

Wilson Lutheran Church
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Mission Statement
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We are:
Gathered by the Spirit.
Renewed by the Word.
Sent to Serve

May 2024 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

May 2024 –Season of Easter / Pentecost Day

Sunday, May 5 – Easter 5

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 6=5:1-6
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17: *On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

Sunday, May 12 – Easter 6

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 212-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 17:16-19: *In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

Pentecost Day

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Day

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Red
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 15:2-27,16:4b-15: *While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

Holy Trinity

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Sunday, May 26 – Holy Trinity

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: White
- ❖ Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:15-17
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17: *Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

MISSION STATEMENT

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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 612-270-3838 (cell), or by email at PastorBob@wwt.net. (Note: The old Menomonie phone number, 715-235-4900, is no longer in service.)

W/ELCA Meetings: Weather permitting, the next regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 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
April 11, 2024**

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 1100, opened with prayer.

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

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

Treasurer's report read with balance of \$470.81. Motion by Louanne, second by Mary to approve. Approved.

Old Business:

- Prayer Chain. Mary will make updates needed. Clarification of process discussed. Mary will put a standing announcement in the bulletin for members regarding how to access the prayer chain.
- Susan's Blessings: later this spring we will do an inventory of what's been donated, plan to assemble in the fall.
- Pancake Supper: Reviewed needed supplies. Items to be ordered and items that have been procured. Janet reported advertising underway. Discussed tables that will be needed for bake sale. Reviewed job assignments and volunteers.
- Tracy has the Thrivent card and will use it for items needed. Shirts are here and will be available Sunday for volunteers to pick up.
- Plan for initial set up by W/ELCA members at 1:30. Reviewed tasks that will need to be done by volunteers coming for set up.

No New Business

Next meeting May 9, 2024

Motion made by Ginny Second by Sharon to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1140

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, secretary

Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – April 11, 2024

- Pastor Bob gave his report from the last council meeting (see attachment). Pastor Bob gave an update on his health. Pastor Bob reported he met with Becky and Kirsten to thank them for leading worship services during his medical treatment. He also thanked Pastor Doug and Pastor Rex for their time spent during Lent. Pastor Bob states he is back now for confirmation classes and Bible study. He will lead worship again beginning this Sunday, April 14.
- Installation of Council members will be held April 14 during worship.
- Ginny Overland and Kathy Borton have agreed to be on the nominating committee.
- Repair of the blacktop is scheduled for the first or second week of May.
- After Pentecost the Green Jug will be put out for donations toward repair of the parking lot.
- ELCA World Hunger Initiative 50th Anniversary is this year. Pastor would like the congregation to participate. A financial donation will be sent.
- Discussion held regarding condition of the doors on the front of the church.
- A copy of the Alter Care booklet was reviewed.

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.

Tuesday Community Supper: First Reformed Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 pm Tuesday, May 7 in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The menu is: BBQ's Coleslaw, Potato Chips and Cake. Please come and bring a friend!

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.

THRIFT, PLANT, QUILT AND BAKE SALE

Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) is holding its annual Thrift, Plant, Quilt and Bake Sale, Friday and Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. CLC is located and 1306 Wilcox Street, the church with the purple doors in North Menomonie.

FREE DIAPERS

Are you aware of anyone who might be struggling to afford clean diapers for their children? United Way of Saint Croix County may be able to help. Call for text (715) 3245-1593 or email:

betsy.byker@unitedwaystcroix.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Zion Lutheran Church, 221 N. Lockwood St., Woodville on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. 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.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
May	Traci Davis and Ginny Overland	Volunteer	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	4 Sundays
June	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	Linda Powers	Doug Faber	5 Sundays
July	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	Volunteer	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	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
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
June			
	2	Lucie	Tracy Davis
	9	Owen	Barb Knopps
	16	Aran	Doug Faber
	23	Brady	Dean Rambo
	30	Lucie	Ginny Overland
July			
	7	Owen	Janet Brandt
	14	Aran	Rex Brandt
	21	Brady	Kathy Borton
	28	Lucie	Sherry Ellefson

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
May 1	Brandon Gray	May 16	Jennifer Eidem	May 2	Don & Sharon Spielman
May 3	Craig Wyss	May 17	Ben Lamb	May 15	Don & Junalee Hogenson
May 5	Gerald Glampe	May 18	Dustin Timm	May 16	Kerry & Jaime Wittmer
May 8	Mona Finder	May 21	Janet Brandt	May 22	John & Virginia Overland
May 9	Rosemary Cretney	May 23	Lillian Husby		
May 11	Heidi Peterson	May 23	Michelle Larson		
May 11	Emma Lamb	May 28	Barbara Blegen		
May 13	Harper Timm	May 30	Carla Anderson		
May 14	Jean Witter	May 30	Trigg Timm		
May 14	Doug Faber				

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
May 12	Prayer Shawl Blessing
May 12	Mother's Day Celebration
May 19	Graduate Sunday

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 and click the “Give Online” link in the menu bar near the top of the Home page. Contact Pastor Bob if you need help.

THANK YOU

Thanks you so very much for the monetary gift (Virtual Easter Lilies) you recently gave to West CAP’s Food Pantry. We are very thankful for your support and generosity during these times of struggles that many of our local community members are facing. Your support helps to ensure we can provide perishable foods as well as personal care products as needed for our participants.

Thanks for helping to make a difference and I wish each and every one of your congregation members a safe a healthy spring. Warm Regards, Melissa Larson



MAY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		01 1PM Bingo	02 2PM Bird Watching Presentation	03 9:30AM Strong Bodies
06 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	07 9:30AM Strong Bodies	08 1PM Craft Day	09	10 9:30AM Strong Bodies
13	14 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Café	15 1PM "Senior Prom" Dance	16	17 9:30AM Strong Bodies
20 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	21 9:30AM Strong Bodies 12:30PM Music at Valley Villas	22 2PM Monthly Birthday Celebration	23	24 9:30AM Strong Bodies
27 Office closed for Memorial Day	28 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Café	29 1PM Game Day	30	31 9:30AM Strong Bodies

For more information, to schedule services or to RSVP, call 715-778-5800!

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year B
May 2024

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Wednesday	Psalm 80	Isaiah 65:17-25		John 14:18-31
2	Thursday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34	
3	Friday	Psalm 98	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43	
4	Saturday	Psalm 98	Deuteronomy 32:44-47		Mark 10:42-45
5	Sunday	Psalm 98	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
6	Monday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12	
7	Tuesday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16	
8	Wednesday	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:18-21		Mark 16:19-20
9	Thursday <i>Ascension</i>	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
10	Friday	Psalm 47	Exodus 24:15-18	Revelation 1:9-18	
11	Saturday	Psalm 47	Deuteronomy 34:1-7		John 16:4-11
12	Sunday	Psalm 1	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
13	Monday	Psalm 115	Exodus 28:29-38	Philippians 1:3-11	
14	Tuesday	Psalm 115	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9	
15	Wednesday	Psalm 115	Ezra 9:5-15		John 16:16-24
16	Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	
17	Friday	Psalm 33:12-22	Job 37:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	
18	Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 15:6-11		John 7:37-39
19	Sunday <i>Pentecost Day</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
20	Monday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	
21	Tuesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	
22	Wednesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 37:1-14		John 20:19-23
23	Thursday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Romans 8:1-8	
24	Friday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11	
25	Saturday	Psalm 29	Isaiah 5:15-24		John 15:18-20, 26-27
26	Sunday <i>Holy Trinity</i>	Psalm 29	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
27	Monday	Psalm 20	Numbers 9:15-23	Revelation 4:1-8	
28	Tuesday	Psalm 20	Exodus 25:1-22	1 Corinthians 2:1-10	
29	Wednesday	Psalm 20	Numbers 6:22-27		Mark 4:21-25
30	Thursday	Psalm 81:1-10	Exodus 31:12-18	Acts 25:1-12	
31	Friday	Psalm 81:1-10	Leviticus 23:1-8	Romans 8:31-29	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
May 2024

1 *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

Give thanks for our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ, and for their cultures, languages and contributions to our nation and church. Pray for the well-being of Asian and Pacific Islander congregations and ministries of the ELCA as well as the work of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

2 *National Day of Prayer* Join with our siblings in Christ in praying for the well-being of the church, our neighbors in need and the leaders of our communities and nation. Ask God to help us resolve the problems and issues that keep us from thriving in unity.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Arkansas-Oklahoma and Southwestern Texas 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.

4 Pray for congregational young-adult ministries, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Abide small-group ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Lutheran Campus Ministry Network, Lutheran outdoor ministries and long-term volunteer service organizations. Ask God to bless leaders who serve young adults as they seek community, strengthen their faith, find opportunities to serve, and discern their gifts and vocations.

5 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). These words, spoken by Jesus to his followers, seem simple and unambiguous, yet we respond with resistance and stipulations. Pray that we might turn to the word of God and the example of Jesus to see the power of humility and fearless, unconstrained love.

