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Mission Statement

Gathered. Renewed. Sent

We are:

Gathered by the Spirit.

Renewed by the Word.

Sent to Serve

*July/August 2022, Newsletter for
Wilson Lutheran Church*



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

July and August 2022 – Season After Pentecost

“For many in the northern hemisphere, summer is a season of vacations. Warm weather and abundant growth make for an ideal time to experience the great outdoors. School breaks and relaxed work schedules offer opportunities to visit family and friends, and to host guests at home.”

“Hospitality and hosting are major throughout the summer lectionary. Jesus sends the disciples out to preach the gospel, instructing them to be guests in the home of others. Abraham and Sarai host strangers who prove to be angels; . . . Martha works to host Jesus and his disciples, complaining that her sister Mary doesn’t do her share . . . How do we ensure that everyone, guest and host alike, has access to “the better part?” (*Sundays and Seasons Year C 2022*)

Sunday, July 3 – Pentecost 4

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Chancel Rail
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20: Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

Sunday, July 10 – Pentecost 5

- ❖ Service: With One Voice
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 15:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37: Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

Sunday, July 17 – Pentecost 6

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42: During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

Sunday, July 24 – Pentecost 7

- ❖ Service: With One Voice
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13: In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

Sunday, July 31 – Pentecost 8

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21: In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Sunday, August 7 – Pentecost 9

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Chancel Rail
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40: Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Sunday, August 14 – Pentecost 10

- ❖ Service: With One Voice
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56: Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Sunday, August 21 – Pentecost 11

- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17: Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

Sunday, August 28 – Pentecost 12

- ❖ Service: With One Voice
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14: Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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Sign Seen Along a Highway (Somewhere)

“Give me coffee to change the things I can, and wine to accept the things I cannot.
(*We serve bread with the wine every other Sunday.*)

MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

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

Wilson WELCA: WELCA meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Wilson Council: There will not be a July Council meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 11. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

June 9, 2022 Council Meeting Highlights: *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- David reported information he had obtained in regards to having two cemetery guideline signs made. Knaack Advertising, Menomonie does engraved signs. After much discussion it was decided to look at signs other cemeteries have to get the wording appropriate for Wilson.
- Thank you notes were passed around from Luther Park Bible Camp, Emma Lamb and Dustin Timm.
- Mike will get estimates for seal coating the pavement.
- A leak in the southeast corner of the church roof will be checked out by the company that installed the roof in 2011.

Tuesday Community Supper: Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be handing out supper from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in the Gethsemane parking lot. Drive by to pick up a hamburger, chips, melon salad and a 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.

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. 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.

Your generous May donations again filled the Food Pantry Box and went to support the Elmwood Food Shelf. July contributions will go to the Woodville Food Shelf. August contributions will go to the Baldwin Food Shelf.

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Thank you so much for the graduation blanket and recognizing me on Graduate Sunday. In the fall I will be attending UWEC for business or communications. Appreciate all of the love and support and will for sure be back to visit. Emma Lamb

Pastor Bob and Congregation: Thank you so much for all for the thoughts and prayers as well as the gift card during my hospital visit and recovery. The amount of concern and support Jenny, myself and the girls received during that time has been overwhelming and very much appreciated. We are incredibly thankful for the wonderful members of the Wilson Lutheran Church offering their help and prayer during such a difficult time. Thank you so very much once again. Dustin Timm.

Dear Congregation: Thanks for your recent food donations to our pantry. We appreciate your continued support. Enjoy your summer! Elmwood Food Pantry.

JULY / AUGUST CALENDAR STUFF

After looking at the June calendar, one of our members mentioned there was nothing on it. She was correct. With family vacations, youth sports activities, and other summer events in our lives, it is a quiet season at Wilson. So, when I put the July and August calendars together, I decided to fill them with special days. I hope they give you a chuckle and, perhaps, even a special day or two to celebrate.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – JULY and AUGUST 2022

