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Mission Statement
Gathered. Renewed. Sent

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

July & August, 2024 Newsletter for Wilson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

July and August 2024 – Season After Pentecost

“During the time after Pentecost, we use the color green in our worship space to reflect this long season of growth. In the fifteenth century Hildegard of Bingen coined the word *viriditas* to mean the greening force of the Holy Spirit. Hildegard says that the ‘Holy Spirit is the greening power of motion, making all things grow, expand, celebrate’.

In parts of North America we see an abundance of different greens through the growing season: from the springtime yellow-green to the more mature true greens of July, and finally deep greens tinged with the golds, russets, and browns of autumn. [Speaking of Mark’s gospel.] This natural pattern found in much of the northern hemisphere can also reflect the growing complexity of Jesus’ teachings, and the reactions of those around this time.” *Sundays and Seasons Year B 2024*.

Sunday, July 7 – Pentecost 7

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29: At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

Sunday, July 14 – Pentecost 8

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29: As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

Sunday, July 21 – Pentecost 9

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22
- ❖ Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56: When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

Sunday, July 28 – Pentecost 10

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ No Communion
- ❖ Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21: In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Sunday, August 4 – Pentecost 11

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:24-35: Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

Sunday, August 11 – Pentecost 12

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:35,41-51: After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Sunday, August 18 – Pentecost 13

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58: In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

Sunday, August 25 – Pentecost 14

- ❖ Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- ❖ Color: Green
- ❖ Holy Communion
- ❖ Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20
- ❖ Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69: The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

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A person can hear, but a friend listens for the meaning.

A person can look, but a friend sees the heart.

A person can know, but a friend understands your dreams.

Author Unknown

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 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.)

Pastor Vacation: Pastor Bob will be taking some vacation time beginning Wednesday, July 17, returning Wednesday, July 24, and beginning Friday, August 9, returning Wednesday, August 14. He won't be far away, so contact him by cell phone should you need to reach him in an emergency.

W/ELCA Meetings: WELCA will not meet in July however, there will be a July bible study on Thursday, July 11 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The bible study is open to all members – men and women – of the congregation and friends. The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, August 8, beginning with the bible study at 9:30 a.m. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, immediately following the bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Wilson Lutheran Church W/ELCA May meeting minutes June 13, 2024

President Tracey Davis called the meeting to order at 1052. Opened with prayer

6 members present: Peggy Schram, Linda Rambo, Sharon Bowell, Tracy Davis, Mary Brandt, Karen Esanbock

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

Treasurer's report read. Beginning balance of \$1786.76 and ending balance of \$778.35. Motion by Louanne, second by Tracey to approve. Approved.

Old Business:

- Susan's Blessing: Inventory taken. Linda has written a summary for the newsletter and posted it by donation box of items still needed. Sharon will use the remaining Thrivent money to purchase some of these items. Will begin assembling kits end of August.

New Business:

- Rally Sunday. After discussion and suggestion by Louanne to have a bake sale as well as ice cream sundaes it was decided to proceed with the ice cream sundaes as we did last year and add a bake / produce/crafts sale. Linda will write a notice for the July/August newsletter to let the congregation know. Bulletin notices will start in August. Karen will develop a flyer.

No Round Table

Next meeting August 8, 2023 following Bible Study at 9:30am

Motion by Mary, second by Tracey to Adjourn.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, secretary

Wilson Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights – June 13, 2024

- Pastor gave an update on his health. He has not had an immunotherapy infusion for the past 2 weeks due to low blood counts. This may be due to the chemotherapy drugs used during his treatment. He is receiving medication to aid in bringing his blood counts back up.
- Pastor reports he is getting stronger but still tires quickly. He is thinking about taking a couple of Sundays off. He has not decided when yet.
- Dave reported he spoke with Mike Ellefson about the doors to the narthex. Dave and Mike will discuss further and report back.
- Barb Lamb spoke with Mike about the condition of the back stairway steps. Mike will look at them to see if he would be able to repair it.
- Pastor Bob, Dave, and Beka reported on the Synod Assembly held in Eau Claire June 6-8. The Reverend Martin Halom from Bloomer was elected to the position of Bishop on the 4th ballot.
- Installation of Bishop Halom will be held September 16th. Location to be determined.
- Pastor Bob wrote up a job description for the position of secretary.
- Pastor Bob will develop an application for the position of secretary

Food Pantry Support: Thank you for your continuing support of our hunger ministry. Your contributions are making a difference. June contributions are going to Elmwood. July contributions will go to the Spring Valley. August contributions are going to Woodville. 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: Peace Lutheran Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 2nd in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. The menu is: Hamburgers, Salad, Chips and Cookies/Bars. Please come and join us!

