
THE MESSENGER

Arendahl | Grace | North Prairie | Pilot Mound

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 and I will email you the ZOOM link.

07/24 - **BEAR**, Julia Phillip

08/28 - **THE SAFEKEEP**, Yael Van Der Wouden

09/25 - **MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE**, Janet Skeslien Charles

10/23 - **Sharks in the Time of Saviors**, Kawai Strong Washburn

11/27 - **The Librarianist**, Patrick deWitt

12/18 - **Next Year in Havana**, Chanel Cleeton

Wedding at North Prairie Lutheran Church July 19th.

Natasha Lawstuen and Nathan Winslow.



On July 20th Pilot Mound Lutheran Church celebrates "Fifty Years" of hosting their Ice Cream Social with music by the Chatfield Brass Band.

Winters were longer back in the early 1970's. It was a small group of Pilot Mound Lutheran women who stirred with the idea of having an Ice Cream Social in the late winter of 1973, and inviting the surrounding community. I wonder what those initial women would say today? Would they be awestruck? I believe they would be totally grateful and amazed. The generations through the five decades have continued this tradition. The only blimp was during the first two years of COVID.

You are invited to come, experience hospitality, good food, pie (Jill Petersen makes the best sour cream raisin pie), ice cream, fellowship, and wonderful music.

Fifty years is a landmark celebration. Bring your smiles and lawn chairs with you.

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 (wife of Gary Eide), Abby, Jana & Shawn Draper (JoAnne Agrimson's family members), Judy Graham, Wayne Haug, Chuck Eidenschink, Emily Charlebois, Wayne Hasleiet, Sandy Thompson, Karolyn Boyum...
- **On Going Health Concerns:** Tom Haugstad, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Janine Lange...
- **Homebound:** Arlene Holtegaard
- **Assisted Living and Care Centers:** Barb Holien, Marlow Boyum, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Sandy Thompson...
- **Our Military:** Tom Moen, Dustin Willcox (grandson of Bob & Ardis Willcox), Dakota Winkelman (nephew of Tom & Deb Haugstad) and their families.



Summertime is for Camping!

Enjoy your summer months with being outdoors, feeding your soul with all the wonders of God's creation that surrounds you.

Below is a photo that I captured while camping out in the UP. How does this speak to you?





Weddings



At noon on Saturday June 7th Mike Graham, Jennifer Rae Scheck, Vicki Jessen, and myself, Pastor Sarah Walker Brown, along with my husband Larry Brown, met at Judy Graham's house. Judy was invited to go out for her birthday lunch by Mike and Jenn who would pick her up at noon on Saturday. Little did she know it was more than that.

Upon arrival at her house we all walked into her kitchen and heard her talking to someone on the phone in the living room., unaware of our presence. Judy ended her conversation and walks into the kitchen surprised to see many more people than she expected, but not quite sure why we were ALL there. I point to my wedding stole, she looks, takes a few minutes, with a surprise smile, cries and embraces Jenn. Mike and Jenn were married outside on the property with Judy and Jenn's best friend, Vicky as a witness. It was a day filled with celebrations...wedding and a birthday!

Congratulations to a loving couple!



At 8:00 am on the morning of Wednesday May 28th, Payton Guenther & Nikkole Minter, gathered at Pilot Mound Lutheran Church surrounded by their parents, Opie & Norine Minter, Monte Guenther & Stacy Fritz and Grandma Doris Horsman, as they were united in marriage to be living signs of God's grace, love, and faithfulness.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS "At the Well" Bible Study. *As the Samaritan woman went to Jacob's well to draw water and Jesus said, "Give me a drink." John 4:7* The two discuss thirst (physical and spiritual), relationships, and religion.

You are invited to Ferndale Country Club, Rushford, MN once a month as we gather to connect our personal story with God's story through Scripture. Come to be surprised, to laugh, and be spiritually fed. Invite a friend!

Monday, July 14th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See you there!

Good Earth Village Day Camp at North Prairie Lutheran Church June 9th SNAPSHOTS

Below right back row: Hailey, Ila, Mae, Ruth Weatherly, & Orson
Erickson. Front row: Madison Erickson, Ciara Erickson.



Below: Dad, Nathan Whitacre,
Amelia, Henrick & Leif Whitacre.



Good Earth Village Day Camp Counselors
Arrival!



Pictures continue on the next page.

Beth Vitse and her grandsons, Tyson and Tatum in the neon green sweatshirt!



Emily Charlebois with her two children Jack & Rex.



