

**Wilson Lutheran Church
401 310th Street
Wilson WI 54027
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Mission Statement

Wilson Lutheran Church serves to provide all people the opportunity to become disciples of Jesus Christ, encourage faith and obedience to Christ and, through diverse opportunities for evangelism, serve God's people in our communities, nation, and throughout the world.

February 2022, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

February 2022 – Time after Epiphany / Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 6 – Epiphany 5

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11: Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

Sunday, February 13 – Epiphany 6

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26: After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

Sunday, February 20 – Epiphany 7

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38: Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

Transfiguration

“Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God’s glory in the word and in the supper and who are being ‘transformed into the same image’ by God’s Spirit.” (*Sundays and Seasons Year C 2022, Augsburg Fortress*)

Sunday, February 27 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-42
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a: The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

The Season of Lent Begins

“On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism.” (*Sundays and Seasons Year C 2022, Augsburg Fortress*)

Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday

- ❖ Color: Purple
- ❖ Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21: In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

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Pastor's Office Hours: Pastor Bob may be reached at the church office, 715-772-3150, Wednesday through Friday, and Saturday morning. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, he can be reached at 715-235-4900 (home), 612-270-3838 (cell), or by email at PastorBob@wwt.net.

Wilson WELCA: WELCA meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, February 10. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

January 13, 2022 Council Meeting Highlights: *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- Thank you notes from Spring Valley, Elmwood food shelves and from Mary Brandt were read.
- New pew cushions are expected to arrive the last week in February.
- After reviewing the Wisconsin Council of Churches Covid recommended precautions. Mike made a motion to keep the current precautions just as they are, second by Barb Lamb. Motion carried.
- Web site development proposal from West Wisconsin Telcom was discussed. Barb Lamb made a motion to accept the proposal, second by Sharon. Motion carried.
- Barb Knopps made a motion to recommend Chuck Walz as Council President, David Powers as Vice President and Tracy Davis as council member to the congregation for election, second by Jerry. Motion carried.
- After discussion David made a motion to close the Sunday School Checking account with Citizen State Bank and transfer that money to the general fund, second by Mike. Motion carried.
- The Wilson Lutheran Mission Statement will be reviewed and rewritten at the next council meeting.
- A dumpster for the old pews cushions and other items to be disposed of will be discussed at the February meeting.

January 16, 2022 Wilson Endowment Fund Committee Minutes

- Present: Doug Faber, Sue Faber, Kari Deppa, Dennis Blegen, Linda Powers, Pastor Bob
- Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by chairman, Doug Faber.
- Pastor Bob led us in an opening prayer
- Purpose of meeting was to discuss distribution of 2021 fund income.
- It was suggested by Joan Bartz that we consider distributing approximately 5% of the total income which was approximately \$3,500.
- Options considered for distribution included
 - Luther Park
 - Luther Point
 - Lutheran Campus Ministry – UW Stout
 - Salvation Army – Eau Claire
 - Feed My Starving Children
 - St. Jude's Hospital
 - Five area food shelves that Wilson Lutheran Supports
 - Spring Valley Cancer Fund
- After discussing the options, it was decided our recommendation to the congregation will be to distribute \$3,000 as follows:
 - \$500 – Luther Park

- \$500 – Luther Point
- \$500 – Lutheran Campus Ministry – UW Stout
- \$500 – Salvation Army – Eau Claire
- \$500 – Feed My Starving Children
- \$500 – St. Jude’s Hospital
- Other business discussed included members and terms.
 - Terms on the committee are for 3 years.
 - All have served 3 years and have agreed to continue for another 3-year term.
 - Any vacancies during a 3-year term are to be filled by recommendation by the church council.
- Our current resolution says we are to meet three times per year. We will suggest changing that to say we will meet as needed, with a minimum of once per year.
- Doug will submit a report for the annual meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Prepared by: Linda Powers

January 23, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:

The Annual Meeting of Wilson Lutheran Church was called to order at 9:45 AM by Council Vice President Chuck Walz. Pastor Bob opened with Litany and Prayer.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting were read by secretary Ginny Overland. Mike Ellefson made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Doug Faber second. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report is included in the 2021 Annual Report for members to review. Roger Kronholm made a motion to accept the financial report, Jason Hague second. Motion carried.

The 2022 budget was also included in the Annual Report for members to review. Doug Faber made a motion to approve the 2022 budget, David Powers second. Motion carried

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Louanne Anderson reported Jill Menk did the audit and found everything to be in order
- Doug Faber reported that cemetery is in good shape. It can be reviewed in the Annual Report
- The Wilson Endowment Fund Committees recommendation of giving \$500.00 each to Luther Park, Luther Point, Lutheran Campus Ministry-UW Stout, Salvation Army-Eau Claire, Feed My Starving Children and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital had been approved by the council
- The Endowment Fund Committee recommends changing the resolution establishing the Committee from meeting 3 times a year to meeting at least once a year to recommend disbursement of Endowment funds, and may meet more frequently if necessary. David Powers made a motion to make the change in the resolution, Roger Kronholm second. Motion carried
- Pastor Bob asked for volunteers to help with leading the Sunday School children when Katie Hague or himself could not be there
- The nominating committee, Sherry Ellefson, presented Tracy Davis as interested in the trustee position left by the late Chuck Lamb. Sue Faber made a motion to nominate Tracy as a council member, second by Barb Knopps. Motion carried. Chuck Walz was presented as being willing to move to the President position. Doug Faber made a motion to nominate Chuck as President, second by Pastor Rex. Motion

carried. David Powers was presented as willing to move to the Vice President position. Dennis Blegen made a motion to nominate David as Vice President, second by Dean Rambo. Motion carried. Barb Knopps agreed to a second term as trustee. Janet Brandt made a motion to nominate Barb to a second term, second by Louanne Anderson. Motion carried. Louanne Anderson agreed to a second term as financial secretary. David Powers made a motion to nominate Louanne as financial secretary, second by Dennis Blegen. Motion carried.

- Nominating committee for 2022 will be Sherry Ellefson. She encouraged members to contact her with names of members that would be good to contact for nominations in the future
- Jill Menk will be contacted to see if she wants to be on the audit committee for 2022

A motion was made by Roger Kronholm and second by Doug Faber to adjourn. We closed at 10:13AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Overland, Secretary

Tuesday Community Supper: First Reformed Church will be handing out supper from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1 in the Gethsemane parking lot. Drive by to pick up a meal of Chicken-Mac Hotdish, Baked Beans, Bun and Fruit Cobbler.

The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food.

Food Pantry Support: Thank you for your continuing support of our Food Pantry program, serving the five area food pantries: Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley, and Woodville. Your January donations again filled the Food Pantry box, with those contributions going to the Spring Valley food shelf. March contributions will go to Baldwin.

Pastor's Time Off: Pastor Bob will be taking a few days off during the month, beginning Friday the 10th and returning Thursday the 17th. He won't be going far, so if you need him in and case emergency you can reach him on his cell phone: 612-270-3838.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH 2022

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Feb 3	Jason Spielman	Feb 9	Charles Howell		
Feb 5	Lisa Howell	Feb 12	Barry Brandvold		
Feb 6	Carolyn Anderson	Feb 14	Theresa Pomasl		
Feb 7	Tanner Howell	Feb 19	Brenda Keck		

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
February	6	Charlie Lamb	Chandra Lamb
	13	Ryan Peterson	Darren Peterson
	20	Billy Gray	Linda Powers
	27	Cade Lamb	Andy Lamb
March	6	Charlie Lamb	Sherry Ellefson
	13	Ryan Peterson	Dean Rambo
	20	Billy Gray	Barb Knopps
	27	Cade Lamb	Kathy Borton

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
February	Sue Timm	Dean Rambo	Scott and Kathy Borton	4 Sundays <i>Transfiguration</i>
March	Michelle Larson	Doug Faber	Doug and Michelle Larson	4 Sundays <i>Ash Wednesday</i>

Please contact the church office of you are unable to serve as scheduled.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2	Ash Wednesday
Mark 9	Wednesday Lent Worship
March 16	Wednesday Lent Worship
March 23	Wednesday Lent Worship
March 30	Wednesday Lent Worship
April 6	Wednesday Lent Worship
April 10	Palm / Passion Sunday
April 14	Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday Worship – 7:00 p.m.
April 17	Easter Sunday

HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction: The Spring Valley Area Ambulance is hosting its 33rd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction on Sunday, February 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Brother Michael Center, S104 Sabin Avenue, Spring Valley. New this year is a Curbside Pickup Option. All proceeds go to the equipment fund. To donate call 715-788-44452, or email svaa@svtel.net

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Make a meaningful contribution

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who's eligible to direct Choice Dollars®? Choice Dollars charitable grant funds can make a world of difference to our congregation as we work together to spread the word of Jesus to our community and world. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable grant funds. By making a recommendation through Choice Dollars directions, you can make a difference and together, we can reach our goals!

Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. **Deadline for directing remaining 2021 dollars is March 31, 2021.**

VANCO (GIVEPLUS) ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM

The Vanco GivePlus Online Giving Program is now available for Wilson members, and anyone wanting to make a special gift to our mission and ministry. GivePlus allows you to set up weekly and special offerings, as well as special one-time donations. Contributions may be made to the General, Benevolence, Memorial, or Building Funds. Contributions to the Memorial and Building Funds may be designated for specific projects. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover are accepted. You can also contribute using your financial institution's debit card, checking or savings account. Visit our Web site at www.wilsonlutheran.org (coming soon) and click the "Give Online" link in the menu bar near the top of the Home page. You can also download the GivePlus app for Apple or Android smartphones.

NEW WEB SITE COMING

Watch for our new Web site to be unveiled in early in February. The site being constructed by Westconsin Telcom, has a new name too, www.wilsonlutheran.org. Clicking on the link will give you a peek at the look of the new site. We'll let you know when it's ready for prime time.

THE FARMER'S LESSON

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best grown corn. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked. "Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."



So it is with our lives. Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all. *(Thanks to Flossie Hughes)*

A FEW CHUCKLES TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

(Taken from the June 2021 issue of The American Legion Magazine_

A boy got on the elevator in the Empire State Building in New York City. He and his father started to the top. The boy watched the signs flashing as the ascended: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70. Anxious, he took his father's hand and said, "Daddy, does God know we're coming?"

Bigfoot is sometimes confused with Sasquatch, Yeti never complains. (I know. It's a groaner 😊)

The dinner I cooked for my family was going to be a surprise, but the fire trucks ruined it.

A young woman brought her boyfriend to meet her parents. They were horrified by his greasy hair, foul language and hostility. After he left, the mother said, "Dear, he doesn't seem like a very . . . nice person." The daughter replied. "Mom, if he wasn't a nice person would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

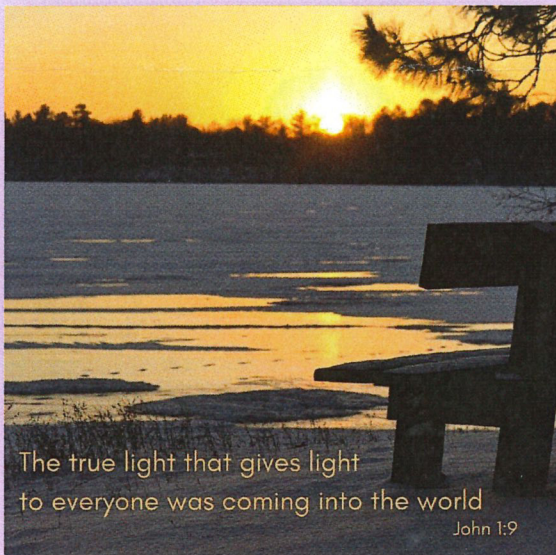
GONE FISHING

The rain was pouring down, and standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched and holding a stick with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?" "Fishing", replied the old man. Feeling sorry for him, the gent said, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me" In the warmth of the pub, as they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman couldn't resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?" "You're the eighth", said the old man.

Happy
New Year!

Luther Park *New Year!*

January 2022



The true light that gives light
to everyone was coming into the world
John 1:9

**Join us for Chili-fest 2022 on
February 6th**



Luther Park Bible Camp Celebrates 90 years!

There is much to be thankful for and there is much to celebrate. While we recently celebrated the birth of the Christ child we also celebrate the continued ministry of Luther Park .

As Luther Park begins its 90th year of ministry we again want to say thank you to all who support this ministry and the many who have been such a huge part for decades.

Throughout this year there will be times of celebration and we invite your to join us whenever you can. Details are still being planned so please watch for announcements.

