

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

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



All are invited
to our monthly
Bible Study Monday,
September 14th
Ferndale Country Club
10:00 am
We are reading Jeremiah

13-20

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Summer is flying by too quickly, only a few weeks left and we will be heading into autumn. I hope you have had time to "*re-create*" and recharge yourselves. All four congregations of United Lutheran Parish have been involved with a variety of activities during the summer months.



Grace Lutheran Church hosted an outdoor worship service at the Peterson Ballpark Pavilion on August 16th. Jake and Sid Olson (pictured above right) providing us with inspirational and uplifting music. The hymn "Amazing Grace" was played to the tune of "The House of the Rising Sun," a folk-rock song made famous by the British rock band The Animals. The Grace Women of ELCA graciously hosted a free lunch after the service. Fellowship was enjoyed by all.

On July 19th Pilot Mounded Lutheran Church hosted their 51st Annual Ice Cream Social, and the Chatfield Brass Band was there to serenade us with music on a gorgeous Sunday evening. (Pictures are on page 2.)

Arendahl Lutheran Church on August 2nd gathered for worship with many out of town folks present for the Fjaerland Reunion which followed the service. Jason Davis sang an all time favorite "Day by Day." If you didn't know, Fjaerland is a small village in Norway. The descendants last names, Boyum, Agrimson, Aarsvold, Tufte, Olness, Uren, Munbahl, just to name a few, go all the back to that specific village in Norway. (Not enough room for stories or pictures from the early 1860's and beyond in this newsletter.) **Come join us next year the first Sunday of August.**

North Prairie Lutheran Church hosted Vacation Bible School on August 12th. It was a family gathering with parents, grandparents and their children. A huge thank you to Beth Vitse and her team for having a well organized, fun-filled, and Scripture inspired VBS. Joshua 1:9, "*for the LORD, your God is with you wherever you go.*" A kaleidoscope of pictures on page 3.

May your final weeks of summer be filled with joy, love, and peace!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Sarah



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: Laura Eide, Emily
Charlebois, Karolyn Boyum,
Sandy Thompson, Shirley
Helgemoe, Roger Hegland, Kevin
Eide, Virgil Hogie, Trudy Dahle
Eggler, Val Daam (Judy Graham's
sister), Dean Feine, Katie Minter
(Phil Minter's wife)...

- On Going Health Concerns:
Tom Haugstad, Jess Arnold,
Dean McConochie (lives in
Rochester),...
- Homebound: Arlene
Holtegaard, Irene Hatleviq...
- Assisted Living and Care
Centers: Arlene Jensen, Sandy
Thompson, Virgil Hogie,
Dennis Gravos...
- Our Military: Tom Moen, Jon
Wiley (Bev Klinski grandson-in-
law), Dustin Willcox (grandson
of Bob & Ardis Willcox),
Dakota Winkelman (nephew of
Tom & Deb Haugstad) and
their families.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 51st Pilot Mound Ice Cream Social with Chatfield Brass Band on July 19th. Opie and Norine Minter for the use of their yard every year. Dave and Sonia McCabe for their meat donation and everyone who brought pies and worked to have this event take place. It was greatly appreciated.

Pilot Mound Lutheran Church



Doris
Horsman,
Amanda
Proper,
Norine
Minter,
Alicia
Hinckley,
Mike &
Cherie
Stevens,
Matthew &
Joyce Kramer



Chatfield
Brass Band
Conductor
Carmen
Narveson
with Ciara
Erickson
closing the
concert.

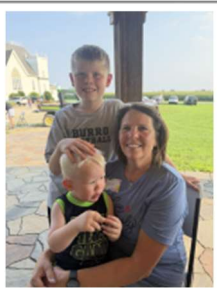
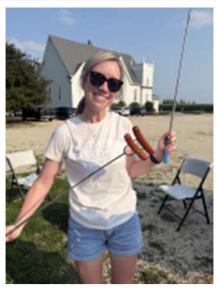
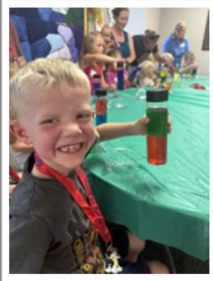


Steve Erickson &
Gary Stande



left to right: Ciara Erickson, Anastasia Hongerholt,
and Madison Erickson.