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.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
July	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	Volunteer	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	4 Sundays
August	Vicki Glampe and Shirley Rostamo	Volunteer	HELP NEEDED – PLEASE SIGN UP	4 Sundays
September	Karen Esanbock and Barb Lamb	Volunteer	Rex and Janet Brandt	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.

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.

CHURCH SECRETARY VACANCY

After 20 some years of dedicated and faithful service to the church, Darlene has decided to move to the Danbury area to be closer to family. While her last day as our secretary is yet to be determined, we anticipate her being with us through September. So, we will be needing to fill that important position in our office, giving Darelene time familiarize the new person with the responsibilities. Council has approved a position description and an application form is being developed. Announcements will be made in the Sunday service folder and via email when we’re ready to receive applications. This is a part-time position, with flexible hours, working 10 – 15 hours per week. The salary is to be determined.

IT’S HYMN FEST SUNDAY AT WLC!

“...come into God’s presence with a song” Ps 100:2

July 28 will be a Sunday to experience God’s word through song! During the service, you will be invited to choose a song for the congregation to sing from our ELW worship book. We expect to sing the favorites of many of you that day! Be sure to invite your family and friends to help make a joyful noise!

“Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.” Ps 98:4.

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY.

September 8 has been designated church-wide as “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. “God’s Work. Our Hands.” service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. As our service project, we will again participate in a Feed My Starving Children event. Details will be announced at a later date.

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Recipe for Friendship

- 2 heaping measures of Trust
- 2 well rounded scoops of Respect
- 2 generous portions of Affection
- 2 equal amounts of Sharing

Stir together until lumps and bumps are dissolved, then carefully pour into heart-shaped containers. Sprinkle abundantly with patience, understanding, tenderness and dependability. Warm gently and serve generously. *Author Unknown*

THE LOONEY LUTHERANS



07/16/2024

@

6:30PM



- ☀️ \$10 (suggested) ticket price
- ☀️ Pie and *Culver's* frozen custard to follow

Donations going to the Center on Addiction and Faith and period poverty prevention in our community

The Looney Lutherans are returning to perform at Cross Lutheran Church in Roberts on Tuesday, July 16. Tickets in the Twin Cities market run at \$65, but a benefactor is covering the cost of the evening. A minimum \$10 Free Will donation is suggested for the show and the pie and ice-cream social that follows. Proceeds will be divided between the Center for Addiction and Faith and for Period Poverty supplies in our schools. Unfortunately, many young women cannot afford monthly products, and this is an opportunity to help supply those needs. The center of Addiction and Faith has been an invaluable resource for many in recovery and recovery ministry.

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader
July			
	7	Owen	Janet Brandt
	14	Aran	Rex Brandt
	21	Brady	Kathy Borton
	28	Lucie	Sherry Ellefson
August			
	4	Owen	Don Hogenson
	11	Aran	Becca Stoltman
	18	Brady	Darren Peterson
	25	Lucie	Linda Powers
September			
	1	Owen	Ginny Overland
	8	Aran	Barb Knopps
	15	Brady	Tracy Davis
	22	Lucie	Deeann Rambo
	29	Owen	Owen Hauge