Josie Boyum and her children, Layna and Brett.



Sarah and Will Peterson.



North Prairie Vacation Bible School 2025

21 children ages 5-10 attended Bible school at North Prairie June 9. Led by seven counselors from Good Earth Village, students had morning worship based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11. With the help of the counselors, students learned prayers and made crafts, played games and sang songs.

Though it was a chilly day which made it difficult to be outside, the children were excited and engaged, thanks to the enthusiasm of GEV counselors. These counselors came from nearby Chatfield, Caledonia and Wells in Minnesota, but also from far away Philippines, Ireland, England and Colombia. The students came from Fountain, Chatfield, Lanesboro and Peterson.

Thanks to Beth Vitse for coordinating with Good Earth Village and organizing snacks, lunch and supper for families. Helpers in the kitchen were Pastor Sarah, Pam Brown and Jo Anne Agrimson. Thanks to Gary Olson for the wonderful ice cream and toppings, to Lindsey Vitse, Anita Brown and Beth Vitse for baking bars, to Keith Agrimson and Ryan Vitse for help with cleanup and to the North Prairie Foundation for providing the funding for the wonderful opportunity for our kids to learn more about Jesus

2025 ELCA Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly

The Southeastern Minnesota Assembly met at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato on Friday and Saturday May 30 and 31, 2025. The Assembly was attended by 418 delegates and visitors with roughly two-thirds being lay delegates from the 165 congregations of the Synod. Pastor Sarah Walker Brown, Willa Holger, and Dave Holger were voting delegates from the United Lutheran Parish.

The theme of the Assembly was “Remember what God has done, prepare for what God will do” and this theme carried throughout the worship message as well as the keynote sessions led by Dr. Michael Chan from Concordia College, Moorhead. The scripture foundation for the theme was Psalm 77:11 “I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.”

The Assembly began at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 30, 2025, with an opening plenary session including the re-election of Bishop Regina Hassanally to serve a second six-year term. Bishop Hassanally received 92 percent of the votes on the first ballot. The afternoon plenary continued with the first keynote presentation by Dr. Michael Chan on Psalm 77. The afternoon session concluded with a worship service led by Bishop Hassanally and included a strong and inspiring message from Bishop Patricia Lull of the Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA. Approximately \$20,000 was raised through the offering and prior gifts from congregations and individuals. The offering will be used to fund Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and all of the Synod’s ministry partners including Luther Seminary, ELCA Region 3 (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota) Archives, Crossroads Campus Ministry (Mankato), Lutheran Campus Center (Winona), Good Earth Village, Lutheran Advocacy – MN, Minnesota Council of Churches, and Continuous Growth Pathways (continuing education and support program for pastors in collaboration with Gustavus Adolphus College).

The Assembly reconvened at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 31 and the second plenary session included several reports and routine business actions, approval of a budget that was similar to that of last year, and a second presentation by Keynote Speaker Dr. Michael Chan on Isaiah 43.

Following a break for lunch, plenary session three was convened and three resolutions were introduced and passed unanimously by the Assembly. The full text of all resolutions may be found on the Synod website (semnsynod.org). A report from ELCA Churchwide was given by Nick Kiger, Director for Mission Support of the ELCA. A third presentation by Dr. Chan was given on Deuteronomy.

Dr. Chan is the Vice President for Mission and Inclusion and Old Testament scholar at Concordia College, Moorhead and is well-known for his Old Testament scholarship and interpretation. He is a very dynamic and inspirational speaker who substantially enhanced everyone's understanding of the contexts and messages of the three passages from the Old Testament covered in his keynote presentations. In particular, he discussed how these messages to the people of God were reminding them of what God has done for them and to give them hope that God is still with them. He further illustrated that God does not always provide the solution to a problem or resolve a difficult situation in the way we hope or expect, but that sometimes God moves us forward in new ways to better outcomes than expected. The bottom-line message is that we need to remember that God has been there for believers in the past and that we must have faith and prepare for what God will do in the future.

In the elections held in the afternoon of the Assembly, Lisa Dierks was re-elected Vice President of the Synod, Dave Holger was elected to the Synod Council, Ed Taylor from Lanesboro was re-elected to the Synod Council, Rev. Jackie Short from Highland Prairie was elected to the Synod Committee on Discipline, Burton Svendsen from Rushford was confirmed as a delegate to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, and Pastor Sarah continues in her role as Co-Dean of the Root River Conference. Dave Holger became chair of the Synod Committee on Reference and Counsel and continues to serve as a lay member of the Synod Committee on Discipline. The Root River Conference continues to be well-represented on Southeastern Minnesota ELCA Synod Committees.

