THE MESSENGER

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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:** Marlo Boyum, Harold and Arlene Jensen, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Nancey Gathje, Emily Charlebois, Janine Lange, Jesse Arnold, Michelle Pelyz, Tom McCabe, Andrew Draper, Abby, Jana, and Shawn Draper (JoAnne Agrimson's family members), Ted Olson, Karolyn Boyum, Barbie Finstad (Kathy Lee's friend), Sandy Thompson, Dodie House, Ardella Miner(Jelon Hogie's sister), Laura Eide (wife of Gary Eide), Dean Fiene, Ingrid Bunke's family, Kambrynn Ronningen family, Abby, Jana & Shawn Draper, Dennis Berland's family, ...

- On Going Health Concerns: Tom Haugstad.
- Homebound: Arlene Holtegaard, Luella Brown...

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES **DECEMBER 24th**



4:00 pm ~ Grace Lutheran Church

5:30 pm ~ Pilot Mound Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th **One Worship Service** 10:30 am North Prairie Lutheran Church Carols and Lessons

You are invited to join us for all the Christmas festivities throughout the month. Check the calendar for other events for December. May this season bless you with a deep awareness of Jesus in your midst and his lavish love for all of creation. Merry Christmas!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Sarah

The 2024 Pastor Sarah's Zoom Book Club Reading List

12/26 - LAND OF MILK AND HONEY, C Pam Zhang

Pilot Mound Lutheran Church's Ice Cream Social with the Chatfield Brass Band **COUNTDOWN TO FIFTYYEARS.** Below are words from a woman who has been part of the event since she was four months old.

My first Pilot Mound Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social was in 1981, at 4 months old, and I have been to dozens since. Mom recalled bundling me into a "bucket," (the 1980's version of a car seat) where I could be safely stowed in line of sight while the parents cooked and the slightly older kids ran around underfoot. I don't actually remember the car seat or toddling around in the basement, but I do recall my Grandma Ruth, Ila, Melva, Mavis, and others of their generation chatting in the basement amongst tables of home baked pies they cut under the precise direction of Agnes, who had exacting standards for slice dimensions and wasn't afraid to demote you to another task if you did not meet expectations—they took quality very seriously at our church meals! The "church grandmas" (as I thought of them) also did a pretty good job of keeping sticky little kid fingers out of the highly tempting array of pies, and made sure there was enough pie left at the end for Ray and Vivian to treat the entire band to a piece after the concert.

During the late '80s and early 90's the Family League was mostly families with younger children. The Ericksons, Horsmans, Strandes, and McCabes would all take their turn on the Family League and the herd of children would be put to work setting out chairs, collecting and washing up trays, and running back and forth with loads of pies and BBQ from the kitchen in the church basement. The "Grandmas" would do the pie cutting and washing up in the basement kitchen while parents kept the BBQs hot on the stove, served food, and collected money from the line of hungry people eying the pie selection. The grandpas were smart enough to keep themselves safely out of the fray. They showed up, bought BBQs, ate pie, and listened to music. It was a multigenerational event and everyone had their role.

As I got older, I started to work a lot of weekends. In my 20's I often couldn't attend due to work, but made my pies the night before and dropped them off for Mom to bring with her pies. It always was a point of pride to make a homemade pie with a "from scratch" crust for those who might not get homemade pies very often...the Quarstad brothers came to mind as they loved pie on any occasion and never missed an Ice Cream Social that I can recall. The only year I bought pies was when Ruth was a few months old. I was just out of the hospital with pneumonia, had gotten caught outside in a rainstorm the night before, and was quite ill. As I feverishly stumbled around the house trying to assemble ingredients, Kevin (somewhat out of character) firmly declared that I was staying home and he was buying pies because "no one wants to get sick from your germy pies". He drove to Amish Ovens in St. Charles for 2 pies that he later assured me weren't quite as good as mine, but were close enough to be acceptable—smart man!

