

**Wilson Lutheran Church**  
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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.**

*September, 2021 Newsletter*  
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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

September 2021 - Season After Pentecost

“Mark’s gospel stories for September . . . cheer us on toward lives that are more real, fruitful, and whole.” We “will hear stories of Jesus teaching and healing, exorcising demons, and challenging believers to live lives of service and sacrifice. And through Jesus’ travels and our hearing, we are reminded of God’s abundant grace – fitting for land and people experiencing the Harvest of the earth and the beauty of nature, and for a broken world longing for wholeness and promise.” (*Sunday and Seasons, Year B 2015*)

### **Sunday, September 5 - Pentecost 15**

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37: In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

### **Sunday, September 12 – Pentecost 16**

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38: This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

### **Sunday, September 19 – Pentecost 17**

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I with Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37: Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

### **Sunday, September 26 – Pentecost 18**

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ ELW Setting: Setting I
- ❖ Readings: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

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### **HARVEST TIME**

He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

### **HARVEST PRAYER**

God of heaven and earth, we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for the food that nourishes and strengthens us. Bless those who to bring in the harvest and keep them safe in their work. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care. We ask this through our Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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.

**Food Pantry Support:** Please remember the five area food pantries, Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley, and Woodville we support with the Food Pantry Box in the narthex. People are continuing 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, September 9. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

**August 12, 2021 Council Meeting Highlights:** *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- Mike will get a group together to address the issue of water seeping into the basement by redirecting the water flow from heavy rains.
- The cemetery signs are in the process of being updated including a warning about not climbing on the tombstones.
- God's Work. Ours Hands. Sunday is September 12. It was discussed to participate in Feed My Starving Children who will be having places this fall where we can pack food that will be sent to children in need. As information becomes available it will be put in the newsletter.
- Pastor Bob presented the Covid Guidance Update that came from the Synod. After discussion it was decided we will continue to go forward as we currently are. If someone isn't feeling well, we would encourage them to stay home
- It was decided to take some time to think about appointing someone to fill the council vacancy. The vacancy will be put in the newsletter. Chuck Walz will continue as President till the annual meeting when a new President will be elected

**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.

**Blood Drive:** The Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Baldwin on Tuesday, September 14 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Call 1-800-73302767, or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Baldwin" to schedule an appointment.

## COVID PRECAUTIONS

We have returned to some of the COVID precautions put in place when we returned to in-person worship last March. Speaking with the pastors of various congregations, while there is a consensus about exercising caution, there is some variation in the precautions being taken. At Wilson you will find:

- Pews have again been separated by any empty row between them to provide 6 feet of separation.
- The Offering Plate has been returned to the top of the stairs and will not be passed during the service.
- People are invited, but not required, to wear masks. Adult and children’s masks are available in the table in the narthex for those wishing to use them.
- We will continue to serve Communion as we have these last several weeks, but we ask you to observe safe distancing between family groups when you come forward.
- If you do not wish to receive Communion up front, Pastor will gladly bring it to you. Just tell the ushers you would like that done.
- We will continue to sing the Sending Song only, but limit it to two verses. Verse numbers will be listed in the service folder.

Most importantly, if you are not feeling well – whatever the reason may be – we encourage you to remain home. We love you and will miss you, but we will love you just as much from afar and welcome you in person when you are well. We are all tired of COVID, but as the cases in St. Croix, Dunn, and Pierce counties continue to rise, we hope you will understand the need to return to these precautions.

## SEEN ON A T-SHIRT

- Sometime it takes me all day to get nothing done.
  - I could be a morning person, if morning happened at Noon.
  - No matter how bad it gets, I’m always rich at the dollar store.
  - My wife says I only have two faults. I don’t listen and something else . . .
  - Just once I want a Username and Password prompt to say – close enough!
- It takes real skills to choke on air, fall up the stairs, and trip over nothing. I have those skills.
- Accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now I’m the proud owner of Aisle 6.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
September 12	God’s Work – Our Hands Sunday
September 11 and 25	First Communion Class
September 15	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Begins
September 26	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation
September 26	Sunday School Begins
September 26 through 28	Fall Ministry Retreat (Pastor)
October 3	First Communion
October 7 through 12	Pastor Vacation
October 25	Confirmation Sunday
October 31	Reformation Sunday
November 3	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation
November 10	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Begins
November 12 through 16	Pastor Vacation
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
December 15	Service of Healing and Hope
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, with hunger causing nearly half of all deaths in children under five years of age.

