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Mission Statement

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We are:

Gathered by the Spirit.

Renewed by the Word.

Sent to Serve

July & August, 2023, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

July and August 2023 – Season after Pentecost

“Summer can be a time for making connections. We can reconnect with ourselves, taking time to breathe deeply, experience stillness, and invite renewal. We use the slower pace of summer day to reconnect with our families. Perhaps we find energy to play with our children or gather with extended family to catch up and to remember our ancestors. During this season of growth, we connect with creation, nurturing the green things that grow on the earth, tending them, quenching their thirst as God’s word refreshes our own weary souls.

Summer is also a time for restoration and reconciliation. Even as we enjoy rest, we are called to labor in service to those who are hungry, who are homeless, and who cry out for justice and mercy. We see God’s abundant gifts around us in gardens and on farms, reminding us that there is plenty to everyone.”
(Taken from *Sundays and Seasons Year A 2023 Augsburg Fortress Minneapolis*)

Sunday, July 2 – Pentecost 5

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42: When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

Sunday, July 9 – Pentecost 6

- ❖ Liturgy: With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30: Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Sunday, July 16 – Pentecost 7

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23: In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Sunday, July 23 – Pentecost 8

- ❖ Liturgy: With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43: Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and

evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Sunday, July 30 – Pentecost 9

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52: Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

Sunday, August 6 – Pentecost 10

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21: After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Sunday, August 13 – Pentecost 11

- ❖ Liturgy: With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33: Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Sunday, August 20 – Pentecost 12

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28: Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

Sunday, August 27 – Pentecost 13

- ❖ Liturgy: With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20: At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

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

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: WELCA will not meet in July, however the Bible Study Group will meet on Thursday, July 13 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone (men and women) is invited to attend. Study materials will be on the table in the narthex as soon as they are available.

The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, August 10. 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 May Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2023: An informal discussion was held following the bible study. Minutes were not recorded.

Wilson Council: Council will not meet in July. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

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

- Mike reported the window in Narthex was installed by Chuck and Mike. The window was donated by Duane and Pat Butler. Thank you to Duane and Pat for the donation and to Chuck and Mike for installing the window.
- The material is here for the ceiling in the sacristy. Mike will get some helpers and set a time to install the ceiling.
- There is a sash window in the Sacristy that is cracked. Mike will check into fixing it.
- Katie will begin her summer hours cleaning every other week until September.
- There will be no meeting in July.
- Louanne reported WELCA was discussing having an ice cream bar after service to kick off Rally Sunday on September 10.
- After discussion it was decided to stay with purchasing propane from Alcivia.

Tuesday Community Supper:

Due to July 4th falling on the first Tuesday of the month, the community supper will not be served in July.

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. Your contributions are making a difference. The food pantry box in the narthex was again filled. June contributions were dedicated to the Baldwin Food Shelf. July contributions will go to Glenwood City. August contributions will go to Elmwood. The elimination of the federal FoodShare Funding program has impacted our senior citizens and those with disabilities, which means local food shelves are in even greater need of our support.

Pastor Vacation (Again) – July and August: Pastor Bob will be on vacation beginning Monday, July 17th, returning Wednesday, June 26th. Rev. Dave Natzke will preside on July 23rd. Pastor Bob will also be on vacation beginning Monday, August 14th, returning Wednesday, August 30. Pastor Natzke will preside on August 20th, and Chaplain Becky Davidson on August 27th. In case of emergency, Pastor Bob may be reached by cell phone at (612) 270-3838.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
July	Vicki Glampe and Shirley Rostamo	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	5 Sundays
August	Karen Esanbock	Linda Powers	Anna and Karen Esanbock	4 Sundays
September	Mike and Sherry Ellefson	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	4 Sundays

WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

Ushers and Communion Assistants are needed for July and September. 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, or sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
July			
	2	Owen	DeeAnn Rambo
	9	Ryan	Ryan Peterson
	16	Brady	Janet Brandt
	23	Lucie	Doug Faber
	30	Owen	Tracy Davis
August			
	5	Ryan	Don Hogenson
	13	Brady	Ginny Overland
	20	Lucie	Kathy Borton
	27	Owen	DeeAnn Rambo

THANK YOU

Thanks to Duane and Pat Butler for replacing the broken front window, and to Chuck Walz and Mike Ellefson for installing it. It’s nice not having a “cracked” view of the world again. 😊

Thanks to our “Building Crew”, Mike Ellefson, Chuck Walz, Dave Powers, and Doug Faber, for replacing the light fixtures in the Fellowship Hall and the office, and for replacing the light fixtures and ceiling tile in the Sacristy. Everything has a brighter look these days.

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If you can’t see the Kingdom, you’re facing the wrong direction. (Unknown)

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – JULY AND AUGUST 2023

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

AMAZING BIBLE FACTS (or stuff you might not know)

Moses followed God’s instructions when he made a bronze serpent during a snakebite crisis. He raised the sculpture on a pole. If people looked at it (after being bitten by a snake) they would live. (Numbers 21:4-9) Centuries later, some Israelites were still worshipping the bronze serpent! King Hezekiah was finally told to break it into pieces. The serpent even had a name: Nehushtan (2 Kings 18:4)

For centuries in England, Scotland, and Holland, Christians have practiced “dipping” on New Year’s Day. They open their Bibles, close their eyes, and point to a verse, which they take as God’s message to them for the year.

In the fifteenth century, someone published a comic-book Bible. The *Biblia Pauperum* or “Bible for the Poor” contained pictures of different biblical scenes with brief notes of explanation. The original children’s Bible?

The description “holier than thou” was originally used by Isaiah to describe the “obstinate” people who arrogantly reject the Lord. (Isaiah 65:5)

The phrase “a drop in the bucket” appeared first in Isaiah 40:15 to describe the nations surrounding Israel compared to the Lord’s power?

Portions of the Bible have been translated into more than 2,000 languages.

The Arts and Entertainment Network, in cooperation with various scholars, named their most important people of the millennium. Who ranked #1? A German name Johannes Gutenberg, who invented the printing press. What did he print? Bibles. There are 48 known copies of Bibles printed by Gutenberg still in existence. Each is worth millions of dollars. (Gutenberg’s invention had a significant impact on the Protestant Reformation, making it possible for Luther’s written work to be widely distributed.)

(Source: Bible Fun Stuff by Randy Petersen, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Wheaton, Illinois)

**Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year A
July 2023**

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Saturday	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Jeremiah 28:1-4		Luke 17:1-4
2	Sunday	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
3	Monday	Psalm 119:161-168	1 Kings 21:1-16	1 Thessalonians 4:9-12	
4	Tuesday	Psalm 119:161-168	1 Kings 21:17-29	1 John 4:1-6	
5	Wednesday	Psalm 119:161-168	Jeremiah 18:1-11		Matthew 11:20-24
6	Thursday	Psalm 145:8-14	Zechariah 1:1-6	Romans 7:1-6	
7	Friday	Psalm 145:8-14	Zechariah 2:6-13	Romans 7:7-20	
8	Saturday	Psalm 145:8-14	Zechariah 4:1-7		Luke 10:21-24
9	Sunday	Psalm 145:8-14	Zechariah 9:9-12	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
10	Monday	Psalm 131	Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22	Romans 1:18-25	
11	Tuesday	Psalm 131	Jeremiah 28:10-17	Romans 3:1-8	
12	Wednesday	Psalm 131	Jeremiah 13:1-11		John 13:1-17
13	Thursday	Psalm 65:1-13	Isaiah 48:1-5	Romans 2:12-16	
14	Friday	Psalm 65:1-13	Isaiah 48:6-11	Romans 15:14-21	
15	Saturday	Psalm 65:1-13	Isaiah 52:1-6		John 12:44-50
16	Sunday	Psalm 65:1-13	Isaiah 55:10-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
17	Monday	Psalm 92	Leviticus 26:3-20	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	
18	Tuesday	Psalm 92	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Ephesians 4:17-5:2	
19	Wednesday	Psalm 92	Proverbs 11:23-30		Matthew 13:10-17
20	Thursday	Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 41:21-29	Hebrews 2:1-9	
21	Friday	Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:9-17	Hebrews 6:13-20	
22	Saturday	Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:18-20		Matthew 7:15-20
23	Sunday	Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:6-8	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
24	Monday	Psalm 75	Nahum 1:1-13	Revelation 14:12-20	
25	Tuesday	Psalm 75	Zephaniah 3:1-13	Galatians 4:21-5:1	
26	Wednesday	Psalm 75	Daniel 12:1-13		Matthew 12:15-21
27	Thursday	Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 1:28-37	1 Corinthians 4:14-20	
28	Friday	Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 1:38-48	Acts 7:44-53	
29	Saturday	Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 2:1-4		Matthew 12:38-42
30	Sunday	Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 3:5-12	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
31	Monday	Psalm 119:121-128	1 Kings 3:16-28	James 3:13-18	

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year A
August 2023

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Tuesday	Psalm 119:121-128	1 Kings 4:29-34	Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33	
2	Wednesday	Psalm 119:121-128	Ephesians 6:10-18		Mark 4:30-34
3	Thursday	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Proverbs 10:1-5	Philippians 4:10-15	
4	Friday	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 51:17-23	Romans 9:6-13	
5	Saturday	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 44:1-5		Matthew 7:7-11
6	Sunday	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 55:1-5	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
7	Monday	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Romans 1:8-15	
8	Tuesday	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	Deuteronomy 26:1-15	Acts 2:37-47	
9	Wednesday	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35		Matthew 15:32-39
10	Thursday	Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:1-16	Acts 17:10-15	
11	Friday	Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40	Acts 18:24-28	
12	Saturday	Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:41-46		Matthew 16:1-4
13	Sunday	Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 19:9-18	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
14	Monday	Psalm 18:1-19	Genesis 7:11-8:5	2 Peter 2:4-10	
15	Tuesday	Psalm 18:1-19	Genesis 19:1-29	Romans 9:14-29	
16	Wednesday	Psalm 18:1-19	Job 36:24-33, 37:14-24		Matthew 8:23-27
17	Thursday	Psalm 67	Isaiah 45:20-25	Revelation 15:1-4	
18	Friday	Psalm 67	Isaiah 63:15-19	Acts 14:19-28	
19	Saturday	Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1-5		Matthew 14:34-36
20	Sunday	Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:10-28
21	Monday	Psalm 87	2 Kings 5:1-14	Acts 15:1-21	
22	Tuesday	Psalm 87	Isaiah 43:8-13	Romans 11:13-29	
23	Wednesday	Psalm 87	Isaiah 66:18-23		Matthew 8:1-13
24	Thursday	Psalm 138	Ezekiel 28:11-19	1 Corinthians 6:1-11	
25	Friday	Psalm 138	Ezekiel 31:15-18	2 Corinthians 10:12-18	
26	Saturday	Psalm 138	Ezekiel 36:33-38		Matthew 6:5-12
27	Sunday	Psalm 138	Isaiah 51:1-6	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
28	Monday	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32	1 Samuel 7:3-13	Romans 2:1-11	
29	Tuesday	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32	Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39	Romans 11:33-36	
30	Wednesday	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32	Isaiah 28:14-22		Matthew 26:6-13
31	Thursday	Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 14:13-18	Ephesians 5:1-6	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
July 2023

1 Give thanks for the work of social service organizations, ELCA Disability Ministry and the Total Inclusion! initiative of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to fully include, affirm and respond to the diverse needs of people who live with a range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

2 Pray that we will equip one another for the challenges and share with one another the blessings that come from being disciples of Jesus, called and sent to do God's work in the world.

3 Remember in prayer all those who have been impacted by disasters, including those related to extreme weather, climate change, economic upheaval, political unrest, and war, and by other events that cause suffering, loss and displacement.

4 *Independence Day* Give thanks for the freedom and abundance we enjoy in our country, and ask God to help us exercise generosity in our national life, addressing root causes of the poverty, hunger, injustice, racism and lack of opportunity our neighbors experience on a daily basis.

5 Pray for the worship leaders and musicians gathering in Philadelphia for the conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

6 So far in 2023 there have been over 18,500 gun violence deaths in our country, including 280 mass shooting incidents (gunviolencearchive.org). Ask God to hear our cries of grief and anger; pray for the comfort, healing and strength of individuals, families and communities suffering sorrow and trauma; and ask the Spirit's strength to do all we can to prevent gun violence.

7 Praise God that sin and death have no control over our lives now that we have been set free by God's unearned gift of grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

8 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. 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.

9 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Pray with relief and gratitude that we are never alone or without a loving rabbi, instructing and rejuvenating us to navigate life as followers of Christ.

10 Ask God to guide and bless the Truth and Healing Movement of our church, an initiative to increase our understanding of past and present injustices and harm borne by Indigenous people and to encourage action to build right and healthy relationships, healing Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike.

11 Thank God for inspiring our generosity to new congregations and ministries, especially in places that lack the resources for growth and self-sufficiency.

12 "Help us to put aside the angry word, the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt. Teach us the way in which love is best served" (*ELW* 615). Pray that we will treat our neighbors — including our enemies — with a kindness and respect that delight God.

13 Give thanks for the ELCA's Resourceful Servants initiative, which promotes the financial wellness of ELCA congregations, rostered ministers and seminarians; lessens the strains on those who lead faith communities; and enables them to more effectively carry out the mission of the church — making disciples for Jesus Christ.

14 God is gracious and good to all and has compassion for all creation. Pray for God to help us spread the good news throughout the world and to every generation.

15 Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, the tAble event (for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities) and the Young Adult Gathering.

16 Pray for patience when our ministry doesn't produce the results we expect; ask the Spirit to help us reflect on our work, adapt, and understand that

sometimes positive results ensue without our knowledge.

17 Pray for rostered ministers gathering with colleagues from across the church for fellowship, renewal, continuing education, worship and Bible study at the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, Ariz.

18 Remember in prayer members of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church as they reconsider statements of purpose for each expression of the ELCA and the principles of our church's organizational structure.

19 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving, for God has given us new life, freedom and an eternal inheritance through the risen Christ — a gift for all people!

20 Give thanks, today and every day, for those who stir our joy and hope, and resolve to *be* a source of joy and hope for others.

21 Doing God's work in the world and sharing the gospel is never a fruitless endeavor — God accomplishes what God intends. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our trust in God's power and renew our strength for continuing the important work to which God has called us.

22 Pray that, together, we will always work to identify and encourage potential leaders, deacons and pastors, so that they might respond to God's call and use their gifts to share the gospel, nurture congregations, grow the church and serve our neighbors in need.

23 Pray for wisdom to discern good from evil, and for faith to know God's truth reigns.

24 The brutality and destruction of the Russia-Ukraine War have gone on for over a year. Pray for a permanent end to the violence, and remember in prayer people of all ages who yearn for peace and normality.

25 Pray that we will not judge or disparage people whose religious beliefs differ from our own or who belong to no community of faith. Promise to trust the work of the Spirit when listening to our

neighbors, responding to their questions and opinions and inviting them to embrace the gift of unconditional love we experience through Jesus Christ.

26 "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth" (Psalm 86:11). Pray that, as disciples and students of Christ, we will attend to the truth of God and what the Spirit may reveal anew.

27 Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT), an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant partner, has assisted in providing over 4,200 units of safe and affordable housing in Louisville, Ky. Give thanks for what we accomplish together when we share our gifts and resources!


28 Pray for those whose mental and physical pain goes unnoticed in our communities and congregations; ask the Spirit to help us reach out to them with care, support and respect.

29 Give thanks and praise to God, who knows us inside and out and guides and supports us throughout our journey.

30 "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). Thank God for this sweeping proclamation, which gives us peace and assurance in this uncertain world.

31 Pray for the Spirit to refresh and sustain the health, spirit and faith of young adult staff and their leaders as they serve in our summer camp ministries across the country.

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 Pastor's Day Off 	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 Pastor's Day Off	12	13 9:30 Bible Study No WELCA or Council Meeting in July	14	15
16 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 Pastor Vacation →	20	21	22
23 9:00 Worship – Pastor Dave Natzke Pastor Vacation →	24 Pastor's Sabbath	25 Pastor's Day Off	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	31	August 1	2	3	4	5

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8 Pastor's Day Off	9	10 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	11	12
13 9:00 Worship	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15 Pastor's Day Off	16	17 Pastor Vacation →	18	19
20 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion – Pastor Dave Natzke Newsletter Deadline	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22 Pastor's Day Off	23	24	25	26
Pastor Vacation →						
27 9:00 Worship – Chaplain Becky Davidson	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 Pastor's Day Off	30	31	Sept 1	2
Pastor Vacation →						