

**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**

# *January 2024 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church*



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## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

January 2023 – Baptism of Our Lord and the Season of Epiphany

### **Baptism of Our Lord**

“Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark’s gospel and the story of Acts make clear that it is the Spirit’s movement that distinguishes Jesus’ baptism from John’s. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God’s beloved children and setting us on Jesus’ mission to re-create the world in the image of God’s vision of justice and peace.” (*Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2024, Augsburg Fortress*)

#### **Sunday, January 7 – Baptism of Our Lord**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:107
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11: Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

### **Time after Epiphany**

“A primary theme throughout this season is calling. God calls Samuel, Jonah, and a prophet to follow Moses. Jesus calls Nathanael, Philip, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Peter’s mother-in-law. Beginning with remembering our own baptism as we commemorate Jesus’ baptism, we are promised that God is calling us too.” (*Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2024, Augsburg Fortress*)

#### **Sunday, January 14 – Epiphany 2**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-28; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 1:1-43: In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

#### **Sunday, January 21 – Epiphany 3**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28: Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

#### **Sunday, January 28 – Epiphany 4**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39: Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

**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](mailto:PastorBob@wwt.net).

**W/ELCA Meetings:** There will not be a meeting in January. Weather permitting, the next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 8, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**W/ELCA December Meeting Minutes:**

Wilson Lutheran Church

W/ELCA December meeting minutes

December 14, 2023

Opened with prayer

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM

4 present: Linda Rambo, Dean Rambo, Tracy Davis, Karen Esanbock

Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read with balance of \$565.89, approved.

**Old Business:**

- 2024 meeting schedule discussed. Motion by Tracy, second by Linda to NOT meet in January and July. Winter meetings TBD based on weather. Motion carried.
- Prayer Chain in progress.
- Advent Brunch was a success.

**New Business:**

- Pancake Supper, tentative date April 25, 2024
- Lent Suppers sign-up sheet will go up after Jan 1
- Discussed appropriate Christmas greetings and gifts from W/ELCA. Church photo cards with inserts will be sent to shut ins.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting February 8, 2024

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, secretary

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

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

- Two Member Families were served Thanksgiving Meals through the Woodville Legion.
- Real Poinsettias for the stand have been ordered, and so far there are 55 Virtual Christmas Poinsettias with proceeds going to the local Food Pantries.

- The Green Jug will continue to be out through Advent with proceeds going to ELCA Good Gifts Program.
- Mike shared information on three bids for the parking lot across the street which will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. Thank you to Mike for all the work put into getting the bids.
- The Sunday School Children will be assisting with the Christmas Eve Service.
- Pastor Bob will be taking a Medical Leave of Absence in the near future.
- Chuck Walz will be stepping down from his position as President of the Congregation.
- Mike ordered 8 Foot LED lights for the kitchen.
- After reviewing the proposed 2024 budget Barb Knopps made a motion to recommend the budget to the Congregation for approval at the annual meeting on January 28, second by David. Motion carried.

**Tuesday Community Supper:** First Reformed Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p. m. Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: Mac and Cheese, ham, raw vegetables with dip, and Christmas cookies 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. December contributions went to the Glenwood City Food Shelf. January 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. Please help our neighbors in need.

**JANUARY BLOOD DRIVE**

American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Zion Lutheran Church, 221 N. Lockwood St., Woodville on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Zion Lutheran Church in the search box.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Wilson Lutheran Church congregation will be held Sunday, January 28 immediately following worship. Council officers and trustees will be elected, the 2024 budget approved, and other matters of business will come up for discussion and action. Please place this important meeting on your calendar. A pot luck lunch will be served following the meeting.

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
January	Sue Timm	Tracy Davis	Esanbock Family (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	4 Sundays
February	Dean and Linda Rambo	Kathy Borton	Scott and Kathy Borton	4 Sundays Ash Wednesday

Please check the clipboards on the table in the narthex for other months still needing your help. 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 sheets in the narthex.

**ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE**

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
January			
	7	Brady	DeeAnn Rambo
	14	Lucie	Kathy Borton
	21	Owen	Janet Brandt
	28	Aran	Doug Faber
February			
	4	Brady	Ginny Overland
	11	Lucie	Darren Peterson
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14	Owen	Dean Rambo
	18	Aran	Jes Lamb
	25	Brady	Sherry Ellefson

**PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – January 2024**

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Jan 5	Kayden Stahl	Jan 14	Kamdyn Stahl	Jan 9	Scott & Kathy Borton
Jan 6	Doug Brandt	Jan 14	Kathy Borton	Jan 13	Ken & Pam Finder
Jan 10	Flossie Hughes	Jan 21	Chris Blegen		
Jan 13	Eric Eidem	Jan 23	Jill Menk		
Jan 13	Barb Kronholm	Jan 23	Jimmy Brandvold		
Jan 14	Vickie Glampe				

**JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN**

We are updating our Prayer Chain and welcome all who would like to be a part of this ministry of prayer support for people experiencing difficult times: hospitalization, surgery, illness, personal pain and loss, as well as prayers of thanksgiving during times of joy.

