

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, February 21, 2021
Arendahl Lutheran Church

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

President Allan Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 11:20 am following worship.

The secretary's report has been previously approved via email/text. There were no additional comments regarding the January 2021 or the year-end December 2020 treasurer's reports.

There was no Parish Nurse report. Rachel is busy making phone calls to members and making masks.

Pastor Sarah continues with Zoom meetings with the Confirmation classes. She indicated that a possible Good Earth Village gathering will held at a later date.

Pastor Sarah officiated a funeral for Luanne Hanson at Grace on Saturday, February 20.

We then discussed a possible 4 pt summer celebration July 4th (Sunday) and/or a celebration with Sunday school families in the fall as children are back in school full time and we resume regular Sunday school instruction in church.

Our first order of business today was our upcoming Easter schedule. There will be three services on Easter Sunday, April 4th --- 7:00 am – Pilot Mound, 9:00 am – Grace and 10:30 am – Arendahl. Pastor Sarah will produce videos for Maunday Thursday and Good Friday which will be posted on Facebook and also emailed to members.

Second order of business, we revisited the Pastor's salary. After a brief discussion on increases, etc., a motion was made by Keith Agrimson to increase salary by 3% retroactive to January 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Karen Thompson. Motion passed.

Justin Brown, member at North Prairie, addressed the council. He wanted the council to think about what we can do to keep our young adults in the 4 churches (Confirmed – 9th - 12th grades) involved in church functions/activities as they continue to grow in their faith. A salaried youth director position to lead the group was suggested. Justin will also have a discussion with Pastor Sarah for guidance and suggestions on how we as a 4 pt parish can move forward.

Our last order of business was the election of officers for 2021. Chuck Eidenshink said that he would stay on as ULP Treasurer. With no one accepting any the other officer positions, a motion to accept the 2020 officers : President - Allan Kingsbury, Vice President – Paul Boyum and Secretary – Diane Drinkall to continue in their current positions was made by Paul Boyum and seconded by Ike Johnson. Motion passed.

Allan indicated that Grace is planning to enroll in the "Vanco online giving" program, but still include offerings via envelope. Pilot Mound will continue with envelope offerings. Arendahl is still researching the program. North Prairie has already enrolled and also continues to use offering envelopes. We still need to work on education and stewardship within our congregations.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Grace.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am was made by Paul Boyum and seconded by Dana Knudsen. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary