

# 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

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



Two Senior graduates that were not listed in last month's newsletter:

**Brynn Horsman (Chatfield High School), Pilot Mound Lutheran Church**

**&**

**Colten Jenkins (Rushford-Peterson High School), Grace Lutheran Church**

**Congratulations to both of you!**



**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, Emily Charlebois, Karolyn Boyum, Sandy Thompson, Shirley Helgemoe, Roger Hegland, Wanda Gathje (Bernice Gathje's niece), Kevin Eide, Angela Lowrie (Annette Skrurud's niece), Virgil Hogie, Robert Holien, Trudy Dahle Egger,...

- On Going Health Concerns: Tom Haugstad, Jess Arnold, Dean McConochie (lives in Rochester),...
- Homebound: Arlene Holtegaard, Irene Hatleviq...
- Assisted Living and Care Centers: Arlene Jensen, Sandy Thompson, Carol Paulson, Virgil Hogie, Mary Ann Molstein Haman, Robert Holien, Dennis Gravos...
- 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.

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH  
Sunday, May 3, 2026 11:30 am  
North Prairie Lutheran Church

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

President Tim Hallum called the meeting to order at 11:35 am.

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

There were no comments regarding the treasurer's reports. Motion to approve was made by Paul Boyum and seconded by Brad Gorder. Motion passed.

Pastor Sarah shared her pastoral acts during the past three months. There were four funerals during this time for Marlow Boyum (A), Twilah Brown (NP), Taylor Horsman (PM), and Brandon Benson (G). Affirmation of Baptism for Stella Charlebois and Aubrey Thompson (PM) and Evan Kingsbury and Joshua Thompson (G) were celebrated along with First Communion for Evelyn Hall and Zoey Dessner (G) during the past month and Ciara Erickson (PM) on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two baptisms were held at NP on March 29<sup>th</sup> for Haiden Kruger and Tiffany Kruger.

Pastor Sarah was busy with Lenten worship services and Easter services since our last ULP quarterly meeting. She was also busy with Good Shepherd worship services and home visits. She also attended Conference Dean meetings, monthly Bible Study, Book Club, and participated in the monthly Root River Clergy Conference meetings.

Our graduating high school seniors this year are: Cambria Bauer, Treyten Hegland, Colten Jenkins, Johanna Kahoun from Grace, Boone Moen from North Prairie, and Brynn Horsman from Pilot Mound.

Our church calendar was reviewed for the next three months with no changes.

There was no other business.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at North Prairie.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kari Goldsmith and seconded by Brad Gorder. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, ULP Secretary



## Arendahl Women of the ELCA

The Arendahl Women of the ELCA meeting and Bible study will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00 at El Barco Mexican Restaurant in Rushford.

The Bible study for June is found on page 32 of the Gather magazine: "I am created in God's image." This is session one of the "I am worthy" series by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. This three-part Bible study will help 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.



All women of Arendahl, past and present, are invited to our summer gathering on Tuesday, June 30, at 11:30 for lunch at Signatures Restaurant & The Grill, 22852 County Rd 17, Winona MN. What an opportunity for fellowship this will be plus an opportunity for other activities in Winona after lunch.

Photo: (from left) Jo Anne Agrimson, Shari Boyum, Bernice Gathje, Donna Aarsvold, Willa Holger, and Bertha Boyum



(Not pictured) Karolyn Boyum, Rachel Boyum, Gail Barnard-Boyum, and Laurie Feine.

Beautiful flowers and plants filled the front of Arendahl Lutheran Church at the service on Mother's Day, May 10. This feast for the eyes was provided by the Arendahl Women of the ELCA Bible study group in memory of their mothers and in honor of all the women of Arendahl, past and present.

## North Prairie WELCA Announcements for JUNE, 2026

### STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2026:

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



PARAMENTS for May-Aug: Gayle Burdick, Kari Hanson

BULLETIN BOARD for May-Aug: Priscilla Circle # 2

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

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### **Upcoming events for WELCA to include in your calendar!**

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am Quilting Day (potluck)..... ALL WELCOME

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am Quilting Day (potluck)..... ALL WELCOME

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 9:30 am WELCA Meeting prior to worship;

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Starting in July we have quilting days monthly thru November. Our first one will be on **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am with noon potluck.** This is open to ANYONE who wants it join us – maybe you want to learn a new skill. **Join us** – working together to serve those in need. We also enjoy great conversation and good food.

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YOUR participation makes for a great opportunity to volunteer and support the work of our Women of the ELCA at North Prairie.

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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](mailto:dedrinkall@hotmail.com)

# GRACE WELCA - JUNE 2026

## QUILTING

Wednesday, June 10 9:00AM

Wednesday, June 24 9:00AM

## NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JUNE

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 16th.

Our servers will be Kathy Hallum and Lucy Benson.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

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

**Saturday, June 27th 10:00am – 3:00pm**

*~ We will be serving hot turkey sandwiches, chips, bars, and some Norwegian treats in the church basement.  
Hope you can join us!*



Next month's newsletter "The Messenger" will be a combined JULY-AUGUST issue. Please have your newsletter items turned into:

[unitedlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:unitedlutheran@yahoo.com) by June 17<sup>th</sup>.



“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 reach your goals throughout the coming years. When you see one of our ULP seniors, “CONGRATULATE” them on a job well done.



**Cambria Bauer**

Rushford-Peterson High School

**Grace**

Brian and Rhonda Bauer



**Treyten Hegland**

Rushford-Peterson High School

**Grace**

Donnie and Stephanie Hegland



**Brynn Horsman**  
Chatfield High School  
**Pilot Mound**  
Brett and Beth  
Horsman

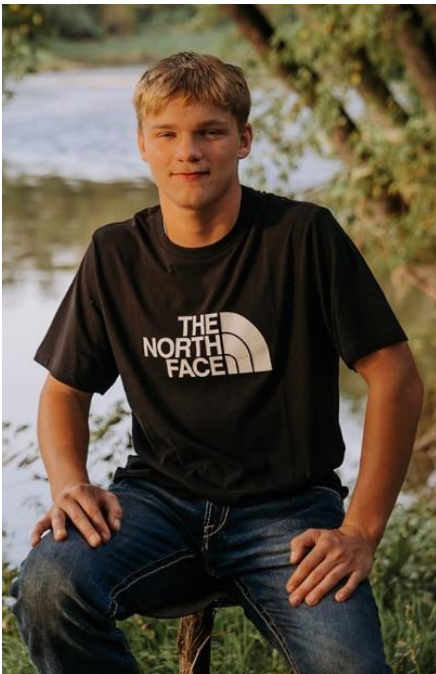
**Johanna Kahoun**  
Stewartville High  
School  
**Grace**

John and Jenny Kahoun



**Colten Jenkins**  
Rushford-Peterson High School  
**Grace**

A.J. and Wendy Jenkins



**Boone Moen**

Lanesboro High School and  
Full-time post-secondary student  
at Minnesota State College, Winona

**North Prairie**  
Merv and Sue Moen



**Fathers** are wonderful people  
Too little understood,  
And we do not sing their **praises**  
As often as we should...  
But **FATHERS** are just wonderful  
In a million different ways,  
And they merit loving **compliments**  
And accolade of praise,  
For the only reason Dad aspires  
To **fortune** and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**  
And like our Heavenly Father,  
He's a **guardian** and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
To be **always** on our side.

*Happy Fathers Day*

# RUSHFORD, MN CELEBRATE

# 250

## CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES

# JULY 3, 2026

### FLAG DISPLAY - FIREWORKS SHOW

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. This document rejected the authority of Great Britain over the colonies forming the United States and declared the colonies to be self-governing and free from any foreign authority. The United States as we know it today is the result of the monumental statement and is what we are celebrating on July 3, 2026.

### Now accepting donations to help fund this special event!

*The initiative aims to fund 250 American Flags and a "Kickoff the Fourth" Fireworks Show. Individuals or groups can contribute by sponsoring one or more flags at \$25 each. Flags will be displayed during the event.*

To donate online, scan QR code or visit:  
[godonate.akoyago.com/smifoundation/fund/rushford-general-fund](http://godonate.akoyago.com/smifoundation/fund/rushford-general-fund)

Checks payable to Rushford Community Foundation can be sent to:  
**Rushford Community Foundation, PO Box 671, Rushford, MN 55971**

*Please list "Celebrate 250" in the check memo line/website dedication line*



**RUSHFORD  
AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 94**



Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly 2026



# BAPTIZED IN muddy waters



### Synod Nomination Results:

- 1x Synod Secretary
- 4x Synod Council lay people
- 5x Synod Council Rostered Ministers
- 1x Synod Council young adult
- 2x Synod Council youth
- 1x Augsburg University Corporation Board

**14 positions filled!**

### Baptism Discussion:

All were invited to share in conversation with others about the following:

- What do you know about your own baptism?
- Talk about a baptism you have witnessed that had an impact on you.
- What images come to mind when you think of baptism?

### Other Business:

- The **spending plan** for 2027-28 was approved.
- **Amendments** to the synod constitution were approved.
- **Reports** were received from Bishop Hassanally, Vice President Lisa Dierks, Synod Treasurer Tammy Dahlvang, Synod Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, ELCA Churchwide representative Rev. Barbara Lund, and others.
- Find the spending plan, photos, video messages, and more online.



Bishop Hassanally, Secretary Rev. Josh Enderson, Vice President Lisa Dierks, Parliamentarian Dave Borka

**Guest Speaker:**  
Dr. Michael Chan

### Total Attendees:

- 194 Lay voting members
- 127 Pastor voting members
- +5 Deacon voting members
- 326 Total Voting Members**
- 5 Voice Without Vote
- 19 Visitors and Guests
- +12 Volunteers

**362 People!**

**Actual Offering Received:**  
**\$17,539+**

*Supporting what the Holy Spirit is doing through the synod's campus ministries and candidacy process, and International Women Leaders of the ELCA. (As of 5/2/26.)*



[SEMNSynod.org/Assembly](http://SEMNSynod.org/Assembly)

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES

### PEOPLE EAT YEAR ROUND

Donate to your local  
food shelf today!

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.

**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**

### FOOD BANK WISH LIST

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

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Applesauce                      | Granola bars            |
| Canned beans                    | Instant mashed potatoes |
| Canned chicken                  | Meals in a box          |
| Canned fish (tuna and salmon)   | Nuts                    |
| Canned meat (SPAM and ham)      | Pasta                   |
| Canned vegetables               | Peanut butter           |
| Cooking oils (olive and canola) | Rice                    |
| Crackers                        | Shelf-stable milk       |
| Dried herbs and spices          | Soup, stew and chili    |
| Fruit (canned or dried)         | Whole grain cereal      |



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  
13-Courtney Mattson  
20-Dan Mattson  
21-Brenda Bergan  
25-John Kahoun  
25-Trey Olson

27-Scott Boyum

***Anniversaries***

04-David & Tammy Hallum  
07-Mike & Jennifer Graham  
  
18-Duane & Mary Miner  
19-Brian & Rhonda Bauer  
19-Ardell & Andrea Lee  
21-Andy & Theresa  
Pederson

**NORTH PRAIRIE**

***Birthdays***

03-Bethany Kronebusch  
05-Ben Johnson  
09-Josh Albrechtson  
09-Keith Eide  
12-Daniel Hatlevig  
13-Cora Mayer  
18-Jack Vitse  
21-Shannon Goodman  
22-Madilynn Honsey  
25-Jaden Dahl  
26-Donald Eide

28-Daniel C. Gordon

29-Riley Lorenz

30-Benjamin Lawstuen

***Anniversaries***

06-Derek & Sarah  
Holtegaard  
08-Merv & Sue Moen  
09-Keith & Anita Brown  
  
11-Jeff & Tammy Brown  
25-Jacob & Bethany  
Kronebusch  
26-Joel & Doreen Goodman  
27-Ron & Tina Mayer  
29-Timothy & Kimberly  
Wilde

**PILOT MOUND**

***Birthdays***

04-Avrianna 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

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 & Cheri 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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 9:00 am Worship at Grace  10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	8	9	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Grace Quilting	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound  10:30 am Worship at North Prairie  11.30 am NP Council Meeting	15	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Arendahl Women of the ELCA Bible Study and Meeting at El Barco Mexican Restaurant	<b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline for July/August Issue	18	19	20
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<b>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</b>						

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