

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

5/28 - My Friends, Fredrik Backman

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

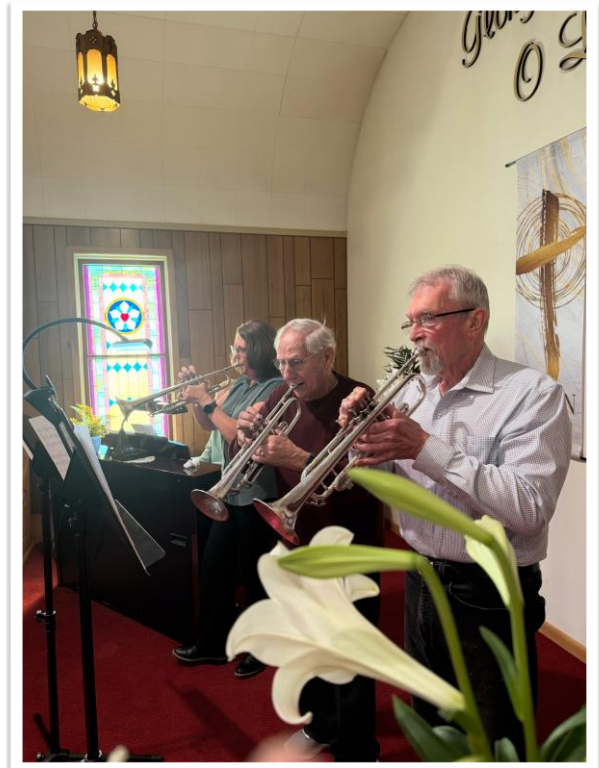
12/17 - Secret of Secrets, Dan Brown



Happy Easter!

We have had a month filled with celebrations in April as depicted in the pictures of this newsletter - three Easter worship services, First Communion & Confirmation at Grace Lutheran, Confirmation at Pilot Mound Lutheran, North Prairie Lutheran Meatball Dinner, and every thing else in between.

Thank you to the teams!



"The Trumpet Trio"
(back to front)

Beth Vitse, Maynard Thompson, Jerry Barrett at Grace Lutheran Church.

Maynard Thompson turned 89 years old the day before Easter Sunday!

We now welcome the season of Spring with an abundance of new possibilities, growth, and new life. Keep your eyes open for the stirring of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Sarah



Those we remember that were received into the arms of God’s mercy, into the blessed glorious company of the saints in light.

Harold Louis Jensen

June 15, 1929 - April 27, 2026

Rochester, MN

North Prairie Lutheran Church

May 11, 2026

Correction: The April Newsletter stated that Taylor Jeanne Horsman was born on March 19th. She was born on **March 9.**

WELCA Senior Quilt Presentations

Grace Lutheran Seniors

May 10th

Cambria Bauer, Treyten Hegland, & Johanna Kahoun

North Prairie Lutheran Seniors

May 17th

Boone Moen

Congratulations!



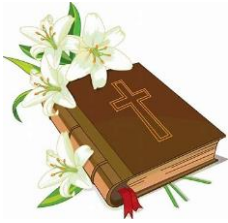
Aubrey Thompson, Pastor Sarah, Stella Charlebois