The 2025 Synod Assembly was an inspirational and informative experience for all participants. It was gratifying for the United Lutheran Parish delegates to interact with the Synod's partner representatives, as well as with Synod staff. Representatives from Good Earth Village and Lutheran Campus Center (Winona) were very complementary of their interactions with Pastor Sarah and United Lutheran Parish. Synod leadership and staff were also very complementary about Pastor Sarah's leadership of our congregation and her engagement with the Root River Conference and Synod. For a small parish we are well thought of and visible within the Synod.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA includes over 117,000 baptized members in 165 congregations. The five Conferences of the Synod are the Blue Earth River Conference, the Cannon River Conference, the Minnesota River Conference, the Root River Conference, and the Zumbro River Conference. The Synod is one of 65 synods that make up the ELCA. Partner organizations of the Synod that are financially supported by the synod through mission support dollars are: Crossroads Campus Ministry, Mankato; Good Earth Village, Spring Valley; Luther Seminary, St. Paul; Minnesota Council of Churches, Minneapolis; ELCA Region 3 Archives; Lutheran Advocacy – Minnesota; Lutheran Campus Center, Winona. Further information about the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA can be found at the Synod website – semnsynod.org.

Synod Assembly 2025 Review

Total Attendees:

213 Lay voting members
149 Pastor voting members
+7 Deacon voting members

369 Total Voting Members

4 Voice Without Vote
+45 Visitors

418 People!

REMEMBER
what God has done.
PREPARE
for what God will do.

Other Business:

- 3 resolutions approved. (One amended.)
- The spending plan was approved.
- Reports were received from:
 - Bishop Hassanally
 - Vice President: Lisa Dierks
 - Synod Treasurer: Tammy Dahlvang
 - Synod Secretary: Rev. Josh Enderson
 - ELCA Churchwide: Nick Kiger
- Find the resolutions, spending plan, and some reports online.

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.
Psalm 77:11



Election of a Bishop:
Bishop Regina Hassanally

Re-elected on ballot one to serve a second six-year term.



Worship:
Music led by Cindy Rupp and the band from Messiah Lutheran in Mankato

Preacher: Bishop Patricia Lull
of the Saint Paul Area Synod ELCA

Assistant: Rev. Anders Nelson
of Henrytown, Mabel First, and Scheie Lutheran

Synod Nomination Results:

1 Vice President re-elected
5 Synod Council lay people
3 Synod Council rostered
1 Synod Council young adult
1 Committee on Discipline lay person
2 Committee on Discipline rostered
5 Augsburg University Corporation Board

18 positions filled!

Actual Offering Received:

\$19,000+

To support Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and all of the synod's ministry partners (as of 6/3/25).



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Michael Chan

Session One: Psalm 77
Session Two: Isaiah 43
Session Three: Deuteronomy

semnsynod.org/assembly

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH BOARDS FOR 2025

4-PT ULP BOARD

Paul Boyum –A, President

Sonia McCabe – PM, V. President

Keith Agrimson - A

Dana Knudsen – A

Brad Gorder – G

Tim Hallum – G

Allan Kingsbury –G

Anita Brown – NP

Diane Drinkall – NP, Secretary

Chuck Eidenschink - Treasurer

Brent Olson – NP

Steve Erickson – PM

Doris Horsman – PM

ARENDAHL LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Paul Boyum

Vice President: Kevin Agrimson

Secretary: Willa Holger

Treasurer: Jo Anne Agrimson

Financial Secretary: Sharlyn Boyum

Deacons: Karolyn Boyum

Bernice Gathje

JoAnne Agrimson

Rachel Boyum

Trustees: Keith Agrimson

Randy Boyum

David Holger

Nate Whitacre

Root River Conference: Donna & Allen Aarsvold

Good Earth Village: Sharlyn and Paul Boyum

Good Shepherd Annual Mtg: Donna & Allan Aarsvold

SE MN Synod Conference: Rachel Boyum, Dave Holger

Nominating Committee: Jo Anne Agrimson, Willa Holger

Ushers: Kevin Agrimson, Paul Boyum

Cemetery Board

President: Keith Agrimson

Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Holger

Historian: Becky Stocker

Kevin Agrimson

Randy Boyum

Nate Whitacre

WELCA Officers

Co-Presidents: Willa Holger

Secretary: JoAnne Agrimson

Treasurer: Sharlyn Boyum

Mission in Community & Action: Donna Aarsvold

Mission in Growth: Sharlyn Boyum

GRACE LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Allan Kingsbury

Vice President: Tim Hallum

Secretary: Karen Thompson

Treasurer: Elaine Eidenschink

Financial Treasurer:

