
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.

03/27 - **The Dictionary of
Lost Words**, Pip Williams

04/24 - **THE RETURN**,
Hisham Matar

05/22 - **The LOVE OF MY
LIFE**, Rosie Walsh

06/26 - **AWE**, Dacher Keltner

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



March 5th
Arendahl Lutheran Church
7:00 PM

Mid-Week Lenten Worship
Confirmation Class leads in worship.

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesday

3/12- Grace Lutheran Lutheran

3/19-Pilot Mound Lutheran

3/26-North Prairie Lutheran

4/2-Arendahl Lutheran

4/9-Grace Lutheran

You are invited to worship with us as we participate in the Lenten journey. A journey into Jesus' death and resurrection. A journey where we resist whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Come, all you people, as we use all of our senses - seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting to explore the significance of Christ's incarnation throughout the Lenten journey.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Sarah*

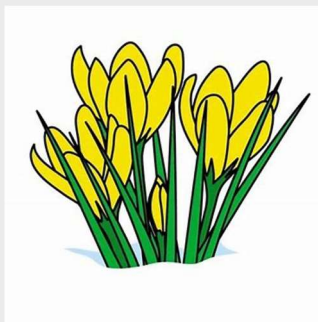
11/27 - **The Librarianist**,
Patrick deWitt

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

**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:** Abby, Jana, and Shawn Draper (JoAnne Agrimson's family members), Ted Olson, Barbie Finstad (Kathy Lee's friend), Laura Eide (wife of Gary Eide),...
- **On Going Health Concerns:** Tom Haugstad, Tom McCabe, Jesse Arnold, Emily Charlebois, Janine Lange, Dean McConochie (lives in California), Karolyn Boyum
- **Homebound:** Arlene Holtegaard, Luella Brown...
- **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.



*Dedication of Bell Tower at North Prairie Lutheran Church on
December 29th, 2024*

Good morning, my name is Marty Hegland, and I am proud to represent today the family of Elizabeth Hegland, as we dedicate this bell tower in her memory.

I'm joined by my father, Roger; my brother Darin and his wife, Nancy, and their children, Ryan, Ella and Maria; my wife, Shari and our son, Kevin; and my brother Brian; his daughter Bradee, was unable to join us today.

The idea of installing a bell tower at North Prairie came about during the building of the pavilion. A while later, Wayne Kingsbury came forward with a design for the tower. What was needed was a bell.

Many of you know of and remember the Wraalstad country school located on the north corner of the Arne and Lolly Hatlevig farm just west of North Prairie on the south side of Highway 30. In that school building was a school bell. After the school was torn down the bell was stored in a building on the Hatlevig farm. Rachel Rye, Arnie and Lolly's granddaughter, was asked if she would donate the bell to the bell tower and she generously consented to do so.

Having that bell is especially meaningful for our family because Elizabeth spent her first seven years at the Wraalstad school. I imagine she along with other North Prairie children over many decades heard the bell ring quite often. It's fitting to give new life to the bell by installing it here at North Prairie Lutheran Church.

Upon approval of the design, Wayne approached Ken Connaughty to build the tower and he said he would. He then contacted Leigh Volkman to have it painted. Because of the height and weight, Winona Welding brought their hoist truck to set the tower and bell in place.

A special thank you to Wayne Kingsbury and Gary Olson for the site preparation, pouring of cement and to the North Prairie Foundation for covering that cost.

After the church service, we encourage you to take the time to walk over to the tower and give the rope a full ring the bell. We are honored to do this in Elizabeth's memory. Picture on next page.



GATHERING OF FRIENDS

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 Norseland, 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!

March 10, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

See you there!



"You are invited when you are in the neighborhood to ring the bell," says Roger Hegland. Picture taken on February 9, 2025.



UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Sunday, February 9, 2025 - 11:30 am
North Prairie Lutheran Church
Minutes approved via email

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

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 Brent Olson. Brad Gorder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Sarah gave her report. Now in 2025 she has had one funeral – Nancey Gathje (A). A monthly Bible Study "Gathering at the Well" is held. Pastor also does worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home and Chosen Valley Assisted Living and Chosen Valley Nursing Home.