Over the years, Grandma Ruth's generation, most of whom were born in the late 'teens and early '20s, all passed on. Agnes turned over the unofficial director role to Doris. Mom and her contemporaries became the "church grandmas" group cutting pies and the dads from my childhood Family League are now the grandpas eating pie in the lawn. Kevin and I are the parents on the Family League, and Ruth has joined the herd of 3rd and 4th generation Pilot Mound Sunday School kids washing trays and getting underfoot. What hasn't changed, though is that it's a lot of work, it's always hot, some years we get 15 pumpkin pies and no cherry, or vice versa, but somehow it all works out. The rain holds off just long enough, there's just enough sloppy joes, and the whole neighborhood shows up for a fun time with friends, family, fellowship, music, and of course, pie.

~Kery Erickson

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Sunday, November 3, 2024 11:30 am North Prairie Lutheran Church

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

President Paul Boyum called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

The secretary's report 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. Sonia McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no Parish Nurse report today.

First on the agenda was Pastor Sarah's salary review. Council presidents met previously to discuss salary and are recommending a 4% increase effective January 2025, following discussion a motion was made by Allan Kingsbury to give the 4% increase. Brad seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The 2025 ULP calendar was given to those present for review.

Pastor Sarah will be gone November 5 -11.

There will not be services on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Christmas Eve services will be held at Grace at 4:00 pm and at Pilot Mound at 5:30 pm. Also, there will be only one ULP service on Sunday, December 29th at North Prairie at 10:30 am.

January Annual meetings are scheduled as follows: January 5th – Arendahl; January 19th – Grace; January 26th – Pilot Mound and North Prairie.

Last item discussed was Diane Drinkall asked to amend a motion that loose change offering from ULP joint service (when only held at one church) will go to the host church for overhead expenses. Offerings designated to individual churches will stay with each church congregation. Motion made by Allan and seconded by David Hallum. Motion passed.

There was no other business.

The next meeting with 'election of officers' is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th, following worship at North Prairie.

President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Diane Drinkall, Secretary



Next month's newsletter "The Messenger" will be a combined January-February issue. Please have your newsletter items turned into: unitedlutheran@yahoo.com by December 18th.

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Congregations



2025 Annual Meetings

following worship services:

Arendahl – January 5
Grace -- Sunday, January 19
Pilot Mound – Sunday, January 26
North Prairie – Sunday, January 26
Please have your reports submitted to the secretaries as soon as possible!

AS WE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP LISTS 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 the membership and mailing address lists.



You can contact our church secretaries:

Linda Kingsbury at secretaryglc@goacentek.net or leave a message at Grace (and Arendahl) Lutheran Church office – 507-875-2218 or

Sheri Holtegaard at <a href="https://holtegaard.com

Thank you in advance for helping to keep the memberships at United Lutheran Parish up-to-date!

Thank You from the Arendahl Bazaar Committee

Thank you to all who donated time, energy, items, money and fellowship at the biennial Arendahl Bazaar. Our hearts are filled with gratitude!

The joy of filling our church basement with so many friends was only matched by the generosity of spirit that spread through Arendahl. To see so many ULP members attend was wonderful. We are also happy that people will travel longer distances to attend each bazaar.

God grants each of us talents, and we are blessed to have so many of you use yours to make the night a complete success.

Thank you to our friends Wayne and Sherry, Anita and Harvey, Kory and Dan, Gary, Reid and Della for donating hand-made items, baked goods, treasures and even eggs to help us raise money for repairs and maintenance as well as for our charities this year.

Thank you also to all of the eager buyers who amazed us with your willingness to overbid on so many fun items!

Our appreciation goes out to those of you who spread the word to others so no one missed out.

To our loyal crews in the kitchen, at the clerks' desks, at the bake sale and the used-a-bit sale, we could not have done it without your talents and enthusiasm. We are especially thankful to have a pastor who doesn't mind jumping in to help put dollops on desserts!

The auction could not have happened without the fun and engagement Murton and Bertram add, but we would still be trying to get the goods out to the buyers if it weren't for the young people who eagerly helped with items: Anthony, Aiden, Jeron, Allison and Jamison, thank you!