Deacons: Maynard Thompson

Danielle Gorder

Val Hasleiet

Sally Poepping

Susie Norby

Brenda Bergan

Trustees: Wayne Hasleiet
David Hallum

Bill Grindland
Jordon Bergan

Nominating Committee: Allan Kingsbury, Judy Graham, Brad Gorder

Board of Education: Brenda Bergan, Jordan Bergan, Rhonda Bauer

Root River Conference: Bill Grindland, Susie Norby

Good Shepherd Annual Meeting: Tammy Hallum, Judy Graham

Cemetery Board

Wayne Hasleiet
Bill Grindland
Tim Hallum

Allan Kingsbury
Mary Miner

WELCA Officers

Co-Presidents: Val Hasleiet
Susie Norby

Secretary: Karen Thompson
Treasurer: Kathy Hallum

Altar Guild

Lorraine Benson
Kathy Hallum
Tammy Hallum
Val Hasleiet

Mary Miner
Susie Norby
Karen Thompson
Danielle Gorder

NORTH PRAIRIE LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Diane Drinkall
Vice President: Beth Vitse
Secretary: Pamela Brown
Treasurer: Lisa Koljord

Financial Secretary: Lynne Clarke
Memorial Secretary: Lynne Clarke
Investment Trustee: Roger Hegland

Deacons: Doreen Goodman, Kari Hanson

Trustees: Ryan Vitse, Joel Goodman

Board of Education: Anita Brown

Nominating Committee:

GSLH Delegate: Roger Hegland

Head Usher: Gary Olson, Assistant Usher: Ryan Vitse

Foundation Board

President: Gary Olson
Vice President: Jarred
Mosdal

Secretary: Diane Drinkall
Treasurer: Justin Brown
Brent Olson

Beth Vitse
Matthew Holtegaard

Cemetery Board

Ryan Vitse, President

Beth Vitse, Secretary

Doreen Goodman, Treasurer

Lowell Holtegaard

Keith Brown

Harvey Bue

Adam Drinkall

WELCA Officers

President: Diane Drinkall

Vice President: Charlene Eide

Secretary: LeAnn Olson

Treasurer: Gayle Burdick

Mission in Growth-Discipleship: Eileen Koljord

Mission in Action-Stewardship: Lisa Koljord

Mission in Action-Stewardship: Lynne Clarke

Mission in Community-Justice: Charlene Eide

PILOT MOUND LUTHERAN

Church Council

President: Sonia McCabe

Vice President: Tom Haugstad

Secretary: Jill Peterson

Treasurer: Annie Hongerholt

Deacons: Troy Danielson, Tom Haugstad

Trustees: Dave McCabe, Steve Erickson, Bob Peterson

Board of Education: Doris Horsman, Linda Danielson

Sunday School Leaders: Kery Erickson, Annie Hongerholt

S.S Secretary/Treasurer: Annie Hongerholt

Nominating Committee: Linda Danielson, Dave McCabe

Auditing Committee: Eric Thompson, Luke McCabe, Chad Erickson

Head Ushers: Bob Peterson, Steve Erickson

4-pt Council Alternate – Linda Danielson

Family League: Opie & Norine Minter, Mike & Cherie Stevens, Kevin Weatherly & Kery Erickson

Cemetery Board

President-Steve Erickson

Vice-president-Bob Peterson

Secretary-Deb Erickson

Treasurer-Doris Horsman

WELCA Officers

President: Deb Erickson

Vice President: Cheri Stevens

Secretary: Sonia McCabe

Treasurer: Doris Horsman

Please send corrections to ULP Secretary.

Due to previous mailing costs, this was not included in previous newsletters until now when newsletters are emailed.

