

# THE MESSENGER

Arendahl | Grace | North Prairie | Pilot Mound

**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:** Marlo Boyum, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Tom Haugstad, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Nancey Gathje, Emily Charlebois, Janine Lange, Jesse Arnold, Ardis Willcox, Michelle Pelyz, Linda Kingsbury, Jim Rislove...
- **On Going Health Concerns:** Tom Haugstad.
- **Homebound:** Arlene Holtegaard...
- **Assisted Living and Care Centers:** Barb Holien, Marlow Boyum, Ruth Black, Harold and Arlene Jensen.
- **Our Military:** Tom Moen, Dustin Willcox (grandson of Bob & Ardis Willcox), Dakota Winkelman (nephew of Tom & Deb Haugstad) and their families.



L - R: Diane Drinkall, Lois Ulrich, Irene Hatlevig, and Eileen Koljord.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The picture above was taken while visiting Lois Ulrich in Caledonia, MN. She was so happy to see her "friends from North Prairie Lutheran Church". Her heart was filled with genuine appreciation for those visiting. In this December Newsletter you will discover so many smiles amongst the young and the elderly.

Smiles are an expression of joy in the very depths of one's soul. During this Advent season I invite you to gift someone with your smile showing your appreciation for the other. Smiles are contagious! Let your smile shine forth for all the world to see.

You are invited to our Sunday School Christmas Programs listed on the December calendar. Entrance Fee: A smile per person.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Sarah

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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](mailto:sarahjwalkerbrown@gmail.com)  
and I will email you the  
ZOOM link.

**The 2024 Reading List**

- 01/25 - LESSONS IN  
CHEMISTRY, Bonnie Grams
- 02/22 - The Thursday MURDER  
Club, Richard Osman
- 03/21 - The Book of Goose, a  
novel, Yiyun Li
- 04/25 - DEMON  
COPPERHEAD, BARBARA  
KINGSOLVER
- 5/23 - Killers of the Flower Moon,  
David Grann
- 06/27 - Solito; A Memoir by Javier  
Zamora
- 07/25 - THE SEVEN SISTERS,  
LUCINDA RILEY
- 08/22 - The COMFORT of  
CROWS: A Backyard Year,  
Margaret Renal
- 09/26 - The Dutch House, Ann  
Patchett
- 10/24 - On Earth We're Briefly  
Gorgeous, Ocean Vuong
- 11/21 - The Sentence, Louise  
Erdrich
- 12/26 - LAND OF MILK AND  
HONEY, C Pam Zhang



Beverly Klinski was received into the arms of God's mercy, into the  
blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of  
saints in light.

August 5, 1940 - October 21, 2023

Grace Lutheran Church



Left: **Judy Graham**

Middle: **Claire Gorder**

Right: **Reese Gorder**

**Rain, sleet, snow, or  
cold does not keep  
the Grace people  
away. The trickier  
treaters came and  
went away with many  
treats. Brrr...it was  
cold.**

**TRUNK and TREAT at  
Grace Lutheran Church,  
October 31**





**BIBLE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5th**  
**PILOT MOUND SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**BOTTOM LEFT: Timothy Goddard, Jaxon**  
**McCabe, Raelyn Borst**  
**TOP LEFT: Dominick Davidson and Ethan**  
**Thompson**

**Picture Below:**

**Sunday School children with smiles as they**  
**gather for the Children's Message.**



Members present: Pastor Sarah; Paul Boyum, Keith Agrimson, Dana Knudsen, (A); Doris Horsman, Sonia McCabe, (PM); Brad Gorder, (G); Anita Brown, Diane Drinkall, (NP). Absent: Allan Kingsbury, LeRoy Johnson, Steve Erickson, Brent Olson.

President Paul Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Pastor Sarah recited a reading.

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

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

There was no Parish Nurse report today.

Pastor Sarah gave her report. There was one baptism at North Prairie on August 27 for Amelia Aletta Hanson.

Pastor Sarah officiated for funerals:

August 22, 2023 at North Prairie Lutheran Cemetery, rural Lanesboro, MN David Eugene Olson:  
May 6, 1935 - August 15, 2023

August 30, 2023 at Hoff Funeral Home, Rushford, MN James Ranzenberger:  
June 30, 1953 - August 19, 2023

October 16, 2023 at North Prairie Lutheran Church, rural Lanesboro, MN Lyle Stanley Bremmer:  
September 28, 1931 - October 12, 2023

October 19, 2023 at Pilot Mound Lutheran, rural Chatfield, MN O'Donna Haugstad:  
October 13, 1928 — October 14, 2023

October 28, 2023 at Highland Prairie Church, Peterson, MN Virginia Mae Westby:  
December 8, 1918 — September 30, 2023

October 30, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church, Peterson, MN Beverly Klinski:  
August 5, 1940 - October 21, 2023

Pastor will be attending a "Mental Health First Aid Class" in December put on by Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Pastor Sarah has been attending zoom meetings with the SE MN Synod. There are 9 members attending the Zoom Confirmation classes weekly. Pastor is doing worship services at Good Shepherd and Chosen Valley Care Center and Assisted Living and visiting several ULP members. Anita Brown shared her sadness that some of the former Sunday school families have made a choice to leave the church due to elements of the ELCA transgender topic. Anita will formulate a draft policy statement for the ULP Council regarding the transgender topic.

The calendar for the remainder of the year was reviewed. There will not be a Thanksgiving service on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Pilot Mound Sunday School program and December 17<sup>th</sup> will be North Prairie/Arendahl Sunday School program as part of morning worship services. Grace Sunday School program to be determined. Arendahl Christmas will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve will be 10:30 am worship at Arendahl, 4:00 pm worship at Grace and 5:30 pm worship at Pilot Mound. There will be no service on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be one ULP 4-pt worship at 10:30 am at North Prairie.

The 2024 calendar was given to each council member to review.

December 2023

Our last order of business was salary review for Pastor Sarah. Allan Kingsbury submitted what the approximate salary costs would be per month for a 3, 4, or 5 percent increases (effective January 2024) for each congregation. Pastor Sarah left the meeting. After discussions, a motion by Keith Agrimson to give a 3% increase was made. Brad Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no other business.

The next meeting with 'election of officers' is scheduled for Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, following worship at Arendahl.

President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary



Next month's newsletter "The Messenger" will be a combined January-February issue. Please have your newsletter items turned into: [unitedlutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:unitedlutheran@yahoo.com) by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Congregations



### 2024 Annual Meetings

following worship services:

Arendahl – Sunday, January 14

Pilot Mound – Sunday, January 21

Grace -- Sunday, January 28

North Prairie – Sunday, January 28

Please have your annual reports submitted to the secretaries as soon as possible!



### ELCA Good Gifts 2023

HWY 30 is once again offering opportunities to give the gift of helping others this holiday season. Ornaments and Christmas cards will be available free of charge at both Arendahl and North Prairie churches. There are many free catalogs also, so feel free to browse for specific gifts that touch your heart!

For several years, our congregations have raised over \$1,000 by choosing to purchase chicks, goats, backpacks, school uniforms, seeds & gardening tools and many other specific gifts!

Catalogs will be available at both churches during services in December. The Sunday school program's special offering will go toward Good Gifts as well.

Special "Good Gift" envelopes will be available if you wish to use them to put in the offering plate each Sunday. If you would rather give your donation to Jo Anne or any member of HWY 30, feel free to do so.

If you would rather contribute directly or find more information about ELCA's Good Gifts program, you may go to <https://goodgifts.elca.org> or simply send a check made out to ELCA Good Gifts to ELCA Gifts Processing Center P. O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

This mission is dear to our hearts. Thank you for making it part of your mission!

Jo Anne Agrimson & HWY 30



**PILOT MOUND SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3 at 9:00 AM

**GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 at 9:00 AM

**ARENDAHL/NORTH PRAIRIE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 at 10:30 AM  
AT NORTH PRAIRIE

## North Prairie WELCA Announcements for DECEMBER, 2023

\*Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1- 4 pm

Drop off and pack items for Holiday Bake Sale; "Pre-Bake Sale pick-up, 2-4pm

\*Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 33rd Annual HOLIDAY

at Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford --- 10 am – 4 pm

\*Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – (NOTE CHANGES) 9:00

WELCA Meeting at ARENDAHL prior to worship, Historian Report; Priscilla Circle # 2 - Devotions

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STEWARDSHIP GOALS:

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

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

BULLETIN BOARD for Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: Circle # 3

BOOKS CLOSE – DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> ..... If you haven't been able to participate in WELCA during the year, please consider giving a donation in support of our "Women's Ministry". Donations can be sent to North Prairie Lutheran Church, or given to Gayle Burdick, WELCA Treasurer or Diane Drinkall, WELCA President

### **Upcoming events for WELCA include:**



**December 7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** Drop off your bake sale items at church between 1-4 pm. (Contact Diane if the scheduled drop off time is not convenient for you, we will figure a different time). Pre-Orders will be ready for pickup from 2 – 4 pm.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> (FRIDAY):** Holiday Bake Sale fundraiser at Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (or gone)

**December 10<sup>th</sup> (SUNDAY):** 9:00 am NP WELCA Annual Meeting

**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.

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**EVERYONE is encouraged to participate by providing bake sale items and/or working at the bake sale event.** If you have questions and/or can help, contact President Diane at 507-875-2339 or [dedrinkall@hotmail.com](mailto:dedrinkall@hotmail.com).



## **“Pre-Order” CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

**NORTH PRAIRIE WELCA** will be taking orders for your holiday entertaining and enjoyment. We are taking orders for:

**Rommegrot, Sweet Soup,  
Krumkaka, Rosettes and Sandbakkelsers**

**ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY calling: 507.875.2339  
by Friday, December 1st, 2023**

Orders will be available for  
**PICKUP on Thursday, December 7th** from 2:00-4:00 pm  
at North Prairie Lutheran Church, 35957 State Hwy 30, Lanesboro, MN.

**ULP members are welcome to come Thursday  
and purchase items. Pre-orders for  
Norwegian items preferred.**



**2023 – 33rd Annual HOLIDAY**

# ***BAKE SALE***

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm (or gone)**

**Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

Lefse --- Flatbread  
Sweet Soup --- Rommegrot



Sandbakkelsers  
Rosettes - Krumkaka



Decorated Christmas and  
Holiday Cookies



**\*\*Plus other baked goods  
and candies**

**Sponsored by North Prairie Lutheran Church Women  
for ELCA's local charities**

# GRACE WELCA – DECEMBER 2023

## WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 3 2:00PM

Please bring a gift to exchange (ten dollar limit). Lunch will be served and we will have a short business meeting. Games will be played, including Christmas Bingo! We hope to see you there. If you need a ride to this event please give Val Hasleiet a call, her number is in the Welca booklet or church directory.

## NO QUILTING IN DECEMBER

## NO MONTHLY MEETING



December 9th is “Christmas in Peterson” and Welca will be serving Hot Turkey sandwiches and Christmas treats at the church from 10 to 3. We need workers and baked goods. If you can work a 3 hour shift or provide some baked treats please let Susie or Val know.

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

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA**





**Join us from 10-4 for a day  
filled with Holiday Activities  
for Kids and Families**

**Scandinavian Treats · Shopping · Santa  
Meatball Dinner · Hayrides  
and much more**



**CHRISTMAS IN PETERSON . ORG**

## Lanesboro Community Choir supports the Fillmore County Food Shelf

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**Photo** (left to right): Lynn Susag (Sons of Norway), Laura Grebin (Fillmore County Food Shelf Manager), Julie Kiehne (Bethlehem Lutheran Church)

The Lanesboro Community Choir presented a Christian Cantata called *He Lived the Good Life!* on Saturday Nov. 18 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and Sunday Nov. 19 at the Sons of Norway Hall, Lanesboro. A total of 152 people attended and a free will offering of \$667 was donated to the Fillmore County Food Shelf whose mission is “to empower and advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources.” Food Shelf Manager, Laura Grebin said, “Regional outreach and support is critical to our service to the community. We’re so grateful for the support of amazing donors like the Lanesboro Community Choir! This donation will help us purchase meat and dairy products that are very much needed.”

The Lanesboro Community Choir was composed of 36 regional members with a common goal to share the story of Jesus through music. Our collective music was our way to express our shared thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior while fostering a sense of community and worship.

**Submitted by:** Julie Kiehne  
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## 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.



Applesauce  
Canned beans  
Canned chicken  
Canned fish (tuna and salmon)  
Canned meat (SPAM and ham)  
Canned vegetables

Cooking oils (olive and canola)  
Crackers  
Dried herbs and spices  
Fruit (canned or dried)  
Granola bars  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Meals in a box

Nuts  
Pasta  
Peanut butter  
Rice  
Shelf-stable milk  
Soup, stew and chili  
Whole grain cereal



## UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

### Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

#### **ARENDAHL**

##### ***Birthdays***

01-Jessica Boyum  
02-Shari Boyum  
06-Rachel Boyum  
07-Jay Morrison  
16-Megan Boyum

##### ***Anniversaries***

18-Jay & Barb Morrison

#### **GRACE**

##### ***Birthdays***

02-Tammy Mathison  
03-Jessica Vande Zande  
04-Mike Agrimson  
05-Jenny Kahoun  
07-Janette Vande Zande  
08-Sandy Thompson  
09-Aaron Lee  
09-Susie Norby  
09-Tom Paulson  
10-Chris Grindland  
14-Terri Mathison  
15-Joanne Pederson  
17-Cindy Grindland  
17-Stanley Thompson  
19-Domanick Corcoran  
19-Lynda Gorder  
19-Ardell Lee  
20-Barb Holien  
20-Jessica Howe  
23-Cindy Byer  
23-Nikki Hegland  
26-Brandon Benson  
27-Ryan Graham  
28-Wendy Jenkins  
30-McKinley Holien  
31-Wuanita Carter

##### ***Anniversaries***

10-Josh & Sally Poepping  
23-Wayne & Valerie Hasleiet

#### **NORTH PRAIRIE**

##### ***Birthdays***

03-Jacob Vitse  
07-Kari Hanson  
08-Adam Drinkall  
08-Bryson Nichols  
12-Timothy Hatlevig  
12-Cassidy Ruud  
20-Taige Kruger  
20-Rachel Rye  
21-Tina Mayer  
25-Nora Eide  
27-Cathy Haug  
28-Brenda Kroening  
29-Harvey Bue, Jr.  
29-Macy Rye  
31-Dennis Berland

##### ***Anniversaries***

#### **PILOT MOUND**


##### ***Birthdays***

02-Laci Nelson  
04-Amanda McCabe  
07-Debbie Swanson  
08-Katherine Strande  
09-Rachel Dahl  
10-Natasha Borst  
15-Katelyn Luehmann  
16-Nick Charlebois  
19-Jaxon McCabe  
23-Nikkole Minter  
31-Mark Huper

##### ***Anniversaries***

31-Nick & Emily Charlebois

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

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<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>					1
	2					
<b>3</b> 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound (with Christmas Program) 10:00-11:00 am PM SS 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie	4	5	<b>6</b> 6:30-7:30 Zoom ULP Confirmation Class	<b>7</b> 2:00-4:00 pm NP WELCA Pre Order Bake Sale at NP	<b>8</b> 10:00- 4:00 NP WELCA Holiday Bake Sale at Sterling, Rushford	<b>9</b> 10:00- 4:00 Christmas in Peterson Grace
<b>10</b> 9:00 am Worship at Grace (with Christmas Program) 10:00-11:00 am Grace SS 9:30 am NP WELCA meeting prior to worship at Arendahl 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl; Arendahl Christmas	11	12	<b>13</b> 6:30-7:30 Zoom ULP Confirmation Class	14	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:00-11:00 am PM SS 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie – (with Christmas Program)	18	19	<b>20</b> 6:30-7:30 Zoom ULP Confirmation Class	<b>21</b> 7:00-8:00 pm Pastor Sarah's at "Dusk" Zoom Book Club –The Reckless Oath We Made by Bryn Greenwood	22	23
<b>24</b> 10:30 am Christmas Eve Worship at Arendahl 4.00 pm Christmas Eve Worship at Grace 5.30 pm Christmas Eve Worship at Pilot Mound	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31</b> 10:30 am ULP Worship at North Prairie						

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