

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

3/26 - The Latehomecomer (A Hmong Family Memoir), Kao Kalia Yang

4/23 - The Man Who Sold America, Jo-Ann Reid

5/28 - My Friends, Fredrik Backman

6/25 - The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, James McBride

7/ 23 - Falling Upward, Richard Rohr

8/27 - Endling, Maria Reva

9/24 - Twice, Mitch Albom

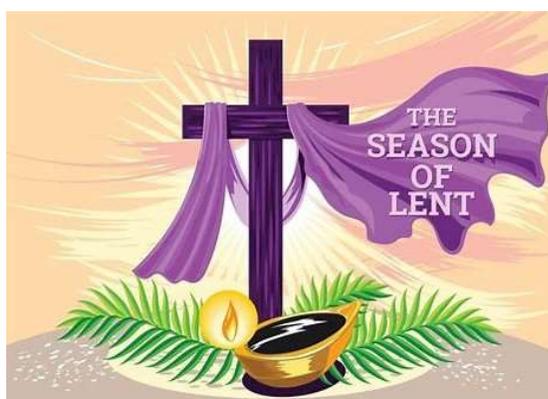
10/ 22 - The Storyteller's Death, Ann Davila Cardinal

11/19 - The Director, Daniel Kehlmann

12/17 - Secret of Secrets, Dan Brown



Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule



3/4 - North Prairie, 7:00 pm

3/11 - Arendahl, 7:00 pm

3/18 - Grace, 7:00 pm

3/25 - Pilot Mound, 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday

3/29 - Grace, 9:00 am

Arendahl, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday

4/2 - North Prairie, 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Arendahl - 7:00 pm

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, February 8, 2026 11:30 am
North Prairie Lutheran Church

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

President Paul Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

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

There were no comments regarding the treasurer's reports. Will be placed on file.

Pastor Sarah's report: 2026 Confirmation at Pilot Mound is scheduled for April 19th for Stella Charlebois and Aubrey Thompson and at Grace on April 26th for Josh Thompson and Evan Kingsbury. Confirmation instruction has included several field trips along with weekly Zoom Confirmation classes.

Pastor was able to attend two congregational annual meetings.

Pastor Sarah talked about the upcoming Root River Conference Assembly being held at Grace Lutheran in Peterson. It is open to all church members and encouraged all to come.

Information for a mission trip, for high school students, in the future will be brought to the council at a later date.

A short discussion regarding church cancellation and pulpit supply was discussed. Texts, phone calls, Facebook and KTTC-TV will be used to inform members. Payments to pulpit supply was also discussed.

The calendar for the upcoming months including Lenten services was reviewed. A motion to have Lent offerings given to the Rushford/Preston food shelves was made by Brent Olson and seconded by Allan Kingsbury. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sonia McCabe and seconded by Brad Gorder to pay Diane Drinkall for the cakes made for Pastor Sarah's Ordination anniversary. Motion passed.

Our last order of business was the election of officers. Motion was made by Paul Boyum and seconded by Brent to nominate Diane as ULP Council Secretary. Motion by Sonia and seconded by Brent to nominate Tim Hallum as President. Motions passed. VP Sonia McCabe and Treasurer Chuck Eidenschink agreed to keep their positions.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd at North Prairie.

The meeting was adjourned by President Paul Boyum at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, ULP Secretary

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH BOARDS FOR 2026

4-PT ULP BOARD

Tim Hallum –G, President		Diane Drinkall – NP, Secretary
Sonia McCabe – PM, V. President		Chuck Eidenshink - Treasurer
Keith Agrimson - A	Tim Hallum – G	Brent Olson – NP
Kari Goldsmith – A	Allan Kingsbury –G	Steve Erickson – PM
Brad Gorder – G	Anita Brown – NP	Doris Horsman – PM

ARENDAHL LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Paul Boyum	Treasurer: Jo Anne Agrimson
Vice President: Kevin Agrimson	Financial Secretary: Sharlyn Boyum
Secretary: Willa Holger	

Deacons: Jo Anne Agrimson, Rachel Boyum, Bernice Gathje,
 Karolyn Boyum & Jessica Montgomery

Trustees: Randy Boyum, Dave Holger, Nate Whitacre, Keith Agrimson

Root River Conference: Dave & Willa Holger
 Good Earth Village: Paul & Sharlyn Boyum
 Good Shepherd Annual Mtg: Allen & Donna Aarsvold
 SE MN Synod Assembly: Jo Anne Agrimson & Willa Holger
 Nominating Committee: Jo Anne Agrimson, Willa Holger
 Ushers: Kevin Agrimson, Paul Boyum

Cemetery Board

President: Keith Agrimson	Kevin Agrimson
Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Holger	Randy Boyum
Historian: Becky Stocker	Nate Whitacre

WELCA Officers

Presidents: Willa Holger	Stewardship (Mission-Action):
Co-Vice President: Jo Anne Agrimson	Donna Aarsvold
Co-Vice President: Sharlyn Boyum	Justice (Mission-Community):
Secretary: Jo Anne Agrimson	Bernice Gathje
Treasurer: Sharlyn Boyum	Discipleship (Mission-Growth):
	Sharlyn Boyum

GRACE LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Allan Kingsbury	Treasurer: Elaine Eidenschink
Vice President: Tim Hallum	Financial Treasurer: Allan Kingsbury
Secretary: Karen Thompson	

Deacons: Maynard Thompson, Danielle Gorder, Val Hasleiet
 Leah Dessner, Susie Norby, Brenda Bergan

Trustees: Wayne Hasleiet, Tom Dombrock, Bill Grindland, Jordon Bergan

Nominating Committee: Allan Kingsbury, Judy Graham, Brad Gorder

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

Root River Conference: Bill Grindland, Susie Norby

Good Shepherd Annual Meeting: Val Hasleiet, Judy Graham

Cemetery Board

Wayne Hasleiet

Allan Kingsbury

Bill Grindland

Danielle Gorder

Tim Hallum

WELCA Officers

Co-Presidents: Val Hasleiet

Secretary: Karen Thompson

Susie Norby

Treasurer: Kathy Hallum

Altar Guild

Julie Boyum

Karen Thompson

Kathy Hallum

Danielle Gorder

Tammy Hallum

Jenny Thompson

Val Hasleiet

Rhonda Bauer

Mary Miner

Bill Grindlan

Susie Norby

NORTH PRAIRIE LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Diane Drinkall

Financial Secretary: Lynne Clarke

Vice President: Beth Vitse

Memorial Secretary: Lynne Clarke

Secretary: Pamela Brown

Investment Trustee: Roger Hegland

Treasurer: Lisa Koljord

Deacons: Doreen Goodman, Kari Hanson

Trustees: Ryan Vitse, Joel Goodman

Board of Education: Anita Brown

GSLH Delegate: Roger Hegland

Head Usher: Gary Olson, Assistant Usher: Brent Olson

Foundation Board

President: Gary Olson

Brent Olson

Vice President:

Beth Vitse

Secretary: Diane Drinkall

Matthew Holtegaard

Treasurer: Justin Brown

Cemetery Board

Ryan Vitse, President
Beth Vitse, Secretary
Doreen Goodman, Treasurer

Lowell Holtegaard
Keith Brown
Harvey Bue

WELCA Officers

President: Diane Drinkall
Vice President: Charlene Eide
Secretary: LeAnn Olson
Treasurer: Gayle Burdick

Mission-Growth-Discipleship: Eileen Koljord
Mission-Action-Stewardship: Lisa Koljord
Mission-Action-Stewardship: Lynne Clarke
Mission-Community-Justice: Charlene Eide

PILOT MOUND LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Sonia McCabe
Vice President: Tom Haugstad

Secretary: Jill Peterson
Treasurer: Annie Hongerholt

Deacons: Tom Haugstad, Troy Danielson
Trustees: Steve Erickson, Bob Peterson, Dave McCabe

Board of Education: Linda Danielson, Doris Horsman
Sunday School Superintendents: Annie Hongerholt, Kery Erickson
S.S Secretary/Treasurer: Jess Thompson
Nominating Committee: Dave McCabe, Linda Danielson
Auditing Committee: Chad Erickson, Eric Thompson, Luke McCabe
Head Ushers: Steve Erickson, Bob Peterson
4-pt Council Alternate – Linda Danielson
Family League: Kevin Weatherly & Kery Erickson, Opie & Norine Minter, Mike & Cherie Stevens

Cemetery Board

President-Steve Erickson
Vice-president-Bob Peterson

Secretary-Deb Erickson
Treasurer-Doris Horsman

WELCA Officers

President: Deb Erickson
Vice President: Cheri Stevens

Secretary: Sonia McCabe
Treasurer: Doris Horsman

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

7:00 pm Worship



- Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday (G)
- Wed Feb 25 (PM)
- Wed Mar 4 (NP)
- Wed Mar 11 (A)
- Wed Mar 18 (G)
- Wed Mar 25 (PM)

Coffee fellowship will follow March mid-week Lenten services

- Sun Mar 29 Palm Sunday (G-A)
- Thr Apr 2 Maunday Thursday (NP)
- Fri Apr 3 Good Friday (A)

- Sun Apr 5 EASTER (PM 7:00 am)
- Sun Apr 5 EASTER (G 9:00 am)
- Sun Apr 5 EASTER (NP 10:30 am)

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Easter Lilies

Would you like to share an Easter lily in honor or memory of a friend or loved one? Lilies are needed to decorate the sanctuaries on **Easter Sunday, April 5th**.

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 29th**. Also specify if your Easter lily is in someone's honor or memory.

Dear Friends

Please find my Parish Nurse notes for the past year.

It is hard to believe how quickly 2025 has passed. During the year, I served as a facilitator for two weekly Elder Network Zoom groups: a grief support group for those whose caregiving has ended and a support group for current caregivers.

- A member of Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging director group
- Attended 24 hours of continuing education
- Nursing home visits as able--often hampered by illness at nursing home and home bound
- Grief visits when notified of death--visitation, phone calls or cards
- Always available by phone calls or other visits and support
- BP at church has declined as those who I regularly screen have moved on or are now have a self-unit at home--always available for questions--will send an article about this soon.

Looking ahead to 2026, I will plan to continue with the areas that are helpful to keep all up-to-date as possible (a lot of changes recently).
Always available as a consultant.

Best regards,

Rachel Boyum



Arendahl Women of the ELCA

The Arendahl Women of the ELCA meeting and Bible study will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:00 at El Barco Mexican Restaurant in Rushford.

The Bible study for March is found in Gather magazine: "Session one - Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us" (John 6, 8 and 15). This is the first of the three-part Spring 2026 series, "I AM: God's holy name and promise" by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson. It explores Jesus' "I AM" statements, focusing on how God sustains, nurtures, and abides with people.



GRACE WELCA - MARCH 2026

QUILTING

Wednesday, March 11 9:00AM

Wednesday, March 25 9:00AM

Everyone is welcome to join the Quilters group!

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 19 2:00PM

Installation of WELCA Officers

Devotions are from 1 John 5: 13-20.

Discussion will be are you confident that God hears your prayers? Why or why not?

Servers are Susie Norby and Val Hasleiet.

*Upcoming Event: Root River Conference at Cross of Christ, Houston MN
April 18th, 2026*

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



North Prairie WELCA Announcements for MARCH 2026

Sunday, March 22th: 9:30 am - WELCA meeting prior to worship, Ruth Circle, # 3 – devotions



STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2026:

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

PARAMENTS for Jan-Apr: Doreen Goodman, Sue Moen

BULLETIN BOARD for Jan-Apr: Dorcas Circle # 1

The 2026 Program yearbooks are available.

Contact President Diane if you have not received your copy.

Upcoming APRIL events for WELCA to include in your calendar!

Monday, April 6th – Good Shepherd Birthday Party, 1:30 pm Mission in Community, Charlene Eide – Program; Executive Board serves

Saturday, April 18th – Root River Conference Spring Gathering at Cross of Christ Lutheran, Houston

Sunday, April 26th – “25th 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 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 our “Women’s Ministry” work 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 - WELCA President Diane Drinkall:

507.459.1776 or dedrinkall@hotmail.com



CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT of Worship services, meetings or events will be posted on KTTC TV as “United Lutheran Parish” and also on Facebook pages: Grace Lutheran Church or North Prairie Lutheran Church.



If you are interested and would like to be included, contact your church president to be included on a “call” or “text” list for worship cancellation.



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 or leave a message at Grace (and Arendahl) Lutheran Church office – 507-875-2218 or
 Sheri Holtegaard at holte@acegroup.cc.

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



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:

Grains

Cereal (low sugar)
Pasta
Brown rice
Flour

Meat & protein

Dried beans & lentils
Tuna, ham & chicken
Peanut butter
Baked beans

Fruits & vegetables

Canned fruit (in fruit juice)
Canned vegetables
Spaghetti sauce
100% Fruit juice

Other items needed:

Diapers and wipes
Baby food

Laundry & dish detergent
Personal care items

Toilet paper

*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

<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>
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
	28-Joshua Thompson	31-Boone Moen	20-Chad Dahl
	31-Corey Mattson		22-Jack Charlebois
			23-Carter Rockvam
			24-Bob Peterson
			25-Doris Horsman
			25-Brian Kesler
			26-Alicia Hinckley
			27-Carson McCabe
			28-Alexis Gilbertson
			<i>Anniversaries</i>
			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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace</p> <p>10:30 am Worship at Arendahl</p> <p>1:00 pm Good Earth Village Annual Meeting, GEV Log Lodge, Spring Valley</p>	2	3	<p>4 7:00 pm ULP Mid-Week Lenten Worship at NP</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 Daylight Saving Begins 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:00-11:00 am PM SS 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie 11.30 am NP Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Bible Study at El Barco, Rushford</p>	<p>10 9:30 am Root River Clergy Conference at Central Lutheran, Winona</p>	<p>11 9:00 am Grace WELCA Quilting 7:00 pm ULP Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Arendahl</p>	12	13	<p>14 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Councils as Leaders, St Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin</p>
<p>15 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace</p> <p>10:30 am Worship at Arendahl</p>	16	<p>17 9:00 am Arendahl Women of the ELCA</p>	<p>18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 pm ULP Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Grace</p>	<p>19 2:00 pm Grace WELCA Meeting</p>	20	21
<p>22 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</p>	<p>23 5:30 pm Good Shepherd Foundation Annual Meeting at GHHN, 7:00 pm Operational Meeting: Rushford</p>	24	<p>25 9:00 am Grace WELCA Quilting 7:00 pm ULP Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Pilot Mound</p>	<p>26 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pastor Sarah’s “At Dusk” Zoom Book Club – The Late home comer (A Hmong Family Memoir), by Kao Kalia Yang</p>	27	28
<p>29 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl</p>	30	31	<p>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</p> 			

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