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.

Alleviating hunger in our communities, and around the world, has long been ministry at Wilson Lutheran. The congregation has done a wonderful job of supporting five local food shelves in our area by contributing food items and money to help those in need. FMSC is an opportunity for us to extend our outreach around the world by helping prepare the MannaPacks for distribution.

By giving about two hours of our time, plus travel to and from the packing sites, we can provide hundreds of meals to meet the food needs of the world's children, and truly make a difference in their lives. A food packing site is being planned at the Polk County Fairgrounds some time in September (dates to be determined). Other opportunities are available in Eagan and Shoreview during October.

Several years ago a few of our members participated in food packing events at Hudson and Osceola. I know we all found it very rewarding. If we can put together another group of about 8 people from Wilson, we can join other groups at one to the packing sites to provide these life-giving meals. Without making a firm commitment at this time, if you would be interested in helping pack FMSC meals, or learning more about the FMSC's program, please speak with Pastor Bob. Or, check out the FMSC Web site at [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org).

### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Server	Ushers	Sundays
September	Rex and Janet Brandt	Barb Knopps	Mike and Sherry Ellefson	4
October	<b>Help Needed</b>	Peggy Timm	Duane and Pat Butler	5 Confirmation and Reformation

### ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
September	5	Charlie Lamb	Barb Knopps
	12	Charlie Lamb	Sue Faber
	19	Billy Grey	Linda Powers
	26	Cade Lamb	Sherry Ellefson
October	3	Cade Stasiak	Doug Faber
	10	Charlie Lamb	Janet Brandt
	17	Ryan Peterson	Xen Larson
	24 – Confirmation	Billy Grey	Don Hogenson
	31 - Reformation	Braydon Gregg	Dean Rambo

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER 2021**

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Sept. 4	Ben Pomasl	Sept. 9	Dwight & Karen Johnson
Sept. 5	Steve Bowell	Sept. 13	Barry & Lisa Brandvold
Sept. 7	Andy Lamb	Sept. 28	Mark & Stephanie Butler
Sept. 8	Margaret Gray		
Sept. 10	Brianna Wyss		
Sept. 11	Dakota Langer		
Sept. 15	Duane Butler		
Sept. 20	Dean Timm		
Sept. 21	Adam Wyss		
Sept. 30	Lydia Wittmer		
Sept. 30	Lindsey Asher		
Sept. 30	Stephanie Butler		

**THANK YOU NOTES**

**My Dear Church Family:** It's time I thank you for being here for me during my journey with cancer. All of the prayers, calls, cards, visits and support have helped me sail through. My treatments will be done September 1, 2021, and as you know I have done very well. Could not have done this without you. Prayer is so powerful. Thank you blessed folks. Louanne Anderson

**Wilson Lutheran Church:** Thank you for sending me to Bible Camp. I had a lot of fun. I hope I can go back next year and be a Pal. Sincerely, Cade Stasiak

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We all love the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Here's a version I found on the internet as I was doing some research for a sermon. I thought it was a lovely take on one of our favorites.

**23<sup>RD</sup> PSLAM – A JAPANESE VERSION**

God is my father, I shall have no need.  
 He lets me rest under the blossoming cherry tree.  
 He takes me up to the refreshing waterfall. He quiets my heart.  
 He leads me along the path of well-being for Christ's sake.  
 Though I face death I will not be frightened, for I will place my hand in His,  
 and He will lead me where I cannot see.  
 He will give me rice and tea as I need it.  
 My cup is filled by His love,  
 His love and His peace will surround me  
 until life's end, then I shall dwell with Him forever.

*(From the "RUMORS" sermon helps web site. Author unknown.)*

**Revised Common Lectionary  
Daily Readings – Year B  
September 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
1	Wednesday	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48	Deuteronomy 4:21-40		Mark 7:9-23
2	Thursday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 30:27-33	Romans 2:1-11	
3	Friday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 32:1-8	Romans 2:12-16	
4	Saturday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 33:1-9		Matthew 15:21-31
5	Sunday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 35:4-7a	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
6	Monday	Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-20	Joshua 6:1-21	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	
7	Tuesday	Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-20	Joshua 8:1-23	Hebrews 12:3-13	
8	Wednesday	Canticle: Isaiah 38:10-20	Judges 15:9-20		Matthew 17:14-21
9	Thursday	Psalm 116:1-9	Joshua 2:1-14	Hebrews 11:17-22	
10	Friday	Psalm 116:1-9	Joshua 2:15-24	James 2:17-26	
11	Saturday	Psalm 116:1-9	Joshua 6:22-27		Matthew 21:23-32
12	Sunday	Psalm 116:1-9	Isaiah 50:4-9a	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
13	Monday	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Kings 13:1-10	Romans 3:9-20	
14	Tuesday	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Kings 13:11-25	Colossians 3:1-11	
15	Wednesday	Psalm 119:169-176	Isaiah 10:12-20		John 7:25-36
16	Thursday	Psalm 54	Judges 6:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	
17	Friday	Psalm 54	1 Kings 22:24-40	Romans 11:25-32	
18	Saturday	Psalm 54	2 Kings 17:5-18		Matthew 23:29-39
19	Sunday	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 11:18-20	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
20	Monday	Psalm 139:1-18	2 Kings 5:1-14	James 4:8-17	
21	Tuesday	Psalm 139:1-18	2 Kings 11:21-12:16	James 5:1-6	
22	Wednesday	Psalm 139:1-18	Jeremiah 1:4-10		John 8:21-38
23	Thursday	Psalm 19:7-14	Exodus 18:13-27	Acts 4:13-31	
24	Friday	Psalm 19:7-14	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Acts 12:20-25	
25	Saturday	Psalm 19:7-14	Deuteronomy 27:1-10		Matthew 5:13-20
26	Sunday	Psalm 19:7-14	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
27	Monday	Psalm 5	Zechariah 6:9-15	1 Peter 1:3-9	
28	Tuesday	Psalm 5	Zechariah 8:18-23	1 John 2:18-25	
29	Wednesday	Psalm 5	Zechariah 10:1-12		Matthew 18:6-9
30	Thursday	Psalm 8	Genesis 20:1-18	Galatians 3:23-29	
31	Friday	Psalm 8	Genesis 21:22-34	Romans 8:1-11	

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Prayer Ventures  
September 2021**

**1** Pray for the relief and resilience of people and communities impacted by wildfires, flooding, severe storms and extreme heat.

**2** Remember in prayer ELCA campus ministry leaders and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin) as they serve students, faculty, staff and others at colleges and universities nationwide. Pray for their ministry of sharing God's grace through worship, study, fellowship, care and service.

**3** Give thanks for the International Women Leaders (IWL) scholarship program and for the accomplishments and new beginnings of the six IWL scholars who graduated in May, embarking on journeys of leadership and service, and of the seven incoming students starting their programs.

**4** Pray for the people of Haiti, who endure poverty, political turmoil and the long, difficult recovery from their 2010 and 2021 earthquakes. Ask God to build up their faith, hope, courage and strength in the face of daunting difficulties, and resolve to support them with prayers, advocacy and generosity.

**5** Ask the Spirit's help in responding to the diverse needs, circumstances and challenges of our neighbors, and in opening our hearts and minds to those who are forgotten, neglected, ignored or unfamiliar to us.

**6** *Labor Day* On this day, we recognize, rejoice in and pray for the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, be renewed through times of sabbath and experience fulfillment in their labor. Pray for the success of all those seeking employment and for the well-being of people unable to work.

**7** Pray that God will equip and energize us as we invite new people to know Jesus, to participate in our communities of faith and to experience being a Lutheran Christian.

**8** "I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long" (Psalm 146:2). Ask the Spirit to inspire us as we praise and thank God in

everything we do or experience during our baptismal journey.

**9** Pray for our ELCA missionaries accompanying Lutheran church bodies and companions in Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Serbia, Russia, Slovakia, Austria, Belgium, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

**10** Pray that we will not act with prejudice, indifference or injustice, or shy away from the complexities of service and ministry, with our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger or homelessness. Ask God to help us concentrate on our neighbors in need, acting with boldness, generosity, humility and concern for the dignity of those we serve.

**11** Give thanks for the ministry and service of volunteers as they wind up their construction season with ELCA Mission Builders and look forward to future projects that will strengthen ministries and grow the church.

**12** *"God's work. Our hands."* Sunday In our baptismal journey we serve our neighbors daily, but on this day we celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor — in partnership with local congregations and ministries, social service organizations and community residents.

**13** Pray for forgiveness when our words, writing and online posts cause hurt or offense or wound the spirits of others. Ask the Spirit to help us think through our intentions and what we want to say so that our words will reflect the love, forgiveness and encouragement that God has shown toward us.

**14** These days are filled with challenges and distractions. Pray that we will not forget the growing number of people victimized by gun violence and the trauma and fear it spreads through families and communities. Ask God to strengthen our resolve and inspire our advocacy to prevent gun violence, care for those who suffer, and bring hope and change to our nation.

**15** *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Thank God for the gifts, history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino siblings. Pray for the growth



and vitality of the 147 ELCA Latino ministries and the Latino Ministries Association (Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA) as they work to share the good news, encourage unity in Christ, fight racism and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA in a “community of communities.”

**16** Pray that we will walk in the presence of God, trusting that God is gracious, righteous and merciful, hearing our every prayer.

**17** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in learning, choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God’s work in an ever-changing world.

**18** Pray that the Spirit will stir our compassion and commitment and that God will energize us to empower, support, welcome and advocate for people driven from their homes by conflict, persecution, poverty and climate change.

**19** Give thanks for Jesus’ teaching and example, which inspire us to serve humbly, share the gospel and invite people to experience the blessings of community in our congregations and church.

**20** Thank God for our special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. 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.

**21** *Matthew, apostle and evangelist* “Follow me” (Matthew 9:9). With this simple invitation Matthew left his work as a tax collector and followed Jesus, not knowing how his life or work would change. Pray that when we sense God’s call, we will answer, trusting that God has something in mind for us — just as we are — and will employ our gifts, skills and passions while cultivating new gifts in us.

**22** Pray that, when we encounter problems in life or when everything seems to be working against us, we will trust in God to uphold our lives and deliver us — sometimes in ways we neither seek nor expect.

**23** Pray that our lives will manifest the wisdom of God, wisdom that “is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy” (James 3:17).

**24** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in learning, choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God’s work in an ever-changing world.

**25** Pray for the well-being of health care workers who continue to labor long and hard in responding to the pandemic, preventing the spread of COVID and its variants, and equitably treating the ill and infected.

**26** Give thanks and praise to God that, as siblings in Christ, we have a vast faith community that is caring and supportive, equips and encourages us to serve and to share the good news, and strives to do God’s work in the world together with its ministry companions and partners — locally and globally.

**27** Pray that we will build and nurture communities of faith that engage with us when we are suffering, sick, in need of forgiveness and mercy, or wrestling with our faith and God’s truth.

**28** Pray for dialogues and actions that will unite our church with other Lutheran denominations, permitting us and our siblings in Christ to share pastors, witness, mission and ministries.

**29** Give thanks for the mysteries of creation and the universe that stir our wonder, inspiration, gratitude and desire to explore. Praise God!

**30** Pray for our presiding bishop, secretary and 65 synod bishops as they gather for the Conference of Bishops to worship, study, share insights, conduct church business, provide support for rostered ministers and help identify, invite, equip and support new leaders in the church.

# SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	6 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	7 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	8	9 12:30 Wilson Council Meeting	10	11 9:30 a.m. First Communion Class
12 God's Work. Our Hands Sunday 9:00 Worship	13 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	14 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	15 6:00 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	16	17	18
13 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	20 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	21 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	22 6:00 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	23	24	25 9:30 a.m. First Communion Class
26 <b>Synod Fall Ministry Retreat (Pastor)</b> 9:00 Worship 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation 10:00 Sunday School Begins	27	28	29 6:00 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	30	October 1	2