

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, November 12, 11:30 am
Arendahl Lutheran Church

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 23rd. December 3rd will be Pilot Mound Sunday School program and December 17th 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 10th.

The schedule for Sunday, December 24th, 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 25th, Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 31st, 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.

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 11th, following worship at Arendahl.

President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary



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