Finally, to my fellow committee members, Barb, Dana and Karolyn, thank you for your awesome ideas and tireless energy. Take about 15 months to rest and we will re-visit a plan for 2026! Blessed beyond measure,

Jo Anne Agrimson, Bazaar Committee Chairperson



Christmas at Arendahl December 8

HWY 30 will be joined with Carlie Madison and Dan Everson December 8 at Arendahl for a musical worship service celebrating the anticipation and the joy of Christ's birth. All are welcome at the 10:30 a.m. service. A special offering will be taken for ELCA Good Gifts.

ELCA Good Gifts 2024

HWY 30 is once again offering opportunities to give the gift of helping others this holiday season. Ornaments and Christmas cards will be available free of charge at both Arendahl and North Prairie churches. There are free catalogs also, so feel free to browse for specific gifts that touch your heart!

For several years, our congregations have raised over \$1,000 by choosing to purchase chicks, goats, backpacks, school uniforms, seeds & gardening tools and many other specific gifts!

Catalogs will be available at both churches during services in December. The Sunday school program's special offering will go toward Good Gifts as well.

Special "Good Gift" envelopes will be available if you wish to use them to put in the offering plate each Sunday. If you would rather give your donation to Jo Anne or any member of HWY 30, feel free to do so.

If you would rather contribute directly or find more information about ELCA's Good Gifts program, you may go to https://goodgifts.elca.org or simply send a check made out to ELCA Good Gifts to ELCA Gifts Processing Center P. O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

This mission is dear to our hearts. Thank you for making it part of your mission!

Jo Anne Agrimson & HWY 30



PILOT MOUND SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 at 9:00 AM

GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 at 9:00 AM

ARENDAHL/NORTH PRAIRIE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 at 10:30 AM
AT NORTH PRAIRIE

North Prairie WELCA Announcements for DECEMBER, 2024

*Tuesday, December 10th, 8:30 – 1:00 Root River Conference Pastors Meeting at NP

*Thursday, December 12th -- Drop off and pack items for Holiday Bake Sale; "Pre-Orders" Bake Sale for ULP members and pre-order pick-up, 2:00-4:00 pm



*Friday, December 13th – 34th Annual HOLIDAY BAKE SALE at Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford --- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (or gone)

*Sunday, December 15th – 9:30 am Annual WELCA Meeting at North Prairie prior to worship Allocation of Funds, Election of Officers, Historian Report; Priscilla Circle # 2 - Devotions



STEWARDSHIP GOALS:

Mission Quilts (locally and LWR) and School Kits (LWR)

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

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

BOOKS CLOSE – DECEMBER 14th If you haven't been able to participate in WELCA during the year, please consider giving a donation in support of our "Women's Ministry". Donations can be sent to North Prairie Lutheran Church, or given to Gayle Burdick, WELCA Treasurer or Diane Drinkall, WELCA President

Upcoming events for WELCA include:

December 10th (Tuesday): NP WELCA hosts the RR Pastor's Conference at NP with morning coffee / lunch. 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

December 12th **(Thursday):** Drop off your bake sale items at church between 1-4 pm. (Contact Diane if the scheduled drop off time is not convenient for you, we will figure a different time). Pre-Orders will be ready for pickup from 2:00-4:00 pm.



December 13th (FRIDAY): Holiday Bake Sale fundraiser at Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford from 9:00 am –2:00 pm (or gone)

December 15th (SUNDAY): 9:00 am NP WELCA Annual Meeting

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.

<u>EVERYONE</u> is encouraged to participate by providing bake sale items and/or working at the bake sale event. **If you have questions and/or can help**, contact President Diane at **507-875-2339 or <u>dedrinkall@hotmail.com</u>**.

NORTH PRAIRIE WELCA will be holding a "Christmas Holiday" bake sale on Friday, December 13^{th} in the lobby of Sterling Drug, Rushford from 9 am - 2 pm (or gone).



