

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, November 14, 2021
North Prairie Lutheran Church

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

President Allan Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Pastor Sarah gave devotions reading "When its time".

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

There were no additional comments regarding the treasurer's reports as presented.

Parish Nurse concerns regarding the increase in Covid-19 infections within the community were relayed to the Council by Pastor Sarah and Paul Boyum. It was decided that each council will make recommendations for their individual church.

Pastor Sarah gave her report. First she commented on a letter sent to SE MN Synod Pastors from Bishop Hassanally stating that the ELCA does not give religious exemption for individuals not wanting to be vaccinated for Covid-19.

Since our last Council meeting Pastor Sarah has baptized Elsie Williams (NP) and had funeral services for David Honsey (NP), Jean Agrimson (A) and Bernice Hanson (G).

There were two transfers in at North Prairie –Lindsay Vitse and children Tatum and Tyson (they join family members Jacob and Drew) and Jed and Jolene Williams and children Emma Busker and Elsie. Also a transfer out from Arendahl – Joe and Carrie Boyum and children Bristol and Sylvia.

Pastor Sarah was on-call for Highland Prairie and Elstad the third week of October.

Pastor Sarah noted there will be a baptism for Alea Greenwell on Sunday, Nov 21 at North Prairie. Also, a wedding is scheduled for June 25, 2022 for Bethany Holtegaard and Jacob Kronebusch.

Pastor Sarah leads worship services throughout the year at Good Shepherd Nursing Home and Chosen Valley Care Center/Assisted Living.

Seven attended the First Communion Class held Sunday, November 14, for children grade 3 and older. A second class will be scheduled for a later date.

Ten students (of 13) of the ULP Confirmation class met Sunday, November 14, with Potter Dawn Deines-Christensen. Each student created a "blessing bowl" which will be fired and given to each student to keep.

Zoom Confirmation classes continue weekly with 12 youth attending. Pastor commented Emily Carson and Kathy Chatelaine (assistants to Bishop Hassanally) joined the zoom meeting talking about “generosity” and “immigration” respectively.

Pastor Sarah also continues with a ‘Continuing Education’ class weekly.

Pastor ended her report with a challenge for each church or ULP responding to the needs of the Afghan refugees moving into SE Minnesota area.

Christmas Eve services will be 4:00 pm at Grace and 5:30 pm at Pilot Mound.

The only item for business was Pastor review/salary. President Allan noted what the approximate salary costs per month for a 3, 4, or 5 percent increases (effective January 2022) would be for each congregation. Pastor Sarah left as the council discussed the work that she has done along with leadership and guidance provided throughout the past year. Following an extended discussion, Keith Agrimson made a motion to give a 5% increase, with a second to the motion made by Karen Thompson. We proceeded to vote by paper ballot. Results were 6 – Yes, 4 – No. Motion passed.

There was no further business.

The next meeting with ‘election of officers’ is scheduled for Sunday, February 6th, 2022, 7:00 pm at Arendahl.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm was made by Steve Erickson and seconded by Paul Boyum. Motion passes. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary

Approved via text/email: Karen, Sonia,