Confirmation April 19th at Pilot Mound Lutheran



Evan Kingsbury, Pastor Sarah, Joshua Thompson

Confirmation April 26 at Grace Lutheran



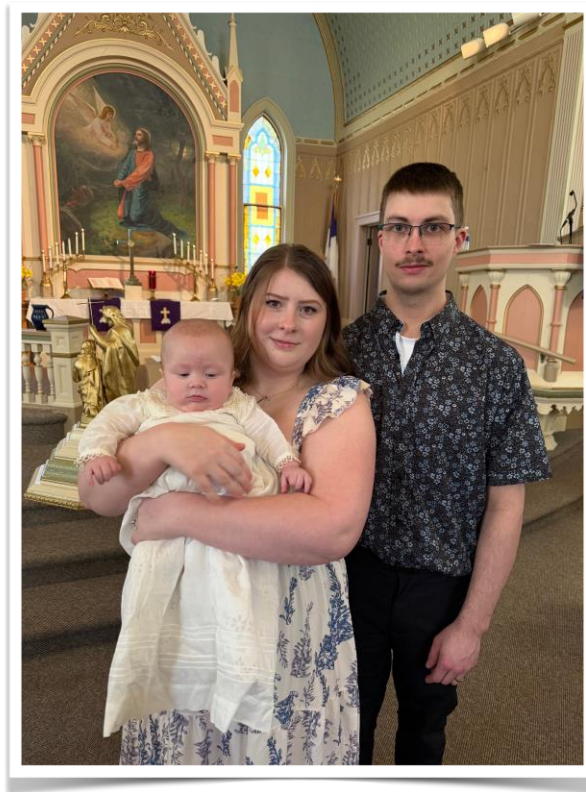
All are invited
to our monthly
Bible Study
Monday, May 18
Ferndale Country Club
10:00 am
We are in the Book of
Jeremiah!



First Communion
April 26
Grace Lutheran Church



Evelyn Hall (left)
Zoey Dessner (right)



March 29 we celebrated two baptisms at
North Prairie Lutheran Church.

Haiden Neil Kruger was born on
November 25, 2025

Proud Parents: Devin & Tiffany Kruger

Sponsors: Courtney Tollefson(aunt), Taige
Kruger(uncle) and Kail Honsey(uncle).

AND

Haiden's mother, Tiffany Kruger was baptized.





Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

NORTH PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
35957 State Hwy 30
Lanesboro, MN 55949



Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 17, 2026

The North Prairie Church Council and North Prairie Foundation
are calling a Special Congregational Meeting:
**Sunday May 17th following worship services at North
Prairie**

The purpose of this meeting is voting to approve expenditures
greater than \$5,000 for

1. Upgrades to the pavilion (to eliminate/detour roosting)
2. Upgrading the planters to coordinate with the pavers installed
in 2024.

More information will be available at the meeting or reach out to
NP Council or NP Foundation President.

North Prairie WELCA Announcements for MAY, 2026

Sunday, May 17th -- 9:30 am - WELCA meeting prior to worship, Dorcas Circle, # 1 – devotions
–10:30 am (HS) Senior Quilt Sunday.
Presentation during morning service.



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.

Upcoming events for WELCA to include in your calendar!

Sunday, May 17th – 9:30 am WELCA Meeting prior to worship;
- 10:30 am (HS) Senior Quilt Sunday, quilt presentations

Starting in July we will have quilting days monthly thru November. Our first one will be on **Wednesday, July 8th 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.

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 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

Thank You FOR YOUR HELP

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped with posting flyers, food preparation, ticket sales, serving, setup and cleanup. Our 24th annual meatball dinner this year was a “huge success”. We served over 340 meals.

A special “THANK YOU” to our Student youth – Emma Olson, Nicole Hall (Grace Lutheran), Jeron Brown, Allison Brown, Kaelyn Holtegaard, Nora Eide, Karsyn Holtegaard and Evelyn Holtegaard. Also, our WELCA’s young mothers who joined us – Pam Brown, Olivia Holtegaard, Anna Vick and Kayla Ruhoff.

And we cannot forget the men who graciously helped out - Keith Eide, Ryan Vitse, and Joel Goodman.

We could not do with this without all of your support!

Grateful,
North Prairie Women of the ELCA



Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Numbers 6:24 – “The LORD bless you and keep you”

Gracious God, when our mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in our lives, our mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them today with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.





Arendahl Women of the ELCA

The Arendahl Women of the ELCA meeting and Bible study will be on Tuesday, May 19th at 9:00 am at El Barco Mexican Restaurant in Rushford.

The Bible study for May is found on page 37 of the Gather magazine: "Session three - God who leads us: Resurrection and life." This is the third of the three-part Spring 2026 series, "I AM: God's holy name and promise" by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson. It explores Jesus' "I AM" statements, focusing on how God sustains, nurtures, and abides with God's people.



GRACE WELCA - MAY 2026

QUILTING

Wednesday, May 13 9:00AM

Wednesday, May 27 9:00AM

Presentation of senior quilts will be Sunday, May 10th. (Mother's Day).

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, May 21 2:00PM

We will finalize plans for Gammel Dag Days.