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Jul 1	Dean Rambo	Jul 29	Evan Peterson	July 5	Duane & Pat Butler
Jul 1	Leroy Esanbock	Jul 29	Darlene Dehkes	July 19	Matt & Chandra Lamb
Jul 4	Libby Butler	Aug 5	Chad McVey	July 27	Kevin & Mona Finder
Jul 7	William Gray	Aug 7	Linda Rambo	Aug 21	Ben & Theresa Pomasl
Jul 8	Kailey Stahl	Aug 8	Junalee Hogenson		
Jul 10	Brayley Bonte	Aug 10	Kari Deppa		
Jul 11	Tyler Faber	Aug 11	Mitchell Wittmer		
Jul 15	Debra Gregerson	Aug 12	Allyson Lamb		
Jul 16	Rebecca Ann Kerr	Aug 14	Leah Bennett		
Jul 17	Travis Husby	Aug 16	Babe Jacobson		
Jul 18	Everett Blegen	Aug 16	Craig Kongshaug		
Jul 19	Louanne Anderson	Aug 17	Jack Gregg		
Jul 20	Angela Spielman	Aug 19	Kyle Gregerson		
Jul 20	Jan Timm	Aug 19	Carter Deppa		
Jul 22	Bill Krueger	Aug 21	Bjorn Larson		
Jul 24	Scott Borton	Aug 24	Sara Langer		
Jul 25	Matt Lamb	Aug 25	Sean Gregerson		
Jul 26	Erica Frohn	Aug 29	Mike Ellefson		
Jul 28	Sherry Ellefson				

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
July	3	Cade Lamb	Kathy Borton
	10	Ryan Peterson	Ginny Overland
	17	Billy Gray	Dean Rambo
	24	Cade lamb	Doug Faber
	31	Ryan Peterson	Don Hogenson
August	7	Billy Gray	Janet Brandt
	14	Cade Lamb	Rex Brandt
	21	Ryan Peterson	Doug Faber
	28	Billy Gray	Tracy Davis

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
July	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	5 Sundays
August	Shirley Rostamo / Vicki Glampe	Barb Knopps	Andy and Jes Lamb	4 Sunday

JULY WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

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

SUMMER OBSERVATIONS

There seems to be a greater variety of wildlife around the church building this summer. There's always been deer in the fields on either side of Rex and Janet Brandt's place, and across 310th in Lamb family field, but this summer I'm seeing a wider variety of creatures – four legged and winged. Wild turkeys, pheasants, coyotes (I didn't realize how big those things can get), a fox and, most recently, a pair of Sand Hill cranes. Although I've since been told the cranes are common around here, I'd never seen them before so it was a treat to see a pair. The songbird varieties have included oriels, yellow finches, cardinals, and a bunch of others I have no idea what their names are.

Wildlife in our part of North Menomonie is limited to rabbits and squirrels. The baby rabbits are cute until they start eating Susan's hostas about this time each year. The buds on her marigolds are desert. When that happens it's a trip the Fleet Farm for some sort of repellent, which only works until they become accustomed to its taste. Rabbits are not supposed to like marigolds, but whoever came up with that idea forgot to tell the rabbits. As for the squirrels, I saw 12 of them playing between our lot and the neighbor's this last week. I've taken to putting corn out for them in the hope they'll stay out of the sunflower seed bird feeders (limited success). We have a lesser variety of birds at our feeders, although there have been some Yellow Finches we haven't had in the past. Robins have returned to build nests under the overhang above our back and front doors, in spite of my efforts to discourage their efforts. There's been nesting pairs of blue jays and cardinals in the neighbor's cedar trees the last several years. They haven't showed up this summer. I'm thinking they should be here by now, and I miss seeing them.

One of the "lucky strike extras" (bowlers know that term) of serving a rural congregation is you get to see stuff you seldom see living in town. Plus, when the manure spreading operation is in fully swing on the Lamb property across the road, you get a true "sense" of the country, which smells a whole lot better than the smell of Lake Menomonin (I call it the Dead Sea) starting about mid-July.

Somewhere the melody to the old TV show "Green Acres" is playing softly in the background.

"Green Acres is the place to be.
Farm livin' is the life for me.
Land spreadin' out so far and wide
Keep Manhattan, just give me that countryside."

Here's the link if you want to listen to it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzT1kO-xbQ>

OTHER RUMINATIONS

Lawn Mowing: It took almost a year to get one but, finally, there's a John Deere riding lawn tractor parked in the garage. A few of you know that story, having listened to me complain about being unable to find one last summer. Aside from the fact it makes quick work of the job, the first couple of times I used it I felt a little guilty – or maybe a little old. “Whatsa matter Bob, can't mow your own lawn anymore?” Then I got to thinking. I've been mowing one lawn or another since I was 10 years old, back then with a reel type push mower. Actually, I still have it. So, after 60 years of pushing, maybe it is time to ride.

Then I got the weed whip out, and remembered there was a time when that chore was done with a hand operated grass clipper. (Dad would inspect the job when I got done.) I went to Fleet Farm, bought one, and use it on the grass under the back fence where the whip won't reach. Perhaps that's my redemption for buying the rider 😊.

Driverless Cars: There's been a lot of conversation about driverless car lately, some folks (predictably their manufacturers) claiming they are the way of the future; others expressing concern about how dangerous they are. I don't know what roads either of those groups have been traveling but, clearly, they haven't been out on I-94 between Menomonie and St. Paul. We've made more than a few trips on that stretch of highway lately, and I'm convinced at least 50% of the cars out there are driverless already.

iPods: After 20 years, Apple recently announced the demise of the iPod, that pocket size device capable of storing and playing all the music of your choice – 80 GB worth. That's a lot, for those unfamiliar with the world of GBs. Seems Apple decided, since we can now play music on our iPhones, iPads, even our wrist watches, the iPod platform was no longer needed.

I got my first pocket music device when I was 12 (or thereabouts), an AM pocket radio. I found it a while back when I was unpacking a bunch of stuff I brought back from Shawano. It's about the same size as an iPod, played all my favorite music, plus the Milwaukee Braves baseball games. (Can't get those on an iPod.) It ran on a 9volt battery, no special charger or cable needed, and it came with a set of earphones. Granted, they had wires which is not cool by today's standards, but when they fell out of your ear while you were riding your bike you couldn't lose them because they stayed connected to the radio.

Treasures: I used a couple days of my vacation to go to Shawano and continue the seemingly never-ending process of sorting through three generations of stuff stored in a 10' x 30' locker. I'm happy to report It's nearly empty, but that's just the first one. There's another waiting in Green Bay. 😞

Much of what I've uncovered has found a home at Goodwill, Hope Gospel Mission, Habitat for Humanity, or the Shawano landfill. (I kept my Teddy Bear, stuffed poodle Fifi, and my sock monkey.) But I've also uncovered some things that have shed light on my own behavior. For example, I've never met a tool I didn't like, which appears to be a trait I inherited from my father. Thus I now own multiple handsaws of various sizes and types of teeth, several sets of open and closed end wrenches, at least three complete sets of Craftsman screwdrivers, more hammers than I'll ever need, rulers and tape measures galore, and the list goes on.

It seems Dad was a collector of miscellaneous screws, nuts, bolts, nails, washers, and parts from things I have no idea where they came from, nor what their purpose was. Another personality trait I inherited, saving things I might need some day. Suffice it to say, I've upgraded my own collection with Dad's small jars, old Band-Aid cans (anyone remember those), and little boxes of all sizes and sorts containing a wide variety of odds and ends. So, if you ever need a left-handed threaded thingamajig to reattach that doohickey to your whatchamacallit, let me know. Chances are I have one or two – probably even three.

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year C
July 2022

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Friday	Psalm 66:1-9	Jeremiah 51:47-58	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	
2	Saturday	Psalm 66:1-9	Zechariah 14:10-21		Luke 9:1-6
3	Sunday	Psalm 66:1-9	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6:1-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
4	Monday	Psalm 119:73-80	Jeremiah 6:10-19	Acts 19:21-27	
5	Tuesday	Psalm 119:73-80	Jeremiah 8:4-13	Acts 19:28-41	
6	Wednesday	Psalm 119:73-80	Joshua 23:1-16		Luke 10:13-16
7	Thursday	Psalm 25:1-10	Genesis 41:14-36	James 2:14-26	
8	Friday	Psalm 25:1-10	Genesis 41:37-49	Acts 7:9-16	
9	Saturday	Psalm 25:1-10	Leviticus 19:1-4; 32-37		John 3:16-21
10	Sunday	Psalm 25:1-10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
11	Monday	Psalm 25:11-20	Job 24:1-8	James 2:1-7	
12	Tuesday	Psalm 25:11-20	Proverbs 19:1-17	1 John 3:11-17	
13	Wednesday	Psalm 25:11-20	Ecclesiastes 9:13-18		Matthew 25:31-46
14	Thursday	Psalm 15	Genesis 12:10-20	Hebrews 5:1-6	
15	Friday	Psalm 15	Genesis 13:1-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	
16	Saturday	Psalm 15	Genesis 14:1-16		Luke 8:4-10
17	Sunday	Psalm 15	Genesis 18:1-10a	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
18	Monday	Psalm 119:97-104	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 1:27-2:7	
19	Tuesday	Psalm 119:97-104	Proverbs 9:1-18	1 John 2:1-6	
20	Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-104	Deuteronomy 12:1-12		John 6:41-51
21	Thursday	Psalm 138	Esther 2:19-3:6	Acts 1:15-20	
22	Friday	Psalm 138	Esther 3:7-15	Acts 2:22-36	
23	Saturday	Psalm 138	Esther 4:1-17		Luke 8:22-25
24	Sunday	Psalm 138	Genesis 18:20-32	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13
25	Monday	Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 5:1-14	Colossians 2:16-3:1	
26	Tuesday	Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 6:1-7:6	Romans 9:30-10:4	
27	Wednesday	Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 7:7-8:17		Matthew 5:43-48
28	Thursday	Psalm 49:1-12	Proverbs 23:1-11	Romans 11:33-36	
29	Friday	Psalm 49:1-12	Proverbs 24:1-12	Ephesians 4:17-24	
30	Saturday	Psalm 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11		Mark 10:17-22
31	Sunday	Psalm 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year C
August 2022

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Monday	Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 2:1-17	Colossians 3:18-4:1	
2	Tuesday	Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8	Colossians 4:2-6	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14		Luke 12:22-31
4	Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22	Job 21:1-16	Romans 9:1-9	
5	Friday	Psalm 33:12-22	Ecclesiastes 6:1-6	Acts 7:1-8	
6	Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 11:27-32		Matthew 6:19-24
7	Sunday	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
8	Monday	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	Hebrews 11:1-7	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Chronicles 34:22-33	Hebrews 11:17-28	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 89:1-18	Jeremiah 33:14-26		Luke 12:41-48
11	Thursday	Psalm 82	Joshua 7:1, 10-26	Hebrews 10:26-31	
12	Friday	Psalm 82	1 Samuel 5:1-12	Hebrews 10:32-39	
13	Saturday	Psalm 82	1 Samuel 6:1-16		Matthew 24:15-27
14	Sunday	Psalm 82	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
15	Monday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 23:30-40	1 John 4:1-6	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 25:15-29	Acts 7:44-53	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 32	Jeremiah 25:30-38		Luke 19:45-48
18	Thursday	Psalm 103:1-8	Numbers 15:32-41	Hebrews 12:3-17	
19	Friday	Psalm 103:1-8	2 Chronicles 8:12-15	Acts 17:1-9	
20	Saturday	Psalm 103:1-8	Nehemiah 13:15-22		Luke 6:1-5
21	Sunday	Psalm 103:1-8	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
22	Monday	Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:1-17	Hebrews 3:7-4:11	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:18-32	Revelation 3:7-13	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:33-44		Luke 6:6-11
25	Thursday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 15:13-17	1 Peter 3:8-12	
26	Friday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 18:6-12	1 Peter 4:7-11	
27	Saturday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26		Matthew 20:20-28
28	Sunday	Psalm 112	Proverbs 25: 6-7	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
29	Monday	Psalm 119:65-72	2 Chronicles 12:1-12	Hebrews 13:7-21	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 119:65-72	Isaiah 2:12-17	Titus 1:1-9	
31	Wednesday	Psalm 119:65-72	Isaiah 57:14-21		Luke 14:15-24

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
July 2022

1 Gun violence is the leading cause of death among children and youth in our nation today. Pray that we might overcome the feelings of indifference and impotence bred by the tragedy, trauma, complexity and frequency of gun violence. Pray that the Spirit will turn us toward Scripture, the teachings of Jesus and one another for the strength, wisdom and courage needed to change our laws and culture for the sake of safeguarding our communities and society.

2 Pray that we might notice and take to heart small acts of hope and kindness, and that these might renew our faith amid world events that inspire anger and despair.

3 “The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go” (Luke 10:1). Respond to God’s call that we pool our gifts and resources to share the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and bear hope, peace and equity into the world.

4 *Independence Day* Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States and for all those who work to sustain them in our behalf. Pray that we might value our freedom and use it to benefit and uplift all people, especially those excluded, forgotten and oppressed.

5 “Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!’” (Psalm 66:3). We can never proclaim too often God’s acts of mercy, redemption and creativity throughout world history.

6 Give thanks to God for deacons, our siblings in Christ who serve as ministers of Word and Service. Pray for their ministries in congregations, synods, social ministry organizations, chaplaincy ministries, seminaries, colleges, universities and ELCA Global Mission — wherever their diverse gifts are needed in our church and society.

7 Pray for the people and communities, especially in southern Mexico, that suffered devastation and loss of life from Hurricane Agatha.

8 “So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith” (Galatians 6:10). Pray that our faith and gratitude for God’s love might move us to care for

people — in our communities of faith and everywhere else — who face difficult situations.

9 Remember our neighbors in Ethiopia and Ukraine who are displaced in their own countries and hope to resettle in their home communities or elsewhere. Pray that their faith, their hope and the support of those accompanying them will sustain them through difficult, wearisome and dangerous times.

10 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). Pray that our love for God will be mirrored daily by our acts of love and concern for our neighbor, especially those who are needy, suffering and passed over.

11 Give thanks that through the work and witness of our global companions and ELCA Global Mission, we might proclaim God’s love and presence in the world, build relationships, renew and transform lives, stir hope and respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.

12 Pray that the Spirit will instill in us appreciation and concern for ELCA congregations and ministries across the country as well as the other faith communities of our siblings in Christ. Ask God to help us affirm one another, encourage one another and share generously our assets and wisdom for doing God’s work in the world.

13 Thank God for our special relationship with The United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for the church’s members and leaders, that together they will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.

14 Pray for musicians and worship leaders participating in Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics. Give thanks for their unique gifts that enrich our worship life, inspire faith, facilitate opportunities for using our own gifts and help us express ourselves to God.

15 Pray that the Spirit will soften our hardness and self-reliance and create in us a receptive and eager spirit as we study God’s ways, seek wisdom and truth, and learn from one another how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

16 Pray for the ELCA Interim Ministry Association and Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association, which train and support pastors and interim leaders for serving congregations in times of transition, vacancy and discernment.

17 What distractions in your life draw you away from being mindful of God's presence and activity in the world? Pray that the Spirit will help us refocus our attention on God's ever-present grace, the work to which God is calling us and the needs and laments of people around us.

18 Pray for the worship leaders and church musicians gathered for Lutheran Summer Music, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians' annual conference at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Ask that their gifts will be strengthened, that their imaginations will be stirred and that they will develop new skills for working with all generations.

19 Pray that, throughout life, we might understand and remain faithful to the ways of God —humility, persistent love, and forgiveness of others. Pray that God will be patient with our weaknesses and guide us back when we stumble or stray from these paths.

20 Give thanks for the work we do together across all expressions of our church — congregations, synods and the churchwide organization. Pray that we might value and draw upon the unity and strength we have in Christ and that, when we experience conflict or disappointment, we show grace and humility toward one another, grounding ourselves once more in our bond as children of God, siblings in Christ.

21 Ask God to help us comprehend that we have the ability, wisdom and resources to address the root causes of poverty and hunger in the world — especially when we work together and exercise generosity.

22 Praise God for the beauty and complexity of the universe that stirs our awe, imagination and appreciation, and for a creative power that stretches beyond our understanding.

23 God's persistent, undeserved grace and mercy restore us every day. Praise and thank God!

24 Ask the Spirit to reassure us of God's loving concern and attentiveness, especially when we feel the burden

of thinking our prayers need to be worded perfectly and meet the expectations of others.

25 Pray for pastors, church musicians, artists and lay leaders participating in the Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts, sponsored by St. Olaf College in Minnesota, as they explore how the power of imagination can change, challenge and inspire churches responding to COVID-19 and structural racism.

26 Give thanks for Scripture, the creeds, Lutheran confessional writings and the ELCA Confession of Faith, which provide a foundation for our Christian faith, practice and witness and give expression to our relationship with Jesus Christ, the risen son of God and savior of humanity.

27 Remember in prayer those confined in our jails, prisons and correctional facilities. Pray that they will be treated justly and humanely, be renewed by the good news of Jesus Christ, and find hope and strength in God's love and mercy. Pray for the Spirit to help us extend our hospitality, acceptance and support to people previously incarcerated as they do the challenging work of building new lives in our communities.

28 Give thanks for musicians and artists who, through their creative gifts and work, proclaim the gospel, inspire our faith and convey the experiences, emotions and needs of humankind.

29 Remember in prayer our neighbors who struggle financially and live with the uncertainty of how they will support and care for themselves and their families. Pray that the Spirit will inspire us to respond with respect for their dignity and to affirm our interdependence as children of God.

30 With humility and joyful hearts, give thanks for God's steadfast love, which sustains and strengthens us through the twists and turns of our baptismal journey.

31 Pray that we might find identity, value, purpose and hope in God and not in accumulating short-lived wealth, possessions and power.

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>National Wrong Trousers Day</i>	2 <i>National Disco Day</i>
3 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	4 Pastor's Sabbath Independence Day	5 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Apple Turnover Day</i>	6 <i>National Fried Chicken Day</i>	7 <i>World Chocolate Day</i>	8 <i>Be a Kid Again Day</i>	9 <i>National Sugar Cookie Day</i>
10 9:00 Worship – WOV Barbershop Quartet Sunday	11 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Free Slurpee Day</i>	12 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Pecan Pie Day</i>	13 <i>National French Fry Day</i>	14 <i>National Tape Measure Day</i>	15 <i>National Tapioca Pudding Day</i>	16 <i>Artificial Intelligence Appreciation Day</i>
17 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	18 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Get Out of the Dog House Day</i>	19 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Stick Out Your Tongue Day</i>	20 <i>National Hot Dog Day</i>	21 <i>National Junk Food Day</i>	22 <i>National Hammock Day</i>	23 <i>National Gorgeous Grandma Day</i>
24 9:00 Worship - WOV	25 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Hot Fudge Sunday Day</i>	26 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Coffee Milkshake Day</i>	27 <i>National Take Your Pants for a Walk Day</i>	28 <i>National Chili Dog Day</i>	29 <i>National Lipstick Day</i>	30 <i>National Cheesecake Day</i>
31 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	August 1	2	3	4	5	6

AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Raspberry Cream Pie Day</i>	2 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Ice Cream Sandwich Day</i>	3 <i>National Clean Your Floors Day</i>	4 <i>National White Wine Day</i>	5 <i>National Underwear Day</i>	6 <i>National Wiggle Your Toes Day</i>
7 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	8 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day</i>	9 Pastor's Day Off <i>Hold Hands Day</i>	10 <i>National Lazy Day</i>	11 12:30 Council Meeting <i>National Presidential Joke Day</i>	12 <i>National Middle Child Day</i>	13 <i>National Filet Mignon Day</i>
14 9:00 Worship - WOV	15 Pastor's Sabbath <i>Chant at the Moon Day</i>	16 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Tell A Joke Day</i>	17 <i>National Black Cat Appreciation Day</i>	18 <i>National Bad Poetry Day</i>	19 <i>Kool Aid Day</i>	20 <i>National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day</i>
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	22 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Tooth Fairy Day</i>	23 Pastor's Day Off <i>Find Your Inner Nerd Day</i>	24 <i>National Waffle Day</i>	25 <i>Kiss and Make Up Day</i>	26 <i>National Cherry Popsicle Day</i>	27 <i>National Just Because Day</i>
28 9:00 Worship - WOV	29 Pastor's Sabbath <i>National Lemon Juice Day</i>	30 Pastor's Day Off <i>National Toasted Marshmallow Day</i>	31 	September 1	2 	3