

**Wilson Lutheran Church**  
**401 310<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Wilson WI 54027**  
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**Mission Statement**  
**Gathered. Renewed. Sent**

**We are:**  
**Gathered by the Spirit.**  
**Renewed by the Word.**  
**Sent to Serve**

## *May 2022, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church*



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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

May 2022 – Season of Easter

“The Easter Season gives us an opportunity to hear the voice of the Gospel of John. The first three Sundays of the season allow us to dwell on the appearances of the risen Christ, while the rest of the season takes us back before his death and resurrection, again with a familiar pattern: the good shepherd imagery of John 10, short section from the Maundy Thursday foot washing, the coming of the Spirit in chapter 14, and finally, a concluding section of Jesus/ high priestly prayer.” (Sundays and Seasons Year C 2022, Augsburg Fortress)

### **Sunday, May 1 – Easter 3**

- Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion – Chancel Rail
- ❖ Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19: The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

### **Sunday, May 8 – Easter 4**

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30: Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

### **Sunday, May 15 – Easter 5**

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35: After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

### **Sunday, May 22 – Easter 6**

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29: As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

### **Sunday, May 29 – Easter 7**

- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26: Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

## MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

Gathered by the Spirit. Renewed by the Word. Sent to Serve.

**New Mission Statement:** Perhaps you noticed our new mission statement at the top of this page, or on the Home Page of our new Web site. If you didn't notice the change, it's not a surprise. Our old mission statement was long and hardly memorable. It was a combination of mission statements from Wilson and Immanuel going back many years, and more the statement of the former Wilson – Immanuel Parish than it was our own. I doubt any of us could remember it (including Pastor) if we were asked, much less use it to explain to others what we're about as a church in this time and place.

As a change was being considered, council wanted something brief that would be remembered, and something that would describe who we are and what we do. Even better if it was simple, yet descriptive enough that we could use it to tell our story to others. **GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT** accomplishes those objectives. Filling in the blanks between the three words, we say we are a church (God's people in this time and place) "**Gathered by the Spirit. Renewed by the Word. Sent to Serve**".

The new mission statement actually follows the pattern of our Sunday worship: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. The Holy Spirit calls and gathers us to worship each Sunday morning, where we are renewed by God's word in scripture, preaching and the Lord's Supper, and sent into the world to serve our neighbors in need, both near and far.

**GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT** is Wilson Lutheran Church! So, if you're asked what's so good; what's so special about who and what we are, you can tell 'em in three simple words. Now – go forth and spread the Good News!

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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](mailto: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, May 14. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

**April 14, 2022 Council Meeting Highlights:** *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- Virtual Easter Lily Donations for the area Food Shelves had 82 participants with a giving of \$820.00.
- Lent Offering Donations to go to the Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund will include Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Offerings.
- At this point there has been no one signed up for the Confirmation Camp.
- Pastor Bob will be going to the Synod Assembly April 30.
- COVID Precautions will change with liturgy and hymn singing Easter Sunday, offering will stay the same, the first Sunday of the month will be at the rail communion while the third and fifth Sundays will continue as we have been with cups.
- A dumpster was not needed for the old pews cushions.
- After discussion Barb Knopps made a motion to accept the revised Mission Statement: Gathered by the Spirit. Renewed by the Word, Sent to Serve, second by Tracy. Motion carried.
- Luther Woods Luther Park Bible Camp sent a thank you for the endowment donation of \$500.

- Pastor Bob updated his personal computer and monitor that he purchased himself and uses at his office at church.
- Mike has replaced a door knob on the basement outside door, removed a downed cedar tree in the cemetery and will be working on repairing the steps going into the church.

**Tuesday Community Supper:** 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 Generous March donations again filled the Food Pantry box and went to support the Baldwin Food Shelf.

### 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 new Web site at [www.wilsonlutheran.org](http://www.wilsonlutheran.org) and click the "Online Giving" link in the menu bar at the top of the Home Page. You can also download the GivePlus app for Apple or Android smartphones.

### PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – May 2022

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
May 1	Brandon Gray	May 16	Jennifer Eidem	May 2	Don & Sharon Spielman
May 3	Craig Wyss	May 17	Ben Lamb	May 6	Roger & Barb Kronholm
May 5	Gerald Glampe	May 18	Dustin Timm	May 15	Don & Junalee Hogenson
May 8	Mona Finder	May 21	Janet Brandt	May 16	Kerry & Jaime Wittmer
May 9	Rosemary Cretney	May 23	Lillian Husby	May 22	John & Virginia Overland
May 11	Heidi Peterson	May 23	Michelle Larson		
May 11	Emma Lamb	May 26	Beverly Danielson		
May 14	Jean Witter	May 28	Barbara Blegen		
May 14	Doug Faber	May 30	Carla Anderson		

### ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
May	1	Cade Lamb	Xen Larson
	8	Charlie Lamb	Chandra Lamb
	15	Ryan Peterson	Dean Rambo
	22	Billy Gray	Sherry Ellefson
	29	Cade Lamb	Jes Lamb
June	5	Ryan Peterson	Tracy Davis
	12	Billy Gray	Darren Peterson
	19	Cade Lamb	Linda Powers
	26	Ryan Peterson	Sherry Ellefson

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

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
May	Sue Faber	<b>Help Needed</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>	<i>5 Sundays Mother's Day Memorial Day</i>
June	Dean and Linda Rambo	Dean Rambo	Doug Faber and Louanne Anderson	<i>4 Sundays Father's Day</i>

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

**May Worship Help**

Worship Assistants are needed for May. If you are unable to serve all the days during the month, consider serving at one or more of the services. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**WONDERFUL!!**

When people ask how things are going at Wilson, the word I regularly use is "Wonderful". Perhaps I should be using one of Joe Mentor's favorites, "Two-derful". "One-derful" wasn't enough for Joe. For him every day was doubly good, what he called "Two-derful". Whether it's "One-derful" or "Two-derful", you've done it again.

Your Wednesday evening Lent offerings, combined with your Maundy Thursday and Good Friday offerings, were dedicated to the Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund. SVCCF provides care and other resources for people in our area during their journey with a cancer diagnosis, its treatment and recovery. This locally funded organization reaches out to cancer patients and their families with gas cards, food cards, letters, prayers, and in many other ways. Because of your generosity, a \$1400 donation has been made to help SVCCF serve area cancer patients and their families.

As if that wasn't wonderful enough all by itself, your support of the Virtual Easter Lily program has been absolutely outstanding. Last year 56 Virtual Easter Lilies were purchased, resulting in a total of \$500 being divided among the five food shelf programs we support: Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley, and Woodville. We rejoiced at that great response, but this year you exceeded yourselves. A total of 82 Virtual Easter Lilies filled our church windows this year, even a few in the front door windows cuz' we ran out of space in the other windows, for a total of \$820 going to those same food shelf programs.

Since we began the Virtual Poinsettia and Virtual Easter Lily programs two years ago, your generosity has resulted in contributions totaling more than \$520 to each food shelf; over \$2500 in total. There's no doubt your support of these two programs has made a difference in the lives of local families experience food insecurity. On behalf of all those people, and the food shelf programs that serve them, Thank You!

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Pastor Bob has a bit of a reputation for oddball sayings. Here's a few ~~borrowed~~ stolen from the April / May 2022 issue of Our Wisconsin magazine, followed by its meaning. There's one of Pastor's very own in the mix. Can you pick it out?

- "Keep your nose clean." (Don't get into trouble.)
- "We were so poor we couldn't afford to pay attention." (Self-explanatory)
- "Fine as frog's hair." (A response to, "How are you?")
- "You can catch more flies with honey that you can with vinegar." (Try a little kindness.)
- "Put that in your pipe and smoke it." (Adds emphasis to a statement.)