We are looking for **YOUR** favorite holiday bakings, including decorated cookies, breads, candies, and Norwegian pastries –Spritz, Krumkaka, Sandbakkelsers, Rosettes, Lefse, etc.



If you have questions, feel free to call Diane at 875-2339.

PLEASE BRING your unwrapped items to the church on Thursday, December 12th from 1-4 pm OR call to make other arrangements.



"Pre-Order" CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

NORTH PRAIRIE WELCA will be taking orders for your holiday entertaining and enjoyment. We are taking orders for:

Rommegrot, Sweet Soup, Krumkaka, Rosettes and Sandbakkelsers

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED BY calling: 507.875.2339 by Friday, December 6th, 2024

Orders will be available for **PICKUP on Thursday, December 12th** from 2:00-4:00 pm at North Prairie Lutheran Church, 35957 State Hwy 30, Lanesboro, MN.

ULP members are welcome to come Thursday and purchase items. Pre-orders for Norwegian items preferred.

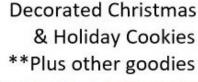
2024 – 34th Annual

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

9:00 am - 2:00 pm (or gone) Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th

Lefse -- Flatbread Sweet Soup – Rommegrot Norwegian Baking











We are also taking PRE-ORDERS for

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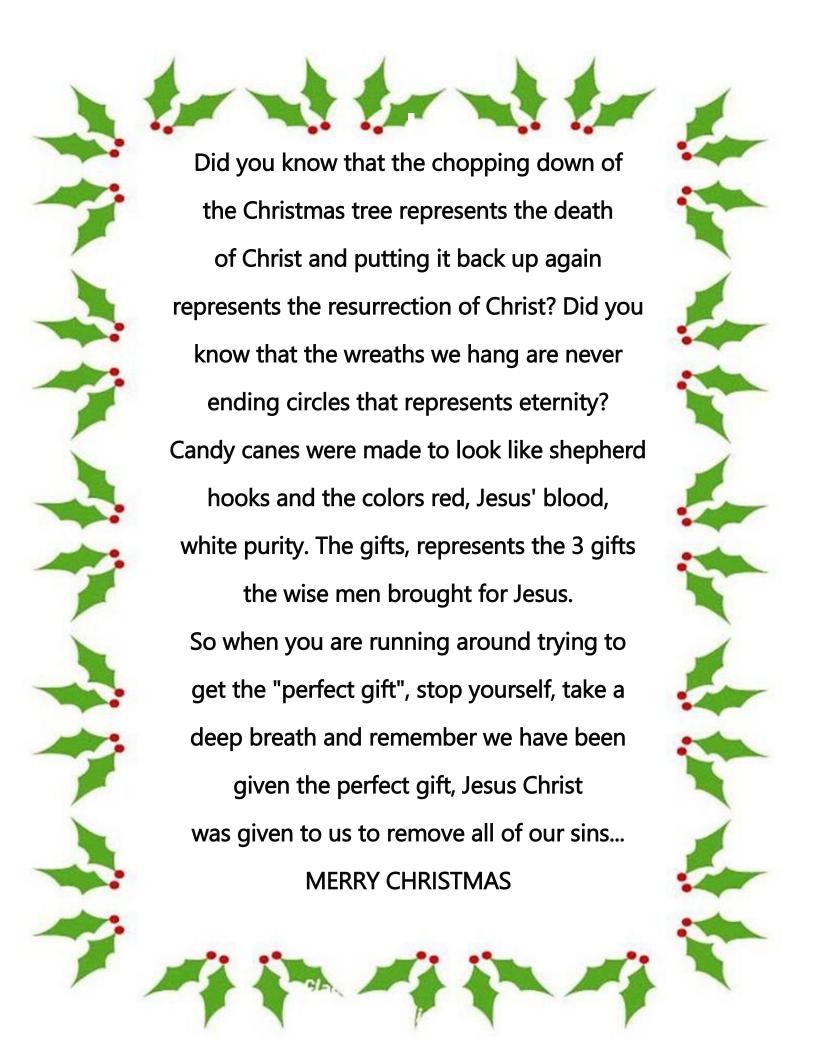
GRACE WELCA - DECEMBER 2024

WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 1 2:00PM

Please bring a gift to exchange (ten dollar limit). Lunch will be served and we will have a short business meeting. Games will be played, including Christmas Bingo! We hope to see you there. If you need a ride to this event please give Val Hasleiet a call, her number is in the Welca booklet or church directory.