North Prairie Lutheran Church VBS
August 12th
"On the Road with God"



UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, August 9, 2026 11:30 am
North Prairie Lutheran Church

Members present: Paul Boyum (Arendahl President), Keith Agrimson, (A); Doris Horsman (PM); Tim Hallum (ULP Council President), Allan Kingsbury (Grace President) (G); Diane Drinkall (North Prairie President/ULP Council Secretary) (NP); Pastor Sarah Walker Brown. Absent: Kari Goldsmith (A); Sonia McCabe (Pilot Mound President/ULP Council Vice President), Steve Erickson (PM); Brad Gorder (G); Anita Brown, Brent Olson (NP).

President Tim Hallum called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

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

There were no comments regarding the treasurer's reports. Motion to approve was made by Allan Kingsbury and seconded by Paul Boyum. Motion passed.

Pastor Sarah gave an update on the Parish Nurse Program. We will have two parish nurses – Rachel Boyum and LeAnn Olson. They will contribute to the monthly newsletter as well as coordinate any upcoming workshops to be determined.

During the last quarter Pastor officiated a funeral service for Mary Ann Molstein Hamann (NP). Funeral services for Harold Jensen (NP) was officiated by Pastor Jackie Short and a Celebration of Life was held for Ruth Woxland (G) at Rushford Village Hall.

Pastor Sarah continues to visit homebound, make nursing home visits, have Bible Study and Book Club monthly, and attends regular Root River Conference and Synod meetings. Pastor also attended Continuing Education in July.

Pastor talked about a comprehensive contract North Prairie Council is working to be used for events planned on church property. Once approved it will be given to interested ULP councils for their information and consideration regarding their own church events.

Pastor Sarah has been approached by high school youth interested in doing a mission trip. More information will be available at a later date.

The calendar of events for the next 3 months was reviewed with no changes.

Our meeting ended after a discussion regarding changing the time of services during the summer months (June, July, August) to either 8:00/9:30 am or 8:30/10:00 am. It was decided to bring it up at each individual church council meeting. No further discussion at this time.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Sunday, November 8th at Arendahl following worship.

A motion to adjourn at 12:05 pm was made by Allan and seconded by Diane Drinkall. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Drinkall, Secretary
United Lutheran Parish



Sunday School

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Sunday School will meet every other Sunday when services at North Prairie and Grace following the children's message and at 10:00 am when worship services are at Pilot Mound.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS WITH **RALLY SUNDAY** ON:

Pilot Mound -- September 20th

North Prairie/Arendahl -- October 4th

Grace -- October 11th



"Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5



Invitation for United Lutheran Parish and beyond....

Who: All ages! Yes, even 100 year olds.

What: **Family Fun Night** with games for all ages. You are more than welcome to bring your favorite game with you to introduce to others. Bring your potluck dish to share for the meal.

Where: North Prairie Lutheran Church
35957 State Hwy. 30, rural Lanesboro

When: Wednesday, September 23rd

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

You are invited by North Prairie Sunday school to come for an evening of fun and fellowship.



The Root River Trail Towns' annual 60-Mile Garage Sale includes ten towns along the Root River Water Trail & Root River/Harmony-Preston Valley State Bike Trails.

Make sure to stop and try our unique restaurants or stores along your way!

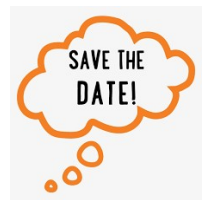


ARENDAHL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Biennial BAZAAR

November 7, 2026

More details to come.



NOTICE to Members at.....

ARENDAHL LUTHERAN

& GRACE LUTHERAN

Cemetery Dues

Cemetery Dues are to be submitted in the month of September.

Please bring to church or mail to your church's treasurer:

Arendahl: Dave Holger

32253 381st Ave

Peterson, MN 55962

Grace: Allan Kingsbury

39248 State Hwy 16,

Peterson, MN 55962





Arendahl Women of the ELCA

The Arendahl Women of the ELCA meeting and Bible study will be on Tuesday, September 22 at 9:00 at the church.

The Bible study for September is found on page 30 of the Gather magazine: "Encountering God in the wilderness." This is session one of the "Bold faith on an unexpected journey" series by the Rev. Tiffany C. Chaney. This three-part Bible study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world!



The Women of Arendahl, past and present, had a joyful June luncheon at The Grill in Winona. It was a time of fellowship, fun, and friendship! Lots of stories were told of growing up together at Arendahl Lutheran Church. What a fabulous history!