**Wilson Lutheran Church  
2022 Virtual Easter Lily Gifts**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b>
Louanne Anderson	Becky and Gary
Mike and Sherry Ellefson	Erling Moldenhauer
	Lloyd Ellefson
Dean and Sue Timm	Junior and Elaine Timm
	Brian and Beverly Kirby
Mary Timm	Rodney Timm
	Dennis Timm
	Emil and Evelyn Timm
Bob and Sue Dahm	Fred and Eva Warland
	Robert F and Vera Dahm
	Jeff Warland
	Robin Messick
	Ronald Dahm
	Bernie and Carrie Ferm
The Faber Family	All Family and Friends Gone Before Us
Scott and Kathy Borton	Parents and Grandparents
Jerry and Vicki Glampe	Bud, Arlis, Mark and Todd Timm
	Avis and Harry Glampe
	Mary Overby
	Cam Stasiek
Babe Jacobson	Family Members
The Lamb Family	Chuck Lamb
	Alice Bennett and Noah Lamb
Jill Menk	Andy Menk
Dave and Linda Powers	Richard Powers
	Marilyn Hoyt
Leroy and Karen Esanbock	Olaf and Margaret Hendrickson
	Bob and Joyce Esanbock
Shirley Rostamo	Wayne Rostamo
Dennis and Barb Blegen	Bud and Arlis Timm, Mark Timm, Todd Timm, Henry and Mardel Blegen, and Doug Blegen
Doug and Mary Brandt	Ralph and Lucille Brandt
	Frank and Fern Olsen
	John Olsen
	Roger Brandt
Kim Olson and Dorvie	Todd Timm
Duane and Pat Butler	Our Parents
	Sharon Butler
Rex and Janet Brandt	Carl Hunt
	Ralph and Lucille Brandt
	Roger Brandt
Darlene Dehkes	Bob Dehkes
	Don and Vera Baker
Flossie Marie Hughes	Bob Hughes
	Hugh and Harriet Cardiff
	Arnie Cardiff

	Lester and Bernice Jensen
	Rochelle Painter
Judy Johnson	My Husband, Gene Johnson
Roger and Barb Kronholm	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kronholm, Sr.
	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Peterson
Leslie Larson	Karen Larson
	Richie Larson
John and Ginny Overland	Dale and Audrey Overland
	Melvin and Betty Dolalie
The Thompson Family	Galen Thompson
Linda Timm	Todd Timm, John Affolter, Margart Affolter, Ed Affolter, Bud and Arlis Timm, and Mark Timm
Jan Timm	Dennis (Denver) Timm
	Bob Larson
Doug and Mary Brandt	Tom and Marjorie Wheeler
	Ben and Mabel Christianson
Don and Junalee Hogenson	Parents Henry and Mary Hogenson, Ernest and Dorothy Moe, Siblings Dale and Loreen Moe, Donnalee Danovsky, Arlene Dobbs, Dorothy Hogenson
Charles Walz	Linda and Lavina Walz
	John Walz
Kerry and Jamie Wittmer and Family	Lester and Bernie Jensen
	Rochelle and John Painter
	Gene Anderson
Charles and Sue Ross	Bob and Bette Brandvold
	Oscar and Dorothy Brandvold
Barb Knopps	Herb Krueger
	Esther (Gerry) Krueger
	Lynn Lahti
	Thompson Family Members Who Have Passed Away
Deb Tolvanen	Louis Tolvanen
	Timothy Monio, Jr.
Sharleen Finder	Parents – Stan and Louis Anderson
	Brother – Gary Anderson
<b>From:</b>	<b>In Honor of:</b>
Louanne Anderson	Gavin, Lauren and Mark
Scott and Kathy Borton	Our Grandson, Evan, Born on Easter
Kim Olson and Dorvie	Harper, Trigg and Conrad Timm's Baptism
Jerry and Mary Merritt	Libby and Lane Butler
Susan Dahm	Pastor Bob and Son Shawn
Barb Knopps	Mary Kay and Chad McVey, Connor McVey and Dakota Hardel, Kari and Levi Lentz, Abby and Kora, Terry Hochstetter, and Dana Lahti
Charles and Sharon Bowell	To the Glory of God
Dean and Tracy Davis	To the Glory of God

