

Wilson Lutheran Church
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Mission Statement

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*November, 2021 Newsletter
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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

November 2021 - Season After Pentecost

All Saints Day: “Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears. In John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come.”

(Sundays and Seasons Year B 2021)

Sunday, November 7 - All Saints Day

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 11:32-44: Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

Sunday, November 14 – Pentecost 25

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I
- ❖ Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8: In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

Christ the King: “Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah), he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.” *(Sundays and Seasons Year B 2021)*

Sunday, November 21 – Christ the King

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 18:33-37: In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

Wednesday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I
- ❖ Readings: Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33: In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples about the providence of God so that they would regard life with thanksgiving and trust rather than anxiety.

Sunday, November 28 – Advent 1

- ❖ Color: Blue
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36: God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.

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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.

Pastor Vacation - November: Pastor Bob will be taking a few days off beginning Friday, November 12, returning Wednesday, November 16. Becky Davidson will preside at our November 14 worship service. Should you need to reach him in an emergency, you may contact him by calling his cell phone number: 612-270-3838.

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 September donations again filled the Food Pantry box, with those contributions going to Woodville food shelf.

People continue to seek help from food pantries, 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 Sunday worship, or drop them off at church during the week. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in need.

Wilson WELCA: WELCA meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, November 11. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

October 14, 2021 Council Meeting Highlights: *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- Feed My Starving Children Event is October 30. Space has been reserved for 6 people to pack food between 3:00 to 5:15 pm.
- Sharon made a motion to order 125 battery operated candles to be used at Christmas Eve services at a cost of \$165.00 from Concordia, second by Barb Knopps. Motion carried.
- Barb Lamb showed samples and information on pew cushions. After discussion Barb Knopps made a motion to go forward with purchasing 22 pew cushions from Waggoners, Inc at a cost of \$5510.00 which included free delivery and 20-year warranty, second by Sharon. Motion carried.
- Mike made a motion to take down the pew dividers but all other COVID precautions would stay in place, second by Jerry. Motion carried.
- After discussion Mike made a motion to increase the salary of the support staff, Darlene and Kati starting immediately, second by Louanne. Motion carried.
- David made a motion to table purchasing All Creation Sings Supplemental Hymnal at this time, second by Barb Lamb. Motion carried.

Council Vacancy: The church council is seeking an individual to complete the remainder of Chuck Lamb's term, which will conclude at the end of this year. The person filling that vacancy would be eligible for election to a three-year term, beginning in 2022. Council meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. If you would like to find out more about the council, are interested in filling this vacancy in the short term, or standing for election to a three-year term beginning next January, please contact Chuck Walz or Pastor Bob.

Daylight Savings Time Change: We fall back one hour on November 7th. Don't forget to change your clocks! (And don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and CO alarms too.)

All Saints Sunday - November 7th: We will recognize the new saints who were baptized since the previous All Saints' Sunday, and remember and give thanks for lives of the saints who died this past year and are now in the eternal congregation. Candles will be lighted during the service in honor of the new saints and in memory of those who have gone before us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Tuesday Community Supper: St Mary's Immaculate Conception Church will be handing out supper from 5:00 to 5:45. p.m. on Tuesday, November 2nd in the Gethsemane parking lot. Drive by to pick up a meal of pork loin, potatoes, mixed vegetables, bun and cookie.

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.

Norwegian Meatball Dinner: Zion Lutheran Church in Woodville will hold its 14th Annual Norwegian Meatball Dinner on Thursday, November 4th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu includes Norwegian meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and lefse. A Free Will Offering will be received.

This is a "Drive Thru Version". Enter from County Road B (Lockwood) at the south end of Johnson Street. Follow the signs and traffic directors.

Thanksgiving Community Meal: The Confirmation Youth of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Baldwin will be serving a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 10th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a free drive-by pick up meal at Gethsemane (1350 Florence Street, Baldwin), open to anyone in the community.

Veteran's Day Program: The School District of Glenwood City's Annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Thursday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Gymnasium. All veterans and community members are invited to attend.

Blood Drive: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence, Baldwin is hosting a 2-day Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, November 16th from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday, November 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To make an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Gethsemane Lutheran Church in the search box.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

The pew separations have been removed, but in view of the continuing increase in COVID cases in St. Croix, Dunn, and Pierce counties, council has decided to observe the following precautions:

- The Offering Plate is located at the top of the stairs and will not be passed during the service.
- Adult and children's masks are available in the narthex for those wishing to use them.
- Unless otherwise noted or announced, we will sing two verses of the Sending Song at the close of worship. Other hymn titles and numbers are listed in the service folder so you may follow along in silence.
- Communion will be served by continuous serving. Tell the usher if you would like to receive where you are seated.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN – GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS



Dave and Linda Powers, Chuck Walz, and Pastor Bob and Sue Dahm joined approximately 25 other people at Woodbury Lutheran Church on Saturday afternoon, October 30 to prepare “MannaPacks” for the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Program.

During the 1 ½ hour period, the six packing stations at Woodbury Lutheran packed a total of 11,232 bags of dried food containing vitamins, vegetables, soy and rice; enough to provide 30 children one meal (most likely their only meal) per day for one year.

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit organization that answers Christ’s call to feed the hungry and serve those in need. Responding to that call, FMSC strives to eliminate malnutrition and starvation in children throughout the world; hearing the cries of those in need until all are fed.

FMSC, believing hope starts with food, works with food science and nutrition professionals to develop nutritional meals called MannaPacks that help children grow, thrive and develop their full potential. Through its network of food distribution partners, FMSC meals are sent around the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
November 3	7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation Orientation
November 7	All Saints Sunday
November 10	7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation Begins
November 14	Veteran’s Day Observance
November 12 through 16	Pastor Vacation
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
December 15	Service of Healing and Hope
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship
January 26 and 27	Winter Theological Event (Pastor)

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Server	Ushers	Sundays
November	Sue Faber	Ginny Overland	Help Needed	4 Sundays All Saints Christ the King
December	Barb Kronholm	Doug Faber	Barb and Roger Kronholm	4 Sundays Christmas Eve

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
November	7	Charlie Lamb	Ginny Overland
	14	Ryan Peterson	Kathy Borton
	21	Billy Gray	Barb Kronholm
	24 – Thanksgiving Eve	Cade Lamb	Sue Faber
	28	Charlie Lamb	Barb Knopps
December	5	Ryan Peterson	Barb Knopps
	12	Billy Gray	Linda Powere
	19	Cade Lamb	Sherry Ellefson
	24	Charlie Lamb / Ryan Peterson	Jes Lamb
	26	Billy Gray	Don Hogenson

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER 2021

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Nov 1	Karen Esenbock	Nov 16	Kale Blegen	Nov 1	Chad & Mary Kay McVey
Nov 1	Doug Larson	Nov 16	Katie Hague		
Nov 5	Liam Gregg	Nov 18	Austin Faber		
Nov 8	Sharon Bowell	Nov 18	Michelle Faber		
Nov 11	Cody Anderson	Nov 20	John Overland		
Nov 11	Pam Finder	Nov 21	Avery Schug		
Nov 11	Adrienne Gray	Nov 21	Cade Lamb		
Nov 13	Don Hogenson	Nov 23	Jenny Finder		
Nov 14	Sue Timm				

CHURCH HUMOR

Gladys was the preacher’s wife and accompanied her husband to church. One Sunday when the sermon seemed to go on forever, many in the congregation fell asleep. (*This would never happen at Wilson 😊*) After the service, to be sociable, she walked up to a sleepy looking gentleman. In an attempt to revive him from his stupor, she extended her hand in greeting and said, “Hello, I’m Gladys Dunn.” To which he replied, “You’re not the only one.”

A man is struck by a bus on a busy street in New York City. He lies dying on the sidewalk as a crowd of on-lookers gathers around. “A priest, somebody get me a priest!” the man gasps. A policeman checks the crowd – no priest, no minister, no man of God of any kind. “A priest, please”, the dying man says again. Then, out of the crowd, steps a little old man dressed shabbily and at least 80 years old. “Mr. Policeman”, says the old man. “I’m not a priest. I’m not even Catholic. But for fifty years now I’ve been living behind St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Church on First Avenue, and every night I’m listening to the Catholic liturgy. Maybe I can be of some comfort. The policeman agrees, and the old man leans over the dying man. In a solemn voice he says, “B-4. I-19. N-38. G-54. O-72.

Drinking from My Saucer
by John Paul Moore
(Contributed by Flossie Hughes)

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.
So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

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FIRST COMMUNION



Lucie Gray celebrated her First Communion with her family on Sunday, October, 17.
Welcome to the Lord's Table Lucie. There's a place for you here.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Charlie Lamb and Cade Stasiak who celebrated their Confirmation on Sunday, October 24, affirming the promises made for them on the day of their baptism. Their final assignment was to prepare a personal Faith Statement.

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Faith Statement – Charles Lamb

It says in Psalm 8 that he put the beasts in the field, the birds in the air, and the fish in the sea.” That only describes him as the Creator of Heaven and Earth, but to me he is so much more. He also loved everyone in this world so much that he gave his only son to us, and even though we cannot see him he continues to do things for us every day. His Son Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins so that we may always be forgiven, and that is the one of the most substantial reasons I believe in him. The Confirmation program was definitely one of the biggest blessings in my faith journey. I want to thank my parents for taking and picking me up from confirmation classes every Wednesday. I want to thank Pastor Bob for putting so much time into the confirmation classes. I know Cade and I really appreciated it. I want to thank the people that helped me the most in my faith journey. My Grandma and Grandpa Lamb for taking me to Church every Sunday to teaching me in Sunday school as a kid, and even though my grandpa isn't here anymore, he still plays a huge part in my life.

Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

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Faith Statement - Cade Stasiak

When I started this journey, I never would have thought it would be like this. The past couple weeks we had to sit every-other pew. We had to take classes online. But those were only small things. A year ago the world went into a global pandemic, and people fought for their lives. Healthcare workers risked their lives to save others. COVID-19 didn't affect my family as much as others. I actually got more opportunities in my life from it. I joined a really good basketball team that now helps me get better everyday. We got new dogs because I got to spend more time with my family.

I prayed to God that nothing would happen to my family and friends. There were events that happened here and there, but for the most part I think God answered my prayers.

I am very thankful for God. He made me who I am. He gave me many things that not everyone has. He gave me an athletic ability that not everyone has. But more importantly, he gave me a loving family that feeds me and shelters me. They come to as much of my sporting events as they can. And they have helped me in all my sports whether it's physically or mentally. I have made great steps in the past few years, and they have encouraged me to do the best that I possibly can.

My life is very busy but I will always make time for God. He has guided me through my life and he will continue to. He forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. God does what I think everyone should start doing. He never gives up on people.

Jesus Christ God's only son died for us. On the third day he rose into heaven and now he is seated at God's right hand. Jesus got rewarded for sacrificing himself for others. If people were less selfish, they might be rewarded once in a while.

I have learned a lot from Confirmation. I learned a lot about life and how to treat others.

In conclusion, thank you Pastor Bob and the whole church for supporting me through this. Thank you to my family for helping me with everything. Thank you, Grandma, and Vickie and Jerry for bringing me to every church service I have gone to. This journey was really fun.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. John 1:9



Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year B
November 2021

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Monday	Psalm 51	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Romans 12:17-21, 13:8-10	
2	Tuesday	Psalm 51	Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1	Acts 7:17-29	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 51	Micah 6:1-8		John 13:31-35
4	Thursday	Psalm 146	Numbers 36:1-13	Romans 5:6-11	
5	Friday	Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 15:1-11	Hebrews 9:15-24	
6	Saturday	Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 24:17-22		Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
7	Sunday <i>All Saints</i>	Psalm 24	Isaiah 25:6-9	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32;44
8	Monday	Psalm 94	Ruth 1:1-22	1 Timothy 5:1-8	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 94	Ruth 3:14-4:6	1 Timothy 5:9-16	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 94	Ruth 4:7-22		Luke 4:16-30
11	Thursday	Psalm 16	Daniel 4:4-18	1 Timothy 6:11-21	
12	Friday	Psalm 16	Daniel 4:19-27	Colossians 2:6-15	
13	Saturday	Psalm 16	Daniel 4:28-37		Mark 12:1-12
14	Sunday	Psalm 16	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8
15	Monday	Psalm 13	Daniel 8:1-14	Hebrews 10:26-31	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 13	Daniel 8:15-27	Hebrews 10:32-39	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 13	Zechariah 12:1-13:1		Mark 13:9-23
18	Thursday	Psalm 93	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Acts 7:54-8:1A	
19	Friday	Psalm 93	Ezekiel 28:20-26	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	
20	Saturday	Psalm 93	Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18		John 3:31-36
21	Sunday <i>Christ the King</i>	Psalm 93	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
22	Monday	Psalm 76	Daniel 7:19-27	Revelation 11:1-14	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 76	Ezekiel 29:1-12	Revelation 11:15-19	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 76	Ezekiel 30:20-26		John 16:25-33
25	Thursday	Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:6-15	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
26	Friday	Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:16-25	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	
27	Saturday	Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:26-31		Luke 21:20-24
28	Sunday	Psalm 25:1-10	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-26
29	Monday	Psalm 90	Numbers 17:1-11	2 Peter 3:1-18	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 90	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Revelation 22:12-16	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
November 2021

1 *All Saints Day* Remember and give thanks for all the saints who have influenced our lives, faith, wisdom and vocational decisions, and who have left an imprint on us through their compassion and example. Pray for people grieving the loss of someone significant in their lives, that they will be comforted by God and know that, as members of the body of Christ and communities of faith, they are not alone in their grieving.

2 *American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month* Give thanks for the gifts and witness of American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA, and pray for the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association and for native congregations and ministries — ministries grounded in reconciliation and the building up of people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities and congregations. Ask God to help us understand and express repentance for the injustices committed against American Indians, Alaska Natives and Indigenous peoples that continue to impact people today.

3 Pray for the immediate and long-term needs of people whose lives have been disrupted by severe weather, wildfires, earthquakes or flooding. Pray that the Spirit will move us to generously support and pray for the people and organizations that respond to disasters, especially Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners.

4 Ask God to look with mercy and loving care upon the Afghan people — and refugees and immigrants everywhere — who flee danger, persecution, economic crises or climate-related catastrophes, seeking a better life. Ask that we might participate boldly and persistently in God's loving work to bring hope and relief, show compassion, respect and generosity, and advocate for justice for our neighbors who make their way to our nation's borders.

5 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Give thanks and praise God for being present in every circumstance to dispel our fears, calm our anxieties and stir our hope, and for helping us live with confidence as children of God — loved, forgiven and renewed.

6 Pray for people of all ages who experience loneliness and depression, and pray that the Spirit will make us

observant of, attentive to and empathetic with those who suffer in our midst but whose emotional, spiritual and physical struggles may not be readily apparent to us.

7 Give thanks for the story of Lazarus' resurrection and for the promises of God, which assure us that death, despair and human vulnerability will have no power over us in the life to come.

8 Pray for the leaders of our church gathering for the annual Lutheran Outdoor Ministries conference. Give thanks for their nationwide ministry with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

9 Pray that God's word and truth, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, will provide us with hope, clear direction and purpose for doing God's work in the world.

10 Pray for our rural communities, congregations and church leaders as they respond to changes and challenges by adapting old ministries and creating new ones. Pray that we might better understand and celebrate not only our diverse gifts and perspectives but also our interdependence and unity in Christ.

11 *Veterans Day* Remember in prayer women and men who serve in the military, their families, federal chaplains and those who attend to the needs of returning veterans. Give thanks for the sacrifice veterans have made on our behalf to secure freedom, justice, peace and security for our country and other nations.

12 Pray for leaders serving on the ELCA Church Council and ask God to bless their conversations, deliberations and decisions, which support, shape and further the mission of our church in the world.