**PILOT MOUND
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

RURAL CHATFIELD



**** **50 th** ****
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FEATURING THE CHATFIELD BRASS BAND

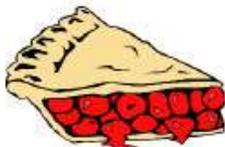
SUNDAY, JULY 20 2025

SERVING @ 6:00pm

MUSIC @ 7:00pm



**BARBECUES, PIES, ICE CREAM,
POP AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED**



~~~ PLEASE BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS ~~~

# GRACE WELCA - JULY / AUGUST 2024

## QUILTING

**Wednesday, July 9 9:00AM**  
**Wednesday, July 23 9:00AM**

**Wednesday, August 13 9:00AM**  
**Wednesday, August 27 9:00AM**

Everyone is welcome to join the  
Quilters!

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, July 17 2:00PM**

Bible study will be Romans 8: 18-30.

"We know that God makes all things work together for the good  
of those who love him and are chosen to be a part of His plan."

Servers: Lucy Benson and Carol Ramsey.

### **No August WELCA meeting**

Save the date: September 18 is our Honor Day outing. We will be going to The Farmhouse restaurant in Caledonia. (Details to follow)

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

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

## ARENDAHL WOMEN'S ANNUAL OUTING

The women of Arendahl had a fabulous and fun outing on June 17. Current and past members met for lunch at the Ivy Grove Café in Spring Grove. We then went to Hidden Springs Peony Farm in rural Spring Grove. On a beautiful sunny day we enjoyed seeing 2.5 acres of peonies, a tour by the owner, the gift shop, and the opportunity to buy our favorite varieties of peonies to take home. This special day was enjoyed by 12 women including the youngest and oldest members of Arendahl.







## Arendahl Women of the ELCA

have been graciously invited to Jo Anne Agrimson's home for our meeting and Bible study on Tuesday, July 15 at 9:00. What an enjoyable and meaningful time this will be!

The Bible study for July is session two - "Relationships that Sustain Us" on page 24 of the Gather magazine. That title certainly describes this group of women!



AS WE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST CURRENT, PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ADDRESS CHANGES or if you are a member of another church or do not wish to remain a member at Arendahl, Grace, North Prairie or Pilot Mound, let us know so your name can be removed from our membership and mailing address lists.

You can contact us via email: [united\\_lutheran@yahoo.com](mailto:united_lutheran@yahoo.com) or contact our church secretaries for:

ARENDAHL and GRACE at: [secretaryglc@goacentek.net](mailto:secretaryglc@goacentek.net) or leave a message at the church office at 507.875.2218

NORTH PRAIRIE and PILOT MOUND at: [holte@acegroup.cc](mailto:holte@acegroup.cc) or leave a message at cell phone 507.696.0725 or the church office at 507.875.2460. Thank you in advance for helping to keep the membership at UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH up-to-date!



Please check our Facebook pages and the website – [www.unitedlutheranparish.com](http://www.unitedlutheranparish.com) for updates as we continue to move forward.

## North Prairie WELCA Announcements for JULY-AUGUST, 2025

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.

**JULY --**

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

**AUGUST --**

**Wednesday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am (potluck)



### **NEXT WELCA Meeting**

**Sunday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am WELCA meeting prior to worship;

Devotions – Circle # 1 - Dorcas

### **STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2025:**

- Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) Quilting Days - months of July – November
- School Kits (LWR) Collection thru September 28<sup>th</sup>

**PARAMENTS for May/Jun/Jul/Aug:** Gayle Burdick, Twilah Brown

**BULLETIN BOARD for May/Jun/Jul/Aug:** Circle # 1 - Dorcas



The **“WELCA YEARBOOKS”** are available. Please contact President Diane if you do not have one. Please give any corrections or additions to Diane to keep info up-to-date.

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

July 9<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun, 9:30 am NP WELCA Meeting, prior to worship;

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

Sep 10<sup>th</sup> -- Wed, 9:00 am Quilting Days

Sep 28<sup>th</sup> – School Kits collection due

**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 2025. 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)

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> for packing in boxes.

Box drop off will be Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**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.

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!

Some tips and guidance if you donate to food pantries derived from feedback by those who use them:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.



Most people buy what they think food pantry users want, but have never asked them. If you help families, single people, foster youth and the homeless, this list can help better tailor your donations! Or make a cash donation.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

### Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

