

THE MESSENGER

Arendahl | Grace | North Prairie | Pilot Mound

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.

09/25 - **MISS MORGAN'S
BOOK BRIGADE**, Janet
Skieslien Charles

10/23 - **Sharks in the Time of
Saviors**, Kawai Strong
Washburn

11/27 - **The Librarianist**,
Patrick deWitt

12/18 - **Next Year in Havana**,
Chanel Cleeton



LEFT TO RIGHT: SUSIE NORBY, KAREN THOMPSON,
KATHY HALLUM, AND PATTI DOMBROCK.

The Grace Lutheran Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America delivered fabulous blankets for those in need of warmth and comfort at Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, MN on August 19th. Upon arrival at Arendahl Lutheran on Sunday, two women, Bernice Gathje & Shari Boyum, were organizing the Lutheran World Relief School Kits to be sent to students in countries near and far away. The North Prairie women are always busy collecting for the local food shelf, and distributing their quilts to various missions. Pilot Mound Lutheran women always have their eyes on the local community witnessing care and love. Thank your to the women of United Lutheran Parish for witnessing the love of Jesus Christ locally and globally. Well done faithful servants of Christ! Pastor Sarah

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:** Laura Eide (wife of Gary Eide), Judy Graham, Wayne Haug, Emily Charlebois, Sandy Thompson, Karolyn Boyum, Michele Pelz, Val Haseleiet...
- **On Going Health Concerns:** Tom Haugstad, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Janine Lange...
- **Homebound:** Arlene Holtegaard
- **Assisted Living and Care Centers:** Marlow Boyum, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Sandy Thompson...
- **Our Military:** Tom Moen, Dustin Willcox (grandson of Bob & Ardis Willcox), Dakota Winkelman (nephew of Tom & Deb Haugstad) and their families.



North Prairie Lutheran Church

September 7

10:30 am

GATHERING OF FRIENDS “At the Well”

Bible Study. *As the Samaritan woman went to Jacob's well to draw water and Jesus said, “Give me a drink.” John 4:7* The two discuss thirst (physical and spiritual), relationships, and religion.

You are invited to Ferndale Country Club, Rushford, MN once a month as we gather to connect our personal story with God's story through Scripture. Come to be surprised, to laugh, and be spiritually fed. Invite a friend!

Monday, September 8th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See you there!



Robert Allen Haug, Dee Ann Cady, & Barb Holien were received into the arms of God's mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of saints in light the past months.

May 31, 2025 at North Prairie Lutheran, rural Lanesboro, MN
Robert Allen Haug: May 14, 1937 — January 1, 2025

August 23, 2025 at Hoff Funeral Home, Rushford, MN
Dee Ann Cady: May 22, 1953 — July 8, 2025

September 6, 2025 at Grace Lutheran, Peterson, MN
Barb Holien: December 20, 1942 — June 26, 2025

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 11:30 am
North Prairie Lutheran Church

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

President Paul Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:15 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 Allan Kingsbury. Keith Agrimson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor's report includes a monthly Bible study "Gathering at the Well", had services at Chosen Valley Assisted Living/Nursing Home and Good Shepherd Nursing Home, had "Affirmation of Baptism" for Addison McCabe and Dominic Davidson, baptisms for Declan Winslow at Pilot Mound and Jack Vitse at North Prairie, and participated with Good Earth Village VBS at NP. Pastor officiated three weddings – May 28th for Payton Guenther and Nikkole Minter at Pilot Mound, June 7th for Mike Graham and Jennifer Scheck at the home of Judy Graham, and July 19th for Natasha Lawsteun (PM) and Nathan Winslow at North Prairie. Funerals for Ted Olson (NP), Luella Brown (NP), George Graham (G) and Robert Haug (former NP) were held. Pastor also attended the SE MN Synod Assembly in May. Confirmation Education will start later in September.

Pastor will be on out of town from August 27th to September 3rd. Pastor Chis Miller will be officiating for worship on August 31st, 4-pt service at 9:00 am in Peterson will be held at the pavilion next to the football field.

First order of business was to review the scheduled events for the next three months. There were no additions or corrections to the schedule.

A brief discussion regarding the newsletter – how many printed copies are actually needed/picked up at the churches and how many are actually mailed (and paid for by each church). We also discussed what should be included in the newsletter.