6 *National Nurses Week* Pray for faith community nurses, who nurture and care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — and promote wellness in Lutheran congregations, ministries and agencies; other denominations; and our communities. Give thanks for the ministry of the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association, which promotes health and well-being in faith communities and supports nurses serving in a variety of roles across the country.

7 Pray that our love for God will move us to seek God’s ways, wisdom and Commandments, which exist for the benefit of all humanity.

8 Give thanks for the creative gifts of church musicians and music ministry leaders, who enrich the worship experience in our congregations and help us express to God our joy, concerns and praise.

9 Remember in prayer our neighbors in Haiti, who yearn for peace, safety and hope amid persistent suffering and violence. Ask the Spirit to guide us as unwavering advocates for the peace and relief of our neighbors and siblings in Christ.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Saint Paul Area 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.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota, Southeast Michigan, North/West Lower Michigan and New Jersey 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.

12 Praise God that the truth of our faith, assurance of salvation and call to participate in God’s work in the world are revealed to us through Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and the nurture and affirmation we experience in our faith communities.

13 Ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers — biological, adoptive and foster — in the daily joys and challenges of teaching values, passing on faith, and protecting and guiding their children.

14 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

15 Give thanks for the ELCA Life of Faith Initiative, an effort to equip people of all ages to live out their faith in their families, workplaces, schools, local communities and world, serving their neighbors and working for justice in everyday life.

16 *International Day of Living Together in Peace* Our words and actions speak volumes about our faith and values. Pray that we might move past our conflicts and that the Spirit will fill us with kindness, compassion, respect and sacrificial love for our neighbors.

17 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Southeastern Iowa Synod, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Greater Milwaukee 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.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Northern Great Lakes 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.

19 *Day of Pentecost* Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which calls us to faith, focuses and strengthens us, accompanies us in our baptismal journeys and unites us in a diverse, global community of siblings in Christ.

20 Remember in prayer college, university and seminary students as they prepare for final exams, graduation and vocations that will direct their gifts and passions into service to their church, communities and world.

21 “The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, an advocate for us who stirs and strengthens our faith.

22 Give thanks to God that, in every corner of the world, the Spirit works to open hearts and minds to the life-changing news of unconditional love, forgiveness, renewal and salvation that we receive in Jesus Christ.

23 Ask the Spirit how God is calling us to use our faith, gifts, experience and wisdom to uplift our society, nation and world. “Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?” (*All Creation Sings* 1003).

24 Give thanks for scientists, science teachers and researchers, who stir our understanding and awe of God’s creation and seek to improve our lives, communities and

natural environment. Promise to be careful with technology and new advancements, using them for the sake of justice and the well-being of humanity and creation.

25 Pray for the work we do through the ELCA’s AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants with protection, advocacy, representation and opportunities, which is an expression of our faith and understanding of the gospel. Promise to uphold basic human rights and to work alongside immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees that they might transition to life in the United States in safety, dignity and respect.

26 *Holy Trinity Sunday* Nicodemus came to Jesus with questions about faith, baptism and the kingdom of God. Rather than snub his curiosity, Jesus took the time to speak with him. What questions do you have about faith and theology? Share your uncertainties with God, trusting God to understand.

27 Pray for the ministry we pursue through ELCA Global Mission, and for the personnel, missionaries and volunteers who serve in long-term partnerships with our global companions in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

28 Sing a prayer of praise and worship to the Lord our God, creator of all that exists and sustains our lives.

29 Pray for teachers and professors in public and faith-based settings, who work with students of all ages and abilities to develop and nurture their faith, self-confidence, curiosity, creativity and caring relationships.

30 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana and North Carolina 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.

31 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwest California, South Dakota, Southern Ohio, Lower Susquehanna, Western North Dakota, Southeastern and Florida-Bahamas 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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation	2	5 6:00 pm Witter/Dickman Wedding Rehearsal	4 4:00 pm Witter/Dickman Wedding
5 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation (Tent)	9 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting Ascension of Our Lord	10	11
12 9:00 Worship Mother's Day Prayer Shawl Blessing 10:00 Sunday School	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 6:00 7 th and 8 th Grade Confirmation (Tent)	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School Ends Pentecost Day Graduate Sunday Newsletter Deadline	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 Pastor's Day Off 9:30 – St. Croix Conference Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship Holy Trinity	27 Memorial Day 	28 Pastor's Day Off	29	30	31	June 1