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Mission Statement
Gathered. Renewed. Sent

We are: Gathered by the Spirt. Renewed by the Word. Sent to Serve

October, 2023, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

October 2023 - Season after Pentecost

Sunday, October 1 – Pentecost 18

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Green
- Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Ezekiel 18-1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32: After driving the moneychangers out of the temple, Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

Sunday, October 8 – Pentecost 19

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Green
- No Communion
- Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46: Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Sunday, October 15 - Pentecost 20

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- Holy Communion
- Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14: Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Sunday, October 22 – Pentecost 21 – Confirmation Sunday

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Red
- No Communion
- Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22: After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First, they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Sunday, October 29 – Reformation Sunday

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Red
- Holy Communion
- Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36: Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Just to be clear, there is no truth to the rumor that Lutheran churches will be offering pumpkin spice Communion wafers this fall, nor will the wine be replaced with a pumpkin spice latte. (3)

MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED - RENEWED - SENT

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

WELCA Meetings: The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, October 12. 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 September Meeting Minutes:

With only three members present, the September meeting was "unofficial." The success of Rally Sunday was discussed (it was most successful). The remaining ice cream and caramel toping can be used for a Fellowship Hour after worship. The remaining gifts are available for Sunday School use.

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

September 14 Council Meeting Highlights: (Complete minutes are available in the church office.)

- Rally Sunday was a big success.
- The Sunday School staff is Tori Timm, Katie Hague and Kailey Bonte.
- The Fall 2023 Church Directory was handed out on Rally Sunday. Thank you to Darlene for all the effort in getting it put together.
- A thank you to Linda Rambo for making the beautiful Communion Palls.
- Gods Work. Our Hands will be the Feed My Starving Children Event on October 14 from 9-11 AM at Peace Lutheran in Eau Claire. There are still spots open for those interested in attending.
- Having Wednesday Advent Worship was discussed and tabled till the next meeting.
- Council Members Terms that expire at the end of 2023 are Mike Ellefson and Ginny Overland.
- Mike is getting estimates on prepping, chip sealing and putting a fogging coat on the parking lot across the road.
- Mike will organize addressing redoing and sealing the front steps.
- Thank you to Duane Nelson for doing a beautiful job of refurbishing a table that is in the narthex.

Tuesday Community Supper: St. Croix Electric Cooperative will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The menu is: Tator Tot Hotdish, Jello Salad & Pumpkin Bars. Please come and sit 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. September contributions went to the Spring Valley Food Shelf. October contributions will go to Woodville. 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. Plus, should a federal government shutdown occur, other food assistance program will be impacted. Please help our neighbors in need.

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
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
December	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	5 Sundays Christmas Eve

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

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Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader			
October						
	1	Ryan	Barb Knops			
	8	Aron	Jes Lamb			
	15	Brady	Dean Rambo			
Confirmation Sunday	22	Lucie and Owen	Darren Peterson			
Reformation Sunday	29	Aron and Brady	Doug Faber			
November						
	5	Lucie	Janet Brandt			
	12	Owen	Kathy Borton			
	19	Aron	Tracy Davis			
Thanksgiving Eve	22	Brady	Don Hogenson			
	26	Lucie	Ginny Overland			

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, visits and well wishes during my recent hip replacement surgery. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful friends. God's Blessings. Barb Lamb

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES - October 2023

Birthdays			Anniversaries		
Oct 2	Jason Hague	Oct 17	Anna Esanbock	Oct 1	Jason & Katie Hague
Oct 4	Bridget Johnson	Oct 19	Joe Witter	Oct 6	Bob & Sue Dahm
Oct 4	Mark Butler	Oct 19	Brayden Witter	Oct 27	Kale & Sarah Blegen
Oct 6	Diane Gedatus	Oct 22	Kurtis Kerr		
Oct 8	Keenan Stahl	Oct 22	Sharon Spielman		
Oct 9	Gabe Larson	Oct 22	Xen Larson		
Oct 11	Kodey Stahl	Oct 23	Chandra Lamb		
Oct 14	Beau Blegen	Oct 25	Owen Hague		
Oct 14	Eli Hague	Oct 29	Linda Powers		
Oct 16	Eleanor Cretney	Oct 30	Virginia Overland		
Oct 16	Paul Deppa	Oct 30	Brantley Bonte		
Oct 16	Lisa Brandvold	Oct 30	Lane Butler		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event		
October 14 (Saturday)	Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event – Eau Claire		
October 22	Confirmation Sunday		
October 27	Reformation Sunday		
November 5	All Saints Sunday		
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Worship		
December 12 (Wednesday)	Longest Night Service of Healing and Hope		
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship		

FALL SUPPER, BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hammond, is hold its annual event October 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. The meal includes scallop potatoes, ham, coleslaw, buns, pickles, milk, coffee, and homemade pies. A Free Will Donation will be received, with all proceeds going to Holiday Angels Family Resource Center and the SCC Backpack Program. The Silent Auction runs from September 10 to October 8, with proceeds going toward kitchen stoves. Trinity Lutheran is located at 1250 Broadway Street, Hammond.

2023 COAT CLOSET – WINTER AND OUTERWEAR DISTRIBUTION

510 Winter Street, Boyceville (Entrance in the alley behind the building)

Distribution Dates

•	Saturday, October 21	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
•	Saturday, October 28	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
•	Saturday, November 4	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
•	Saturday, November 11	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
•	Saturday, November 18	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions – Call Sonya Zebro at 715-308-8435 Donations Needed. See separate flyer attached.

SPECIAL THANKS



Thanks to Linda Rambo for creating two sets of Chalice Palls. They're wonderful additions to our Communion service.



Thanks to Duane Nelson for repairing and refinishing the small table in the narthex. Something old became something new!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HUMOR

(There hasn't been room for these the last couple of months, so here's a few just to catch up.)

Lot's Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

All Men / All Girls

When little Kelli said her bedtime prayers she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after bedtime prayers were finished, Kelli would say, "and all girls." Her mother's curiosity finally got the best of her, so she asked, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All Men!"

Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he with only two worms!"

Untimely Answered Prayer

During the intercessory prayers one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from the back row. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

Coat Closet

A Mission of the Boyceville United Methodist Church

September 2023

It is that time of year again and we are gearing up for the winter cold.

Since it began in 2002, over 16,170 items have been given to families who cannot afford the high prices in stores. We serve people as far away as Dallas, Spring Valley, Turtle Lake, Eau Claire, as well as closer to Boyceville.

We want to thank everyone who has donated items, time, and money to the Coat Closet. This is greatly appreciated.

We are collecting items for distributions to be held October through November 2023.

We urgently need: **Boots of all sizes**. We are completely out of sizes 5,6,7,8, & 9 for bigger kids

Snowpants: youth sizes 6/7, 8/9, 10/12, 14/16. Medium and large adult for the older kids

Waterproof gloves and Mittens -

Due to our shortage of storage space- we do not need any coats at this time. We just have no place to put them.

Drop boxes can be found at the Library, Tiffany Creek Elementary School, and Bank in Boyceville year-round. If you prefer not to shop, please give a monetary donation and we will shop for you. Donations may be mailed to: United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 94, Boyceville, WI 54725

For more information, please contact Sony Zebro at (715)308-8435 or Glenise Thomas at (715)702-2721.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Prayer Ventures October 2023

