

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

September, 2023, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

September 2023 – Season after Pentecost

Sunday, September 3 – Pentecost 14

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28: After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

Sunday, September 10 – Pentecost 15 (God's Work Our Hands Sunday / Rally Sunday)

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20: Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

Sunday, September 17 – Pentecost 16

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35: When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Sunday, September 24 – Pentecost 17

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:1-16: Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

From a non-scientific (but interesting) survey conducted by an ELCA pastor in Colorado:

Reason people do not attend worship: "Our lives are busy, and so Sunday mornings are too precious to spend waking early, getting dressed up and driving to go somewhere to be around people."

And then there's:

Reason people attend worship: "We have a feeling of belonging there, and the community is welcoming and inclusive, cares about loving the neighbor, and cares for those on the margins. Worshipping with them is an important part of our faith."

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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, September 14. 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 August Meeting Minutes:

Opened with prayer.

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Davis at 11:00AM

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

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

Treasurer's report read with beginning balance of \$3,761.29. After disbursements and dividends, ending balance of \$3,775.85. Thrivent card balance of \$38.09. Motion by Karen, second by Louanne to approve. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- Rally Sunday plans:
 - September 10, 2023
 - Plan to serve ice cream and toppings for the congregation with emphasis on the youth.
 - Ice Cream: Tracy
 - Homemade chocolate topping: Mary
 - Homemade butterscotch or caramel topping: Ginny
 - Bowls and lemonade: Karen
 - Sprinkles: Linda
 - Peanuts: Sharon
 - Fresh berries: Louanne
 - Discussed communicating Rally Sunday plans with the congregation. Decided to develop a flyer to include in newsletter and mail to Sunday school age children. Karen will develop a flyer. Tracy and Louanne will facilitate mailing to children. Sharon will purchase small gifts with the Thrivent card to give away.
- Disbursement of funds: Tabled until November.

New Business: None

Round Table:

- Sharon reported a new 100 cup coffee pot has been purchased and is in the kitchen.
- Linda and Mary reported they attended the Women's Day held at Christ Lutheran and enjoyed the day very much
- Mary brought up the Fall Supper that traditionally has been held. Discussion held and agreed not feasible this year. Will consider some type of potluck for the congregation this fall or early winter.

Motion by Mary, second by Linda to adjourn.

Next meeting September 14 following Bible Study at 9:30 AM

Submitted by

Karen Esanbock, secretary

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

August 10 Council Meeting Highlights: (Complete minutes are available in the church office.)

- Copies of an updated church directory were passed out to review for corrections. The plan is to have them available on September 10th Rally Sunday.
- Mike reported the ceiling is finished in the Sacristy as well as a window that was cracked.
- Tracy gave a report in regards to the upcoming September 10th Rally Sunday. WELCA will be sending out information mailings, serving ice cream with homemade toppings after services and passing out gifts.
- Linda Rambo will be making the covers for the communion set.
- Sunday School is in need of leaders/teachers.
- Barb Lamb has ordered the offering envelopes for 2024 and they have been shipped.
- The robes are cleaned and ready for Confirmation. Barb Lamb will purchase the flowers.
- God's Work. Our Hands will be the Feed My Starving Children's Event to be held in October, time to be determined, at Peace Lutheran, Eau Claire.

Tuesday Community Supper: Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: BBQ's, Chips, Salads and Cupcakes. We encourage you to 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. 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 – August: Pastor Bob will be on vacation beginning Thursday, August 17, returning Wednesday, August 30th. Rev. Dave Natzke will preside on 20th. and Chaplain Becky Davidson on August 27th. In case of emergency, Pastor Bob may be reached by cell phone at (612) 270-3838.

Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Peace Lutheran Church, 501 East Fillmore Avenue, Eau Claire

Look for the signup sheets on the table in the narthex and be one of the 12 joining us to pack meals for children around the world. Last year the 194 meals we packed were distributed to Somalia, Angola, and South Africa. Who knows who's lives we will touch this year.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
September	Mike and Sherry Ellefson	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	4 Sundays
October	Tracy Davis	HELP NEEDED	Vicki and Jerry Glampe	5 Sundays Confirmation Reformation
November	HELP NEEDED	Janet Brandt	Easanbocks	4 Sundays All Saints, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving

WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

Notice the "HELP NEEDED" boxes above. Perhaps you can help fill some of those. If you're unable to serve the entire month, 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
September			
	3	Ryan	Sherry Ellefson
	10	Brady	Rex Brandt
	17	Lucie	Don Hogenson
	24	Owen	Owen Hague
October			
	1	Ryan	Barb Knops
	8	Aron	Jes Lamb
	15	Brady	Dean Rambo
	22	Lucie and Owen	Darren Peterson
	29	Aron and Brady	Doug Faber

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – September 2023

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Sept 1	Jordan Gedatus	Sep 15	Laurie Moga	Sept 2	Leroy & Karen Esanbock
Sept 4	Ben Pomasl	Sep 15	Duane Butler	Sept 9	Dwight & Karen Johnson
Sept 5	Douglas Brandvold	Sep 20	Dean Timm	Sept 13	Barry & Lisa Brandvold
Sept 5	Steve Bowell	Sep 21	Adam Wyss	Sept 28	Mark & Stephanie Butler
Sept 7	Andy Lamb	Sep 30	Lydia Wittmer		
Sept 8	Margaret Gray	Sep. 30	Lindsey Asher		
Sept 10	Brianna Wyss	Sep. 30	Stephanie Butler		
Sept 11	Dakota Langer				

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
September 10	Rally Sunday / God's Work. Our Hands Sunday
September 17	Third Grade Bible Sunday
September 20	7 th and 8 th Grade Parent / Confirmand Meeting
October 14 (Saturday)	Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event – Eau Claire
October 22	Confirmation Sunday
October 27	Reformation Sunday
November 22 (Wednesday)	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
December 12 (Wednesday)	Service of Healing and Hope
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship

Congratulations Jordan!



Jordan Lamb has won reserve champion 16-year-old showman at the 2023 Wisconsin State Fair!

Windmill Piecemakers Quilt Guild - 2023 Quilt Show

September 22-23, 2023

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11350 Florence Street, Baldwin

Admission: Fee Will Offering

Vendor Booths / Challenge Quilts / Scrap Boutique / Mystery Quilts And More!



At

Wilson Lutheran Church

Sunday September 10

Worship 9 AM

Followed by Ice Cream and Homemade Toppings

In the Fellowship Hall

~ Sunday School Sign up for Youth and Leaders

~ Kick off a New Year of Christian Learning and Fellowship

~ Gifts for All

Celebrate our Youth.....of all ages!

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Prayer Ventures

September 2023

1 Pray for God's protection, reassurance and wisdom as climate change impacts every aspect of our lives including work, economic systems, community resilience, food stability, immigration, and physical and emotional well-being. Remember in prayer those impacted who are particularly vulnerable to poverty, hunger or illness.

2 Give thanks to God for the love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ; unshakeable, it endures amid all that seems unstable, temporary and conditional in our world.

3 The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus may not seem logical to us. Pray for the Spirit to reveal the truth of God's profound gift to us through Jesus Christ — love, forgiveness, a new identity and eternal life.

4 *Labor Day* On this day we pray for the work people do to sustain themselves and their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages and benefits, work in safe environments, receive respect and gratitude, experience joy and fulfillment in their labor and be renewed through times of sabbath. Remember in prayer also those seeking employment or unable to work.

5 Pray for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, an ELCA Worship partner organization, and the "Hearts Hands Voices" workshops offered across the country for church musicians to learn new skills, share best practices and build relationships.

6 Pray for the strength and humility to treat others with love, respect and compassion, especially those whom we find difficult to love or whose politics, personal values, religious beliefs or worldview differ from our own.

7 More than 828 million people in the world — including in the United States — experience hunger, and an estimated 2.3 billion face food insecurity, an increase over previous years. Pray that our concern will move us to action and generosity and that our work together through ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Federation and other organizations will bring relief and hope to our neighbors.

8 "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Pray for the word and wisdom of God to become part of our very being as we study Scripture, hear and share the gospel, and converse with our siblings in Christ.

9 Remember in prayer young adult delegates gathering in Wisla, Poland, prior to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly to worship, build community, discuss concerns and priorities, and prepare for the event.

10 *"God's work. Our hands."* Sunday On the 10th anniversary of our annual day of service, give thanks for the chance to draw closer to our neighbors and embrace them as children of God, listening with respect and empathy and responding to their needs.

11 Ask God to help us understand more fully how our lives and faith express God's love, compassion and respect for the neighbor. "To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!" (ELW 546).

12 "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful" (Psalm 149:1). Praise God that worship and the sacraments renew, sustain and equip us as children of God living in communities of faith. Give thanks for the resources that guide and enrich our worship, including ELCA Worship and Faith Practices ministries, Augsburg Fortress publishing and our seminaries.

13 Pray for those gathering for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Kraków, Poland — "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope." Ask God to bless and guide our work together as a global Lutheran community for a just, peaceful and reconciled world.

14 Remember in prayer African-descent siblings in Christ as they gather for the ELCA African Descent Ministries' RECLAIM event in Minneapolis. Ask God to bless their work building community, teaching new ministry skills and approaches, sharing resources and rejuvenating preachers, teachers, professionals, young adults and laity.

15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Thank God for the history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino siblings. Pray for the growth and vitality of

ELCA Latino Ministries, the Latino Ministries Association (Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA) and the 147 ELCA Latino ministries around the country as they work to share the gospel, encourage unity in Christ, fight racism and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA in a “community of communities” to do God’s work in the world.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, elect a new bishop and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.

17 Reflect on what hinders us from exercising forgiveness and patience with others, including those we see as adversaries. Ask the Spirit to recenter our lives and interactions with people in the boundless and undeserved mercy that God demonstrates with us.

18 Pray that students and teachers in our schools will be safe and that students who suffer trauma, anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns will have ready access to counselors, social workers and psychologists.

19 Pray for the congregations, youth and adults registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and for those who prayerfully consider participating.

20 “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea’” (Exodus 15:20-21). Give thanks for the wonderful variety of instruments and musicians who help us praise God, and recall God’s activity in the world throughout history.

21 *International Day of Peace* With our global neighbors and siblings in Christ, pray for peace, reconciliation and unity wherever conflict divides our communities and the world.

22 Ask God for strength and boldness to fight the rising tide of hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity, and social and economic status.

23 What an amazing and reassuring gift it is to know that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love for all people, everywhere. Give praise and thanks to God!

24 Pray that we might understand justice, fairness and generosity from the perspective of God, whose creation benefits all humanity.

25 Remember in prayer leaders gathering for the “Stewardship Kaleidoscope” conference in Minneapolis, offered in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team to develop deeper understanding of stewardship and generosity and to share resources for cultivating generosity in congregations.

26 Pray for ELCA Children’s Ministry and its partners, who support and encourage the intergenerational faith formation of Christian communities including family households, congregations and child-centered ministry settings.

27 Pray that we will remember the wonderful and miraculous things God has done and revealed to us throughout the history of humankind. Ask the Spirit to help us share — with young and old alike — stories of our faith and of God’s presence and activity in the world.

28 Give thanks for our ecumenical and interreligious relations and partnerships, which lead to unity and cooperation, mutual understanding and respect, and shared resources for serving our neighbors in need.

29 “When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry” (Jonah 3:10–4:1). God’s love and justice do not always sit well with us. Ask forgiveness for when we wish ill upon others, and ask the Spirit to inspire our patience and love as we strive to do God’s work in the world.

30 Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom throughout the Future Church: God’s Love Made Real initiative as our church tries to discern God’s will and navigate the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing world.

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

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Friday	Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:7-12	
2	Saturday	Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:10-14		Matthew 8:14-17
3	Sunday	Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
4	Monday	Psalm 17	2 Samuel 11:2-26	Revelation 3:1-6	
5	Tuesday	Psalm 17	2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15	Revelation 3:7-13	
6	Wednesday	Psalm 17	Jeremiah 17:5-18		Matthew 12:22-32
7	Thursday	Psalm 119:33-40	Ezekiel 24:1-14	2 Corinthians 12:11-21	
8	Friday	Psalm 119:33-40	Ezekiel 24:15-27	Romans 10:15b-21	
9	Saturday	Psalm 119:33-40	Ezekiel 33:1-6		Matthew 23:29-36
10	Sunday	Psalm 119:33-40	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
11	Monday	Psalm 119:65-72	Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16	1 Peter 2:11-17	
12	Tuesday	Psalm 119:65-72	Deuteronomy 17:2-13	Romans 13:1-7	
13	Wednesday	Psalm 119:65-72	Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28		Matthew 21:18-22
14	Thursday	Psalm 103:1-13	Genesis 37:12-36	1 John 3:11-16	
15	Friday	Psalm 103:1-13	Genesis 41:53-42:17	Acts 7:9-16	
16	Saturday	Psalm 103:1-13	Genesis 45:1-20		Matthew 6:7-15
17	Sunday	Psalm 103:1-13	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
18	Monday	Psalm 133	Genesis 48:8-22	Hebrews 11:23-29	
19	Tuesday	Psalm 133	Genesis 49:29-50:14	Romans 14:13-15:2	
20	Wednesday	Psalm 133	Genesis 50:22-26		Mark 11:20-25
21	Thursday	Psalm 145:1-8	Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2	2 Corinthians 13:1-4	
22	Friday	Psalm 145:1-8	Nahum 2:3-13	2 Corinthians 13:5-10	
23	Saturday	Psalm 145:1-8	Zephaniah 2:13-15		Matthew 19:23-30
24	Sunday	Psalm 145:1-8	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
25	Monday	Psalm 106:1-12	Genesis 27:1-29	Romans 16:1-16	
26	Tuesday	Psalm 106:1-12	Genesis 28:10-17	Romans 16:17-20	
27	Wednesday	Psalm 106:1-12	Isaiah 41:1-13		Matthew 18:1-5
28	Thursday	Psalm 25:1-9	Ezekiel 12:17-28	James 4:11-16	
29	Friday	Psalm 25:1-9	Ezekiel 18:5-18	Acts 13:32-41	
30	Saturday	Psalm 25:1-9	Ezekiel 18:19-24		Mark 11:27-33

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5 Pastor's Day Off St. Croix Conference Meeting - Tentative	6	7	8	9
10 9:00 Worship Rally Sunday Gods Work Our Hands Sunday Sunday School Begins - Tentative	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12 Pastor's Day Off	13	14 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	15	16
17 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 3rd Grade Bible Sunday Newsletter Deadline	18 Pastor's Sabbath	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 6:00 - 7 th / 8 th Grade Parent and Student Confirmation Meeting	21 9:30 Holy Communion Bible Study	22	23
24 9:00 Worship Pastor Attending Fall Ministry Retreat	25	26	27 6:00 - Acolyte / Worship Space Orientation	28	29	30