13 Praise God for the diverse blessings that sustain and enrich our lives, blessings that God has entrusted to our care, respect, fairness and generosity. Pray that we will remember the psalmist's words: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

14 Ask for God's wisdom to discern who speaks the true gospel and word of God and who distracts us from our faith in Christ and our baptismal identity and purpose.

15 Pray for those planning "the tAble: Limitless," a pre-event to the ELCA Youth Gathering that was created to bless and empower young people living with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities,

so that they might grow as faithful, wise and courageous witnesses throughout the church and world.

16 Pray for people spending their last days in hospice care; ask God to comfort them and their families and surround them with the hope of life eternal; and give thanks for the gentle, respectful and skilled care provided by hospice professionals, pastoral care teams and volunteers.

17 “Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another” (Hebrews 10:24-25). Ask the Spirit to empower, encourage and embolden us — as children of God and agents of change — to reflect the love of God in response to anger, discord, hurtfulness, isolation and bias in our world.

18 Give thanks for ELCA Faith, Science and Technology and the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology, ministries that help us understand science and technology as gifts from God. Pray that we might use them to nurture community, care for creation, ease human suffering and better understand and respect the complexity and beauty of the universe.

19 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the presence of God, who gives us hope, comfort, guidance and refuge.

20 Pray for the children, youth and family ministry leaders of our church. Give thanks for their vital, dynamic and creative service and for the work of ELCA Youth Ministry, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, ELCA Youth Ministry Network and related ministries of faith formation.

21 Join other congregations today in celebrating and praying for Lutheran Summer Music, a faith-forming ministry that educates and inspires young musicians to use their gifts in the church, now and in the future.

22 Pray for ELCA Justice for Women and give thanks for its work in helping us honor the integrity of women. Pray that we might work together to understand and eliminate violence, injustice and sexism against women, girls and people of diverse gender identities and expressions.

23 Give thanks for the awesome nature of God, who is not bound by time, space, borders or human constructs.

24 Pray for the pastors of our church, who have responded to God’s call to serve communities of faith in a multitude of contexts. Ask the Spirit to invigorate and sustain their faith and equip them for the challenges of ministry; ask for guidance and insight on how we can best support, encourage and care for them.

25 *Thanksgiving Day* Give thanks today — and every day — for the undeserved blessings we receive from God for our sustenance and well-being. Ask God to help us live with gratitude, recognize the true source of our food and other blessings, responsibly manage our resources, and exercise generosity and love with our neighbors in need, here and globally.

26 Pray for the work we do together through ELCA World Hunger to respond to the daily needs of our neighbors, address the root causes of hunger and poverty, and work toward a just world where all people are fed.

27 Pray that we will raise up new leaders in the church who will ground us in God’s love and forgiveness, renew our congregations, grow our existing communities of faith, equip us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and inspire us to use our unique gifts to do God’s work in the world.

28 *First Sunday of Advent* Pray that we will not live in fear of the future but will anticipate with hope, joy and gratitude the day when we will be welcomed into the kingdom of God because of what Jesus has done for us out of pure grace and mercy.

29 Give thanks for the church’s Mission Support network, through which our 65 synods and 8,900 congregations pool resources to love and serve the neighbor as no individual or congregation could alone.

30 Give thanks and praise to God for knitting us together as siblings in Christ, so that we might encourage and strengthen each other’s faith, exchange care and support in times of need, and share our gifts, passions and wisdom to do God’s good work in the world.

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 Pastor's Day Off	3 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation Orientation	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion All Saints Sunday 10:00 Sunday School	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9 Pastor's Day Off	10 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	11 9:30 a.m. St. Croix Conference Online Meeting 12:30 Wilson Council Meeting	12 Pastor's Vacation →	13
14 Pastor's Vacation 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Christ the King Sunday 10:00 Sunday School Newsletter Deadline	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23 Pastor's Day Off	24 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Servie	25 	26	27
28 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30 Pastor's Day Off	Dec 1 6:00 p.m. 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	2	3	