Our last item discussed was for a 4-pt service honoring Pastor Sarah's 25th Ordination Anniversary and 10 years here at United Lutheran Parish. The joint 10:30 am service will be Sunday, September 21st, held at NP Pavilion (weather permitting) with a potluck lunch (cake provided) to follow.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th at Arendahl, 11:30 following worship.

President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Drinkall, Council Secretary

Please join us in celebrating

**Pastor Sarah's
25th ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY**

**And her 10 years here at
United Lutheran Parish**

**Sunday, September 21st, 10:30 am
ULP 4-pt worship service and special music
at
North Prairie Pavilion (weather permitting).**

**Bring a dish to pass.
Beverages and Cake will be provided.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS WITH RALLY SUNDAY ON:



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

North Prairie/Arendahl -- September 7th

Pilot Mound -- October 5th

Grace -- October 12th

Sunday School will meet every other Sunday when services at North Prairie and Grace following the children's message and at 10:00am when worship services are at Pilot Mound.

"Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5

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!

NOTICE TO: ARENDAHL LUTHERAN & GRACE LUTHERAN members



Cemetery Dues

Cemetery Dues are to be submitted in the month of September.

Please bring to church or mail to your church's treasurer:

Arendahl: Dave Holger

32253 381st Ave

Peterson, MN 55962

Grace: Allan Kingsbury

39248 State Hwy 16,

Peterson, MN 55962



Arendahl Women of the ELCA

The Arendahl Women of the ELCA meeting will be Tuesday, September 16 at 9:00 at church.



The Bible study for September is session one - "Money: What do we treasure?" in the Gather magazine.



Arendahl Lutheran cleans up after storm damage

Thanks to Jo Anne, Keith, Paul, Kevin, Dave, and Nate Whitacre for cleanup of the church cemetery and church grounds after the storm. Also, thanks to Jerad and Dustin Brand for the removal of the wood. And thanks to Todd Fox who cleaned up as much as he could at the cemetery the day after the storm. There were 2 trees down at the church and two trees down at the cemetery.



Arendahl WELCA's Women's Shelter Support

Bernice Gathje received a \$250 Thrivent card to purchase items for the Southeast Minnesota Women's Shelter. Along with another donation from the Arendahl WELCA, she and Shari Boyum purchased items on the "wish list" to support the women and children in our area in need.

Anyone wishing to contribute any items listed below can contact Jo Anne Agrimson at 507-875-2839 to find a place for drop-off or pick-up. Jo Anne will be bringing the items to one of the shelter workers the week of September 15.

You can find a full list of items needed here: <https://www.womens-shelter.org/donate-goods>, but a partial list is below. Please note that items need to be NEW.

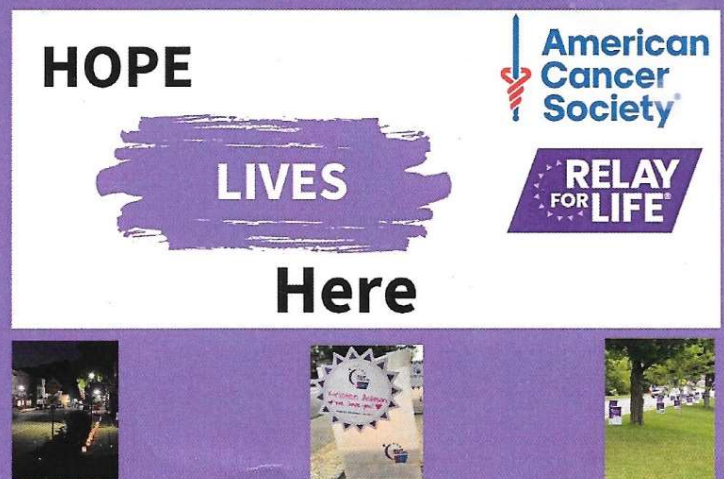
- Journals
- bath towels (new)
- twin sheet sets (new)
- toiletries (full-sized shampoo, conditioner, soaps, razors, deodorant)
- non-perishable food/snacks (individual packets of potato chips, granola bars, fruit bars, pretzel bits, raisins, fruit packets, animal crackers, microwave popcorn, etc.)
- baby monitors
- baby wipes
- paper products (toilet paper, napkins, tissues)
- pillows (new)
- pull-ups sizes 3-4T and 5-6T
- women's pj's, all sizes
- pots and pans (new)
- kitchen utensils (spatulas, whisks, wooden spoons, measuring cups/spoons, peelers, graters, cutting boards, knife sets, ladles, can openers, kitchen scissors, baking sheets, pot holders)
- small appliances (coffee pots, mixers, can openers, etc.)

