

**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**

## *April 2024 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church*



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## Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | Easter 2024

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That's where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It's so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He'd announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — *phobos*. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — *ekstasis*. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they've had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They've heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they're too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus' dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it's all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing's changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn't make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, *ekstasis* — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn't reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, *phobos*, phobia we get from that. But it's really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it's very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It's *ELW* 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we'll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.

## Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie *AN INCOMPLETE SENTENCE Mark 16:8*

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!*

The gospel of Mark begins with this verse, Mark 1:1, *The beginning of the good news<sup>1</sup> of Jesus Christ*. Then it ends with an incomplete sentence<sup>1</sup>. Mark's Easter Story ends with an incomplete sentence. What was the editor thinking? Where are the punctuation police when you need them?

Look at it for yourself. Mark 16:8 in Greek

καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου, εἶχεν ἰσὺ γὰρ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις· καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπαν, ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ



See, it ends with the word “gar” which can be translated “for or because.” Why did the writer of Mark end the gospel with the word “because?” Word-for-word the last part of the verse reads *to none nothing they spoke they were afraid because*

So just to be clear, the purpose of the gospel of Mark is to tell the good news of Jesus Christ and then it ends with an empty tomb and the only witnesses to it run away in fear saying nothing to anyone because...

It should be noted there is no punctuation in the original Greek and we can of course rearrange the English words and make a sentence, but still the incompleteness of the Greek sentence, abrupt ending and the incompleteness of story itself are telling.<sup>2</sup>

Matthew, Luke and John end their Easter story with Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. These gospels end with proof of the resurrection that others see with their own eyes and some even touch Jesus. Mark has no proof of the resurrection. He doesn't even finish his last sentence.

Mark 1 was intended to be just **the beginning** of the story of the good news of Jesus. It can't be completely recorded with paper and pen because it is still being written in the lives of the believers today. Friends, the story of Easter didn't end with the frightened women. If it did we wouldn't be here today. Some of Mark's Easter story will be written by your life, my life, our witness to the empty tomb and the transforming power of God love in our life. The rest of the story will be written by those who come after us and whose lives bear witness to God's power to transform death to life. We are proof of the resurrection. Our lives transformed by the power of God's love and forgiveness are proof that Jesus rose from the dead. We are writing new verses and chapters for Mark's gospel, so that the next generation will come to know and love Jesus and all generations will experience God's grace.

*Rev. Laurie Sta. Olson*

**Mark 16** *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid*

<sup>1</sup> McCoy and Fistler, Pulpit Fiction Podcast #540, Easter 2023

<sup>2</sup> Mark has two alternative endings (Mark 16:9-20) which many biblical scholars believe were added at a much later date by those who couldn't tolerate ending with an incomplete sentence!

<sup>3</sup> Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

April 2024 –Season of Easter

“An overarching theme of the Easter season is one of belonging. From Thomas still finding his place despite, or perhaps because of, his doubts, to our place in the sheepfold and on the vine, to the embrace of the Spirit, we are reminded repeatedly about our place in God’s family. Russian nesting dolls may be helpful in illustrating this theme.

Jesus is within God, and we are in turn within Jesus as he sheep, his fruit, his people. Just like those smaller dolls inside the larger doll, we are embraced and protected at every level. We are not just with Jesus but within Jesus, as much a part of him as he is of God. The security that knowledge brings can be a springboard for action in the world: sharing the good news, spreading the love of Jesus, and working for justice . . . Jesus does not ask us to be perfect but to abide in him and to bear fruit.” *Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2024, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis*

### **Sunday, April 7 – Easter 2**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31: The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

### **Sunday, April 14 – Easter 3**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48: In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

### **Sunday, April 21 – Easter 4**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18: In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

### **Sunday, April 28 – Easter 5**

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8: On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

## MISSION STATEMENT

GATHERED – RENEWED – SENT

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

**Pastor's Office Hours:** While Pastor Bob is spending time in the office during his medical leave, attending to the "administrative" stuff of the church, he is not available for emergency call. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, please contact one of the following pastors who have agreed to provide that coverage:

- Pastor Bob Friese – St. John's Lutheran Church, Sprint Valley
  - 715-778-5935 (Church)
  - 715-308-1681 (Cell)
- Pastor Ben Nelson – Zion Lutheran Church, Woodville
  - 715-698-2707 (Church)
- Pastor Stephen Hilding – Christ Lutheran Church, Menomonie
  - 715-222-2475 (Cell)
- Pastor Paul Backstrom – Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Baldwin
  - 715-684-2984 (Church)
  - 952-905-0601 (Cell)
- Pastor Jonathan – Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Glenwood City
  - 715-265-4411 (Church)
  - 651-247-2826 (Cell)

**W/ELCA Meetings:** Weather permitting, the next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 11, beginning with Bible Study at study at 9:30 a.m. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### Wilson Lutheran Church W/ELCA March meeting minutes March 14, 2024

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 1050 followed by a word of prayer.

9 Members present, Louann Anderson, Linda Rambo, Kathy Borton, Ginny Overland, Tracy Davis, Janet Brandt, Sharon Bowell, Mary Brandt and Karen Esanbock

Secretary's report read, motion by Louann and second by Sharon to approve, approved  
Treasurer's report read with ending balance of \$493.46, motion by Linda, second by Janet to approve, approved

Old Business:

1. Care cards will be written and addressed after service on the 17th. Linda has a list. Sharon bought Easter cards at Walmart. Karen will bring inspirational insert cards.
2. Linda gave a report on the work day held on Feb 22. 4 members attended and accomplished a lot. 4 quilts were tied. Donations gathered and dispersed- St Croix Family Resource Center: 12 receiving blankets and 16 baby quilts. Treasures: 10 receiving blankets. Hope Gospel in Menomonie 26 infant sweaters and tops, 2 lap quilts, lg box of sheets, pillow cases, blankets and a large box of a variety of fabrics. Dunn County Humane Shelter 3 small blankets. We also discussed when to continue with

workdays, probably August. Will put notice in the bulletin prior to. Decided to call the workday WOW-Women of Wilson.

3. Mary reported the prayer chain has been updated. She will add two more names that have come forth.
4. Pancake Supper. April 25 4:30-7:00pm. Discussed supplies needed, adjusted numbers of each item according to what was used last year. Mary will revise flyers and Janet will pursue the advertising following what was done last year. Inventory of paper, serving items needed was taken. Sharon will pursue a Thrivent card to cover expenses. Karen will revise sign-up sheets to reflect needed changes.

#### New Business

None brought forth

Motion by Mary, second by Janet to adjourn.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, secretary

#### **Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – March 14, 2024**

- Pastor Bob gave his report from the last council meeting (see attachment). Pastor gave an update on his health.
- Deadline for Virtual Easter Lilies was extended Palm Sunday. Cost is \$10.00 each again this year, with proceeds going to the local food pantries.
- Reminder that installation date for council officers and members will be April 14.
- Wilson Lutheran to fund Luther Point Bible Camp for one or two students that have expressed desire to attend.
- Lenten Service offering proceeds to be donated to Spring Valley Cancer Center (SVCC).
- Pest Control service to continue through Midwest.
- Pancake Supper and bake sale will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM – 7 PM. Proceeds will be donated to the parking lot project.

**Tuesday Community Supper:** St. Mary's Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: Chicken Alfredo, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert Bar. Please come and bring a friend!

The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran, 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. March contributions went to the Woodville. April contributions are going to Baldwin. We continue to hear about the increase in the number of families using food shelf programs. Plus the elimination of federal food share programs has impacted our senior citizens and those with disabilities, which means local food shelves are in even greater need of our support. Please remember our neighbors in need. Your contributions to the food pantry box in the narthex are making a real-world difference in the lives of others.

