

Wilson Lutheran Church
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Mission Statement

Gathered. Renewed. Sent

We are:

Gathered by the Spirit.

Renewed by the Word.

Sent to Serve

*May 2023, Newsletter for
Wilson Lutheran Church*



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

May 2023 – Season of Easter and Day of Pentecost

“The theme of growth is an obvious focus . . . during the season of Easter, drawing on stories of the early church from Acts readings, wrestling to make sense of suffering in the life of faith through the readings of 1 Peter, attending to Jesus’ teachings in the gospel readings from John, or engaging the beauty of springtime colors all around.” (*Sundays and Seasons Year A 2023 Augsburg Fortress*)

Sunday, May 7 – Easter 5

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:1-10
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14: On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Thursday, May 14 – Easter 6

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21: In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

Friday, May 21 – Easter 7

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11: On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

“Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts, the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capabilities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and send out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.” (*Sundays and Seasons Year A 2023 Augsburg Fortress*)

Sunday, May 28 – Day of Pentecost

- ❖ Color: Red
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23: The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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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: The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, May 11. Pastor Bob will lead a Bible study from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (men and women are welcome to attend), followed by a business meeting. Monthly meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend.

W/ELCA April Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00.

8 members present: Louanne Anderson, Janet Brandt, Mary Brandt, Ginny Overland, Sharon Bowell, Tracy Davis, Linda Rambo, Karen Esanbock

Secretary's report read. Motion by Mary, second by Ginny to approve, motion approved.

Treasurer's report read with balance of \$1411.17. Card order placed for \$53.20. Motion by Louanne, second by Janet to approve, motion approved.

Old Business:

- Pancake supper meat is in the freezer and other supplies are on hand.
 - Will have 4 griddles. Flippers will be Shirley, Jill, Barb and Louanne. Mixers will be Ginny and Karen
 - Tracy reported Peg wants to donate fresh blueberries, will serve separately.
 - Mary reported on advertising thus far: Dewitt Media, SV Livestream, Baldwin Lightstream, Synod office, Gateway News, and poster distribution. Paid advertising is Dewitt and Gateway. Sharon has mailed flyers to 20 congregations in the area.
 - Thrivent shirts and Visa card have arrived.
 - Bake sale will need bags for customers. Note in bulletin to remind members to donate. Linda has made tablecloths for the tables.
 - Sign-up sheet is available in Narthex, many have volunteered.
 - Karen will obtain brochures for SV Cancer Fund and SV Staying Put to distribute to the congregation about our chosen causes to donate to.

New Business:

- Sharon reported cost of boxed greeting card has increased, will need to assess this program in the future.
- Will send a suggested donation of \$30 to W/ELCA Convention Expense Fund.
- W/ELCA Dues: Sharon will send in and we will review in May.

Motion by Mary, second by Sharon to Adjourn

Adjourned at 11:45

Next meeting May 11 following 9:30 Bible Study

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, Secretary

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

April 13 Council Meeting Highlights: *(Complete minutes are available in the church office.)*

- No one has signed up for the Synod Assembly.
- Old acolyte robes were cleaned.
- Tracy reported on the process of the April 27 Pancake Supper. Pastor Bob will let the confirmation kids know their help is welcomed if they are available and remind all bakers to bring their baking to the Bake Sale.
- Jerry made a motion to move some money from the checking account to the savings account, second by Louanne. Motion carried.
- A thank you note from the Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund for Lent Offering donation was read.
- Council decided to continue Fellowship Hour through April than take a break over summer.
- Confirmation Camp sign up ends next week.
- Pastor Bob will be taking some vacation time in May.
- Duane Nelson had the picture of Wilson Church painted by Tom Gunderson framed. After discussion it was agreed to give the framed picture to Babe Jacobson and reimburse Duane the cost of framing.
- Pastor is checking into purchasing 7X7 Communion Tray Covers instead of using the cloth ones.
- It was agreed it was time to start passing the offering plates again.
- Mike will check into getting LED bulbs and diffuse panels for the lights in Fellowship Hall and set up a time for a group to help with the project as well as the ceiling in the Sacristy.

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, May 2nd, in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: Fiesta Taco Casserole and Bars. Come and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.

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 hunger ministry. The food pantry box in the narthex was again filled. April contributions were donated to the Spring Valley Food Shelf. May donations will go to the Woodville Food Shelf. It is anticipated the elimination of the federal FoodShare Funding program will have the greatest impact on our senior citizens and those with disabilities, which means local food shelves will be in even greater need of our support.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
May	Sue Timm and Tracy Davis	Kathy Borton	HELP NEEDED	4 Sundays Mother's Day
June	HELP NEEDED	Tracy Davis	Doug Faber and Louanne Anderson	4 Sundays Father's Day

WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

Help is needed with ushering for May and altar care for June. If you're unable to serve the entire month, perhaps you could share the Sundays with another person. Please let Pastor Bob know if you are able to help.

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
May			
	7	Owen	Owen Hague
	14	Ryan	Rex Brandt
	21	Brady	Doug Faber
	28	Lucie	Ginny Overland
June			
	4	Owen	Barb Knopps
	11	Ryan	Kathy Borton
	18	Brady	Sherry Ellefson
	25	Lucie	Dean Rambo

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MAY 2023

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
May 1	Brandon Gray	May 17	Ben Lamb	May 2	Don & Sharon Spielman
May 3	Craig Wyss	May 18	Dustin Timm	May 15	Don & Junalee Hogenson
May 5	Gerald Glampe	May 21	Janet Brandt	May 16	Kerry & Jaime Wittmer
May 8	Mona Finder	May 23	Lillian Husby	May 22	John & Virginia Overland
May 9	Rosemary Cretney	May 23	Michelle Larson		
May 11	Heidi Peterson	May 26	Beverly Danielson		
May 11	Emma Lamb	May 28	Barbara Blegen		
May 13	Harper Timm	May 30	Carla Anderson		
May 14	Jean Witter	May 30	Trigg Timm		
May 14	Doug Faber	May 17	Ben Lamb		

Graduate Sunday: This year we will honor two graduates, Ally Lamb (Menomonie High School) and Evan Peterson (Baldwin High School), during worship on Graduate Sunday, May 14. Graduates will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing and, in keeping with tradition at Wilson, the gift of a quilt from the congregation. A bag for cards will be on the table in the narthex.

Red Cross Blood Drive: The American Red Cross in holding a blood drive at Zion Lutheran Church, 221 N. Lockwood Street, Woodville, on Tuesday, May 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To make an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter Zion Lutheran Church in the search.

THANK YOU

Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund: So generous! Thank you for the \$655 donation from this year's Lenten Offering. It is so appreciated and will be so helpful in continuing to support members of the community receiving treatments for cancer. Blessed Easter!! SVCCF Committee Members.

The item below first appeared in the final devotional of the 2023 Wartburg Theological Seminary's Lent Devotion Series.

Easter

Rev. Dr. Kristin Johns Largen
President, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Easter is a season of defiance
When the world says death, God says life.
When the world says no, God says yes.
Easter is a season of defiance.
Easter is persistent hop in the face of despair.
Easter is an open window when all the doors are closed and locked.
Easter is a solid path where there seems to be no way.
Easter is a season of defiance.
Easter is God's defiance.
God's defiant love in the face of hate.
God's defiant mercy in the face of bitterness and vengeance.
God's defiant, all-inclusive invitation in the face of borders, walls and divisions.
Easter is God's defiance.
And, my friends, Easter is our defiance.
It is our defiant trust in the power of the Holy Spirit
to bring the dead back to life,
to make friends out of enemies,
to heal all that is broken and debilitated,
to create anew in the face of destruction and devastation.
Christ has been raised, and we along with him;
the grave has no power; sin has no power.
We are freed for a life of discipleship and proclamation.
A life of joy,
A life of defiance.

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year A
May 2023

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Monday	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:17-23	1 Peter 5:1-5	
2	Tuesday	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:23-31	Hebrews 13:20-21	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 23:1-8		Matthew 20:17-28
4	Thursday	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Genesis 12:1-3	Acts 6:8-15	
5	Friday	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Exodus 3:1-12	Acts: 7:1-16	
6	Saturday	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Jeremiah 26:20-24		John 8:48-59
7	Sunday	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Acts 7:55-60	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
8	Monday	Psalm 102:1-17	Exodus 13:17-22	Acts 7:17-40	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 102:1-17	Proverbs 3:5-12	Acts 7:44-56	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 102:1-17	Proverbs 3:13-18		John 8:31:38
11	Thursday	Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 6:5-22	Acts 27:1-12	
12	Friday	Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 7:1-24	Acts 27:13-38	
13	Saturday	Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 8:13-19		John 14:27-29
14	Sunday	Psalm 66:8-20	Acts 17:22-31	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
15	Monday	Psalm 93	Genesis 9:8-17	Acts 27:39-44	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	1 Peter 3:8-12	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 31:1-13		John 16:16-24
18	Thursday <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
19	Friday	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:1-12	Ephesians 2:1-7	
20	Saturday	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:13-15		John 8:21-30
21	Sunday	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	Acts 1:6-14	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
22	Monday	Psalm 99	Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24	1 Peter 4:1-6	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 99	Numbers 16:41-50	1 Peter 4:7-11	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 99	1 Kings 8:54-65		John 3:31-36
25	Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 19:1-9a	Acts 2:1-11	
26	Friday	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 19:16-25	Romans 8:14-17	
27	Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 20:1-21		Matthew 5:1-12
28	Sunday <i>Pentecost Day</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23 o
29	Monday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	Romans 8:18-24	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	Romans 8:26-27	
31	Wednesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Numbers 11:24-30		John 7:37-39

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
May 2023

1 Praise God that we are never alone or forgotten and that God is our comfort, courage and guide in every circumstance of life. "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4).

2 *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*
Give thanks for the rich heritage, gifts, cultures and contributions to our nation and church of our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the ELCA's Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

3 Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and for a lasting peace that will lead to rebuilding, renewal and hope-filled visions of the future for the people and communities of Ukraine and its neighboring countries.

4 Ask God to help us face hardships, perplexing problems and worries with faith that produces confidence, courage, wisdom and a resilient spirit.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Southwestern Washington, Metropolitan New York and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 Pray that our baptismal journey and the work we do as children of God will be inspired and informed by the generous and compassionate example of Jesus, who reveals God's amazing love for humankind.

9 Give thanks for the work we do together through ELCA Mission Support and the funding it provides for the Lutheran Church of Rwanda's Bible school, which trains lay leaders, and for construction of a seminary in Rwanda to train and equip pastors and evangelists.

10 Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for Jesus Christ, our Savior and the enduring cornerstone upon which our faith, life and church are built.

11 Remember in prayer college and university students preparing for finals, discerning their futures and wondering how God will use their particular skills, knowledge and passion for the sake of the world and serving our neighbors in need.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area and Northeastern Ohio synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the New Jersey Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

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

15 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (online) and Rocky Mountain synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

16 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith that Jesus Christ lives in us and continues to shape us throughout life until the day when he returns for us.

17 “Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight” (ELW 398). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, which awakens us to each day and sheds light on how we can live as children of God and followers of Christ, eager to share the gospel, serve our neighbors and radiate hope in the world.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

19 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

20 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (in-person), Oregon, East-Central Wisconsin, South-Central Wisconsin and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

21 Our faith is centered in the good news of Jesus Christ and inspires gratitude, joy and a spirit of love and mercy. “Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord” (Psalm 68:32).

22 Pray for those recently diagnosed with cancer, who experience fear, hope, disbelief and difficult decisions; give thanks for health care professionals, chaplains, congregational ministries and cancer support groups that surround them and their families with care, encouragement and prayer.

23 What a life we live as disciples of Christ! We encounter temptations, humbling situations and conflict, yet we are emboldened by our faith and

prodded forward by the Spirit in our baptismal journey. Give praise and thanks to God!

24 Pray for young people celebrating their graduations from high school and for parents and teachers who have equipped and encouraged them along the way; remember students who struggle with school, that they might have people in their lives who encourage and support them.

25 Remember in prayer candidates who serve in congregations and are involved in the ELCA Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program; give thanks for the scholarship assistance provided by ELCA Fund for Leaders.

26 Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enriches our faith and gives us the ability to witness to God’s love and mercy and serve our neighbors everywhere.

27 Give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, ministries of our church that gather our resources and combine them with those of domestic and global partners and companion churches to respond to our neighbors who have been impacted by hunger, poverty, injustice, and natural and human-caused disasters.

28 *Day of Pentecost* Praise God for the variety of gifts we have been given and how they complement the gifts of our siblings in Christ for spreading the gospel, growing the church, serving the needs of our neighbors and bringing hope to our communities and the world.

29 *Memorial Day* Remember, honor and give thanks for those in the armed forces who have given their lives for the sake of peace, justice and freedom. Pray for those who serve in harm’s way today, that they will be safe and that their faith, courage and commitment to the well-being of others will be strengthened and sustained.

30 Pray for people engaged in seasonal work, that they will have adequate housing, fair wages, safe work environments and supportive communities and congregations; promise to express recognition and gratitude for their hospitality, gifts and service.

31 Ask God to help us discern our spiritual gifts — as individuals and as communities of faith — and where they are most needed in the church and the world.

MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 Pastor's Day Off	3	4 9:30 St. Croix Conference Pastor's Meeting	5	6
7 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9 Pastor's Day Off	10	11 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	12	13
14 9:00 Worship Mother's Day Graduate Sunday	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16 Pastor's Day Off	17	18 Ascension of Our Lord	19	20
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Newsletter Deadline	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23 Pastor's Day Off	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship	29 Pastor's Sabbath Memorial Day	30 Pastor's Day Off	31	June 1	2	3