Relay For Life of Fillmore County

Join us for this fundraising event:

- Saturday, Sept. 13th 2025
- Survivor Tea 3-4pm VFW
- Meal 5-7pm Community Center
- Opening Ceremony 6pm
- Silent Auction 4-8pm
- Event closing 10pm

Any questions please contact:
Rick Jeddeloh 507.420.4899



North Prairie WELCA Announcements for SEPTEMBER, 2025

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.



SEPTEMBER --Wednesday, **Sept 10th** – 9:00 am (potluck)

OCTOBER--Wednesday, **Oct 8th** – 9:00 am (potluck)

STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2025:

- Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) Quilting Days; months of July – November
- School Kits (LWR) Collection thru September 28th

PARAMENTS for Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: Lynne Clarke, Eileen Koljord

BULLETIN BOARD for Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: Circle # 2 - Priscilla



Quilts and school kits will be boxed for shipment to LWR
October 6th - 8th.

Upcoming events for WELCA include:

Sept 10th -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

Sept 28th – Sun, School Kits collection due

Oct 8th -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

October 11th – Sat, LWR (Quilts/School Kits) Drop Off, 7 am – 11 am,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, LaCrosse

Please add these dates to your calendar. Your participation is 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 2025. 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

Preston Historical Society Tractor Ride



12th ANNUAL BLUFF COUNTRY TRACTOR RIDE

Sponsored by Preston Historical Society (a 501c3 organization)

**A 2-day Scenic Round-About Tractor Ride
Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14,
2025**

Annual Autumn Tractor Ride

Each year the Preston Historical Society sponsors this tractor ride that is held the 2nd weekend after Labor Day in September.

The Tractors and their riders will be stopping at North Prairie on **Sunday afternoon, September 14th, at approximate 1:00 pm** on their journey back to Preston. They will be stopping for a break at the pavilion for beverages and snacks (providing their own). Let's come and enjoy looking at "old and new" tractors and conversation with those participating in their annual Autumn Tractor Ride.



All ten towns along the Root River & Harmony-Preston Valley State Bike Trails are teaming up to put on a garage sale that is over 60 miles along! Each town will have a listing on google maps of all of the houses and businesses that will be having garage and sidewalk sales. Make sure to stop and try our unique restaurants or stores along your way!
All Day Sep 12 - 13 2025

Participating towns include: Harmony, Preston, Fountain, Lanesboro, Whalen, Peterson, Rushford, Rushford Village, Houston and Chatfield.

GRACE WELCA - SEPTEMBER 2025

QUILTING

Wednesday, September 10th 9:00AM

Wednesday, September 24th 9:00AM

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, September 18th

Welca Honor Day is September 18th.

We will be going to Signatures in Winona. Meet at the church to carpool. Time to be determined

ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, September 28th

4:00PM-7:00PM

Please invite your family and friends to this event!

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



ANNUAL MEATBALL SUPPER

Grace Lutheran Church



Sunday, September 28th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (or until gone)

Meatballs (old fashioned style)

Real Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Cole Slaw, Glazed Carrots, Pickles

Lefse, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Milk

Adults \$13 Youth Age 6-12 \$6 5 & under – Free

Dine-in or Carry-outs available

Free Delivery in Peterson – call 507-875-2218

Grace Lutheran Church 365 Park Street Peterson, MN

Air Conditioned & Accessible to all

2025

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 – continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

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

Items need to be at the churches by SUNDAY, September 28th for packing in boxes.

Box drop off will be Saturday, October 11th, 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 ½" 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.

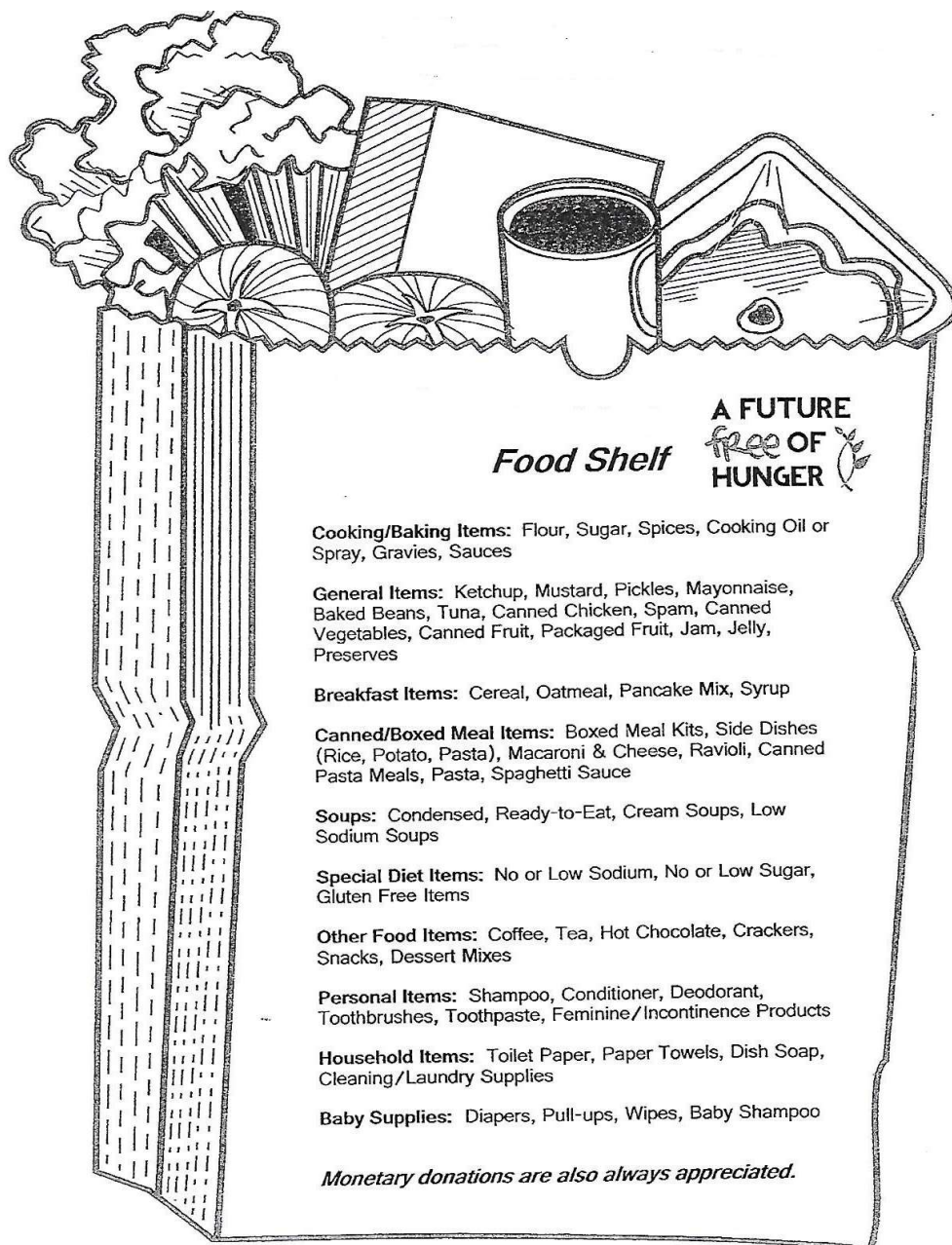
Your gift of time and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES

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.

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 a local food shelf where you live). NP WELCA





UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

ARENDAHL***Birthdays***

14-Kelsi Goldsmith
 15-Donna Aarsvold
 16-Kaci Goldsmith
 22-Kari Goldsmith

Anniversaries

01-Allen & Donna Aarsvold
 10-Chris & Kari Goldsmith

GRACE***Birthdays***

02-Edna Gravos
 07-Zach Miner
 08-Roger Malmin
 08-Thomas Dietel
 13-Dani Gorder
 14-Bruce Benson
 14-Brett Bergan
 14-Trey Norby
 15-David Grimes
 15-Dennis Gravos
 16-Jon Wiley
 18-Carol Paulson
 19-Jordy Graham
 21-Wayne Malmin
 26-LaPacha Carter
 27-Wayne Hasleiet
 30-Kathy Hllum

Anniversaries

04-Keith & Joanne Pederson
 05-Jordy & Noelle Graham
 20-Paul & Lorraine Benson
 20-Brad & Kim Thompson
 24-Brett & Brenda Bergan
 24-Brad & Dani Gorder

NORTH PRAIRIE***Birthdays***

03-Hannah Bain
 03-Kasey Brown
 04-Bodie Mayer
 04-Nathan Olson
 06-Keith Highum
 06-Lynnette Johnson
 06-Chad Eide
 09-Wayne Haug
 09-Sherry Kingsbury
 10-Lynne Clarke
 11-Alyssa Moger
 14-Josie Brown
 15-Kole Ruud
 16-Olivia Mosdal
 19-Madysyn Himle
 22-Zachery Vick
 24-Kaelyn Holtegaard
 25-Lowell Holtegaard
 28-Kail Honsey
 28-Devin Kruger
 28-Karsyn Holtegaard

Anniversaries

09-Harvey Jr. & Anita Bue
 12-Zachery & Anna Vick
 15-Gary & Laura Eide
 17-Matthew & Olivia Holtegaard
 19-David & Tessa Holtegaard
 20-Jacob & Lindsay Vitse
 21-Jacob & Maggie Remmey
 26-Jeremy & Donna Johnson
 27-Lowell & Sheri Holtegaard

PILOT MOUND***Birthdays***


03-Ruth Weatherly
 04-Lucas B ergo
 08-Cherie Stevens
 09-Kylie Davidson
 19-Trayton McCabe
 21-Zeke B ergo
 21-Steven Erickson
 29-Jacob McCabe

Anniversaries

03-Casey & Shannon Goddard
 10-Brian & Crystal Kesler
 13-Eric & Jessica Thompson
 14-Josh & Amanda Stevens
 21-Brad & Heather Luehmann
 26-Joe & Amanda McCabe
 28-Save & Deb Erickson
 28-Bob & Jill Peterson

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

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Rally Sunday 9:00 am - Worship at Pilot Mound 10:30 am - Worship and SS at North Prairie 11.30 am - NP Council Meeting	8 10:00 am - 11:00 am "At the Well" Bible Study, Ferndale CC	9 9:30 am -12:00 pm - Root River Clergy Conference at Root Prairie Lutheran Church	10 9:00 am Grace Quilting 9:00 am NP Quilting, potluck	11 Patriot Day	12 60 mile Garage Sale, RR Trail Towns	13 60 mile Garage Sale, RR Trail Towns
14 9:00 am - Worship at Grace 10:30 am - Worship at Arendahl Preston Historical Society Tractor Ride stops at North Prairie Lutheran Church	15	16 9:00 am Arendahl WELCA Bible Study and Meeting at Arendahl	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 Grace WELCA Honor Day Outing 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - SEMN Synod Power & Boundaries Workshop	19	20
21 10:30 am - 4-PT Worship at North Prairie Pavilion Pastor Sarah's 25th Ordination Anniversary!	22	23 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - SEMN Synod Annual New to the Synod Rostered Leaders, Northfield, MN	24 9:00 am Grace Quilting	25 7:00 pm - Pastor Sarah's "At Dusk" Zoom Book Club, 'Miss Morgan's Book Brigade', Janet Skeslien Charles	26	27
28 9:00 am - Worship at Grace 10:30 am - Worship at Arendahl Drop Off – LWR School Kits deadline for delivery at churches 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Grace Meatball Supper	29	30	 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			

THE MESSENGER NEWSLETTER

Arendahl-Grace-North Prairie-Pilot Mound

United Lutheran Parish

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The word "September" is written in a playful, bubbly font. Each letter is a different color: S (blue), e (red), p (yellow), t (blue), e (red), m (yellow), b (blue), e (red), r (yellow), and (red). The letters have thick black outlines and small black dots around them, giving it a hand-drawn, festive appearance.