**Wednesday Evening Lent Offering:** Council has committed our Wednesday evening Lent offering to the Spring Valley Community Cancer fund. Our total offering of \$865 this year will be donated to SVCCF to provide support for those experiencing a cancer diagnosis and treatment, and in need of financial support for travel and other costs. Thank you for your generosity to this most worthwhile community group.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	Time	EVENT
March 28	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
March 31	9:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship
April 25	4:30 to 7:00 pm	Pancake Super and Bake Sale

### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
April	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays: Traci Davis 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays: Sue Timm	Peggy Timm	Barb Knopps and Becca Stoltman	4 Sundays
May	Traci Davis and Ginny Overland	Volunteer	<b>HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP</b>	4 Sundays

**Please check the clipboards on the table in the narthex for 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
April			
	7	Lucie	Becca Stoltman
	14	Owen	Owen Hauge
	21	Aran	Ginny Overland
	28	Brady	Kathy Borton
Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
May			
	5	Lucie	Dean Rambo
	12	Owen	DeeAnn Rambo
<i>Day of Pentecost</i>	19	Aran	Don Hogenson
<i>Holy Trinity</i>	26	Brady	Linda Powers

### PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Apr 2	Judy Johnson	Apr 20	Sarah Blegen	Apr 15	Keenan & Becky Stahl
Apr 3	Darren Peterson	Apr 24	Sue Faber	Apr 21	Andy & Jes Lamb
Apr 4	Jordan Lamb	Apr 24	Nicole Lamb	Apr 24	Dean & Linda Rambo
Apr 7	Kinsley Blegen	Apr 27	Sawyer Pomasl	Apr 28	Dean & Sue Timm
Apr 13	Peggy Timm	Apr 27	Cody Pomasl		
Apr 17	Briana Lund				

**Vanco (GivePlus) Online Program:** Want an easy way to make your weekly offering? The Vanco GivePlus Online Giving Program allows you to set up your regular offerings for “auto-pay”, eliminating the need to write a check each week. Special one-time donations are an additional option. Contributions may be made to the General, Benevolence, Memorial, or Building Funds. Gifts to the Memorial and Building Funds may be designated for specific projects, such as the parking lot resurfacing. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover are accepted, or you can contribute using your financial institution's debit card, checking or savings account. To set up your GivePlus account, visit our Web site at [www.wilsonlutheran.org](http://www.wilsonlutheran.org) and click the “Give Online” link in the menu bar near the top of the Home page. Contact Pastor Bob if you need help.

**Virtual Easter Lilies:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Virtual Easter Lily Program. Your generosity resulted in a total of **68 Easter Lilies purchased, and a donation of \$136 to each of the five food pantries:** Baldwin, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Spring Valley and Woodville.

**EARTHFEST 2024:** Join us at this FREE community celebration of our past, present, and future sustainability efforts in River Falls and the surrounding area. This family-friendly event includes live music, fun family activities, food sampling, a sustainability and wellness fair, free giveaways, and more. ALL ARE WELCOME to come together as a community and enjoy nature!

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024  
Time: 12-4 p.m. (Featured speaker  
Paul Douglas 11a.m.-12 p.m.)  
Place: UWRF University Center, River Falls

Paul Douglas will present “A Climate of Change: From Words to Actions.” Douglas is a meteorologist with 45 years of television and radio experience. He has authored four books, including his most recent, A Kid’s Guide to Saving the Planet. Douglas is a religious conservative who began as a climate skeptic. Now he sees climate change as a moral and spiritual obligation for faith communities to care for our planet Earth. “It’s not hopeless and we’re not helpless!” Paul Douglas. Free at UWRF University Center.

### PASTOR’S UPDATE

It’s almost over. By the time you read this my last chemo treatment will have been the 27<sup>th</sup>, and I’ll be well into the “after effects mode”, mostly extreme fatigue and persistent hiccups – at least that’s the way it’s been up to this point. The next step is to take some pictures of my lungs and see what effect all this has had on the cancer. If all goes according to plan, I’ll begin a year-long regimen of immune therapy (an infusion every two weeks). My understanding is the intent of that is to hold whatever cancer may remain at bay.

My plan is to be back in the pulpit (WARNING!!! 😊) for the April 7 service, but I’ll have to see how bad the last treatment kicks me. All this is cumulative, so . . . Plus, I’m told I may be moving a little more slowly than normal as the chemo works its way through and out of my system. So, please bear with me if I’m not as readily available as I’d like to be. Afternoon naps may become a regular thing for a while.

Lastly, but most importantly, I am so grateful for all the support I’ve received from you these last weeks. The phone calls, cards, messages, it’s all been really uplifting. I’ve said it many times, but I’ll say (OK, write) it again – I am so blessed to serve such a wonderful family of God’s people. You truly are special. Thank you for all ways you’ve reached out to me.



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

**1** “We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day” (attributed to Martin Luther, 1483-1546). Pray that we might never grow weary of hearing the story of Easter or experiencing God’s love and mercy for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.

**2** *Arab American Heritage Month* Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, cultures, heritages, ethnic values and stories of our Arab and Middle Eastern neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless and further the work, witness and advocacy of Arab and Middle Eastern congregations and ministries, of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries, and of the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.

**3** Ask God to help us see the presence and influence of Jesus in our daily lives, our relationships and our conversations with neighbors, co-workers and siblings in Christ.

**4** Pray for the people of Haiti, who have suffered multiple natural disasters in recent years and are now experiencing civil and political unrest and violence.

**5** Lift up praise and thanksgiving to God, celebrating God’s promise of love, forgiveness and eternal life. “This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Isaiah 25:9).

**6** Pray for the ministry of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and give thanks for its 80 years of work supporting and empowering immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees as they rebuild their lives in the United States.

**7** Thomas wasn’t sure what to believe when the risen Jesus mysteriously appeared to him and the other disciples, but Jesus met his skepticism with love and understanding. Give thanks for God’s patience with us when we grapple with the mysteries of our faith, and for the Spirit having revealed truth to us through Scripture, prayer, reflection and our siblings in Christ.

**8** Pray that the leaders of Russia and Ukraine and of Israel and Palestine will commit to their respective cease-fires and meet face-to-face to resolve their

conflicts and create peaceful ways forward, ending the widespread human suffering and destruction that have impacted generations of their people.

**9** *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)* Remember and give thanks to God for people throughout history, such as Bonhoeffer, who are driven by their faith and convictions to stand against injustice, evil and violence toward others, even in the face of personal threats and death. Ask God for the courage and boldness to act when our neighbors are threatened or treated unjustly.

**10** “Everything they owned was held in common ... and it was distributed to each as any had need” (Acts 4:32-35). Ask the Spirit to stir our generosity and nurture our unwavering concern for the well-being of our neighbor so that we might share our assets with those in need and foster concerned communities.

**11** Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire the leaders of our church gathered for the ELCA Church Council in Chicago, that they will work together to guide, strengthen and grow the church; respond to new challenges; affirm God’s call for us to serve our neighbors; and encourage people of all ages to bear the gospel into the world.

**12** Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including volunteers, longtime staff, Young Adults in Global Mission, and seminary students serving as Horizon International interns. Give thanks for their faithful service and the gifts and talents they bring to their work alongside our global companions.

**13** We live in a world that pits different groups of people against each other, causing inequity and anguish. Ask the Spirit to transform our fear and prejudice into compassion, kindness, empathy and respect — qualities that strengthen our relationships with each other and affirm the goodness of God’s creation. “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

**14** Thank God for the Scripture, sacraments, hymns and liturgical art that reveal our redemption and freedom through Jesus Christ.

**15** “Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18). Praise God for ELCA World Hunger’s 50 years of action to end hunger, bring relief to those who suffer, develop sustainable solutions to

hunger and raise awareness of the needs of our neighbors — here and around the world. Pray that we might exercise generosity, wisdom and perseverance to meet the challenges of ending hunger.

**16** Ask God for the openness to reflect on our nation's history of injustice and inequality and for the courage and humility to overcome racial, religious and gender bias.

**17** Give thanks that we can live in the joy of being God's children and that, though we may not understand completely what that means, it will be fully revealed to us someday.

**18** Praise God for the lengthening daylight of spring, which stirs new life and reminds us of the light God brings into the world through the gift of Jesus Christ.

**19** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana and Western Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**20** Remember in prayer our ministry in Africa through ELCA Global Mission, which works alongside Lutheran churches and agencies in 24 African countries and supports the work of the Lutheran World Federation's Department for World Service.

**21** Jesus, our good and loving shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep. Give thanks and praise to God!

**22** Remember in prayer our neighbors and siblings in Christ whose vocations pull them away from their family, friends, congregation and community. Pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain their faith and spirit and that we will express our connection with them as they come and go.

**23** To whom do we turn when we are tired or unsure of our path in life? Praise God, who stays by our side through every twist and turn.

**24** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the

church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**25** Give thanks for the numerous volunteers from across the country who are training to help youth and their adult leaders at the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans.

**26** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Alaska Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**27** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Minnesota and Virginia synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**28** "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1 John 4:20). Give thanks that God loved us first, so that we might know unconditional love and mercy and pass them along to all our neighbors.

**29** "To the servant of God ... every place is the right place, and every time is the right time" (Catherine of Siena, theologian, 1347-1380). Pray for the wisdom to see every moment of every day as an opportunity to honor God through loving, serving and honoring our neighbors in need.

**30** Thank God for the gift of baptism, which affirms our faith, washes us clean with God's love and forgiveness, welcomes us to the vast community of siblings in Christ and grants us a new life of service and sharing the gospel wherever we go.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
1	Monday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Genesis 1:1-19	1 Corinthians 15:35-49	
2	Tuesday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Genesis 1:20-2:4a	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Song of Solomon 3:1-11		Mark 16:1-8
4	Thursday	Psalm 133	Daniel 1:1-21	Acts 2:42-47	
5	Friday	Psalm 133	Daniel 2:1-23	Acts 4:23-31	
6	Saturday	Psalm 133	Daniel 2:24-49		John 12:44-50
7	Sunday	Psalm 133	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:2-2	John 20:19-31
8	Monday	Psalm 135	Daniel 3:1-30	1 John 2:3-11	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 135	Daniel 6:1-28	1 John 2:12-17	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 135	Isaiah 26:1-15		Mark 12:18-27
11	Thursday	Psalm 4	Daniel 9:1-19	1 John 2:18-25	
12	Friday	Psalm 4	Daniel 10:2-19	1 John 2:26-28	
13	Saturday	Psalm 4	Acts 3:1-10		Luke 22:24-30
14	Sunday	Psalm 4	Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
15	Monday	Psalm 150	Jeremiah 30:1-11a	1 John 3:10-16	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 150	Hosea 5:15-6:6	2 John 1-6	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 150	Proverbs 9:1-6		Mark 16:9-18
18	Thursday	Psalm 23	Genesis 30:25-43	Acts 3:17-26	
19	Friday	Psalm 23	Genesis 46:28 – 47:6	Acts 4:1-4	
20	Saturday	Psalm 23	Genesis 48:8-19		Mark 6:30-34
21	Sunday	Psalm 23	Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
22	Monday	Psalm 95	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Peter 5:1-5	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 95	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	Revelation 7:13-17	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 95	Micah 7:8-20		Mark 14:26-31
25	Thursday	Psalm 22:25-31	Amos 8:1-7	Acts 8:1b-8	
26	Friday	Psalm 22:25-31	Amos 8:11-13	Acts 8:9-25	
27	Saturday	Psalm 22:25-31	Amos 9:7-15		Mark 4:30-32
28	Sunday	Psalm 22:25-31	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
29	Monday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18	

Wilson Lutheran Church

# **PANCAKE SUPPER**

**AND**

# **BAKE SALE**

Thursday, April 25  
4:30 to 7:00 PM

Pancakes with real  
Maple Syrup!  
Applesauce,  
Sausage, Cheese



**FREE WILL OFFERING**

401 – 310<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilson

**Wilson Lutheran Church  
2024 Virtual Easter Lily Gifts**

<b>From:</b>	<b>In Memory of:</b>
Mary Timm	Rodney Timm
	Emil & Evelyn Timm
Dean & Sue Timm	Junior & Elaine Timm
	Brian & Beverly Kirby
Lamb Family	Chuck Lamb
Barb Kronholm	Roger Kronholm
Esanbock Family	Olive Ellen Mulhullon
Bob Dahm	Sue Dahm
	Ron Dahm
	Jeff Warland
	Robin Messick
	Fred & Eva Warland
	Robert F & Vera Dahm
Duane & Pat Butler	Richard C. Butler
	Louise Butler Pinch
	Clarence & Helen Jacobson
Louanne Anderson	Susan Dahm
Mike & Sherry Ellefson	Erling Moldenhauer
	Lloyd Ellefson
Vickie & Jerry Glampe	Arlys, Bud, Mark, Julie & Todd Timm
	Avis & Harry Glampe, Mary Overby, Cam Stasiek, Susan Dahm
Jill Menk	Andy Menk
	Dad & Sharon Brunn
	Helen Brunn
Rev. Doug & Mary Brandt	Ralph & Lucille Brandt
	Frank & Fern Olsen
	John Olsen, Roger Brandt
	Mabel & Ben Christianson, Marjorie & Tom Wheeler
Rex & Janet Brandt	Carl Hunt
	Ralph & Lucille Brandt
	Roger Brandt
Darlene Dehkes	Bob Dehkes
	Don & Vera Baker
John & Ginny Overland	Our Parents
Dave & Linda Powers	Dick & Judy Powers
	Marilyn Hoyt
DeeAnn Rambo	Lyle & Clarice Laehe
	Lillian & Eivind Rambo
Jim, Sandy, Jeramiah, Eli Speilman	Maynard Eitland
	Avis Eitland
	Dale Speilman
Deb Tolvanen	Louis Tolvanen

	Timothy Monio Jr
Gerald & Travis Finder	Mae J Finder
	Charlotte Finder
	Duke Finder
	Gordon Finder
Sharleen Finder	Friends & Relatives
Barb Knopps	Herb & Esther Krueger
	Lynn Lahti
Leslie Larson	Karen Larson
	Richie Larson
The Thompson Family	Galen Thompson
Peggy Timm	Mark S Timm
	Cam K Stasiak
	Larry C Wyss
Charlie & Sue Ross	Bob & Bette Brandvold
Barb Kronholm	Andrew & Veronica Kronholm
	Edward Kronholm
	Andrew & Connie Kronholm
	Joe & Irene Peterson
	James H O'Keefe
	James G O'Keefe
Duane Nelson	Sharon Nelson
Don & Junalee Hogenson	Our Parents
	Henry & Mary Hogenson
	Ernest & Dorothy Moe
	Arlene Dobbs
	Dorothy Hogenson
	Donalee Donovan
	Dale & Loreen Moe
Flossie Hughes	Bob Hughes
	Hugh & Harriet Cardiff
	Arnie Cardiff
<b>From:</b>	<b>In Honor of:</b>
Dennis & Barb Blegen	Pastor Bob Dahm
Esanbock Family	Elin, Lane, Ty, & Lily
Scott and Kathy Borton	Grandson Evan's Confirmation
	Grandson Jack's First Communion
Lola & Steve Slottevig	Scott & Carolyn Scjmidt
	Jeff Pickerign

**Thank you to everyone who contributed Easter Lilies to support our area food shelves and our neighbors in need.**

# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	8	9 9:30 – St. Croix Conference Meeting	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 Council Installation Easton Kerr Baptism 10:00 Sunday School	15	16	17 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	22	23	24 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	25 <b>4:30 TO 7:00 PM</b> <b>Pancake Supper and Bake Sale</b> 	26	27
28 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	29	30	May 1 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	2	3	4