

# 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:** Marlow Boyum, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Tom Haugstad, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Nancey Gathje, Emily Charlebois, Janine Lange, Jesse Arnold, Ardis Willcox, Michelle Pelzl, Linda Kingsbury, Jim Rislov...
- **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.



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As you gather around the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day with family and friends, feasting on your favorite food, I invite you to pray a prayer of thankfulness for all that God has provided you with this past year. And that there is always enough to go around to others in need.

Our God is one of abundance.



On Sunday October 15th Bishop Hassanally, SEMinnesota Synod, ELCA and Tharan Leopold, Gifts Officer & Endowment Specialist – ELCA Foundation, visited United Lutheran Parish. The Bishop's wonderful message for that Sunday was on the gift of grace that God gives all of us. We as disciples of Christ are to witness the same grace to others through love, kindness, and compassion.

## 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.

11/30 - **A Lesson Before Dying**  
by Ernest J. Gaines

12/21 - **THE RECKLESS  
OATH WE MADE** by BRYN  
GREENWOOD

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The folks listed below 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.

Lyle Stanley Bremmer

09/ 28, 1931 - 10/ 12, 2023

North Prairie Lutheran

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O'Donna Haugstad

10/13, 1928 — 10/ 14, 2023

Pilot Mound Lutheran

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## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR



The kitchen was filled with beautiful smiles as the team served homemade soup before the auction on Saturday evening October 14th. The soup was a big hit with the people! Thank you ladies for your time and cookery.

It was a full house that evening when the auction got underway. Mitch Paulson's (the auctioneer) throat wasn't up to par but he endured and got the job done. Bidding was pretty fierce, "uffda", those competitive Norwegians. What did that cherry pie that Sheri Kingsbury make go for you may wonder? Hmmm, \$110! All proceed monies go to mission and ministry. Thank you to all who donated items for the auction, set everything up, and cleaned up after, and the fierce bidders.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Sarah

Click on the Event tab of ULP's website  
for more pictures.

## **North Prairie WELCA Announcements for NOVEMBER, 2023**

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am, WELCA meeting prior to worship; Election of officers  
(Nominating Committee-Beth, Charlene), Dorcas Circle # 1 - devotions  
10:30 am – Worship with Thankoffering at NP for NP – A

Please join up for QUILTING DAYS –

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>– 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am (potluck)**



### **STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2023:**

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

Quilting Days will be during the months of July – November.

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

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

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

TBD – Yearbook planning

Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Order Bake Sale, 2 – 4 pm pick-up

Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Bake Sale at Sterling Drug, Rushford, 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – WELCA Treasurer's Book close

Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am Executive Bd meeting, 9:30 am Annual Meeting with  
Installation of Officers and Historian report; Devotions –Ruth Circle # 3



WELCA is making plans for our **33rd annual Christmas Holiday Bake Sales** again this December. Watch for more information, if you have questions or comments, contact President Diane.

**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.

Looking forward to working with YOU during 2023. 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](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.**

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## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Let's fill our churches with poinsettias again this year. Kari Hanson will pick up poinsettias for our church sanctuaries. Please make checks payable to Kari Hanson. Cost of each plant will be **\$15.00**.

Please place your order by signing up in the rear of the church at North Prairie. Also specify if your flower is in someone's honor or memory.  
**First Sunday in Advent is December 3rd.**

Orders are due by **Sunday, November 26th.**





## TO: NORTH PRAIRIE WOMEN.....

### 33rd Annual Christmas Bake Sale

**NORTH PRAIRIE WELCA** will be holding a “Christmas Holiday” bake sale on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the Sterling Drug, Rushford from 10 am – 4 pm (or gone).



lobby of

holiday



Please bring **YOUR** favorite bakings, including decorated cookies, breads, candies, and Norwegian pastries –Spritz, Krumkaka, Sandbakkelsers, Rosettes, Lefse, etc.

If you have questions, feel free to call Diane at 875-2339.

**PLEASE BRING your unwrapped items to the church** on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm OR call to make other arrangements.



A special thank you to Allan and Donna Aarsvold for delivering the school kits and quilts for Arendahl and North Prairie Women’s Ministry to the LWR drop off site in LaCrosse on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.



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.



Daylight Savings Time ends  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.  
**Don't forget** to turn your  
clocks back 1 hour!

# GRACE WELCA – NOVEMBER 2023

## QUILTING

*The quilting group will be taking the months of November and December off.  
Our next scheduled quilting day will be Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>*

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM**

*Givings for the year will be discussed and there will be voting for the 2024 officers.  
Servers are Susie and Val*



## UPCOMING - NEXT MONTH

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00PM**

*Annual WELCA Christmas Party*

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





**Arendahl and North Prairie  
'Women of the ELCA'**  
will have their  
**"Thankoffering Sunday"**  
on November 5<sup>th</sup>

Thankofferings support the ongoing ministries of the church wide expression of Women of the ELCA. Your faithful generosity makes all the work of Women of the ELCA possible.

Thank you.

## **Thankofferings: our history**

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service.

The concept of Thankoffering celebrations dates back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans. The Episcopal Church Women held their first recorded Thankoffering service in 1889, and the World Thank Offering service of the United Methodist Women has been a tradition for over 100 years. In the Lutheran tradition, the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society created their first Thankoffering service in 1889 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the organization. At that first Thankoffering, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization.