**Revised Common Lectionary**  
**Daily Readings – Year C**  
**May 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
1	Sunday	Psalm 30	Acts 9:1-20	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
2	Monday	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:1-25	Acts 9:19b-31	
3	Tuesday	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:26-2:1	Acts 26:1-18	
4	Wednesday	Psalm 121	Isaiah 6:1-8		Luke 5:1-11
5	Thursday	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 11:1-25	Revelation 5:1-10	
6	Friday	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 20:39-44	Revelation 6:1-7:4	
7	Saturday	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 28:25-26		Luke 12:29-32
8	Sunday	Psalm 23	Acts 9:36-43	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
9	Monday	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Revelation 15:1-4	
10	Tuesday	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 45:1-9	Acts 9:32-35	
11	Wednesday	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 50:17-20		John 10:31-42
12	Thursday	Psalm 148	Ezekiel 2:8-3:11	Revelation 10:1-11	
13	Friday	Psalm 148	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 11:15	
14	Saturday	Psalm 148	Daniel 7:27	Revelation 11:16-19	
15	Sunday	Psalm 148	Acts 11:1-18	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
16	Monday	Psalm 133	1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42	Acts 11:19-26	
17	Tuesday	Psalm 133	2 Samuel 1:4-27	Acts 11:27-30	
18	Wednesday	Psalm 133	Leviticus 19:9-18		Luke 10:25-28
19	Thursday	Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:1-5	Acts 15:36-41	
20	Friday	Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:6-8	Acts 16:1-8	
21	Saturday	Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:9-15		Luke 19:1-10
22	Sunday	Psalm 67	Acts 16:9-15	Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5	John 14:23-29
23	Monday	Psalm 93	1 Chronicles 12:16-22	Revelation 21:5-14	
24	Tuesday	Psalm 93	2 Chronicles 15:1-15	Revelation 21:15-22	
25	Wednesday	Psalm 93	2 Chronicles 34:20-33		Luke 2:25-38
26	Thursday <i>Ascension</i>	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
27	Friday	Psalm 97	Exodus 33:12-17	Revelation 22:6-9	
28	Saturday	Psalm 97	Exodus 33:18-23		John 1:14-18
29	Sunday	Psalm 97	Acts 16:16-34	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
30	Monday	Psalm 29	Exodus 40:16-38	Acts 16:35-40	
31	Tuesday	Psalm 29	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Acts 26:19-29	



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**Prayer Ventures**  
**May 2022**

**1** *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

Praise God for Asian and Pacific Islander members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA that use God's gifts of culture, language and heritage to share the good news of Jesus Christ, loving and serving our neighbor in a multicultural world.

**2** Pray for the safety and well-being of those directly impacted by the war in Ukraine — both the people inside its borders and the nearly 4 million who have left the country. Pray for peace, wisdom, justice, repentance and reconciliation, and give thanks for the assistance provided by Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and our partners and companion churches in Ukraine and across Eastern Europe.

**3** "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me" (Psalm 30:2). Pray for healing, comfort and peace for all who suffer sorrow, trauma, illness, fear or hardship, and ask the Spirit to equip us for responding to our neighbors in need with love, hope and support.

**4** Give thanks and pray for Lutheran Men in Mission and other ministries with men in our congregations, that they will reach and serve men of all ages, strengthening their faith in Christ, equipping them to love and serve their neighbor, and creating faithful communities of men.

**5** Remembering the story of how God transformed Paul's life, purpose and spirit, pray that people everywhere might be changed by the grace of God, the work of the Spirit and the influence of caring and loving people, including ourselves.