Devotions will be from Isaiah 43: 1-13. "I have called you by name; you are mine"

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



MEMORIAL DAY

PETERSON EVENTS

May 25, 2026

PROGRAM 10:00am

Presented by Peterson American Legion
at Peterson Bandstand Park

Guest speakers *Chris Boyum* and *Jeff Zondlo*

Music by *Willa Holger*

Please bring your own seating

(In case of rain, program at Grace Lutheran Church)

MEATBALL DINNER 11:00am-1:00pm

A Peterson Memorial Day Tradition!

Served by Peterson American Legion Auxiliary
at Grace Lutheran Church

*Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Corn, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Pickles,
Coffee, Bottled Water, Assorted Desserts*

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

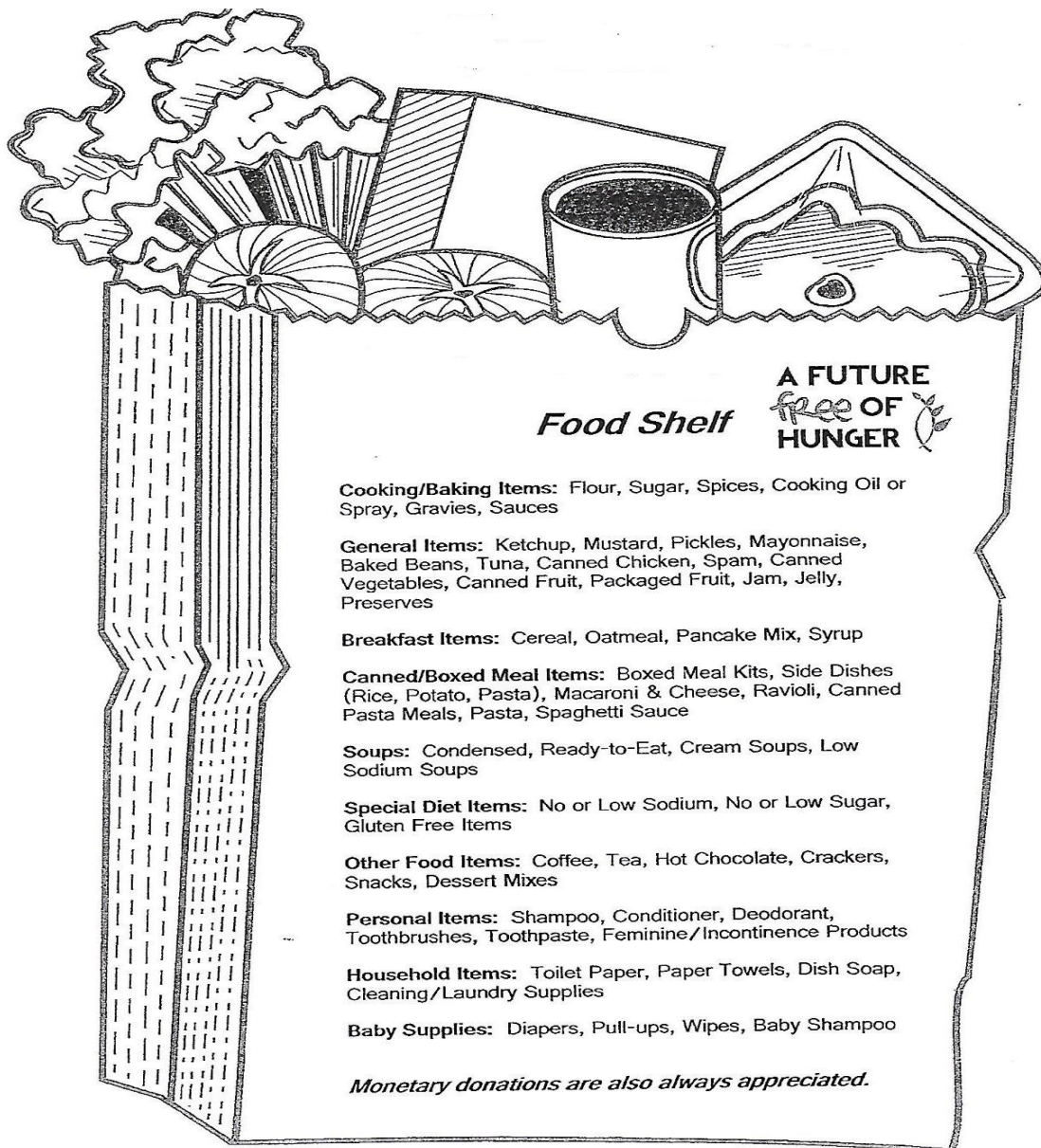
Adults \$12 Ages 6-12 \$5 (5 and under Free)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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





Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

<u>ARENDAHL</u>	<u>GRACE</u>	<u>NORTH PRAIRIE</u>	<u>PILOT MOUND</u>
<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Birthdays</i>
18-Laurie Feine	02-Keith Pederson	02-Brent Olson	03-Chad Erickson
18-Bill Gathje	03-Conor Poepping	07-Isabelle Bale	05-Laurie Danielson
20-Barb Morrison	09-Aubry Auman	11-Taylor Ward	08-Dylan Horsman
24-Willa Holger	10-Evan Kingsbury	12-Alexa Johnson	09-Jason Danielson
31-Bernice Gathje	14-Gabe Howe	14 - Emersyn Holtegaard	12-Scott Kesler
	15-Lyle Thompson	16-Gayle Burdick	17-McKenzie Jones
<i>Anniversaries</i>	20-Allan Kingsbury	18-Chris Olson	22-David Goddard
29- <i>John & Dana Knudsen</i>	21-Paul Benson	19-Jason Haug	22-Trista Olson
	22-Lynn Mattson	20-Keith Hanson	23-Kari Apenhorst
	24-Lynda Brunswold	21-Justin Brown	23-Samantha Larson
	24-Pat Mattson	21-Orlando Dahle	25-Mia McCabe
	26-Carol Liss	22-Lars Mosdal	27-Sarah Lange
	27-Valerie Hasleiet	25-Anita Bue	27-Ashley Rockvam
	28-Tim Hallum	25-Jeremy Johnson	27-Kamrynn Westphal
	29-Casey Hallum	25-Jessica Johnson	
	<i>Anniversaries</i>	26-Eileen Koljord	<i>Anniversaries</i>
	20- <i>Dan & Deb Book</i>	31-Tristan Olson	01- <i>Duane & Kyle Erickson</i>
		<i>Anniversaries</i>	08- <i>Gary & Ellen Strande</i>
		26-Tony & Nicole Hockert	13- <i>Chuck & Virginia Kesler</i>
		30- <i>Jayson & Stacy Johnson</i>	23- <i>Matthew & Joyce Kramer</i>
			28- <i>Payton & Nikkole Guenther</i>

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

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Synod Assembly, Mankato 11:00 am Brandon Benson Memorial Worship Service at Grace
3 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:30 am Worship and SS (last day) at North Prairie 11.30 am ULP 4-pt Council Meeting	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother’s Day! Guest Pastor – Reverend Lisa Shank 9:00 am Worship at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	11	12	13 9:00 am Grace WELCA Quilting	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 9.30 am NP WELCA 10:30 am Worship at North Prairie, (Sr Quilt Presentation) Congregational Meeting to follow	18	19 9:00 am Arendahl WELCA Bible Study and Meeting at El Barco’s All Day Dean’s Retreat – SEMN Synod, Northfield MN	20 Newsletter deadline	21 1:30 pm Good Shepherd Worship 2:00 pm Grace WELCA meeting	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	25	26	27 9:00 am Grace WELCA Quilting	28 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pastor Sarah’s “At Dusk” Zoom Book Club – My Friends, by Fredrik Backman	29	30
31 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:30 am Worship at North Prairie	 <p>ALL WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS will be posted on KTTV as “United Lutheran Parish” and also on Facebook pages Contact officers for meeting updates Calendar events will be reviewed regularly</p>					

THE MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
Arendahl-Grace-North Prairie-Pilot Mound
United Lutheran Parish
P. O. Box 36
Peterson, MN 55962

Non-Profit
U. S. Postage Paid
Peterson, MN 55962
Permit #4