If you are interested in praying for friends who have requested prayer complete this form and place it in the offering plate, leave it on the table in the narthex, or give it to Pastor Bob. We'll contact you with further information after the prayer chain has been generated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email will be used to share general information about the program with the group.

If you are not available to answer your phone, do you prefer:

\_\_\_ A voice message.

\_\_\_ A call back.



### 2023 VIRTUAL POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Virtual Poinsettia this year. Your generosity resulted in 75 poinsettias filling the windows of the church building, and a \$150 donation to each of the Food Pantry's at Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley and Woodville.

A total of \$2,977 has been raised through the Virtual Poinsettia Program since it began in 2020. Your support of our neighbors in need is making a difference in these communities.

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There are so many people to thank for so many things this last couple of weeks. There's your love and support upon learning of the death of my wife and partner in life, Susan. I am so grateful for the cards, calls, messages, hugs (I love those hugs 😊), the bounty of food you've provide, and all your words of comfort and hope.

Before that, it was your care and concern upon learning of my cancer diagnosis. I know we're going to beat this thing together, cuz I'm not done here yet. Besides, there's a couple of you, and you know who you are, who need a little more work. 😂

But mostly. I'm just thankful for all of you, this Body of Christ that has so warmly welcomed Susan and myself into your family at Wilson. You have blessed us in so many ways that I simply don't have the words to thank you enough. You are, indeed, a special people. God bless you all. Pr. Bob and Susan

## 2023 Virtual Poinsettias

Given By	In Memory Of	In Honor of
Bob and Sue Dahm	Fred and Eva Warland Robert F and Vera Dahm Robin Messick Jeff Warland Ronald Dahm	
Barb Kronholm	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kronholm Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kronholm Jr. Mr. Edward Kronholm Mr. James O'Keefe Sr. Mr. James O'Keefe Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peterson Roger Kronholm	
Dean and Linda Rambo	Family Gone Before Us	Family and Friends Around Us
Scott and Kathy Borton	Parents and Grandparents	
Dave and Linda Powers	Richard and Judy Powers Marilyn Hoyt	
Lamb / Stahl Family	Chuck Lamb Alice Bennett Noah Lamb Don and Frances Gunderson Merton and Louise Lamb	
Jan Timm	Dennis (Denver) Timm Bob Larson	
John and Ginny Overland	Dale and Audrey Overland Melvin and Betty Dolalie	
Deb Tolvanen	Louis Tolvanen Timothy Monio Jr.	
Leslie Larson	Karen Larson Richard Larson	
Peggy Timm	Mark S Timm Cam Stasiek	
Rex and Janet Brandt	Ralph, Lucille and Roger Brandt Carl Hunt	
Vicki and Jerry Glampe	Bud, Arlis, Mark, Julie and Todd Timm Mary Overby Cam Stasiek Harry and Avis Glampe	
Doug and Mary Brandt	Frank and Fern Olsen Ralph and Lucille Brandt Roger Brandt John Olsen Ben and Mabel Christianson, Tom and Tom and Marjorie Wheeler	

Louanne Anderson	Gary and Rebecca	Mark Anderson, Lauren & Jamie, Gavin & Kaitly
Lamb Family	Thomas Kingston	
Tracy Davis	To the Glory of God	
The Esanbocks	Gordon Henrickson	Elin, Lane, Ty and Lily
The Thompson Family	Galen Thompson	
Dean and Sue Timm	Junior and Elaine Timm Brian and Beverly Kirby	
Mike and Sherry Ellefson	Erling Moldenhauer Lloyd Ellefson	Loved Ones
Dennis and Barb Blegen	Bud, Arlis, Mark, Todd and Julie Timm Cam Stasiak Henry, Mardell and Doug Blegen	
Nancy Cleveland	Ronald Cleveland	Pastor Bob & Susan Wilson Lutheran Church Karen Keck Shelby Crow
Barb Knopps	Herb Krueger Esther (Gerry) Krueger Lynn Lahti	
Flossie Hughes	Bob Hughes Hugh and Harriet Cardiff Arnie Cardiff	
Duane Nelson	Sharon Nelson	
Duane and Pat Butler	Our Parents	
Don and Junalee Hogenson	Ernest and Dorothy Moe Dale and Loreen Moe Donnalee Danovsky Arlene Dobbs Darlene Hogenson Henry and Mary Hogenson	
Dave and Linda Powers	Marilyn Hoyt Dick and Judy Powers	
Charles and Sharon Howell	Our Parents	
Darlene Dehkes	Bob Dehkes Don and Vera Baker	
Sharleen Finder	Family and Friends Beverly Danielson	
Jill Menk	Andy Menk Dad and Sharon Brunn	
Kerry and Jamie Wittmer and Kids	Bernice and Lester Jensen  Rochelle and John Painter Eugene Anderson Ann Jensen	



**Revised Common Lectionary**  
**Daily Readings – Year B**  
**January 2024**

Date	Day	Psalm	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
1	Monday	Psalm 8	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
2	Tuesday	Psalm 148	Proverbs 1:1-7	James 3:13-18	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 110	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 4:1-10	
4	Thursday	Psalm 110	Proverbs 3:1-12	James 4:11-17	
5	Friday	Psalm 110	Proverbs 22:1-9		Luke 6:27-31
6	Saturday <i>Epiphany</i>	Psalm 72:1-7;10-14	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
7	Sunday <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	Psalm 29	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
8	Monday	Psalm 69:1-5;30-36	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 4:1-12	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 69:1-5;30-36	Exodus 30:22-38	Acts 22:2-16	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 69:1-5;30-36	Isaiah 41:14-20		John 1:29-34
11	Thursday	Psalm 139:1-6;13-18	Judges 2:6-15	2 Corinthians 10:1-11	
12	Friday	Psalm 139:1-6;13-18	Judges 2:16-23	Acts 13:16-25	
13	Saturday	Psalm 139:1-6;13-18	1 Samuel 2:21-25		Matthew 25:1-13
14	Sunday	Psalm 139:1-6;13-18	1 Samuel 3:1-20	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
15	Monday	Psalm 86	1 Samuel 9:27-10:8	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 86	1 Samuel 15:10-31	Acts 5:1-11	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 86	Genesis 16:1-14		Luke 18:15-17
18	Thursday	Psalm 62:5-12	Jeremiah 19:1-15	Revelation 18:11-20	
19	Friday	Psalm 62:5-12	Jeremiah 20:7-13	2 Peter 3:1-7	
20	Saturday	Psalm 62:5-12	Jeremiah 20:14-18		Luke 10:13-16
21	Sunday	Psalm 62:5-12	Jonah 3:1-5,10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
22	Monday	Psalm 46	Genesis 12:1-9	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 46	Genesis 45:25 – 46:7	Acts 5:33-42	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 46	Proverbs 8:1-21		Mark 3:13-19a
25	Thursday	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 3:23-29	Romans 9:6-18	
26	Friday	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 12:28-32	Revelation 2:12-17	
27	Saturday	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 13:1-5		Matthew 8:29-9:1
28	Sunday	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
29	Monday	Psalm 35:1-10	Numbers 22:1-21	Acts 21:17-26	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 35:1-10	Numbers 22:22-28	1 Corinthians 7:32-40	
31	Wednesday	Psalm 35:1-10	Jeremiah 29:1-14		Mark 5:1-20

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**Prayer Ventures**  
**January 2024**

**1** Give thanks and praise to God, for we have been redeemed through the undeserved gift and sacrifice of Jesus Christ that liberates us from darkness, hopelessness and bondage to sin.

**2** Pray without ceasing for an end to the conflicts and humanitarian crises in the Middle East, Ukraine, South Sudan and other countries. Ask God to make us instruments of peace, reconciliation and justice in the world wherever there is turmoil and suffering. Pray for the vital work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service and other partners.

**3** "Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!" (Psalm 148:7-8). Pray for the Spirit to stir our sense of awe for all that God has created and for God's boundless love for humankind.

**4** *Human Trafficking Prevention Month* Pray that we will work together diligently to prevent sexual slavery, forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation, including online forms of trafficking. Pray for our communities of faith to be safe places of refuge, respect, care and support for victims and survivors of human trafficking, especially young people of all genders and gender identities.

**5** Give thanks that God leads us to the light and truth of Jesus Christ — God's Son, the promised Messiah — when we might wander aimlessly in despair, longing and chaos.

**6** Last year there were over 40,000 gun deaths in our country, including suicides (gunviolencearchive.org). Pray for an end to these senseless deaths and the resulting trauma, grief and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction and to renew our commitment to end gun violence.

**7** *Baptism of Our Lord* Let us give thanks for our baptisms, which marked us as loved and forgiven children of God and welcomed us to a life revitalized and guided by the Spirit. That same Spirit descended

upon Jesus during his baptism and accompanied him throughout his life on earth.