- 1 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and renew our trust in the authority of his teachings and actions as the Son of God, born among us for our salvation.
- **2** Remember in prayer those who have suffered tragedy, displacement and loss as a result of the wildfires in Maui. Ask God to stir their hope and strength for the long recovery ahead and inspire our generosity in supporting relief and rebuilding efforts, including the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and the Pacifica Synod.
- **3** "Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4). Pray that our lives might reflect the selflessness of Jesus and the work of the Spirit, which enable us to act with compassion and empathy for the well-being of our neighbor, our communities and the church.
- **4** Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Pray for the Spirit to stir within us humility, generosity and respect for our neighbors in need and for all living creatures. Give thanks for pets that provide joy and companionship and for service animals that benefit people with physical and cognitive disabilities.
- **5** Pray for those gathering for the Center of Addiction & Faith annual conference in Bloomington, Minn., including rostered ministers and lay leaders, health care professionals, addiction specialists, people in recovery and those who love people affected by addiction. Pray that we might grow in our awareness of addiction and respond with compassion.
- **6** Praise God for the love and mercy woven into the Bible, pray that we might share God's story and the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere, and ask the Spirit to inspire our belief, faith and awe. "We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done" (Psalm 78:4).
- **7** Pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger in feeding the hungry and connecting people with education, health care, clean water and sustaining sources of income. Give thanks for our partners in this work, including global companion churches, the Lutheran World

- Federation, Bread for the World, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief.
- **8** Jesus, the Son of God, was humble yet strong, and endured suffering and death to be resurrected for our sake. This is the cornerstone of our faith and salvation. Praise God and sing with thanksgiving and joy for all to hear.
- **9** *Indigenous Peoples' Day* Remember in prayer and give thanks for Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas and other parts of the world for thousands of years. Pray that we will not waver in our commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing and unity as neighbors and children of God.
- **10** Pray for a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine, and be mindful of how it impacts every nation and our daily lives.
- 11 Praise God for our faith in Jesus Christ, who frees us from the restraints and shortcomings of our past so that we can move forward in our baptismal journey of connecting our faith with everyday life, serving neighbors in need, spreading hope and living with gratitude.
- **12** Ask God to guide and, when needed, temper our words so that others will know God's love and forgiveness and the truth of the gospel through what we say. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).
- **13** Pray for the vitality and effectiveness of our seminaries as they prepare leaders who will respond to God's call, equipping congregations and other communities of faith to nurture disciples of Christ and do God's work in the world.
- **14** Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are overwhelmed by confusion, conflict and suffering. Ask the Spirit to make us bearers of hope, encouragement and wisdom for our neighbors, reflecting the trustworthy light of Jesus Christ and the comforting love of God.
- **15** We trust in the promise of eternal life with God. Pray that, rather than take this gift for granted, we might be inspired to live in joy and gratitude, sharing that joy with others and proclaiming what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

- **16** Remember in prayer the 131 ELCA missionary households and 25 Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers who serve alongside our siblings in Christ and global companions in 45 countries.
- 17 "Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times" (Psalm 106:3). Ask the Spirit to fill us with love and reverence for our neighbors as children of God, that people of all backgrounds, abilities, ages, beliefs, needs and circumstances might be treated with respect, fairness and compassion.
- **18** Give thanks for the gifts and service of military chaplains, who care for U.S. military personnel and their families across our nation and in their countries of deployment.
- **19** Give thanks for writers, editors and photographers who serve the church by sharing the gospel, telling stories of faith and service, inspiring us and revealing how God works through our church, congregations and siblings in Christ.
- **20** Pray for those whose lives and communities have been forever changed by severe weather and wildfires, and who are immersed in the long, demanding work of rebuilding their lives and communities, here and around the world.
- **21** Ask God to bless the work of the Christian Education Network of the ELCA and its members, professionals and volunteers who are involved in lifelong faith formation ministries in congregations and ELCA-affiliated organizations.
- **22** Pray that we will be obedient and loyal to God and, at the same time, respond to God's call to live as responsible, involved citizens in our communities and the world.
- **23** Give thanks for Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA, and pray for their ministries, which nurture faith, promote healing and wholeness, help people discern their spiritual gifts and vocations, and equip them to serve as disciples of Christ.
- **24** Pray for our congregations and synods, affiliated ministries and organizations, and full communion partners that we might encourage and support one another, share resources and ideas, and work together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

- 25 Pray that God will further the work of our church's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) for welcoming and protecting migrant children and their families, accompanying them in court, advocating for just and humane immigration policies and supporting companions in Latin America who care for deported and returned migrants in their countries of origin.
- **26** "Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples" (Psalm 96:2-3). Ask the Spirit for the words we need to share our faith and tell God's story of love, hope and forgiveness.
- 27 Ask God to make us a dynamic and engaged church of the present and future, driven by God's redemptive love to be attentive to the world and culture and agile in how we proclaim the gospel and do God's work in the world.
- **28** Give thanks for grandparents who inspire our faith, share their wisdom and gifts, care for grandchildren and enrich our communities of faith with diverse perspectives and ideas.
- **29** Reformation Sunday Give thanks for Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers who, at significant risk, challenged traditions and practices of the church that strayed from Scripture and proclaimed that God's love and forgiveness are ensured through Jesus Christ.
- **30** Pray for ELCA World Hunger's Education and Networking Grants, which assist congregations, synods and partner organizations throughout the United States and the Caribbean in developing education and service-learning programs that deepen our understanding of hunger and poverty.
- **31** Reformation Day "Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures" (Martin Luther). Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise for God's grace, which comes to us as a gift and sets us free, lifting our spirits and restoring our relationships with God.

Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings – Year A October 2023

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Sunday	Psalm 25:1-9	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
2	Monday	Psalm 28	Judges 14:1-20	Philippians 1:3-14	
3	Tuesday	Psalm 28	Judges 16:1-22	Philippians 1:15-21	
4	Wednesday	Psalm 28	Judges 16:23-31		Matthew 9:2-8
5	Thursday	Psalm 80:7-15	Jeremiah 2:14-22	Colossians 2:16-23	
6	Friday	Psalm 80:7-15	Jeremiah 2:23-37	Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a	
7	Saturday	Psalm 80:7-15	Jeremiah 6:1-10		John 7:40-52
8	Sunday	Psalm 80:7-15	Isaiah 5:1-7	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
9	Monday	Psalm 144	Ezekiel 19:10-14	1 Peter 2:4-10	
10	Tuesday	Psalm 144	Isaiah 27:1-6	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	
11	Wednesday	Psalm 144	Song of Solomon 8:5-14		John 11:45-57
12	Thursday	Psalm 23	Isaiah 22:1-8a	1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14	
13	Friday	Psalm 23	Isaiah 22:8b-14	James 4:4-10	
14	Saturday	Psalm 23	Isaiah 24:17-23		Mark 2:18-22
15	Sunday	Psalm 23	Isaiah 25:1-9	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
16	Monday	Psalm 34	Exodus 19:7-20	Jude 17-25	
17	Tuesday	Psalm 34	Amos 9:5-15	Philippians 3:13-4:1	
18	Wednesday	Psalm 34	Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4		John 6:25-35
19	Thursday	Psalm 96:1-13	Judges 17:1-6	3 John 9-12	
20	Friday	Psalm 96:1-13	Deuteronomy 17:14-20	1 Peter 5:1-5	
21	Saturday	Psalm 96:1-13	Isaiah 14:3-11		Matthew 14:1-12
22	Sunday Confirmation	Psalm 96:1-13	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
23	Monday	Psalm 98	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20	
24	Tuesday	Psalm 98	Daniel 3:19-30	Revelation 18:21-24	
25	Wednesday	Psalm 98	Daniel 6:1-28		Matthew 17:22-27
26	Thursday	Psalm 1	Numbers 5:5-10	Titus 1:5-16	
27	Friday	Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15	
28	Saturday	Psalm 1	Proverbs 24:23-34		John 5:39-47
29	Sunday Reformation	Psalm 46	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36
30	Monday	Psalm 119:41-48	Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25	James 2:8-13	
31	Tuesday	Psalm 119:41-48	Deuteronomy 10:10-22	James 2:14-26	

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	11	9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	13	14 9:00 am Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing
15 First Communion 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 Pastor's Day Off 9:30 St. Croix Conference Meeting 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	18	19	20	21 10:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal
22 Confirmation Sunday 9:00 Worship	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	25	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	30 Pastor's Sabbath	31 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)				