

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

November, 2023, Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

November 2023 – Season after Pentecost

Sunday, November 5 – All Saints Sunday

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10,22; 1 John 3:1-3
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12: In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

Sunday, November 12 – Pentecost 24

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13: Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all

Sunday, November 19 – Pentecost 25

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Zephania 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30: Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Wednesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19: A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him, but takes time to thank Jesus and glorify God.

Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King Sunday

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46: Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

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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, November 9. 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:

Opened with prayer lead by Janet

President Tracey Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00AM

7 members present, Tracy Davis, Janet Brandt, Sharon Bowell, Ginny Overland, Louanne Anderson, Mary Brandt and Karen Esanbock

Secretaries report read. Motion by Ginny, second by Sharon to approve, motion approved.

Treasures report read with beginning balance on \$3740.14 and ending balance of \$3750.45. Thrivent card was used in entirety for Sunday School gifts. Motion by Karen, second by Louanne to approve. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Rally Sunday was a success.

New Business:

1. Sharon reviewed offering to send to W/ELCA – Thank offering and regular offering. Discussion held regarding monthly offering at meetings. Sharon will check with Linda about the offering jar to have at meetings. Sharon will get more information regarding offerings.
2. Prayer Chain – Discussed updating the chains. Mary will make a sign up for the bulletin, newsletter and be placed in the narthex. Chains will be developed from the sign up and those involved will receive an updated process.
3. Discussed serving coffee at W/ELCA meetings. Karen will make a signup sheet
4. Discussed possibly meeting in summer months instead of the winter months. Tabled until November
5. Discussion about congregation potluck this fall/early winter. Decided to hold an Advent Brunch Potluck on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3 following worship. W/ELCA will provide milk and orange juice. Karen will develop a flyer to include in the November newsletter.

Motion by Sharon, second by Mary to adjourn

Next meeting November 9 following Bible Study at 9:30AM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, secretary

Wilson Council: The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

October 12 Council Meeting Highlights: (Complete minutes are available in the church office.)

- Gods Work. Our Hands event was very successful with 14 members filling bags with food for Feed My Starving Children.
- There will not be Wednesday Evening Advent Services this year.
- Pastor Bob will review the expiration dates for Council members.
- Mike reported the parking lot is too far gone to do the chip sealing but will be getting bids for paving the lot. A generous gift of \$5000 was given for the project.
- 2024 Offering envelopes have arrived.
- There will be one service at 3:00 PM on Christmas Eve, December 24, which is on a Sunday.
- Mike replaced the batteries in the exit signs.
- The defibrillator was checked and needed pads ordered.
- Jerry made a motion to welcome Logan and Tessa Olson as New Members on Sunday November 5, second by Louanne. Motion carried.
- Ushers will count offering on the adding machine and give tape to Louanne with the attendance count written on it. There is no need to put it in the book any longer.
- There will be an Advent Potluck Brunch on December 3, after service. WELCA will provide the beverages.
- The Prayer Chain is in the process of being updated.

Tuesday Community Supper: Peace Lutheran Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7th in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: turkey sandwiches, soup & bars. Please 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. October contributions went to the Woodville Food Shelf. November contributions will go to Baldwin. 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. Please help our neighbors in need.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
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, 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
November			
	5	Lucie	Janet Brandt
	12	Owen	Kathy Borton
	19	Aran	Tracy Davis
<i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	22	Brady	Don Hogenson
	26	Lucie	Ginny Overland
December			
	3	Owen	Linda Powers
	10	Aran	Owen Hague
	17	Brady	Ryan Peterson
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	24	Lucie and Owen	Sherry Ellefson
<i>New Years Eve</i>	31	Aran	Rex Brant

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – November 2023

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Nov 1	Doug Larson	Nov 16	Kale Blegen	Nov 1	Chad and Mary Kay McVey
Nov 1	Karen Esanbock	Nov 16	Katie Hague		
Nov 5	Liam Gregg	Nov 18	Austin Faber		
Nov 8	Sharon Bowell	Nov 18	Michelle Faber		
Nov 11	Adrienne Gray	Nov 20	John Overland		
Nov 13	Don Hogenson	Nov 21	Cade Lamb		
Nov 14	Sue Timm	Nov 23	Jenny Finder		

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS – 2023

DATE	Time	EVENT
November 5	9:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday
November 5	9:00 a.m.	New Member Sunday
November 12	9:00 a.m.	Landon Olson Baptism
November 22	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
December 3	10:00 a.m.	Advent Pot Luck Brunch
December 22	7:00 p.m.	Service of Healing and Hope
December 24	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship

2023 COAT CLOSET – WINTER AND OUTERWEAR DISTRIBUTION

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

Distribution Dates

- 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.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION



Eli Hague celebrated his first communion on Sunday, October 15. Welcome to the Lord's Table Eli.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



Fourteen of us participated in a Feed My Starving Children meal packing event held October 14th at Peace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. We joined other teams to pack a total of 17,741 meals, enough to provide 48 children one meal a day for one year. First Row: Adrienne, Maggie and Lucie Gray, Tracy Johnson. Second Row: Beka Stoltman, Vicki Glampe, Chuck Walz, Jerry Glampe. Third Row: Barb Kronholm Doug Brandt, Pastor Bob, Carson Stoltman, Scott and Kathy Borton. Don't they all look good in their hair nets 😊

Ryan Peterson Confirmation



Congratulations to Ryan Peterson on his confirmation Sunday, October 22. Ryan's Faith Statement is printed below.

The verse I chose for today is, Mark 12:30-31: "[Jesus said,] and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

You may recognize these as the first two Commandments. Of all things, this is the most direct and simple rule for life - just love. Genuinely love God and others with all of our self, thoughts, gifts and abilities given to us by God. We are children of God and like a parent setting rules and expectations as well as expressing his love for his children, God sent God's only son, Jesus, to remind and guide us in our decisions and behavior to keep us on the right path throughout life.

Life is complicated and there are many influences of all kinds everywhere. This verse shines a light on the path in which God wants us to follow to get us through those challenges. Growing up with positive role models around me, including family members that have served in the military, worked in emergency response, education and many other service positions, has shown me several ways we can help each other.

Volunteering has given me opportunities to meet new people, try new things and see how God works through us. Seeing the smiles on peoples' faces when I have helped deliver groceries to the food pantry, assist with Special Olympics basketball games, participate in Boy Scouts and after school events, makes me happy and encourages me to keep finding more ways to be involved. Can you remember a time you made someone smile by doing something that really made their day? I think that's one of the best feelings in the world.

The Holy Spirit inspires and moves us to do good things. Being compassionate, improving the lives of others and taking care of the world around us shows God's love through our words and actions. My final thoughts to leave with you are actually lessons from a couple of Sunday School songs: Jesus loves me (and you) this I know AND we love because God first loved us.

Thank you and love one another!

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

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Wednesday	Psalm 119:41-48	Proverbs 16:1-20		Matthew 19:16-22
2	Thursday	Psalm 43	1 Samuel 2:27-36	Romans 2:17-29	
3	Friday	Psalm 43	Ezekiel 13:1-16	2 Peter 2:1-3	
4	Saturday	Psalm 43	Malachi 1:6 – 2:9		Matthew 23:13-28
5	Sunday All Saints	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
6	Monday	Psalm 5	Jeremiah 5:18-31	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20	
7	Tuesday	Psalm 5	Lamentations 2:13-17	Acts 13:1-12	
8	Wednesday	Psalm 5	Proverbs 16:21-33		Matthew 15:1-9
9	Thursday	Psalm 70	Amos 1:1-2:5	Revelation 8:6-9:12	
10	Friday	Psalm 70	Amos 3:1-12	Revelation 9:13-21	
11	Saturday	Psalm 70	Amos 4:6-13		Matthew 24:1-14
12	Sunday	Psalm 70	Amos 5:18-24	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
13	Monday	Psalm 63	Amos 8:7-14	1 Corinthians 14:20-25	
14	Tuesday	Psalm 63	Joel 1:1-14	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	
15	Wednesday	Psalm 63	Joel 3:9-21		Matthew 24:29-35
16	Thursday	Psalm 90:1-12	Ezekiel 6:1-14	Revelation 16:1-7	
17	Friday	Psalm 90:1-12	Ezekiel 7:1-9	Revelation 16:8-21	
18	Saturday	Psalm 90:1-12	Ezekiel 7:10-27		Matthew 12:43-45
19	Sunday	Psalm 90:1-12	Zephaniah 1:7; 12-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
20	Monday	Psalm 9:1-14	Zechariah 1:7-17	Romans 2:1-11	
21	Tuesday	Psalm 9:1-14	Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4	1 Thessalonians 5:12-18	
22	Wednesday	Psalm 9:1-14	Job 16:1-21		Matthew 24:45-51
23	Thursday	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Kings 22:13-23	Revelation 14:1-11	
24	Friday	Psalm 95:1-7a	1 Chronicles 17:1-15	Revelation 22:1-9	
25	Saturday	Psalm 95:1-7a	Isaiah 44:21-28		Matthew 12:46-50
26	Sunday Christ the King	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
	Monday	Psalm 7	Esther 2:1-18	2 Timothy 2:8-13	
27	Tuesday	Psalm 7	Esther 8:3-17	Revelation 19:1-9	
28	Wednesday	Psalm 7	Ezekiel 33:7-20		John 5:19-40
YEAR B BEGINS					
29	Thursday	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Zechariah 13:1-9	Revelation 14:6-13	
30	Friday	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Zechariah 14:1-9	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	