**6** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Metropolitan New York Synod, the New Jersey Synod and the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**7** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**8** On Mother's Day, thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, expectant mothers, women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

**9** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**10** Remember in prayer students at college, university and seminary as they prepare for final exams, celebrate graduation or begin their careers, that they might find opportunities to use their gifts, faith and passion in service to their neighbors and communities.

**11** "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). Pray that we might find clarity and be reassured of God's love and attention through the psalmist's description of a shepherd who restores, leads, nourishes and accompanies us, calming our fears and showing us mercy.

**12** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**13** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Oregon Synod, the Saint Paul Area Synod, the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**14** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, Southeast Michigan and North/West Lower Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**15** Pray that we will be faithful to Jesus' commandment to love one another, and pray that we might be recognized as disciples of Christ and communities of faith through our Spirit-inspired acts of love, kindness, service, justice and hospitality.

**16** Remember in prayer the conflict in Ethiopia, which has caused displacement, suffering and loss of life among the most vulnerable — women, children and older adults. Pray for relief, hope and strength for those who have been impacted and for an end to the violence and ethnic discrimination. Give thanks for the relief work of Lutheran World Relief and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, and for the financial support of Lutheran Disaster Response.

**17** Ask the Spirit to stir our enthusiasm for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that all people might know the boundless love of God that renews and unites us as siblings in Christ.

**18** Pray that we might not grow weary or apathetic about the needs of our neighbor, especially when their difficulties and situations seem complicated, overwhelming or distant from us. Ask the Spirit to nurture within us love and concern that are enduring, impartial and wise.

**19** Praise God for everything that brings joy, hope, encouragement or brightness into our lives.

**20** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Greater Milwaukee, Southeastern Iowa and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**21** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**22** Promise to respond to those we encounter who are struggling, homeless, lonely, grieving or ill; ask the Spirit to encourage, equip and guide us when we feel ill-equipped to love and care for our neighbor.

**23** Thank God for our special relationship with The Episcopal Church, 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.

**24** Among your siblings in Christ, who has surprised you with their welcoming spirit, generosity, wisdom or eagerness to share their faith? Give thanks to God for people who unexpectedly enrich our lives.

**25** Give thanks for young adults from across the country who have responded to the call to serve in summer ministries at ELCA camps. Ask the Spirit to equip, inspire and sustain them for sharing their faith in Christ and developing caring communities of faith with campers of all backgrounds, abilities and ages.

**26** *Ascension Day* "Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth" (Psalm 47:1-2). Praise and honor our wonderful God!

**27** "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (John 14:26). Remember in prayer the gift of the Spirit in our midst, working through us to call, gather, enlighten, bless and unify the church on earth.

**28** Pray for the ELCA Justice for Women program and its work fostering gender awareness, justice and dignity, that our congregations and communities might value, embrace and be shaped by the unique voices and experiences of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age.

**29** Ask God to unite us as communities of faith and siblings in Christ, introducing others to what God has done in the world through the life, teachings, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**30** *Memorial Day* Remember, honor and give thanks for members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives for the sake of peace. Pray for those who serve in harm's way today and for our neighbors around the world who have served their own countries in pursuit of peace, justice and freedom.

**31** Pray for congregations as they prepare for mission trips, service-learning experiences and local community ministries, that their efforts might exemplify compassion, respect, mutual relationship, intentional partnership and our call to love and serve our neighbor as Christ loves and serves us.

# MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	2 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	3 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	4	5 9:30 St. Croix Conference Meeting	6	7
8 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School <b>Graduate Sunday</b> <b>Sunday School Ends</b> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>	9 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	10 9:00 Pastor's Boundary Training – Luther Park	11	12 12:30 Council Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion – Bishop Laurie Preaching <b>Graduate Sunday</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	16 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	17 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship	23 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	24 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	25	26 <b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>	27	28
29 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	30 <b>Memorial Day</b>	31 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>June 1</b>	2	3	4