#### **ARENDAHL**

##### ***Birthdays***

05-James Knudsen  
 09-Dana Knudsen  
 16-Amelia Whitacre  
 16-Henrik Whitacre  
 17-Allen Aarsvold  
 23-Chris Goldsmith

##### ***Anniversaries***

#### **GRACE**

##### ***Birthdays***

01-Rick Olson  
 01-Vicky Quimby  
 03-Deb Book  
 03-Larry Pelzl  
 10-Emily Didier  
 12-Michele Pelzl  
 13-Hayley Boyum  
 13-Jon Graham  
 13-Chad Kingsbury  
 16-David Hallum  
 19-Jane Holien  
 20-Jessica Thompson  
 23-Claire Gorder  
 28-Rhonda Bauer  
 29-Erica Klein  
 30-Barb Thompson  
 31-Kim Hallum

##### ***Anniversaries***

*01-John & Jenny Kahoun*  
*07-Maynard & Sandy Thompson*  
*12-Dennis & Edna Gravos*  
*13-Jim & Jane Holien*  
*15-Chad & Stephanie Kingsbury*  
*24-Tom & Danielle Paulson*  
*28-Stan & Nancy Agrimson*

#### **NORTH PRAIRIE**

##### ***Birthdays***

01-Anna Vick  
 02-Kailan Schott  
 03-Diane Eide  
 04-Derek Holtegaard  
 05-Sommer Holtegaard  
 09-Grant Horihan  
 09-Tatum Olson  
 12-Wayne Highum  
 14-Kelly Connaughty  
 15-Tessa Holtegaard  
 16-Kim Wilde  
 18-Griffin Holtegaard  
 18-Meghan Moger  
 20-Camdyn Rye  
 22-Stephanie Drinkall  
 23-Paula Haug  
 27-Elisa Edwards  
 30-Craig Bain  
 31-Lisa Koljord

##### ***Anniversaries***

*01-Darin & Nancy Hegland*  
*15-Nathan & Becky Olson*  
*21-Brent & Michelle Olson*  
*31-Charles & Lindsay Horihan*

#### **PILOT MOUND**

##### ***Birthdays***

01-Annora Kramer  
 02-Grace Goddard  
 02-Kaylee Rockvam  
 05-Amanda Stevens  
 09-Paisley Lawstuen  
 13-Heather Luehmann  
 14-David Schaefer  
 15-Timothy Goddard  
 15-Alyssa Luehmann  
 15-Anastasia Hongerholt  
 16-Joe McCabe  
 19-Clay Peterson  
 25-Katelyn Burt  
 26-Deb Erickson  
 31-Duane Erickson

##### ***Anniversaries***

*28-Brian & Laci Nelson*

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](mailto:united_lutheran@yahoo.com)

## July 2025

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                                                                       | Tue                                                         | Wed                                                                          | Thu                                                                                            | Fri                                | Sat                                         |
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|  <p><b>ALL WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS</b> will be posted on <b>KTTC TV</b> as <b>“United Lutheran Parish”</b> and also on <b>Facebook pages</b> <b>Contact officers for meeting updates</b> <b>Calendar events will be reviewed regularly</b></p> |                                                                                                                           | <b>1</b>                                                    | <b>2</b>                                                                     | <b>3</b>                                                                                       | <b>4</b> <small>Indep. Day</small> | <b>5</b>                                    |
| <b>6</b><br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Grace<br>10:30 AM<br>Arendahl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>8</b>                                                    | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am NP<br>Quilting, potluck<br><br>9:00 AM<br>Grace Quilting | <b>10</b>                                                                                      | <b>11</b>                          | <b>12</b>                                   |
| <b>13</b><br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Pilot Mound<br>10:30 AM<br>North Prairie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>14</b><br>10:00 am Gathering at the Well Bible Study, Ferndale Country Club, Rushford<br><br>6:00 pm NP Foundation Mtg | <b>15</b><br>9:00 am Arendahl WELCA Bible Study and Meeting | <b>16</b>                                                                    | <b>17</b><br>1:30 pm Good Shepherd Nursing Home Worship<br><br>2:00pm Grace WELCA meeting      | <b>18</b>                          | <b>19</b><br>Lawsteun/Winslow Wedding at NP |
| <b>20</b><br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Grace<br>10:30 AM<br>Arendahl<br>6:00 pm<br>PM 50th Ice Cream Social, 7:00 pm<br>Chatfield Brass Band                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>22</b>                                                   | <b>23</b><br>9:00 AM<br>Grace Quilting                                       | <b>24</b><br>7:00 -8:00 pm<br>Pastor Sarah’s “At Dusk” Zoom Book Club, ‘Bear’ by Julia Phillip | <b>25</b>                          | <b>26</b>                                   |
| <b>27</b><br>Worship<br>9:00 AM<br>Pilot Mound<br>10:30 AM<br>North Prairie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>28</b><br>ELCA Church wide Assembly, Phoenix, AZ<br>07.28 – 08.02                                                      | <b>29</b>                                                   | <b>30</b>                                                                    | <b>31</b>                                                                                      |                                    |                                             |

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