Thankofferings: continuing the tradition **Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude.** It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us.

**Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.**

ALL (young and not so young, male and female) are invited to show gratitude.



# He Lived the Good Life



## A Christian Cantata

By Richard Wilson

## Lanesboro Community Choir

**Saturday, November 18 at 7 pm**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lanesboro

**Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm**

Sons of Norway Hall, Lanesboro

***Free Will Offering***

***Refreshments***



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**Please join us!**  
**Mayo Clinic 2023 Conference on Brain Health and Dementia**  
**Paths to Emotional Wellness**  
*with the Alzheimer's Association & AARP*

When: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Doors open at: 8:00 am

Adjourns at 4:50 pm

Where: Live-Streaming at Mabel Community Center 201 S Main St., Mabel,  
Minnesota

Who: Anyone (of any age) interested in learning about brain health, emotional wellness and dementia, including current and potential caregivers

Cost: FREE (includes lunch—must preregister to receive lunch)

Join Mayo Clinic, the Alzheimer's Association and AARP for the 2023 Conference on Brain Health and Dementia focused on optimizing brain health and emotional wellness. • Discover the ways people living with cognitive difficulties have found a life of well-being despite the challenges and obstacles of dementia.

- Learn about the tools care partners can utilize to increase their own emotional wellness.
- Hear from people living with dementia, family care partners, healthcare specialists, artists and researchers.

Advance Registration Requested

Telephone Shirley Housker at 507-493-5895

Email [nengrav@yahoo.com](mailto:nengrav@yahoo.com) or [louisekleiboer@gmail.com](mailto:louisekleiboer@gmail.com)

By October 27

May attend all or part of the day

## 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***

04-Ardis Willcox  
 07-Pastor Sarah  
 24-Olav Pauly  
 27-Kevin Agrimson

***Anniversaries***

29-Larry & Pastor Sarah  
 Brown

**GRACE*****Birthdays***

03-Kristi Agrimson  
 05-Justin Brown  
 07-Pastor Sarah  
 10-Lucy Benson  
 15-Mike Graham  
 15-Jessica Mattson  
 16-Dillen Brink

19-Duane Miner  
 20-Noelle Graham  
 22-Jeff Lee  
 23-Alan Black  
 25-Dan Book  
 25-Stefanie Hegland  
 25-Brian Thompson  
 28-Brad Gorder  
 29-Nancy Atkinson

***Anniversaries***

05-Milton & Kathy Hallum  
 29-Larry & Pastor Sarah  
 Brown

**NORTH PRAIRIE*****Birthdays***

01-Tiana Olson  
 04-Allen Haugen  
 05-Spencer Lang  
 07-Pastor Sarah  
 07-Kayla Ruhoff  
 07-Ian Horihan  
 10-Dalton Eide  
 10-Aric Honsey  
 12-Phillip Holtegaard  
 14-Amanda Schott  
 19-Tristan Honsey  
 20-Charles Johnson  
 21-Blake Bahl  
 22-Creighton Horihan  
 23-Jessica Bell  
 24-Michael Hermanson  
 25-Chasten Olloff  
 26-Evelyn Holtegaard

***Anniversaries***

01-Justin & Nicole  
 Greenwell  
 02-Rick & Kelly Brown  
 12-Jeremy & Crystal Vrieze  
 12-Justin & Pamela Brown  
 20-Harold & Arlene Jensen  
 29-Larry & Pastor Sarah Brown

**PILOT MOUND*****Birthdays***

06-Annie McCabe  
 07-Pastor Sarah  
 07-Danny Dahl  
 07-Abrianna Jones  
 07-Aubrey Thompson  
 08-Brianna Dahl  
 08-Aiden Jonsgaard  
 09-Scott Horsman  
 13-Mesa O'Byrne  
 22-Sonia McCabe  
 24-Dominic Davidson  
 25-Hunter Nelson


***Anniversaries***

18-Matt & Alicia Hinckley  
 20-Brett & Beth Horsman  
 29-Larry & Pastor Sarah  
 Brown

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



## November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		4:00 PM -7:00PM Trunk or Treat Halloween Night in Peterson at Grace	<b>1</b> 6:30PM - 7:30PM ZOOM Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>DST Ends</b> 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound  9:30 am NP WELCA meeting  10:00-11:00 am PM SS  10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm NP Quilting	<b>8</b> 9:00 am NP Quilting  6:30PM - 7:30PM ZOOM Confirmation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Worship at Grace  10:00-11:00 am Grace SS  10:30 am Worship at Arendahl  11:30 am ULP meeting following worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30PM - 7:30PM ZOOM Confirmation  Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b> 2:00PM Grace WELCA mtg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound  10:00-11:00 am PM SS  10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:30-1:30 Pastor Sarah leads worship at Chosen Valley Campus  6:30PM - 7:30PM ZOOM Confirmation	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> No Services	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Worship at Grace  10:00-11:00 am Grace SS  10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30PM - 7:30PM ZOOM Confirmation	<b>30</b> 7:00-8:00 pm Pastor Sarah's at "Dusk" Zoom Book Club –A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J Gaines	<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> 	

**THE MESSENGER NEWSLETTER**

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