We are also very excite about the coming summer of ministry! We do not want to just get back to normal we want to exceed the previous "normal".

Our society and the local news points daily to the need for more times and places like Luther Park where young people can be loved, encouraged and be in a place apart to be allowed to grow in their faith with many others.

This is an exciting time for the ministry and we look forward with anticipation to what God has in store for Luther Park Bible Camp.

Thank you one and all.!

Don't forget, you have until
March 31st to designate
your 2021 Thrivent Choice
dollars.



Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year C
February 2022

Date	Day	Psalm	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
1	Tuesday	Psalm 56	2 Kings 5:1-14	1 Corinthians 14:13-25	
2	Wednesday	Psalm 56	Jeremiah 1:11-19		Luke 19:41-44
3	Thursday	Psalm 138	Numbers 20:22-29	Acts 9:19b-25	
4	Friday	Psalm 138	Numbers 27:12-23	Acts 9:26-31	
5	Saturday	Psalm 138	Judges 3:7-11		Luke 4:42-44
6	Sunday	Psalm 138	Isaiah 6:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
7	Monday	Psalm 115	Judges 5:1-11	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	
8	Tuesday	Psalm 115	1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b	1 Timothy 3:1-9	
9	Wednesday	Psalm 115	Isaiah 8:1-15		Luke 5:27-32
10	Thursday	Psalm 1	Jeremiah 13:12-19	Acts 13:26-34	
11	Friday	Psalm 1	Jeremiah 13:20-27	1 Peter 1:17-2:1	
12	Saturday	Psalm 1	Jeremiah 17:1-4		Luke 11:24-28
13	Sunday	Psalm 1	Jeremiah 17:5-10	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
14	Monday	Psalm 120	2 Kings 24:18-25:21	1 Corinthians 15:20-34	
15	Tuesday	Psalm 120	Ezra 1:1-11	2 Corinthians 1:12-19	
16	Wednesday	Psalm 120	Jeremiah 22:11-17		Luke 11:37-52
17	Thursday	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 43:16-34	Romans 8:1-11	
18	Friday	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 44:1-17	1 John 2:12-17	
19	Saturday	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 44:18-34		Luke 12:57-59
20	Sunday	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
21	Monday	Psalm 38	Genesis 33:1-17	1 Corinthians 11:2-16	
22	Tuesday	Psalm 38	1 Samuel 24:1-22	1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33	
23	Wednesday	Psalm 38	Leviticus 5:1-13		Luke 17:1-4
24	Thursday	Psalm 99	Deuteronomy 9:1-5	Acts 3:11-16	
25	Friday	Psalm 99	Deuteronomy 9:6-14	Acts 10:1-8	
26	Saturday	Psalm 99	Deuteronomy 9:15-24		Luke 10:21-24
27	Sunday <i>Transfiguration</i>	Psalm 99	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Corinthians 3:12-4.2	Luke 9:28-43
28	Monday	Psalm 35:11-28	Exodus 35:1-29	Acts 10:9-23a	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
February 2022

1 *Black History Month* Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African-descent neighbors — we stand together as siblings in Christ and partners in the gospel, doing God's work in the world together. Pray that God will guide our church as it strives for racial justice, socioeconomic equity, racial reconciliation and an end to racism in our church, society and institutions.

2 Give thanks for the small and subtle ways in which the Spirit encourages and deepens our faith each and every day.

3 Pray for parish nurses who serve in ministries of health and healing and for the ELCA-affiliated Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association, which supports parish nurses and promotes a culture of health, healing and wholeness in Lutheran congregations, agencies and communities.

4 Pray for those who lost homes and were displaced during the December wildfires in Boulder County, Colo. Give thanks for the partnership of Lutheran Disaster Response, the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains as they work together to provide food, temporary shelter, emotional and spiritual care, and assistance with recovery work.

5 Pray that our anxieties about the future will be quieted by the assurance that the Spirit's gifts of hope and peace are more powerful and enduring than the threats and uncertainties we face in life.

6 Pray that, just as the fishermen Simon Peter, James and John dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus, we, too, with all our gifts and flaws, might respond to God's call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and do God's work in the world.

7 Remember in prayer those impacted by severe weather, especially Typhoon Rai in the Philippines and the recent tornadoes, flooding and winter storms across our country. Pray that God's presence will

bring healing and hope during recovery, comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones, and strengthen the people and organizations that respond to crises and help with recovery, including Lutheran Disaster Response.