**8** Pray for the 340 new-start congregations and communities of faith under development in the United States and the Caribbean region, which welcome all God's people, share Christ's love and provide spiritual and physical sustenance.

**9** What would happen if we awoke and greeted each day with this prayer and invitation to God: "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth" (Psalm 25:4-5).

**10** Remember and give thanks for our siblings in Christ who have gone before us, and for those living among us today who help reveal the mysteries of God's grace and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

**11** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner since 1997. 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.

**12** Lift up prayers for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who suffer poverty and hunger, oppression and violence, and who are alone and without advocates. Pray that we will look to God to deepen our understanding of justice and peacemaking and to guide our relationships with our neighbors in need.

**13** Pray for the ELCA's Future Church: God's Love Made Real initiative, which aspires to a welcoming, thriving, connected, sustainable church and envisions a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

**14** Pray that we will respond daily to Jesus' invitation to follow him and will learn, serve our neighbors in need, share the gospel and invite others to experience God's love, forgiveness and truth in community.

**15** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Give thanks and praise for siblings in Christ, such as Martin Luther King Jr., who risk everything to proclaim God's love and concern for all, stress the inherent value of our neighbors as children of God and awaken us from indifference, inactivity and hesitation to do God's difficult work in the world.

**16** “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well” (Psalm 139:14). When we doubt ourselves and question our value, remember and give thanks that God created us and knows us inside out, including our quirks, gifts, needs, questions and complexities.

**17** Pray for youth and family ministry leaders and volunteers gathering for the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza 2024 in New Orleans, that the Spirit will renew their faith, affirm their gifts and equip them to surround young people with God’s grace and mercy.

**18** Ask God to renew and strengthen our resolve to end hunger and poverty and to address their root causes in our communities and the world. Promise to listen carefully to our neighbors in need so that we can work together to find appropriate, effective and sustainable solutions.

**19** When we are united with Christ, every aspect of our life and being — spiritual, physical and social — is impacted. Pray for the Spirit to help us stay faithful to the ways of God and the example of Christ and to reclaim us when we give undue value and attention to things that distract us.

**20** Remember in prayer individuals and families who are homeless. Pray for congregations, community ministries, social service organizations and local and state governments that are working to develop effective, creative and sustainable housing, shelter and care for our neighbors.

**21** Jesus Christ *is* the good news of God’s grace and mercy at the heart of our baptism and faith. Give thanks and praise God for this amazing promise and gift!

**22** Pray for Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders as they recruit young adult staff for summer ministries. Pray that young adults will respond to these leaders’ invitation to share their faith, gifts and leadership abilities with campers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**23** There’s a bit of Jonah in all of us when we question God’s wisdom and mercy and balk at doing what God asks of us. Promise to be attentive and responsive to God’s work and to trust that God’s boundless love and forgiveness are for all people, including ourselves.

**24** Give thanks for the ELCA Foundation, which helps us to fund God’s work in the world, now and well into the future.

**25** *Conversion of Paul* Give thanks for God’s presence in our lives and for the work of the Holy Spirit, which changes our lives and the world.

**26** Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse group of sisters in Christ who courageously proclaim the gospel, work for justice and healing, and serve all people.

**27** *Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith* Pray that when we share the story of God’s love and activity in the world, we will remember women in the Bible who professed their faith in God, served as leaders in the church, shared the good news of Jesus Christ and cared for neighbors in need.


**28** Praise God that Jesus was born human and knows what our life entails, and that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing the immeasurable power, love and mercy of our Creator.

**29** Remember in prayer those who serve in law enforcement in our communities and nation. Give thanks for the many ways they care for our well-being. Pray for their safety and ask the Spirit to nurture their wisdom, compassion and impartial judgment in the exercise of their responsibilities.

**30** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding” (Psalm 111:10). Give thanks that, in this verse, fear isn’t something negative, threatening or worrisome but instead means awe and respect for God and God’s ways, which enable us to practice wisdom, compassion and justice throughout life.

**31** Pray for leaders and organizations gathered at the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network Winter Meeting in Phoenix, that the Spirit will inspire and guide their work as they empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead their best lives in society, the church and the world.

# JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3 No Confirmation	4	5	6
7 <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion  <b>No Sunday School</b>	8 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>		10 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	11 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	12	13
14 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	15 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	16 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> 9:30 – St. Croix Conference	17 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion <b>Red Cedar Rousers</b>	22 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	23 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	24 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship <b>10:00 Annual Meeting/Potluck</b>	29 <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	30 <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  Pastor's Winter Theological Event – Luther Park	31 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation			