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Mission Statement
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We are:
Gathered by the Spirit.
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Sent to Serve

January 2023, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

January 2023 – Seasons of Christmas and Epiphany

“Nathan Mitchell describes the move from Christmas to Epiphany and the time thereafter as ‘a move in the direction of life itself: from concern for intimacy to the concern for community’. . . This movement flows from the manger of Christ’s birth out into the world, where Christ is revealed and embodies his ministry.” (*Sundays and Seasons Year A 2023, Augsburg Fortress*)

Sunday, January 1 – Christmas 1

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion – Chancel Rail
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23: In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

Sunday, January 8 – Baptism of Our Lord

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17: Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Sunday, January 15 – Epiphany 2

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42: John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

Sunday, January 22 – Epiphany 3

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23: Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

Sunday, January 29 – Epiphany 4

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion – Continuous Serving
- ❖ Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12: Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

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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.

WELCA Meetings to Resume: After a lengthy hiatus, Wilson's WELCA (Women of the ELCA) will resume regular meetings beginning at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 12. Monthly meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. Pastor Bob will lead a Bible study from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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

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

- Donations for the Virtual Poinsettias, with proceeds going to the local food shelves, is over half way to the total of 72 last year.
- Thank you notes from Feed My Starving Children and Luther Point were read.
- Jerry made a motion to have the annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2023 after the worship service with potluck following the meeting, second by David. Motion carried.
- After reviewing the proposed 2023 budget, Barb Lamb made a motion to recommend the budget to the Congregation for approval at the annual meeting, second by Barb Knopps. Motion carried.
- All annual reports are due by January 15.
- There was discussion about moving the Building Fund Account into the General Fund Account, placing the Building Fund under its own category.
- It was suggested the battery-operated candles be checked before the Christmas Eve Service.
- The offering envelopes that were ordered well in advance will not be here by January 1st due to labor shortages. Pew giving envelopes will be ordered to hand out until the order arrives.
- Christmas gifts for Pastor Bob, Mary, Darlene, Katie and Mike were discussed and decided on.

Tuesday Community Supper: Peace Lutheran Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3rd in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The menu is: chili, cornbread and a bar. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Take-outs will be available, but they will need to be pickup inside. However, you are encouraged to sit and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving the meals. Gethsemane Lutheran Church is located at 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin.

2023 Worship Assistants Needed: Sign Up Sheets for Altar Care, Communion Servers, and Ushers are located on the table in the narthex. If you are able to help for a month, or share a month with another, please add your name to one or more of the lists. Your help is an important part of our worship and so very much appreciated.

Food Pantry Support: Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. The food pantry box in the narthex was again filled, with all December contributions going to the Woodville Food Shelf. January donations will go to the Baldwin food shelf.

MISSING 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

In spite of placing the order last March for delivery in November, and numerous phone conversations with our supplier who assured us the order would be filled, we still have not received the 2023 offering envelopes. We're now searching for another supplier, but it will be several more weeks before we have the new envelopes. In the meantime, generic envelopes have been placed in the pew holders and on the table in the narthex. Please use them until we're able to obtain the regular envelopes.

As an alternative, you could use the online giving application on our web site at www.wilsonlutheran.org. Simply click on "On Line Giving" in the menu bar at the top of the home page to be taken to the "Online Giving" page, then click on the "Give Online" button at the bottom of the page. The Give Online program allows you to set up regular contributions, as well as special one-time donations. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover are accepted. You may also contribute using your financial institution's debit card, checking, or savings account. Contributions may be directed to the General, Benevolence, Building, or Memorial funds. Contributions to the Building and Memorial Funds may be designated for a specific purpose or project by using the text box next to the Building or Memorial Fund lines.

Several of our members have found the online program a convenient way to support the mission and ministry of the congregation. Try it. You might like it. Contact Pastor Bob if you have questions.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY 2022

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Jan 5	Kayden Stahl	Jan 14	Kathy Borton	Jan 9	Scott & Kathy Borton
Jan 6	Doug Brandt	Jan 15	Charles Lamb		
Jan 10	Flossie Hughes	Jan 19	Tammy Gregg		
Jan 13	Eric Eidem	Jan 21	Chris Blegen		
Jan 13	Barb Kronholm	Jan 23	Jill Menk		
Jan 14	Vickie Glampe	Jan 23	Jimmy Brandvold		
Jan 14	Kamdyn Stahl				

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
January	Barb Lamb	Barb Knopps	Dave and Linda Powers	5 Sundays
February	Sue Timm	Tracy Davis	Rex and Janet Brandt	4 Sundays Ash Wednesday

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
January			
	1	Ryan	Ginny Overland
	8	Brady	Tract Davis
	15	Lucie	Dean Rambo
	22	Owen	Ryan Peterson
	29	Ryan	Janet Brandt
February			
	5	Brady	Owen Hague

	12	Lucie	Darren Peterson
<i>Transfiguration</i>	19	Owen	Linda Powers
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	22	Ryan	Jes Lamb
	26	Brady	Sherry Elleson

2022 VIRTUAL POINSETTIES CONTRIBUTIONS



The windows in our church building have again been filled with red “virtual” poinsettias, gifts given in the memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. This year a total of 88 poinsettias were given, a record number since we program this program in 2020. This year’s donations will provide \$176 to each of the food shelves we support: Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley, and Woodville.

Since we began the Virtual Poinsettia and Virtual Easter Lily Program in 2020, your contributions have resulted in a total \$3,874 being donated to the area food shelves. That’s \$774 to each of them. **THANK YOU!** Your generosity has been a blessing and made a real difference to our neighbors in need.

Given By	In Memory Of	In Honor of
Bob and Sue Dahm	Fred and Eva Warland Robert F and Vera Dahm Robin Messick Jeff Warland Ronald Dahm	
Darlene Dehkes	Bob Dehkes Don and Vera Baker	
Barb Kronholm	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kronholm Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kronholm Jr. Mr. Edward Kronholm Mr. James O'Keefe Sr. Mr. James O'Keefe Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peterson Roger Kronholm	
Dean and Sue Timm	Junior and Elaine Timm Brian and Beverly Kirby	
Dean and Linda Rambo	Family and Friends Gone Before Us	Caring Friends Around Us
Scott and Kathy Borton	Parents and Grandparents	
Dave and Linda Powers	Richard Powers Marilyn Hoyt	
Lamb / Stahl Family	Chuck Lamb Alice Bennett Noah Lamb Don and Frances Gunderson Merton and Louise Lamb	
Jan Timm	Dennis (Denver) Timm Bob Larson Jerry Larson	
Charles and Sharon Bowell	Larry and Margaret Ziehme Vera Bowell	

John and Ginny Overland	Dale and Audrey Overland Melvin and Betty Dolalie	
Deb Tolvanen	Louis Tolvanen Timothy Monio Jr.	
Leslie Larson	Karen Larson Richard Larson	
Peggy Timm	Mark S Timm Cam Stasiek	
Rex and Janet Brandt	Roger Brandt Carl Hunt Ralph and Lucille Brandt	
Vicki and Jerry Glampe	Bud, Arlis, Mark and Todd Timm Mary Overby Julie Timm	
Doug and Mary Brandt	Frank and Fern Olsen Ralph and Lucille Brandt Roger Brandt John Olson Ben and Mabel Christianson, Tom and Marjorie Wheeler	
Louanne Anderson Charlie and Sue Ross	Gary and Rebecca Bob and Betty Brandvold Oscar and Dorothy Brandvold	Mark, Lauren, and Gavin
Beverly Danielson	Jim Danielson Harold and Lilly Johnson Olsa Danielson	
Tracy Davis		Pastor Bob and Sue Dahm
The Esanbocks	Bob and Joyce Esanbock Olaf and Margaret Hedrickson	Elin, Lane, Ty and Lily
The Thompson Family	Galen Thompson	
Mary Timm	Rod Timm Dennis Timm Emil and Evelyn Timm	
Mike and Sherry Ellefson	Erling Moldenhauer Lloyd Ellefson	Loved Ones
Dennis and Barb Blegen	Bud and Arlis Timm, Mark Timm, Todd Timm, Julie Timm, Cam Stasiek	
Nancy Cleveland	Ronald Cleveland	
Babe Jacobson	Lyle Jacobson Jim, Larry and David	
Flossie Hughes	Bob Hughes Bernice and Lester Jensen Rochelle Painter Arnie Cardiff Hugh and Harriet Cardiff	
Duane Nelson	Sharon Nelson	

Linda Timm	Todd Timm, Bud and Arlis Timm, Mark Timm, Julie Timm, Cam Stasiek, John and Margaret Affolter, Eddie Affolter	
Duane and Pat Butler	Clarence and Helen Jacobson Richard Butler & Louise Butler Pinch	
Don & Junalee Hogenson	Ernest and Dorothy Moe Dale and Loreen Moe Donnalee Moe Danovsky Arlene Dobbs Dorothy Hogenson Henry and Mary Hogenson	
Barb Knopps	Herb Krueger Esther Krueger Lynn Lahti	Dr. Mary Kay and Chad McVey Connor McVey and Dakota Abby and Kora Lentz Kari and Levi Lentz Dana Lahti
Dan and Lana Bonte	Dale Severson Cheryl Voeltz Don Bonte	
Jeff and Mary Merritt		Libby Butler Lane Butler

WES TIMM BAPTISM



Wes Timm, son of Tori and Tyler Timm, celebrated his baptism with his family on Sunday, December 11. Wes' brothers Trigg and Conrad, and his sister Harper, joined him at the font. Welcome to your new church family, Wes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The young people from our Sunday School treated us to their telling the story of Jesus' birth on Sunday, December 18.

Special thanks to the Jes and Andy Lamb, Becky Stahl, Kailey Bonte, Chad Lamb, Charlie Lamb, and Louanne Anderson for making this a special day for the children and the congregation.

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year A
January 2023

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Sunday	Psalm 148	Isaiah 63:7-9	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
2	Monday	No Psalm	Genesis 12:1-7	Hebrews 11:1-12	
3	Tuesday	Psalm 72	Genesis 28:10-22	Hebrews 11:13-22	
4	Wednesday	Psalm 72	Exodus 3:1-5	Hebrews 11:23-31	
5	Thursday	Psalm 29	1 Samuel 3:1-9	Acts 9:1-9	
6	Friday <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
7	Saturday	Psalm 29	1 Samuel 7:3-17	Acts 9:19b-31	
8	Sunday <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Psalm 29	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
9	Monday	Psalm 89:5-37	Genesis 35:1-15	Acts 10:44-48	
10	Tuesday	Psalm 89:5-37	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 8:4-13	
11	Wednesday	Psalm 89:5-37	Isaiah 51:1-16		Matthew 12:15-21
12	Thursday	Psalm 40:1-11	Isaiah 22:15-25	Galatians 1:6-12	
13	Friday	Psalm 40:1-11	Genesis 27:30-38	Acts 1:1-5	
14	Saturday	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Kings 19:19-21		Luke 5:1-11
15	Sunday	Psalm 40:1-11	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
16	Monday	Psalm 40:6-17	Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28	Acts 8:26-40	
17	Tuesday	Psalm 40:6-17	Isaiah 53:1-12	Hebrews 10:1-4	
18	Wednesday	Psalm 40:6-17	Isaiah 48:12-21		Matthew 9:14-17
19	Thursday	Psalm 27:1-6	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 1:11-24	
20	Friday	Psalm 27:1-6	1 Samuel 9:27-10:8	Galatians 2:1-10	
21	Saturday	Psalm 27:1-6	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13		Luke 5:27-32
22	Sunday	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
23	Monday	Psalm 27:7-14	Judges 6:11-24	Ephesians 5:6-14	
24	Tuesday	Psalm 27:7-14	Judges 7:12-22	Philippians 2:12-18	
25	Wednesday	Psalm 27:7-14	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26		Luke 1:67-79
26	Thursday	Psalm 15	Deuteronomy 16:18-20	1 Peter 3:8-12	
27	Friday	Psalm 15	Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4	1 Timothy 5:17-24	
28	Saturday	Psalm 15	Micah 3:1-4		John 13:31-35
29	Sunday	Psalm 15	Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
30	Monday	Psalm 37:1-17	Ruth 1:1-18	Philemon 1-25	
31	Tuesday	Psalm 37:1-17	Ruth 2:1-16	James 5:1-6	

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
January 2023**

1 *New Year's Day* Praise God for the grace and eternal life we receive through faith in Jesus Christ — gifts that free us from the dread of death so that we can fearlessly bear the gospel of love and hope into the world.

2 Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for peace wherever there is conflict and violence in the world. Pray that the Spirit will sustain the faith, resilience and endurance of people impacted by war and conflict, and that we will persistently advocate for peace and provide relief and support to those suffering.

3 Pray for young adults called to serve in the 2023-2024 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program with our companion churches and organizations in nine countries. Give thanks for the yearlong opportunities YAGM provides them for service, learning and sharing the good news around the world.

4 "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1). Thank and acknowledge God, creator of all that exists and source of the grace, forgiveness, hope and new life we experience in Jesus Christ.

5 Pray for those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the new Young Adult Gathering, and the table event for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

6 *Epiphany* Give thanks that, through Jesus Christ's ministry, teaching and sacrifice, God reveals the vision, wisdom and values that help us live together as neighbors and children of God.

7 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Asia and the Pacific: the Rev. Chandran Paul Martin (India); Hailey Brenden (Nepal); the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (South Korea); Samuel and McCall Dubbelman (Hong Kong); and the Rev. Jessica Derise (Thailand).

8 Ask the Spirit to give us the courage and determination to end gun violence in our nation, care for those who suffer its trauma and grief, and comfort and protect the children and youth who live with it in fear and anxiety.

9 Pray for ELCA outdoor ministries as they recruit young adults to serve in outdoor and urban summer camp ministries across the country. Ask the Spirit to stir these young adults to share their faith, energy and diverse gifts with children, youth and adults.

10 Give thanks that God calls us to light the world and bear the good news of Christ's justice and compassion to our neighbors in need.

11 Pray that pastors, deacons, leaders of youth and family ministries, and others who serve the church and our communities will be restored and find new inspiration through sabbath and the care and encouragement of their congregations.

12 Pray for the wisdom to understand that all living things echo the voice of God, a voice of glory, power and love that blesses humankind.

13 Give thanks for the staff, volunteers and bishops of our 65 synods, who unite congregations, guide the work of rostered ministers and lay leaders, and lift up the mission of the church in a diverse and ever-changing world.

14 Remember in prayer people who are without shelter; pray that they will find safe, dependable housing and that faith communities will respond to neighbors in need through temporary shelters, long-term housing, feeding ministries, and partnerships with social service agencies.

15 Pray for a faith grounded in Jesus Christ, our source of hope, direction and sustenance amid turmoil, uncertainty and suffering.

16 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Remember in prayer the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others who have gone before us in proclaiming all people to be children of God, deserving of freedom, equality, opportunity and respect. Pray that we will draw inspiration and courage from their lives, the word of God and our siblings in Christ as we work to right the

injustices that continue in our nation and throughout the world.

17 Give thanks and praise to God for listening to our cries and for leaning into our complicated lives with empathy, comfort, love and the support of our siblings in Christ.

18 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Throughout this week, we join our siblings in Christ from diverse cultures, traditions, faith communities, and confessions around the world in praying for the unity of the church, so that, together, we can share the good news of Jesus Christ as we “seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow” (Isaiah 1:17).

19 Give thanks for the generosity and planned gifts of individuals and families and for the work of the ELCA Foundation to ensure that our gifts continue God’s work in the world, today and well into the future.

20 Pray that, when we experience disagreement in our communities of faith, we will turn to the word of God and be reminded of what unites us as siblings in Christ and of the values and behaviors that bring healing and reconciliation.

21 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in the Middle East: the Revs. Gabi and Meghan Aelabouni, the Rev. Jordan and Rev. Adam Miller-Stubbendick, and the seven young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Israel/Palestine.

22 Ask the Spirit to help us respond when we are called to follow Christ into unfamiliar places and situations, attending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our neighbor.

23 Pray that we might press forward with the ELCA Future Church priorities to be a welcoming church that engages new, young and diverse people; a thriving church rooted in tradition but radically relevant; and a connected, sustainable church that shares in a common purpose and direction.

24 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. 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.

25 *Conversion of Paul* All things are possible through God, even the transformation of our heart, spirit and identity. Ask God to shape us for participating in God’s work in the world and to make us faith-filled agents of change, healing and renewal for the sake of humanity.

26 Ask God to bless directors for evangelical mission, who coordinate the partnerships between ELCA synods and churchwide ministries to guide “new start” ministries, congregational renewal, Mission Support and stewardship, and missional vision and planning.

27 Pray that the Spirit and our siblings in Christ will embolden us to proclaim, “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1). Pray that, through our words and actions, we will invite people to trust in the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ.


28 Ask the Spirit to help us plant seeds of faith, hope and grace in our communities and the world; pray that we will tend those seeds with care and patience and, as the French theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote, “trust the slow work of God.”

29 *Reconciling in Christ Sunday* Give thanks for the ongoing work of welcoming, including, celebrating and advocating for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church, and pray for ministries and organizations that walk with us as we strive to love and affirm all people.

30 Draw a deep breath and thank God for specific things that give you joy and hope — loving relationships, acts of kindness and generosity, natural beauty, signs of progress and healing in the world, and communion with others to pray, worship and encourage one another’s faith.

31 “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). Pray that we will take to heart the prophet’s explanation of what God calls us to do in the world.

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 6:00 Confirmation Class	5 9:30 St. Croix Conference Pastor's Meeting	6 Epiphany of Our Lord	7
8 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School Baptism of Our Lord	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 6:00 Confirmation Class	12 12:30 Council Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 6:00 Confirmation Class	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Annual Meeting 11:00 Pot Luck Lunch	23 Pastor's Sabbath Pastor's Winter Theological Event – Luther Park	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 6:00 Confirmation Class	26	27	28
29 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	30 Pastor's Sabbath	31 Pastor's Day Off	February 1 6:00 Confirmation Class	2	3	4