

Wilson-Immanuel Lutheran Parish
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Mission Statement

Wilson - Immanuel Lutheran Parish 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.

May 2021 Newsletter
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WHAT A GIFT!

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”
(Acts 2:1-4)*

As we come to the close of the Easter season, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Jews kept the Pentecost festival fifty days after Passover. Originally its purpose was to celebrate the wheat harvest, it later became the commemoration of the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. On the fiftieth day of Easter, Christians maintained the festival but altered its focus to a celebration of the Spirit of the risen Christ in the church.

Some people think of Pentecost as the birthday of the church, the day on which the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Others have suggested it might be more appropriate to celebrate it as the church’s baptismal day. I’m not sure there’s a difference. Are we not the church, and is our baptism not a celebration of new birth?

Whether we celebrate Pentecost as one or the other or both (I prefer the later), the reason for doing so is the same. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, God’s response to Jesus’ promise (John 14:26). The same precious gift the Apostles received, we too receive in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. In fact, we might say the gift of the Holy Spirit is the fullness of baptism. As our baptismal liturgy proclaims, we are “sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” (ELW p. 231)

Just as the Day of Pentecost is celebrated as the birth of the church, so the day of our baptism is celebrated as the day of our new birth. As Christians, we share this common birth and receive in common the gift of the Holy Spirit; the gift that proclaims we are all children of God forever, forming the basis of our life-giving relationship with God and the community of faith, the church universal. In the power of that gift, we are empowered, just as the Spirit empowered the Apostle’s on that first Pentecost, to proclaim the Good News and continue Christ’s mission in the world.

Yes, we receive a lot of gifts during our lifetime, but the gift of the Spirit is the gift of a lifetime; a gift directly from God’s heart to ours. **WHAT A GIFT!**

IMMANUEL - ALMOST TEN YEARS

Three months shy of ten years of ministry at Immanuel will come to a close on Sunday, May 23rd; nearly ten years of baptisms, confirmations, first communions, weddings and funerals, plus home, care center, emergency room calls and hospital visits, not to mention countless worship services. The temptation is to add all those things up, as if a number would be an appropriate marker of that ministry. But doing so would mean missing an important part of that time; the people I have come to know and love; the people I will truly miss.

As Immanuel moves forward in the coming weeks and months, may the Spirit of Pentecost light your way and guide you on your journey to the new forms of mission and ministry you are seeking. May God bless you on that journey. Shalom.

Pastor Bob

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP
MAY 2021 – THE SEASON OF EASTER

Fifty days after Easter, we [will] celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost [May 23rd]. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it – to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world. (*Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2021, Augsburg Fortress*)

Sunday, May 2 – Easter 5

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8: On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

Sunday, May 9 – Easter 6

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I
- ❖ Readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17: On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Sunday, May 16 – Easter 7

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19: In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

Sunday, May 23 – Day of Pentecost

- ❖ Color: Red
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I
- ❖ Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15: While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

Sunday, May 30 – Holy Trinity

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17: Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

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PARISH NEWS

**NOTE THE CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES AT WILSON AND IMMANUEL
BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 30
WILSON – 9:00 A.M.
IMMANUEL – 9:30 A.M.**

Vanco (GivePlus) Online Program: The Vanco GivePlus Online Giving Program is available to both Wilson and Immanuel members. 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.wilsonimmanuel.org 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.

Food Pantry Support: Please remember the area food pantries supported by the parish congregations. Wilson contributes to five food shelves during the year, one each month, including Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley, and Woodville. Immanuel supports the food shelves at Clear Lake and Glenwood City. More people are seeking help from food pantries than ever before, so your contributions are especially welcomed. Don't forget to include items like paper products and personal care supplies. Bring your donations when you come for worship, or drop them off at church during the week. Thank you for the continuing support of your neighbors in need.

Recognition of High School Graduates – May 16: Our high school graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 16. Carter Deppa will be graduating at Wilson. Immanuel's graduates include Will Eggert, Gabrielle Moede, Wyatt Steinberger, and Alexis Swanepoel. Each graduate will receive a quilt as a gift from the congregation. Congratulations to each of these young people on this Milestone Event in their lives.