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
Jul 1	Dean Rambo	Jul 28	Sherry Ellefson	Jul 5	Duane & Pat Butler
Jul 1	Leroy Esanbock	Jul 29	Evan Peterson	Jul 19	Matt & Chandra Lamb
Jul 4	Libby Butler	Jul 29	Darlene Dehkes	Jul 27	Kevin & Mona Finder
Jul 7	William Gray	Aug 5	Chad McVey	Aug 21	Ben & Theresa Pomasl
Jul 8	Kailey Stahl	Aug 7	Linda Rambo		
Jul 10	Brayley Bonte	Aug 8	Junalee Hogenson		
Jul 11	Tyler Faber	Aug 10	Kari Deppa		
Jul 15	Debra Gregerson	Aug 11	Mitchell Wittmer		
Jul 16	Rebecca Ann Kerr	Aug 12	Allyson Lamb		
Jul 17	Travis Husby	Aug 16	Babe Jacobson		
Jul 18	Everett Blegen	Aug 16	Craig Kongshaug		
Jul 19	Louanne Anderson	Aug 19	Kyle Gregerson		
Jul 20	Angela Spielman	Aug 19	Carter Deppa		
Jul 20	Jan Timm	Aug 21	Bjorn Larson		
Jul 22	Bill Krueger	Aug 24	Sara Langer		
Jul 24	Scott Borton	Aug 29	Mike Ellefson		
Jul 25	Matt Lamb				

SAVE THE DATE

Rally and Sundae Sunday!



Help welcome our youth and teachers back for Sunday School following the 9:00 a.m. service on September 8. Enjoy ice cream sundaes with a variety of yummy toppings and sprinkles! As a fun “extra”, there will also be an “Indoor Farmer’s Market” featuring produce, baked goods, crafts, etc. for a Fall Fund-Raiser activity. Proceeds will go toward the mission work of Wilson WELCA. See you there for a joyful gathering. 😊



“Susan’s Mission” Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Personal Care Kits in honor of Susan Dahm. So many of you have shown interest in continuing this mission that she cared about. Our goal is to send 300 kits to Lutheran World Relief. This was Susan’s goal also. At the end of May the donated items were counted. Here are the current totals:

Item	# Donated	Remaining # Needed
Bath Towel – dark color (20” x 40” or 27” x 52”)	44	256
Soap – 2 or 3 bars to equal 8 to 9 oz.	119	181 sets of bars to equal 9 oz per kit.
Toothbrush – adult size	227	73
Nail Clipper	320	0
Comb	420	0

Anyone wishing to contribute may still do so. The plan is to assemble the kits in September for a fall delivery. As items are brought in through the Summer, we will try to update the tally on a note posted near the donation bin in the narthex.

Summer Retreat

St. Croix Valley Conference

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Ezekiel Lutheran Church

202 S 2nd Street, River Falls, WI
(on street parking only)

\$15 Admission Fee
(includes program
and lunch)

8:30am - 9:15am
Registration and
Coffee

9:15am—11:30am - Event
Lunch to Follow



The Kids Are Not OK:

*“The effects of cell phone use on
adolescents mental health and what
families can do about it”*

Lynne Silva-Breen, MDiv, MA, LMFT

*Lynne was an ELCA Pastor in Wisconsin and Minnesota for 20+ years
before returning to graduate school. She obtained her degree in
Marriage and Family Therapy and has just recently retired from
her practice in Burnsville, Minnesota.*

Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Readings – Year B
July 2024

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Monday	Psalm 88	Leviticus 21:1-15	2 Corinthians 8:16-24	
2	Tuesday	Psalm 88	Leviticus 15:19-31	2 Corinthians 9:1-5	
3	Wednesday	Psalm 88	2 Kings 20:1-11		Mark 9:14-29
4	Thursday	Psalm 123	Jeremiah 7:1-15	1 Corinthians 4:8-13	
5	Friday	Psalm 123	Jeremiah 7:16-26	2 Corinthians 10:7-11	
6	Saturday	Psalm 123	Jeremiah 7:27-34		Matthew 8:18-22
7	Sunday	Psalm 123	Ezekiel 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
8	Monday	Psalm 119:81-88	Ezekiel 2:8-3:11	2 Corinthians 11:16-33	
9	Tuesday	Psalm 119:81-88	Jeremiah 16:1-13	James 5:7-12	
10	Wednesday	Psalm 119:81-88	Jeremiah 16:14-21		John 7:1-9
11	Thursday	Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 2:6-16	Colossians 2:1-5	
12	Friday	Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 3:1-12	Colossians 4:2-18	
13	Saturday	Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 4:6-13		Luke 1:57-80
14	Sunday	Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 7:7-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
15	Monday	Psalm 142	Amos 5:1-9	Acts 21:27-39	
16	Tuesday	Psalm 142	Amos 9:1-4	Acts 23:12-35	
17	Wednesday	Psalm 142	Amos 9:11-15		Luke 7:31-35
18	Thursday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 10:1-16	Colossians 1:15-23	
19	Friday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 10:17-25	Acts 17:16-31	
20	Saturday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 12:1-13		Luke 18:35-43
21	Sunday	Psalm 23	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
22	Monday	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 50:1-7	Hebrews 13:17-25	
23	Tuesday	Psalm 100	Zechariah 9:14-10:2	Acts 20:17-38	
24	Wednesday	Psalm 100	2 Samuel 5:1-12		Luke 15:1-7
25	Thursday	Psalm 145:10-18	1 Kings 19:19-21	Colossians 1:9-14	
26	Friday	Psalm 145:10-18	2 Kings 3:4-20	Colossians 3:12-17	
27	Saturday	Psalm 145:10-18	2 Kings 4:38-41		John 4:31-38
28	Sunday	Psalm 145:10-18	2 Kings 4:42-44	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
29	Monday	Psalm 111	Genesis 18:1-15	Philippians 4:10-20	
30	Tuesday	Psalm 111	Exodus 24:1-11	Romans 15:22-33	
31	Wednesday	Psalm 111	Isaiah 25:6-10a		Mark 6:35-44

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Daily Readings – Year B
August 2024**

Date	Day	Psalm	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
1	Thursday	Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 12:33-42	1 Corinthians 11:17-22	
2	Friday	Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 12:43-13:2	1 Corinthians 11:27-34	
3	Saturday	Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 13:3-10		Matthew 16:5-12
4	Sunday	Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
5	Monday	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43	Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32	Ephesians 4:17-24	
6	Tuesday	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	1 Corinthians 12:27-31	
7	Wednesday	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43	Isaiah 55:1-9		Mark 8:1-10
8	Thursday	Psalm 34:1-8	1 Samuel 28:20-25	Romans 15:1-6	
9	Friday	Psalm 34:1-8	2 Samuel 17:15-29	Galatians 6:1-10	
10	Saturday	Psalm 34:1-8	1 Kings 2:1-9		Matthew 7:7-11
11	Sunday	Psalm 34:1-8	1 Kings 19:4-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
12	Monday	Psalm 81	1 Kings 17:1-16	Ephesians 5:1-14	
13	Tuesday	Psalm 81	Ruth 2:1-23	2 Peter 3:14-18	
14	Wednesday	Psalm 81	Jeremiah 31:1-6		John 6:35-40
15	Thursday	Psalm 34:9-14	Job 11:1-20	Acts 6:8-15	
16	Friday	Psalm 34:9-14	Job 12:1-25	Romans 16:17-20	
17	Saturday	Psalm 34:9-14	Job 13:1-19		John 4:7-26
18	Sunday	Psalm 34:9-14	Proverbs 9:1-6	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
19	Monday	Psalm 36	Genesis 43:1-15	Acts 6:1-7	
20	Tuesday	Psalm 36	Genesis 45:1-15	Acts 7:9-16	
21	Wednesday	Psalm 36	Genesis 47:13-26		Mark 8:14-21
22	Thursday	Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 22:1-9	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	
23	Friday	Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 22:10-20	Romans 13:11-14	
24	Saturday	Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 22:21-34		Luke 11:5-13
25	Sunday	Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
26	Monday	Psalm 119:97-104	Nehemiah 9:1-15	Ephesians 5:21-6:9	
27	Tuesday	Psalm 119:97-104	Nehemiah 9:16-31	Ephesians 6:21-24	
28	Wednesday	Psalm 119:97-104	Isaiah 33:10-16		John 15:16-25
29	Thursday	Psalm 15	Exodus 32:1-14	James 1:1-8	
30	Friday	Psalm 15	Exodus 32:15-35	James 1:9-16	
31	Saturday	Psalm 15	Exodus 34:8-28		John 18:28-32