8 Remember and give thanks for siblings in Christ of every generation who have shared the gospel, inspired others to believe, and borne God's grace, peace and hope into the world through their words, example, service and sacrifice.

9 We live in a time of war, conflict and unrest in many regions of the world. Pray for the safety of people living amid turmoil, the well-being of refugees and immigrants fleeing threats, and the protection of children and youth living in circumstances unimaginable to us. Ask the Spirit to guide us as courageous and compassionate advocates, peacemakers, companions and bearers of hope in the world.

10 Pray for the leaders of youth and family ministries and for outdoor ministry professionals as they participate in the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Minneapolis, an event that provides them with encouragement, support, education and networking opportunities.

11 "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart" (Psalm 138:1). Pray that every aspect of our life, service and generosity will reflect our gratitude for God's awesome, undeserved love and blessings.

12 Give thanks and praise to God for the companion-synod relationships that connect our synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world, blessing, nurturing and strengthening them for their ministry together.

13 Give thanks that God teaches us something new every day and equips us so well to share the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need and reflect God's gracious love through our words, actions and interactions with people.

14 Pray for immigrants and refugees, in our country and around the world, who seek safety, relief and a place to rebuild their lives. Ask that God's

compassion, wisdom and desire for justice guide us in resolving the problems and crises that displace people from their homes and nations.

15 “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green” (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which renews and nourishes us when we feel uncertain, weary or anxious.

16 Thank God for our special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.

17 Pray that the Spirit will help us understand and follow the ways, desires and commandments of God that protect our well-being in daily life.

18 Give thanks that our faith and hope are grounded in Christ’s resurrection and the promise of one day being raised to eternal life as God’s children. Pray that the Spirit will help us articulate — in our own imperfect words — our joy, our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ for all people.

19 Pray that our seminaries and Lay Schools for Ministry program will grow, thrive and prepare our church leaders for ministry in diverse and changing contexts, in the present and with insightful anticipation of the future.

20 “Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [God] is merciful” (Luke 6:35-36). Ask the Spirit to help us do what seems difficult or impossible and live as willing disciples of Christ.

21 Reflect on what God is stirring in us right now, and pray that we might discern what God calls us to be: bearers of love, hope, healing, reconciliation and the good news of Jesus Christ.

22 Pray that the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, which mirrors God’s love and forgiveness of us, will inspire us to forgive those who have caused us offense, anger or distress, and that we might seek forgiveness and grace from people we have hurt.

23 The theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering and our camps’ summer curriculum is “boundless: God beyond measure.” Pray that we will live into this theme, growing in faith and gratitude for God’s infinite power, presence, love and wisdom.

24 Thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers — spoken and silent — and for tending to our needs, easing our worries, calming our anger and providing refuge in time of trouble. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire us as we do God’s work in the world, caring for our neighbors in distress.

25 Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse body unified in its commitment to proclaim the gospel, show mercy, demonstrate servant leadership and bring healing and reconciliation to the world.

26 Look into the vast night sky at the stars, planets, meteors and comets, and praise God for stirring our awe, wonder, curiosity, humility and imagination.

27 “And all were astounded at the greatness of God” (Luke 9:43). Give thanks that in Jesus Christ we glimpse and experience the glory and power of God poured out upon humanity for our healing and salvation.

28 Give thanks for the evolving technology that helps us with everyday tasks, connects us with people around the world, provides new tools for treating the sick and injured, and helps us reach more people with the gospel. Pray that we will consider the impact of technology and use it equitably and justly for the well-being and benefit of all people.

FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Pastor's Day Off	2 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation Presentation of Our Lord	3 St. Croix Conference Meeting	1	5
6 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Chaplin's Sunday 10:00 Sunday School	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	10 12:30 Council Meeting	11 Pastor Time Off →	12
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Pastor Time Off →	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Timm Baptism 10:00 Sunday School Newsletter Deadline	21 Pastor's Sabbath Presidents' Day	22 Pastor's Day Off	23 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Transfiguration of Our Lord	28 Pastor's Sabbath	March 1 Pastor's Day Off	2 7:00 p.m. Worship Ash Wednesday	3 St. Croix Conference Meeting	4	5