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

1 *American Indian Heritage Month* Give thanks for our Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, whose diverse gifts, traditions and wisdom help shape and enrich society and the church. Pray for Indigenous ministries and faith communities in the ELCA and the work of ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations, and ask God to guide and further the work of our church and society to build better, right and just relationships with Indigenous peoples.

2 Pray for our neighbors who have experienced great losses and turmoil as a result of the earthquake in Morocco and the unprecedented flooding in Libya, that they will find hope, comfort, relief, resources and assistance for the difficult recoveries ahead.

3 “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (Jeremiah 31:33). The new covenant that God made with us long ago permeates every aspect of our life and can’t be broken or voided, because its foundation is God’s enduring grace. Give praise and thanks to God!

4 Remember in prayer those who have been impacted by recent tropical storms and hurricanes, that they might find relief, assistance and hope in the support provided by neighbors, faith communities, synods and relief agencies, including Lutheran Disaster Response. Ask God to strengthen our resilience and wisdom to meet the mounting challenges of natural disasters and climate change.

5 Pray that we will take to heart and respond to the same instructions Jesus gave to his disciples: to care for our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger and illness and to bless those who commit their lives to caring for others, pursuing justice and making peace.

6 Pray for outdoor ministry professionals, staff and board members as they gather for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry conference in Lake Geneva, Wis. Ask God to bless their time together for worship, renewal, networking and enhancing their skills.

7 *Election Day* Ask the Spirit to help us exercise concern for our neighbor, the well-being of communities, and racial, gender and economic justice as we discern whom to elect as our leaders and public servants. Give thanks for ELCAvotes, an initiative to help us citizens and people of faith understand our role in promoting dignity and respect for all.

8 Remember in prayer foster families and programs that provide transitional and long-term homes and care for infants, children and youth. Ask the Spirit to inspire people to consider becoming foster parents, and give thanks for foster care services provided by member organizations of Lutheran Services in America.

9 Pray for the leaders of our church as they gather for the ELCA Church Council, that the Spirit will guide their deliberations and decisions to further our mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbors and growing the church.

10 Give thanks and praise to God, creator of diverse, abundant creatures in the seas and oceans that feed the hungry, inspire awe, reveal secrets that lead to medical discoveries and keep aquatic ecosystems healthy and thriving.

11 *Veterans Day* Remember and give thanks for those who have served our country in times of peace and conflict — here and around the world. Pray that they will never be forgotten or taken for granted.

12 We all want to know what the kingdom of heaven is like and when Jesus will come again. Express your trust that Jesus Christ has made a place for us in the kingdom of God, and pray that the Spirit will focus us on doing God’s work in the world now, as we look forward with gratitude to life eternal.

13 Give thanks for ELCA Campus Ministry and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), which bear witness to God’s grace through worship, study, fellowship and service with students, faculty, staff and others at 230 college and university campuses across the country.

14 Pray for youth and family ministry leaders in our congregations, and promise to express appreciation, support and encouragement for their work of faith

formation and caring for young people and their parents.

15 Give thanks to God for the comfort of knowing that we, and those who have gone before us, will one day be gathered together in the kingdom of God — forever.

16 “O God, to you I cry in pain when sickness makes me weak, when mind and body out of tune bring fears I cannot speak” (ACS 1021). We are never alone in times of distress. Praise God for being attentive to us through caring neighbors and siblings in Christ, especially when we find it difficult to express our infirmities and suffering.

17 Pray for the 800-plus rostered ministers who have responded to God’s call to provide specialized pastoral care in ministries across the ELCA and in our communities, including hospice, counseling, corrections, long-term care, and police and fire chaplaincy.

