, staff, and leadership) on March 8, 9:00 am - 3:00pm, at Trinity Lutheran, Owatonna and the SEMN Synod 2025 Assembly, Saturday, May 31, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato.

Moving on to business: We discussed the cost for staff time, printing and mailing cost for our monthly newsletter. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brent and seconded by Sonia McCabe to send the newsletter (starting in June) by email ONLY and to have paper copies available in each church for members who don't have email addresses. A notice will appear in upcoming newsletters to update any email addresses. The motion passed.

Our second item of discussion was how to handle notifying members of church service cancellations. Each church/congregation will set up their own system to contact members of any cancellations. It will also be posted on the "North Prairie Lutheran Church – ELCA" Facebook page.

Looking at the ULP calendar – Ash Wednesday will be at Arendahl, with weekly Lenten worships to follow. Maunday Thursday is scheduled at Arendahl and Good Friday will be at North Prairie. All mid-week services will be at 7:00 pm. Easter worship services are as follows: 7:00 am at

Pilot Mound, 9:00 am at Pilot Mound and 10:30 am at North Prairie. There is also a scheduled Easter Egg Drop at North Prairie for all ULP members and extended families following worship at North Prairie.

Our last order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. A unanimous ballot to elect the current officers was made by Anita Brown and seconded by Brent. Motion passed. Current officer holders are Paul Boyum, President; Sonia McCabe, Vice President; Diane Drinkall, Secretary; and Chuck Eidenschink, Treasurer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2025 following worship at North Prairie.

President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 12.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Council Secretary