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

CANCELLATION OR
POSTPONEMENT of Worship
services, meetings or events
will be posted on KTTC TV
as "United Lutheran Parish"
and also on Facebook pages:
Grace Lutheran Church or



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UNITED LUTHERAN PARISHBirthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

ARENDAHL	GRACE	NORTH PRAIRIE	PILOT MOUND
Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays	Birthdays
01-Jessica Boyum	02-Tammy Mathison	03-Jacob Vitse	02-Laci Nelson
02-Shari Boyum	03-Jessica Vande Zande	07-Kari Hanson	04-Amanda McCabe
06-Rachel Boyum	04-Mike Agrimson	08-Adam Drinkall	07-Debbie Swanson
07-Jay Morrrison	05-Jenny Kahoun	08-Bryson Nichols	08-Katherine Strande
16-Megan Boyum	07-Janette Vande Zande	12-Timothy Hatlevig	09-Rachel Dahl
	08-Sandy Thompson	12-Cassidy Ruud	10-Natasha Borst
Anniversaries	09-Aaron Lee	20-Taige Kruger	15-Katelyn Luehmann
18-Jay & Barb			
Morrison	09-Susie Norby	20-Rachel Rye	16-Nick Charlebois
	09-Tom Paulson	21-Tina Mayer	19-Jaxon McCabe
	10-Chris Grindland	25-Nora Eide	23-Nikkole Minter
	14-Terri Mathison	27-Cathy Haug	31-Mark Huper
	15-Joanne Pederson	28-Brenda Kroening	
	17-Cindy Grindland	29-Harvey Bue, Jr.	Anniversaries
			31-Nick & Emily
	17-Stanley Thompson	29-Macy Rye	Charlebois
	19-Domanick Corcoran		
	19-Lynda Gorder	Anniversaries	
	19-Ardell Lee		
	20-Barb Holien		
	20-Jessica Howe		
	23-Cindy Byer		
	23-Nikki Hegland		
	26-Brandon Benson		
	27-Ryan Graham		
	28-Wendy Jenkins		
	30-McKinley Holien		
	31-Wuanita Carter		
	Anniversaries		
	23-Wayne & Valerie		
	Hasleiet		

The Birthday/Anniversary lists are not complete.

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

December 2024								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound, w Holy Communion 10:00 am PM SS (Christmas Program Practice) 10:30 am NPA SS Christmas Program	2	3	4 6:30-7:30 Zoom ULP Confirmation Class	5	6	7		
2:00 pm Grace WELCA Annual Christmas Party								
9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace, SS Christmas program 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	9	10 8:30 am RR Pastors' Conference at NP	11 6:30-7:30 Zoom ULP Confirmation Class	12 2-4 pm Pre Order Bake Sale plus pickup	13 9:00 am -2:00 pm Holiday Bake Sale at Sterling Drug	14 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Grace WELCA Community Event - Christmas in Peterson		
11:30 am Arendahl Christmas Party								
9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound, SS Christmas program 9:30 am NP WELCA Annual Meeting 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie, w Holy Communion 11.30 am NP Council Meeting	16	17	18 6:30-7:30 Zoom ULP Confirmation Class Newsletter Deadline (Jan/Feb Issue)	19	20	21		
9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 4:00 pm at Grace 5.30 pm at Pilot Mound	25 Christmas Day No Services	26 7:00 pm Pastor Sarah's "At Dusk" Zoom Book Club – LAND OF MILK AND HONEY, C Pam Zhang	27	28		
29 10:30 am 4-pt ULP worship at NP	30	31	CANCELLED	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				

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