Left to right: Bernice Gathje, Bertha Boyum, Rachel Boyum, Donna Aarsvold, Ruth Ann Aarsvold Stensgard, Nancy Boyum Brown, Pat Boyum Ferden, Willa Blesie Holger, Shari Boyum, Julie Paulson Mulhern, Jill Boyum Halverson, Gail Barnard Boyum, Jo Anne Agrimson, Edith Paulson Syftestad, and Edith's friend Carol Hillesheim

FOODBORNE ILLNESSES

With the recent outbreak of food contamination, the following information on the two most significant ones are below:

CYCLOSPORA (Parasites): Has been linked to iceberg lettuce from Taylor Farms. If possible buy locally grown produce. Symptoms: Explosive diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever, stomach cramps. Symptoms usually start about a week after you eat contaminated food but can occur 2-14 days or even longer after eating contaminated food. You might also experience the symptoms coming and going over several weeks. If you feel sick you should see a doctor as this infection usually needs a special prescription medication.



SALMONELLA: Has been linked to Jalapeno peppers also from Taylor Farms. Symptoms: diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramps, nausea, and vomiting. Symptoms usually appear within hours or several days. Most people will recover within 4-7 days without any specific treatment with just fluid replacement. Severe cases, high-risk individuals (infants, elderly, or immunocompromised individuals) may require antibiotics.

Fruits and vegetables should always be washed. If produce is firm, scrubbing is appropriate.

FREE for anyone who wants one – Thrivent T-Shirts



Cubicles are sorted by sizes – pick your size, pick your color.

They are available at North Prairie in the entry way on either side of the steps going up to the sanctuary.



North Prairie WELCA Announcements for SEPTEMBER, 2026

Please join us for **QUILTING DAYS** – **ALL are welcome** to come and participate in this mission in ministry. Working together, serving others. Also, enjoy great conversation. Contact Diane if you have questions.



SEPTEMBER --Wednesday, **Sept 9th** – 9:00 am (potluck)

OCTOBER--Wednesday, **Oct 14th** – 9:00 am (potluck)

STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2026:

- Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) Quilting Days; months of July – November
- School Kits (LWR) Collection thru September 27th

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

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



Quilts and school kits will be boxed for shipment to LWR
October 5th-7th.

Upcoming events for WELCA include:

Sept 9th -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

Sep 27th – Sun, School Kits collection due

Oct 14th -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

October 10th – Sat, 7 am – 11 am LWR (Quilts/School Kits) Drop Off
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, LaCrosse

Please add these dates to your calendar. Your participation is 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 to WELCA President Diane Drinkall:

507.459.1776 or dedrinkall@hotmail.com

GRACE WELCA - SEPTEMBER 2026

QUILTING

Wednesday, September 9th 9:00AM

Wednesday, September 23th 9:00AM

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, September 17th

Welca Honor Day is September 17th.

It was decided at the July meeting to hold the luncheon at Westfield Golf Course in Winona at 11:30.

Drivers and departure time have not yet been confirmed.

Please let Val or Susie know if you'd like to attend.

ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, September 27th

4:00PM-7:00PM

Please invite your family and friends to this event!

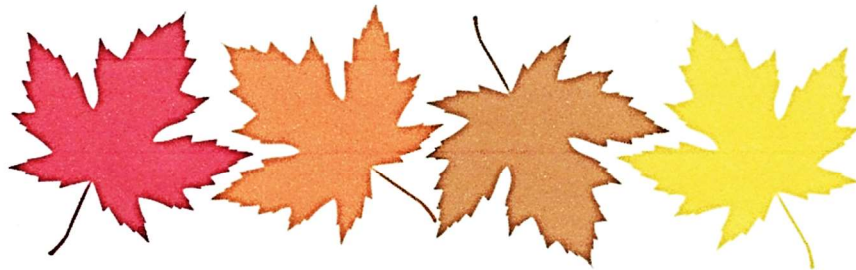
WELCA is our church organization for all women members.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in WELCA activities!



ANNUAL MEATBALL SUPPER

Grace Lutheran Church



Sunday, September 27th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (or until gone)

Meatballs (old fashioned style)

***Real* Mashed Potatoes & Gravy**

Cole Slaw, Corn, Pickles

Lefse, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Coffee & Milk

Adults \$13 Youth Age 6-12 \$6 5 & under – Free

Dine-in or Carry-outs available

Free Delivery in Peterson – call 507-875-2218

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2026

STEWARDSHIP SERVICE PROJECT

July-August-September stewardship project will focus on providing "SCHOOL KITS" for Lutheran World Relief. We invite all individuals and families in our community to participate. Arendahl and North Prairie WELCAs will collect and deliver to LWR drop off sites in-October. YOU CAN CHOOSE to assemble any of these kits throughout the year and/or give a monetary donation to help with shipping cost overseas.

Education is important to every community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases adults – continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO DONATE. KITS WILL BE SHIPPED IN OCTOBER.

Items need to be at the churches by SUNDAY, September 27th for packing in boxes.

Box drop off will be Saturday, October 10th, 7 am – 11 am; LaCrosse, WI

Include the following items in each School Kit:

- 4 – 70 sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; No loose-leaf paper**
- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**
- 1 pencil sharpener**
- 1 pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades works well)**
- 5 unsharpened # 2 pencils with erasers, secure together with a rubber band**
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band**
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- 1 – 2 ½" eraser**

(NP and ARENDAHL have some extra drawstring bags from last year) -----

1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14"x17" with shoulder straps no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ANY ITEMS: with any religious symbols, messages, your congregation's name, business names, items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

SHARING GIFTS OF EXTRAORDINARY LOVE – Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt...ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom even a simple bar of new soap is special.

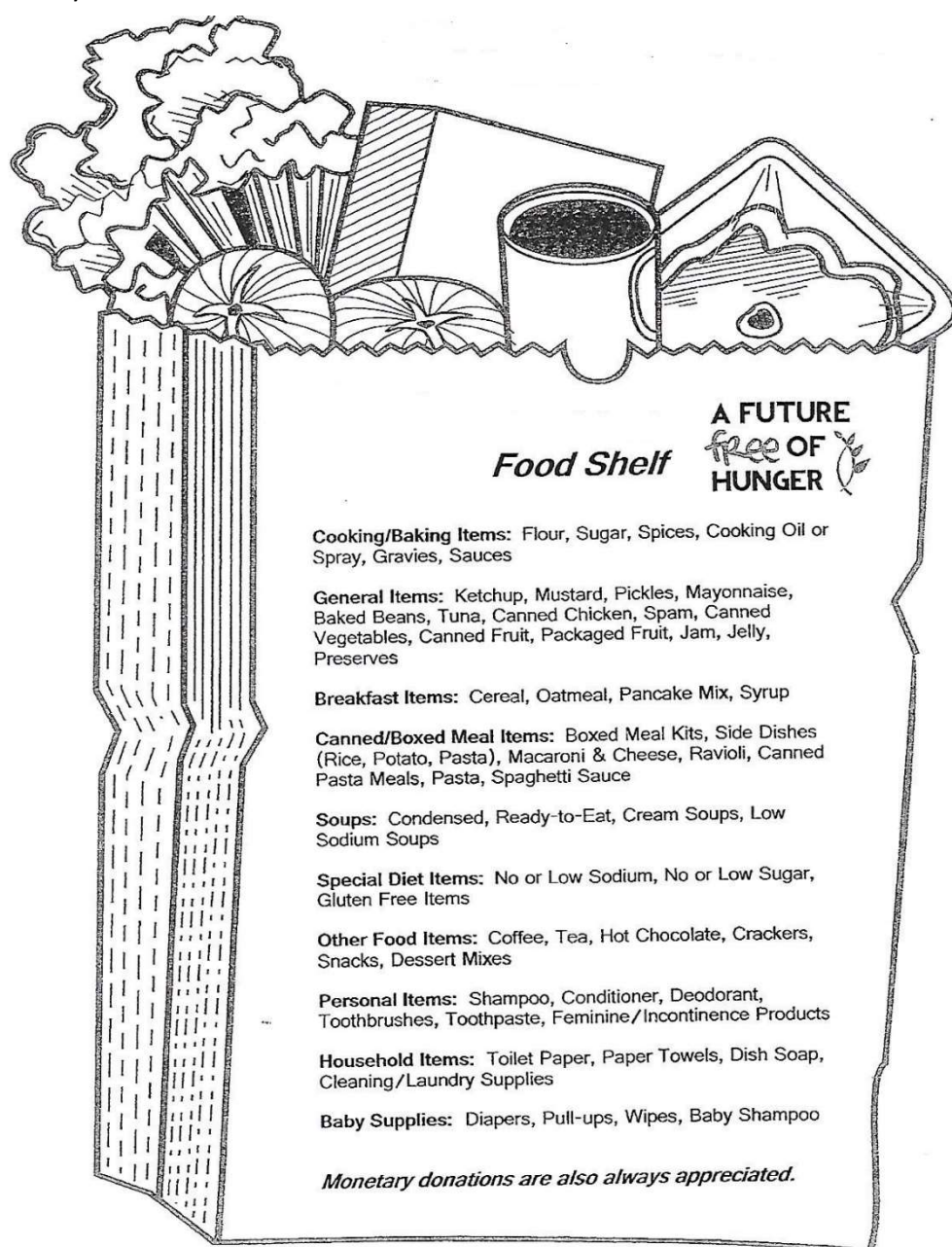
Your gift of time and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES

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





UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

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>
14-Kelsi Goldsmith	02-Edna Gravos	03-Hannah Bain	03-Ruth Weatherly
15-Donna Aarsvold	07-Zach Miner	03-Kasey Brown	04-Lucas Bergo
16-Kaci Goldsmith	08-Roger Malmin	04-Bodie Mayer	08-Cherie Stevens
22-Kari Goldsmith	08-Thomas Dietel	04-Nathan Olson	09-Kylie Davidson
	13-Dani Gorder	06-Keith Highum	19-Trayton McCabe
<i>Anniversaries</i>	14-Bruce Benson	06-Lynnette Johnson	21-Zeke Bergo
01-Allen & Donna			
Aarsvold	14-Brett Bergan	06-Chad Eide	21-Steven Erickson
10-Chris & Kari Goldsmith	14-Trey Norby	09-Wayne Haug	29-Jacob McCabe
	15-David Grimes	09-Sherry Kingsbury	
	15-Dennis Gravos	10-Lynne Clarke	<i>Anniversaries</i>
			03-Casey & Shannon
	16-Jon Wiley	11-Alyssa Moger	Goddard
	18-Carol Paulson	14-Josie Brown	10-Brian & Crystal Kesler
	19-Jordy Graham	15-Kole Ruud	13-Eric & Jessica Thompson
	21-Wayne Malmin	16-Olivia Mosdal	14-Josh & Amanda Stevens
			21-Brad & Heather
	26-LaPacha Carter	19-Madysyn Himle	Luehmann
	27-Wayne Hasleiet	22-Zachery Vick	26-Joe & Amanda McCabe
	30-Kathy Hallum	24-Kaelyn Holtegaard	28-Steve & Deb Erickson
		25-Lowell Holtegaard	28-Bob & Jill Peterson
	<i>Anniversaries</i>	28-Kail Honsey	
	04-Keith & Joanne		
	Pederson	28-Devin Kruger	
	05-Jordy & Noelle Graham	28-Karsyn Holtegaard	
	06-Grant & Carolyn		
	Hensrud	<i>Anniversaries</i>	
	20-Paul & Lorraine Benson	09-Harvey Jr. & Anita Bue	
	20-Brad & Kim Thompson	12-Zachery & Anna Vick	
	24-Brett & Brenda Bergan	15-Gary & Laura Eide	
	24-Brad & Dani Gorder	17-Matthew & Olivia	
		Holtegaard	
		19-David & Tessa Holtegaard	
		20-Jacob & Lindsay Vitse	
		21-Jacob & Maggie Remmey	
		26-Jeremy & Donna Johnson	
		27-Lowell & Sheri Holtegard	

The Birthday/Anniversary lists are not complete.

Please help us keep accurate lists of these special days for our members

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Rev Christopher Miller leading in worship 9:00 AM Pilot Mound 10:30 AM North Prairie	7	8 9:30 am – Root River clergy Conference, Christ Lutheran, Preston	9 9:00 am Grace Quilting 9:00 am NP Quilting, potluck	10	11 Fri-Sat Grace WELCA Community Event –65 mi Garage Sale- RR Trail Towns	12 Fri-Sat Grace WELCA Community Event –65 mi Garage Sale- RR Trail Towns
13 Worship 9:00 AM Grace 10:30 AM Arendahl	14 10:00 am Bible Study at Ferndale; reading Jeremiah 13-20 6:30 pm NP Council Meeting	15	16	17 Grace WELCA Honor Day Outing – Westfield Golf Course, Winona	18	19
20 Worship 9:00 AM 10:00 am PM SS (Rally Sunday) Pilot Mound 10:30 AM North Prairie	21	22	23 9:00 am Grace Quilting 6:00 pm – 7.30 pm NP Sunday School FAMILY Fun Night, Games for all ages	24 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pastor Sarah’s “At Dusk” Zoom Book Club –Twice, by Mitch Albom	25	26
27 Rev Christopher Miller leading in worship 9:00 AM Grace 10:30 AM Arendahl Drop Off – LWR School Kit items due to Arendahl 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Grace Meatball Supper	28	29	30	 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		

THE MESSENGER NEWSLETTER

Arendahl-Grace-North Prairie-Pilot Mound

United Lutheran Parish

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The word "September" is written in a playful, bubbly font. Each letter is a different color: S (blue), e (red), p (yellow), t (blue), e (red), m (yellow), b (red), e (blue), r (yellow), and (red). The letters have thick black outlines and a slight 3D effect with shadows.