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Prayer Ventures
July 2024

1 *Disability Pride Month* Give thanks for the gifts, leadership and abilities of our neighbors and siblings in Christ who live with disabilities — about 42.5 million in our nation. Pray for the work of congregations, synods, ELCA Disability Ministry, the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association, Lutheran Services in America Disability Network, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries' Total Inclusion! initiative, and community organizations to address the inclusion, active participation and full involvement of people with disabilities in the life and leadership of the church and society.

2 Pray for the needs and ministries of congregations, synods, the churchwide organization and the community organizations that serve with us as we do God's work in the world. Pray for the Spirit to help us support each other through prayer, shared resources, volunteerism and Mission Support.

3 *Thomas, the Apostle* Give thanks and praise to God for the grace embodied in Jesus Christ, which brings purpose to our lives and assures us that God loves us — questions, complexities and all.

4 *Independence Day* Promise God to cherish and not abuse the blessings of liberty, to work for change wherever there is injustice and inequity, and to accompany our global neighbors and companion churches in striving for freedom, justice and voice.

5 "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!" (Psalm 130:1-2). Lift up your worries and fears to God, trusting that God listens and responds to our lamentations.

6 Ask God to guide and bless the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants as the church expands it to respond to humanitarian crises that drive migration and displacement in other areas of the world.

7 "[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two" (Mark 6:7). Give thanks for the companionship, support, encouragement and wisdom we receive from our faith communities and siblings in Christ, which strengthen our ability to share the good news, care for our neighbors in need and inspire hope and peace in the world — together.

8 Pray that the Spirit will stir enthusiasm, creativity and wisdom in the leaders, volunteers and staff of the churchwide organization as they serve youth and adults from congregations across the country during the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

9 Ask God how we can best provide care, comfort and support to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who grieve and suffer. Pray that, in our words and actions, we might consider how situations and needs differ from person to person.

10 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. 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, especially as the denomination moves forward following its vote in favor of LGBTQ inclusion.

11 There have been over 13,000 gun-related injuries and deaths in our country this year (gunviolencearchive.org), and firearm injuries are now the leading cause of death among children and youth. Pray for an end to the senseless deaths and the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction so that we will be bold and unwavering in our work and advocacy to end gun violence.

12 Thank God for 35 years of the ELCA International Leaders Program, which provides leadership development experiences to current and future leaders through scholarships, the International Camp Counselor Program, leadership development programs and building equitable access to education for systemically excluded groups.

13 Pray for young people of color and those whose primary language is other than English as they gather for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and for youth living with disabilities as they attend the tAble event, both of which precede the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray that these young people — with their adult companions — will grow as wise, faithful and courageous followers of Christ.

14 Pray that we will listen carefully to God and seek to understand God's ways and commands, which provide guidance for our life and faith and show us how to love and serve our neighbors.

15 Remember in prayer the residents of New Orleans and give thanks as they open their community and extend their

enthusiasm, assistance and hospitality to youth, adults and leaders during the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events. Give thanks for ELCA congregations and ministries in New Orleans that help make the Gathering a faith-strengthening, life-changing experience for everyone.

16 Pray for youth and young adults participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering as they explore what it means to be created by God as free, brave, authentic, disruptive disciples — all invaluable parts of our faith and identity in a world of ongoing challenge, crisis and suffering.

17 Generation Zero-Hunger is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Pray for the Spirit to inspire our generosity and compassion for our neighbors as we respond to this challenge to usher in a world without hunger and futures filled with hope.

18 Pray for our neighbors who suffer and long for peace in places of conflict and war. Pray that we will not grow weary in our concern, support and prayer and that we will not rest until there is peace and healing.

19 Give thanks for everything that God has revealed and given to us through Jesus Christ that stirs our hope and joy: God's abundant grace and mercy, God's will for our present life and future, and the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of God.

20 Pray that youth, young adults and adults attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will return home safely, bringing with them enthusiasm for sharing the impact of their faith-building experience and a renewed understanding of the task we share in common — doing God's work in the world.

21 We are called to do God's work in the world, both individually and with siblings in Christ who encourage, support and inspire us. Give thanks that we are not alone in our baptismal journey of service and that the Spirit gives us diverse gifts that complement one another.

22 Pray for musicians and leaders gathering for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference at Valparaiso University, Ind., an annual continuing education event to nurture and equip church musicians, pastors and worship leaders.

23 Praise God and give thanks for the leaders and volunteers who planned and implemented the ELCA Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the tAble event and the Young Adult Gathering. Give

thanks for congregations, community organizations, residents and community leaders in New Orleans who demonstrated hospitality and shared their wisdom and resources to help make the ELCA Youth Gathering experience safe, relevant and impactful.

24 "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). We may not be familiar with the work of shepherds anymore, but we do know the joy and relief of having God in our lives to guide us, comfort us, restore us and walk with us through darkness and evil. Give thanks and praise to God, our ever-present shepherd!

25 Remember in prayer young adults nearing the end of their yearlong volunteer service in the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Give thanks for their faith, gifts, witness and commitment to ministry, and pray that the Spirit will prepare them to pursue new opportunities for service and ministry in the church, our communities and the world.

26 Pray for peace and civility in our nation, for the mending of rifts and ideologies that isolate us and for the diverse gifts, perspectives and life experiences that enrich and inform our life together.

27 Pray that the companion synod relationships connecting ELCA synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world will flourish and will nurture and strengthen these congregations for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

28 Do you see God doing great work with things that may seem small or insignificant to us? Lift up in prayer the things we witness that restore our faith, stir hope and reassure us that God is present and active in our lives, communities and world.

29 Pray for the Spirit to sustain the faith and energy of staff serving in summer camps and community ministries. Pray that their service experiences will enrich their lives and faith and will equip and inspire them to pursue other service opportunities and vocations.

30 Ask God to stir within us an enduring spirit of generosity toward others, including generosity toward ministries that touch the lives of our neighbors in need.

31 Remember in prayer teachers in public and faith-based schools as they experience the rest and renewal of summer break, and pray for those who teach year-round. Ask the Spirit to give them strength, creativity and hope as they educate and inspire children and youth.



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Caring – Connecting – Contributing

JULY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01	02 9:30AM Strong Bodies	03 1PM Bingo	04 Office closed for Fourth of July 1:30PM Coffee and Conversation	05 9:30AM Strong Bodies
08 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	09 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Café	10 1:00PM CRAFTS	11	12 9:30AM Strong Bodies
15	16 9:30AM Strong Bodies	17 1PM Monthly Birthday Celebration	18 4PM Staying Put Office Open House	19 9:30AM Strong Bodies
22 9:30AM Foot Care Clinic	23 9:30AM Strong Bodies 10AM Memory Café	24 12:45 PM Music at SV Health Care Campus	25	26 9:30AM Strong Bodies
29	30 9:30AM Strong Bodies	31 1PM Game Day		

Saturday Events:



- 7/20: 4PM **Volunteer Meetup @ Wandering Ewe**

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor's Sabath	2 Pastor's Day Off	3	4 	5	6
7 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	8 Pastor's Sabath	9	10	11 9:30 Bible Study	12	13
14 9:00 Worship	15 Pastor's Sabath Pastor Vacation →	16 Pastor's Day Off	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Vacation →	22 Pastor's Sabath	23 Pastor's Day Off	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship Hymn Fest Sunday	29 Pastor's Sabath	30 Pastor's Day Off	31	August 1	2	3

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion	5 Pastor's Sabath	6 Pastor's Day Off	7	8 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Meeting 12:30 Council Meeting	9 Pastor Vacation 	10
11 9:00 Worship Pastor Vacation 	12 Pastor's Sabath	13 Pastor's Day Off	14	15	16	17
18 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Newsletter Deadline	19 Pastor's Sabath	20 Pastor's Day Off	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 Worship	26 Pastor's Sabath	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29	30	31