18 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. 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.

19 Thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, who guides our understanding of generosity, for the sake of the world and our neighbors at the margins of society.

20 Pray for the success of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service’s Preferred Refugee Employer Program, which helps employers offer support and services of particular benefit to the refugees in their communities.

21 Pray for youth, parents, youth leaders and congregations registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Ask the Spirit to stir their enthusiasm, guide their preparation for their experience in New Orleans, and help those who are discerning whether to participate.

22 Pray that our acts of generosity will come from a place of gratefulness to God and concern for our

neighbor and will “produce thanksgiving to God through us” (2 Corinthians 9:11).

23 Thanksgiving Day “We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering” (ELW 692). Pray that we will see every aspect of our life as an offering for the sake of our neighbor and the well-being of the world — an expression of thanksgiving for the blessings and resources that God has generously given to us.

24 Native American Heritage Day Praise God for the rich and diverse legacies of Native American neighbors and siblings in Christ. Give thanks for the continuing influence of Indigenous cultures, traditions, spirituality, arts and concepts of community.

25 Remember in prayer neighbors and siblings in Christ who are without safety, shelter, food or basic social services. Promise to be tireless, creative and respectful in providing immediate and long-term care for those who are homeless, and in boldly advocating for just laws that yield appropriate and truly affordable housing.

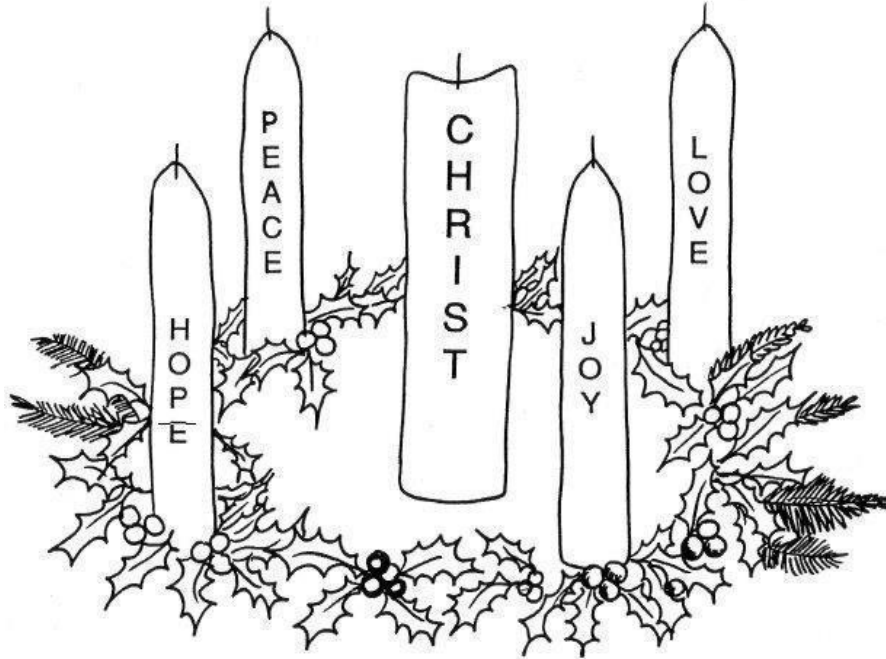
26 Pray that our concern, empathy and service for the well-being of our neighbors in need will be bold and boundless, especially when we are pressured to serve only select groups.

27 Remember in prayer pastors and their families, and pray that we will demonstrate our concern for their well-being and renewal through ongoing encouragement, support, affirmation and guidance.

28 Pray that our daily lives will reflect joy and thanksgiving to God, our maker and the rock of our salvation.

29 The suffering and devastation mount with every day the Russia-Ukraine War continues. Pray for an end to the war, and that our allies will remain steadfast in valuing and pursuing peace, justice and recovery for Ukraine.

30 Andrew, the Apostle Andrew, a humble fisherman, was the first person to respond to Jesus’ invitation to set everything aside and follow him. Pray that we too will answer the call to learn, to serve and to spread the gospel with our unique gifts.



ADVENT BRUNCH

POTLUCK

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

Coffee, Orange Juice and Milk provided

NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	2	3	4
5 All Saints Sunday New Member Sunday 9:00 Worship	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	8 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	9 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Holy Baptism 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study	15 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	22 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	23 	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28 Pastor's Day Off 1:30 Pastor's Text Study (Tent.)	29 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	30	Dec. 1	2