WILSON NEWS

Wilson WELCA: WELCA meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

April 8, 2021 Council Meeting Highlights: *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- Indoor worship was going well and communion went smoother not using the sealed cups we used during drive by communion
- April 11, after 8:30 services, is the special congregation meeting to discuss and vote on dissolving the two-point parish relationship with Immanuel Lutheran Church and to issue a Letter of Call Pastor Bob Dahm to serve as pastor at Wilson Lutheran Church. Chuck Lamb will call the synod on Monday April 12 with results of the vote

- Different worship times would be discussed at the annual meeting April 25
The outside LED light no longer is flickering. Cold weather had possibly been affecting it.
- Mike reported furnace filters had been switched and stakes taken out.
- Christ Lutheran will donate a quilt for our one Senior graduate in May. We will give \$50.00 to Christ Lutheran.
- Christ in Our Home devotions had been discontinued while services had not been in session. We will resume ordering 1-4 copies quarterly.
- We discussed and decided not to have potluck after the annual meeting.

April 11, 2021 Special Congregation Meeting Highlights:

- President Chuck Lamb opened the meeting after church service.
- Chuck Lamb stated the purpose of the meeting is to take action on two recommendations from the council: 1) Dissolve the two – point parish relationship with Immanuel Lutheran Church 2) Issue a Letter of Call to Pastor Bob Dahm to serve as pastor at Wilson Lutheran Church.
- Chuck gave the background as to how this had all come about and Immanuel’s position. Pastor Bob would have to resign and be called by Wilson. Pastor Bob would do a 50% contract and commit to two years and possibly more. The meeting was opened to questions.
- After discussion, questions addressed and suggestions to be planning for future generations, Don Hogenson made a motion to dissolve the two-point parish relationship with Immanuel Lutheran Church. Second by Roger Kronholm. Motion carried.
- D.J. Faber made a motion to issue a Letter of Call to Pastor Bob Dahm to serve as pastor at Wilson Lutheran Church. Second by Doug Faber. Motion carried.
- Setting a time for services will be discussed at the annual meeting and there will be no pot luck after the annual meeting.
- President Chuck Lamb closed the meeting.

April 25, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes:

The Annual Meeting of Wilson Lutheran Church was called to order at 11:10 AM by Council President Chuck Lamb.

Pastor Bob opened with Litany and Prayer.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2020 Annual meeting were read by secretary Ginny Overland. Mary Brandt made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Doug Faber second. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report is included in the 2020 Annual Report for members to review. There was discussion in regards to having both a Financial Secretary and Treasurer and that it is to assure accountability. Doug Faber reminded members Thrivent Choice Dollars could be used towards lawn mowing. Bill Krueger made a motion to accept the financial report and new budget, Don Hogenson second. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Luther Point Bible Camp was given \$100.00 from the budget in 2020.

New Business:

- Audit report was presented by Jill Menk. Jill found the books to be totally accurate and up to date.
- The nominating committee, Sherry Ellefson , presented Mike Ellefson and Ginny Overland as willing to continue their positions as Trustee and Secretary. Dean Rambo stepped down after his first term as trustee. His many years of service was greatly appreciated. David Powers was nominated to serve as a trustee. Doug Faber made a motion to close the nominations, Chuck Walz second. Motion carried. Sharon Bowell made a motion to accept the ballot, second by Jill Menk. Motion carried.

- The Wilson Endowment Fund Committees recommendation of giving \$500. to Luther Park, \$500. to Luther Point, \$500. to Shriners, \$500. to Malawi for Covid Relief and \$500 to Salvation Army in Eau Claire had been approved by the council
- After discussion Mike Ellefson made a motion to start Wilson Church at 9:00 AM with Sunday School at 10:00 beginning the last weekend in May when Immanuel and Wilson will no longer be a two point parish, Roger Kronholm second. Motion carried
- A big thank you to Dean Rambo, Chuck Walz, Mike Ellefson, and Doug Faber for straightening the head stones
- Pastor Bob said thank you for all the support in giving to the food shelves not only by donating food but by the great response in giving Poinsetta Memorials at Christmas and Easter Lily Memorials at Easter in which all the money went to the five area food shelves which totaled \$1200. He also appreciated being Called to serve Wilson, looking forward to serving the congregation and feeling very blessed by us
- There was discussion on when we would be able to sing again in church which would be determined by the positive covid count rate in St. Croix County
- Nominating committee for 2021 will be Sherry Ellefson and she will find someone to help her.
- Jill Menk and Bill Krueger will be on the audit committee for next 2021

A motion was made by Bill Krueger and second by Doug Faber to adjourn. We closed at 11:36AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Overland
Secretary

Assisting with Worship at Wilson

Month	Usher	Altar Care	Communion Server	
May	Chuck Walz and Dean Rambo	Barb Kronholm	Linda Powers	5 Sundays
June	Louanne Anderson and Doug Faber	Help Needed	Barb Kronholm	4 Sundays
PLEASE HELP WITH OUR WORSHIP BY SIGNING UP TO ASSIST Please arrange for another person and notify the office if you are unable to service as scheduled				

IMMANUEL NEWS

Immanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by President Matt Main at 11:15 am

Attendance:

Tiff Bonte	Dena Cress	Dennis Rosen
Monica Eggert	Trudie Steinberger	Debbie Rosen
Katie Weiss	Tracie Steinberger	Dave Rosen
Brooke Cress	Sandy Nelson	Matt Main
Laura Briesemeister	Klaire Steinberger	Cindy Kuscienko
Brad Voeltz	Kristie Rosen	Todd Ostberg
Kim Rosen	Mark Tellijohn	Christie Tellijohn
Pastor Alice Ullrich	Jan Anderson	

Opening Litany and Prayer-Lead by Pastor Dahm

Pastor's Report-See attachment. Pastor provided verbal commentary and thanks. Kind remarks were made, thanking Pastor for his service to Immanuel. His last day of service at Immanuel will be May 23rd. Pastor did not stay for meeting.

Acceptance of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes-Corrections were made to the 2020 minutes. Dave Rosen made motion to accept minutes, Dena Cress seconded; motion carried.

Acceptance of 2020 Financial Report-Brad Voeltz made motion to accept report, Dena Cress seconded; motion carried.

Council President's Report-See Attachment, Matt also provided verbal commentary. 2 new members will be added to the council.

Sunday School Report-Tiffany Bonte provided verbal commentary.

WELCA Report-No report given.

Old Business

- Financial update will continue to be posted on bulletin board.
- Cindy Kuscienco agreed to continue to send cards/notes to members. She did request to have members of the church provide her with any suggestions or additional input for the cards being sent out.
- Alter Care and Usher Duties will continue to be posted at the back of the church as well as on the church website – slips passed around for sign up.
- Council established cemetery and burial policies and a sign will be posted at Spring Clean-up 2021.
- Palm Sunday brunch was held on March 28th. Tiffany reported on the great turnout.
- Paperless newsletter continues to be in process. The mass email list was updated and continues to be updated.
- Outreach Ministries – due to COVID 19, most outreach programs continue to be cancelled at this time. Once things open up, this will be pursued.

New Business

- Wilson voted to dissolve the partnership with Immanuel, on this date. Brad Voeltz made a motion to accept the dissolving of the partnership with Wilson, Jan Anderson seconded, motion; carried.
- Dave made a motion to dissolve the joint call with Pastor Bob, Monica seconded; motion carried.
- Worship Committee for Immanuel will be established. Rita Buhr, Joyce Ohman, Rhea DeBoer, and Denise Voeltz were suggested to be members of this committee. These individuals will be approached to discuss further.
- Storms windows need replacing. Council to discuss.
- Singing during worship. Matt made a motion to start singing during worship, Monica Eggert seconded; motion carried. It was noted that Mary Brandt has agreed to play the organ until May 23rd. Council will discuss further with Roxie Anderson, to see if she is interested in playing after that date. Dena suggested using the pre-program tool on the keyboard, if there is no one to play.
- Matt suggested having a large screen added to the front of the church to display lyrics of songs and/or other literature for the congregation to follow along to. It was noted that with the sound system, this setup could work. Matt offered to donate a laptop for this and possibly utilize the acolytes with managing the display during worship. Cindy offered insight to different types of faith-based music that used could be used during worship. The goal of this setup is involve the youth more.

- Tracie Steinberger questioned the process of doing bulletins, newsletters, and other secretarial work after the dissolving of the two churches. Matt indicated that he will be reaching out to Wilson and the council to discuss further.
- Monica made a motion to have church start at 9:30 a.m. starting on May 30th, Tiffany seconded; motion carried.
- Cindy mentioned that the downspout on the East side of the church needs to be addressed. Brad and Dave supplied a temporary fix. Brad offered to check with his family member to see if they can use their boom truck to fix the issue and to clean out the gutters.
- Clean up day is set for May 16th. There will be a lunch style potluck afterwards. Jan asked about donating hydrangeas. No one opposed her offer.

2021 Budget Approval- It was noted that the budget might change with a new Pastor coming in the future. Brad made motion to approve 2021 Budget; Jan seconded; motion carried

2021 Council Nominations-2 seats Dave and Brad are done with their 3 two-year terms. Thanks to them for all their years of commitment to the council. Monica made a motion to nominate Katie Stahl as a new council member, (Katie has accepted the nomination), Todd seconded it; motion carried. Todd proposed spending the bylaws and allowing Brad and Dave to extend their terms. There was a brief discussion on that proposal as well as other members suggested as possible candidates for the position. Cindy made a motion to table the second new council member until the scheduled council meeting on April 13th as well as ask Bob Wheeler if he is interested in joining the council, Dave seconded; motion carried.

Adjournment-Trudie Steinberger made motion to adjourn meeting; Kristie Rosen seconded; motion carried, meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Laura Briesemeister, Church Council Secretary

Immanuel Luther Church Council Meeting Minutes:

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2021

Start Time: 7:00 p.m. **End Time:** 9:03 p.m.

Attendees: Matt Main, Jan Anderson, Laura Briesemeister, Dena Cress, Geoff Phillips, Roxie Anderson, Dennis Rosen, Katie Stahl, Scott Buhr

Absent: Monica Eggert, Pastor Bob Dahm

Agenda

1. Meeting with Pastor Randy
2. Treasurer's Report - Roxie made motion; Katie seconded; motion carried
3. Secretary's Report – Dena made motion; Geoff seconded; motion carried
4. Sunday School Committee Update: no update

Old Business

1. Palm Sunday breakfast was a success.
2. Scott Buhr turned on the furnace timer, but discovered there were issues with the furnace. He contacted Fall Electric. They came in and made some repairs. Upon further discussion, more issues were made known. Scott offered to call Fall Electric back to see if they can come in again.
3. The cross was brought back into the church.

Unfinished Business

1. Ladies Aide– invite the ladies of the church to a round table talk about reviving Ladies Aide. Consider inviting Laurie Wells to come and speak about the topic. Tabled for now.
2. Consider having one Sunday a month to be a contemporary service. Tabled for now.
3. First Communion at the 5th grade level (up to parent's discretion). Tabled for now.

4. Feed My Starving Children work update. Laura offered to call the Clear Lake and Glenwood City food pantries.

New Business

1. The storm windows need to be replaced. Dena is working on getting a bid for the repair.
2. New officers elected. Roxie made a motion to elect Katie Stahl as the vice president, Scott seconded; motion carried. Roxie made a motion to elect Scott Buhr as a council member, Jan seconded; motion carried.
3. Additional discussion regarding possible church partnerships/future of Immanuel/preparation for changes/youth programs/worship changes/etc.

Geoff made motion to adjourn the meeting; Katie seconded; motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Briesemeister, Church Council Secretary

Assisting with Worship at Immanuel

Month	Altar Care	Usher	Cleaning	
May	Help Needed	Tiff Bonte and Family	Jan Anderson	5 Sundays
June	Todd Ostberg and Cindy Kuscienko	Todd Ostberg and Cindy Kuscienko	Tiff Bonte	4 Sundays
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Please arrange for another person and notify the office if you are unable to service as scheduled				

Spring Cleanup: The Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Sunday, May 16th following the 10:30 worship service. Members are asked to bring rakes, working gloves, wheel barrows, etc., plus sandwiches, chips, or a sweet treat to share. Duties of spring cleanup include mulching, raking, clean up around cemetery stones, etc. Please add this date to your calendars. The more helpers we have the quicker it gets done for all. Confirmands will earn discipleship points.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – May 2021

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Wilson		Immanuel		Wilson	
May 1	Brandon Gray	May 1	Ashley Rosen	May 2	Don & Sharon Spielman
May 3	Craig Wyss	May 2	Luke Tellijohn	May 6	Roger & Barb Kronholm
May 5	Gerald Glampe	May 3	Dennis Bliese	May 15	Don & Junalee Hogenson
May 8	Mona Finder	May 4	Miranda Voeltz	May 22	John & Virginia Overland
May 9	Rosemary Cretney	May 5	Dena Cress		
May 11	Heidi Peterson	May 5	Dana Rosen	Immanuel	
May 11	Emma Lamb	May 9	Aaron Moede	May 2	Don & Sharon Spielman
May 14	Jean Witter	May 13	Rita Buhr	May 6	Roger & Barb Kronholm
May 14	Doug Faber	May 15	Megan Steinberger		
May 16	Jennifer Eidem	May 15	Mitchell Bliese		
May 17	Ben Lamb	May 15	Jordan Voeltz		
May 18	Dustin Timm	May 18	Valarie Bonte		
May 23	Lillian Husby	May 20	Amber Steinberger		
May 23	Michelle Larson	May 20	Kristie Rosen		
May 26	Beverly Danielson	May 22	Brent Bliese		
May 28	Barbara Blegen	May 23	Aiden Voeltz		
May 30	Carla Anderson	May 24	Janell Scherz		
		May 27	Idell Gast		
		May 28	Terri Swanepoel		

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year B
May 2021

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Saturday	Psalm 22:25-31	Amos 9:7-15		Mark 4:30-32
2	Sunday	Psalm 22:25-31	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
3	Monday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26	
4	Tuesday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18	
5	Wednesday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25		John 14:18-31
6	Thursday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34	
7	Friday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43	
8	Saturday	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47		Mark 10:42-45
9	Sunday	Psalm 98	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
10	Monday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12	
11	Tuesday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16	
12	Wednesday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:18-21		Mark 16:19-20
13	Thursday <i>Ascension</i>	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
14	Friday	Psalm 47	Exodus 24:15-18	Revelation 1:9-18	
15	Saturday	Psalm 47	Deuteronomy 34:1-7		John 16:4-11
16	Sunday	Psalm 1	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
17	Monday	Psalm 115	Exodus 28:29-38	Philippians 1:3-11	
18	Tuesday	Psalm 115	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9	
19	Wednesday	Psalm 115	Ezra 9:5-15		John 16:16-24
20	Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	
21	Friday	Psalm 33:12-22	Job 37:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	
22	Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 15:6-11		John 7:37-39
23	Sunday <i>Pentecost Day</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
24	Monday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	
25	Tuesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	
26	Wednesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 37:1-14		John 20:19-23
27	Thursday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Romans 8:1-8	
28	Friday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11	
29	Saturday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 5:15-24		John 15:18-20, 26-27
30	Sunday <i>Holy Trinity</i>	Psalm 29	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
31	Monday	Psalm 20	Numbers 9:15-23	Revelation 4:1-8	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
May 2021

1 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Rocky Mountain, Northeastern Minnesota, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Pacifica and Greater Milwaukee synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

2 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Oregon and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

3 Throughout Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, give thanks for the rich heritage, gifts, cultures and contributions to our nation and church of our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless and further the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the ELCA's Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

4 Pray for an end to the gun violence that has become commonplace in our country, and ask God for the wisdom, will and courage to advocate and work for laws and solutions that honor and protect God's gift of life, for the sake of our neighbors and communities.

5 Pray that we will be fearless, selfless and generous in our love and concern for one another because of the love God has revealed to us through Jesus Christ and the work of the Spirit within us.

6 Pray for leaders of outdoor ministries and congregational summer ministries as they ponder how to safely share the gospel, nurture faith, and serve children, youth and families this summer.

7 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the New Jersey and Sierra Pacific synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

8 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

9 There is so much talk of love in the gospel message! Ask God to help us live fully the love we know in Jesus Christ, and pray that it will shine brightly in the world so all may know that God is love.

10 Ask God to grant an extra measure of faith, strength, hope, resourcefulness and resilience to those recovering and rebuilding after natural disasters and severe weather. Pray that we will listen carefully to them and respond helpfully to their immediate and long-term needs.

11 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises," for God has done amazing and wonderful things!

12 Pray that we will not forget nations or regions where conflict, civil war or other turmoil spread violence, displacement, suffering and despair; pray that leaders will seek just and peaceful solutions and reconciliation and attend to people needing safety and relief. Ask the Spirit to help us respond to these crises, especially through supporting Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

13 *Ascension of Our Lord* Give thanks that we have not been left alone in the world to fend for ourselves, but that Jesus gives us purpose and that the Spirit equips and guides us to participate in God's work in the world.

14 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, East-Central Wisconsin, Southwestern Washington and Saint Paul Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

15 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington, North/West Lower Michigan and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders,

proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

16 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Set aside time each day this week to join Christians around the world as we pray for unity. Let this year's theme verse, from the Gospel of John, inspire you: "Abide in my love, and you will bear much fruit."

17 Give thanks and praise to God that, through the Spirit, we find words to proclaim the good news of Jesus, that all who listen may believe and experience new life, joy and freedom in Christ.

18 Thank God for our special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

19 Ask God to renew our self-discipline, patience, empathy, and spirit of community concern and care as we continue to fight the spread of COVID-19 and respond to its impact.

20 Give thanks that, at some point in our lives, the Spirit opened our hearts and minds to the testimony and invitation of our siblings in Christ, that we might be baptized into a new life in Jesus, follow the ways and commandments of God and experience the joy of eternal life.

21 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

22 Pray for teachers and school staff who continue to adapt to changing education dynamics and requirements because of the pandemic. Ask God to grant them wisdom, creativity, patience, strength and renewed passion for their vocation as they serve students of all ages and abilities.

23 *Day of Pentecost* Praise God that the Spirit is present in our lives, helping us remain faithful, equipping us for our baptismal journey, inspiring us to share the gospel, filling

us with love and compassion, and guiding us in everything we do.

24 Give thanks for the gifts, traditions, perspectives, insights and leaders of our global companions, which enrich our church, ministries and leaders.

25 The Spirit of God moves and works throughout the world, through every language, culture, human gift and life experience, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and of God's amazing love for humankind. Praise God!

26 Pray that the Spirit will renew and equip us for the difficult work of understanding, bridging and mending the differences and schisms in our communities and nation. Pray that God will make us bold in our witness as people of faith, yet humble, empathetic and caring as we listen to and talk with one another.

27 Give thanks for the Spirit, which helps us when we are weak, sustains our faith when we are uncertain and pleads for us "with sighs too deep for words" when we aren't sure how to speak with God.

28 Mission Builders is a ministry related to the ELCA that provides opportunities for retired people to use their skills and gifts to help congregations, schools, camps and social ministry organizations construct or improve their facilities. Give thanks for Mission Builder volunteers who travel the country to serve the church, share their faith and inspire others to service.

29 As we return to restaurants and other places where we socialize around food, remember in prayer those who suffer hunger and food insecurity across our nation and world. Ask the Spirit to strengthen our commitment to end hunger, advocate for our neighbors in need and bring hope and relief.

30 *Trinity Sunday* Pray that God will help us live with and value the Holy Trinity and other mysteries of our faith that far exceed our ability to comprehend.

31 *Memorial Day* Remember, mourn and give thanks for men and women in the military who gave their lives for justice, peace and the freedom of our country and all nations.

MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTE THE CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES AT WILSON AND IMMANUEL BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 30 WILSON – 9:00 A.M. IMMANUEL – 9:30 A.M.						1
2 Holy Communion 8:30 Worship at Wilson 10:30 Worship at Immanuel	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Text Study at Peace LC Menomonie	5	6	7	8 9:30 First Communion Class at Wilson
9 Mother's Day	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Text Study at Peace LC Menomonie 7:00 p.m. Immanuel Council Meeting	12	13 12:30 p.m. Council Meeting at Wilson	14	15 9:30 First Communion Class at Wilson
16 Holy Communion 8:30 Worship at Wilson 10:30 Worship at Immanuel New Member Sunday Graduate Recognition Sunday Newsletter Deadline	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Text Study at Peace LC Menomonie	19	20	21	22
23 8:30 Worship at Wilson 10:30 Worship at Immanuel Confirmation at Immanuel	24 Pastor's Sabbath	25 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Text Study at Peace LC Menomonie	26	27	28	29
30 Holy Communion 9:00 Worship at Wilson 9:30 Worship at Immanuel	31 Memorial Day Holiday	June 1 1:30 p.m. Pastor's Text Study at Peace LC Menomonie	2	3	4	5