Pastor participates in Continuing Education.

Confirmation Education is held weekly. Students will be assisting with Lenten worship. There will be three youth confirmed this spring - two from Pilot Mound and one from Grace.

Next on the agenda we discussed three events happening in our SEMN Synod - the Root River Conference Assembly, on February 16, held at Greenfield Lutheran Church, from 2-3:30 pm to which all church members are invited to attend; SEMN Synod Councils as Leaders, 2025 (for councils, staff, and leadership) on March 8, 9:00 am - 3:00pm, at Trinity Lutheran, Owatonna and the SEMN Synod 2025 Assembly, Saturday, May 31, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato.

Moving on to business: We discussed the cost for staff time, printing and mailing cost for our monthly newsletter. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brent and seconded by Sonia McCabe to send the newsletter (starting in June) by email ONLY and to have paper copies available in each church for members who don't have email addresses. A notice will appear in upcoming newsletters to update any email addresses. The motion passed.

Our second item of discussion was how to handle notifying members of church service cancellations. Each church/congregation will set up their own system to contact members of any cancellations. It will also be posted on the "North Prairie Lutheran Church – ELCA" Facebook page.

Looking at the ULP calendar – Ash Wednesday will be at Arendahl, with weekly Lenten worships to follow. Maunday Thursday is scheduled at Arendahl and Good Friday will be at North Prairie. All mid-week services will be at 7:00 pm. Easter worship services are as follows: 7:00 am at Pilot Mound, 9:00 am at Pilot Mound and 10:30 am at North Prairie. There is also a scheduled Easter Egg Drop at North Prairie for all ULP members and extended families following worship at North Prairie.

Our last order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. A unanimous ballot to elect the current officers was made by Anita Brown and seconded by Brent. Motion passed. Current officer holders are Paul Boyum, President; Sonia McCabe, Vice President; Diane Drinkall, Secretary; and Chuck Eidenschink, Treasurer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2025 following worship at North Prairie.

President Paul Boyum adjourned the meeting at 12.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Drinkall, Council Secretary

North Prairie WELCA Announcements for MARCH 2025

Sunday, March 9th: 9:30 am - WELCA meeting prior to worship, Priscilla Circle, # 2 – devotions



STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2025:

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

PARAMENTS for Jan-Apr: Doreen Goodman, Sue Moen

BULLETIN BOARD for Jan-Apr: Ruth Circle # 3

The 2025 Program yearbooks are available.

Contact President Diane if you have not received your copy.

Upcoming APRIL events for WELCA to include in your calendar!

Monday, April 7th – Good Shepherd Birthday Party, 1:30 pm Mission in Community, Charlene Eide – Program; Executive Board serves

Sunday, April 27th – 24th Annual Meatball Dinner.

The WELCA Fundraising Committee is working hard to have a successful Meatball Dinner. We will need workers to help on Friday and Saturday with prep and then Sunday prep and serving our meatball dinner. The plan is to have both dine-in and carry-outs.



“Many hands make light work!”

We will need as many persons that are able and willing to help, please contact Dinner Committee Lynne Clarke, Gayle Burdick, or Diane Drinkall.

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 - WELCA President Diane Drinkall: 507.459.1776 or dedrinkall@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ULP MEMBERS WHO RECEIVE PAPER COPIES

Due to the rising cost of printing and mailing “The Messenger” each month the ULP Council has decided to discontinue mailing the newsletter each month starting with the June 2025 issue.

If you are now receiving a copy via USPS, please forward your email address to: united_lutheran@yahoo.com to receive your emailed copy.

There will also be several copies in the back of each church for those without emails. Homebound members will still receive copies of the newsletter.



NORTH PRAIRIE MEMBERS:

At our annual congregational meeting in January we opted to disconnect the phone service at the church.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact a council member or church secretary.

2025-2026 MOWING BIDS:



North Prairie Lutheran Church and North Prairie Cemetery Association are accepting bids for the mowing of the church and cemetery grounds. Please include in your bid the cost



per season for mowing including trimming.

This is a 2 year contract.

Please submit bids by March 20th.

Contact Diane Drinkall, Council President, for a copy of the job description.

GRACE WELCA - MARCH 2025

QUILTING

Wednesday, March 12 9:00AM

Wednesday, March 26 9:00AM

Everyone is welcome to join the Quilters group!

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 20 2:00PM

Installation of WELCA Officers

We will also be handing out the new Welca booklets for 2024.

Bible study will be from Matthew 6: 5-13 "Be Yourself."

The 2025 handbooks will be distributed. Hope to see you there.

Servers are Susie Norby and Val Hasleiet.



Southeastern
Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Notice of the 2025 Synod Assembly

Theme: "Every Congregation Connected"

The 2025 Synod Assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be Friday and Saturday, May 30-31, 2025, at the Mayo Clinic Event Center in Mankato, MN. Registration instructions, the proposed agenda and program, and other pertinent details will be published in **RC Weekly** and on the Southeastern Minnesota Synod website at semnsynod.org/assembly.**

Respectfully,

Rev. Josh Enderson

SEMN Synod Secretary

** Please go online to view: how many member can a congregation send, guide to assembly roles, cost, menu options

HELP US HELP OTHERS!

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS UPDATE:

You don't need to be a Thrivent member to apply for a \$250 action grant. There is another category, Associate member. It costs \$19.95 per year, and allows you to apply for one grant a year. Apply online at:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership#apply-1>



MAKE A DIFFERENCE! It starts with an idea. It is easy to take action on something you are care about. Choose a project to support (such as Sunday Schools, Confirmation class, WELCA fundraisers, Family Youth Leagues, Improvement Funds, Churches, Cemetery, Community outreach ministry, other). Thrivent provides up to \$250 Community Impact Card dollars to use for advertising, supplies, etc. for fundraising, buying materials for making quilts or items to fill school bags, holding informational workshops, supplies for community events to name just a few.



If you are willing to support a project in your church or community, let us know. If you need help with an application, please ask. **There are several people in each congregation that are willing to help you apply.**

Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause YOU care about. We'll help get you started. Possibilities are endless.



**-- Thrivent Members --
Please remember to direct your
"Choice Dollars"
to the charity of your choice.
2024 Choice Dollars must be directed by
March 31, 2025.**

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

7:00 pm Worship



Wed Mar 5 Ash Wednesday (A)
Wed Mar 12 (G)
Wed Mar 19 (PM)
Wed Mar 26 (NP)
Wed Apr 2 (A)
Wed Apr 9 (G)

Coffee fellowship will follow March mid-week Lenten services

Sun Apr 13 Palm Sunday (G-A)
Thr Apr 17 Maunday Thursday (A)
Fri Apr 18 Good Friday (NP)

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sun Apr 20 EASTER (PM 7:00 am)
Sun Apr 20 EASTER (G 9:00 am)
Sun Apr 20 EASTER (NP 10:30 am)



Come Worship With Us!



NOTIFICATION OF CHURCH SERVICE CANCELATIONS

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If time allows, it will also be posted on the 'North Prairie Lutheran Church – ELCA' Facebook page for all churches.

Please join us!

2025 Women of the ELCA Root River
Conference Spring Gathering

cohosted by the Lutheran Campus Center &
Central Lutheran Church, Winona

SATURDAY

MARCH 22

259 W WABASHA ST, WINONA

"I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory,
God may grant that you may be strengthened in your
inner being with power through the Holy Spirit."

-Ephesians 3: 16

8:30 am- Registration, Displays, Coffee, Fellowship

9:00 am- Wellness checks provided by Winona State University
nursing students

9:30 am Program

Noon Lunch

\$15.00 registration fee

Special Guests

*LCC students

***Presentation: "Deepening our Inner Lives"**

**by Dr. Scott H. Sorvaag, Dean of the College of Education,
Winona State University**

For more information please contact your local WELCA leaders
or Kelley Olson, Lutheran Campus Center,
507-351-5327 or kellyolsonlcc@gmail.com



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month

Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration formed in 1982 to help restock food shelves across the state.

Ideas for donating high quality nutritious food:

Grains

Cereal (low sugar)
Pasta
Brown rice
Flour

Meat & protein

Dried beans & lentils
Tuna, ham & chicken
Peanut butter
Baked beans

Fruits & vegetables

Canned fruit (in fruit juice)
Canned vegetables
Spaghetti sauce
100% Fruit juice

Other items needed:

Diapers and wipes
Baby food

Laundry & dish detergent
Personal care items

Toilet paper

*Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
Psalms 146: 5-7*

"America is the richest country in the world. And yet tonight, thousands of your neighbors will go to bed hungry. It may be your child's schoolmate who is undernourished and has difficulty learning on an empty stomach. Or it could be a co-worker, a working mother whose low-wage job doesn't make ends meet. Perhaps it's an elderly neighbor who has to make a decision whether to delay filling a prescription or buying groceries. The faces of hunger are as broad as the faces of America." ~ David Nasby, General Mills

*"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world
who live and die in poverty or hunger.
Give them, through our hands this day their daily bread:
and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen"
Mother Teresa*

Please consider giving a donation to a local food shelf.

Thanking you with grateful hearts, your neighbors in need.



UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

ARENDAHL

Birthdays

02-Jacob Agrimson
03-Arlo Roos
08-Karolyn Boyum
20-John Boyum

GRACE

Birthdays

06-Jordan Bergan
07-Dalton Johnson
07-Jeff Olson
10-Carol Ramsey
10-Kim Thompson
13-Roger Malmin
17-Austin Agrimson
19-Andrea Lee
21-Elaine Eidenschink
22-Julie Boyum
24-Marissa Didier
28-Xander Auman
28-Joshua Thompson
31-Corey Mattson

NORTH PRAIRIE

Birthdays

01-Bridon Bahl
03-Harper Dahl
13-Karen Haugen
13-Emma Olson
14-Joshua Nichols
16-Julie Eide
17-Charles Horihan
19-Arlene Jensen
20-Trinity Nichols
27-Doreen Goodman
29-LeAnn Olson
30-Isabelle Haake
31-Boone Moen

PILOT MOUND

Birthdays

01-Jody Lawstuen
02-Keri Erickson
03-Kevin Weatherly
06-Jill Peterson
09-Taylor Horsman
10-Alyssa Slavin
11-Addison McCabe
14-Stella Charlebois
14-Greg Erickson
15-Adam McCabe
16-Seth Erickson
16-Arlie Golish
20-Chad Dahl
22-Jack Charlebois
23-Carter Rockvam
24-Bob Peterson
25-Doris Horsman
25-Brian Kesler
26-Alicia Hinckley
27-Carson McCabe
28-Alexis Gilbertson

Anniversaries

25-Adam & Annie McCabe

**The Birthday/Anniversary lists are not complete.
Please help us keep accurate lists of these special days for our members**

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 ALL WORSHIP CANCELLATIONS will be posted on KTTCC TV as “United Lutheran Parish” and also on Facebook pages Contact officers for meeting updates Calendar events will be reviewed regularly						1
2 9:00 am Worship and SS at Grace 10:30 am Worship at Arendahl	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday at Arendahl	6 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Pastor Continuing Education	7	8 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Councils as Leaders 2025; Trinity Lutheran Church Owatonna, MN
9 Daylight Saving Begins 9:00 am Worship at Pilot Mound 10:00 am PM SS 9.30 am NP WELCA meeting 10:30 am Worship and SS at North Prairie 11.30 am NP Council Meeting	10 10:00 – 11:00 am” Bible Study at Norsland Lefse, Rushford	11 9:30 am – 12.00 pm Root River Clergy Conference, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lanesboro	12 9:00 AM Grace Quilting 7:00 pm ULP Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Grace	13	14	15
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